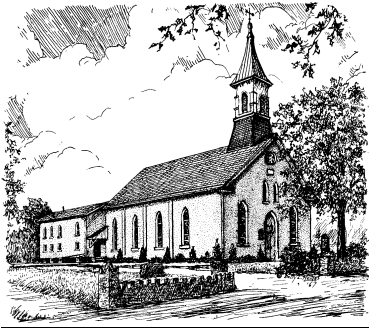


# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### March 2017 Newsletter



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**Worship Schedule**

Blended Service 9:30 AM  
 3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM  
 Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

From the 275th Anniversary Committee -  
 A re-print from the 250th Anniversary Booklet

St. Luke's – Christ's Body

While John Philip Boehm, Patriarch of the Reformed Church in America, was the founding pastor of St. Luke's Church, we can say that God, through Jesus Christ the head of the church, established St. Luke's congregation. With the shortage of pastors, the scarcity of population, and the isolation of farms there was little reason for a church in Trappe. Neither the people nor Boehm could resist the stirring in their souls, as God confronted them in their daily life. Thus the congregation began with the celebration of the sacrament and the experience of the real presence of Christ in their midst, on November 5, 1742.

St. Luke's is here because God wanted it here. All those in all generations, whose lives have been nurtured by the sacraments, know that the church is more than a gathering of people: In a very real nature, it is the Body of Christ in the midst of the world.

The hope for the 21st century is that the people may yield themselves to the indwelling Christ and, as that Body of Christ on earth, bring Christ to the community and the nation.

This is our heritage and this is our hope.

- John C Shetler, D.D. Historian and Editor of the Anniversary Booklet.

**"St. Luke's is here because God wanted it here."**

Those words are just as true today as they were 25 years ago when Dr. Shetler wrote this piece. That statement holds true, still, for the congregation of St. Luke's today, as it did for Rev. Boehm and those strong-willed and faithful people in 1742. God wants St. Luke's here in this time and place. He is keeping His promise to our church and we will continually move forward guided by those words supported by God's love and grace.

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### March Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 5	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Mar. 12	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar. 19	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar. 26	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Apr. 2	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

**WELCOME OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR**

Rev. Jo Ellen Mauger will be joining us as our Interim Pastor. Please come to greet her as she leads us in our services. Pastor Jo has been a Chaplin with Phoebe Ministries for 5 years and served in bereavement ministry for 2 years. She has served on PSEC Conflict Resolution team and served on search committees for Director of Christian Education and one for new pastor. She served as Director of Christian Education for 6 years. She has served as Interim Pastor for the last 3 years. She has also been the Director of Christian Education and Youth for 5 years, she served as a licensed minister and also an associate pastor. She is excited to be with St. Luke's.

**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.

If you have any suggestions please let the committee know, we meet again on Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00pm.

**LENTEN AWAKENINGS**

Come and join us as we gather on the four Saturdays in March for a study of the book "Pray Like A Gourmet", creative ways to feed your soul by David Brazzeal. The study will be led by Rev. Eric Kern and you will meet new and old friends from other churches in our area. There are always good discussions and food and fellowship. I hope to see you in St. Luke's parlor on March 4, 11, 18 and 25th from 9am to 11:30am. There is no fee; you are responsible for getting your own book; Amazon carries it as do other bookstores. Come to be Amazed! Bev Spaid

**WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

7:30pm	March 8th	Trinity UCC
7:30pm	March 15	Evansburg United Methodist
7:30pm	March 22nd	St. James Episcopal
7:30pm	March 29th	St. Luke's UCC
7:30pm	April 5th	Trinity UCC'

**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.



**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:30 pm** for the book "The Girl Who Chased The Moon" by Sarah Addison Allen. You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library.

- March 1 James Ridge Jr.
- March 6 Jasmine Aydin
- March 7 Joan Keyser
- March 9 Dottie Snader
- Jim Narrigan



- March 10 Susan Walsh
- March 20 Keagan Davidson
- March 26 Linda Miller
- March 29 Ted Quinty

## CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN

We are selling Gertrude Hawk Candy again this year, **our last Sunday to take orders will be Sunday, March 12th**, please see one of our lovely committee members either before services or after. They will be at the table near the Narthex steps. Please help the Easter Bunny fill those baskets!!!

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You don't have to be Irish to know that St. Patty's Day is coming up soon. Church Life is having a **Green Bingo Party on Saturday, March 18th at 6:30pm.**

**Green prizes** will be given out for those who are winners.

Susan Wenrick will be our caller. Sign up sheet in on the bulletin board.

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

We will be serving soup, bread and grapes. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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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 **12:30pm SHARP.**

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



## 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 continuing our 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.

Due to the Parlor being used by Lenten Awakenings our next gathering is **Saturday, April 8th at 9:30.** Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Come join us on the second Thursday of the month at the Spring-Ford Diner in Spring City at 9:00am at the St. Luke's table.

## 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 Colledgeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.





# March 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>
March 5	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly	Leah Keyser
March 12	Bev Spaid	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly
March 19	Brenda Koehler	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
March 26	Sue Kelly	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
April 2	Becci Richardson	Sue Kelly	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 April Newsletter is March 24th and mailing is March 27th.**


## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Harry Neiman, Kim McDowell, Linda Miller, Maureen T., Michele Basare, Shirley Wanamaker, Steve Schmidt, 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.



# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE	2 12:30 Games  7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	3 10 & 11 LMM	4 9:00 Lenten Awakenings
5 9:30 Blended Service	6 9:00 AARP Taxes  7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 10:00 LMM  5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Church and Ministry	8  5:30 Book Club  7:00 Orchestra 7:30 Lenten Service @Trinity UCC	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast  7:00 Finance 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	10 10 & 11 LMM	11 9:00 Lenten Awakenings
12 9:30 Blended Service  Last day for Easter Candy orders!!	13 9:00 AARP Taxes  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	14 9:30 Bible Study  5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	15 3:00 275th Committee Mtg. 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods 700 Orchestra 7:30 Lenten Service @ Evansburg U.M.	16  7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 9:00 Lenten Awakenings  6:30 Green Bingo
19 HEALING SERVICE  9:30 Blended Service  4:00 Troop #7080	20 9:00 AARP Taxes  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	21  5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	22 9:00 Men's Breakfast  7:00 Orchestra 7:30 Lenten Service @ St James	23  7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	24  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 9:00 Lenten Awakenings
26 9:30 Blended Service	27 9:00 AARP Taxes  7:00 Boy Scouts  NEWSLETTER MAILING	28 9:30 Bible Study  4:00 Missions 5:30 Drama Kids 7:00 Orchestra	29  7:30 Lenten Service @ St. Luke's UCC	30  7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	31	

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

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