

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

May 2017 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.

PASTORS LETTER

As I write this letter, it is just three days past Easter Sunday, and already the joyous sights, sounds, and fragrances of our celebration of Christ's Resurrection are beginning to fade into the background as we resume the more routine rhythms of our daily lives. In the wake of the emotions felt throughout the changing moods and events of Holy Week, culminating with the joyous celebration of Easter Day, it is not uncommon to experience a letdown of sorts, a sense of "what are we to do now that Easter is over?"

Well, Easter is not over. Indeed, Easter is a *season*; a season that moves us from death to new life, a season that celebrates: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" It is a season when we should gladly proclaim that we are Easter people, appreciative and engaged in joyful Christian living.

Eastertide, as the season is known, consists of seven weeks – the Great Fifty Days – that begin at sundown on the evening before Easter and last six more Sundays until Pentecost. The seven Sundays included are called the "Sundays of Easter," and climax on the seventh Sunday, the Sunday before Pentecost. Eastertide allows us to emphasize the church's role as witness to the Resurrection, as well as explore what it means to live as disciples of the risen Christ. In light of this, and in anticipation of what is to come on the day of Pentecost, the scripture readings during the Sundays of Easter are different, as readings from the Acts of the Apostles replace the readings from the Old Testament. This shift in the lectionary calls our attention to the fact that the church, empowered by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, is the prime witness to the resurrection and the work of God in the world through Jesus Christ. And, it also serves as a call to all of us who now live as Easter people. So, as we continue to tell the story, let us also live the story. In the days and weeks to come, as we pass from one liturgical season to the next, let us live as Easter people, in hope, and with a passion to love and serve others, so that all may know and experience the depth of God's great love and care for all God's children.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Jo

May Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
May 7	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 14	Acts 7:55-60	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 21	Acts 17:22-31	Psalms 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 28	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
June 4	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23

275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



This year St. Luke's will be celebrating it's 275th Anniversary in November. John Kimmich and Nancy Claycomb-Morris are co-chairing the Anniversary Committee which also includes Betsy Fisher, Janet Kimmich, Corie Bowers and Bridgie Daller. Watch for the exciting events that the committee will be planning for 2017.

Check out the Bulletin Announcement page each week for interesting historical facts about St. Luke's.

Our Celebration will be on **Sunday November 5, 2017 at 2:00pm** in Moyer Hall.

Join us for a service and a buffet luncheon.

By then we may be on the Historical Building Register, what a wonderful thing to celebrate.

If you have any suggestions for the committee please let them know.

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"BUY A LETTER" CAMPAIGN

..we are having the name of our church put on the top of the glass doors at the entrance way.

We are asking if you would be interested in buying "into" this idea.

The cost will be \$5.00 per letter.

You can buy one, you can buy two or you can buy many more.

If there is a particular letter that you are "attached to" or maybe a lucky one please let us know.

Check out the form in the newsletter.

The signage will say:

**St. Luke's United Church of Christ
Established 1742.**

CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN

Last time for Let's Get Organized will be May.

We are looking for the last place to clean,
if there is an area that you want to have cleaned out,
let Church Life know and we will be there to do it.

More information later in the year.

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I know its early BUT our annual Fight'n Phillies game will be **Sunday, August 6th.**

This year we will be going to an early game. Mark your calendars to meet the bus
leaving at **12:30pm SHARP.**

Again we have the buffet and this year tables under the pavilion.

Watch for the sign up sheet later.

May 5	Bill Leopold
May 7	Lee Lika
May 9	Cynthia Brown
	Bob Keyser
May 10	Linda Boyer



May 11	Don Wanamaker
May 20	Pete Leneweaver
May 22	Bonnie Neiman
May 28	Leah Keyser
May 29	Amanda Conrad



WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Come join us on the second Thursday of May at The Coconut Grove Restaurant in Trappe, Meet us at 9:00am, across from Augustus Lutheran Church. Ask for the St. Luke's table.

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.



TO MY DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your kindnesses during my illness. Thank you for your prayers; I know God hears and answers the prayers of the faithful. Thank you for cards and calls and visits and delicious meals and thank you to all those who stepped in and took over my responsibilities. I hope to be back to "normal" in the near future. God bless and keep each one of you.

Beverly Spaid

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The women of St. Luke's meet each month on the second and fourth Tuesday at 9:30am for Bible Study. We are currently studying Jeremiah. We have a time for coffee and snacks and fellowship followed by Bible study, discussion and prayer. Please join us when ever you can. You do not need to be an expert in the Bible; we all learn together as God grants us His guidance. If you are interested in coming, please call me so I can provide the lesson material for you.

Beverly Spaid 610-489-9770

SPONSOR A LETTER FORM

Join in St. Luke's 275th Celebration.

Buy a letter (or more) for our new signage over our glass door entryway.

Fill in the form and return to the church office.

It will state:

**ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ESTABLISHED 1742**

Sponsorship Form

Door Letters

Cost: \$5.00 per Letter

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dedication (Circle or complete)</u>
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Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Church.
Please return checks and order forms to Church Office



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00pm**
for the "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"
by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows .
You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library.

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, May 6, 2017 at 9:30.** Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



A CHILD'S WISDOM

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together."

WORSHIP SERVICES

Published in a church newsletter (such as this one).

"We have decided to have four worship services each Sunday:

There will be one for those new to the faith.

One for those who like traditional worship.

One will be for those who have lost their faith and are seeking to get it back.

The fourth is for those who had a bad experience with the church and are constantly complaining about it.

After long discussions, we agreed on names for each on the services:

"Finders, Keepers, Losers, Weepers!"



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 7	Sue Linkenhoker	Scott Koehler	Brenda Koehler
May 14	Scott Koehler	Nancy Leneweaver	Carrie Krentz
May 21	Bev Spaid	Becci Richardson	Leah Keyser
May 28	Brenda Koehler	Sue Kelly	Nancy Leneweaver
June 4	Sue Kelly	Scott Koehler	Kim Gray

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

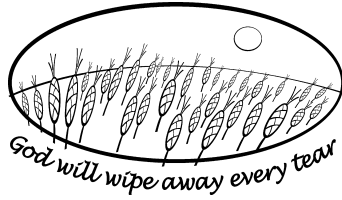
If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be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




Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the June Newsletter is May 22nd and mailing is May 24th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Anne White, Alfred Kurtz, Beverly Spaid, George White, Harry Neiman, Linda Miller, Maureen T., Michele Basare, Shirley Prudom, Shirley Wanamaker, Susan Wenrick, Theresa, The Daily Bread Community Food Bank

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Church and Ministry	3 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra	4 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	5 10 & 11 LMM 8:00 Audubon Symphony Orchestra Concert	6 9:30 Coloring
7 9:30 Blended Service	8 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	9 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	10 10 Bright Spot Tea 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Orchestra	11 9:00 Women's Breakfast 10 Bright Spot Tea 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	12 10 & 11 LMM	13
14 9:30 Blended Service 	15 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	16 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	17 3:00 275th Anniversary Mtg. 7:00 Orchestra 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods	18 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	19 10 & 11 LMM	20 11-5 Boy Scout Eagle Scout Ceremony
21 9:30 Blended Healing Service 11:00 Coffee Hour	22 7:00 Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 6:00 Carriage Ridge H.O. Mtg.	24 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Orchestra NEWSLETTER MAILING	25 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	26 10 & 11 LMM	27
28 9:30 Blended Service	29  Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts	30 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids	31 7:00 Orchestra			

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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