

# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

## November 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.

### REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS.

#### It's that time of year again, where we sit down to eat with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving.

A time where we are thankful for what we have been given, instead of complaining about what we don't have. However, looking around, we can see people whose homes were destroyed by the recent hurricanes and are unable to even get the basic necessities to live a comfortable life. I wonder what their Thanksgiving holiday will be like? I can only imagine that it will not be as good as mine or yours.

As I look around at family, friends and strangers, I am unable at times to see where we are grateful for what we have acquired and for those individuals in our lives. We tend to focus on what we don't have instead of what we do have.

It seems that taking things for granted has become the American way of life. Instead of saying to someone, "What can I do for you?" we have become a country of individuals who ask, "Hey, what can you do for me?" Sad but true.

It is all too easy to get caught up in our hectic lifestyle and look at what we don't have, all the while missing the good in our lives.

This Thanksgiving holiday is a good time to begin to develop a grateful attitude, especially if you have children. Being a good role model is a way to start. Parents can do this by sharing with your children the good things in your life, how much you love them and why you are thankful. Begin each day by having a grateful attitude, as this brings many benefits into your life.

Some ways you can begin to be grateful this Thanksgiving holiday include:

- Look around and see what others don't have. Many times, we take for granted the little things such as clean water to drink, our safe home or good health. The good things that you have in your life will surely outweigh the bad.
- No more complaining. Once you have adopted a grateful attitude, complaints will begin to not make sense anymore. Keep in mind that anything you can complain about, there is also something you can be grateful about. Life becomes easier when you switch from complaints to gratitude.
- Taking on an attitude of being thankful will help you relax. An awareness of appreciation may bring about even more things to appreciate in your life. Gratitude can open the door for peace to come into your life.
- Write down your "grateful" list. A simple exercise to help you become more grateful is to make a list of all the things in your life that you have and are thankful for, then read your "thankful" list every morning. By doing this exercise, you may find yourself beginning to notice what you really do have to be thankful for every day of the year.

So this Thanksgiving holiday, look around at your friends, family and lifestyle, being mindful of gratitude and being thankful for what has been given to you. Try to live every day with the excitement of knowing that you can make your life into anything that you choose. Don't let what life throws at you upset you to the point that you lose sight of what really is important.

See you in church! Pastor John

### November Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Nov. 5	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7,33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Nov. 12	Joshua 24:1-3a	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 19	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 26	Ezekiel 24:11-16	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Dec. 3	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

## TURN CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

### THE DAY IS APPROACHING - 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



This year St. Luke's will be celebrating its 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. If you have any suggestions for the committee please let them know.

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### "BUY A RAFFLE TICKET" CAMPAIGN

For our 275th Anniversary we will be having a raffle on a Queen Size Yellow Star Pattern quilt, hand stitched by a member of Pastor John's former church in Nebraska.

The quilt will be displayed on the church altar each Sunday.

Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, proceeds will go to defray the cost of the banquet.

Please consider buying some tickets to win this beautifully hand stitched Queen Size quilt.

**Drawing will be at the Banquet on November 5, 2017**



### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Wednesday, November 8, 2017.**

with the book title "The Sisters of Sari" by Brenda Baker .

Meet us at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

Our December 13th book will be "The Myth of You and Me" by Leah Stewart.

### NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES AND SERMON TITLES

Nov. 5 All Saint's Day 'Totenfest' Romans 8:38-39; Rev. 7:9-17 **"From grief to Hope"**

Nov. 12 Veterans service **"The Four Chaplains"** John 15:9-17

Nov. 19 Stewardship Sunday **"TIYC SDAW"** Psalm 24:1; I Corinthians 4:2; John 6:1-14

Try to decipher Pastor John's sermon Title and we will share them during worship  
try to think along the lines of stewardship

Nov. 26 Hanging of the Greens Service- **"St. Nicholas Speaks....."** Hebrews 12:1, Mark 10:13-16

November 4 Beth Spaid  
November 5 Debbie Parker  
November 7 Isaac Hogue  
November 8 Sue Gregory  
Walt Daller III



November 16 Nancy Leneweaver  
November 17 Pastor John Hogue  
November 23 Karl Wolfram III  
November 29 Dottie Sheppard  
Brody Ruckle



## **WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

Come join us on the second Thursday of October  
at The Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.  
Meet us at 9:00 am at 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.



## **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, November 4, 2017 at 9:30.**

Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

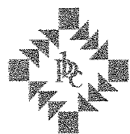
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**Did you know that All Saints day was called Ewigkeitssonntag (Eternity Sunday) or Totenfest, in the Evangelical and Reformed tradition side of the United Church of Christ? More specifically, in the Evangelical side of the UCC.**

It is a way of remaining related to deceased loved ones, as the process of grieving and remembering are vital to our spiritual health. Totenfest is a German word that means "Feast of the Dead" or "Festival for the Dead." It was established in 1816 by Prussian Emperor Fredrick William III as a day to remember that nation's soldiers who had died in the recently concluded Prussian War. Obviously it became an important observance in the Evangelical Church in Prussia (established by the same emperor in 1817) as a day to remember not only the war dead, but also church members who had died in the previous year. It was observed on the last Sunday of the church year, right before Advent began. This was also the time of clearing gardens and fields of the summer's growth in preparation for winter. To this day, Totenfest in parts of Germany is the day families visit the graves of loved ones to clean off the summer flowers and cover the graves with evergreen boughs for the winter. In Lutheran traditions, "Totensontag" or "Death Sunday" became the preferred term to Totenfest.

The term fell into disuse in America as churches of German heritage started substituting English words for German ones. In fact, by the 1916 Evangelical Book of Worship published by the German Evangelical Synod of North America, the term Memorial Sunday had been substituted for Totenfest. That service included an opening sentence, invocation, opening prayer and closing prayer. Whatever else was done in this service was left up to local customs.

This memorial has roots in All Saints and in All Souls days from the medieval church. All Saints Day was begun by Pope Boniface IV in 609 to remember the Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. It was officially designated on the church calendar in 837 to be celebrated on November 1. We will have a special worship service to remember the saints who passed from last November to the present moment in our church rolls.



# Peter Becker Community

Embracing life's treasured moments.

Dear Local Religious Congregations,

Peter Becker Community provides a ministry of presence for residents who are within hours of death, whom have no family or friends to accompany them during that critical juncture of their lives. We are inviting members of local religious congregations to consider participation in this volunteer ministry. **Please include one of the following announcements in your bulletins and/or newsletter, if you think someone in your congregation may be interested in participating:**

On November 9, 2017, Peter Becker Community's Pastoral Care Department will be offering a training for persons with an interest in providing a spiritual presence for residents in their final hours of life.

Chaplain Merlin Hedrick will be leading Abiders Ministry training session on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:30 AM at Peter Becker Community in the Boxwood Way Conference Room located near the Peter Becker Community Thrift Shop.

Training participants will be asked to read Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom and/or May I Walk You Home? by Joyce Rupp and Joyce Hutchison to prepare for the training. Copies of these books may be borrowed from PBC's Pastoral Care office.

The original Abiders Ministry was organized at Luther Manor in Wauwatosa, WI by Reverend Edwin E. Winters in response to a nurse's request that no resident would have to die alone. This is a wonderful opportunity for a meaningful ministry of care. If you have any interest in this ministry, please call Chaplain Merlin Hedrick at 215-256-6817 or email at [mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com](mailto:mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com).

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**Pastoral Care Volunteers Needed** – Peter Becker Community will be holding a training for Abiders on Thursday November 9, 2017 and is receiving applications for this specialized ministry. Abiders provide a reassuring, comforting presence to someone in the last hours of their life who would otherwise die alone. This can take the form of silent or soft prayers, reading a poem or psalm, singing a song or hymn or simply holding a resident's hand. The hours are very flexible. **To learn more** contact Director of Pastoral Care, Merlin Hedrick: 215-513-6817 or [mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com](mailto:mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com).

Thank You,

Chaplain Merlin Hedrick  
Director of Pastoral Care

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

On November 11th at 6:00pm we are hosting a free veterans dinner for the veterans in our community. Pastor John is cooking, please sign up if you are a vet or know of a vet and bring any who want to attend. Deadline reservations by November 8th.



On November 12th we will be honoring the veterans during worship for their service to our country. Please bring your uniform if you still have them to worship and old pictures of your ancestors you are willing to share the stories that you may have about them.

Pastor John will portray in first person a drama of the story of the Four Chaplains in WWII.

On November 26th Pastor John will portray in first person, St. Nicholas during church and how everything was misconstrued into Santa Claus.

We will also have two special services for the Hanging of the Greens. Part I on November 26th and Part II on December 3rd.



During the month of December, Pastor John will have an Advent Sermon Series.



### HARVEST HOME

Thanksgiving and Harvest Home are coming up fast! We will again collect fresh produce and fresh or frozen turkeys for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Please bring your donated items in **no later than Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. The Pantry is always grateful to receive non-perishable items including personal care, baby and pet supplies which are not always able to be purchased with food stamps.

### ANGEL TREE TAGS



We can look forward to collecting toys and clothing again for children through the Salvation Army as we get closer to the holidays. Look out for a future announcement at church about when tags will be available.

### TRAPPE 300TH EVENTS

Saturday, November 4th, Community Worship Service at Augustus Lutheran Church. Please watch for the time of the service. **FREE**

Saturday, November 11th, Community Fashion Show at Augustus Lutheran Church at 11:30 am. Hosted by the Community Club of Collegeville, the annual luncheon and fashion show will include models wearing 18th century attire as well as current fashions. Tickets needed for this event.

Friday, November 17th Farm-City Dinner at St. Luke's UCC, dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets needed for this event.



# November 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 **Janet Kimmich** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## 9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Nov. 5	Tom Lloyd	Pastor John	Kim Gray
Nov. 12	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz
Nov. 19	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John	Leah Keyser
Nov. 26	Bev Spaid	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver
Dec. 3	Scott Koehler	Pastor John	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 December Newsletter is November 21st and mailing is November 24th .**

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## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Al S., Alfred Kurtz, Anne White, Don Ashenfelter, Harry N., Linda Miller, Maura K., Maureen T., Megan Orza, Michele Basare, Sue Davidson.

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Arbutus Curvey, Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, 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 and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>12</b>  <b>Fall Back</b> <b>6</b> November 4th at 2:00am		<b>1 ALL SAINTS DAY</b>  <b>7:00 Confirmation</b> <b>7:00 Endowment</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Orchestra	<b>2 12:30 Games</b>   7:30 Gamblers	<b>3 10:00 LMM</b>	<b>4 9:30 Retreat Coloring</b> 10:00 Toastmasters  1:00 300th Anniversary of Trappe @ Augustus Lutheran Church
<b>5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SERV. &amp; BANQUET</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <b>2:00 Anniversary Celebration</b>	<b>6</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>7 10:00 LMM</b>  5:30 Drama Kids	<b>8</b>  <b>6:00 Book Club</b>  <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Orchestra	<b>9 9:00 Women's Breakfast</b>  <b>7:00 Finance</b> 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	<b>10 10:00 LMM</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Messiah Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal  <b>6:00 Veterans Dinner</b>
<b>12 VETERANS SUNDAY</b>  <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>	<b>13</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts  <b>7:00 Church Life</b>	<b>14 10:00 LMM</b>  5:30 Drama Kids  <b>6:30 Church and Ministry</b>  <b>7:30 Council</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>7:00 Confirmation</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods 7:00 Orchestra	<b>16</b>   7:30 Gamblers	<b>17 10:00 LMM</b>  3:00 Grange Dinner Moyer Hall	<b>18</b>  Getting our new Steinway Grand Piano
<b>19 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b>  <b>9:30 Blended Healing Service</b>	<b>20</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts  <b>7:30 Property</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 Drama Kids  <b>7:30 Community Thanksgiving Service</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>22 9:00 Men's Breakfast</b>  7:00 Orchestra <b>7:00 Choir</b>	<b>23 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED</b>   7:30 Gamblers	<b>24</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 Set up Christmas Trees</b>  <b>10:00 Hanging of The Greens</b>
<b>26 REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY &amp; HANGING OF THE GREENS SERV.</b>  <b>8:00 Advent Breakfast and Workshop</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>	<b>27</b>  7:00 Boy Scouts  <b>NEWSLETTER MAILING</b>	<b>28</b>  5:30 Drama Kids  <b>6:30 Worship and Music</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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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.**