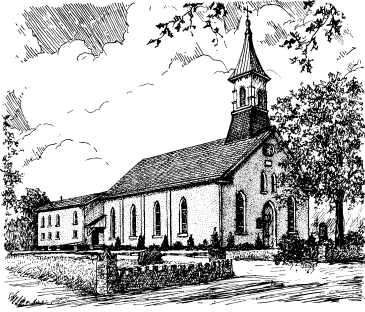


United Church of Christ of Trappe

May 2021 Newsletter



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Blended Service 9:30 AM
3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM

Save the Date!

As your interim pastor part of my responsibility is to prepare you to receive your new pastor as a healthy and vibrant church family. To that end I am very serious about observing how you are functioning as a congregation. It is important that all of your official documents are up to date like your constitution and by-laws and all of your committees and leadership groups are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

As a way of helping you, I will be leading a leadership retreat on Saturday, September 18 in Moyer Hall. This will be a morning and afternoon event in which I am inviting the Elders and the Council to participate. I would also like to extend an invitation to include anyone else in the church who would like to attend. If you chair or serve on a committee you will find the retreat very helpful as St. Luke's plans for the future. If you are a member of an auxiliary group, you are invited as well. The bottom line is the more the merrier!

The focus of our time together will be guided by book entitled *The Post-Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities that Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation* by Thom S. Rainer. The St. Luke's Council has approved the purchase of the book for all those interested and we will make them available to your closer to the date.

These are very challenging times to be the church especially as we begin to come out of this pandemic. As a church community we need to do all we can to prepare ourselves for the new challenges God has in store for St. Luke's. I hope you will take the time to join us and put Saturday, September 18 on your calendar!

Blessings
Pastor Pat

May Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
May 2	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 9	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 23	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27;16:4b-15
May 30	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
June 6	Genesis 3:8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35

ST. LUKE'S 2021 MISSIONS PLAN

The (small but mighty) Missions Team met for the first time in many months in January to make plans for 2021. Pastor Pat joined us to learn about our past activities. God wants each of us to be of service to others less fortunate and in need. And there are certainly plenty of needs. Many people have been and continue to be negatively impacted by the global pandemic. Now is not the time to be complacent by any means.

Missions' 2021 goals are to enable St. Luke's church family to continue to demonstrate our faithfulness through continued aid to our local community, country and the world. In spite of the COVID virus that requires social distancing precautions. We'll all have to remain safe, healthy and flexible this year for sure.

Please mark your calendars for the programs shown below. We are assessing the feasibility of a possible contact-less, drive-through fundraiser of some type. Plus an event to assemble disaster or hygiene kits which we'd envision doing with another church or non-profit organization.

Stay tuned for specific information in the coming months! As always, thank you for our continued support and generosity. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. We would love to welcome new members since we've lost a few recently. Many hands make light work as we share God's love with others.

Missions Team: Melanie Prudom, Kathy Narrigan and Linda Boyer

Timing / Date(s)	Program	Beneficiary
Sun, May 23 rd	Strengthen the Church	UCC
Sun, Oct 3 rd	Neighbors in Need & Worldwide Communion	UCC
Mid-late November	Turkeys & perishable/fresh food collection	Daily Bread Food Pantry
Late Nov – early Dec	Angel Tags	Salvation Army
Month of December	Christmas Fund	UCC

ORGANIST SEARCH COMMITTEE

Now that it looks like we will be back in the sanctuary permanently, we would like to re-start an Organist Search Committee. It has been over a year since our last committee was formed and dissolved due to the Covid Crisis so we need to start from the beginning.

If you loved the live music during Easter week, now is your chance to get involved in the search for our new music leader. We would also need someone willing to chair the committee. Please prayerfully consider joining the search to help St. Luke's get back to joyfully worshipping with live music.

Please contact Nancy Claycomb: nannyfrompa@yahoo.com or 610-489-7325 if you can serve.

May 5 Bill Leopold
 May 9 Cynthia Brown
 Robert Keyser
 May 10 Linda Boyer
 May 11 Don Wanamaker



May 20 Pete Leneweaver
 May 22 Bonnie Neiman
 May 26 Linda Miller
 May 28 Leah Keyser
 May 29 Amanda Conrad

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS AND HYGIENE KITS



1. Donate any amount as you wish using a separate check with a note indicating dedication of the funds towards Clean-Up Buckets. A full bucket costs between \$55-\$75 to fill.
2. Donate whatever items you wish using the list below. Please place these (new, not previously used) items in the Missions donation box by the Prayer Wall **no later than May 16th**.
3. Pete Leneweaver and the Missions Team will be shopping for the best deals on particular items, using your donations and a limited amount of funds from the church’s budget. If we purchase enough of some things, we will let everyone know that donations of that item are no longer needed.

There’s a full bucket display in the church Narthex as an examples. Take a list with you on your next shopping trip. Take advantage of sales and BOGOs (Buy 1 Get 1 free) specials. Or print out this newsletter page. Leave it in your car for the next time you’re out running errands.

Thank you so much. Our efforts will enable replenishment of inventories in advance of natural disaster season of floods, hurricanes and wildfires. Let’s get ‘er done before Memorial Day and summer weather begins.

Each bucket needs the following items:

- 4 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, including 1 large
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 reusable, lightweight dry-cleaning towels (e.g. Handi wipes)
- 1 50 oz. or 2 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- 1 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- 1 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- 1 package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline—2 50 ft. or 1 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- 1 pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45-gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- 1 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

MISSIONS TEAM - BLANKETS AND TOOLS REPORT

Thank you to all who learned more about Church World Service and gave generously during Blankets and Tools during February. St. Luke’s will forward a check for \$245 on your behalf.

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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

MAY 23, 2021

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of all settings of the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. 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. This offering embodies the wisdom, ‘together we grow stronger.’

Because of your support, new church starts have emerged, congregations have been revitalized, and leadership skills have been enhanced. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

Thank you for your support.

Your Missions Team



May 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>
May 2	Kathy Narrigan			
May 9	Tom Lloyd			
May 16	Jim Narrigan			
May 23	Corie Bowers			
May 30	Bev Spaid			
June 6	Sue Linkenhoker			

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 21st and mailing is May 26th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno,

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


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. Luke's 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!

Ghana Travel Dates have been Set!

Pastor Pat will be leading a group of 10 to Ghana, leaving on August 1 and returning August 21. Tom Lloyd and Nancy Leneweaver will be joining the group as they and Pastor Pat represent St. Luke's in the cross-cultural journey. Pastor Pat will be presenting a program on his ministry there in the coming weeks. Until then, let us keep the Ghana Mission Team in our prayers!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	3	4	5	6 7:30 GANON	7	8
9 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 7:00 Missions	11 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	12	13 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	14	15
16 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	17	18	19	22 7:30 GANON	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 PENTECOST SUNDAY COMMUNION 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	24 NEWSLETTER MAILING	25	26	27 7:30 GANON	28	29
30 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon And also on Zoom	31 					

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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