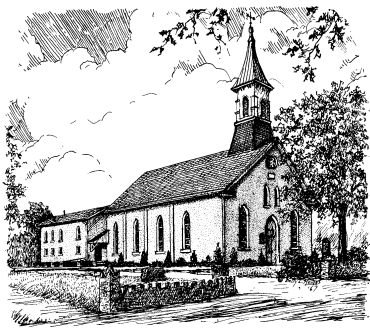


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

October 2016 Newsletter



Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson – Interim Pastor

Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

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

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Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

From the Interim Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Autumn has arrived!! Walk into your local grocery store and “pumpkin” is everywhere . . . from pumpkin waffle mix to pumpkin tortilla chips . . . from pumpkin sandwich cookies to pumpkin caramel corn . . . from pumpkin biscotti to pumpkin-spiced pumpkin seeds.

Autumn is my favorite season. After the summer heat, vacation and activity, I always look forward to the serenity and quiet of fall. The fall season is an in-between-time, helping us make the transition from the heightened activity of summer to the deep quiet of winter.

We can mark this passage by looking at nature: plants pull in, taking their life energy, their sap, back into their trunks and down into their roots. Squirrels scurry to store food for the winter. Birds start their migration to warmer climates. Leaves are beginning to turn, revealing an abundance of color. Autumn winds will help the trees loosen and let go of their leaves. Temperatures cool and sunlight is no longer as bright. The days begin to grow shorter and the nights longer.

Autumn is a season of transition, reminding us that our lives are constantly in flux. Of course change is always us, but autumn brings us to a deeper awareness of that truth . . . relationships change . . . our health changes . . . our job situation changes . . . we say goodbye to loved ones . . .

Amid all the changes of life one thing never changes – the presence of our loving and faithful God. As we read in the book of Hebrews, Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. God who has been our help in ages past is our hope for the future.

Autumn is a season of transition – change is in the air. Autumn is a season of harvest – there is a bounty of color and beauty. Autumn is a season of trust and letting go. . .

May this season of beauty, of change and of transition nourish your spirit.

Blessings on the Journey

Pastor Kris

October Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Oct. 2			Ephesians 4:1-6	John 17:20-23
Oct. 9	Jeremiah 29:4-7	Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 16	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31	Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 21	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct. 30	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18	Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 6	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31

CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

Let's Get Organized - Phase V on **October 15th at 9:00am.**

Coffee and donuts will be offered again to start the day. Many hands make light work.

We will try to tackle the Property Room. No ladder climbing this time.

We are going to get the Christmas "stuff" organized and in easy access places.

Also 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. More details in next months newsletter.

Watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

EASTERN STAR FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Come, join our Eastern Star ladies from St. Luke's for a Fashion Show and light Luncheon on **Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 11:30am at Augustus Lutheran Church.** Cost for the event is \$15.00.

Clothing will be from the Shoppe at The Heritage Restaurant in Harleysville.

Please call Janet Kimmich for tickets 610-489-3430.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for everyone's prayers over the past few months. First, for my mother Shirley. Fortunately, she has fully recovered from her stroke(s) in early June. Second, for our unemployment situation. God has blessed me with a wonderful full time job at West Pharmaceutical Services in Exton as of late August. Drew is working part time, but continues his job hunt with the goal of landing a full time opportunity by year end. Thank you for your love and support.

Sincerely, Melanie Prudom and Drew Crafton

October 1 Shirley Wanamaker
October 5 Esther Wolfram
Don Pry III
October 7 Brenda Koehler
Gabrielle Ridge
October 14 Diane Gambone
October 15 Kitty Walker
Bob Carpenter
October 16 Rachel Mac Elhenny



October 22 Laura Ann Leopold
October 23 Jim Brown
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby
Allison Pry
October 24 Steve Gray
Brian Parker
October 28 Brenda Kurtz
October 30 Pat Lika
October 31 Dawn Salerno

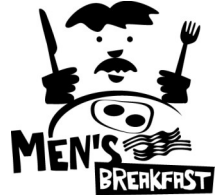


WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

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 Colledgeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS October 1, 2016 AT 1 PM



To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4) there will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday, October 1 at 1:00pm** on the back lawn at St. Luke's. In the event of rain the blessing will take place under the arch. All of God's creatures – dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, lizards, and other pets (real or stuffed) are welcome. There will be special treats for our "friends" and refreshments for their two legged companions. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Italy born in the 12th century. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and

devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all God's creation. He is the patron saint of ecology. Many of the stories that surround Francis's life tell of his great love for animals and the environment.

WALKING WITH GOD RETREAT

The theme for this year's Walking with God Retreat is "Faith: the Ultimate Force." The retreat will be held **Oct 21-23 at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Registration begins at 4 pm on Oct 21.** Workshops include Bible Study, Poetry, Creative Art, and Movement. There will be free time for massage, hiking, resting, and fellowship. **Cost for the entire weekend is \$160. Registration can be made online at pseco.org before October 12.**

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

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 the fourth Saturday of the month from 9-11am for fellowship and coloring (pencils, gel pens, sharpies and coloring books will be provided. You may also bring your own).

Our next gathering is **Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9am - 11am**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On **October 2**, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Many have heard about this day, but may not know much about where the day originated. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration.

The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal – when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance – and of Jesus' sacrifice.

World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe the Lord's Supper is celebrated in different languages, with different traditions and customs and in various forms of liturgy. It is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a reminder of our unity with other Christians throughout the world.

CROP WALK

As you take each step in the CROP Hunger Walk, imagine that you're in Kenya, walking to get water that you'll carry back home in a 5-gallon jug balanced on your head. Your family needs this water for drinking, bathing, preparing meals or watering the garden of livestock. Whatever the reason, 5-gallons of water weighs about 42 pounds, and you may have to walk miles to get it. CROP Hunger Walks help Church World Service work with communities to determine the best solution to their challenges. It could be a sand dam to help provide water. Micronutrient packets to feed children. Or tools and seeds to help keep a family fed and healthy. The Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium **CROP Walk** will take place on **October 16, 2016**. Registration begins at 1:00pm at Trinity UCC in Collegeville. The walk begins at 1:30pm. Donation envelopes are in the Narthex. Thank you for helping and hunger ...one step at a time!



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:00pm**

For the book "Be Frank With Me" by Julia Clairborne Johnson.

You must purchase your own copy of the book 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.



Sue and Roy Linkenhoker for trimming all the bushes around the church.
They look GREAT!!

INQUIREING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

Cheri Carpenter made a dessert for the picnic and quite a few people wanted the recipe, so here it is:
You should have been there!!

- 30 Gingersnaps finely crushed (about 1 1/2 Cups)
- 1/4 C butter or margarine melted
- 1 1/2 pkg. (8 oz) Philadelphia Cream Cheese (12 oz) softened
- 1/4 C sugar
- 2 C plus 2 Tblsp. milk, divided
- 1 tub (8 oz) Cool Whip, thawed and divided
- 1 can (15 oz) 100 % pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 2 pkg (3.4 oz ea) Jell-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice

Combine gingersnap crumbs and butter; press onto bottom of 13X9 inch dish. Freeze 10 minutes.
Beat cream cheese, sugar and 2 Tblsp. milk in large bowl with mixer until blended.
Add 1 1/4 C Cool Whip, mix well. Spread onto crust.
Whisk pumpkin, dry pudding mixes, spice and remaining milk for 2 minutes. (mixture will be thick).
Spread over cream cheese layer.
Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Top with remaining Cool Whip before serving.



October 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

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
October 2	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
October 9	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor Kris	Kim Gray
October 16	Scott Koehler	Becci Richardson	Brenda Koehler
October 23	Bev Spaid	Sue Kelly	Carrie Krentz
October 30	Brenda Koehler	Scott Koehler	Leah Keyser
November 6	Sue Kelly	Pastor Kris	Sue Kelly

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 November Newsletter is October 21st and mailing is October 25th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Charlie, Kim McDowell, Linda and 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 "Mini" Coloring Retreat 1:00 Blessing of the Animals
2 WORLD WIDE COMMUNION 9:30 Blended Service	3 12:00 LMM 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 10:00 LMM 7:30 Church and Ministry 5:30 Drama Kids	5 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra	6 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:30 Gamblers	7 10 & 11 LMM	8 10:00 Eastern Star Fashion Show Augustus Lutheran 5:00 MOPS
9 9:30 Blended Service 4:00 Troop #7080	10 12:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	11 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	12 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Orchestra	13 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	14 10 & 11 LMM	15 9:00 Let's Get Organized
16 HEALING SERVICE 9:30 Blended Service 1:00 Crop Walk	17 12:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	18 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	19 9:00 MOPS 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods 7:00 Orchestra	20 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	21 10 & 11 LMM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
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23 9:30 Blended Service Walking with God	24 12:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 9:00 MOPS Planning 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids NEWSLETTER MAILING	26 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Orchestra	27 11:00 Bright Spot Halloween Party 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	28 10 & 11 LMM 11:00 Bright Spot Halloween Party	29
30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 Blended Service	31 12:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 					

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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