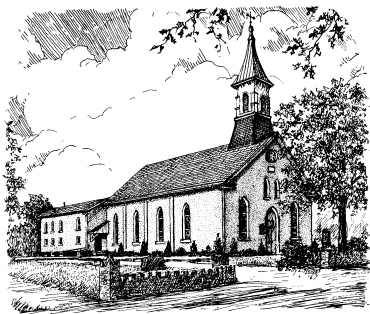


# Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

## February 2018 Newsletter



Rev. John Hogue Office – 610-489-4933 Office email - administrator@stlukestrappe.org www.stlukestrappe.org	<b>Worship Schedule</b> pastorjohn@stlukestrappe.org © 610-291-7497 Blended Service 9:30 AM 3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.
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**REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS.**

I've been intrigued in seeing Jesus' questions in the Gospels. They are easy to miss if you are not looking for them. The questions are almost camouflaged in the lines. However, once you spot them, they hit our attention. Almost like when you hike in the woods, the person in front of you let's go of a branch and it returns hard in your face. The branch lands where you might not expect it. These questions by Jesus remind us how human Jesus really was and leaves us with some deep intellectual thinking. I will tackle some of Jesus' questions during Jesus' last few months of earthly ministry in this Lenten Season. Join us as we begin to hear Jesus' questions in correlation of our modern day world. See you in Church!

Pastor John

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Instead of giving something up in Lent, such as chocolate, why not give back to others? What a true way to bless others with which God entrusts to you and I.

### **February Scripture Readings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Feb. 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
Feb. 11	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 18	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Feb. 25	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
Mar. 4	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Wednesday, February 7, 2018.**  
with the book title "Wicked Appetites" by Janet Evanovich .  
Meet us at 6:00 pm in the Parlor  
Our March 14th book will be "Another Brooklyn" by Jaclyn Woodson

## SERMON AND SCRIPTURE SABBATH SERIES

**Sabbath Series is focused from the Old Testament and is a spiritual reminder to resist the patterns of a restless, anxious and instant gratification society.**

### **Two Part Series on Pop Culture of Movies and TV:**

- February 4** "If Jesus Were A Superhero"  
Matthew 1:23; John 2:4; John 20:26; Luke 24:15-16
- February 11** "Can We Find A Positive Christian Example on TV"  
Hebrews 10:24-25; Matthew 22:36-40; Galatians 5:14
- February 14** "The Terrible, Marvelous Past" Ash Wednesday - Interactive Service, Communion  
Psalm 51

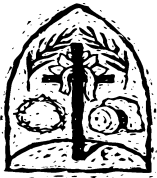
### **Questions by Jesus series:**

- February 18** "What Reward Will You Get?"  
Matthew 5:46
- February 28** "Do You Not Notice The Log In Your Own Eye?"  
Matthew 7:3

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES THEME: "Thy Will Be Done"

Service time will be at 7:30 pm.

- Wednesday, February 14 - St. Luke's UCC - Pastor John Hogue  
Wednesday, February 21 - Trinity UCC - Msgsr. McCulken  
"My Will and My Inadequacy"  
Wednesday, February 28 - St Eleanor - Fr. Mike Sowards  
"God's Will and My Dream"  
Wednesday, March 7 - Trinity - Pastor C. G. Coats  
"God's Will and My Identity"  
Wednesday, March 14 - St. James - Pastor John Hogue  
"God's Will and My Worldview"  
Wednesday, March 21 - Lower Providence - Pastor Martha Kriebel  
"God's Will and My Response"



**Worship  
Schedule  
For Lent**

- February 1 Judy Olcott  
February 4 Betty Murphy  
February 5 Grant Lloyd  
February 7 Kim Gray  
February 8 Jeanne Knauer  
Cam Narrigan



- February 21 Mitzie Oxenham  
February 22 Cassidy Keyser  
February 25 Sam Kurtz II  
February 28 James Kelly



**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Come join us on Thursday, February 8th 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 February 24th, 9 am at Café 29 in Colgeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



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**LENTEN STUDY**  
**"Our Yes To God"**

During the season of Lent, we invite you to explore what it is like to be in Jesus' inner circle. In our study we will be exploring Jesus and his disciples journey into Jerusalem and what we, ourselves may encounter in our own journey of discipleship. There are 4 churches participating in the study, with each church taking turns hosting the study and each pastor taking turns facilitating the study. Please bring a journal with you. These studies will be Thursday mornings from 9:30am until 10:30am.

- Thursday, February 22 - Linfield UCC, Linfield
- Thursday, March 1 - St Luke's UCC, Trappe
- Thursday March 8 - St. James UCC, Limerick
- Thursday, March 15 - First UCC, Royersford
- Thursday, March 22 - St. Luke's, Trappe



**2018 COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

- January 7 - The Baptism of Christ
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday
- March 29 - Maundy Thursday
- April 1 - Easter
- May 20 - Pentecost
- July 1
- August 12
- October 7 - World Wide Communion
- November 4 - All Saints
- December 2 - Advent
- December 24 - Christmas Eve



**Holy Communion**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

We will be having our Annual Maundy Thursday meal of soup and bread on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Communion will be taken after the meal. Please join us at 6:00pm in Moyer Hall.



## **EMERGENCY 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. 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. Please help us in our endeavor.

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

If anyone is interested in doing the Children’s Time on Sunday mornings please feel free to do so by contacting the Church Office.

## **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, February 3, 2018 at 9:30.**

Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## **MISSION NEWS**

### **A THANK YOU FROM THE SALVATION ARMY**

Dear friends at St. Luke’s UCC. I wanted to take a minute and thank you for your support at Christmas. Because of you, we were able to serve 138 families and helped make Christmas special for 298 children.

I look forward to working with you in the future. Have a wonderful 2018!

Serving Him completely,  
Captain Jeny Shurtheff

## **NOISY OFFERING**

The month of January the “noisy” offering of \$51.15 and matching from Missions went to Jefferson Place Shelter.

The February offering will be going to Laurel House. Laurel House offers supportive programs and services for those impacted by Domestic Violence.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) Beginning in 2018, we are stepping up to answer the call of Mission commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 25 by having a noisy offering. Noisy Offering will always be the third Sunday of the month with our loose change which will go to a local mission agency. Our mission team will match the funds ...so if we receive \$30 in coin currency then Mission will match it with \$30. Some people may not always remember their coins but paper currency is also welcomed.
- 2) 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}
- 3) Just a reminder that Script gift cards aren't just for the Christmas holiday. They're available year round for a multitude of purchase occasions. How about flowers or a nice restaurant meal for your Valentine or your friends and family for any occasion in February? And don't forget your valentine cards from the Hallmark store.
- 4) You might ask what difference a blanket can make. It can make a big one. Because a blanket can do many things. It can provide warmth to a victim of a flood or a fire. It can serve as bedding in a homeless shelter. Or be a welcome gift to a newly arrived refugee or migrant worker. It can hold and carry belongings. It feels like a big warm hug. During February our congregation will be actively involved with the Church World Service Blanket Program. Please use the envelopes provided in the weekly bulletin to designate your gift for this purpose. Each blanket costs only \$10 and can be a vital resource for someone needing support, warmth and encouragement. Thank you for your support!

### MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD

Did you notice prayers for Missionary partners every Sunday? Our OCWM dollars help support their ministries. This month our prayers are for Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper in South Africa; Lauren Robinson in the Philippines; Joshua Buscik in the Dominican Republic and Joanines Adorno-Diaz in India. They appreciate our prayers.

### MEMBERS WHO PASSED DURING 2017

Bill Loftus  
Mary Lou Huston  
E. Lee Litka  
Rae "Kitty" Walker  
Charles Walker





# February 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

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Feb. 4	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Joan and Bob Keyser
Feb. 11	Scott Koehler	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	Boy Scouts
Feb. 18	Beverly Spaid	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	Bev Spaid and Corie Bowers
Feb. 25	Sue Kelly	Pastor John	Kim Gray	Joan and Bob Keyser
Mar. 4	Becci Richardson	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Sam Kurtz III and Donna Groff

## 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 March Newsletter is February 20th and mailing is February 23rd .**


## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Al S., Bill Leopold, Don Ashenfelter, Harry N., Linda Miller, Maura K., Maureen T., Megan Orza, Michele Basare, 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, Rod Bowers, Shirley Prudom, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.



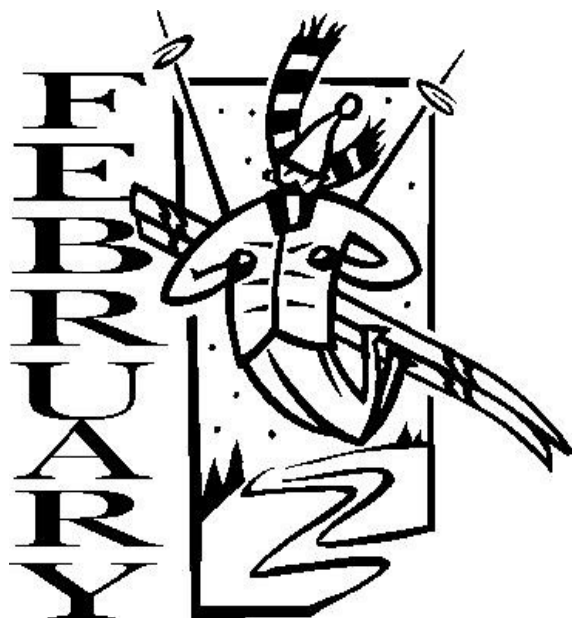
# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 Games  7:30 Gamblers	2 10:00 LMM   Groundhog Day	3 9:30 Retreat Coloring
4 9:30 Blended Service	5  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cemetery	6 10:00 LMM  5:30 Drama Kids	7 6:00 Book Club 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Confirmands 7:00 Choir 7:00 Orchestra	8 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	9 10:00 LMM	10  6:00 Boy Scout Sleep Over
11 9:30 Blended Service Boy Scout Sunday  Noisy Offering Sunday	12  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	13 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM  5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Church and Ministry 7:30 Council	14 7:30 LENTEN SERVICE WITH COMMUNION at St. Luke's UCC  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15  7:30 Gamblers	16 10:00 LMM	17
18 9:30 Blended Healing Service	19  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	20 10:00 LMM  5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Confirmands 7:00 Choir 7:00 Orchestra 7:00 Green Bar 7:00 College Woods 7:30 Trinity UCC Lenten Service	22 9:30 Lenten Study Linfield UCC  7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	23 10:00 LMM  NEWSLETTER MAILING	24  Private Party - Moyer Hall
25 9:30 Blended Service	26  7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Missions	27 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM  5:30 Drama Kids	28 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:00 Orchestra  7:30 St Eleanor Lenten Service	March 1 9:30 Lenten Study St. Luke's		

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## **February Newsletter**

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

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