

NEWS AND NOTES

PLEASE stack the chairs after the 10:30 am service today.

Sanctuary flowers are provided today by Judy Brewer in loving memory of Laurie & Bobby (12/7/02). "They in glory shine."

Care Letters: Please stop by the Welcome Place today and sign a care letter for Florine Miller, recently hospitalized.

A Big Thank You to Joanna Mahoney, Irene Pierce, Mike & Holly Mauger, and Steve & Sandy Howard for your help in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. It looks beautiful!

Poinsettia Orders. Help beautify our worship areas with poinsettias. See the order form in today's Bulletin. *Today is the last day to order.*

Congregation Meeting. Today, 12:35 pm in the Traditional Sanctuary. The primary purpose of this meeting is to approve our 2017 budget, which includes compensation for an associate pastor.

Advent Meal and Worship Service. Wednesday, December 7. A light meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm, and we will gather for worship in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. *Sign up today on the back of the Connection Card today if you plan to join us for the meal.*

Annual Adult Christmas Party. Saturday, December 10, 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. *The deadline to order tickets is noon, December 5.* Tickets are \$18, and are on sale between worship services today, or by contacting Steve and Sandy Howard at 614-476-8839.

Christmas Eve Worship. Services will be held at 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 pm in the Traditional Sanctuary. Join us for a classic Christmas celebration featuring Christmas carols, including *Silent Night* by candlelight, a message of peace, special music and Holy Communion. Childcare will be available for all services *except* 10 pm. We expect services to fill up, so please arrive early.

ST. LUKE THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 4

12:35 pm Congregational Meeting
6 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, December 7

6 pm Advent Dinner
7 pm Advent Service
8 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 8

6:15 pm Joyful Ringers
7 pm Praise Band

Friday, December 9

6:45 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
4 pm Prayer Group

Saturday, December 10

6 pm Adult Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11

8:15 am Traditional Service
9:30 Sunday School, Pathways,
Parent Life Group
10:30 am Contemporary Service
10:30 am Pathways
11:30 am Traditional Service
6 pm Youth Group

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Traditional Service | Traditional Sanctuary
Sunday 8:15 & 11:30 am

Contemporary Service | Fellowship Hall
Sunday 10:30 am

Sunday, December 4, 2016

NEW LIFE

A Personal Reformation

WELCOME

LEARN GOD'S LOVE IN WORSHIP



If you're visiting **St. Luke for the first time**, please make yourself at home, and stop by the Welcome Place for more information about St. Luke's ministries.

Children are welcome at all services. However, if you would like some relief, professionally staffed childcare is provided for infants through age 4 in the Nursery. A Cry Room is available during the 10:30 am worship service in Room 117.

Your prayer requests are important to us and confidentiality is honored. You can make a prayer request on the Connection Card found in your bulletin.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Welcome Place for use in the Traditional Sanctuary.

Free Bibles are available in the pews of the Traditional Sanctuary or on the cart at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall.

Cheerfully, generously and freely! If you are visiting with us today, please consider this service our gift to you. We invite you to fill out and include the **Connection Card** during the offering time today. If you consider St. Luke your church home, please pray, listen, and give only according to what God lays on your heart.

Children's Sermons are offered during our 8:15 am and 10:30 am worship services. Additionally, an extended children's sermon is offered at the 10:30 am service for grades 3 and below in Room 114. Children will return to worship after the sermon.

Communion is offered at all services the first and third Sundays of every month, and each Sunday at the 8:15 am Traditional Service.

Live Video Streaming. Our 10:30 am worship service is live-streamed each week on our website. If you're out of town or under the weather, you can still worship with us by visiting stlukecolumbus.com on your tablet, phone or computer.

Watch or Listen to Messages online: Messages from previous services are available online at stlukecolumbus.com/messages or subscribe to our sermon podcast on iTunes.



LIVE GOD'S LOVE IN LIFE GROUPS

At St. Luke, we believe that ***circles are better than rows.***



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Community, friendship with other church members, is a vital way that God grows our faith, but that community is hard to form sitting in a row. Life Groups are our way of forming circles – groups where individuals and couples of *all ages* can intentionally surround themselves with a group of Christian friends. We hope **you** will take a step of faith and participate in a St. Luke Life Group this year.

LIFE GROUPS FOR CHILDREN & STUDENTS

Sunday School. Sundays, 9:30 am. **Pre-K - 5th grade** meet in the Fellowship Hall for *Christmas Pageant rehearsal*. **Middle and high school students** meet in the Youth Room for *Another Christmas Story*

Youth Group. Grades 6 - 12 meet tonight at 6 pm in the Youth Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Sunday Morning Life Groups for Adults:

- **Pathways** meets at 9:30 am in the Traditional Sanctuary, led by Peter & Amenda Chang; and at 10:30 am in Room 116, led by Jeff Cox.
- **Parent Group** meets at 9:30 am in Room 118, led by Aaron McCullough. **Join us as Pastor Steve teaches on talks to have with your kids about sex.**

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 9 am in Room 116. Next meeting: December 12. For more information, visit mops.org or email Jacquelynn Stein at jacquelynnrankin@gmail.com.



Women's Bible Study. Christmas gathering. Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm. Bring an ornament for our fun gift exchange, and a side dish to share. Location: 7550 Frasier Road, Westerville. Please RSVP to Joanna Mahoney at (614) 783-5990 or mahoneyjoanna@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Fridays, 6:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Steve.

OPPORTUNITIES TO UNLEASH GOD'S LOVE

Christmas Eve Chancel Choir. The Chancel Choir would love to have new members join us for our Christmas Eve performance at the 10 pm worship service. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 8 pm in the Traditional Sanctuary. All are welcome! If interested, contact Jenny Kristler at (614) 471-7326 or jennifergmcnamee@gmail.com.

Angel Tree - Bless Those in Need. Our Angel Tree assists GRIN in providing gifts and grocery cards for families in need this holiday season. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information on how you can participate. *All gifts are due next Sunday, December 11.*

Serve A Meal At Faith Mission. Saturday, December 10, 4:15 - 6:15 pm (**5 spots available**) and 6:15 - 8:15 pm (1 spots available) for volunteers ages 14 and up. *Sign up today on the back of the Connection Card or online at stlukecolumbus.com/volunteer.*

Faith Mission Deck The Halls. Volunteers are needed Saturday, December 10, 2 - 4 pm to assist with wrapping gifts and decorating Faith Mission for the holidays! If you are interested, please contact McKenzie Hopkins at mhopkins@lssco.org or (614) 598-1209.

LSS Food Pantry. Wednesday, December 14, 10 am - 3 pm (2 spots available). Help with stocking shelves and filling client's orders. Meet at the church at 9:30 am to carpool. *Sign up today on the back of the Connection Card or online at stlukecolumbus.com/volunteer.*

Christmas Eve Nursery Help Needed. We are seeking volunteers to staff our nursery during the 2, 4, 6, and 8 pm worship services. *If you can help, please sign up on the back of the Connection Card today, or contact Laura Whistler at (614) 425-9602 or whistler1995@gmail.com.*

Spread the Word! Posters, postcards and business cards are available at the Welcome Place to invite friends, family and neighbors to join us this Christmas Eve.

GIVING TO MEET THE HOPES AND HURTS OF OTHERS

| Operation Budget Weekly Need | \$ 10,096 | Worship Attendance | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----|
| Sunday, November 27 | \$ 10,240 | Wednesday, November 23 | 38 |
| | | Sunday, November 27 | 265 |
| Building Budget Weekly Need | \$ 1,269 | Wednesday, November 30 | 45 |
| Sunday, November 27 | \$ 1,242 | | |

44 items were donated to the LSS Food Pantry this week.

Thank You