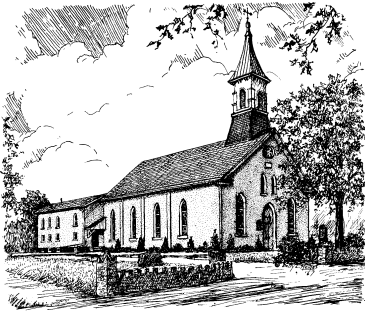


United Church of Christ of Trappe

November 2023 Newsletter

**Worship Schedule**

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Blended Service 9:00 AM

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

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

PASTORS MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

All Saint's Sunday is one of the high Sunday's of the church year. It is on this Sunday that we remember all our loved ones who have gone home to be with Jesus. It is a time we remember how they touched our lives and the lives of those around them. We always start the service with the great hymn, "For All The Saint's" It was written by William Walsham for All Saints Sunday. As the basis for this great hymn, he used the verse from Hebrews that I love to quote on this Sunday. In Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." It was a few days after the New Year, in 2016, and Teresa & I were attending the funeral of Rev. Robert R. Mitchell Jr. at Christ Lutheran Church in Oley. It was a day the church was packed. He was well loved, and many pastor's were in attendance. I had the honor to deliver the eulogy. The organist played, "For All The Saints" and stopped after a few verses, and everyone kept singing. It was a powerful moment! Maybe this is what heaven was like when our loved ones arrived. And then as we hear in Revelation 7:17, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

On this most holy day, come and celebrate with us as we remember all those who have joined Jesus in his Heavenly Home.

In Jesus' Name, Rev. Gary J. Dierolf

12 Things you should know about your Pastor

Pastors are not spirit beings. They are humans.

It would help if you know a few of these things about them.

1. Your Pastor can fall sick
2. Your Pastor gets tired.
3. Your Pastor feels frustrated sometimes.
4. Your Pastor needs care.
5. Your Pastor needs a miracle too sometimes.
6. Your Pastor has needs.
7. Your Pastor is not flawless.
8. Your Pastor needs prayers
9. Your Pastor needs someone to stand by them in times of trouble.
10. Your Pastor can make mistakes.
11. Your Pastor is called and anointed by god. But he is NOT God.
12. Your Pastor does not have all the answers.

November Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov. 5	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Nov. 12	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	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 34:11-16, 20-24	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

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Church Life is happy to announce that our annual Trivia Night has been scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Moyer Hall. As a reminder, teams can have up to 6 people. This night is all about fun! There will be six rounds of trivia with a wide array of topics to stimulate everyone's brain. Snacks and fun prizes will be provided. Which team will have the bragging rights of being St. Luke's Trivia Champion for the next year? Will it be your team? Susan Wenrick will serve as the host once again. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. You are guaranteed to learn at least one new trivia fact and have a great time!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Spring Ford Diner on Thursday, November 9th. See you there at 9:00am at the round table to check up on everyone.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet at Grace's Café on Wednesday, November 22nd at 9:00am. Join us to catch up on things that are happening.

*Join us Sunday, November 19th
for our special Thanksgiving Service
and food drive.*

*We will celebrate with a St. Luke's
Family Meal after the service.
Details will follow.*



Stewardship 2024 Personal Commitment **Time, Talent, Treasure**

Time: I would like to be included in the Prayer Chain to receive emails so I can pray along with other members for those that need our prayers _____

Talent: I can be a Greeter _____ or Lay Reader for Sunday's Service _____
I can help on _____ Committee when needed

Other ways I can help _____

Treasure: Weekly Offering _____ or Monthly Offering _____
or Annual Offering _____

Name: _____

(Cards can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to: St. Luke's UCC 200 W Main St. Trappe, Pa 19426)

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Nov. 4 Beth Sapid
Nov. 5 Debbie Parker
Nov. 8 Walt Daller III
 Sue Gregory
Nov. 9 Tim Rile



Nov. 16 Nancy Leneweaver
Nov. 23 Karl Wolfram III
Nov. 29 Dottie Sheppard
 Brody Ruckle

Stewardship: Living our Gifts

Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks upon the world, ours are the feet with which he goes about doing good, ours are the hands with which he blesses his people.

-St. Teresa of Avila

One definition of a Christian Steward” says: “A Good Christian Steward receives God’s gifts graciously, nurtures them responsibly, and shares them in love.” So often, we have heard that “Stewardship” involves offering our time, talents and treasure to God, God’s People, and the church. But what does that really mean and how can we transform the words into actions?

“Treasure” The church has a cost of living, just as your family does. There are bills to pay, events that require funding and missions that we support that all require our financial support. We are encouraged to make consistent gifts to the offering in thanksgiving for the gifts God has given to us.

Consider offering your treasure by prayerfully reflecting on the gifts God has giving you and sharing those financial gifts regularly with the church, so collectively we can strive to make a difference in God’s world.

“Time” We all have busy schedules, but using our time to regularly communicate with God is a big part of being a good Christian Steward. How will we know what to do if we aren’t listening to Him for guidance? Spending time with God in prayer is the beginning of stewardship. When we spend time with God in prayer, we are spiritually preparing ourselves to serve the church and others. Consider offering your time by: Attending church every Sunday; inviting a friend or acquaintance to church; praying together with your family; taking time to discuss the faith with your family; reading the Bible every day; spending time with God in personal prayer and the individuals listed in the prayer chain.

“Talent” God has given each of you special gifts and talents. Each and every person has been created and gifted in a unique and completely individual manner. God created you with these spiritual gifts for your benefit and for the benefit of others. You and only you can offer the gifts you have been given to this world.

Consider offering your talents by joining committees, and participating in projects and services within the church and your community.

Stewardship Prayer: Holy Spirit guide me as I discern the gifts I have been given and help me to offer them back without reservation to God. Clear my life of all distractions so that I may respond to His call. Come Holy Spirit to instill in me a burning desire to share my unique gifts. Amen

A Word About Worship: All Saints’ Day

Pope Boniface IV formally started All Saints’ Day on May 13 in 609 AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome. The current date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741 AD) when he dedicated a chapel in Rome’s St. Peter’s Basilica in honor of all saints. While this celebration was originally limited to Rome, later in 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered the official observance of All Saints’ Day every November 1 and extended its celebration to all churches.

More recently, All Saints’ Day recognizes those whose sainthood is known only to God. Sainthood isn’t given by a group of religious leaders. It’s granted by God, Himself, to any common, salt-of-the-earth person who simply trusts Christ and is a follower of Jesus. God calls a saint; anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation: 1 Corinthians 1:2.

The Christian festival of All Saints’ Day now comes from the understanding that there is a powerful spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. All Saints has come to mean literally ALL saints. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer says that the holiday stands for “the unity of Christians of all ages, countries, and races in Christ, and the perfection of that unity in heaven.

As Rev. Dr. John Shetler said once, “Do you really think that those people in your life that loved and prayed for you while they were on earth don’t continue to do so from heaven?” We are all connected.

On November 5, St. Luke’s will celebrate our service of remembrance of those who have joined with God and other saints in heaven. During that time, we will honor our church’s saints, and remember our connectedness to our own past saints and find inspiration in their stories of God’s faithfulness.



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. 5	Kathy Narrigan			
Nov. 12	Tom Lloyd			
Nov. 19	Jim Narrigan			
Nov. 26	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver		
Dec. 3	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 October Newsletter is September 22nd and mailing is September 26th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: The Dallar Family, Wanamaker Family, Nick Iacorinno, The Family of 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, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, The Evans Family, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

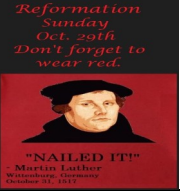



SOMETHING NEW TO THE NEWSLETTER!!!

1. What is shaped like a box, has no feet, and runs up and down?
2. What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?
3. A bus driver was heading down a street in Colorado. He went right past a stop sign without stopping, he turned left where there was a "no left turn" sign, and he went the wrong way on a one-way street. Then he went on the left side of the road past a cop car. Still - he didn't break any traffic laws. Why not?
4. How do you spell COW in thirteen letters?
5. How can you write down eight eights so that they add up to one thousand?
6. I have a name but it isn't mine. You don't think of me while in your prime. People cry when I'm in their sight, others lie with me all day and night. What am I?

(Answers next page: No Peeking)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 7:00 Toastmasters 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	3	4
5 9:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary w/ Rev. Gary Dierolf 10:00 Coffee Hr.	6 7:00 Troop 113	7 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Finance	8 7:30 Orchestra	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	10	11 
12 9:00 Service in Sanctuary w/ Rev. Gary Dierolf 10:00 Annual Congregational Mtg.	13 7:00 Missions 7:30 Church Life 7:00 Troop 113	14 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	15 7:30 Orchestra	16 7:00 Toastmasters 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	17	18
19 9:00 Service Rev. Gary Dierolf Special Thanksgiving Service and Special Food Collection and Meal	20 7:30 Property 7:00 Troop 113	21 10:00 Bible Study	22 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra	23  7:30 GANON	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25
26 9:00 Service in Sanctuary w/ Rev. Gary Dierolf	27 7:00 Troop 113	28 10:00 Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING	29 7:30 Orchestra	30 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON		

Riddle answers:

1. Elevator
2. The word is starting! starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.
3. He was walking, not driving!!
4. SEE O DOUBLE YOU.
5. $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$.
6. A tombstone

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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