

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

November 2015 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

Blended Service 9:30AM

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

Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

From the Interim Pastor

In one of his journal notations, Thomas Merton a Trappist monk writes that we are always thinking that our life will truly be happy “when”. We are not satisfied with what is currently our situation because we have it in our mind that our life won’t be happy until something else occurs: When I have one more thing I want, when I get rid of that personality flaw of mine, when I can finally have life as I have always dreamed it to be, when I am truly successful, when I find the right person in my life, when, when, when...

Waiting for the “when” keeps us from appreciating what we already have. Longing for promises and dreaming dreams is part of being human. We can hope and dream as long as the present moment is not overlooked, as long as gratitude rises for what is already here, as long as we do not base our happiness of what is still wanting. Thankfulness for what has already been given is the foundation for hope in the future. The German mystic Meister Eckhart once said that if the only prayer you make is “thank you,” that will suffice.

I was thinking about this quote in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving is not just a yearly holiday, but a lifestyle. The giving of thanks is a choice that we all have. Gratitude is a choice that we will have the opportunity to make every day for the rest of our lives. There is certainly no shortage of reasons to give thanks. The countless things that surround us everyday give us reasons. If we take the time to recognize them, they will serve to remind us that there are more good things in the world than bad, just as light is greater than darkness. Scripture tells us “Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Philippians 4:4). Because of this, giving thanks shouldn’t be something that we only do occasionally, or on Thanksgiving, but daily.

I invite you to join me in putting aside “when this happens” or “if only this could be” or “when things get better” or “as soon as I have this.” God has blessed us with so many gifts... May our eyes be opened to see the gift of the present moment... May we say farewell to “when” and be thankful for what is.

Blessings on the journey

Pastor Kris

November Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov. 1	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Nov. 8	Jeremiah 29:10-14	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov. 15	1 Samuel 1:4-20	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14	Mark 13:1-8
Nov. 22	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 100	Philippians 4:4-9	Luke 17:11-19
Nov. 29	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Dec. 6	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

On All Saint's Sunday, November 1 we give thanks for the saints of every time and every place and especially remember those saints who have died in the past year. It is a "mini-Easter" in which we rejoice in the gift of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the promise of life everlasting.

We have the names of members of the congregation who have died since All Saints 2014. If you would like the name of a relative or friend who has died since October 31, 2014 included in the prayers that day please call or email the church office before October 28. We ask you to remember those who have died before November 2014 in your silent prayer that day.

TRUST IN THE PROMISE STEWARDSHIP 2015

"For surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

These words were written to the people of Israel exiled in Babylon. Everything they knew and trusted had been destroyed. Yet here was a promise that they not only had a future but it was a future with hope. A future planned for them and promised to them.

"Trust in the Promise" is the stewardship theme for The United Church of Christ. It is also a timely theme for St. Luke's as the search process to call a new pastor begins soon. What plan does God have for St. Luke's? What might we offer to the future? Can we claim that promise of a future with hope for ourselves by giving to this moment?

In the next couple of days, members will be receiving a pastoral letter and an estimate of giving card. Members are invited to prayerfully consider their 2016 support for the ministry at St. Luke's. Cards will be collected and blessed on November 8—Stewardship Sunday.

God has promised us a "future with hope." To trust in the promise and to believe in the hope of God is to give generously to the present. We have been blessed to be a blessing...

TIME TO TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS

Remember to turn back your clocks on Saturday evening, October 31st. We would not want you to miss worship services on Sunday, November 1st!!!

November 4 Beth Spaid
November 5 Debbie Parker
November 8 Sue Gregory
Walt Daller III



November 16 Nancy Leneweaver
November 19 Tommy Damiami
November 29 Dottie Sheppard
Brody Ruckle

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.

For all the Crop Walk people and their supporters.



TRANSITION UPDATE

Church Council continues to identify members for the Search Committee. Presently five members have responded “yes”. Names will be shared with the congregation in the very near future.

Thank-you to all who completed the questionnaires for the Congregational Profile. A special thank-you to Melanie Prudom for collating the results. Continue to pray for St. Luke’s as the search begins to all a new pastor. Pray also for the person God is preparing to be the next shepherd at St. Luke’s.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

On Thanksgiving Day the nation takes time to offer thanks for the harvest and for the abundant resources of this land. As Christians we recognize that the source of all good things is the God who is the giver of all life.

We will gather together at our Sunday Worship Service on November 22nd to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives.

Please bring an item for the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

This Sunday is also Christ The King Sunday, the last Sunday in our liturgical calendar.

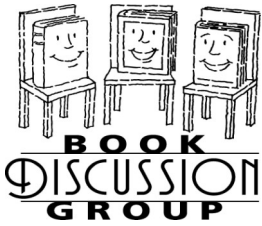
(NOTE: THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016!

In October the Sunday School led by Scott Koehler gathered to learn about music in the church. At the end of the worship service the youth sang one of the songs they learned accompanied by instruments. We will continue with our Sunday School schedule this year on the third Sunday of each month, beginning with the Children's Sermon during the service.

In November the Sunday School will focus on thanksgiving and God’s many blessings.

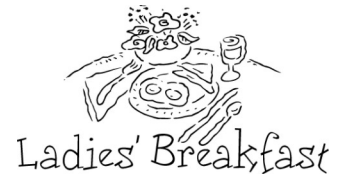
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Please come and join us on **Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 6:00pm** to discuss the book "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. 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 in December.

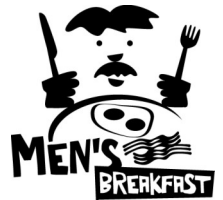
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the ladies of the church for a get together breakfast on the 2nd Thursday of each month. This month (November 12th) we will be at Three Squares in Limerick. We meet at 9:00 am, just tell them you are with St. Luke's Church.



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



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. We have been having so much fun at these gatherings, please consider joining us for a fun afternoon. It takes the blues away even if the weather is not cooperating!!!

WELCOME TO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On October 27th we began our first meeting and we will meet very 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

THANK YOU

To my church family for all of your support this past year. It has been a challenge I had to meet on many days. Your prayers, cards, transportation and meals were so very much appreciated. If Fred was able to echo my thoughts I know he would do so.

Your caring has given me even a stronger faith that will continue to guide me each and every day.

Sincerely, Midge Litchert

HOBBY DAY

CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

The first Hobby Day was a big success. We had Harley Davidsons, comic books, stamps, trains, dolls and much more.

A big thank you to those who brought their “treasures”, Cheri Carpenter, Nancy Claycomb-Morris, Dave Carl, Pastor Kris Peterson, Steve Schmidt, Bill Leopold, Roy Linkenhoker, Sr., Doug and Linda Miller, Betsy Fisher, Esther Wolfram, Grant and Tom Lloyd, and Rod and Corie Bowers. I for one was happy to find out what “Tomtes” were.

We are ready to have more of these wonderful events and hope that more people bring their collections and hobbies and passions. Thanks again from the Church Life committee for your support of our event.

CROP WALK THANK YOU

Sunday, October 11th was a beautiful fall day for the Annual Crop Walk.

A big thank you to our walkers—Roy Linkenhoker Jr., Dianne Waddington, Sue Linkenhoker, Pastor Kris, Esther Wolfram, Scott, Brenda and Sam Koehler and to those who supported them.

St. Luke’s raised \$720.00 to help fight hunger around the world. Together we are making a difference.

NOTE FROM DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

Dear Neighbors,

We are so grateful for the food 45.2 lb. and more. With your support we are trying to meet the needs of 131 seniors, 589 adults and 350-424 children. With God’s help and yours, we met it.

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

“WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR WITS END, YOU’LL FIND GOD LIVES THERE.”



November 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>
November 1	Sue Kelly	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
November 8	Bev Spaid	Nancy Leneweaver	Leah Keyser
November 15	Brenda Koehler	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler
November 22	Scott Koehler	Scott Koehler	Kim Gray
November 29	Becci Richardson	Becci Richardson	Carrie Krentz
December 6	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor Kris	Nancy Leneweaver

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 January Newsletter is December 18th and mailing is December 23rd.




CHECK OUT THE FUNDRAISING NIGHT

The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry is having a fund raiser at the Texas Roadhouse in Royersford on Sunday, November 15th from 12Noon to 9:00pm and on Wednesday, November 18th and Thursday, November 19th from 4:00pm to 10:00pm

There are coupons on the Bulletin board in the lower Narthex which you need to take with you. It is a 10% Donation Night to support their cause. You should "Call Ahead Seating" at 610-948-4006. Please make sure you pick up a coupon from the bulletin board.



NOVEMBER

1 COMMUNION 9:30 Blended Service 	2 10:00 LMM 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 11:30 B. Spot—MH 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Church and Ministry	4 11:30 B. Spot—MH 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra	5 12:30 Games 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	6 10:00 LMM	7
8 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 Blended Service	9 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 B. Spot—MH 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council	11 9:00 MOPS 11:30 B. Spot—MH 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Orchestra 	12 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	13 10 LMM	14
15 HEALING SERV. 9:30 Blended Service	16 10:00 LMM 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	17 11:30 B. Spot—MH 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Worship and Music	18 11:30 B. Spot—MH 7:00 Greenbar 7:00 College Wds HO 7:00 Orchestra Pastor Kris at Bishop's Convocation	19 7:00 Christian Ed. 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	20 10:00 LMM 4:00 Grange Dinner NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 Diane Vacation
22 THANKSGIVING SERVICE 9:30 Blended Service	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 B. Spot—MH 4:00 Missions 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Church Life NEWSLETTER MAILING	25 9:00 Men's Breakfast 11:30 B. Spot—MH 7:00 Orchestra Pastor Kris Vacation	26  7:30 Gamblers	27	28
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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