

# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe



## November 2016 Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson – Interim Pastor

**Worship Schedule**

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Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

### *From the Interim Pastor*

*How good it is to give thanks to you. O Lord!*

*To sing praise to your name, O Most High!*

*To proclaim your loving kindness every morning,*

*And your faithfulness every night.*

*Psalm 92:1-2*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year when Thanksgiving comes around I consider again the meaning of gratitude. Thoughts about gratitude are not limited to a single time of year. Thanksgiving however, offers an opportunity to reflect about gratitude at a time when we celebrate the goodness of life. So, what is gratitude?

When people (sometimes myself included) say they are thankful or grateful for something it often means they are relieved at not having to experience a loss or tragedy or even an inconvenience. Gratitude thought of in this way is simply a feeling.

True gratitude is not a feeling, it is a way of life. It is cultivated and practiced rather than attained or achieved. There is a distinctive feeling associated with gratitude, a kind of awe, indiscernible and sometimes beyond expression. Sarah Breathnach writes in *Simple Abundance*: "Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world." Gratitude is seeing with your eyes all the way open.... It is like a camera that captures the essence of life that is always there but not often seen or recognized. The Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in his book *No Man Is An Island* said that if we are not aware of our gratitude, we don't really know who we are - and are not in touch with our life and what it means to be alive.

Being grateful does not protect us from rejection, pain or sorrow. But if we are able to incorporate gratitude into our stance toward life, it gives us another way of responding to what is taking place. Counting our blessings does not mean that we no longer feel the grief that we feel, or the confusion, or the sorrow. It means we are feeling all of that, and at the same time feeling deep gratitude for the gift of life itself...the celebrations as well as the challenges.

As I prepare to say "goodbye" to you at the end of the year I am experiencing a deep sense of gratitude for our time together. Thank-you for the sacred honor of accompanying you on your journey of faith. I pray God's richest blessings on you as you move into the future as God's beloved people.

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving giving thanks to God for His many blessings....including the gift of life itself.

Pastor Kris

### **November Scripture Readings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov. 1	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov. 6	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5	Luke 20:27-38
Nov. 13	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov. 20	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov. 27	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Dec. 4	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

## TRANSITION UPDATE

The Search Committee continues its work reviewing candidate profiles.

Continue to pray for the members of the committee:

Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Bonnie Neiman, Becci Richardson, Carrie Krentz and Dave Carl (Dave has rejoined the committee).

Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them in their discernment.

Pastor Kris has announced that she will be leaving at the end of the year.

The Conference is in the process of identifying a stated supply who will begin in January.

## CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

Watch for our Christmas bus trip to the American Music Theatre on **Saturday, December 10th.**

We will leave St. Luke's at 10:00am, go for lunch and shopping and then to the music theatre for the show at 3:00pm.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Cost is \$76.00 which includes round trip motor coach transportation, admission to the "Winter Wonderland" Christmas Show at The American Music Theatre, and the All-You-Can-Eat Dinner Smorgasbord at Bird-In-Hand Restaurant.

## WHAT'S UP WITH MISSIONS

\*Harvest home Collection for Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

**October 24 to November 20.**

Turkey collection dates TBD

\*Clothes Drive for Geiger Memorial

Going on **now until November 13th.**

Road trip to help pack food on **Tuesday, November 15.** Sign up sheet coming soon.

\*Salvation Army Gift Tree in **December**, dates TBD.

## PSEC FALL MEETING

The PSEC Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13 at First UCC in Quakertown. Registration will begin at 2:30pm. The meeting begins at 3:00pm.

Agenda items include the following:

1. 2017 Budget
2. New Manuel on Ministry
3. New Associate Conference Minister Position

If interested in attending please see Pastor Kris.

November 4 Beth Spaid  
November 5 Debbie Parker  
November 8 Sue Gregory  
Walt Daller III  
November 9 Megan Bliss



November 16 Nancy Leneweaver  
November 19 Tommy Damiani  
November 29 Dotty Sheppard  
Brody Ruckle

## **“BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE”**

“Believe in our Future” is this year’s stewardship theme. It is a timely theme for St. Luke’s as the congregation anticipates welcoming a new pastor in the coming year. What plans does God have for St. Luke’s for the future? What gifts and resources might we offer this future? Can we believe in our future...God’s future by giving to this present moment? Estimate of Giving Cards have been mailed to members of the Congregation. They will be collected and blessed on Stewardship Sunday, November

13. In this time of transition we are called to “Believe In Our Future”. Prayfully discern your commitment to that future.

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30am we have a women’s Bible study open to all women and would be happy to have you join us. We are starting our Fall season by learning more about the fearless women of the bible. Some of them are names we are unfamiliar with like Achsah, daughter of Caleb, and others are more familiar like Hannah, mother of Samuel. In January we will do an eight session study of the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah and learn more about this prophet.

We have a time for coffee and snacks and fellowship and then Bible study and 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



## **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.



## **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 November 5th from 9:00am to 11:00am for fellowship and coloring (pencils, gel pens, sharpies and coloring books will be provided or you may also bring your own).

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEEDS "PERIODIC HELP"**

The St. Luke's Main St. cemetery usually has 2-4 burials a year. And for those burials, someone is needed to check the files for where the plot will be. Upon locating the plot area, it needs to be measured and marked in order for the chosen funeral home to dig and prepare the plot for the burial. The measuring and marking of the plots has usually been handled by someone from the Cemetery Committee, many of them, through the past years, were addressed by Ray Spaid.

Recently being able to get the plots ready correctly and in a timely manner after a death has become a concern, this is due to committee members and helpers traveling away from home for work more than in the past and for longer periods of time, or being able to mark the plots due to medical restrictions. If none of the trained persons are available, this could lead to a delay in the burial for days, which is something we do not want.

The committee is looking for persons who usually (periodically is OK) do not travel for long periods of time to be trained and to be willing to measure and mark (or be will to help) a plot if needed. There are usually a few days to get this work addressed between the passing of the person and the burial. While this assignment does not require a constant commitment from anyone who can help, it will take a little training and periodic practice to make sure they remember how to do it, when needed. And if two or more persons happen to be available, it is addressed even quicker, especially in winter weather. The more persons willing to be trained and ready if needed, the better chance of persons being available.

If you are periodically available and willing to be trained, please contact Corie in the church office. Corie will pass the information to the committee. Your help and commitment is really needed to keep the cemetery functioning in a more timely and correct manner. And it will not take up much of your time during the year.

Thank you, Cemetery Committee

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On **All Saints Sunday, November 6**, we proclaim the promise of the resurrection, recognizing that we are united with all believers, past, present and future throughout the world. As part of St. Luke's celebration we'll remember those who have died in the last year, especially those in our own community of faith. We also will remember in the Pastoral Prayer the names of those loved ones and friends we have lost in our own lives. You are invited to call the church office with the names of those you would like to be remembered, or fill out the blue insert in the worship bulletin. This is an opportunity to honor the loved ones we have lost, but even more to remember the promise of resurrection, which reminds us that we will see them again the glorious company of The Saints in light.

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Please come and join us on  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016 (Note change of date) at 6:00pm**  
to discuss the book "Lethal Beauty" by Lis Wiehl.  
You must purchase your own copy of the book,  
get it from someone who has already read it,  
or get it at the Library.

**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 Church Life and Property Committees and all of the volunteers that joined all of the "Let's Get Organized" days at church. In all they have cleaned the attic above the Kitchen, the Parlor, the Property Room and the attic above the Christian Ed. Room. They have loaded dumpsters and trash cans and any other thing that would hold all of our "stuff", and have a table full of "free" stuff. We now look "beautiful"!

## A LITTLE HUMOR WITH KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese : 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

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A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

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One particular four-year-old prayed, 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'



# November 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**

	<b><u>Lay Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Children's Time</u></b>	<b><u>Nursery</u></b>
November 6	Sue Kelly	Pastor Kris	Sue Kelly
November 13	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
November 20	Kathy Narrigan	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
November 27	Tom Lloyd	Sue Kelly	Brenda Kehler
December 4	Jim Narrigan	Scott Koehler	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 the December Newsletter is November 18th and mailing is November 22nd.**

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**People in need of prayers:** Charlie, Kim McDowell, The Family of Doug Miller, Louise, Michele Basare, Sue and Roy Linkenhoker, Sr., Theresa, The Daily Bread 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.



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10:00 LMM 1:30 Fabiblocks 4:30 Fabiblocks 5:30 Drama Kids <b>7:30 Church and Ministry</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>7:00 Endowment</b>  7:00 Orchestra	<b>3</b> 9:00 Fabiblocks 10:00 Fabiblocks <b>12:30 Games</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Finance</b> 7:30 Gamblers	<b>4</b> 10 & 11 LMM	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 Let's Color</b>
<b>6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY COMMUNION</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b> 	<b>7</b> 12:00 LMM  <b>7:00 Cemetery</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b> 10:00 LMM 1:30 Fabiblocks 4:30 Fabiblocks  5:30 Drama Kids <b>7:30 Council</b>	<b>9</b>  7:00 Orchestra	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 Women's Breakfast</b> 9:00 Fabiblocks 10:00 Fabiblocks <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	<b>11</b> 10 & 11 LMM	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  12:30 Historical Socy. Betsy Ross at Trinity UCC	<b>14</b> 12:00 LMM  7:00 Boy Scouts <b>7:00 Church Life</b>	<b>15</b> 1:30 Fabiblocks 4:30 Fabiblocks  5:30 Drama Kids <b>6:30 Worship and Music</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>6:00 Book Club</b>  7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods  7:00 Orchestra	<b>17</b> 9:00 Fabiblocks 10:00 Fabiblocks  7:00 Toastmasters <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:30 Gamblers	<b>18</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 HEALING SERVICE</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  4:00 Troop #7080	<b>21</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts  <b>7:30 Property</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b> 1:30 Fabiblocks <b>4:00 Missions</b> 4:30 Fabiblocks 5:30 Drama Kids <b>NEWSLETTER MAILING</b>	<b>23 9:00 Men's Breakfast</b> 7:00 Orchestra <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:30 Thanksgiving Serv. Trinity UCC</b>	<b>24</b>  7:30 Gamblers	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 Decorate Church Windowsills</b>
<b>27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <div>PASTOR KRIS VACATION</div>	<b>28</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts  <div>VACATION</div>	<b>29</b> 9:00 MOPS Planning  1:30 Fabiblocks 4:30 Fabiblocks  5:30 Drama Kids				

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## **November Newsletter**

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### **St. Luke's Mission Statement**

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