

# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### April 2018 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.

#### REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS.

Happy Blessed Easter! Make no joke, while Easter is on April Fool's day, we are confirming once again the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross. His death fulfilled a divine purpose, bringing about the forgiveness of sins. Jesus message, his identity and his death on the cross vindicated everything he said- and everything he did, and everything he was and is. Jesus victory over death triumphed over suffering, sin, evil injustice and pain in the world. The power of Easter is summed into one word- Hope. Hope is the sense that things will work out, that despite difficult circumstances and painful situations can lead to despair, something good is around the bend. It is something we cannot live without- hope and hope of eternal life. Join us on Easter Sunrise in St. Luke's Prayer Garden at 6:30 am and 9:30 am during worship to proclaim, 'He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!'

Pastor John

Do you want St. Luke's UCC to thrive?

Do you want us to spiritually grow?

I am inviting the entire congregation, everyone who is serving on a committee and Council, whom approved this retreat; on April 22 after church from 10:45- 1pm

Please join me as we brainstorm and have a mini retreat to discern the future of the church. So please mark you calendars April 22 after church and bring a dish to share for the potluck as we allow the Holy Spirit to breath life into the church again (Acts 1 and 2) See you there!

If anyone wants to contribute to the perennial flowers along the front of the church on top of the wall to create an inviting curb appeal for people to visit the church, please send your contributions to the church office. (approved by Property )

#### April Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Apr. 1	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
Apr. 8	Acts 4:32-35	Psalms 133	1 John 1:1-22	John 20:19-31
Apr. 15	Acts 3:12-19	Psalms 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
Apr. 22	Acts 4:5-12	Psalms 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Apr. 29	Acts 8:26-40	Psalms 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 6	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17

## SERMON SERIES

**April 1:** 6:30 am “Whispers in the Garden” **Sunrise Sermon**

9:30 am “Shortest Easter Sermon Ever”

John 20:1-18

**April 8** - “Do You Understand what I have Done for you?”

John 13:12

**April 15-** "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

John 21:5

**April 22-** “Simon, Do you love me?”

John 21:17

**April 29-** "If I remain alive until I return, what good is that to you?"

John 21:22



## NOISY OFFERING

The month of March the “noisy” offering was \$63.35 and matching from Missions, \$127.00 went to Daily Bread.

Noisy Offering will always be the second Sunday of the month with our loose change which will go to a local mission agency. Your generous offering on March 11<sup>th</sup> supported Daily Bread. Opening its doors as Jerusalem Community Food Pantry in August of 1997, it left the umbrella of the Jerusalem Lutheran Church after 18 years and now has its own unique identity as a self-sustained 501(c)(3) charitable organization. They are currently trying to raise between \$600 and \$800,000 and actively searching for a permanent building to call home within our community. We will dedicate your donations and the Mission match toward achieving that goal.

## WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**,  
the book title is “Family Tree” by Susan Wiggs.

Meet us at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

Our May 9th book will be “We Are All Made Of Stars” by Rowan Coleman



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



April 17	Williamson Keyser
April 18	Anita Pry
April 25	Elizabeth Fisher
	Beth Irwin
	Heather Slaymaker
April 26	Jason Krentz



## **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Come join us on Thursday, April 12th at  
The Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.  
Meet us at 9:00 am at the St. Luke's table.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on April 25th,  
9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville.  
Come and converse with everyone and find out what is  
happening in someone else's world.



## **EMERGENCY/HOSPITAL INFORMATION**

Due to several "happenings" here at St. Luke's we would like to create a directory for Emergency Contacts. This would be kept very confidential but will be used by the Pastor to contact next of kin if there is an emergency or a hospitalization. In order for us to be abreast of "things" we would like to start this Emergency Contact directory.

**NOTICE:** When someone is being admitted or is already in the hospital, please contact the Pastor at 610-489-4933. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from continuing to inform a church or pastor. Thank you for your help in this request. Please be aware that the Pastor would like to do visitations but needs to know when someone has entered a hospital and what hospital they have been admitted into. It is frustrating for him when he hears that "so-and-so" has been in the hospital or is in a hospital and he is unaware of the situation. Also family deaths should be shared with the Pastor.  
Please help us in our endeavor.

## **EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday Night Bible Study group is returning to our two week schedule.  
We are studying 'Psalm 23', and afterwards "The Apostles". Join us for fellowship!  
Meetings are: April 12 and April 26 at 6:30pm.

## **JUST A REMINDER**

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.



## **SCRIPT CARDS**

Don't forget Script gift cards are available year-round at St. Luke's. Look for the new locally tailored order forms at church. Pass one onto your friends or family. Please let Veronica or Melanie know if we can help you order.

Reminder: We need a minimum order of \$150 per week to help defray the shipping costs



## UPCOMING EVENTS

1) If you are interested in volunteering for a Mission trip this summer, there are several opportunities of dire need for rebuilding. Pastor John is working with volunteer coordinator in the Conference and if you have a calling for this area, please contact him in making a difference in people's lives. {I may have more information soon after Wednesday for our youth who may want to attend}

4) **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 7, 2018 at 9:30**. Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

5) **Raise the Roof: A Party for Preservation** - Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Barn on Bridge, 385 Bridge Street, Collegeville, PA 19426

Join The Speaker's House for a special evening honoring Bridgie Daller, recipient of the 2018 Speaker's Choice Award. An inspiring community leader, she has devoted countless hours of service to Trappe-area organizations, particularly the Historical Society of Trappe, Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley, where she served as board president and museum committee chair for many years. She is also an active member of the Trappe 300 Steering Committee and St. Luke's UCC, where she recently served on its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Established in 2008, the Speaker's Choice Award recognizes individuals who embody the leadership qualities of Frederick Muhlenberg and who have made distinguished contributions to the local community, particularly in arts, culture, or historic preservation.

This gala event includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a seated dinner, live music by the Community Music School, and a unique silent auction featuring locally made items. All proceeds benefit the restoration of The Speaker's House. Visit [SpeakersHouse.org/gala](http://SpeakersHouse.org/gala) for more information and to buy tickets.

We need a table of 8 if we can from St. Luke's to celebrate, we have two committed and how about supporting this fund raiser for our community and honoring Bridgie- Cost is \$125 for the table otherwise \$150 per person if we cannot get 8 people.

We have two committed at this time. See Pastor John !

## MISSIONS - NOISY OFFERING

The Clinic PA will be the community organization to benefit from our April 2018 Noisy Offering.

Physicians and staff work each day there to provide comprehensive primary and specialty medical services to people without medical insurance. They help a group of people who otherwise fall through the cracks of human and social services. They do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, and often their income is within 150% to 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines. Located in the former rectory of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Phoenixville, The Clinic surpassed 100,000 patient visits in 2013 and have treated patients from over 114 different countries. Patients are limited to the geographical areas surrounding Phoenixville and Paoli Hospitals.

Founded in 2001, The Clinic was the dream of two women, Dr. Lorna B. Stuart and the Reverend Marie Z. Swayze, to create a medical center that would provide comprehensive healthcare to people who did not have medical insurance. With a significant donation from an anonymous donor and in collaboration with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, they were able to make repairs to the former rectory to provide a home for The Clinic. Additional funds were raised to furnish and complete the medical facility. It opened in 2002 and celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year.

Please donate your spare change generously on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## IDEAS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

**Health & Beauty:** Toothbrush, dental floss, band-aids, wipes, soap, comb/brush, manicure set, headbands, washcloth/towels. **New clothes:** Gloves/mittens, scarf, flip flops, socks, underwear, shoes, ball cap, pants, sunglasses, pants, shirt. **School Supplies:** Pencils w/sharpener, pens, ruler, scissors, stickers, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, sticky notes, stamp w/ink, small note pad, glue sticks, tape, water color set, markers, highlighters, journal/notebook, index cards, small picture books - young child. **Toys:** Dolls, tops, jacks, soccer ball w/ manual inflatable pump, toy binoculars, small dry erase board w/markers, play dough, whistles, kazoos, small stuffed animals, balls (bounce/tennis) finger puppets, silly putty, matchbox cars, fishing kit, puzzles, miniature chess/checkers, slinky, yo-yo, small Frisbee, kaleidoscope, toy truck/boat, small musical item - harmonica or records. **Miscellaneous:** Purse, wallet, compass water bottle, solar flashlights, drawstring backpacks, travel sewing kits, folding umbrella, friendship bracelets, tape measure, gardening trowel/gloves, silly curly straws, sippy cups/lids.

**DO NOT SEND:** Candy, gum, liquid soap, war related toys, anything w/camo, anything w/snakes or spiders, medication, vitamins seeds food.

*Look for the tub in the narthex in which we can collect the toys and ideas for collecting toys for various age groups. Let's try for a goal of 50 boxes!*

## COLLEGE KIDS CARE PACKAGES

We will be packing boxes for our college kids on **Sunday, April 29th**. Items that can be given would be Raman Noodle, gum, popcorn, crackers, chips, candy, Jerky, cookies and any other item you can think of that will save a hungry college kid from test mania and keep them sane.

## CHURCH LIFE

On Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 4:00 we will be having our Women's Tea. If you wish hats and gloves may be worn to set off the occasion. Our entertainment will be "The Lady and her Tramps". Come join us for a day of friendship, tea and entertainment. Let's see who has the best hat of the day, and how many different tea flavors you can enjoy.

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Start thinking about the Fightn' Phillies, we will be going to the game on Sunday, July 15th for a 2:05 game. Bus drive "Bob" will be pulling out of the St. Luke's parking lot at 12:00 Noon, you don't want to miss this mode of transportation or you will have to drive yourself.



# April Sunday Leader Schedule



**Church Access Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Beverly Spaid** to schedule and review tasks. If you wish to be an usher/greeter please see **Janet Kimmich** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## **9:30 Blended Service**

	<b><u>Lay Leader</u></b>	<b><u>Children's Time</u></b>	<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Apr. 1	Corie Bowers	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	
Apr. 8	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	
Apr. 15	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
Apr. 22	Scott Koehler	Pastor John	Kim Gray	
Apr. 29	Bev Spaid	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	

## **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 May 22nd and mailing is May 25th.**

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**People in need of prayers:** Bill Leopold, Don Ashenfelter, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Randy and Sue Davidson, Russell and Nancy Morris.

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>6:30 Sunrise Service</b>  <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>	<b>2</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cemetery	<b>3</b>  5:30 Drama Kids <b>6:30 Worship and Music</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>7:00 Confirmands</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Orchestra	<b>5</b> <b>12:30 Games</b>  <b>7:00 Finance</b> 7:30 Gamblers	<b>6</b>    	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 Coloring Retreat</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <b>Noisy Offering Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts <b>7:00 Church Life</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b>  5:30 Drama Kids <b>6:30 Church and Ministry</b> <b>7:30 Council</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>6:00 Book Club</b>  <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Orchestra	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 Women's Breakfast</b>  <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>  7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	<b>13</b>    	<b>14</b>    
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 Blended Healing Service</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>6:30 Missions</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts <b>7:30 Property</b>	<b>17</b>  5:30 Drama Kids	<b>18</b>  <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Confirmands</b> 7:00 Orchestra 7:00 College Woods	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 Boundary Training</b> <b>Pastor John</b>  7:30 Gamblers	<b>20</b>    <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>    
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <b>10:45 Retreat and Potluck</b>	<b>23</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b>  5:30 Drama Kids	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>12:00 Corie - Secretary Training</b>  <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Orchestra <b>NEWSLETTER MAILING</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>  7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	<b>27</b>    	<b>28</b>    
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <b>5:00 Raise The Roof &amp; Bridgie Daller Award</b>	<b>30</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts					

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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.**