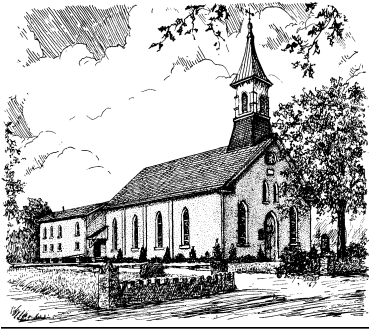


# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### December 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,

Advent....a time of waiting and anticipation. A time of preparation, of making ready. A time of darkness. A time of possibility. A good time to ask the question: “What wants to be born in me this season?” Even though we know what’s coming as we approach Advent, it doesn’t reduce our sense of anticipation. We know the Christ-child is coming into our lives in a new and fresh way once again. Every year we pray that we’ve grown, deepened our faith and experienced God’s abiding presence in our lives.

At Christmas God sent a present into the world, the gift of a loving presence, Jesus - who is Emmanuel, God - with us. The gospel stories indicate that Jesus gave few material things to people. What he gave most was his personal presence, gifts that were treasures of the heart: belief in self, inner healing, peace of mind, compassion, forgiveness, dignity and justice. This loving presence lives on in each one of us. What greater gifts could we share this season than ones that reflect the person of Jesus: our care and concern, our hope, our joy, our understanding and forgiveness, our kindness, our patience.

Looking at our present culture, Advent seems to get lost in “the Christmas rush.” The messages are all around us: “Buy this and you will be happy, buy this and you will prove your love.” Sharing presence is hard to do in a culture that keeps promoting material things as a sign of how much we love others.

When we are busy, rushed and pressed for time it is easy to miss the simple gift of presence. Advent is the perfect season to be more mindful in sharing our presence with others. It may be through a phone call, a note of appreciation, a visit or through prayer as we focus our love and attention toward those who need the strength of God to be with them.

During this Advent season may you become more aware of the power of Emmanuel’s presence with you and your ability to touch the lives of others with this ultimate Gift of Love.

Blessings on your Advent journey!

Pastor Kris

### December Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Dec. 4	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec. 11	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec. 18	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec. 24	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalms 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20
Dec. 25	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 98	Hebrews 1:1-4	John 1:1-14
Jan. 1	LESSONS AND CAROLS			

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



### First Week in Advent

Sunday, November 27, 9:30 Service.

On this first week in Advent, God is “coming” towards us. We live in expectation of Jesus being born again in our hearts and in our world. We light the first candle on our Advent Wreath and hope flickers in the world.

### Second Week in Advent

Sunday, December 4, 9:30 Holy Communion Service.

This weekend we hear John the Baptist preaching, baptizing and urging us to prepare for the coming Christ. The second candle on the Advent Wreath joins the light of the first while we long for peace in the world.



### Third Week in Advent

Sunday, December 11, 9:30 Service.

We gather to hear Jesus answer the question: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” We light the third candle as we anticipate joy coming into the world.

### Fourth Week in Advent

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 Service.

This week we hear from Joseph who is visited in a dream by an angel who tells him to take Mary as his wife. Now all four candles are lit on the Advent Wreath as we anticipate the love of God revealed in Jesus.



## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 Service

Tonight God moves into our neighborhood and nothing is ever the same again. Jesus is born! We see the light and darkness will never overcome it. Invite friends, family and neighbors to come and sing with the angels, “Joy To The World.”

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25, 9:30 Service

Today we hear from the Gospel from John appointed for Christmas Day. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”

## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 9:30 Service

On this Sunday we gather for a Service of Lessons and Carols. We hear the words of the prophets. We sing of God’s promises. We place our hope in Emmanuel—God with us.



## TRANSITION UPDATE

The Search Committee recently met with Rev. Sharon Morris concerning the search process. It was decided that the Congregational Profile will be submitted again in the New Year. Most pastoral candidates are not actively pursuing a new call during the Holidays. Continue to pray for the members of the committee:

Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Bonnie Neiman, Becci Richardson, Carrie Krentz and Dave Carl.

Pastor Kris's last Sunday at St. Luke's will be January 15th.

## CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

Our Christmas bus trip to the American Music Theatre is on  
**Saturday, December 10th.**

**We will leave St. Luke's at 10:00am.**

The day includes shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, attending the American Music Theatre "Winter Wonderland" Show, ending with a dinner Smorgasbord at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant.

We plan to return to St. Luke's at 9:00pm.

## WHITE ELEPHANT BREAKFAST

**The annual White Elephant Breakfast** will be held at O'Grady's in Phoenixville. Give up those "wonderful treasures" that are just collecting dust (nothing over \$10.00) and bring them to exchange for fun.

**We will meet at 10:00am** with gifts in hand.

See you there on **Saturday, January 14, 2017.**

Sign up sheet on bulletin board.



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00pm**

For the book "Carrying Albert Home" by Homer Hickham.

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

(NOTE: THE BOOK CLUB WILL NOT BE MEETING IN DECEMBER.)

December 2 Becky Duncan  
December 6 Melanie Prudom  
December 9 Case Salerno  
December 10 Kendall Davidson  
December 12 Dave Carl  
December 14 Josh Gray



December 16 Sarah Brand  
December 22 Carrie Krentz  
Walt Daller IV  
Jessica Russell  
December 24 Harry Neiman  
December 28 Amy Conrad



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

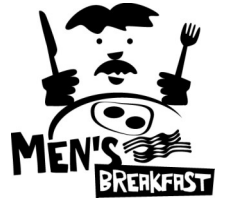
Come join the women of St. Luke's at 9:00am on the second Thursday of the month at Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.

Just ask for St. Luke's table and we will see you there.

**NOTE: OUR WHITE ELEPHANT AT O'GRADY'S IS IN JANUARY 14th.**

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



## 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 Fall series learning more about the Advent Season. 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.

Our next gathering is **Saturday, January 7th from 11am - 1pm**. We will meet at the church, when we really need to relax. We will have pizza for lunch as long as you don't get any on your colored paper!! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Do you want to get into the Christmas spirit and spread some Christmas cheer to others? Then please join us on **Sunday, December 18th** as we go caroling to our homebound members. We will leave the church at **1:00pm** and will end at the Kimmichs home for refreshments. You will make our homebound members smile and give them some Christmas cheer.

**So please sign up** on the bulletin board.



Christmas Caroling

## ANNUAL ANGEL TAGS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



Missions is once again asking for your help in making a child's Christmas morning just a little brighter! Look for the Angel Tags on the table in the Narthex. You will notice that each tag will have a child's name, sex and age plus clothes size and type of toys they are wishing to receive. They are asking that you spend **no more than \$10.00.**

**THE GIFT MUST BE UNWRAPPED WITH THE TAG FIRMLY ATTACHED!**  
**THEY MUST BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2016!**

## MISSION TRIP

On November 15 - Kathy Narrigan, Dottie Snader, Cherie Carpenter and Pastor Kris participated in a mission trip to Geiger Memorial Brethren Church in Philadelphia. They helped assemble Thanksgiving food baskets which will be distributed to needy families.

Thank-you to all who donated clothes, dish soap, toilet paper and face soap. Through your donations you made a difference in the lives of others.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join us in decorating the Christmas trees on **Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00am**. The trees will be set up at 9:00am. Lunch will be served after we have done all our decorating.

There is a sign—up sheet on bulletin board. All are invited to help...  
(and have fun, too!!)



## 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Next year St. Luke's will be celebrating its 275th Anniversary. John Kimmich and Nancy Claycomb-Morris are co-chairing the Anniversary Committee which also includes Betsy Fisher, Janet Kimmich, Corie Bowers and Bridgie Daller.

The committee will soon be meeting to plan events for 2017.



# December 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>
December 4	Jim Narrigan	Scott Koehler	Carrie Krentz
December 11	Corie Bowers	Pastor Kris	Leah Keyser
December 18	Sue Linkenhoker	Nancy Leneweaver	Sue Kelly
December 25	Scott Koehler	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver
January 1	Bev Spaid	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 January Newsletter is December 16th and mailing is December 20th.**

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## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Kim McDowell, Kitty Spickert, The Miller Family, Louise, Michele Basare, Shirley Wanamaker, 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.



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 12:30 Games  7:00 Choir  7:30 Gamblers	<b>2</b> 10 & 11 LMM	<b>3</b> 11:00 Trees and Church Decorating  
<b>4</b> 9:30 Blended Service  	<b>5</b> 12:00 LMM  7:00 Cemetery  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 10:00 LMM  5:30 Drama Kids  7:30 Church and Ministry	<b>7</b>   7:00 Orchestra	<b>8</b> 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	<b>9</b> 10 & 11 LMM	<b>10</b> 10:00am American Music Theatre Christmas Show
<b>11</b> 9:30 Blended Service  	<b>12</b> 12:00 LMM  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	<b>13</b> 9:30 Bible Study  5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	<b>14</b> 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods  7:30 Audubon Symphony Concert at Zion Lutheran Church, Spring City	<b>15</b>   7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	<b>16</b>  3:00 Grange Dinner  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> HEALING SERVICE 9:30 Blended Service   4:00 Troop #7080	<b>19</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts  7:30 Property	<b>20</b> 5:30 Drama Kids  NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>   7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 Christmas Eve Service  
<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 Blended Service  	<b>26</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 9:00 MOPS Planning  5:30 Drama Kids	<b>28</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>29</b>  7:00 Choir  7:30 Gamblers	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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## **December Newsletter**

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

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