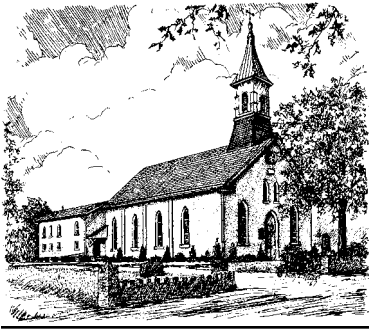


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

July 2015 Newsletter



Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson – Interim Pastor

Worship Schedule

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

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From the Interim Pastor

Gather, Grow, Go . . . three little words, but for Christians those three words have the ability to sum up in a nutshell what it means to be one of Jesus' disciples. We gather each week in God's house for worship not as a group of people in a club or organization, but as a group of followers related to one another as members of God's family through baptism. We come to worship each week not "hoping" that God will show up, but knowing God will be there. He will be there in the words of scriptures, in the words of the sermon, in the words of the hymns and anthems, in the faces of our fellow members.

Each week we gather just like the disciples of Jesus' day, with anticipation to hear his words that encourage and challenge us to grow into the person God created us to be. The Word waters us and feeds us so we, by God's grace, can grow and be open to the ways God is calling us to be his instruments of love in the world.

Over the years, I have listened to people describe God's call to them in a variety of ways. To some, it comes as a gentle nudging, to some a persistent push. Some have described it as a series of doors that close while others are opening, that lead them to a different place and the ability to at last say yes to God. No matter how God calls, one thing is for certain. God calls each of us to put the gifts he has given us to use in his kingdom. In this transition time at St. Luke's, how is God calling you?

Perhaps God's call comes to you as you take notice of a particular situation or need in the congregation that no one else seems to see. Maybe it's a need that has been identified by our church community and you have the gifts and skills and a willingness to minister in that area. Perhaps another member has noticed your gifts and has invited you to join in an existing ministry. Maybe you see an opportunity to start a new ministry of outreach with others.

At the conclusion of worship we hear the words "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." With those simple instructions ringing in our ears and God's message planted firmly in our hearts, we go. We go out into the world as Jesus' hands and feet and ears and eyes, open to hearing God's voice, calling us to put our faith into action. We are empowered to shine his light into those dark corners and crevices in our own unique ways as we go about living our lives as one of Christ's disciples.

Gather, Grow, Go . . . these three simple words remind us that as God's people we are called to share the love of God with those we meet in our daily lives.

It is my joy to journey with you in this interim time as we continue to discover where God is leading us to make a difference in the lives of those in the congregation and in our community.

Blessings on the Journey, Pastor Kris

July Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 5	2 Samuel 5:1-5	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 12	2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:33,45-56
July 26	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Aug. 2	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 6:24-35

PATRIOTIC HYMN SING



To celebrate the birthday of our country, St. Luke's will be having a patriotic hymn sing at the beginning of the service on July 5, 2015 (the service will still end by 10:30am). Come decked out in your red, white and blue!!

WEDNESDAY WAVERS

Come out at **7:00AM** every Wednesday morning until the Wednesday after Labor Day. We need your "lovely" arms waving and "SMILING" faces greeting everyone on their morning travels. Coffee and snacks after you have used up your energy waving. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CHURCH LIFE

We will resume our meetings on July 28th. We need to plan for the Annual Church Picnic.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Save the date - **Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 10:00am at Upper Providence Park.**

Bring your favorite dish to share. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Please remember to bring your own place setting, silverware and cup.

MAKE YOUR JOYFUL NOISE

During the summer months you are invited to share your musical talent (voice, piano, musical instrument) with the Congregation.

Sign-up sheet is on the hall bulletin board for the Sundays through September 6, 2015.

July 5 Janet Kimmich
Roy Linkenhoker, Jr.
Mike Duncan, Jr.
July 6 Mildred Hopson
July 7 Jacob Conrad
July 19 Gordon MacElhenny



July 22 Kellen Kissinger
July 23 Lauren Brand
Anne White
Joan Carl
Becci Richardson
July 28 Daniel Thorpe

Thank God for... is a column for you to contribute outstanding achievements by our members in and out of the church or any other moment you want to Thank God for.... Please consider letting us know about your Thank God moment.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the ladies of the church for a get together breakfast the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Spring Ford Diner. We meet at 9:00 am, just tell them you are with St. Luke's Church



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:00 to discuss the book "The Songs of Willow Frost." You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at a Library. We will then pick a new book to read for our next meeting.

FIGHTIN' PHILLIES

GOING FAST, HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!!!

WE'RE GOING TO A



BALL GAME!

Check out the bulletin board to sign up for 'BIG YELLOW BUS' that will be taking us to the Fightn' Phils Game on Sunday, August 9, 2015 against the New Britain Rock Cats. Our wonderful bus driver Bob will be driving again this year, we will be **leaving the church parking lot at 3:00pm SHARP**. Last year we got there and home safely and in great time, he is awesome. **Tickets are \$30.00 and to be made out to St. Luke's UCC. The game starts at 5:05pm, there is a 2 1/2 hour all-you-can-eat buffet.** Character Pool is available for kids under 14 years of age (that's true age NOT the age you think you are!) and a Phunland Area..

A very special guest will be at the game this year, the Philly Phanatic will be making an appearance! Come join in the fun with the St. Luke's crowd!!

275TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In the year 2017... our 275th Anniversary will be celebrated by St. Luke's. We need volunteers to serve on the committee to gather info and plan our celebration! We had a great time at our 250th, lets see if we can top that one. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping and/or have ideas.

GAME DAY IS BACK IN FULL SWING



Join us on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30pm for fun with games in the Parlor. A game will be picked out for the day by all who attend. Hopefully we can pick 2 or 3 depending on the amount of people who are here. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will eat together and then play the afternoon away. Hope to see you then.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Shingles strikes one in three older adults. I'm sure you have all seen the television commercials. Shingles (Zoster) vaccine helps prevent Shingles. It is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. The virus stays in your body and can resurface any time as Shingles- a painful, blistering rash. One out of three Americans will have Shingles at some time in their lives. Even if you are healthy, your risk for Shingles increases as you get older. Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services in collaboration with the Montgomery County Health Department have scheduled a Free Shingles Outreach Clinic at St. Luke's UCC on **Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 9:00 am to noon. This clinic is by appointment only!** If you are a Montgomery County resident and 60 years of age or older, please call Susan Wenrick at [610-292-4539](tel:610-292-4539) to make an appointment.

TRANSITION UPDATE

...In order to call a new pastor to St. Luke's a profile of the church must be done first. This will require input from the Congregation. Stay tuned for more info on this process.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 7, 2015 we recognized the following graduates. We pray God's richest blessings as they pursue their dreams.

High School

Madeline Kelly graduated from Perkiomen Valley High School and will be attending Bloomsburg University in the fall to study Psychology and Criminal Justice. She is also continuing her work at her favorite cupcake bakery this summer.

College

Julia Kelly is a Cedar Crest College graduate, *summa cum laude* in Genetic Engineering with a minor in Chemistry. Julia is currently pursuing a job in her field and will eventually further her education in the field of infectious diseases.

Lauren Brand graduated from Shippensburg University, *magna cum laude* in Childhood Education. She is working this summer at the Malvern School and is pursuing a position in her field.

Graduate School

Amy Conrad graduated from Eastern University with a Master's in School Psychology. She is pursuing a position in her field.

Ashlee L. (Keyser) Filchner graduated from St. Joseph's University with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Finance concentration. Ashlee is working in private banking.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Sorry to say there is no snow on the ground, only hot, hot days. But, we at St. Luke's are having a Christmas Celebration in July. There will be Christmas Carols to sing and we ho, ho, hope to get you into a festive mood. **Join us on Sunday, July 26, 2015 for our Combined Christmas in July Service at 9:30am.**





July Sunday Leader Schedule



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

9:30 Summer Blended Services

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
July 5	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler	Carrie Krentz
July 12	Becci Richardson	Pastor Kris	Sue Kelly
July 19	Kathy Narrigan	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
July 26	Bev Spaid	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
August 2	Jim Narrigan	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 August Newsletter is July 24th and mailing is July 28th.

CHURCH ONE LINERS

When ;you get to your wit's end, you will find God lives there.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.


Opportunity may knock once,
but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

PEACE STARTS WITH A SMILE.



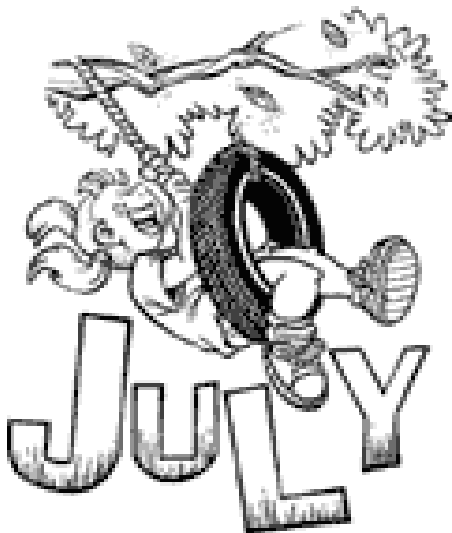
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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