

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

April 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

www.stlukestrappe.org

Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

From the Interim Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Sunday is not only the greatest day of the church year, it is also the only one that is set by the moon. Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first moon on or after the spring equinox. As complicated as that sounds, it makes ancient sense, since it means Easter coincides with the greening of the earth. Christ is risen and the whole world comes to life. The connection is a happy one, guaranteed to renew our faith in the creative power of God.

But it is also a misleading one, because spring is entirely natural. Buy a daffodil bulb in the winter and it looks like nothing in your hands – a small onion, maybe, with its thin skin and scraggly roots. If you are a gardener, however, that does not worry you. You know all you have to do is wait. Come springtime it will escape the earth and explode with color. As miraculous as it is, it is completely natural.

Resurrection, on the other hand, is entirely unnatural. When a dead body goes into the ground, that is that. You say goodbye. You pay respects and you go on with your life as best you can, knowing that the only place springtime happens in a cemetery is on the graves, not in them.

The good news of Easter is not only that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and lives, but that the power of the resurrection can transform our lives now as well. Nora Gallagher in her book, “Things Seen and Unseen” writes in an Easter reflection: “Whether or not I believe in the resurrection makes no difference if I don’t make a different life.” And she concludes, “We are the ongoing story.”

The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the loving hearts of his transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that he lives is not just an empty grave, but a spirit-filled community of faith. Not a rolled away stone, but a carried-away church, open to new possibilities for mission and service.

The truth of Easter is that the promise of new life doesn’t await us in the future, but through the power of the resurrection we are able to live as God’s transformed people right here . . . right now. In Christ, there is a new creation. In Christ, the dead are raised to life. And that includes you and me.

Blessings on the Journey!
Pastor Kris

April Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
April 3	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 118:14-29	Revelations 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
April 10	Acts 9:1-6	Psalms 30	Revelations 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
April 17	Acts 9:36-43	Psalms 23	Revelations 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
April 24	Acts 11:1-18	Psalms 148	Revelations 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 1	Acts 16:9-15	Psalms 67	Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29

CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS



Profits from our Easter Candy sales that we donated to the Mitzvah Circle and Montgomery County Meals On Wheels was \$791.00.
Our donation will be very helpful to their causes.

Our Third "Let's Get Organized - Phase III
Saturday, April 16, 2016



"Everybody's" Birthday Party during the coffee hour on Sunday, April 17th. This will be a Breakfast Brunch. Yes, your birthday will be included so come and join us.
A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We are going to have another "Women's Tea on Saturday, May 21st at 4:00pm. We will be inviting other churches in the area to join us this year; will we see white gloves, hats and spring dress on our ladies? We will be having "Julia Childs" as our guest speaker, "Julia Says, Bon Appétit", come and join in the fun with Julia and the ladies of St. Luke's.
(See page 5.)



Our Annual trip to the Reading Phighting Phillies will be on Sunday, August 7th, we leave the church parking lot at 3:00pm sharp, so mark your calendars.

Our Rally Day 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.



TRANSITION UPDATE

The Search Committee will be meeting with Rev. Sharon Morris, Associate Conference Minister on March 29th. The Congregational Profile will then be posted on the UCC Website. Interviews with interested candidates will follow. Please keep the members of the Search Committee, Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Bonnie Neiman, Carrie Krentz and Becci Richardson in your prayers in their discernment.

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 21	Jennifer Russell
April 25	Betsy Fisher
	Heather Slaymaker
April 26	Jason Krentz



WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Come join the women of St. Luke's on the second Thursday on 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 Collegeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



LENTEN FOLDER FUNDS DESTINATION

St. Luke's Council has voted to donate the Lenten Folder contributions this year to Orion Communities, a non-profit agency in Phoenixville. Their motto is Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Orion provides interim care management, outreach, and supportive services to people who are experiencing poverty, illness or disability. Orion also connects residents in the greater Phoenixville area to services that engender hope, dignity, and self reliance. This past winter Orion in collaboration with other area non-profits sponsored Warmth for All that provided four minivans full of blankets, coats, food and more for local food pantries and shelters. In cooperation with other groups, Orion initiated a Code Blue for the area and established a place where anyone can come to get warm. To learn more go to: www.orioncommunities.org.



MISSIONS BLANKET SUNDAY

This year we will be collecting donations in the month of April for Church World Service which will help to buy blankets for those in need when disaster strikes. It also helps provide impoverished communities with the basics they need to care for themselves and their families such as food, shelter and safe water. Our donations provide vital help for those in need.

TO MY ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

St. Luke's Congregation Our sincere "Thank You" to all who sent cards, offered prayers, and kept in contact during my recent hospital times and ongoing recovery. Words can not explain our appreciation. Our appreciation and prayers to you for your support during my times of surgery and recovery including Pastor Kris for her prayers, support and visits.

St. Luke's Prayer Team. Knowing the team was providing prayers before, during and after my surgeries was a major comfort. Thank You.

St. Luke's Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you for providing me with the nice Prayer Shawl. It is very nice and is used quite a lot.

Sincerely, Dave and Joan Carl

UNWRAPPING GOD'S GIFT OF JOY

Women's Retreat

A heart full of God is a happy heart which radiates an infectious joy...Pope Francis

Jesus gives us a clue as to what kind of life He wants for us in John 10:10: "I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance." If abundant life means anything at all, it means a life of joy. We are God's people characterized by an overflowing, amazing, abundant joy...a joy that knows no limits...a joy based on our identity in God...a joy that flows from a deep source which is not dependant on life's circumstances. This retreat will explore the difference between happiness and joy. God's gift of joy is discovered in the midst of our everyday lives.

Women from St. Luke's are invited to this Spring retreat at St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenixville. The date for this retreat is **Saturday, April 23rd**. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00am with the retreat starting at **9:30am and ending at 3:00pm**. **Cost is \$12.00**. Checks made out to **St. John's WELCA** can be mailed to St. John's at the following address:

**St. John's Lutheran Church
355 St. John's Circle
Phoenixville, PA 19460**

Please **RSVP by April 8**. Any questions contact Linda Landis at 610-399-9544
Each participant is asked to bring an object which symbolizes JOY in her life.

Pastor Kris is facilitating this retreat.

NOTE: Pastor Kris will be offering a "mini version" of this retreat at St. Luke's on
Saturday May 14th from 8:30 to Noon.

April Designated to Raise Awareness of the Importance of Public Health

According to the American Public Health Association's website, "... every year chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths...Catching and preventing these illnesses and incidents before they develop is the key to improving our nation's health.

At St Luke's United Church of Christ, we agree. This is why we are hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441).

Pre-registration is required.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00pm** to discuss the book "The Glass Blower" by Petra Durst-Bennington. You must purchase your own copy of the book, it is not available at any Montgomery County Library. We will then pick a new book to read for our next meeting on May 11th at 6:00. See what you missed in March by not joining the Women's book Club??



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.



For our talented Linda Boyer who made the wreaths on the doors and donated them to St. Luke's for Easter and spring.

Again, the women of St. Luke's who are always there when food and comfort is needed.



Condolences to the Litchert and Whitehaus Families on the loss of wife, mother and friend Midge Litchert who passed on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Whitehaus address:

Lori and Tom Whitehaus
210 N. Hoernerstown Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036

SATURDAY,
MAY 21, 2016
AT 4:00 PM

PLACE:

ST. LUKE'S UCC
200 W. MAIN ST.
TRAPPE, PA

RESERVATION
DEADLINE
MAY 12, 2016



Tea Party

JULIA SAYS, BON APPÉTIT

Come and join St. Luke's Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00pm

Our guest speaker will be Linda Kenyon as Julia Child performing "Julia says, Bon Appétit: by Clay Teunis.

So get your hats and gloves and join us for Tea and sandwiches for a relaxing fun afternoon.

Cost for the event is \$5.00
This will be collected at the door.

Please RSVP to St. Luke's Church 610-489-4933
Or administrator@stlukestrappe.org





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>
April 3	Brenda Koehler	Scott Koehler	Nancy Leneweaver
April 10	Sue Kelly	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
April 17	Becci Richardson	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler
April 24	Kathy Narrigan	Nancy Leneweaver	Carrie Krentz
May 1	Tom Lloyd	Pastor Kris	Leah Keyser

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 May Newsletter is April 22nd and mailing is April 26th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Anne Santa, Dave Carl, George White, John K., Linda and Doug Miller, Michele Basare, Mike Richardson, Sue and Roy Linkenhoker, Sr., Theresa and the Family of Midge Litchert.

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, Keyser and Leneweaver Families, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Sam Edwards, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10 & 11 LMM 	2 6:00am Grange Flea Market
3 9:30 Blended Service 12:00 Private Birthday Party	4 9:00 AARP Taxes 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cemetery	5 10:45 Brt Spt - MH 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Church & Ministry	6 10:45 Brt Spt MH 7:00 Orchestra 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Christian Ed	7 12:30 Games 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance 7:30 Gamblers	8 10 & 11 LMM	9
10 9:30 Blended service	11 9:00 AARP Taxes 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	13 9:00 MOPS 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Orchestra	14 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	15 10 & 11 LMM	16
17 HEALING SERVICE 9:30 Blended Service 10:30 Birthday Brunch 4:00 Girl Scouts #7080	18 8:00 Life Line Screening 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	19 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 5:30 Drama Kids	20 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 7:00 Orchestra 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods	21 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	22 10 & 11 LMM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23
24 9:30 Blended Service	25 10 & 11 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 9:15 MOPS Sterng 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Brt Spt - MH NEWSLETTER MAILING	27 9:00 Men's Breakfast 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 6:00 Carriage Ridge HO Assoc. 7:00 Orchestra	28 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	29	30

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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