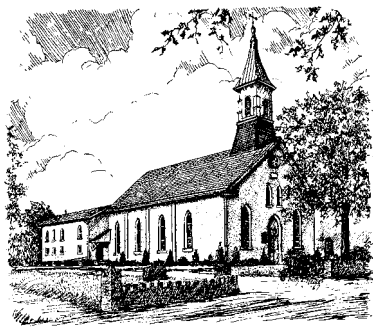


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

April 2015 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

Contemporary Service 8:30 AM

Traditional Service 10:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Combined Service 10:30 AM
and Youth Sunday School

From the Interim Pastor

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rules or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. . . For in Christ, the firstborn from the dead . . . all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.
Colossians 1:15-19 NRSV

When I was a little girl, I thought it was strange that the period between Christmas and Easter was so short. Jesus is born in a stable and a few months later he is grown up and dies on a cross. I did not quite understand the importance of the liturgical calendar.

We have journeyed together during this season of Lent from winter to spring. Along the way we have been invited to examine our hearts and ask God to help us draw closer to Him. This examination may have introduced pain into our lives, for we recognize ourselves for what we are: people who have often fallen short of the glory of God, sinners in need of God's grace. Yet our temporary pain leads us to a greater fullness of fellowship with God and others, just as the temporary anguish of Jesus' cross led to victory over suffering and death.

Growing spiritually during Lent has not just been a time of introspection. Lent has been a time of springtime awakening, as we have discovered God's new blessings, God's ongoing healing presence in our lives. God continually brings us new insights in the ordinary moments of our daily routines.

Easter Sunday and the season that follows is a time of joy. And for those women and disciples who went to the tomb, what they found (or more precisely what they did not find) was certainly a surprise. There is nothing in the lessons of Lent, Holy Thursday or Good Friday which prepares us for the surprising joy of Easter. The great challenge of our faith is to continue to be surprised by the joy of Christ's presence in our lives.

One of my favorite spiritual writers is Sister Joan Chitister. She writes, "To say 'I believe. . . in Jesus Christ . . . who rose from the dead,' is to say I believe that the Resurrection goes on and on and on forever. Every time Jesus rises in our own hearts in new ways, the Resurrection happens again. Every time we see Jesus where we did not recognize him before – in the faces of the poor, in the love of the unloved, in the revelatory moments of life, Jesus rises anew. The real proof of the Resurrection lies not in the transformation of Jesus alone but in the transformation of our lives."

This year, let us all choose to be "Surprised by Joy!" For Easter is not simply a day, it is a season! It is a time to be surprised with the joy of Christ's presence within us, around us, and in the world that God created and so loves.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Easter Blessings,
Pastor Kris

April Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
April 5	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
April 12	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 19	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 26	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
May 3	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:1-8

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2015

8:30 Contemporary

10:30 Traditional

On Palm/Passion Sunday we gather to wave our palms and shout “Hosanna.” Our joy is shattered as we make an abrupt turn to the events of Christ’s Passion.

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2015

6:00 pm

Simple meal of soup, bread and grapes.

7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary.

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus’ commandment to “love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus’ love is demonstrated both in his example of servitude and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

Good Friday
April 3, 2015

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service

“Tenebrae” is a Latin word meaning “shadows” or “darkness.” The dramatic feature of this service is the gradual extinction of all lights in the church except for the Christ Candle.

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015

6:30 Sunrise Service

8:30 Contemporary

10:30 Traditional

Sunrise Service will be in the Cemetery and there will be a light breakfast following in Moyer Hall.

8:30 Contemporary Service with Holy Communion.

10:30 Traditional Service with Holy Communion.

We gather on this Easter Sunday to shout “He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!!”

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AND ACTIVITIES



Oh my! Look what’s around the corner, or behind the tree trunk, or under the bush, or in the garden. It’s the Easter Egg Hunt. All children ages 0-grade 5 are invited to listen to a story, make a craft, play “Pin the Tail on the Bunny”, make and eat a snack, and hunt for Easter Eggs. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **April 4, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:45**. Children should bring their own baskets for their eggs. Older youth and adults are needed to help with set-up at 9:00, from 10:00 to 11:45 to help lead groups through or help with the activities, and/or afterward to help with clean-up. Please avoid providing candy with nuts or peanut butter. Please speak the Jody Ruckle if you are able to help. There is also a signup sheet on the bulleting board,

April 5
April 8
April 10
April 13
April 16

Jale Aydin
Nancy Lewis
Susan Wenrick
Scott Koehler
Lillian Spring
Brenda Kurtz III



April 17
April 18
April 25

Williamson Keyser
Anita Pry
Betsy Fisher
Beth Irwin
Heather Slaymaker
Jason Krentz

April 26

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.



REFLECTING ON ST. LUKE'S HERITAGE POT LUCK SUPPER

Memory is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Scripture is full of stories to emphasize the importance of remembering history for generations. A great deal of the strength of Israel's faith and our Christian faith is sustained by the stories faithful people tell and retell to one another and to their children. When Joshua crossed the Jordan, he commanded twelve men to take up stones from the river and build a memorial in Gilgal. Then Joshua said, "When your children ask in times to come, 'What do these stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them . . . so these stories shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever." (Joshua 4:6-7)

The earliest generations of Christian churches were also inspired by the retelling of the stories of the heroes of the faith. The Letter to the Hebrews greatly challenges all Christians "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . . let us run with perseverance to the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2). These texts serve as a foundation as St. Luke's moves forward in the interim process by focusing on its rich heritage.

Every congregation has stories to tell, stories of success and challenges, stories of celebration and grief. The interim time is a moment in the Congregation's life when members have a chance to look back and appreciate their history, both recent and long-term.

On April 12th at 5:30pm members of St. Luke's will gather for a pot-luck supper. A time of reflection on the Congregation's history will follow.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The evening will end by 8:00pm.

UNWRAPPING GOD'S GIFT OF JOY

Women's Retreat

A heart full of God is a happy heart with radiates an infectious joy...Pope Francis

Jesus gives us a clue as to what kind of life He wants for us in John 10:10: "I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance." If abundant life means anything at all, it means a life of joy. We are God's people characterized by an overflowing, amazing, abundant joy...a joy that knows no limits...a joy based on our identity in God...a joy that flows from a deep source which is not dependant on life's circumstances. This retreat will explore the difference between happiness and joy and discovering God's gift of joy in the midst of our everyday lives.

Women from St. Luke's are invited to this Spring retreat at St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenixville. The date for this retreat is **Saturday, April 11th**. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00am with the retreat starting at **9:30am and ending at 3:00pm**. Cost is **\$12.00**. Checks made out to **St. John's WELCH** can be mailed to St. John's at the following address:

**St. John's Lutheran Church
355 St. John's Circle
Phoenixville, PA 19460**

Please **RSVP by April 1**. Any questions contact Linda Landis at 610-399-9544
Each participant is asked to bring an object which symbolized JOY in life.

Pastor Kris is facilitating this retreat.



NEW ADDRESS

Here is a new address for Fred Litchert, cards are always appreciated.

Fred Litchert
Parkhouse Nursing & Rehab #N-806
1600 Black Rock Road
Royersford, PA 19468

GAME DAY IS BACK IN FULL SWING



Join us on the first Thursday of each month for fun with games. A game will be picked out for the day by all who attend. Hopefully we can pick 2 or 3 depending on the amount of people who are here. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will eat together and then play the afternoon away. Hope to see you then.

ATTENTION: There is no game day in April due to Maundy Thursday.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Please come and join us on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:00 to discuss the book "The Orphan Train" by Christine Kline. It is about a girl that was "trained" to the Midwest during the 1920's. Her story (at age 90) and how it touches the life a young girl in modern times. 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.

MISSION MEETING CHANGE

The Mission Committee has changed their meeting time and dates, they will meet at **4:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. (May 21, July 16, Sept. 17 & Nov. 19)**

Please feel free to join us. Thank you Kathy Narrigan

2015 COMMUNION SCHEDULE



April 2	Maundy Thursday	October 4	Worldwide Communion
April 5	Easter	November 1	All Saints Day
May 24	Pentecost	November 29	
July 12		December 24	Christmas Eve
September 13	Rally Day		



April 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.

8:30 Contemporary Service

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
April 5	Kathy Narrigan	Kim Gray
April 12	Jim Narrigan	Brenda Koehler
April 26	Kelly Gray	Nancy Leneweaver
May 3	Scott Koehler	Kim Gray

10:30 Traditional and Combined Service





	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
April 5	Bev Spaid	Madeline Kelly	Pastor Kris	Sue Kelly
April 12	Becci Richardson	Jale Aydin	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver
April 19	Janet Kimmich	Kaitlin Koehler	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler
April 26	Tom Lloyd	Madeline Krentz	Nancy Leneweaver	Carrie Krentz
May 3	Corie Bowers	Madeline Kelly	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 May Newsletter is April 20th and mailing is April 24th.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra 	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 Simple Supper 7:00 Communion Serv 7:30 Gamblers	3 10 & 11 LMM 7:30 Tenebrae Service 	4 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt & Act. 
5 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:30 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 	6 9:00 AARP Taxes 10:30 LMM 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 11:30 Bright Spot 4:30 Drama Kids 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Church and Ministry	8 9:00 MOPS 6:00 Women's Book Club 7:00 Orchestra	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast 11:30 Bright Spot MH 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Finance 7/8 Choir/Bridge 7:30 Gamblers	10 10 & 11 LMM	11
12 8:30 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional Serv. 5:30 History Gathering Pot Luck Dinner	13 9:00 AARP Taxes 10:30 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Bright Spot 4:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Brownies #71734 7:00 Tai Chi 7:30 Council	15 7:00 Orchestra	16 11:30 Bright Spot MH 7/8 Choir/Bridge 7:30 Gamblers	17 10 & 11 LMM	18
19 HEALING SERV. 10:30 Comb. Healing 10:40 Youth S/S 5:30 Brownies #7080 7:00 Troop #71984	20 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 9:30 MOPS Team 11:30 Bright Spot 4:30 Drama Kids 7:00 Tai Chi 7:30 Church Life	22 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Orchestra	23 11:30 Bright Spot MH 7:00 Toastmasters 7/8 Choir/Bridge 7:00 Cookie Bingo 7:30 Gamblers	24 10 & 11 LMM NEWSLETTER MAILING	25
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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