



Are you ready to craft?

Our Family Christmas Craft Fair will be Saturday, **December 14** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come for crafts, face painting, lunch/snacks, and pictures with Santa.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, **December 1**, immediately following worship.

If you are a voting member of the congregation please make plans to attend as we will be electing new council members.

Advent Vespers

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ. Services will be held on **December 4, 11, and 18** at 7:00 pm.

Jesse Tree

St Luke will once again supply Christmas gifts to brighten the Holidays for a Henry County family in need. Look for the Jesse Tree display in the sanctuary to see how you can help. All gifts must be turned in **by Sunday, December 15**.

Call Mary Beth for questions. 770 471 2198.

Backpacks

We will pack 10 backpacks full of food for children in Henry County Schools on **December 8 at 10:00 am**. The food will replace meals they will miss when schools are closed for the Christmas holidays. Please come help!

Church Council

Church Council meets **December 15**. If you have any items you would like included in the agenda, please speak with Mary Shulak, our council president.

The Gathering (And St. Luke Guys)

The December meeting is on **Friday the 13th at 11 am.**

Please bring a wrapped ornament to exchange.

St Luke Guys will meet at 11:30 .

Christmas Services

No Christmas is complete without taking time to worship!

Christmas Eve Divine Service, complete with Christmas hymns and candlelight,
will be held on December 24 at 7:00 pm.

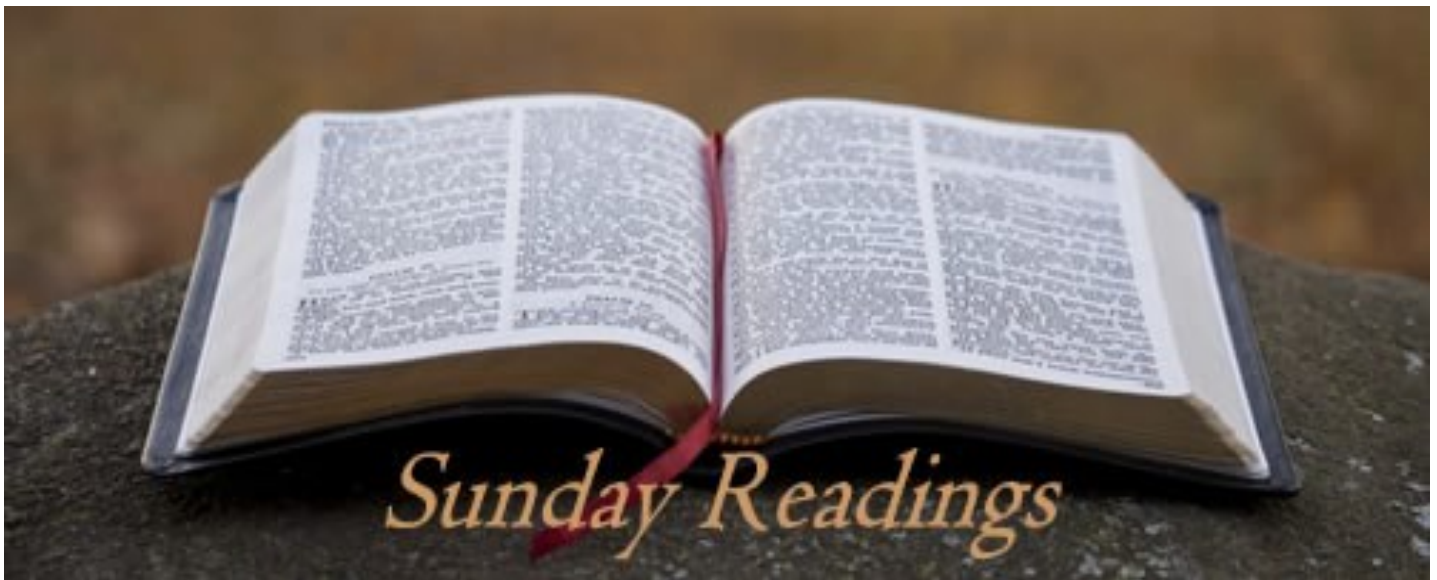
The service will be held in the sanctuary and available to stream on Facebook Live.

News from Mary Beth



Thank you!!!!

St Luke has been asked to provide snacks for Eagles Landing High School's busy teens! Often involved in sports, academic and social activities after school, many teens are in need of an afternoon burst of energy! Any prewrapped snacks are accepted!



December 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 8

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 22

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

December 29

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Upcoming Commemorations

December 3 Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

December 4 John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

December 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

December 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

December 13 Lucy, martyr, died 304

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

December 14 John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

December 16 Las Posadas (LLC)

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

December 20 Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

December 26 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

December 27 John, Apostle and Evangelist

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

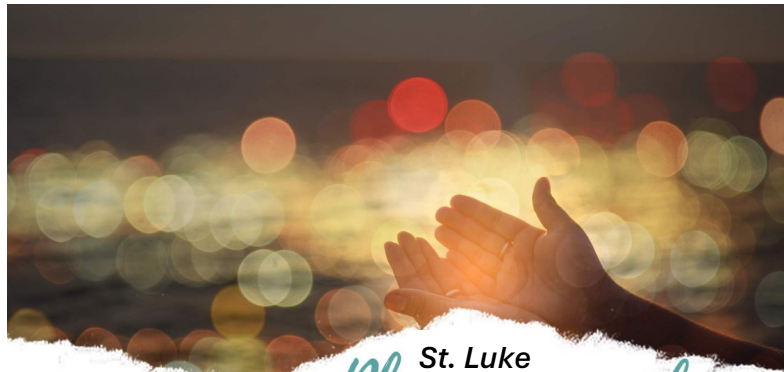


December Birthdays

10 Tony Kelley 11 Beverly Adair 22 Barbara Little

24 Judy Barkdoll 26 Ron Brauer

28 Rose Denzin



*St. Luke
Please pray for...*

Please pray for:

Marla Perrone

Alison Voss-Moore

Margaret (Peggy)

Thomas

Teresa Sodactlanh

Mike Harrison

Karen Tomasi

Freddie Clark

Eva Ayo'n Barclay and
family

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Steven Pridemore

Layla Kemp

Nina Kouri

Carolyn Crawford

Annette Schlicht

John Ellis

Barbara Carroll

Lenore LeFranque

Rose Denzin

Judy Jenkins

Hiltunen and Johnston
families

Louise Harrison

December 2024 / January 2025 Sunday Servants

December 1

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Greeters: Kelly Glow and Wilma Nace

Ushers: John Shaw and Erick Heckman

Counters: Paul Egas and Eric Heckman

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

December 8

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Greeters: Ed and Judy Joyner

Ushers: Wilma Nace and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

December 15

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Greeters: Mark Rettig and Erick Heckman

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Bev Rettig and Caren Shih

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

December 22

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Greeters: Mary Shulak and Connie Capell

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

December 29

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Eric Heckman

Greeters:

Ushers: John Shaw and John Ellis

Counters:

Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows

January 5

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Greeters: Kelly Glow and Wilma Nace

Ushers: John Shaw and Erick Heckman

Counters: Paul Egas and Eric Heckman

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

January 12

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Greeters: Ed and Judy Joyner

Ushers: Wilma Nace and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

January 19

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Greeters: Mark Rettig and Erick Heckman

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Bev Rettig and Caren Shih

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

January 26

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Greeters: Mary Shulak and Connie Capell

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

December 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:40 am Worship 11 am Congregational meeting	2 Al-Anon 12 pm	3	4 Advent Service 7pm	5	6	7 AA 9 am
8 Sunday School 9:40 am Worship 11 am	9 Al-Anon 12 pm	10	11 Advent Service 7pm	12	13 Gathering	14 AA 9 am Family Craft Fair 11-1
15 Sunday School 9:40 am Worship 11 am Last day of Jesse Tree Council Meets	16 Al-Anon 12 pm	17	18 Advent Service 7pm	19	20	21 AA 9 am
22 Sunday School 9:40 am Worship 11 am	23 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for newsletter submissions	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm	25	26	27	28 AA 9 am
29 Sunday School 9:40 am Worship 11 am	30 Al-Anon 12 pm	31 New Year's Eve	27	28	29	30 AA 9 am