

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

June 2016 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

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Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

From the Interim Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A number of years ago a “movement” swept across the country. It began in California with a woman who was sitting in a restaurant one day when some words popped into her head. She jotted the words down on a paper placement . . . “Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.”

Soon it appeared as graffiti on a wall. A 7th grade school teacher saw it, liked it, and wrote it on the blackboard in his classroom. (This was well before social media.) One of his students copied it and showed it to her mother who was a newspaper columnist. She wrote about it and it swept across the nation. It was on bumper stickers and billboards, on business cards and refrigerators, in magazine articles and posters. . . “Practice Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty.”

I remembered this on my recent trip to Omaha. My mother has moved into skilled nursing in the last few weeks. One of her caretakers has been particularly kind to her . . . popping in to see her even when he is assigned to a different floor. One simple action that has brightened my mom’s day.

“Practice Random Acts of Kindness.” It means expecting nothing in return, helping others around you, being kind and thoughtful, making this world a better place by being a loving person. Startling people with gracious acts of generosity. Examples abound.

One woman included a cheerful thank-you note in her bills as she paid them. Another paid the bridge toll of the car behind her. Another put quarters into parking meters that were about to expire. Why? Because “it’s just a nice thing to do, that’s all.”

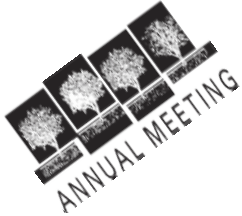
“Practice Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty.” At the time it was thought of as some new “movement” sweeping the country. And yet, when you think about it, it’s really not so new after all. Two thousand years ago, Jesus came to show us how to be kind and gracious and generous and thoughtful and loving. Think about the Sermon on the Mount. Think about Jesus’ parables. Think about his life . . . a life lived in loving others.

Blessings as you continue to “practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty,” making the world a better place.

Pastor Kris

June Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 5	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalms 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
June 12		Psalms 100	Colossians 3:16-17	
June 19	1 Kings 19:1-4	Psalms 42 & 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 26	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July 3	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalms 30	Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



ANNUAL JUNE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual June Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 12, 2016** after the 9:30 worship service. This is an important meeting as the Congregation calls a new pastor this year. All yearly reports will be included in this meeting.

TRANSITION UPDATE

The Search Committee has received 7 candidate profiles for the pastoral position at St. Luke's. The profiles are being reviewed. Please keep Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Becci Richardson, Bonnie Neiman and Carrie Krentz as well as the Congregation in your prayers during this time of discernment.

CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

Let's Get Organized - Phase IV will be happening on Saturday, June 4th at 9:00am. Coffee and donuts will be offered again to start the day. Many hands make light work. We will try to tackle the attic above the kitchen. Ladder climbing optional. Lots of "treasures", lots of 'stuff' many years up there.

FIGHTIN' PHILLIES



Check out the bulletin board to sign up for 'BIG YELLOW BUS' that will be taking us to the Fightn' Phils Game on Sunday, August 7, 2016 against the Altoona Curve. Our wonderful bus driver Bob will be driving again this year, we will be **leaving the church parking lot at 3:00pm SHARP**. Last year we got there and home safely and in great time, he is so AWESOME. **Tickets are \$30.00 and to be made out to St. Luke's UCC AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS JUNE 26TH.** The game starts at **5:05pm**, there is a **2 1/2 hour all-you-can-eat buffet**. Character Pool is available for kids under 14 years of age (that's your true age NOT the age you think you are!) and a Phunland Area.

Our Rally Day Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th at the Upper Providence Park on Black Rock Road.

Service at 10:00am, Picnic to follow. Remember to bring your own place settings, your eating utensils and drinking cups. If you like ambiance bring a table cloth for your table.



June 5	Eileen Hughes
June 6	Don Ashenfelter
June 7	Julia Kelly
June 8	Sam Koehler
June 12	Mackenzie Ridge
June 13	Adam Daller



June 14	Jessica Hudop
June 17	Kitty Spickard
June 18	Nathan Koehler
June 20	Bett Strunk
June 21	Judy Claycomb
June 22	Jessica Slaymaker
June 25	Madeline Krentz



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.

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



CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

When we come together to worship, the music that we sing, that we play, that we hear is all for the glory of God. Music teaches and inspires as it builds up the body of Christ.

Church Music Sunday will be celebrated at St. Luke's on June 12. This is an opportunity to thank our Director of Music, Bob Carpenter and the choir for sharing their musical gifts. We have been uplifted and inspired by their anthems and service music sung and played to the glory of God.

PATRIOTIC HYMN SING



To celebrate the birthday of our country, St. Luke's will be having a patriotic hymn sing at the beginning of the service on July 3, 2016 (the service will still end by 10:30am). Come decked out in your red, white and blue!!

MAKE YOUR JOYFUL NOISE

During the summer months you are invited to share your musical talent (voice, piano, musical instrument) with the Congregation.

Sign-up sheet is on the hall bulletin board for the
Sundays through September 4, 2016.



SPECIAL MUSIC



RECENT GRADUATES

Please let the church office know of any recent high school/college graduates and their future plans.

FATHER'S DAY

On Father's Day, June 19th we will honor our fathers and all those who have provided fatherly care in our lives. All men are invited to wear bow or regular ties to worship on Father's Day. (Suit coat optional).



FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is known by different names, each name we use for this sacrament brings out a different dimension. It is the **Lord's Supper** because it commemorates the Passover meal Jesus ate with His disciples; it is the **Eucharist** (thanksgiving) because in it we thank God for Christ's work for us; it is **Communion** because through it we commune with God, with other believers and the communion of saints. As we eat the bread and drink the wine, we are invite to quietly reflect as we recall Jesus' death and His promise to come again. We are grateful for God's wonderful gifts to us, joyful as we meet with Christ, the body of believers and all the saints.

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 meeting at St. Luke's on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9-11am for fellowship and coloring (pencils, gel pens, sharpies and coloring books will be provided. You may also bring your own).

Our first gathering is Saturday, June 25th. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00pm** to discuss the book "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman. You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library. Due to quite a few absences in **July there will be NO book club meeting**. Our next meeting will be August 10th at 6:00pm.

Thank God for... is a column for you to contribute outstanding achievements by our members in and out of the church or any other moment you want to Thank God for.... Please consider letting us know about your Thank God moment.



The ladies of St. Luke's again came through at the Ladies Tea with Julia Childs. It never amazes me how great the women of this church rise to the occasion.

WEDNESDAY WAVERS



Come out at **7:00AM** every Wednesday morning starting Wednesday, June 1st. until the Wednesday after Labor Day. We need your "lovely" arms waving and "SMILING" faces greeting everyone on their morning travels. Afterwards we gather for coffee, snacks and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During the month of June, Missions will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Through this social ministry organization, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

- ◆ Build sustainable communities. OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 countries to build communities that enable people to rise above hunger, disease and illiteracy.
- ◆ Respond to disaster. OGHS provides emergency and long term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, civil strife and war.
- ◆ Minister to refugees. OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in 8 other Protestant denominations and Church World Services in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness of and extent of our witness many times over.

Please give generously to make a difference in our world!!!



June 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>
June 5	Bev Spaid	Pastor Kris	Carrie Krentz
June 12	Brenda Koehler	Nancy Leneweaver	Leah Keyser
June 19	Sue Kelly	Sue Kelly	Sue Kelly
June 26	Becci Richardson	Scott Koehler	Kim Gray
July 3	Kathy Narrigan	Becci Richardson	Sue Kelly

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

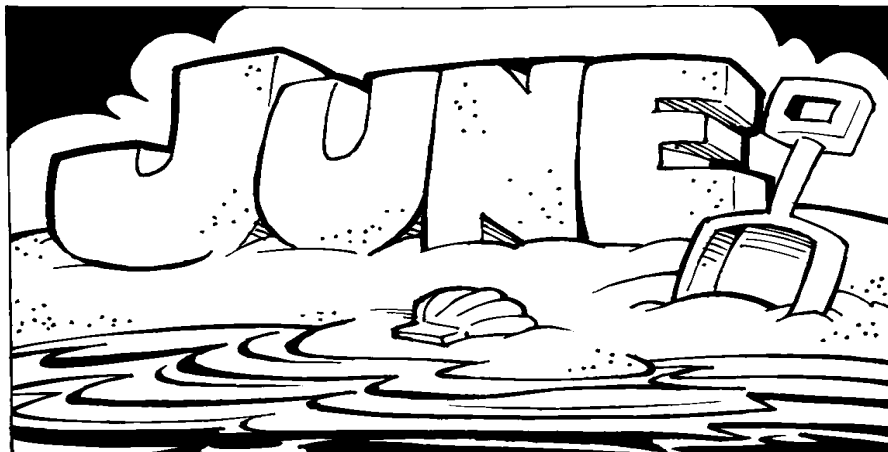
If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**



Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the July/August Newsletter is June 22nd and mailing is June 27th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Charlie, George White, John K., Linda and Doug Miller, Michele Basare, Mike Richardson, Sue and Roy Linkenhoker, Sr., Theresa.

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, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser, Tricia White Heiser and Tom Hairston.

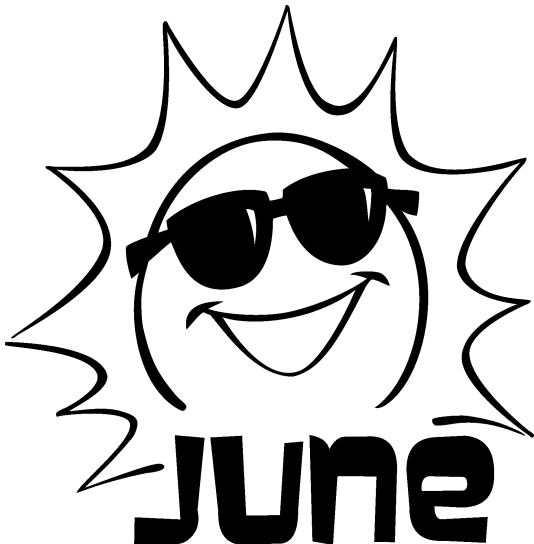


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Finance Freedom Inc.	2 10 Bright Spot Music 12:30 Games 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	3 10 & 11 LMM	4 9:00 Organize IV
5 9:30 Blended Service	6 10:00 LMM 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 10:45 Brt Spt - MH 7:30 Church and Ministry	8 10:45 Brt Spt MH 6:00 Book Club	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast 10 Bright Spot Music 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	10	11
12 9:30 Blended service Church Music Sunday	13 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 10:45 Brt Spt - MH 7:30 Council 	15 10:45 Brt Spt - MH 6:00 Historical Soc. 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods	16 7:00 Bright Spot - MH Graduation 7:30 Gamblers	17	18
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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