

United Church of Christ of Trappe

November 2022 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:00 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:00 AM

THESE HANDS

There is a painting that hangs in many homes of a man, sitting at a table, with hands folded in prayer over what appears to be a very simple meal. I believe the painting is named, "Old Man Praying." What sticks out in my mind as I think about that painting is the Old Man's hands. His hands are large and thick. They look like they are the hands of someone who made a living doing hard work. They are dark, perhaps tanned from long days working in the sun. As he sits at his table hovering over his meal with hands folded in prayer, I see the image of a man who has lived a full and productive life.

Our hands can tell a great deal about us can't they. By shaking someone's hand we can get some idea of what kind of work they do. A rough, calloused hand is evident of a person who has to work with his or her hands on a daily bases. A smooth hand might indicate a person whose work is less manual.

I remember my own hands when I was a farmer. They were very rough and calloused, many times nicked and scared from working on machinery and such. Wintertime was particularly hard on my dairy- farmer-hands as they became chapped and cracked, a result of the combination of cold and wet working conditions.

Sometimes our occupations can be hazardous to our hands. Whenever I meet a carpenter, I always look at his hands to see if the power saw he works with has claimed any of his digits.

Henri Nouwen writes about the dual nature of the hand. Nouwen states, "It can create and destroy, caress and strike, make welcoming gestures and condemning signs; it can bless and curse, heal and wound, beg and give."

In our own lives and in the world around us we have witnessed on many occasions the duality of the hand. Perhaps we have even been the body on the end of the hand. The hand has the option, using Nouwen's analogy, when walking past the poor, to lift up, or to push down. The hand has the option, when confronted with the hurting and lonely, to rest compassionately on a shoulder or to shun and ignore.

If St. Luke's had hands, what do you think they would look like? Would they be blistered and calloused from toiling in God's Kingdom? Would they be folded to our chest complacently, or out stretched to those in need?

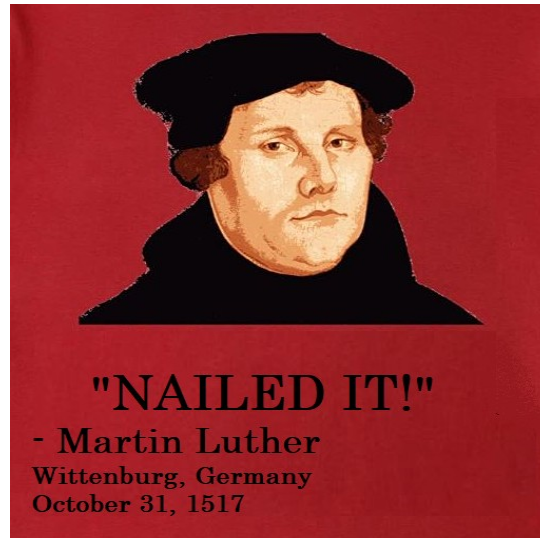
During this season of Thanksgiving, it is a good time to take a look at our hands, both individually and corporately as members of the Body of Christ. As we are seated at our tables spread in abundance, and as we fold our hands in prayer, let us all remember that we are called to be the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need. We are called to be the people of God, with hands lifted up in praise to God's holy name. We are called to be grateful people with hands folded in thankful prayer.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Pat

November Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov. 6	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	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, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

A Word About Worship



Why Wear Red on Reformation Sunday?

In Europe, during the Middle Ages, the doors of the church were normally painted red to show that the building provided sanctuary – those vivid colors would be a sign for the poor, the oppressed and those in deep despair, that within the walls of the church they would be safe, blessed and forgiven. Many historians believe the church doors in Wittenberg would have been red that day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses showing that he disagreed with the way the church was headed.

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther, walked up to the church in Wittenberg, Germany and nailed his 95 Theses to the door. So goes the story of how Martin Luther started the Reformation: The split between the Catholic and Protestant churches.

What history can prove is that Luther, who was a Professor of Moral Theology at the University of Wittenberg, sent his Theses, enclosed with a letter, to Albert of Brandenburg, Archbishop of Mainz, on October 31, 1517. At that time, he may have also posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of All Saints' Church and other churches in Wittenberg, in accordance with University custom.

In short, his Theses called for a full reform of the Catholic Church and the handling of confession and forgiveness. Luther stated that in order for sins to be forgiven, inner repentance was required, not just a verbal confession and the payment of indulgences that was then practiced by the Catholic Church. During Luther's time, along with confession, indulgences had to be paid to be forgiven. Martin Luther argued that indulgences led Christians to avoid true repentance and sorrow for their sin. He worried that they started believing that they could forgo real repentance by obtaining an indulgence from the church. As indulgences became more common, those practices also became subject to abuse and synonymous with monetary exchange.

Luther's theses were intended to begin a debate among Christians but ended up starting the Protestant Reformation. It sparked the flame that made people re-evaluate sin, confession and forgiveness.

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November 4 Beth Spaid
November 5 Debbie parker
November 8 Walt Daller III
Susan Gregory



November 9 Tim Rile
November 16 Nancy Leneweaver
November 23 Karl Wolfram III
November 29 Brody Ruckle
Dorothy Sheppard

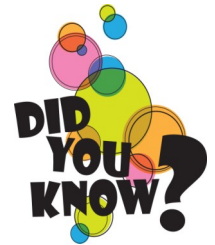


CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN!!

Here we go...we are going to try wine tasting at the Evensburg Winery on Saturday, November 5th, meet in the church parking lot at 1:00pm and we will car pool to the winery. No designated drivers need to apply. If you care to bring along a snack to munch on while you are tasting, please do so. See you in the church parking lot!!!!

YOU MISSED IT!!!!

Church Life hosted it's Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Five teams battled through six rounds of Trivia. Many rounds were neck and neck with the need for tie breakers, such as how may M & M's are made in a day or how many lighthouses are located in Maine. A fun time was had by all and in the end Linda Miller's team, Howard pulled out the victory and took home the grand Prize of Winner, Winner Chicken Dinners. Thank you to the members of Church Life for organizing and providing refreshments and prizes. Please consider joining us next year to see if you can beat this years winners!!!!



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the women of St. Luke's at Spring Ford Diner on the second Thursday of the month, November 10th this month, see you there I hope. Find out what is happening in the neighborhood.

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ATTENTION MEN

The men of St. Luke's meet the 4th Wednesday of each month for breakfast at 9:00am at Grace's Café, please note the change of places as Cafe 29 has closed it doors.

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ANGEL TAGS



Unbelievably it's time for Salvation Army Angel Tags again. We anticipate this year's tags will be available on Sunday, November 13th. Please place the unwrapped gift(s) for your child in a gift bag and staple the tag to the bag so they do not get separated. Gifts will be **due back at church no later than Sunday, December 4th**. Thank you for your continued support of this holiday tradition.

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NOISY OFFERING - GAS CANS FOR GHANA

Also due to your continued generosity, the Missions Team is happy to report the gas funds for the Ghana mini-van have surpassed \$1000. Woo hoo!



November Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Nancy Claycomb** 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.

9:00 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov. 6	Jim Narrigan			
Nov. 13	Corie Bowers			
Nov. 20	Beverly Spaid			
Nov. 27	Sue Linkenhoker			
Dec. 4	Kathy Narrigan			

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 22nd and mailing is November 25th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Wanamaker Family, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller, Boyer Family, Richardson Family.

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

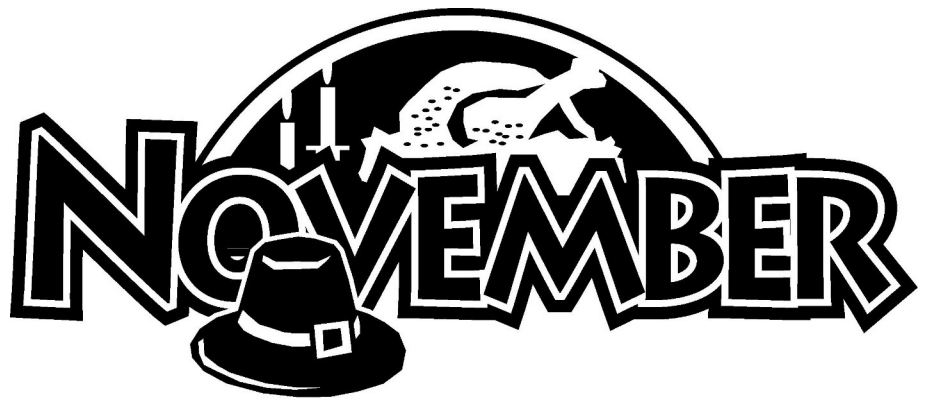
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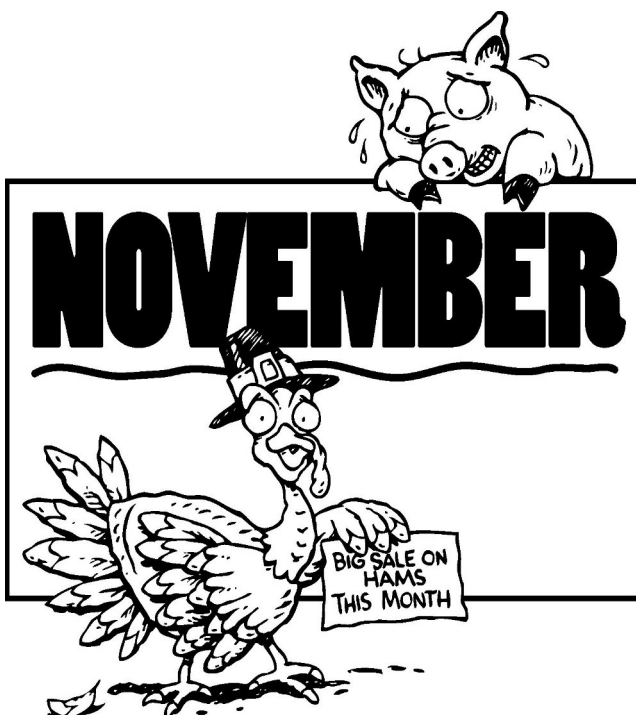


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Bible Study	2 7:30 Orchestra	3 7:30 GANON	4	5 1:00 Wine Tasting
6 9:00 Service in Sanctuary w/Rev. Morris & Zoom  <i>All Saints' Day</i>	7	8 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	9 7:30 Orchestra	10 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 GANON	11	12
13 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris and on Zoom & Children's Sermon	14 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	15 10:00 Bible Study	16 7:30 Orchestra	17 9:30 Piano Tuning 7:30 GANON	18	19
20 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	21	22 10:00 Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra	24 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 NEWSLETTER MAILING	26
27 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And also on Zoom.	28	29 10:00 Bible Study	30 7:30 Orchestra			

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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