

# St. Luke's Alert

## STEWARDSHIP MATTERS!!

The Bible teaches us to strive for a tithe (or 10%) to give of our “first fruits” from the income of our labor. For some the tithe is too much and for others it is not enough. But for everybody, we have happiness in honoring God with the “first fruits” of our labor. From the top of our income, we give an offering, no matter how large or small, to support God’s work through sharing Jesus Christ. Honoring God from the top of our income is a matter of faith and trust in doing what we say we believe “...Praising God for whom all of our blessings flow!” – *Pastor Keller*

Dear Family and Friends of St. Luke’s,  
There are plenty of opportunities to give, but it’s important to keep our current budget a priority. Our current operating expenses (our budget) are different than our expenses for special projects. So, now is the time to remember your commitment to St. Luke’s ministry. Give prayerful consideration for an extra gift to help us meet the goals of our 2018 budget. Please let others who love St. Luke’s and the Lord’s work know about the shortfall. Let’s finish 2018 strong, so we can joyfully begin the work the Lord has for us in 2019.  
– *Barbara Reuning, Treasurer*

### God’s Love at Work Highlights for St. Luke’s: November 2018

*As 2018 comes to a close we need to keep the current ministry budget in our focus and in our prayers. This month in ministry we:*

Income Needed	19,792	YTD Income Needed	197,922
Income Rec’d	14,229	YTD Income Rec’d	172,560
We still need	5,563	We still need	<b>25,362</b>



# CHURCH COUNCIL



## Term expires 1/2019

Richard Beatty  
Adam Hartzell  
Jenny Hartzell  
Jenny Gundlach

## Term expires 1/2020

David Fugate, V.P.  
Liz Gordon (1 year)  
open position  
open position

## Term Expires 1/2021

Amy Montag-Smith  
Kelly Weston  
Barb Reuning (Treasurer)  
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Secretary: Judy Moser (appointed)

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## God's Work Among Us!



1. **Healing the Broken**—prayer ministry, grief support, regular worship, worship held at Elmcroft/Saxony, pastoral care, Christian Leaders Network
2. **Helping the Helpless**—crisis assistance, helping hands, food banks, Souper Bowl of Caring, Cabot food bank, Glade Run Christmas gifts
3. **Supporting the Weak**—hospital visits, card ministry, soup on Maundy Thursday, home visits
4. **Lessening the Burden**—fellowship, youth ministry, the facility use open to the community, circles of support, early childhood, Gardner's Paradise
5. **Lifting the Spirits**—Youth Quake, St. Luke's Star group, Day Camp, VBS, Sunday school, Music Ministry, prayer services, ABBA's House, caroling, the ark bus trip
6. **Shining Light Upon the Darkness**—Bible studies, Sunday school, Devotionals made available, the book cart, weekly and holiday worship
7. **Reaching the Lost**---sewing ministry, Texas (college and adult) and Ohio (youth group) mission trips, mission support (12 partners)

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## St. Luke's Christian Mission Support 2018

(\$1,650.00 of the 2018 Ministry Plan goes to each partner)

Jan.: Southeast Asia Prayer Center, Oakmont, PA  
Feb.: Child Evangelism Fellowship, Butler, PA  
Mar.: Lutheran Lay Renewal  
Apr.: Lutherans for Life  
May: PA Adult and Teen Challenge, Cheswick, PA  
Jun.: Samaritan Counseling Center, Cabot, PA  
Jul.: NALC District Organization  
Aug.: NALC National Organization  
Sep.: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Anthony Infante  
Oct.: Meals on Wheels (Freeport)  
Nov.: Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Phoenix, Arizona  
Dec.: Sarver-Saxonburg Christian Leader's Network