

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

July 2019 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.

When I am in the midst of creating food dishes to share with my friends and family, I lose all sense of time. I get absorbed in the smells, the textures, the colors, and the experience of creating a dish. There is no way I could make the cut for cooking in a few minutes as they do on the Food Network shows. I would be chopped before I would begin!

Food connects us to each other. There are countless food gatherings in the Bible. When you stop and think about it for a moment, how many of our opportunities for socialization and community building happen over food. Food can create a mood. How many of us, when planning a romantic evening, don't think about something special or some place special where the place, the food, and the music contribute to the creation of something bigger than any of it by themselves. We connect over food, we share experiences through food, and we develop community over food. I wish to share with you this amazing Easter Pretzel recipe that was given to me by a former member of one of my congregations. These are good anytime of the year and always a hit with people. Enjoy! SEE PAGE 3 FOR RECIPE

Pastor John

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE STARTING

September 8th at 6pm.

The service is entitled "The Way". "The Way" is in reference to the ancient terminology for early Christians who were used the term to point others to Jesus and code term for their journey. Our 'The Way' service is based on the following:

1. Communion every week
2. Centered on a round table with candles to bring closeness with others and God.
3. It will have open liturgy and offering will be a part of the service
4. Soft music will be played
5. It will be no more than 35 minutes long
6. The brief sermons will be focused on the scripture's of 'One -another' in following the Way of Jesus---

3 SIPS CAFÉ AND BIBLE STUDY

We will resume in the fall, watch for our first date.

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July Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 7	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalms 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14	Amos 7:7-17	Psalms 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Amos 8:1-12	Psalms 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 28	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalms 85	Colossians 2:1-15	Luke 11:1-13
Aug 4	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalms 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

SERMON SERIES

July 7	Romans 8:19-21; 2 Peter 3:9	‘Rising: Wonder and Awe’
July 14	Deut. 6:6-9; Phil. 2:12	‘Forming: Being Rooted’
July 21	John 4:20-24	‘Remembrance’
July 28	Matthew 6:16-19; Romans 6:3-5	‘Baking and Fasting’
August 4	John 6:48-69; Luke 24:30-35	‘Serving and Feasting’
August 11	John 10:7-18; John 6:35-40	‘Setting To Rights: Seasons’



July Noisy Offering Beneficiary

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties partners with local residents to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers, and pay an affordable mortgage. Habitat also provides low cost home repairs, financial literacy and empowerment education, and revitalizes neighborhoods. With your support, families achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves.

Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that divide people.

In addition to the volunteer opportunities building and repairing homes that we’re all familiar with, Habitat offers programs that can help families improve their day-to-day lives. For example,

Almost Home is a six-week program that focuses on overall behavior change and helps families set goals, learn skills and change financial behaviors. As a result of the program, families may become financially stable and thereby qualify for Habitat’s Home Buying and Critical Home Repair programs.

Neighborhood Revitalization is a grass-roots level program that works with the people in the community to identify local assets and goals, stabilize neighborhoods, and improve residents’ safety and quality of life. Through collaboration with residents, local government, the faith community (*us*), and community non-profits, the program responds to community aspirations by taking an overall look at needs and empowering residents and community partners to help their neighborhoods grow and thrive. Habitat works to improve an 11-block zone in Norristown comprising 320 households, and a six-block zone in Pottstown comprising 339 households.

Habitat’s Critical Home Repair provides low-cost home repairs to address critical needs in a home that may threaten the health, safety, security, and/or accessibility. The program prioritizes low-income elderly, disabled, and veteran homeowners who are struggling to maintain their home. For example, this program enables homeowners over 65 to safely and affordably age in place rather than relocating to a significantly more expensive alternative such as assisted living or nursing home facilities.

For more information on the programs offered by Habitat for Humanity and opportunities to volunteer, check out www.habitatmontdelco.org. And consider making some noise during Noisy Offering, Sunday, July 14. Thank you for your generous spirits!

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, July 11th at 9:00am
At Grace’s in the Trappe Shopping Center.
NOTE THE NEW PLACE



July 3	Ashley Salerno
July 5	Janet Kimmich
	Roy Linkenhoker, Jr.
	Mike Duncan
July 7	Jacob Conrad



July 19	Gordon MacElhenney (85)
July 23	Anne White
	Becci Richardson
	Lauren Brand

FAMILY EASTER PRETZELS

*1/8 cup hot water
1 package active dry yeast
1 ½ cups warm water
1/3 cup brown sugar
5 cups flour
extra flour
coarse kosher salt
1 Tbsp baking soda*

Heat oven to 475. In a large bowl, mix the hot water and yeast until the yeast dissolves. Stir in the warm water and the brown sugar. Slowly add 5 cups of flour to the mixture, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the mixture is smooth and does not stick to the sides of the bowl. Put the dough on a lightly floured board. Dip your hands in the extra flour. Knead the dough until it is stretchy and smooth. Push it down and away from you with the palms of your hands. Turn the dough as you work.

Grease two cookie sheets very well. Sprinkle each with coarse kosher salt. Set the sheets aside. Pinch off a piece of pretzel dough about the size of a golf ball and shape it into a pretzel.

Fill a frying pan with water. For each cup of water in the pan, add 1 tablespoon of baking soda. Bring the water to a gentle boil (a few bubbles). Use a spatula to lower each pretzel into the frying pan. Count very slowly to 30. Then lift the pretzel onto the greased and salted cookie sheet.

Repeat until all the dough is used.

Sprinkle kosher salt on top of the pretzels and bake them in the oven for 8 minutes or until the pretzels are golden.

SAVE THE DATE!

SAT SEPT 28th 2019 9am – 3pm



Sept. 28 Craft and Food Festival is around the corner! We have 28 silent auction baskets in the works! We pray to have more for the silent auction. Moyer Hall will have tables for renters for crafts and please see Kathy Narrigan if you know of someone or wish to have a table to rent for the day. We will have our own food for the day. We will have homemade 'Beefburgers' or on the east Coast they say sloppy joe's. Help us out with your food and baked goods as well. Remember our queen size quilt that we have tickets we are selling as well. For the silent auction- do you have a talent to offer ? DO you patronize certain vendors? Ask them for donations!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our Christmas in July packing party for 50 shoeboxes for deserving children will be here before we know it on Sunday, July 21st. **Remember – we’re focusing solely on girls and boys ages 10-14 this year, as they are often overlooked in favor of the younger kids.** Check the easel in the Narthex for needed items including pencils, small notebooks or pads, shoes, hats, gloves, combs or brushes, toothbrushes, dental floss, washcloths, socks and crayons. For a great list of suggested items visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>. Click on the 10-14 age group.

Please do **not** donate: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items of any kind, war-related items like toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or aerosol cans.

Thank you for your enthusiastic generosity. Please add your donations to the box next to the Prayer Wall.

FINANCE CORNER (as of 06/19/19)

OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$44,433.00

ACTUAL EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE: \$96,953.00

BUDGET YEAR TO DATE: \$114,559.00

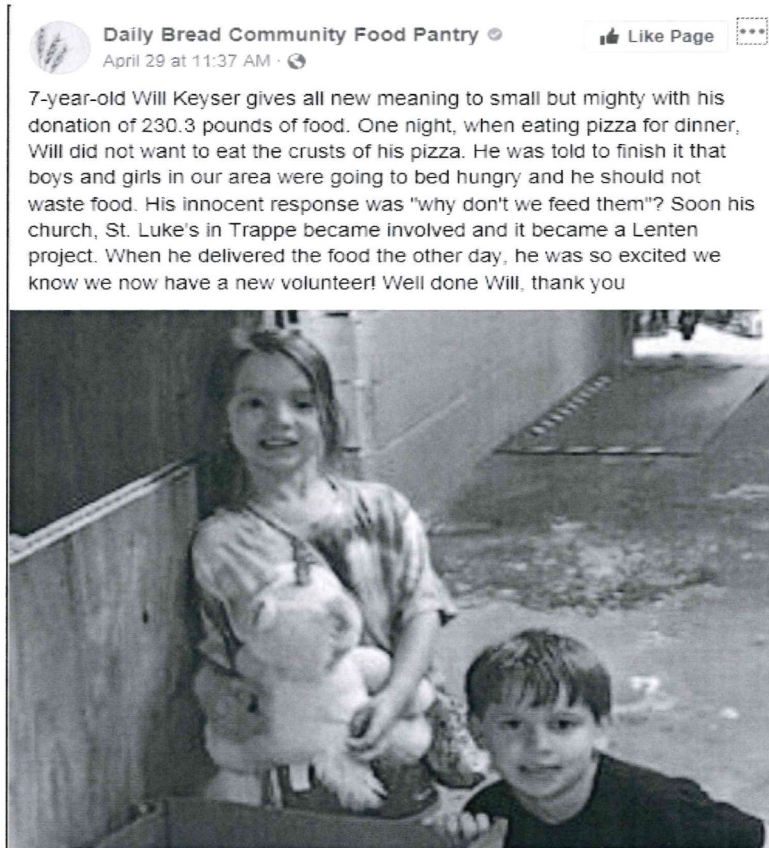
If you have questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKET SALE BEGINS NOW!

Each and every member of St. Luke’s is asked to help sell a **minimum** of 10 raffle tickets for the Fall Festival. The winner receives the beautiful queen size handmade pinwheel quilt shown below. But it will not go to that person unless we raise a minimum of \$500, the cost of postage for the shoeboxes. **Tickets cost \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5.** You will soon receive your personal supply of tickets. Feel free to turn in your stubs and money at any time and sell more than the initial 10 tickets if you’re able.

Buy them yourself if you must, but this is a perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to a bigger, better party than last year. Thank you for your help spreading the word in our community! If you have questions, please contact any member of the Missions Team.





Cassidy and Will hard at work!!!!

Summer at the Daily Bread

Summer is a great time for kids since it's a break from classes and homework. But it can be a difficult time for families with children who rely on help with meals at school. Some children may need to take care of themselves if their parents are at work. **Please keep children in mind for the next couple of months with simple, easy to prepare food items.** As of March 2019, Daily Bread was serving 249 households and 254 children.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of June we collected \$ 130.00 for the Gambone Family.
 July 14th "noisy" offering will be for Heifer Project.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the June Noisy Offering for the benefit of the Gambone Family's medical expenses. We will be able to send them a check for \$260 soon. Surely it will help to know that others care in what must be a very stressful time.

DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for smile.amazon.com. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and type in "St. Luks 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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on Wednesday, June 26,
 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville PA .





July 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>
July 7	Becci Richardson	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	
July 14	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	Isaac & Nethanel Hogue
July 21	Tom Lloyd	Becci Richardson	Carrie Krentz	Nancy Lewis & Carl Walters
July 28	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	Melanie Prudom & Drew Crafton
Aug. 4	Corie Bowers	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	

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 August Newsletter is July 25h and mailing is July 29th.


PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Carl "Corky" Walters, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Claycomb.

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



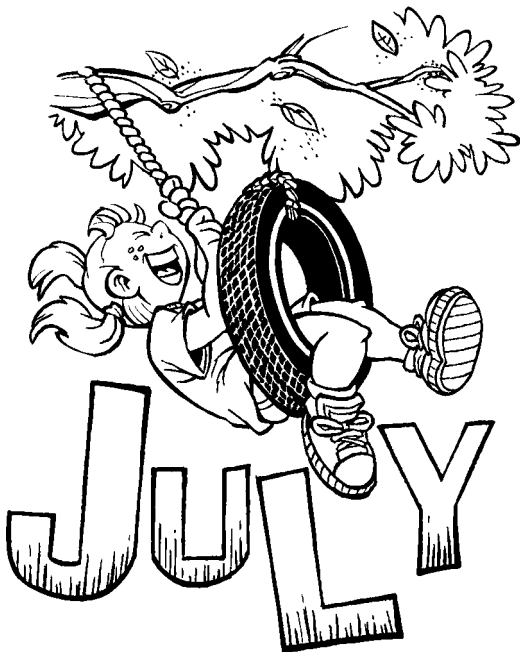
JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 7:00 Finance	3 7:00 Endowment	4 OFFICE CLOSED  7:30 GANON	5	6
7 9:30 Blended Service 2:30 Parkhouse Service	8 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	10	11 9:00 Women's Breakfast (Grace's) 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	12 10:00 LMM	13
14 9:30 Worship Service Noisy Offering 10:30 Congregational Meeting	15 6:30 Missions 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	16	17	18 7:30 GANON	19	20
		DRAMA KIDS CAMP				
21 CHRISTMAS IN JULY 9:30 Blended Service (Healing Service) 10:30 Shoebox Packing w/ Refreshments	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24	25 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 10:00 LMM	27
28 9:30 Blended Service 10:30 Coffee Hour w/ Janet and John Kimmich	29 7:00 Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER MAILING	30	31 9:00 Men's Breakfast			

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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