

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

September 2016 Newsletter



Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson – Interim Pastor

Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

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

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Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

From the Interim Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Where has the summer gone?”

“I can’t believe it’s almost September!”

These are two comments that I’ve been hearing lately. It prompted me to do some reflection on the concept of time.

Everything we do is marked by the steady march of time. Seconds lead to minutes to hours to days to weeks to years to decades . . . We live our everyday lives chasing deadlines, crossing off every item on a to-do list, running here and there, trying always to be “on time”. How often have you said or have heard someone say, “I’m running out of time!!” The problem for many of us is that the clock is always running the wrong way, and we cannot stop its crawl to the next tick.

The Greek language has two words that mean “time.” The first is the more familiar *chronos*. It means the chronology of days – minutes, days, weeks, years. We all know about this time – the wrinkles etched on a face . . . the second hand on the clock at 2:30 in the morning . . . the change of seasons. Another Greek word for time is *Kairos*. This speaks more to specific, God-ordained time throughout history, sometimes called the “right time” or “appointed time.” *Kairos* is God’s time, one not marked by the past, the present, or the future. *Kairos* pierced its way into creation at just the right time with a cry of a baby in a manger. The cross was another *Kairos* moment – as it says in Romans 5:6 “. . . at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.”

Kairos moments allow us to experience the grace of God in all its fullness. And these moments can happen anytime in the most surprising and unexpected ways – like suddenly finding meaning in an experience that happened to us months or even years ago . . . like realizing a purpose to something that seemed so useless or meaningless . . . like seeing a person you thought you knew well through new eyes of love and trust. . . like hearing a child’s joyous laughter after a long day at work . . . like giving of yourself to help another and discovering a profound unexpected peace. . . like praying with all your might about a situation and finding yourself changed in a new way.

God is always surprising us with His perfect *Kairos* timing.

Blessings on the Journey...living a *Kairos* life in a *chronos* world!!

Pastor Kris

September Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sept. 4	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 11			1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27	
Sept. 18	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 25	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 9:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Oct. 2			Ephesians 4:1-6	John 17:20-23

TRANSITION UPDATE

The Search Committee is in the process of interviewing pastoral candidates. Please keep Jim, Nancy, Becci Bonnie and Carrie in your prayers as they discern the pastoral leadership for St. Luke's.

CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

Our Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th at the Upper Providence Park on Black Rock Road. Service at 10:00am, Picnic to follow. Remember to bring your own place settings, your eating utensils and drinking cups. If you like ambiance bring a table cloth for your table.



Let's Get Organized - Phase V on October 15th at 9:00am. Coffee and donuts will be offered again to start the day. Many hands make light work. We will try to tackle the Property Room. No ladder climbing this time. We are going to get the Christmas "stuff" organized and in easy access places.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SEXTON

On August 16th Emeric Suto began as St. Luke's new Sexton. Emeric came to this country in 1995 from Romania where he was a headstone engraver. He has been the Sexton at Ascension UCC in Jeffersonville for almost twenty years and worked for thirteen years at Christ UCC in Norristown.

Emeric is married to Stela who was a Special Education teacher in Romania. Previously, she has worked with children with autism. She now teaches citizenship and English as a Second Language to adult immigrants.

Emeric and Stela are members of Ascension UCC in Jeffersonville. They have one daughter who is a photographer.

A Special Welcome to both Emeric and Stela!!!

2016 CROP WALK

Mark your calendars! The Crop Walk for this year will be on **October 16**. Registration will begin at 1:00pm at Trinity UCC in Collegeville. We start walking at 1:30pm.

September 5 Corie Bowers
September 6 Sam Kurtz III
September 7 Donna Horst
Jody Ruckle



September 9 Martha Mensendiek
September 12 Patrick Gregory
September 26 Carl Watters
September 30 Sal Swavley

HERITAGE DAY

The Trappe Historical Society's Heritage Day will take place on **Saturday, September 17, from 11:00am to 1:30pm here at St. Luke's**. The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will be the speaker. His presentation will be on George Washington's activities in the Trappe area during September 1777. Dr. Krueger will be answering questions like...Was the winter warm or cold at Valley Forge? What was the concert like that Washington and his wife attended at Zion Lutheran Church in Spring City? Did he and Martha ever live in a house on 9th Street?

Dr. Krueger recently retired from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia where he was the Director of The Krauth Memorial Library as well as Professor of Church History. Dr. Krueger received his PhD. from the University of Michigan. His two areas of special interest are rare books and the history of Lutheran congregations in eastern Europe.

Cost for the presentation and luncheon is \$10.00. **Call 610-454-9732 between 6:00pm and 9:00pm for reservations.**

NOTE from Pastor Kris: Dr. Krueger was the tour leader for the Germany trip I took last year. He is an engaging speaker as well as an excellent teacher.



WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Come join the women of St. Luke's at 9:00am on the second Thursday of the month at Spring Ford Diner in Spring City. Just ask for St. Luke's table and we will see you there.

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.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 1, 2016 AT 1 PM

To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4) there will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 1st at 1pm**. on the back lawn at St. Luke's. All of God's creatures – dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, lizards, and other pets (real or stuffed) are welcome. There will be special treats for our "friends" and refreshments for their two legged companions.

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Italy born in the 12th century. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all God's creation. He is the patron saint of ecology. Many of the stories that surround Francis's life tell of his great love for animals and the environment.

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 meeting at St. Luke's on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9-11am for fellowship and coloring (pencils, gel pens, sharpies and coloring books will be provided. You may also bring your own).

Our next gathering is **Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9am - 11am**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEEDS "PERIODIC HELP"

The St. Luke's Main St. cemetery usually has 2-4 burials a year. And for those burials, someone is needed to check the files for where the plot will be. Upon locating the plot area, it needs to be measured and marked in order for the chosen funeral home to dig and prepare the plot for the burial. The measuring and marking of the plots has usually been handled by someone from the Cemetery Committee, many of them, through the past years, were addressed by Ray Spaid.

Recently being able to get the plots ready correctly and in a timely manner after a death has become a concern, this is due to committee members and helpers traveling away from home for work more than in the past and for longer periods of time, or being able to mark the plots due to medical restrictions. If none of the trained persons are available, this could lead to a delay in the burial for days, which is something we do not want.

The committee is looking for persons who usually (periodically is OK) do not travel for long periods of time to be trained and to be willing to measure and mark (or be will to help) a plot if needed. There are usually a few days to get this work addressed between the passing of the person and the burial. While this assignment does not require a constant commitment from anyone who can help, it will take a little training and periodic practice to make sure they remember how to do it, when needed. And if two or more persons happen to be available, it is addressed even quicker, especially in winter weather. The more persons willing to be trained and ready if needed, the better chance of persons being available.

If you are periodically available and willing to be trained, please contact Corie in the church office. Corie will pass the information to the committee. Your help and commitment is really needed to keep the cemetery functioning in a more timely and correct manner. And it will not take up much of your time during the year.

Thank you, Cemetery Committee

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00pm** to discuss the book "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman .

Our October book will be "Be Frank With Me" by Julia Clairborne Johnson.

We will meet on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:00pm.**

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



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.



All the wonderful people who come out to color on Saturday mornings, the pictures are beautiful, God gives gifts to all and creativity is just one of them. Please join them sometime and see how creative you can be.

The Linkenhoker's who trimmed the bushes and weeded the gardens and cleaned the front of the church, you are a blessing.



WEDNESDAY WAVERS

Come out at **7:00AM** Wednesday morning, **September 7th** for the last Wednesday for the Wavers until next year. The more the merrier for our last hurrah of 2016. We need your "lively" arms waving and "SMILING" faces greeting everyone on their morning travels. Afterwards we gather for coffee, snacks and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG

By Bonnie Neiman

When I was a girl, my family attended the Presbyterian church in town. My mother was a very involved member; in fact she was my youth group leader. Mom always loved to sing the hymns. As I sat with her in the pew I grew to realize that "In the Garden" was her favorite because she sang it with more enthusiasm than all of the others. She had many good friends who were also members of our congregation.

As my mother grew older she found a great deal of comfort attending church and singing the familiar hymns. Then one day she told me that she was not going back to church. I could not imagine why. She went on to say that she had forgotten someone's name who she knew very well. Nobody around her knew that she had forgotten - but she had. She was afraid that if it happened again it might be embarrassing. That was during the onset of memory loss and dementia for my mother. It was a very sad and frustrating time for her as she became withdrawn and less social.

I wish they had nametags at that church to help her stay engaged as long as possible. I am thankful that St. Luke's UCC has nametags for us to wear. I try to be mindful about wearing my nametag because of my mother. A time may come when I will need you to wear yours and I hope you have it on.



September 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>
September 4	Becci Richardson	Becci Richardson	Brenda Koehler
September 11	Kathy Narrigan	Becci Richardson	
September 18	Tom Lloyd	Sue Kelly	Leah Keyser
September 25	Jim Narrigan	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly
October 2	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver

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 October Newsletter is September 21st and mailing is September 26th.

PRAYER LIST

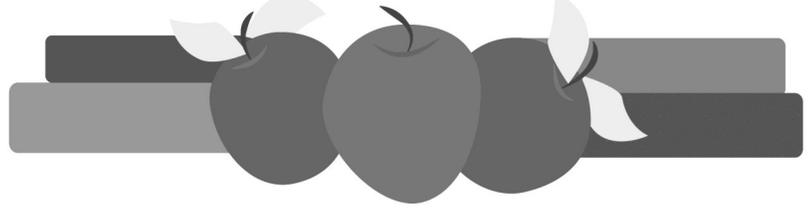
People in need of prayers: Charlie, Dan Merlo, Kim McDowell, Linda and Doug Miller, Louise, Michele Basare, Sue and Roy Linkenhoker, Sr., Theresa, The Daily Bread Food Bank.

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.



LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER

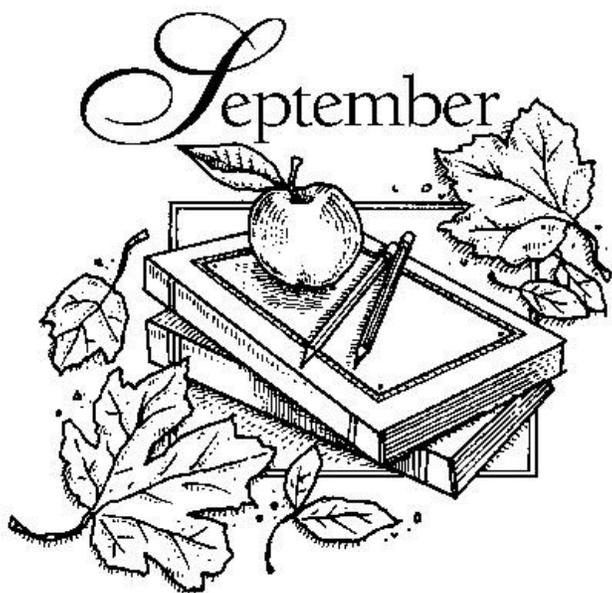


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 Games 7:30 Gamblers	2 10 & 11 LMM	3
4 9:30 Blended Service	5 OFFICE CLOSED 	6 7:00 Bright Spot - Moyer Hall 7:30 Church and Ministry	7 7:00 Endowment	8 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	9	10
11 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC 10:00 Service 11:00 Picnic & Games	12 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	13 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	14 9:00 MOPS 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Toastmasters Moyer Hall	15 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	16	17 11:00 Historical Society Lunch and Speaker
		PASTOR KRIS VACATION				
18 HEALING SERVICE 9:30 Blended Service	19 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	20 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	21 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	23	24
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25 9:30 Blended Service	26 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:00 MOPS Planning 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Missions 5:30 Drama Kids NEWSLETTER MAILING	28 9:00 Men's Breakfast	29 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	30	OCT. 1 9:00 "Mini" Coloring Retreat 1:00 Blessing of the animals
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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