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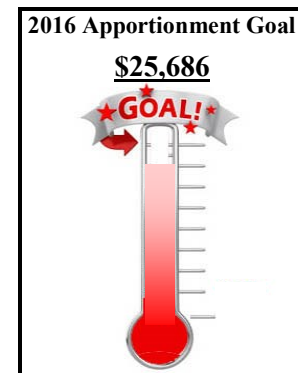
January 2017



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| | Sunday, January 1 ONE Worship Time-9:30 am (No Sunday School classes) | |
| | Sunday, January 8 Epiphany Apportionment Sunday Worship at 8 & 10:30 am Redecorate Sanctuary 9 am Sunday School at 9:15 am | |
| | Sunday, January 15 Special Worship Speaker Rev Lee Schott From Women At The Well 6 pm Worship at ICIW | |
| | Sunday, January 22: Human Relations Day Offering | |

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| Sunday, January 29: Worship at 8 & 10:30 am Sunday School at 9:15 am | |
| Monday, January 30: 5th Monday CFUM Supper at Trinity UMC, DSM Sign up to donate food items, help cook, and travel to DSM to serve. For questions, talk with Joyce Stonehocker. | |
| Please--Update All Addresses including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you. | |
| | January Salvation Army Food Pantry Request Detergent & Dish Soap |



Financial Update

We have received word from the Conference that they are accepting 2016 submissions through January 15, 2017, so we have a couple more

weeks to receive gifts for our remaining \$6,685 in Apportionments.

Matthew, Mark, & Luke all declare, "With God all things are possible." From our bountiful blessings from God, let us share, even sacrificially, so folk in need in Iowa and around the globe, can live.

We'll continue 2nd Sunday Noisy Offerings for "A-PORTION-MEANT-FOR-OTHERS" and anytime, you can write *Apportionments* in the memo of a check to *St Luke*.

These offerings have been received
Nov 27: \$2378 including \$1000- Apportionments; \$555-Building fund; \$20-UM Student Offering; \$36-District Askings.

Dec 4: \$4710 including \$135- Apportionments; \$170-Building Fund; \$10-Sunday School supplies; \$4-St Andrews Produce Project

Dec 11: \$3181 including \$260- Apportionments; \$65-Building Fund; \$22-District Askings.

Dec 18: \$5912 including \$920- Apportionments; \$189-Building Fund; \$13 - District Askings; \$950-Rental Income.

The 2nd-5th Sunday School Offerings for District Askings through December 2016 goal of \$757 has been paid.

The balance on the building loan is \$12,719 thanks to your generous giving specifically for this. You are Amazing!

Thank You!

Sunday, January 1: 9:30 am ONE Worship Time ONLY
Welcome the New Year with Communion
 No Coffee/snacks. No Sunday School

Sunday, January 8: Epiphany
Visit of the Wise Men
 8 am 10:30 am Worship
 9 am 11:30 am Fellowship Time
 9:15 am Sunday School for all ages.

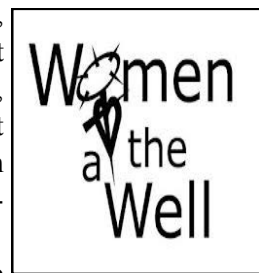


January 15: Rev Lee Schott - Guest Speaker

Women at the Well is our sister congregation, a United Methodist congregation within the walls of the women's correctional institution in Mitchellville, Iowa.

The pastor of this ministry, Rev. Lee Schott, will be with us at both 8 and 10:30 am on Sunday, January 15, to share with us about the weekly worship, supportive community, faith nurture groups, and aftercare we, Iowa United Methodist Churches and others, offer to the women there.

We will receive a special offering during worship on Jan 15 for Women at the Well. Please make checks payable to *St Luke UMC*, with *Women at the Well* in the memo line, and we will forward the total that is given. If you are not prepared to make an offering that day, you are always welcome to make a gift at any time, either through this church as directed above.



January 22: Human Relations Day Offering

Proceeds from the Human Relations Day offering strengthens community outreach programs and empowers at-risk youth.

These programs connect with the people through being disciples of Jesus Christ in spreading God's work throughout the community.

Participants increase knowledge for themselves and their faith; within their communities and throughout the world and empower and equip themselves to put their faith together with action steps to change their world.





Dear St Luke Family,

Are you considering a New Year's Resolution for 2017? Here may be helpful advice from God's Word, Philippians 4: 4-9.

"Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

"From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things. The God of peace will be with you."

That may seem like a tall order in this sometimes, very difficult world when emotions run high, the outside temperature runs low, and the darkness of winter seems to steal our resolve.

Remember "God also sealed us and gave the Spirit as a down payment in our hearts," 2 Corinthians 1:22.



"The person who keeps his commandments remains in God and God remains in him; and this is how we know that he remains in us, because of the Spirit that he has given to us," 1 John 3:24.

"This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit," 1 John 4:13.

So with God's Holy Spirit living within our hearts and minds, we can depend on a harvest of the "fruit" of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-25 to aid us.

"Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit."

I will always pray for you and ask for your prayers for me.

Pastor Audrey

Advent & Christmas 2016



Artists



Tree set up & decorators

Peg Scrooge



Ghost of Christmas Present Tree

John Onstot made posts



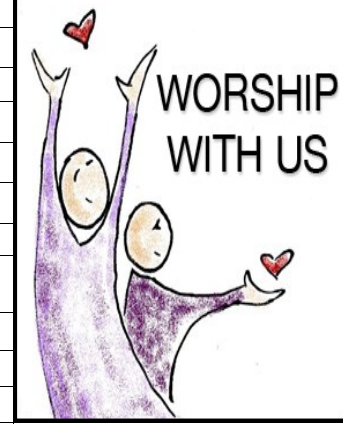
God Bless Us Everyone



Christmas Eve

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| January 1 | 9:30 AM Only | |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ushers | Deb/Austin Stoullil | |
| Greeters | Tamara Lloyd | |
| Reader | Rose Hartschen | |
| Acolytes | Ron Lisk | |
| Nursery | Parents take turns | |
| Keyboard | Jan Lewis | |
| Special | Pam Andrews/ Deb Stoullil | |
| Projection | Peg Ehler | |
| Fellowship | No Fellowship | |
| Care Core | Tamara Lloyd | |
| Communion | Barb Pherigo | Counters: Deb Stoullil/Brad Patty |
| January 8 | 8 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Ushers | Larry/Darlyne Howard | Dennis/Pam Smith |
| Greeters | Dick/Pam Stiles | Sue Crook |
| Readers | Dale Dorrell | Russ Leix |
| Acolytes | Ron Lisk | Jacob Murpy |
| Nursery | Parents take turns | Volunteer Needed |
| Keyboard | Jan Lewis | Jan Lewis |
| Special | Skunks | Jan & Margaret Christian |
| Projection | Peg Ehler | Carolyn Cook |
| Fellowship | Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard | Pat Patty |
| Care Core | Jan Lewis | Lisa Marston |
| Counters | | Rose Evans/Russ Leix |
| January 15 | 8 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Ushers | Bill/Linda Hotger | Darin/Sharon Swarts |
| Greeters | Joyce Stonehocker | Carolyn Cook |
| Readers | Peg Ehler | Pat Patty |
| Acolytes | Ron Lisk | Kael/Ella Swarts |
| Nursery | Parents take turns | Volunteer Needed |
| Keyboard | Bev Thomas | Jan Lewis |
| Special | Choir | Choir |
| Projection | Brad Patty | Karen Clark |
| Fellowship | Peg Ehler | Carolyn Cook |
| Care Core | Joyce Stonehocker | Karen Clark |
| Counters | | Jan Lewis/Pat Patty |
| January 22 | 8 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Ushers | Dick/Pam Stiles | Carolyn Cook/Rose Evans |
| Greeters | Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard | Brad/Jenni Patty |
| Readers | Jan Lewis | Corinne Kleppe |
| Acolytes | Ron Lisk | Kleo Walker-O'Brien |
| Nursery | Parents take turns | Pat Patty |
| Keyboard | Bev Thomas | Jan Lewis |
| Special | Praise Team | Praise Team |
| Projection | Peg Ehler | Pam Smith |
| Fellowship | Tamara Lloyd | Lori Leix |
| Care Core | Joyce Stonehocker | Karen Clark |
| Counters | | Brad Patty/Deb Stoullil |



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St Luke News

Thank you to church officers and leaders, Care Core, Newsletter Collators, coffee servers, worship assistants and other volunteers who faithfully serve through-out the year.

Many thanks for all the donations, volunteering of your time and driving for Trinity (CFUM), Ice Cream Social, Meals-On-Wheels, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.
 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
 Joyce Stonehocker, Mission Coalition Rep

Our sympathies to Arnold & Mary Cook, Carolyn Cook & Allen on the death of Arnold's sister-in-law, Vivian Cook. Sympathies also to Alan and Pam Andrews on the death of Alan's father, Rolland Andrews.

| Jan 29 | 8 AM | 10:30 AM |
|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ushers | Margaret Gullett/ Tamara Lloyd | Sue Crook/ M. Spaur |
| Greeters | Bill/Linda Hotger | Roy/Pat Patty |
| Readers | Jenni Patty | Amy Murphy |
| Acolytes | Ron Lisk | E/E Grimm |
| Nursery | Parents take turns | Kali Draper |
| Keyboard | Bev Thomas | Jan Lewis |
| Special | Peg's Drama | Peg's Drama |
| Projection | Brad Patty | Carolyn Cook |
| Fellowship | Betty Skaggs | Kari Ann Munson |
| Care Core | Jan Lewis | Jenni Patty |
| Counters | | Rose Evans/ Jan Lewis |

Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names. It's a way for us to get to know one another.



St Luke has a New Email Address
 Please change your St Luke email to the new address:
newtonstlukeumc@gmail.com

SPRC = Staff-Parish Relations Committee
 2017 SPRC members are Stephen Pageler, Amy Murphy, Peg Ehler, Rose Hartschen, Dennis Smith.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| 1  One Worship Only 9:30 Worship Christmas Carols Christmas Story Communion  No Sunday School | 2 *Lori Leix  | 3 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting | 4 *Betty Skaggs *Zoe Smith | 5 *Stephanie Squire *Annette Sheets | 6 *Dennis Smith | 7 *Betty Carlsen |
| 8 Epiphany 8/10:30 Worship  Apportionment Offering  Re-decorate for New Year 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. | 9 | 10 | 11 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:15 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Page Turners Book Club - Entry | 12 *Shelly Chandler | 13 Newsletter Articles Due | 14 9am-5pm Quilt Guild F Hall |
| 15 8/10:30 Worship Guest speaker - Rev Lee Schott Noisy Offering for Women At The Well  9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW Worship *Michelle Anderson | 16 | 17 6:30 pm N.O.W. Meeting | 18 1:15 pm UMW at St Luke 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:15 pm Choir Practice | 19 *Pam Stiles *Wilma Eatwell 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall | 20 | 21 |
| 22 8/10:30 Worship Human Relations Day Offering  9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. | 23 | 24 *Jeff McKibben 6:30 pm SPRC meeting | 25 8:30 am Collate Newsletter *Jeff Murphy *Kael Swarts *Bill Falcone | 26 *CJ Osborn 9am-3pm Day for Girls 1st Presbyterian Church | 27 | 28 *Thomas Chandler |
|  | | | | | | |
| 29 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. | 30 5th Monday Supper for CFUM at Trinity UMC, DSM | 31 *Steven Anderson |  |  *Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office. | Jan-April 2nd-5th Sunday School Offerings For Larry & Jane Kies - Missionaries | |

Read Calendar closely for events not appearing elsewhere in Newsletter. Thank you.



**United Methodist Women
Wednesday, January 18**

1:15 pm
At St Luke UMC

“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

Program: A Purpose Filled Community
By Rosemary Hartschen
Hostess: Rosemary Hartschen

Sunday School Mission Offering

Larry and Jane Kies have spent much of their adult lives in mission service. They currently live and teach in Zimbabwe, Africa at the Africa University. Larry works as the Technical advisor to the Africa University Farm at Mutare. And Jane teaches English the Africa University in Mutare.

Once again this year we have covenanted with the Kies with our goal being \$1 per member for each of them. The NOW committee has chosen Larry and Jane as our January to April Sunday School Mission offering. The first Sunday of each month will continue to go toward Sunday School administrative costs including our Sunday school materials and resources.
Corinne Kleppe– NOW missions



Children’s Sunday School

Pre-K through 4th graders are on a faith journey called *Deep Blue*, the awe-inspiring resource for children which includes adventure, exciting stories, science experiments, arts



and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games-all combined into a living-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today! And for 5th-12 graders, submerge, also a Deep Blue curriculum.

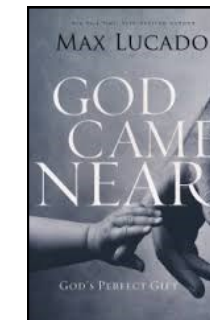


News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark



Our little library in the corner has been gifted with a new book written by Max Lucado, an author who is also a master story teller.

God Came Near weaves stories with theology as the fact of the matter is reinforced to the reader that God has come near for you. He came not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a worn out exhausted carpenter.



The hands that held him were not manicured but calloused and dirty. Travel back in time and encounter Christ, the Son of God, as he became man. Join Max Lucado as he brings to life the most important event in history, when God came near. As you catch a vision of this incredible moment, let it mark the beginning of a new life. When you see the truth of His life, it will change yours forever.

You can find this book in our little library on the Newsletter shelf right inside the door.

St Luke Has Switched to Mediacom.

St Luke has a new email address:
NewtonStLukeUMC@gmail.com.

Be sure to update your email address book so we receive your emails.



Let’s Go on Work Trips to MMDC in January & March 2017

We have reservations for two separate trips to Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Chatham, IL, coming up in early 2017. We will be leaving for each trip on Sunday early afternoon, arriving at the MMDC dorm in early evening, working Monday, Tuesday and a half day on Wednesday before returning home Wednesday evening. Dates of the trips are **January 22 - 25 and March 5 - 8**.

We never know exactly what we will be doing, but we are always busy the entire time with worthwhile work for the good of others. We might be assembling kits, building school desks, sewing school bags, counting items, or any other job needing to be done.

We will share breakfast and lunch and go out to eat in the evenings. Each participant will be responsible for the following costs to MMDC per trip: dorm fee of \$18 per night (\$54), volunteers materials fee (\$50), non-refundable processing fee (\$20) for a total of \$124. Half of the cost for the January trip is due to MMDC January 2. Please write check payable to MMDC in amount of \$62 and give to Karen Clark by December 20. The remainder is due upon arrival. Contact Karen Clark with questions or sign up on the Servant’s Counter!



My Story

It was a blustery cold winter morning and I grumbled to myself as the “check tire pressure” gauge lit up. I knew it was from the cold temperatures but it would have to wait until after work. It was too cold and I had too little time before work to deal with the tire pressure.

As I drove to work, the car in front of me caused the snow on the road to swirl and flutter in the wind. Suddenly the sun peeked out from behind the clouds and the snow on the highway sparkled as if God had dropped a handful of glitter on the road. It made me smile.



Many times I am reminded that God is truly the best artist. Every day there is something in nature that is beautiful... even snow and cold. God paints us a new picture every minute and we simply have to look around us to see the beauty he creates.

⁶⁻⁸ God spoke: “Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!” God made sky. He separated the water under sky from the water above sky. And there it was: he named sky the Heavens; It was evening, it was morning— Day Two.

⁹⁻¹⁰ God spoke: “Separate! Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place; Land, appear!” And there it was. God named the land Earth. He named the pooled water Ocean. God saw that it was good.

¹¹⁻¹³ God spoke: “Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, Every sort of fruit-bearing tree.” And there it was. Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties, And fruit-bearing trees of all sorts. God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:6-13 – The MSG)

This year... let’s take the time to notice the beauty around us... even on the cold and blustery, the wet and dreary, and the hot and humid days. God will show you beauty if you remember to look for it.

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Weather Cancellation Policy

If school is cancelled/ dismissed early due to weather, then St Luke activities are cancelled that day/ evening as well. Sunday Worship is rarely cancelled!



St. Luke BIBLE STUDY
 Seasons OF THE Spirit
 Sunday School Class
 meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

Re-imagined Realm

To explore Jesus’ teachings about the REVERSALS that mark life in God’s realm.
Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew, the **apostle**, is believed by many to be the author of the Gospel of Matthew. Scholars date his gospel around the early part of A.D. 50 to 90, when the church was largely Jewish and the gospel was preached to the Jewish Christians of Palestine.

The *Sermon on the Mount* was presented by Jesus to a small band of Jesus’ followers who were feeling troubled by harassment from their broader society. Jesus’ preaching of the beatitudes offered the promise of the ultimate *restoration of justice*, God’s wholeness and peace. Jesus’ teachings spoke of God’s reign breaking into human society, turning typical human understanding and consequences upside down: Consider relatively recent history, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., suggested his children would be judged by the content of character, not the color of their skin. Nelson Mandela had expressed a vision of a South Africa beyond apartheid.



We may view *worldly* blessings by admiring those with - - comfortable monetary security, good healthcare and retirement plans, being “good looking,” enjoying surviving family members, possessing supportive friends and family.

A *blessing* is God’s free **gift** to humankind. What kind of **living** brings God’s blessings? Jesus answered: Those who are humble of heart, gentle, show mercy, who hunger and thirst for God’s ways. Those who mourn, make peace, and are persecuted.

When **you** declare yourself as “blessed,” you are proclaiming that God has blessed you. Blessings come **from God**. Gratitude comes **from our hearts**. Which shows humbleness: Proclaiming how “blessed you are,” or proclaiming your gratitude? Why would you receive more “blessings” than anyone else?

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 to read about and discuss issues related to each week’s prescribed lectionary readings. Come, join in the learning!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in January. Even if you can’t come to class, consider taking the time to read them at home!

∞ Lectionary Readings for January 2017 ∞

- Jan. 1: Psalm 148 | Let Everything Praise God
To celebrate, with all creation, the awesomeness of God.
- Jan. 8: Matthew 3:13-17 | See How God Sees
To clarify our sense of the leading of God’s spirit.
- Jan. 15: Isaiah 49:1-7 | Big Call
To explore more deeply the call to serve God faithfully.
in the story of God’s saving love.
- Jan. 22: Matthew 4:12-23 | A Call to Follow
To participate in the call to follow Jesus in extending God’s realm.
- Jan. 29: Matthew 5:1-12 | Re-imagined Realm
To explore Jesus’ teaching about the reversals that mark life in God’s realm.



Sandwich-Boomer Event

To Be Held
Saturday, February 4th
The St. Luke Sandwich-Boomers will host their annual potluck/white elephant gift/candlelight dinner event Saturday evening, February 4th at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults of ALL ages are invited to attend! Please bring food items for potluck supper and one wrapped white elephant gift **per participating person**.

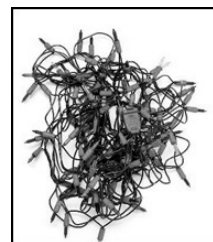


St Luke has a new email address.
It is now:

NewtonStLukeUMC@gmail.com.

Be sure to update your email address book.

Recycling Christmas Lights



Christmas Lights are not accepted in our recycle tubs. And please don’t send them to the landfill to continue to exist and take up space for who-knows-how-many hundreds of years. Bring

them to St Luke and place in box in entry.

Share this information. Set an example for others that the members of St. Luke care about

Reducing - Reusing - Recycling!



Thursday, January 26 - Day for Girls

How do girls deal without going to school 3-5 days a month? What if not having sanitary supplies meant DAYS without school? Days of isolation?

It turns out this issue is a surprising but instrumental key to social change for women all over the world.



Days For Girls is an international, non-profit, ecumenical group whose purpose is to help girls gain access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene, vital health knowledge, and income-generation opportunities. To learn more about Days For Girls, visit the website at: www.daysforgirls.org.

There is a local group working with a Des Moines chapter of Days For Girls being lead by Marilyn McCallister and Sara McCuen making hygiene kits for girls. They meet in Newton on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1st Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. Their next day to make kits is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. They invite people to come for the day or just a little while to help make hygiene kits. Sewing skills are not required. If you do sew, please bring your sewing machine. If you don’t sew, there are other things to do besides sewing.

- Donations for the kits are appreciated.
- What is needed: cash
 - panties in girl’s sizes 10-16 and women’s sizes 5-6 (darker colors, please)
 - thin, dark-colored washcloths
 - gallon-size Ziploc freezer bags (non-zipper slider, please)
 - good quality flannel (washed)
 - good quality quilters cotton fabric in bright colors (washed).
- If you have questions about the Days For Girls program, contact Rose Evans or Karen Clark.

Quality cotton fabric



Non-slider plastic bags



St Luke News

A big thank you to UMW for the \$250 to put towards the St Nick books for kids.
Rose Evans



Crisis Intervention Services would like to thank you for your recent donation of purses and toiletry items. Your donation allows our staff to help survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as they work to put their lives back together.

Sincerely-CIS Staff

Keeping Local Kids Warm & Dry

We are collecting children's coats, socks, mittens, gloves, underwear and other clothing for children at T.J. Elementary School. Items with elastic and one-size-fits-many are most helpful. There is a basket in the entry for donations.



St. Luke United Methodist Church 2017 Budget

| EXPENSE ITEM | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2015 Actual | 2014 Actual | 2013 Actual | 2012 Actual |
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| Apportionments | | | | | | | | | |
| General Church Appt | 5146 | 5,042 | 4,684 | 4,772 | 4,887 | 4684.00 | 4,772.00 | 4,887.00 | 4,878.00 |
| Iowa Conf. Ministries | 14327 | 15,266 | 16,609 | 17,539 | 17,077 | 16609.00 | 17,539.00 | 17,077.00 | 16,315.00 |
| Iowa Conf. Missions | 5088 | 5,378 | 5,639 | 6,036 | 5,990 | 5639.00 | 6,036.00 | 5,990.00 | 5,869.00 |
| District Asking | 755 | 757.50 | 753 | 750 | 610 | 753.00 | 750.00 | 610.00 | 616.00 |
| Other Conf. Min. not included | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 3,215.00 | 7,151.00 | 4,929.01 |
| Subtotal less Other Conf Min. amount | 25316 | 26,443.50 | 27,885 | 29,097 | 28,564 | 27685.00 | 29,097 | 28,564 | 27,678 |
| Pastoral & Support Staff | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Cash Salary | 57700 | 56,559.00 | 55,450.00 | 54,100.00 | 52,786.00 | 55450.00 | 54,100.00 | 52,786.00 | 51,750.00 |
| Pastor's Cafeteria Plan HSA | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Pastor's Share Pension (PIP) | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Congregation's Share Health Ins | 14784 | 13,800.00 | 13,440.00 | 13,044.00 | 12,432.00 | 13440.00 | 13,044.00 | 12,432.00 | 12,090.00 |
| Congregations Share Pension | 8655 | 8,483.85 | 8,318.00 | 8,115.00 | 8,578.00 | 8318.00 | 8,115.00 | 6,862.00 | 7,672.56 |
| Auto Mileage | 1500 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 789.00 | 590.00 | 1,077.00 | 1,334.37 |
| Continuing Education | 1500 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 686.00 | 910.00 | 491.00 | 305.00 |
| Annual Conf. Exp. | 200 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Expense | 300 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | 84639 | 82,342.85 | 80,708.00 | 78,459.00 | 77,196.00 | 78698.00 | 76,759.00 | 73,648.00 | 73,151.93 |
| Administrative Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Assistant | 8586 | 8,882.00 | 8,710.00 | 8,434.00 | 11,200.00 | 7894.00 | 8,152.00 | 7,865.00 | 7,915.40 |
| Social Security (FICA) | 657 | 679.00 | 666.00 | 645.00 | 857.00 | 604.00 | 624.00 | 602.00 | 605.53 |
| Payroll Services & Adv. | 800 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 700.00 | 730.00 | 686.00 | 700.00 | 1,032.89 |
| Office Supplies | 900 | 815.00 | 750.00 | 850.00 | 1,000.00 | 935.00 | 592.00 | 600.00 | 291.94 |
| Copier | 3500 | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 | 3,300.00 | 3,500.00 | 3228.00 | 3,528.00 | 3,019.00 | 3,190.69 |
| Postage | 1700 | 1,700.00 | 1,700.00 | 1,700.00 | 1,800.00 | 1800.00 | 1,356.00 | 1,434.00 | 1,557.10 |
| Subtotal | 16143 | 16,626.00 | 16,376.00 | 15,679.00 | 19,057.00 | 15191.00 | 14,938.00 | 14,220.00 | 14,593.55 |
| Program | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday School | 1700 | 1,500.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,100.00 | 1,000.00 | 1913.00 | 1,724.00 | 1,022.00 | 1,063.91 |
| Study Groups | 300 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 500.00 | 100.00 | 70.00 | 189.00 | 619.00 | 0.00 |
| Devotional Materials | 400 | 400.00 | 500.00 | 550.00 | 575.00 | 371.00 | 371.00 | 455.00 | 518.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | 800 | 800.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 937.00 | 700.00 | 690.00 | 1,158.48 |
| Leader Training/Lay leadership | 50 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 35.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 0.00 |
| Evangelism/website | 100 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 500.00 | 79.00 | 77.00 | 0.00 | 18.90 |
| Hospitality | 150 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 55.00 | 0.00 | 65.00 | 132.69 |
| Missions Gifting | 0 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 4231.00 | 1,516.00 | 3,174.00 | 711.50 |
| Missions Supplies | 300 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 124.00 | 651.00 | 66.00 | 0.00 |
| Worship Supplies | 600 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 459.00 | 729.00 | 226.00 | 654.25 |
| Music/Media | 400 | 600.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 | 275.00 | 274.00 | 424.00 | 611.59 |
| Stewardship | 100 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 105.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Christmas Program | 100 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 248.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Special Events/CFF | 200 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 100.00 | 132.00 | 465.00 | 314.00 | 91.21 |
| Church History | 0 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,084.91 |
| Pulpit Supply-Guest Speakers | 250 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 50.00 | 225.00 | 50.00 | 250.00 |
| Litrary | 100 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 69.00 | 11.38 |
| UMYF | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 273.38 |
| Lay Member to Ann. Conf. | 150 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 91.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Advertising | 500 | 600.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 488.00 | 665.00 | 364.00 | 505.00 |
| Subtotal | 6200 | 6,550.00 | 6,750.00 | 6,900.00 | 7,025.00 | 9415.00 | 7,834.00 | 7,578.00 | 9,085.20 |
| Trustees | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | 4600 | 3,900.00 | 3,600.00 | 3,600.00 | 3,500.00 | 4193.00 | 3,680.00 | 2,934.00 | 2,553.80 |
| Custodial Service | 2730 | 2,600.00 | 3,458.00 | 3,458.00 | 3,388.00 | 3029.00 | 3,458.00 | 3,323.00 | 2,818.59 |
| Repair/Maintenance | 6500 | 6,500.00 | 5,500.00 | 6,000.00 | 7,000.00 | 6387.00 | 6,410.00 | 4,229.00 | 4,428.28 |
| Utility- Electric | 4000 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3720.00 | 3,990.00 | 3,740.00 | 2,722.92 |
| Utility-Gas | 5000 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 4,200.00 | 5,500.00 | 4247.00 | 5,509.00 | 3,573.00 | 3,155.72 |
| Utility-Water | 350 | 350.00 | 350.00 | 350.00 | 400.00 | 370.00 | 322.00 | 297.00 | 342.95 |
| Utility-Phone/Internet | 1440 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,250.00 | 1,500.00 | 1391.00 | 1,361.00 | 1,323.00 | 1,442.16 |
| Subtotal | 24620 | 25,250.00 | 24,308.00 | 22,358.00 | 24,788.00 | 23337.00 | 24,730.00 | 19,419.00 | 17,464.42 |
| Miscellaneous | 200 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 30.00 | 194.00 | 130.00 | 130.00 |
| Interest Expense Est. | 1000 | 1,560.00 | | | | 1674.00 | | | |
| TOTAL | 158118 | 158,972.35 | 156,527.00 | 152,693.00 | 156,830.00 | 156030.00 | 153,552.00 | 143,559.00 | 142,103.00 |

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class invites you to join them on Sunday, January 8 as they resume reading and discussing the book *Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America* by Stephen G. Bloom. This is the story of the Hasidic Jews and their move into Postville, Iowa in 1987.



There is always room for more to join the discussion in the 3rd room on the left in Ed Unit at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.



St Luke UMC

2017 Goals

The following goals for 2017 were approved at the Church Conference in October 2016. How will you be a part of accomplishing these goals?

- 1) Two church-wide Bible studies which may include service/mission projects. (Lent/Advent)
- 2) A new book (500-600) for every St Nick Christmas Club Child.
- 3) Intergenerational Fellowship events.
- 4) Two or more work trips. (MMDC January/March)
- 5) Continue to be a Third Mile Rainbow Covenant Church in mission giving.
- 6) Celebrate our 55th Year of existence as St Luke United Methodist Church!

Kiva Loans Update

Several years ago the Sandwich Bunch contributed money to make loans of \$25 each throughout the world through an organization called KIVA. As these loans were paid back, I have continued to make new loans.



The most recent loan of \$25 was made on December 17, 2016, to Global Trauma Project in Jubal, South Sudan. So far we have made loans in 33 countries including Armenia, Bolivia, El Salvador, Cambodia, and Haiti. During the years we have lent a total of \$2225 through 89 loans with about \$160 outstanding and a loss of only \$32. The majority of the loans are to women or groups of borrowers because these loans seem more likely to be successfully repaid. Most of the loans are to buy supplies for individuals and small businesses to make things to sell. At least one loan is from a repeat borrower who completed payment on their initial loan. Out of our initial investment of about \$200 we have been able to help many people in countries around the world achieve their goals. Jan Lewis

Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors

The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9: 7-9.

The words of Psalms are often inspirational. This is a passage that inspires the work of Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON), a ministry of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

This Psalm reminds us that justice is a characteristic of the way God treats God's people. Righteousness is another characteristic of God's judgment. At Justice for Our Neighbors we take up these descriptions of the nature of God and apply them to help immigrants and refugees to keep their lives, and the lives of their families, safe and stable.

At its best, our government's immigration system can afford justice to immigrants and refugees, but it is much more attainable when there is a well-trained and experienced immigration attorney present as an advocate. Justice for Our Neighbors provides that advocacy, a work of righteousness as indicated in the Psalm.

The year of 2016 is coming to a close and JFON looks back at a new project that was very fruitful in terms of helping refugees. Looking again to the Psalm, we see that the word refugee comes from *refuge*. The Psalm gives us a definition: a stronghold in troubled times for oppressed people.

Indeed, the persons we see at JFON in our United Methodist Church-based legal clinics are oppressed people who have come to the U.S. looking for a stronghold in times of trouble. As a ministry of the United Methodist Church, the Iowa JFON network of six churches here in Iowa has been a part of this "stronghold."

A new project, "Refugee Green Card Clinics," were held at Grace UMC and DMACC in Des Moines on a monthly basis during 2016. The low-income refugees who attended were helped by volunteers trained and supervised by JFON immigration attorneys Ann Naffier, Brynne Howard and Emily Sohn Rebelsky. Beyond this monthly outreach, designed specifically for adjustment of status, all the six church-based legal clinics saw refugees for other refugee needs as well.

We choose justice and righteousness as our means of providing a refuge for the oppressed.

Thank you to the many churches and many individuals who help us to ensure that stronghold will be there for refugees coming to Iowa for 2017 by donating through the Iowa Advance at #0375.

Anytime a check can be written to *St Luke* with *JFON* in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church at 501 E 19th St N, Newton.

St. Luke United Methodist Church Leadership 2017

Church Council

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| Chairperson/Bldg Comm Rep | Brad Patty (2017) |
| Pastor | Audrey Young |
| Secretary for Council | Karen Clark (2019) |
| Church Council Member at Large | Shirley Guillaume (2019) |
| Finance Committee Chairperson | Bruce Maach (2018) |
| Financial Secretary | Brad Patty (2019) |
| Membership Secretary/Historian | Church Office |
| Lay Leader | Rose Hartschen (2019) |
| Lay Member to Annual Conference | Dennis Smith (2019) |
| Lay Speaker/Servant | Dennis Smith |
| Nurture Outreach Worship (NOW) Co-chpn | Peg Ehler (2017) and Barb Kaldenberg (2017) |
| SPRC Chairperson | |
| Treasurer | Russ Leix |
| Trustees Chpn | Jeff Murphy (2017) |
| UMW President | Rosemary Hartschen |
| Wills, Bequests and Memorials Chair | |

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Committee on Lay Leadership

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|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chairperson | Pastor, Audrey Young, | Lay Leader Rose Hartschen (2019) |
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Bruce Maach | Ann Leonard | Leslie Maach |
| Bill Ponder | Jeff Murphy | |

Finance Chairperson Bruce Maach (2018) (Others are members by virtue of office)

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| Lay Leader | Rose Hartschen (2019) |
| Auditors (Professional did in 2009 & 2011) | Jenni Patty (2018) Barbara Ponder (2019) |
| Treasurer | Russ Leix |
| Financial Secretary | Brad Patty (2019) |
| SPRC Chairperson/or representative | |
| Trustee representative | Jeff Murphy (2017) |
| Lay Member to Annual Conference | Dennis Smith (2019) |
| Church Council Chairperson/Bldg Rep | Brad Patty (2017) |

Worship Team Chair: Corinne Kleppe (2017)

Marianne Spaur Musicians: Jan Lewis, Bev Thomas, Deb Stoullil
 Peg Ehler, Skits/Drama Shirley Guillaume Choirs-Mary Onstot
 Communion Stewards: Katie Jones, Linda Greene, Lisa Pageler, Barb Pherigo, Ann Leonard
 Communion Assistant: Emma Grimm, Ella Swarts

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations (need at least 5 members, cannot succeed self, 3 years max)

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| Chairperson | | |
| 2018 | 2019 | 2019 |
| Amy Murphy | Peg Ehler | Dennis Smith Lay Member/Ann Conf |
| Stephen Pageler | Rose Hartschen, Lay Leader | |

Meeting Schedule

1st Tuesday – Board of Trustees
 3rd Sunday – Prison Ministry Various - Prayer Chain
 3rd Tuesday – Council (Even Months) and NOW (Odd Months) Rotate
 3rd Wednesday – UMWomen
 3rd Thursday (quarterly or more often if needed)– Finance Comm
 4th Tuesday – SPRC

Trustees Chairperson: Jeff Murphy (2017) [Committee nominates Chairperson]

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| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Jeff Murphy (Parsonage) | Joe Squire | Dan Marston |
| Lori Leix | Mark Bartlow | Rosemary Hartschen (UMW) |
| Mike O'Brien | | Darin Swarts |

Wills, Bequests, and Memorials Chairperson: _____

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| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Martha Stewart | Jean Schnell | Katie Jones |

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Nurture Outreach Witness (N.O.W.) Co-Chairpersons Peg Ehler (2017) & Barb Kaldenberg (2017)

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| NOW- At Large | Pam Arrowood (2017) | Sue Crook (2019) |
| | Brittney Eckert (2018) | |
| N-Lay Leader | Rose Hartschen (2019) | |
| N-Lay Speaker/Servant | Dennis Smith | |
| N-Education/Discipleship | | |
| Sunday School Ministry Team Chairperson | Tamara Lloyd (2019) | |
| Vacation Bible School Director | Amy Murphy (2018) | |
| N-Care Core | Jenni Patty (2019) | |
| N-Prayer Chain Coordinator | Karen Clark (2019) (Secretary of NOW) | |
| O-Mission Coalition | Joyce Stonehocker (2018) | |
| O-Missions Chairperson | Corinne Kleppe (2017) | |
| O-Jasper County Keeping Kids Fed | Tamara Lloyd (2019) | |
| W-Evangelism-Bread Ministry for visitors | Brad and Jenni Patty | |

Others:

Sunday School Ministry Chpn Tamara Lloyd, SS Secretary Deb Stoullil
 Teachers: Lisa Marston, Pat Patty, Rose Evans, Carolyn Cook
 Care Core Chpn Jenni Patty (2019) Ella Hendershot-Attendance cards
 Team: Tamara Lloyd, Karen Clark, Jan Lewis, Barb Kaldenberg, Lisa Marston
 Marianne Spaur, Joyce Stonehocker, Pam Arrowood, KariAnn Munson
 Convalescent Meals Coordinators Karen Clark, Barb Kaldenberg
 Card Ministry (UMW position) Barb Ponder, Asst. Tamara Lloyd
 Prayer Chain Chpn Karen Clark (2019)
 Librarian Karen Clark (2018)
 After Worship Coffee Time Coordinator Margaret Gullett (2019)
 Wedding Coordinators Stefanie Squire (2018) Marianne Spaur (2018)
 Funeral/Wedding Meals (UMW position) - Pat Patty, Marianne Spaur, Betty Skaggs
 Graduation Reception Pam Stiles (2018), Pam Arrowood (2018)
 5th Monday Supper CFUM at Trinity Joyce Stonehocker
 Newsletter Collation Team Barb Kaldenberg, Linda Hotger, Pam Andrews, Pat Patty, Katie Jones,
 Rose Evans, Joyce Stonehocker, Jean Schnell, Hiap Thongvanh Others welcome

Please note: All positions are set-up into three-year classes unless specifically noted otherwise.

Updated 12-20-16

2017 UMW Officers

President – Rosemary Hartschen Secretary – Barb Kaldenberg
 Vice President – Jan Lewis Treasurer – Pat Patty