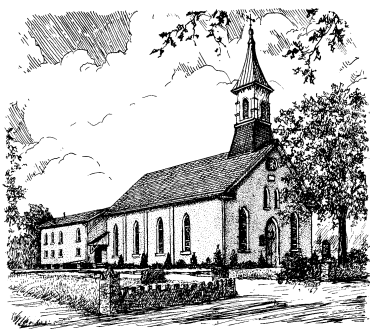


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

September 2015 Newsletter



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Summer Blended Service 9:30AM

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

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From the Interim Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I begin with a story . . . “Two people,” said the master, “went walking, each on a journey through the forest. One had a destination, a map, and a compass. The other had in mind only a pleasant walk. As the day passed and the shadows lengthened, they began to think of finding the edge of the forest and their destination.

“The first, lacking a compass or map, said, ‘Just ahead is a mighty tree. From there perhaps, I can see a way out of the forest.’ Walking to the tree and seeing no clear direction, the traveler looked toward another tree that was not far away. But that tree gave no clue to the way to the edge of the forest. Seeing many more sturdy trunks in the gathering twilight, the traveler reasoned, ‘If I go from tree to tree, surely I will find my way out of the forest.’ So the traveler wandered and wandered until darkness descended.

“The second traveler also noted the gathering twilight. With map and compass she started walking true north, taking her out of the forest, past the forest of trees, and to her evening’s destination.

“Now which traveler,” asked the master, “would reach the destination? And which would you rather follow into another forest?” “The second traveler,” replied the disciple. “The first traveler’s eyes were only on the trees before him, but the second had her eyes on the destination. Because she saw the destination, she was prepared with a plan to reach it.”

I share this story as we continue the interim process at St. Luke’s. The congregation has started to complete the congregational profile. Questions related to this task include the following: How do we view our faith community and how does that match reality? What assets and spiritual gifts are present in our congregation today? What is God calling St. Luke’s to be or do as a community of faith? The second traveler in the story had a destination and a plan to reach it. We ask ourselves, “What is St. Luke’s ‘destination?’” “What is St. Luke’s ‘plan?’” “What is our identity?”

Think back to the occasion when Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do the crowd say that I am?” The disciples set forth an array of answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, an ancient prophet from the past. Jesus probes for their personal response. “But who do YOU say that I am?” he asks. And Peter boldly and clearly proclaims, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

In so many ways the world is asking the church today, “Who do you say that you are?” We are answering that question as we complete the congregational profile.

We are here for a purpose. Claimed by God in the waters of baptism we are the body of Christ in the world. We are sent forth into the world as instruments on God’s mission. God is up to “something” in Trappe . . . During this time of transition God invites us to discover what that mission is . . . and then invites each of us to participate in it.

Blessings on the Journey,
Pastor Kris

September Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sept. 6	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9	Psalm 125	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept. 13	Genesis 1:27-31	Psalm 8	Colossians 1:15-20	Matthew 6:25-33
Sept. 20	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sept. 27	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Oct. 4	2 Chronicles 30:12	Psalm 133	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 17:20-23

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August is here! For many families that means school is just around the corner. Shopping for school supplies, books and fall clothes becomes a part of preparing to go back to school. On Sunday, August 30th we will celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students are invited to bring their backpacks or lunch boxes to worship on that day. During the service children and students of all ages are blessed along with their backpacks. Teachers, aides, bus drivers, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors are also invited to be blessed and affirmed in their vocation of caring for our children.

WEDNESDAY WAVERS

Come out at **7:00AM** Wednesday morning after Labor Day **LAST CHANCE** to wave. We need your “lovely” arms waving and “SMILING” faces greeting everyone on their morning travels. Coffee and snacks after you have used up your energy waving. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CHURCH IN THE PARK AND ANNUAL PICNIC

“God’s Amazing Creation” will be the theme for our annual “Church In The Park” worship service. We will again be gathering at Upper Providence Park on **Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 10:00am**. Special activities are being planned for the youth relating to the care of creation.

After the worship service we will be gathering for our Annual Church Picnic. There will be a **NEW TWIST** at the Picnic this year. We will be having our first every **CAKE WALK**. Join us to have some fun with this new activity. Our old stand by’s **Candy Toss** and **WATER BALLOONS** will return. Who will get wet this year??

Bring your favorite dish to share and your own place setting, silverware and cup. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please remember to sign-up by September 6th so we can plan for the hot dogs and hamburgers.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Cafè 29 in Collegeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.

September 1 Flo Momme
September 5 Corie Bowers
September 6 Sam Kurtz III
September 7 Donna Horst
Jody Ruckle



September 9 Martha Mensendiech
September 12 Patrick Gregory
September 19 Charleena Moore
September 26 Carl Watters
September 30 Sal Swavely

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.



Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services and Susan Wenrick for giving St. Luke's the chance to do outreaching in our Community.

GAME DAY IS HAPPENING

Join us the first Thursday of every month to play GAMES. We will pick out a game when we know how many people are here. Bring a brown bag lunch we will eat together and then play the afternoon away

SHINGLES CLINIC AT ST. LUKE'S

Smiles now!!



Lillian's Sister, Lillian Spring, Bill Leopold, Bonnie Neiman

Pastor Kris gets her certificate with a smile!



It didn't hurt that bad, did it Bonnie?!?



Just when you thought you were done Midge, there's more paperwork!



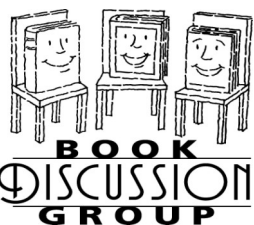
WORSHIP NEWS

On August 30th we will be saying “goodbye” to Keith Javors who has served for the past year as the Music Director at St. Luke’s. We have been blessed by Keith’s musical talent which he has shared so graciously with this community of faith. A brief service of Farewell and Godspeed will take place at the end of the August 30th worship service. A special reception to thank Keith for his ministry will take place in the parlor.

A special thank you to Bob Carpenter who will be serving as Interim Music Director until a new person is selected.

With this transition church council has begun a discussion about combining the contemporary and traditional services into one service. Stewardship of human resources, a drop in attendance, and financial considerations have been topics for discussion in this discernment process. A decision will be made at the next church council meeting on September 8th. Please contact any church council member with your thoughts and concerns. Your input is welcomed and encouraged!!

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB



Please come and join us on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:00 to discuss the book “The Husband’s Secret” by Liane Moriarty. You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at a Library. We will then pick a new book to read for our next meeting.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4, 2015 AT 2 PM

To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4) there will be a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4th at 2 pm on the back lawn at St. Luke’s. 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.

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

Join the ladies of the church for a get together breakfast the 2nd Thursday of each month at Spring Ford Diner in Spring City. We meet at 9:00 am, just tell them you are with St. Luke’s Church.



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WELCOME TO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This Fall our Bible study will meet on Tuesday, September 29th to receive our books and just discuss our study a little. On October 27th we will begin meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 11:00am. We will be studying the New Testament Book of Hebrews. This Book is about Faith—God's faithfulness to us in giving us God's Son and our faithful response of looking to Jesus.

We will study this marvelous portrait of Jesus Christ as seen through the lens of the Old Testament. We will be encouraged and reassured that Jesus is truly the Way, the Truth and the Life. Come and bring a friend and join us as we open our hearts and minds and study God's Word together and as we enjoy coffee, snacks, good discussions and fellowship. If you have questions, please call me at 610-489-9770. Beverly Spaid

IF JESUS CAME TO TOWN

Did you ever wonder how folks found out about Jesus and his ministry in biblical times? The Bible is full of stories of crowds that formed when Jesus was in a particular setting. How did everybody hear about his presence? Fast forward to today. If Jesus were to appear today here in Trappe at St. Luke's how would people be notified? How would people find out about the presence of the Risen Christ?

In today's world, information can spread in seconds. Recently Pastor Kris, Bob Keyser and Nancy Leneweaver attended a seminar sponsored by the PSEC on Social Media. The main presentation included ways in which churches can use the technology of today — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, to spread the news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the ministry God's Holy Spirit is doing through the church.

Fully two-thirds of American adults are active in social networking communities. Nearly 100% of teens are actively online and 80% regularly use social networking sites. The bulk of both teens and adults use their digital participation as a vital and vibrant part of their relationships with friends and families. Digital engagement is the reality of human experience in America and in most of the world.

Very much at the center of the challenges facing the church is the challenge of communicating what the Gospel means—with new generations of seekers and believers. If you would be interested in being part of a discussion on how to incorporate social media into the life of the community, see Pastor Kris.

FALL GATHERING

Are you a collector? Coins...Plates...Stamps...Dolls...Tomtes...Music Boxes...Beer Cans...Miniatures...Crosses??

During the Coffee Hour on October 18th members of St. Luke's will have the opportunity to share their hobby with the Congregation. Tables will be set up in Moyer Hall.

Sign-up to display your collections is on the Lower Narthex bulletin board.



September Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **The Worship Committee** to schedule and review tasks. Also Ushers are needed, see **Janet Kimmich** or sign up on the bulletin board.

9:30 Blended Services

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
September 6	Brenda Koehler	Pastor Kris	Brenda Koehler
September 13	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler	Kim Gray
September 20	Tom Lloyd	Sue Kelly	Carrie Krentz
September 27	Kathy Narrigan	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
October 4	Becci Richardson	Becci Richardson	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 September Newsletter is September 22nd and mailing is September 25th.


A NUN GRADING PAPERS.....PRICELESS

CAN YOU IMAGINE THE NUN SITTING AT HER DESK GRADING THESE PAPERS, ALL THE WHILE TRYING TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE AND MAINTAIN HER COMPOSURE! PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE WORDING AND SPELLING. IT COMES FROM A CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEST. KIDS WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. THE FOLLOWING 6 STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BIBLE WERE WRITTEN BY CHILDREN AND THERE ARE MANY MORE TO COME.

THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RETOUCED OR CORRECTED. INCORRECT SPELLING HAS BEEN LEFT IN.

1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.
2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.
5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.
6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.

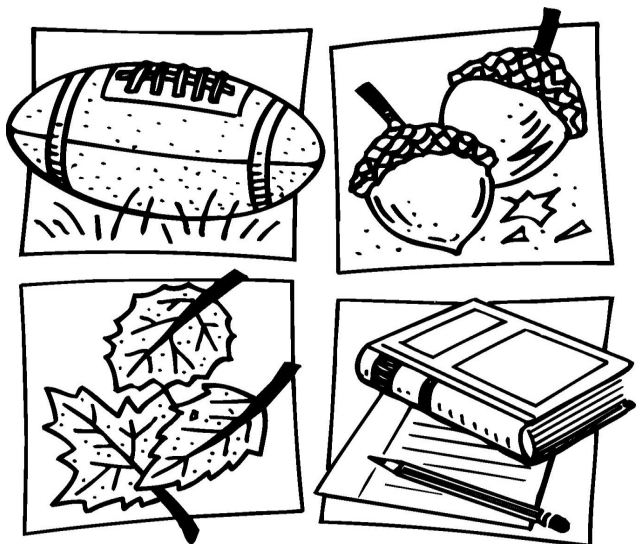


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6 9:30 Blended Service	7 OFFICE CLOSED 	8 7:30 Council	9 7:00 am LAST Wednesday Wavers 6:00 Woman Book Club 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra	10 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	11 10 LMM	12
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13 10:00 Annual Church Picnic Upper Providence Park	14 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Worship and Music	16 9:00 MOPS 7:00 Greenbar 7:00 College Wds HO 7:00 Orchestra	17 7:30 Gamblers	18	19
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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

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