

# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### April 2017 Newsletter



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**Worship Schedule**

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM

Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

#### PASTORS LETTER

Hopefully, the month of April finds us enjoying the changing seasons, leaving winter's darker and colder atmosphere behind in exchange for warmer temperatures and the first heartwarming signs of new life captured in budding trees and flowers, gentle breezes, and baby animals being born. For many of us, it is a time of changed outlook as well, as we tend to feel restored, our hearts and minds lighter in anticipation of getting outdoors once again to do whatever it is we do – gardening, recreation, sitting on the porch with a cup of coffee...

This year, April will also find us in the midst of the changing liturgical seasons. Having spent all of March immersed in the season of Lent, we now find ourselves fast approaching Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week and the events leading to the Passion of our Lord. Holy Week begins with the celebratory drama of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem amid shouts of "Hosanna" on Palm Sunday, but ironically, we also know that the crowd's cries of "Hosanna!" will soon change to "Crucify him!" On Maundy Thursday, the church commemorates Jesus' last evening with his disciples as three key events take place – his washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment "to love one another." The name, Maundy Thursday, derives from the Latin, *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" that Jesus taught his disciples. Good Friday, of course marks the crucifixion of Jesus – his painful suffering and death on a cross for our sakes, and together, we pay special attention to the deepening shadows as we remember the events surrounding his death.

Each of the events of Holy Week helps us to experience the transition from the somber observances and disciplines of Lent, to the joyous celebration of Easter Day, when the hopes and expectations of Christians everywhere are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But our journey doesn't end here. The joy of Easter, and the good news that it brings, cannot be limited to a single day's celebration. The season that follows Easter Day is a time for extended celebration and joyful Christian living as we share God's love and care with others, reaching beyond our comfort zones to minister to all, as Jesus, himself, ministered to all. Easter is indeed a season that moves us from death to new life, a season that celebrates: "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" – a season when we joyfully proclaim that we are Easter people!

Blessings and Peace,

*Pastor Jo*

#### April Scripture Readings

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Old Testament</u> | <u>2nd Lesson</u>     | <u>Epistle</u>     | <u>Gospel</u>    |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Apr. 2      | Ezekiel 37:1-14      | Psalms 130            | Romans 8:6-11      | John 11:1-45     |
| Apr. 9      | Isaiah 50:4-9a       | Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Matthew 21: 1-11 |
| Apr. 16     | Acts 10:34-43        | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 | Colossians 3:1-4   | John 20:1-18     |
| Apr. 23     | Acts 2:14a, 22-32    | Psalms 16             | 1 Peter 1:3-9      | John 20:19-31    |
| Apr. 30     | Acts 2:14a,36-41     | Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 | 1 Peter 1:17-23    | Luke 24:13-35    |
| May 7       | Acts 2:42-47         | Psalms 23             | 1 Peter 2:19-25    | John 10:1-10     |

**275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**



This year St. Luke’s will be celebrating it’s 275th Anniversary in November. John Kimmich and Nancy Claycomb-Morris are co-chairing the Anniversary Committee which also includes Betsy Fisher, Janet Kimmich, Corie Bowers and Bridgie Daller. Watch for the exciting events that the committee will be planning for 2017.

Check out the Bulletin Announcement page each week for interesting historical facts about St. Luke’s  
If you have any suggestions for the committee please let them know.

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**“BUY A LETTER” CAMPAIGN**

..we are having the name of our church put on the top of the glass doors at the entrance way.

We are asking if you would be interested in buying “into” this idea.

The cost will be \$5.00 per letter.

You can buy one you can buy two or you can buy many more.

The signage will say:

**St. Luke’s United Church of Christ of Trappe  
Established 1742.**

**CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN**

In April our annual **Maundy Thursday Meal** will be **Thursday, April 13th at 6:00pm.**

We will be serving soup, bread and grapes. There will also be Communion.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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**Last time for Let’s Get Organized will be May.** We are looking for the last place to clean, if there is an area that you want to be cleaned out, let Church Life know and we will be there to do it.

More information later in the year.

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I know its early BUT our annual Fight’n Phillies game will be **Sunday, August 6th.** This year we will be going to an early game. Mark your calendars to meet the bus leaving at **12:00pm SHARP.**

Again we have the buffet and this year tables under the pavilion. Watch for the sign up sheet later.

- April 1 James Gambone
- April 2 Nancy Claycomb-Morris
- April 5 Jale Aydin
- April 8 Nancy Lewis
- April 10 Susan Wenrick
- April 13 Scott Koehler
- April 16 Lillian Spring



- April 17 Williamson Keyser
- April 18 Anita Pry
- April 25 Betsy Fisher
- Beth Irwin
- Heather Slaymaker
- Jason Krentz

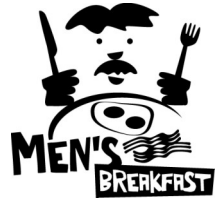
## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST



Come join us on the second Thursday of April at a new place, The Coconut Grove in Trappe at 9:00am at the St. Luke's table. It is the old Luis Two across from Augustus Lutheran Church.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Café 29 in Collegetown. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The women of St. Luke's meet each month on the second and fourth Tuesday at 9:30am for Bible Study. We are starting a new series learning more about Jeremiah. We have a time for coffee and snacks and fellowship followed by Bible study, discussion and prayer. Please join us when ever you can. You do not need to be an expert in the Bible; we all learn together as God grants us His guidance. If you are interested in coming, please call me so I can provide the lesson material for you.

Beverly Spaid 610-489-9770

## LET'S COLOR

Coloring books are no longer just for the kids. In fact, adult coloring books are seen everywhere these days. Coloring has the potential to reduce stress, create focus and bring mindfulness. Just like meditation, coloring allows us to switch off our brains from other thoughts and focus on the moment.

Coloring enthusiasts claim that coloring makes them feel calmer, mentally clearer, happier and more relaxed.



We will be gathering on **Saturday, April 8 at 9:30.**

Coffee and snacks will be available.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Please come and join us on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00pm** for the book "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows .

You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library.

## AARP TAX HELP

AARP will again be here at St. Luke's to help with your taxes if you are over 65. They are here every Monday 9 - Noon from February 6 through **April 10**. You **MUST** call the Pottstown office to make your appointment for St. Luke's, that number is 610-323-5009.



# April Sunday Leader Schedule



**Church Access Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Janet Kimmich** to schedule and review tasks.

## 9:30 Blended Service

|          | <u>Lay Reader</u> | <u>Children's Time</u> | <u>Nursery</u>   |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| April 2  | Tom Lloyd         | Sue Kelly              | Brenda Koehler   |
| April 9  | Kathy Narrigan    | Scott Koehler          | Carrie Krentz    |
| April 16 | Becci Richardson  | Nancy Leneweaver       | Leah Keyser      |
| April 23 | Jim Narrigan      | Becci Richardson       | Nancy Leneweaver |
| April 30 | Corie Bowers      | Sue Kelly              | Kim Gray         |
| May 7    | Sue Linkenhoker   | Scott Koehler          | Brenda Koehler   |

## Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

**Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the May Newsletter is April 21st and mailing is April 24th.**

## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Harry Neiman, Kim McDowell, Linda Miller, Maureen T., Michele Basare, Shirley Prudum, Beverly Spaid, Shirley Wanamaker, Susan Wenrick, Theresa, The Daily Bread Food Bank

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Arbutus Curvey, Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Bill Loftus, Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa and Victor Thomas, Fred Litchert, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Judy Claycomb, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser, Tricia White Heiser and Tom Hairston.

April Fool's Day



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                         |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| <p><b>HOLY WEEK</b></p>   |  |   |   |   |  | 1<br>9:00 Lenten Awakenings |
| 2<br>9:30 Blended Service   | 3<br>9:00 AARP Taxes<br><br>7:00 Cemetery<br>7:00 Boy Scouts     | 4<br><br>5:30 Drama Kids<br><br>7:30 Church and Ministry          | 5<br><br>7:00 Endowment<br>7:00 Orchestra<br><br>7:30 Lenten Service @ Trinity UCC                  | 6<br>12:30 Games<br><br>7:00 Finance<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 Gamblers                             | 7  | 8<br>9:30 Coloring          |
| 9<br>9:30 Blended Service<br>Candy Delivery<br><br><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                 | 10<br>9:00 AARP Taxes<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>7:00 Church Life | 11<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:30 Drama Kids<br><br>7:30 Council | 12<br><br>6:00 Book Club<br><br>7:00 Orchestra  | 13 9:00 Women's Breakfast<br><br>MAUNDY THURS.<br>6:00 Dinner w/ Communion<br><br>7:30 Gamblers | 14 OFFICE CLOSED<br><br><br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> | 15                          |
| 16 EASTER SUNDAY<br>6:30 Sunrise Service<br>9:30 Blended Service<br><br><br><b>EASTER</b> | 17<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>7:30 Property                       | 18<br><br>5:30 Drama Kids<br><br>6:30 Worship and Music           | 19<br><br>3:00 275th Anniversary Mtg.<br><br>7:00 Orchestra<br>7:00 Green bar<br>7:00 College Woods | 20<br><br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 Gamblers   | 21<br><br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE                  | 22                          |
| 23<br>9:30 Blended Service  | 24<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br><br>NEWSLETTER MAILING              | 25<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>5:30 Drama Kids                     | 26<br>9:00 Men's Breakfast<br><br>7:00 Orchestra  | 27<br><br>7:00 Choir<br>7:00 Toastmasters<br>7:30 Gamblers                                      | 28   | 29                          |
| 30<br>9:30 Blended Service  |  |   |   |   |  |                             |

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## **April Newsletter**

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### **St. Luke's Mission Statement**

**Centered in God,  
guided by His Word,  
we share Christ's love with all.**