

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

June 2022 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:00 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:00 AM

An Update From Our Mission In Ghana

I received this email from Rev. Lordson, the Pastor of the Evangelical Churches in Vakpo Todzi and Vakpo Fu.

Peace and Grace from our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you!

I am happy to write to you after a little break in communications. I hope you're doing well and your ministry. We are also fine, and the school is also in progress. The churches are also thriving in His grace. The Fu congregation which was at the verge of collapse is gaining momentum day by day through the grace of God and the cooperation of the new Catechist. The motor bike is put into good use and helping the ministry in the village. On many occasions it was used to help sick members access the nearby clinic. It is also helping the Catechists to reach out to backsliding members outside the community, in the cottages.

Vakpo Todzi on the other hand is working hard to put up the Pastors residence started last year under my leadership. The wall is almost completed and we have started mobilizing financial resources to roof it by the beginning of the last quarter of the year (September). We are waiting for the final estimate from the artisans, and I will share that with you in due course. Included in the building is a well-designed guest room, which we hope you will lodge in when you visit Ghana the next time or any of our mission partners is in Ghana. It is planned with you in mind.

The ministry generally is doing well and the bond between the church and community is growing stronger every day. Church attendance and outreach is getting better every day. Even though general economic situations are not getting better, faith in divine providence of God is increasing. I would end here today but look forward to share more updates with you in coming days.

Least I forget, please how is the fund raising for the bus going? I am praying for divine intervention. May God bless and keep you.

With lots of love from Rev. Lordson

I encourage you to continue your support to these mission projects, As you can see from above, our assistance is making a huge difference in the life and vitality of these two church communities,

Blessings, Pastor Pat

June Scripture Readings

| Date | Old Testament | 2nd Lesson | Epistle | Gospel |
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| June 5 | Acts 2:1-21 | Psalm 104:24-34, 35b | Romans 8:14-17 | John 14:8-17 |
| June 12 | Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 | Psalm 8 | Romans 5:1-5 | John 16:12-15 |
| June 19 | 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-15a) | Psalm 42 & 43 | Galatians 3:23-29 | Luke 8:26-39 |
| June 26 | 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 | Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 | Luke 9:51-62 |
| July 3 | 2 Kings 5:1-14 | Psalm 30 | Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16 | Luke 10:1-11,16-20 |

CHURCH LIFE !!!!

Church Life has planned (rescheduled) an event. The cancelled White Elephant Breakfast will be held on Saturday July 16th, at O'Gradys in Phoenixville at 10:00am. Remember your items that you put away for the January White Elephant that was cancelled, well get them out again so you can now get rid of them!!!. Our Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18th. The church service will begin at 10:00, with the picnic to follow. Bring your own place settings to the Pavilion on Black Rock Road
Remember this is a St. Luke's eating event, bring your appetite!!!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 19, 2022 right after the Service. Please plan to stay for this meeting, there are several things to discuss. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the women of St. Luke's at Spring Ford Diner on the second Thursday of the month, June 9th this month, see you there I hope. Find out what is happening in the neighborhood.

A Word About Worship

from the Worship Committee

Praise and Worship Through Singing

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Singing and music is an essential part of our praise worship to God. The purpose of music and singing during the worship service is to lift God up in praise, to express our love, gratitude and thankfulness to him for all he has done for us. When we focus on the Lord, we remove our eyes from our own problems, and we end up being encouraged in the process.

The lyrics of the hymns or praise songs have different uses during the service. It is the lyrics that communicate the message during the singing. Some lyrics are directed towards God, which would make it a singing prayer. Other times, the lyrics are focused on the listeners. These songs may urge Christian living, hope, or encouragement.

Sound without substance misses the aim of communicating admiration and allegiance to God. Our singing to God may not always be with the most beautiful voice – but it is not our voices to which He listens.

There is the story of a group of monks who had a song service every evening as part of their evening devotionals. One day, a professional singer visited them and they asked him to sing for them. They all kept silent so as not to take from the beauty of his singing. That night, one of the monks dreamt that an angel asked him where the beautiful singing was that evening. The monk said, "I don't understand. Our singing is usually terrible as none of us can sing very well, but tonight we had a professional, and his singing was beautiful." The angel replied, "But in heaven, we heard nothing."

When we sing, it should come from the depths of our heart. We can't just go through the motions, we have to enter into genuine praise and worship with our voice. When we sing during the worship service, it should be a time of rejoicing. We should rejoice that we are saved, rejoice that we are forgiven, rejoice that God is with us, rejoice that Christ died for us, and rejoice that the Holy Spirit is here with us.

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| June 3 | Greg Kimmich |
| June 4 | Sean Narrigan |
| June 5 | Eileen Hughes |
| June 6 | Stela Suto |



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| June 7 | Julia Kelly |
| June 8 | Sam Koehler |
| June 13 | Adam Daller |
| June 22 | Jessica Slaymaker |

ATTENTION MEN

The men of St. Luke's meet the 4th Wednesday of each month for breakfast at Café 29 on Route 29 in Collegeville. Join them for a discussion of your choice. They would be glad to see you.

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MISSIONS UPDATE

Ghana Initiatives. Just a quick reminder about 2 important programs in support of St. Luke's outreach in Ghana.

✠ **Teacher Sponsorship.** You/your family can now be a monthly sponsor of the teachers at the St. Luke's Day Care center.

It's easy! Pick your month and let Corie know. Write St. Luke's a check for \$100.00 and designate "Ghana teacher sponsorship" on the memo line. Who will step up to the challenge?

✠ **Gas cans for Ghana.** Yeah! After a rather long COVID interruption, we're resuming our 2nd Sunday of the month Noisy Offerings on April 10th Dig deep into your pockets. Look under the seat in your car, check the couch cushions and don't forget to look under your mattress, either!

Be prepared to throw your spare change or bills into our new gas can collectors.

Fund will be put towards a longer term goal to provide a mini-van. This will enable more regular, reliable transportation of children. Those of you who Zoom or may not be in the sanctuary in person every Sunday can also participate. Just use the memo line on your check so the funds can be tracked correctly. Our friends in Ghana are ever grateful for your continued support!



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH – PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the church. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. St. Luke's will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. Please use your special donation envelope and make a note on your check to designate your offering. Thank you!





June Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Nancy Claycomb** 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.

9:00 Blended Service

| | <u>Lay Leader</u> | <u>Children's Time</u> | <u>Nursery</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| June 5 | Tom Lloyd | | | |
| June 12 | Bev Spaid | Pastor Morris | | |
| June 19 | Kathy Narrigan | | | |
| June 26 | Tom Lloyd | Nancy Leneweaver | | |
| July 3 | Jim Narrigan | | | |

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 Newsletter is June 22nd and mailing is June 27th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Yvonne Cross, The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller.

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

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 7:00am Wednesday Wavers | 2 7:30 GANON | 3 | 4 10 - 2 Historical Parking |
| 5 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom | 6 | 7 10:00 Bible Study | 8 7:00am Wednesday Wavers | 9 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 GANON | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, Children's Sermon with Rev. Morris And on Zoom | 13 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life | 14 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council  | 15 7:00am Wednesday Wavers | 16 7:30 GANON | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:00 Healing Service in Sanctuary Rev. Morris. And also on Zoom. Also the Congregational Mtg.  | 20 | 21 10:00 Bible Study | 22 7:00am Wednesday Wavers 9:00 Men's Breakfast | 23 7:30 GANON 7:30 Toastmasters NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And also on Zoom. | 27 NEWSLEETTER MAILING | 28 10:00 Bible Study | 29 7:00am Wednesday Wavers | 30 7:30 GANON | | |

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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