

St Luke UMC

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March 15, 2022



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



APRIL 14 | 6:30 PM

Join us Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm for a Maundy Thursday Worship Service. Masks are optional. Hope to see you there!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 17th at 9:30 AM
Live Streaming Available

"Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Lenten/Easter Mission Offering

This year the NOW committee chose to split our Lent/Easter offering between two ministries that we have worked with and supported in the past.

The first mission is The Women at the Well United Methodist church. The Women at the Well



UMC is located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. They are a diverse

community composed of women incarcerated at ICIW, men and women from around the state of Iowa who choose to worship with them, and many volunteers who regularly support their ministries and programs. As their website notes, "We gather together to share the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to experience the life transforming Spirit of God". This congregation worships on Thursday Evenings, at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live. For more information about this congregation, check out their website at womenatthewellumc.org.

Worldwide Mobility is an organization that builds hand cranked mobility carts for some of the 70+ million leg disabled persons worldwide. These vehicles allow their recipients to go where ordinary wheelchairs won't go. Since 1994, 100,000 mobility carts have been built by hundreds of volunteers, and have been distributed in 106 countries.



Worldwide Mobility started out as Personal Energy Transportation (PET) after Larry Hills, a missionary in Zaire (now Congo) Africa told Rev. Mel West of the great need for 3 wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Over the years the design of these hand-cranked carts have been improved and there are now 3 versions of the carts. For more information about Worldwide Mobility, check out their website at mobilityworldwide.org.

We will split our Lent/Easter offering between these two worthy missions in 2022. Through our offering, we can be a small part of the life changing work done by both The Women At the Well UMC and Worldwide Mobility.

Corinne, NOW Missions



UMCOR Sunday Offering Sunday, March 27th

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special offering, laying the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's ministry of relief and hope. UMCOR's work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, health, and humanitarian development.

**UMCOR
SUNDAY**

Gifts to the UMCOR Sunday offering cover the costs of doing business. This helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. UMCOR has no source of revenue for administration except from UMCOR Sunday.

Because of UMCOR Sunday, when you hear about a disaster or humanitarian crisis and you give to UMCOR, you can be assured that one hundred percent of the money you designate goes toward people in need.



Jasper County Take Away Hunger Food Packaging Event

Jasper County Take Away Hunger will be holding a meal packaging event on Saturday, March 26 from 9 am - 12 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. St Luke would like to send a team of 12 volunteers plus \$30 each to cover the cost of a meal. Please sign up by March 20 if you can volunteer to help or would like to make a monetary donation. Children are also welcome but those under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions please contact Peg Ehler.

Discover Hope Supper Club

St. Luke has committed to providing the evening meal for Discover Hope the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next meal will be on April 5, 2021. We will be serving Frito pie, garlic bread, deviled eggs, cabbage patch salad and cookies for our April meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, April 3.



The last 2 weeks of March we will be collecting paper plates, napkins, dessert plates and bowls for Discover Hope. Please put any donations in the Salvation Army cart. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



Calling VBS Volunteers!

Warmer weather is just around the corner which means we need to start planning for VBS! Mark your calendar for June 27-July 1 during which St. Luke will host kids to celebrate and learn about God. This year's theme is a really fun one - Food Truck Party ...on a Roll with God.

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity (teacher, recreation leader, snack leader, etc), please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annericleonard@gmail.com.

Easter Lilies Welcome

If you would like to share an Easter lily to decorate the altar for Easter in honor or memory of someone, please write your name and theirs in an email or note and send it to the church office or Pastor Chad. If you order the lilies to be delivered, have the florist call ahead before delivering to be sure someone is available at the church to receive them.



"Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly." —Robert Schuller

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
March 20	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Jan Lewis & Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Rose Hartschen
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
Counters (2)	

March 27	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

April 3	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Hiap Thongvanh
Counters (2)	

April 10	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Worship Assistants For March & April

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of March & April. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the coffee counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

Volunteer! 

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!



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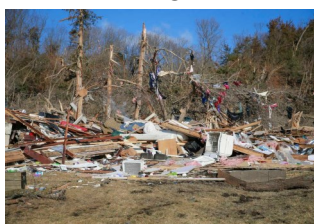
Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



Disaster Response for Iowa

On Saturday, March 5, 2022 a large, severe storm front moved across Iowa resulting in EF 3 tornados in the late afternoon. Many communities have been impacted and sadly these storms resulted in 7 deaths.



As caring brothers and sisters many of us want to get into the car and GO.

However, today, the communities are asking that Un-invited, Un-trained Volunteers STAY AWAY! For now.

The communities impacted are in the assessment process.

In the days to come there will be many opportunities to help. Please check on the community Facebook or Web page for information as to when and where help is needed.

Call ahead and schedule your work day(s).

There are many ways you can help ... TODAY

- **PRAY** for those affected, those in shelters, those responding.
- **DONATE** a financial gift to Iowa Disaster Response, Special Advance #223 or to a local church impacted by the storm.
- **REACH OUT.** If you know someone who is affected by disaster reach out, call them, send a note or text. Knowing that others care and are praying makes a HUGE difference. It's the best of who we are as a connectional church.
- **MAKE CLEAN-UP BUCKETS and HYGIENE KITS.** We have already delivered several thousand across Iowa and have plans to deliver more. Bring completed Clean-up buckets to Annual Conference. We will have one of our Disaster Response Trailers next to the Midwest Missions trailer in the north parking lot. Go to UMCOR.org for how to make Clean-up Buckets and Hygiene Kits.
- **GET TRAINED AND GET A TEAM TOGETHER** so that when the time is right you can go and help. At this time only invited, UMCOR Certified ERT Teams are invited to respond in Iowa. Contact Catie Newman to schedule ERT or UMVIM Training.

Soon ALL volunteers will be invited. ERT and UMVIM Training will help prepare you for volunteering. As we get more information we will pass it along to you.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Catie Newman
IAUMC Disaster Response Coordinator
<https://www.iaumc.org/disasterministries>
712-899-4067 call or text



Sun, Aug. 29 – Tues, Sept. 6, 2022

General Conference Further Postponed to 2024

Dear Friends in the Iowa Annual Conference,

The Commission on the General Conference for The United Methodist Church has announced that the 2020 General Conference, already postponed twice, will be postponed again, this time until 2024. This is a decision that will be disappointing to everyone. While unfortunate, it is hardly surprising given the uneven distribution of vaccines around the world, the inability of many elected delegates to receive visas to enter the United States, and the current state of world affairs.

We all regret that the many significant decisions awaiting General Conference action will again be delayed. The Council of Bishops has scheduled a meeting for March 8, and I may have more to share with you following that meeting and in the months to come.

Even in the midst of disappointment, remember that God is with us and calls us to embody the love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Bishop Laurie

Please take the CAT Survey
February 27—March 20
Check your email for the link.

It takes less than
30 minutes
to take the CAT!



You can take it
online or on paper.



Wondering How You Can Help the People of Ukraine?

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery**. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the Church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

Wounded Healers

“Nobody escapes being wounded,” writes Henri Nouwen. “We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually. The main question is not ‘How can we hide our wounds?’ so we don’t have to be embarrassed, but ‘How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?’ When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers.” He continues, “Jesus is God’s wounded healer: through his wounds we are healed. Jesus’ suffering and death brought joy and life. His humiliation brought glory; his rejection brought a community of love. As followers of Jesus, we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others.”



How might viewing Jesus as a wounded healer affect your relationship with him? What roles have wounds and healing played in your own faith life? How can you minister to other people from a place of brokenness?



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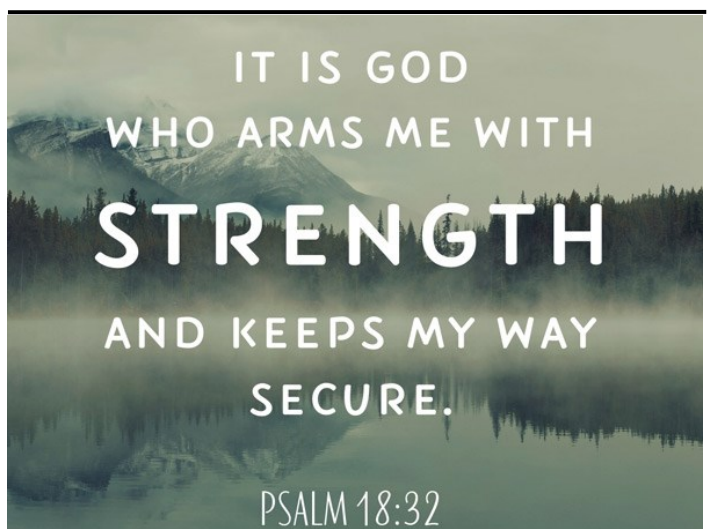
The 2022 Iowa Annual Conference Session will be held in a hybrid format on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5. The session will take place in person at a new venue in West Des Moines and will also be offered virtually for those who choose to participate that way.

For more information visit the AC2022 Information Site: <https://www.iaumc.org/ac2022>.



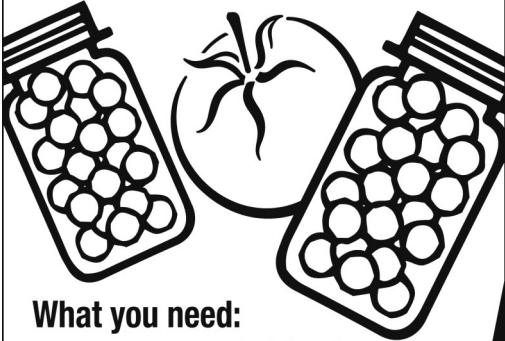
Camp Season Is Coming Soon

It’s time to start planning and signing up for camp at one of the beautiful Iowa United Methodist Camps. Catalogs are available at the church or you can go online to check out what’s available at www.iaumc.org/camps. Get ready for your adventure of a lifetime.



Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

“Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.” (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _ _ _ _ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints