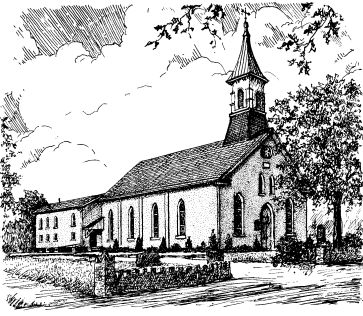


# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### April 2020 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 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

#### REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS

*During my very first week in Greek class with Rev. Dr. Robert Kelley at Pittsburgh Seminary, we were required to memorize the first verses of John 1 { in Greek!}: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then by the 2nd week the entire Chapter One in Greek! This, for St. John, and for you and me, is set in the context of God's creation, incarnation, and re-creation.*

*Easter morning demonstrates God continuing to give the gift of life to His people. Easter is the re-creation of God's celebration of humanity. It is God's entrusting of God's self to human beings—to you and to me—through God's incarnation. Divinity was clothed in humanity so that humanity might be clothed in divinity. Easter means that you and I are holy and intended to be holy, not as an achievement on our own, but as a gift from God. This is the gift of Christmas that culminates in Easter—the gift that empowers us to become children of God.*

*Have you ever thought of yourself as a sacrament? Have you ever looked at someone across the street and said, "Hey, look! There is the sacramental image of God"? What is it that prevents us, do you think, from seeing that image in ourselves and each other? In Jewish tradition, rabbis recount that each person has a procession of angels walking ahead of him or her and crying out, "Make way for the image of God." Can we even begin to imagine how very different our lives and our world might be if we lived with this as the reality and truth that guides our lives? It would mean that everywhere we go, God's angels would go before us shouting out loudly and clearly, "Here comes an image of God!"*

*And so, what Easter morning means for us is the fulfillment of the Incarnation, that day known to us as Christmas, as "God with us" to share our joys and bear our sorrows. In truth, Jesus 33 years of "God with us" continues today, for us, in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!*

*And so, if that is the truth of Easter for us, then it may also be the Easter truth for our next-door neighbor, for those we love, for those we fear, for those who are like us and those who are different, for the stranger, and yes, even for our enemies. It means that we cannot limit Easter to a one-day event. We must begin to think of the "Easter Son-Rise" as a style of daily living and a way of being. We must begin to understand Easter as a verb rather than a noun—and to live out our daily lives with that understanding.*

#### PRAYER

*Our Lord and our God, on this day when we celebrate your resurrection, help us to come to understand that Easter is much more than a one-day celebration each year. Help all of us to know and understand ourselves as an "image of You." And empower us to live out our daily lives as your image to our family, friends, neighbors, strangers, and yes, even, our enemies. Amen.*

**Grace and Peace, Pastor John**

See you in Church, Pastor John

#### April Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Apr. 5	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27,66
Apr. 12	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
Apr. 19	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Apr. 26	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
May 3	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10



### SERMON SERIES

April 5, 2020  
PALM SUNDAY

“People Of A Lie”

Matthew 26:14-27: 66

April 12, 2020  
EASTER

“No One Loved Jesus So Much As....” John 20:1-18  
SERVICE IN YOUR CAR, BRING YOUR OWN BREAD AND WINE.  
PASTOR WILL BE BLESSING BY LOUD SPEAKER.

April 19, 2020

“AM Or FM”

John 20:19-31

April 26, 2020

“Sunset Or Sunrise?”

Luke 24:13-35

### WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

THERE WILL BE NO WOMEN’S BREAKFAST ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020  
DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS!!!



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

### MEN’S BREAKFAST

THERE WILL BE NO MEN’S BREAKFAST ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2020  
DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS!!!



### VOLUNTEERS

The following people have volunteered to transport Anne White from Peter Becker Home in Harley  
Suspended until church is in session again.

Bev Spaid will then transport Anne back. Please let Sue Linkenhoker know if you are able to transport Anne  
from Peter Becker to St. Luke’s on the first Sunday of the month. We would like to have more volunteers going  
forward. Thank you Sue Linkenhoker.

### MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of March we collected \$235.15.

Thanks to your generous support the Missions Team will be sending a check to Coming Home With Grace.

### A THANK YOU

Linda Miller would like to thank all of you for the cards and concerns  
she received on the passing of her brother James Poper.

April 1	James Gambone
April 2	Nancy Claycomb
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 25	Betsy Fisher
	Heather Slaymaker
April 26	Jason Krentz
April 30	Jonathan Kurtz
	Samuel Kurtz IV

### **CHURCH LIFE BUS TRIP**

We are planning a bus trip on **Saturday, September 19th**. It will be a trip to Hummelstown, a boat ride, a train ride and after all this excitement there will be dinner, cost to be forth coming closer to the date.

Are you looking for a new hobby? Linda Boyer is generously giving her time to teach Crocheting to anyone who wants to learn and when we get really good at that we might learn something else. Let her know if you are interested and what day and time would be good for you. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

### **A BLESSINGS BOX**

We will be initiating a Blessings Box where you can donate a monetary gift for a Blessing you have had in your life. It could be a blessing that you have each week or a blessing that came to you all of a sudden and you would like to be thankful for the event. The monies will be placed in an account that at the end of the year the Council will designate where the funds will go; someone needy or to an organization that is doing good for the community.

### **A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP**

- by the Worship Committee

#### **Question: "What is Tenebrae? What is a Tenebrae service?"**

The word *Tenebrae* is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." It can also be translated as "night" or "death." The purpose of this service is to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday.

The service of Tenebrae has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Originally, the service was only for the monastic community but Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common people during Holy Week. The service was originally designed for Good Friday, but it can be used for Maundy Thursday as well.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events. During a full Tenebrae service, the readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his suffering, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of the event. As lights are extinguished, the congregation is left to ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death. Through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the end of the service, Christians can anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. The service is left in silence – unfinished - because the story isn't over until Easter Day. You can't experience the full joy of Easter, though, until you have witnessed the despair that had happened previously.

This is the good news of our faith: However dark our world may get, the light of Christ conquers the darkness and leads us all to Eternal Life.

### **DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?**

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and type in "St. Luke's United Church of Christ Trappe" for all your future Amazon orders and St. Luke's will receive .5% of the proceeds. Have fun shopping and THANK YOU!

### **SUGGESTION BOX**

A team is being organized to seek suggestions for the following ideas:

1. Financial ideas to strengthen and or cut on budget.
2. Long Range Planning for the growth, vitality and future of St. Luke's.

The Team is being spearheaded by Bob Keyser - all suggestions must have congregant's name attached to the letter and can be turned into our Suggestion Box.

Thank You.



# 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 **Brenda Kurtz** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

### 9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
April 5	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
April 12	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Isaac & Nethanel Hogue
April 19	Bev Spaid	Becci Richardson	Leah Keyser	
April 26	Becci Richardson	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
May 3	Kathy Narrigan	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 May Newsletter is April 22nd and mailing is April 24th.**

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### PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Tammy McGonagle.

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa Thomas, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1		3 3:30pm Dedication of new Ursinus Building	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 COMMUNION 9:30 Worship Service Drive through COMMUNION 	13		15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24 NEWSLETTER MAILING	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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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.**