



# THE TOWER

St. Luke's Lutheran Church *Growing in Grace*

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## OUR MISSION

To worship, learn and grow together in the knowledge of God and His Word. We are then sent into the world to share God's love, teach His Word, and serve those in need.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

*December 24th*

*Candle Light Services*

*7:00 & 11:00*



### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE



*Sunday, December 23rd,  
2018*

*10:00 AM*

1. Christmas Eve/Events
2. Pastor Robyn's page
3. Calendar of Events
4. Mission/Symphony/Health/Stewards
5. Meet in Middle/high school/children ministry
6. Worship Assist/Bible Study/Decorating/Get Involved
7. Poinsettia Order List
8. Constitution/Siggi Lunch/veterans/Stocking Stuff
9. Happy Birthday/Altar Flowers/Thank you/Confirmands
10. Fun Times @ St. Luke's
11. December Worship Stewards



## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

**Sunday, December 9, 12:30 pm** – Hanging the greens

**Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm** - Toledo Symphony Holiday Concert at St. Luke's

**Sunday, December 16, 10:00 am** – Sunday School Christmas Program

**Sunday December 16, 11:00 am** – Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus

**Sunday, December 16, 12:30 pm** – LYO Christmas party

**Sunday, December 23, 10:00 am** – Family/Children's Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 23, 12:30 pm** – Set up candle poles, decorate the Chancel with nativity

**Monday, December 24, 7:00 & 11:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

**Sunday, December 30, 10:00 am** - 5th Sunday Service of Carols

Greetings friends in Christ!

One of the things we talk about during Advent as we lead up to the Christmas season is the idea of presence over presents. We speak of the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, the presence of Christ as he comes into the world, and the abiding presence of God with us. This season I ask you to consider how you may use the gift of presence as your present to others, or even yourself, in the busy days of December.

There is a calendar for December from the author Traci Smith about Advent faith practices that encompasses this idea of the importance of presence both in your own life and in the lives of others:

December 1: Waiting. Practice waiting today by taking a few extra moments to reset between activities today.

December 2: Who in your community is in special need of a note, call, or visit. Make an effort to check up on that person.

December 3: Today's prayer word is HOPE. What does it mean to have hope. Draw a picture of something hopeful or pray for a hope you have.

December 4: Silence. How long can you sit in silence? Try one minute, two minutes, or even five minutes!

December 5: Write a note of appreciation to someone in a helping or serving profession to tell them how much you value their work.

December 6: Hope, continued. Today, light one candle for hope.

December 7: Imagination. Look at the clouds or the grass or the snow outside. What do you see there?

December 8: Donate food or other needed items to an organization that serves those in need.

December 9: Peace. What gives you peace? Thank God for peaceful things.

December 10: Gratitude. Practice gratitude today by listing the things for which you are grateful.

December 11: Make a special effort to offer a smile or kind gesture (such as opening the door) for a stranger today.

December 12: Peace, continued. Light two candles today. One for hope and one for peace.

December 13: Play! Play a game together as a family. Did you know play can be a spiritual practice? It can!

December 14: Pick up trash around your neighborhood or public place.

December 15: Pray for others today. Who do you know who needs an extra word of prayer to God? Write their name down.

December 16: Beauty. Take a walk outside and notice three beautiful things.

December 17: Do something kind for a neighbor. Shovel their walk, leave a plant, or write a kind note.

December 18: Today's prayer word is joy. What brings you joy? Draw a picture or say a prayer.

December 19: Listening. It is a spiritual discipline to listen well. Ask someone in your family three questions. Listen closely to their answers.

December 20: Compliment a stranger today.

December 21: Joy, continue. Light three candles. One for hope, one for peace, one for joy.

December 22: Hospitality. Invite someone to come to your home today.

December 23: Give a gift to someone who really needs it today.

December 24: Love. Today's prayer word is love. Draw a picture or write a note for someone you love.

December 25: Love, continued. Light four candles today. One for hope, one for peace, one for joy, and one for love.

Christmas blessings be with you,



## Calendar of Events : December

### December 1st

9–5 Colonial Christmas Craft Show

### December 2nd

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

12:30 LYO

6:00 Meet in the Middle

7:00 Cardio Drumming



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### December 3rd

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works! Meal

6:30 Homework Help Grades 5-7

7:00 Volleyball

### December 4th

5:30 Bedford Girls Basketball

### December 5th

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

### December 6th

1:00 Fierce Women's Bible Study

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

6:00 Play & Learn Christmas Program

7:30 AA/Al Anon

8:15 Basketball



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### December 7th

### December 8th

11:00 Decorate For Christmas

### December 9th

8:30 & 11:15 Service of the Word

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

12:30 LYO—shop for Angels

6:00 Meet In the Middle

### December 10th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works! Meal

6:30 Homework Help

7:00 Volleyball



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### December 11th

5:30 Bedford Girls Basket

6:00 Exec Committee Meeting

7:00 Ministry Team Meetings

7:00 HAM Radio Group

### December 12th

10:00 Luther Haus Bible Study

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

### December 13th

7:30 AA/Al Anon

### December 14th

3:30 TSO Symphony Set-up

7:00 Toledo Symphony Christmas

### December 15th

### December 16th

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

Children's Christmas Program

12:30 LYO Christmas Party

6:00 Meet in the Middle

7:00 Cardio Drumming

### December 17th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works!

6:30 Homework Help grades 5-7

7:00 Volleyball

### December 18th

5:30 Bedford Girls Basketball

6:30 Church Council Meeting



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### December 19th

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

### December 20th

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

7:00 Cardio Drumming

7:30 AA/Al Anon

8:15 Basketball



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### December 21st

### December 22nd

11:00 Bringing Nativity down

### December 23rd

.8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Christmas Eve Family Worship

12:30 Finish Decorating Sanctuary

### December 24th

7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight

11:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight

### December 25th

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!**

### December 26th

**(Pastor Robyn Unavailable)**

### December 27th

**(Pastor Robyn Unavailable)**

7:00 Cardio Drumming

7:30 AA/Al Anon

8:15 Basketball



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### December 28th

**(Pastor Robyn Unavailable)**

### December 29th

10:00 Take Down Candle Poles

### December 30th

10:00 5TH SUNDAY BASH!

Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

### December 31st

7:00 AA/AL ANON

## ACHILLES TENDON RUPTURE

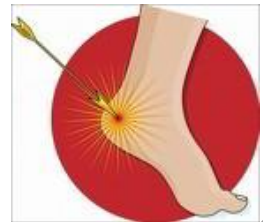
An Achilles tendon is a strong fibrous cord connecting the muscles in the back of the calf of your leg to the heel bone. If overstretched it can tear (rupture) completely or partially. When it happens you may hear a pop with a sharp pain in the back of the ankle or lower leg affecting your ability to walk effectively. Other symptoms are pain and swelling approximately 2 ½ inches above the heel and back of the leg. You cannot bend the foot downward when walking and stand on your toes if the tendon is torn. The doctor can usually diagnose a tear by examining your leg, and doing an ultrasound or MRI.

A tear to the tendon often occurs between the ages of 30 and 50, more often with men. It happens often during sports activities after a fall, jumping or stepping in a hole. It may happen with women wearing high heels, people with flat feet, or to those who are overweight.

Treatment depends on your age, and preference. Young people often choose surgery. Older people will choose a non-surgical option by resting the tendon using crutches, ice to the area, walking with a boot or cast to allow it to heal slowly, sometimes taking 4 to 6 months. Physical therapy is always ordered after the tendon heals to strengthen the leg muscles and the Achilles tendon. There are still studies being done on different treatments.

Prayers of thankfulness of the birth of our Christ child.

Judy Diener R.N.



## TOLEDO SYMPHONY CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW! \$20/TICKET- MAKES FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Tickets available in the church office, quantities are limited. Get yours today before we sell out!



## HEADS UP GUYS!

Mission Sunday is going to be January 27th here at St. Luke's with a pot luck following services. Pastor Cerbin Vargas from 'His Healing Touch' Ministries that travels to Guatemala will be giving the speech at the event.

Please see Denzil & Mary Jean Bell for details.

Keep this date on your calendar!



**2019 WORSHIP STEWARD SIGN UPS**

**2019 MONTHLY FILL IN WORSHIP STEWARD SIGN UPS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP STEWARD SIGN UPS**

**2018 TOLEDO SYMPHONY ASSISTANTS**

**2018-2019 SNOW REMOVAL SIGN UP**

*Please see the welcome center for all of the upcoming ways you can help during the holiday!*



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### FIERCE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our daytime class will meet on: November 1 to discuss "Herodias and Herodias" and November 15 to discuss "Priscilla and Phoebe and Lydia and Rhoda" at 1:00 pm and November 29 for our final session to discuss "Mary of Magdala" at 1:00 pm.

### LUTHER HAUS BIBLE STUDY

Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month Pastor Robyn leads a Bible study at Luther Haus on Smith Rd at 10:00 am. This is open to all, you do not have to be a resident of Luther Haus. On the fourth Wednesday we share in communion following our study. We are studying the book of the prophet Isaiah. We hope you will join us!

**IN DECEMBER WE WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 26**

### COMING SOON: A TOUR OF THE BIBLE

Be on the lookout for information about Pastor Robyn's new Bible study beginning in January. It will be a tour of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. There will be a video portion as well as discussion portion of this study. Look in the back for a sign-up for best days/times.  
More information to come!



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We are in need of worship assistants for all three services. We need greeters, ushers, and communion assistants. If you are interested or would like to know more about what is entailed in serving please see Pastor Robyn or any member of the worship life team. Training is available.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, December 8 at 11:00 am to hang garland and wreaths, Saturday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m. to bring the manger down from upstairs, and Sunday, December 23 to put up the nativity and trees. Please sign up in the back if you are able to help. We will take down the Christmas Candle poles on December 29 at 10:00 am.



## GET INVOLVED

Looking for ways to be involved at St. Luke's? Here are some one time commitment events coming up where we could use your help with!

Be a worship assistant for Christmas Eve services.

Select a Christmas Angel from our tree.// Help decorate the sanctuary.

Help set up, usher, or tear down for the Toledo Symphony event.

Help with homework for our 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders on Mondays at 6:30.

Help Pastor Robyn transport the LYO kids for shopping for angel trees.

Help with the LYO Christmas party by bringing snacks or helping set up.

Provide special music for Christmas Eve – 7 or 11 pm services.

Help make "how-to" videos for Sacramental assistants, ushers, greeters, tech, etc. (Talk to Pastor Robyn)

People willing to model for our high school youth different skills such as: simple sewing (i.e. buttons, etc.); basic home maintenance; what is involved with voting; etc.

Send notes to our homebound members.





2018 HOLIDAY FLOWER ORDER FORM

NAME

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NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED

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per plant ordered \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(enclosed)

6 ½” Pot 5-7 Flowers (Prestige Red) \$8.50 each

Poinsettia plants may be placed in the Sanctuary in honor of someone or just for yourself. If you wish to have the poinsettia plant in honor of, in memory of, or for any special occasion, please indicate (clearly) your wishes below.

Please return this form, along with your money, to the church office or in the offering plate (designated poinsettia).

*Checks should be made out to: St. Luke's Lutheran Church*

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 9th, 2018

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A list of those people who place poinsettias in the Sanctuary will be included in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

## UPDATING OUR CONSTITUTION

Every church in America has some form of governing document. St. Luke's has a constitution and as the times change, so too, do the needs of the church's governing documents. It has been since 2010 that St. Luke's has added a revision and it has been since the late 1980's since we have updated the entirety of the document. That is why St. Luke's church council has made it a priority to update the constitution and present it for approval to the entire congregation in 2019. The small group charged with this task does not start from scratch but from a template, or model constitution, provided by the ELCA's synod office.

The template includes what are considered best practices for Lutheran churches. Once updates are complete our council and synod will review the document and upon approval the members of St. Luke's will have several opportunities to read and discuss this document prior to calling a congregational meeting for discussion and vote.

## A TRIBUTE OF QUILTS TO OUR VETERANS



Our Comforters quilting group have been hard at work this year, making over 180 quilts to give to the very deserving Veterans and their families this year.

In recognition of our local veterans, the comforters presented their quilts at our 3 services on November 11th, in honor of Veterans day.

The recipients of the quilts were quite overjoyed and surprised by the event and it put smiles on so many faces.

Thanks to our Comforters for their hard work and to the veterans for protecting our freedom.



## SIGGI'S LUNCH BUNCH



On November 7th, our lunch bunch met at Pete's Garage on Telegraph in Monroe, MI. If you have never dined there, I highly recommend it! It is a real treat.

If there only 4 in your party, you can sit and dine in an antique car. They have removed the inside of the vehicle and replaced it with tables and chairs.

At the luncheon we were twelve in total: Marilyn Bexten, Sally Georgeson, Doris Przeslawski, Dory Noble, Linda Olrich, Judy Schreiber, Mary Jean Bell, Judy Gephart, Julie Bell, Joey Stamp, Evelyn Janick, and myself, Nan Brushaber.

This month, our collection was to help offset the cost of the Thanksgiving baskets that our Social Concerns team was giving to needy members of our Congregation. We collected \$38 towards our cause.



In December we are going to Siggie's favorite restaurant; Mancy's on Phillips Avenue. We are going to continue to go there every year in December in honor of Siggie. If you haven't signed up yet, give me a call at 419-708-6528.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Nan



## LOOKING FOR STOCKING STUFFERS???????

Do you need Stocking Stuffers, teachers gift or a gift for an upcoming gift exchange?

The Comforters will be selling Christmas Table Runners after services on December 2nd & December 9th.

They are selling for \$10.00/each.

Get yours while quantities last!





12/1 Samantha Greeley  
 12/3 Sandy Brushaber  
 12/4 Garrett Sexton  
     Debra Shaulis  
 12/6 Kylie Edwards  
     Pat Arthur  
 12/10 Brad Greeley  
     Cole Giesige  
     Sophia Nieman  
 12/11 Ann Larson  
     Garrison Wright  
     Nicholas DiCiacca  
 12/12 Nicole Smith  
 12/14 Joel Galdeen  
     Gabriel Block  
     Patricia Leonard  
 12/15 Joel Shuherk  
     Madison Zilke  
 12/16 Sandy Koppelberger  
 12/17 Ed Kulczak  
     Robyn Kistemaker  
 12/19 Norm Snyder  
     Daniel Althaus  
     Tony Kurek  
 12/20 Kathleen Ressler  
 12/21 Derek Shepherd  
     Liam Block  
     Robin Burkett  
 12/22 Ryan Crary  
 12/23 Katelyn Aponte  
 12/25 Paige Hallstrom  
     Leonard Marsh  
 12/26 Clara Whalen  
     Kyle Burkett  
 12/27 Mark Durivage  
 12/29 Raymond Lykowski  
 12/31 Andrew Althaus



12/02 Troy & Kim Giesige  
 12/10 Bill & Barbara Alexander  
 12/17 Tom & Rachel Majerski  
 12/26 Michael & Brenda Lawrence

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

#### December 9th

In honor of Stefanie Harasta's birthday.

#### December 16th

In celebration of Tony Kurek's 37th birthday!

#### December 23rd

In Memory of loved ones, by the Bourns

#### December 30th

In memory of William Bruce Emerson by Grandma & Grandpa Emerson

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### THANK YOU!

**MANY THANKS** to Pastor Robyn for the wonderful veterans service. A Big thanks to the comforters for the Red, White & Blue comforters. God Bless you all!

Herman Halter USAF



Thank You to everyone who helped with Nancy Patton's funeral and meal following. We are so very grateful for the overwhelming response and support the congregation offered.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS!

The following students have completed the **FED & FORGIVEN** first communion class and have been receiving their first communions over the past few weeks.

Congratulations and Grow in Grace!

Jacob Yeager  
 Trent Yeager  
 McKenna Eaton  
 Samuel Durivage  
 Conner Budd



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

Cole Crouch  
 Grant Yeager



## NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Kennedy Jade Rood  
 Audrey Nash Ressler



# FUN TIMES HAD AT ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Meet IN THE Middle



DATE/TIME	GREETER	USHER	SACRAMENT	LECTOR	COUNTER	COFFEE	ACOLYTE
<b>December 2nd</b>	J Schmidt	S Fye/A Stahl	J Warren		Georgesons		
<b>8:30</b>	N Bowlin	Folgers	S Tipping P Yockey	S Ressler			Camden Barthle
<b>10:00</b>	Mayo Family	Mayo Family	*****		Weiss	K Ressler D Wright	
<b>11:15</b>	E Beard <b>YOU?</b>	Erin Beard <b>YOU?</b>	K Crammond J Mayo <b>YOU?</b>	J Schoch	R Gephart		Jack Durivage
<b>December 9th</b>		J Waidelich					
<b>8:30</b>	Halters	S Trevathan K Ressler S Tipping	*****	L Warren	Georgesons		Austin Clise
<b>10:00</b>	Hallstroms	Hallstroms	K Johnson C Barthle, <b>YOU</b>		D Chase	Comforters	
<b>11:15</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	*****	J Sengstock	D Chase		Cole Crouch
<b>December 16</b>		J Waidelich	C Bell				
<b>8:30</b>	Erdmanns	K Ressler S Trevathan	C Halter S Emerson	S Harasta	S Tipping		Kate Eaton
<b>10:00</b>	Barthle Bunch	Barthle Bunch	*****		C & J Schreiber	S Manore L Hafemeister	
<b>11:15</b>	J Sengstock <b>YOU?</b>	J Sengstock Naomi Bowlin	K Crammond K Bristol	L Hafemeister	L Bourn		Kian & Owen Freker
<b>December 23</b>							
<b>8:30</b>	Merickels	Fraley/Warren	J Bock, <b>YOU?</b>	B Skiver	Georgesons		Grant & Trent Yeager
<b>10:00</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>YOU YOU</b>		Bob Cook	Chuck & Cindy Jackson	
<b>11:15</b>	E Beard <b>YOU?</b>	E Beard <b>YOU?</b>	<b>YOU YOU YOU</b>	E Beard	R Gephart		Samarra Rodriguez
<b>December 24</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	Ron Diener	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	None	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>
<b>7:00</b>							
<b>11:00</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>E Beard, YOU?</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	<b>YOU?</b>	<b>YOU? YOU?</b>	None	<b>YOU YOU?</b>
<b>December 30</b>							
<b>10:00</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	C Bell	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>5TH SUNDAY</b>				J Herr			



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## **Worship Schedule**

**8:30 am** — Traditional Service  
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

**9:30- 10:30 am** — Coffee Fellowship

**9:45 am** — Children's Sunday School

**10:00 am** — GiG Praise Service  
Contemporary praise, worship, and children's time.

**11:15 am** — Traditional Service  
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

