

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

May 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,

On May 15 we will be celebrating Pentecost along with all our brothers and sisters across denominational lines from UCC to Roman Catholics to Baptists to Methodists to Presbyterians to Lutherans to Pentecostal. I love Pentecost because it's our festival—the secular world ignores it. It's the feast of the church that celebrates our birth, and by the gift of the Spirit fills us with power and grace. At Christmas we witness the birth of Jesus, during Holy Week and Easter, his death and resurrection, but Pentecost is for his disciples—from those hiding behind locked doors on Easter evening, to the 120 waiting and praying fifty days later, to you and me. Pentecost is our feast—a day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which set the church rocking, a day that outside observers confused with a wild party, a day when the church catches fire.

Before the day was over the uncertain one hundred twenty followers of Jesus had grown to over 3000 believers. And Peter the uneducated fisherman, the one who only weeks before had denied Jesus three times, now boldly stands up and proclaims the one he had denied to be Lord and Messiah. And the same Spirit who

- hurled the stars through space,
- filled Abraham with faith and Sarah with laughter,
- empowered Moses to lead God's people out of slavery into freedom of the promised land,
- danced with David and raged with the prophets,
- put flesh upon the dry, dead bones of Israel,
- gave hope to the exiles and life to the womb of Mary,
- changed water into wine,
- multiplied loaves and fishes,
- brought peace and healing, and raised the dead ---.

--- this same Spirit now explodes into the Church.

Without the Spirit breathing life into those one hundred twenty followers of Jesus, one by one they would have slipped away, given up and gone home to their old lives. One by one they would have forgotten the carpenter from Nazareth. One by one they would have relegated Jesus to a memory that would die when they did. But when they breathed in the Spirit on that Pentecost day, their world would never be the same—nor is ours.

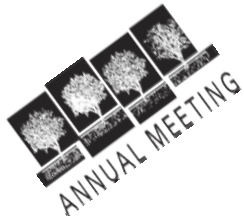
What began with wind and fire on that Pentecost day over 2000 years ago, continues today—right here at St. Luke's—God continues to fill his Church and his people with power and possibility. The Spirit's stirred up – and it's filling the Church, this congregation, with energy, passion and new life!!!

Come Holy Spirit, Come Amen.

Blessings on the Journey,
Pastor Kris

May Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
May 1	Acts 16:9-15	Psalms 67	Revelation 22:1-5	John 14:23-29
May 8	Acts 16:16-34	Psalms 97	Ephesians 1:15-23	John 17:20-26
May 15	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
May 22	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalms 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
May 29	1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39	Psalms 96:1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
June 5	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalms 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17



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 and they are due into the office by May 20th.

TRANSITION UPDATE

Members of The Search Committee and Pastor Kris met with Rev. Sharon Morris on March 27th to outline the search process. A summary statement from the Congregational Profile is now on the national UCC Website. Interviews with candidates will be taking place in the near future. Please keep Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Becci Richardson, Bonnie Neiman and Carrie Krentz as well as the congregation in your prayers as a new pastor is called to serve St. Luke's.

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.

We are going to have another "Women's Tea on Saturday, May 21st at 4:00pm. We will be inviting other churches in the area to join us this year; will we see white gloves, hats and spring dresses on our ladies? We will be having "Julia Childs" as our guest speaker, "Julia Says, Bon Appétit", come and join in the fun with Julia and the ladies of St. Luke's. (See page 5.)



Our Annual trip to the Reading Phighting Phillies will be on Sunday, August 7th, we leave the church parking lot at 3:00pm sharp, so mark your calendars. Cost is \$30.00 per peson, all you can eat buffet and bus ride with our congenial driver "Bob". Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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.



May 5	Bill Leopold
	Noah Kissinger
May 7	Lee Litka
May 9	Bob Keyser
	Cynthia Brown
May 11	Don Wanamaker



May 20	Pete Leneweaver
May 22	Bonnie Neiman
May 25	Rev. Kris Peterson
May 26	Linda Miller
May 28	Leah Keyser
May 29	Amanda Conrad



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.



REDNER'S TAPES

Thanks to everyone who saves the Redner's Tapes and places them in the box in the lower coat closet.
Please review the rules for the Save-A-Tape program.

- ♦Customer must use their Pump Perks/1% Save-A-Tape card for purchase, this shows on the bottom of the tape.
- ♦Please submit the whole tape.
- ♦No fuel purchase receipts are considered.

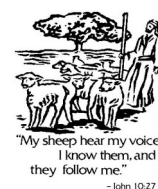
If you shop at Redners' and do not have a Save-A-Tape/Pump Perks card, please stop by Customer Service and get one. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On April 17th, Good Shepherd Sunday, Sue Kelly led the Sunday School in exploring the many ways God takes care of us.



Scott Koehler will teach the class on May 15th which is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church.



HATS...HATS...HATS

...on Mother's Day May 8th we will honor our mothers and all those who have provided nurturing care in our lives. All ladies are invited to wear your favorite hat to worship on Mother's Day.
Let's see if we can brighten the day.



Mother's Day Hats

PENTECOST

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Jesus 40 days after Easter. The Holy Spirit empowered them for their mission and gathered them together as a church. All are invited to wear RED on **Pentecost Sunday, May 15th**

UNWRAPPING GOD'S GIFT OF JOY

Women's Mini Retreat



A heart full of God is a happy heart which radiates an infectious joy...Pope Francis

Jesus gives us a clue as to what kind of life He wants for us in John 10:10: "I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance." If abundant life means anything at all, it means a life of joy. We are God's people characterized by an overflowing, amazing, abundant joy...a joy that knows no limits...a joy based on our identity in God...a joy that flows from a deep source which is not dependant on life's circumstances.

This "mini" retreat will take place on **Saturday, May 14th**. We will gather for coffee and "goodies" at 8:30am. The retreat will end at Noon. Please bring an item which symbolizes JOY in your life. God's gift of joy is discovered in the midst of our everyday lives. A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board.

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 commune with Christ, the body of believers and all the saints.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



For the past eight months Bob Carpenter has served St. Luke's as the Interim Director of Music. During this time worship has been enlivened by new praise sons, spirited anthems from the choir AND organ pedals!!!

The Congregation has been blessed. Bob became the "NEW" Director of Music with the approval of Church Council at it's April meeting.

St. Luke's looks forward to our continued partnership as together we praise God through music and song.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00pm** to discuss the book "You Before Me" by Jo Jo Moyers. You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library. We have picked a new book to read for our next meeting on June 8th, it is "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman.

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.



For the Whitehaus and Perry families and their gift of Daffodils for the tables at Midge Litcherts Funeral luncheon. I will plant my Daffodil and each spring when it blooms I will think of my friend Midge. Corie

The women of St. Luke's for coming through again. The Everyone's Birthday Brunch was a great success and the food was spectacular. No one went home hungry.

**SATURDAY,
MAY 21, 2016**

AT 4:00 PM

PLACE:

**ST. LUKE'S UCC
200 W. MAIN ST.
TRAPPE, PA**

**RESERVATION
DEADLINE
MAY 12, 2016**



Tea Party

JULIA SAYS, BON APPÉTIT

Come and join St. Luke's Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00pm

Our guest speaker will be Linda Kenyon as Julia Child performing "Julia says, Bon Appétit: by Clay Teunis.

So get your hats and gloves and join us for Tea and sandwiches for a relaxing fun afternoon.

Cost for the event is \$5.00
This will be collected at the door.

Please RSVP to St. Luke's Church 610-489-4933
Or administrator@stlukestrappe.org





May 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>
May 1	Tom Lloyd	Pastor Kris	Leah Keyser
May 8	Jim Narrigan	Nancy Leneweaver	Sue Kelly
May 15	Corie Bowers	Scott Koehler	Nancy Leneweaver
May 22	Sue Linkenhoker	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
May 29	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler
June 5	Bev Spaid	Pastor Kris	Carrie Krentz

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 June Newsletter is May 24th and mailing is May 27th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Barbara Entenmann, Charlie, Dave Carl, George White, John K., Linda and Doug Miller, Michele Basare, Mike Richardson, Sue and Roy Linkenhoker, Sr., Theresa, The family of Midge Litchert.

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	2 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cemetery	3 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Church and Ministry	4 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra	5 12:30 Games 10:00 Bright Spot Mother's Tea 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance 7:30 Gamblers	6 10 & 11 LMM 10:00 Bright Spot Mother's Tea	7
8 9:30 Blended Service 	9 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Brt Spt - MH 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	11 9:00 MOPS 10:45 Brt Spt MH 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Orchestra	12 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	13 10 & 11 LMM 8:00 Audubon Symphony Concert	14 8:30 Retreat For Women
15 HEALING SERVICE COMMUNION 9:30 Blended service 2:00 Eagle Scout Court 	16 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	17 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	18 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 7:00 Green Bar 7:00 College Woods	19 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers <div>PASTOR KRIS - AWAY</div>	20 10 & 11 LMM	21 4:00 Women's Tea "Bon Appétit"
22 9:30 Blended Service 4:00 Girl Scouts #7080 <div>PASTOR KRIS - AWAY</div>	23 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 4:00 Missions 5:30 Drama Kids NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 9:00 Men's Breakfast 11:30 Brt Spt - MH	26 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	27 10 & 11 LMM NEWSLETTER MAILING	28
29 9:30 Blended Service	30 OFFICE CLOSED 	31 9:15 MOPS Sterng 11:30 Brt Spt - MH 5:30 Drama Kids				

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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