



*St Luke*

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**NEWSLETTER**

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## CHRISTMAS 2018

This Christmas Eve we hope you will celebrate a classic Christmas with us and your friends and family. This year we will host five Christmas Eve services at 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, and 10 pm. Each service will feature Christmas carols, including "Silent Night" by candlelight, a reassuring message about the hope we have in Jesus, special music, and Holy Communion. The 4 pm service will be led by the contemporary service band and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. All other services will be held in the Traditional Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided at 2 pm, 4 pm and 6 pm.



Christmas Eve is a wonderful and easy time to invite friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors, and co-workers to church. We will provide postcards to help you make this invitation easy.

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Monday - Thursday 8:30am-12:00pm,  
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# German Partnership

## GERMAN PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

We met over Skype on October 7<sup>th</sup> with our friends from Germany. They are busy planning for their trip to Ohio on Sept. 12 thru Sept. 19, 2019. They currently have 25 people who have committed to making the visit.

We sent a Christmas gift to Warder, from St. Luke. We included a puzzle of the Nativity to be used as a fun fellowship activity with instructions to place the puzzle in their gathering area for parishioner to work on together as a fun activity to meet new people and share conversations as we work together to complete the same puzzle over Advent. We also included a book about the Germans who settled in our city in the 1830's, an Ohio shaped Christmas ornament, along with a handmade ornament by Becky Theisen and a bag of Hershey Chocolates. Pastor Roland responded on Nov. 7 that the package arrived and sent the following message.

*Dear Members of St. Luke,*

*Thank You very much for the wonderful Christmas packet we receive today. These different things are amazing. The puzzle is a wonderful idea, really a fun fellowship activity. And, as you say, both congregations can enjoy the same activity! Great thanks to Becky for her wonderful Christmas ornament und the ornament of Ohio. And also thanks for the book; it is really interesting for us. I will share the yummy chocolates with the Kirchengemeinderat and other groups.*



*Your friends here in Warder wish you a very blessed Christmas season.*

Marzipan treats sent to us from Warder will be available to enjoy as we work the same puzzle here. Merry Christmas from the German Partnership Team!

Our next Skype meeting will be January 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in room 116. All are welcome to join



## **VOLUNTEER THIS CHRISTMAS EVE**

There are many opportunities to serve at our Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24 at 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, and 10 pm.

- **Ushers** will arrive 45 minutes before the start of the service help hand out bulletins, get people into seats, take offering, facilitate communion, and light candles for “Silent Night.”
- **Greeters** will stand at the main door welcoming guests as they come into worship. Greeters will be asked to arrive 45 minutes before the start of the service.
- **Scripture Readers** will share the Christmas Gospel lesson during the service.
- **Communion Servers** will give the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine to our guests coming forward for communion.
- **Set-up Help** will be needed Friday, December 21 from 10 am to Noon to prepare the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and Traditional Sanctuary for worship. We will also put out luminaries.

Contact Aaron McCullough if you would like to help us make this Christmas Eve a warm, welcoming, and memorable experience for your family and our guests. (614) 940-2754 or [mccullat@gmail.com](mailto:mccullat@gmail.com).

## **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Angel Tree. Please be sure to return the unwrapped gift or gift card with the tag to the church by Sunday, Dec. 9. In partnership with Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN) and Star House, our Angel Tree project concentrates on infants and teens.

## **PUTTING CHRISTMAS AWAY**

Saturday, January 5 at 10 am. Every good thing must come to an end. We need some help, especially young men, to take down and store the church's Christmas decorations. Please contact Sandy or Steve Howard at 614-476-8839 by January 3 if you can help.



Come support our St Luke Kids and see "Camel Lot" this Christmas!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**4:30 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Celebrate the season with friends and family with a fun evening out at Camel Lot! In this fun and upbeat musical, kids from kindergarten through tenth grade will be telling the story of Jesus' birth from a "camel lot" set in Bethlehem. Our kids have been working hard and are excited to share this story with you!

# NEWS & NOTES

## CARE LETTERS

In the past month, a get-well care letters were sent to Michael Richards, and Margaret Koehler who were recently hospitalized. To the Sparhawk family on the birth of their daughter, Austin Marie. A sympathy care letter was sent to, Adam Sams on the passing of his step mother Deanne also to Marvene Poth on the passing of her sister Doris.

## COUNCIL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Council approved to appoint Upasna Wilson to fill the unexpired 2018-2020 term on the St. Luke Congregation Council vacated by Doug Fraser.

Council approved to appoint Craig Dow to the Call Committee for the Associate Pastor to fill the position vacated by Bob Schwalm.

Council approved to allocate up to \$5,000 to help cover moving expenses for Patti Peterson with the funds coming from the Associate Pastor's Housing Allowance.

Council approved a motion to present the Front Porch proposal (to grass and slope the property with no additional parking) to the congregation in an information session on Sunday, November 4 at 12:35 pm.

Council approved \$5,000 from the AGAPE Fund to support the Meal Packing for Haiti service project in coordination with Gahanna Early Experience Center and Lifeline Christian Mission.

Council approved \$3,615 from the General Reserve Fund to change out the two entrance doors in rooms 103 & 107 from standard entry doors to dutch style doors.

Council approved \$4,500 from the General Reserve Fund to repair the leaks in the roof surrounding the steeple.

Council approved a motion to hold a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 12:35 pm for the purposes of approving the 2019 St. Luke budget and voting on the proposal for the Front Porch.

Council approved the addition of Rosalina Ann Dimmerling into St. Luke membership through baptism on September 30, 2018.

## ST LUKE SINGS CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 19 at 7 pm | Traditional Sanctuary | You are invited to join the Chancel Choir this holiday season for a musical Christmas celebration. The forty-five minute program will feature narration, new and classic Christmas songs, and lots of opportunities to sing along with the choir to familiar Christmas hymns. Come and worship the newborn king this year by lifting your voice in song!

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Glenn Maxwell	12/21	Keira Hazell
12/1	Marie Nygren	12/21	Debbie Sekerak
12/1	Matt Mauger	12/21	Mike Usselman
12/2	Stephanie Alley	12/21	Jonathan Shado
12/2	Randy Klamfoth	12/21	Jared Palmer
12/2	Beth Vaughn	12/21	Kevin Dixon
12/2	Jeff Cox	12/22	Bo Wood
12/2	Lily Jones	12/22	Emily Wenstrup
12/3	Skip Allan	12/22	Rick* Roll
12/4	Holly Yosua	12/22	Brooklyn Lowther
12/4	John Lump	12/23	Lauren Kalinosky
12/5	Chris Spencer	12/23	Ryan Rajan
12/7	Erin Riley	12/24	Adriana Griffin
12/8	Daniel Friend	12/24	Sandy Howard
12/8	Charlotte Peerless	12/24	Nathaniel Dow
12/8	Chloe Lovell	12/24	Ian Kalinosky
12/8	Cameron Fraser	12/25	Staci Osborne
12/8	Angie Bowersox	12/26	Jeff Jurca
12/8	Sophie Peerless	12/26	Holly Mauger
12/9	Lucas Blankenship	12/27	Jordyn Reidel
12/10	Curt Vance	12/28	Donna Fisher
12/10	Noah Jensen	12/28	Logan McDonald
12/10	Trent Davis	12/28	Gary Secrest
12/10	Kaden Pettiford	12/28	Daisha Decree
12/10	Ben Allison	12/28	Campbell Retzke
12/12	Kevin Shelton	12/29	Katie Adamski
12/12	Kate Cook	12/29	Karen Linnenkohl
12/13	Sandy Kuespert	12/29	Steve Howard
12/13	Walt Pierce	12/30	Bob Amato
12/14	Noah Palmer	12/30	Lori Larimer
12/14	Deb Gelpi	12/30	Jason Sparhawk
12/14	Olivia Armintrout	12/30	Harry Bushwack
12/15	Cheryl Boltz	12/31	Anthony Janutolo
12/16	Gretchen Heilmann	12/31	Katie Cerqua
12/16	Dick Thompson	12/31	Floyd Johnson
12/16	Heather Northey		
12/16	Amenda Lee		
12/19	Angelo Lawshea		
12/19	Angela Lawshea		
12/19	Maxine Colvin		
12/20	John Jurca		
12/20	Madeline Whistler		
12/20	Korry Magann		
12/20	Bob Theisen		
12/20	Emily Buss		
12/20	Tom King		
12/21	Trisha Wood		

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