

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

September 2019 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

“There is no dishonor in losing the race. There is only dishonor in not racing because you are afraid to lose.” —

“He died that day because his body had served its purpose. His soul had done what it came to do, learned what it came to learn, and then was free to leave.”

These are the quotes directly from the movie ‘The Art of Dancing in the Rain.’ By Garth Stein.

This book reflects many theological insights. It is about love, redemption, grace, hope, frailty and reality of human life. It is from the viewpoint of Enzo, the dog. Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs), he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver.

Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn't simply about going fast. On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and his family have been through.

A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, The Art of Racing in the Rain is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life ... as only a dog could tell it. Yet while only a dog could tell it, it was already done by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Blessings, See you in church.

Pastor John

September Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept. 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6	Philippians 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 15	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalms 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalms 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Oct. 6	Lam. 1:1-6; 3:19-26	Psalms 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

SERMON SERIES

Sept. 1	"Biased"	Hebrews 13:1-8;15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14
Sept 8	"Step Out "	Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 14: 25-33
Sept 15	"Losing, Finding, Remembering"	I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
Sept 22	"Godfather"	I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
Sept 29	"Do We Walk on By?"	I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



NEW WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE STARTING September 8th at 6pm.

The service is entitled "The Way" . " The Way" is in reference to the ancient terminology for early Christians who were used the term to point others to Jesus and code term for their journey. Our 'The Way' service is based on the following:

1. Communion every week
2. Centered on a round table with candles to bring closeness with others and God.
3. It will have open liturgy and offering will be a part of the service
4. Soft music will be played
5. It will be no more than 35 minutes long
6. The brief sermons will be focused on the scripture's of 'One -another' in following the Way of Jesus---

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Dave Ramsey Radio Personality will host classes starting Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30pm at St. Luke's. St. Luke's is a host site to help people get back on their feet financially. Please join us in the Nursery area. Here is the link for people to signup for the FPU class. <https://www.fpu.com/1094517>. This link gives a discount on the course price. Making it \$109 instead of \$129. Here is a link to a number of resource materials you can use on social media and elsewhere financialpeace.com/promo



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, September 12th at 9:00am
At Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.
NOTE THE PLACE FOR THIS MONTH

September 2 Flo Momme
Nethanel Hogue
September 5 Corie Bowers
September 6 Sam Kurtz III
September 7 Donna Horst
Jody Ruckle



September 8 Drew Crafton
September 9 Martha Mensendiek
September 12 Patrick Gregory
September 26 Carl Watters
September 30 Sal Swavely

BAPTISM - SEPTEMBER 1ST.
Jonathan Isaac Kurtz and Samuel Robert Kurtz IV
Sponsors: Rebecca Sue Hensley and Charles Edward Hensley
Steve Anthony Groff, and Melissa Lyan Canan



ANNUAL ST. LUKES PICNIC

Meet us at the church on Sunday September 8, 2019. We will have Worship Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary and then to Moyer Hall for our Picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill and all the other “good stuff” to STUFF ourselves with as we gather in fellowship with all.

SAT SEPT 28th 2019 9am – 3pm



FALL FESTIVAL ONLY A FEW WEEKS TO GO!

Saturday, September 28th, 9 am to 3 pm -- **DON'T FORGET THAT DATE!!!** Be sure you've marked your calendars to attend St. Luke's major fundraising event of the year – the fabulous Fall Festival. There will be crafters, food, a silent basket auction, bake sale and free entertainment. Bring your family, friends and neighbors along to church that day. Help us improve and raise the image of St. Luke's in our own community. Let's show everyone all the good work and good people in our congregation. The October 2018 initial event raised about \$5000 in a single day. Let's see how much more we can raise this year, when cashflow has been a real struggle.

See the list below for how you can help. **Our most urgent need right now is to borrow folding tables and chairs, canopies and/or tents from the congregation.** We need places for people to sit and eat, as well as to display silent auction baskets. We've sold all the church's tables to crafters! We must know how many tables, chairs and canopies you can lend and the dimensions ASAP, in order to address layout and foot traffic control. Otherwise rentals might be required, incurring cost that lowers net profit. Please add your info to the sign-up sheet on the Missions Board. Or speak to any team member if you can help. If you are willing to lend but can't physically transport to church, let us know. We'll arrange for pick-up in advance. Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on
Wednesday, September 25th, 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville PA .



FINANCE CORNER (as of 09//19)

OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$.00

ACTUAL EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE: \$.00

BUDGET YEAR TO DATE: \$.00

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee

VOLUNTEERS

The following people have volunteered to transport Anne White from Peter Becker Home in Harleysville, PA.

Sunday, October 6 - Brenda Kurtz

Sunday, November 3 - Melanie Prudom

Bev Spaid will then transport Anne back. Please let Sue Linkenhoker know if you are able to transport Anne from Peter Becker to St. Luke's on the first Sunday of the month. We would like to have more volunteers going forward. Thank you Sue Linkenhoker.

QUILT RAFFLE



DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Go to www.smile.amazon.com and type in "St. Luks United Church of Christ Trappe" for all your future Amazon orders and St. Luke's will receive .5% of the proceeds. Have fun shopping and THANK YOU!

3 SIPS CAFÉ AND BIBLE STUDY

We will resume in the fall, watch for our first date.

Veronica Hogue at 402-801-9301 or teapotlady3@gmail.com.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of August we collected \$56.81 for Fatherhood Endowment.

August Noisy Offering

On behalf of St. Luke's, the Missions Team will be sending a check for \$113.62 to the Fatherhood Empowerment Center in Norristown. Thank you for your support. To learn more about their skill-building programs that empower young men to be better, supportive fathers to their children as well as other Montgomery County services, check out the website at: www.cadcom.org/Programs-Services.

September Noisy Offering

Sunday, September 8th is First Responders Sunday at St. Luke's, close to the anniversary of 911. Noisy Offering will be dedicated to the volunteer Trappe Fire and Ambulance Company. From their main station on Fifth Avenue, the Fire Department primarily responds to calls from Trappe Borough and a large part of Upper Providence Township. They provide mutual assistance to Perkiomen, Skippack and Limerick Townships and Collegeville Borough as well. The EMS vehicles and staff cover a slightly larger area. They have sub-stations in Phoenixville and Limerick in order to provide advanced life support services to additional area residents.

If you visit their website (<http://www.trappefire.org/>), you'll see they respond to between 20 – 30 fires per month. Almost once a day some of neighbors put their life on the line for ordinary citizens like us. Please give generously. Remember, the Missions Team matches your donation penny for penny, dollar for dollar.

CROP WALK

Will you help us fight hunger one step and one walk at a time? For date and time and to register your team, or to make an online donation, please go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/collegevillepa/>. If you would like posters, handouts, or a Team donation envelope, please contact Trinity's church office at 610-489-4223. Let us make the CROP Hunger Walk at Trinity this year the biggest walk we ever had!

Together we can end hunger!

Registration at Trinity 12:30. Walk starts at 1:00pm.

ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK.

Youngsters from Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend. Sunday school will be held every 1st and 3rd Sundays after the children's message. There are two opportunities for you to help: First, we would like to purchase the Bibles that are used with the Spark curriculum that we are purchasing. They are \$20.00 each, and we would like to purchase 10 Bibles so we can get free shipping to cut our cost for the church. If you are interested in contributing to the purchase of the Bibles, please let Pastor John or Nancy Leneweaver know, or place your donation in a small envelope and mark it "Bibles", along with your name and/or envelope number.

Second, we need volunteers to teach. The more people who volunteer, the fewer Sundays each person will need to teach. If you are interested and have the required clearances as per the Safe Church policy, please let either Pastor John or Nancy Leneweaver know. If you are interested and need to get your clearances, let Nancy Leneweaver know, and she will gladly help you with getting them, and St. Luke's will cover the costs.

We are excited to offer Sunday school once again and hope that it is a meaningful experience for all who participate.



September 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 **Brenda Kurtz** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sept. 1	Sue Kelly	Carrie Krentz	Esther Wolfram & Betsy Fisher
Sept. 8	Becci Richardson	Leah Keyser	Isaac & Nethanel Hogue
Sept. 15	Kathy Narrigan	Nancy Leneweaver	Sue and Roy Linkenhoker
Sept. 22	Tom Lloyd	Carrie Krentz	Isaac & Nethanel Hogue
Sept. 29	Jim Narrigan	Leah Keyser	
Oct. 6	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Mel Prudom & Drew Crafton

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 Sept. 23rd and mailing is Sept. 26th .



PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Carl “Corky” Walters, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Claycomb, Tammy McGonagle.

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa and Victor Thomas, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Randy and Sue Davidson, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Blended Service BAPTISM 150th Anniversary of Ursinus College	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3 Bright Spot School starts 6:30 Worship and Music	4 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Choir	5 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	6	7
8 10:00 Blended Service Noisy Offering 11:00 Picnic and Rally Day	9 6:30 Missions 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	11  6:00 Book Club 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra	12 9:00 Women's Breakfast S-F Diner 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	13	14
15 9:30 Worship Service Healing Service	16 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	17	18 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra	19 7:30 GANON	20	21
22 9:30 Blended Service	23 6:30 Missions 7:00 Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 9:30 Bible Study	25 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra	26 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON NEWSLETTER MAILING	27	28 9:00 St. Luke's Fall Festival 
29 9:30 Blended Service	30 7:00 Boy Scouts Corie Vacation					

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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