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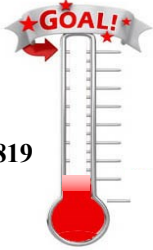
April 1, 2021



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2021 Apportionments

\$16,499



\$2,819

Financial Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Luke ministries. These offerings were received in the month of March:

- Total of \$27,052 which included:
- \$ 3,155 - Building Fund
- \$ 971 - Apportionments
- \$ 115 - Jane Kies
- \$ 110 - UMCOR
- \$ 420 - Easter/Lenten Offering
- \$ 48 - Heifer Project



MAUNDY THURSDAY Service

Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 pm



HAPPY EASTER

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easter SUNDAY *Christ Is Risen!*

Easter Sunday April 4 | 9:30 AM

Celebrate the Good News of our Risen Savior!



My Story

There's an old song by a group named Neale & Webb called At The Cross. The song talks about feeling lost, feeling guilty, & about feeling the need for forgiveness. The chorus says, "Let it Go. Lay it down, leave it at the feet of Jesus. Let it Go, peace can be found at the Cross."

At the cross of Jesus we are saved by the Grace of God. Not because we earned it, but because God loved us enough to send Jesus to save us. We simply need to lay our burdens down before Jesus and we will find peace. Lay them down... and leave them there! Accept the peace that is waiting.



²² Give your burdens to the Lord. He will carry them. He will not permit the godly to slip or fall. Psalm 55:22 (The Living Bible)

The song by Neale & Webb closes with the following: "Will the memories I make reflect the price you paid? Holy Spirit I will follow, lead the way." So, may we all let go of our burdens at the cross of Jesus and follow the Holy Spirit.

Corinne Kleppe



<p>St. Luke</p>  <p>Seasons OF THE Spirit</p>	<p>BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room</p>
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Palm/Passion

JOHN 20:1-8

Celebrating the good news of Jesus' resurrection

Soon after the crucifixion of Jesus His followers fled in fear for their own lives, hoping to avoid arrest, torture, and executions. Some gathered together in secret, mourning the past days' events, and death of Jesus. On the third day a few ventured to the outside of Jerusalem, returning to the tomb in which He had been placed.

The first on the scene was Mary of Magdala, a devoted follower of Jesus, who had stayed with Him even to the crucifixion. Now she arrived at the tomb to find its barrier opened. She left the adjacent garden and sought out Simon Peter and John to share the news: *They have taken the body of our Lord, and we cannot find Him!*

All three then departed to the tomb. The body of Jesus was not inside, only the linens and cloths in which He had been wrapped. The cloth that covered His face was folded carefully and placed to the side of the other linen cloths.

The two men then departed, leaving Mary kneeling and sobbing just outside the tomb's entrance. Shortly thereafter two heavenly messengers appeared, sitting where Jesus had been placed three days prior.

"Dear woman, why are you weeping?"

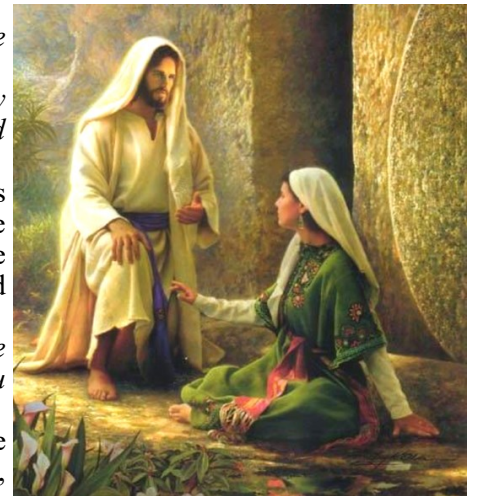
"They have taken away my Lord, and I cannot find him."

After uttering these words she turned around to see someone standing before her. It was Jesus, but she did not recognize him.

"Dear woman, why are you sobbing? Who is it you are looking for?"

Mary thought it was the gardener and responded, *"Sir, if you are the one who carried Him away, then tell me where He is, and I will retrieve Him."*

Jesus then did reveal Himself to her and requested she share the news that He was alive and was going to be with God.



∞ Lectionary Readings for April 2021 ∞

• April 4: John 20:1-18 | Easter Sunday

To celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection..

• April 11: John 20:19-31 | Seen, Heard, Known

To create a welcoming space for questions and doubts about faith.

• April 18: Luke 24:36b-48 | We Are Witnesses

To open hearts and minds to new insights and ways to live faithfully.

• April 25: John 11:11-18 | Love Is a Verb

To explore what it means to offer "shepherd care," love in action.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
April 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Jeff & Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Rose Hartschen, Jenni Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	Barb Kaldenberg
April 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Leonard Family
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection (1)	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	
April 18	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection (1)	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Counters (2)	
April 25	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg, Jenna McIntyre
Counters (2)	Rose Evans
May 2	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	

April Worship Assistants

We are continuing with our worship assistant sign-up during the month of April. We want our church family to feel as safe and comfortable as possible worshipping indoors so we are asking for volunteers at this time.



If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheet on the Coffee Counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhxQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We appreciate everyone who has so willingly volunteered to help during this time. If this works well we may continue with a sign-up and will add or adjust positions as needed. Thank you!

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Maundy THURSDAY 6:30 pm Worship	2  Good FRIDAY No Service	3
4 9:30 am Worship - Communion  Easter SUNDAY	5 10:30 am- Noon Book Club F-Hall 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	6 6:30 pm 3rd-6th Zoom Ed. Class Discover Hope Supper 5:30 pm	7 3:15 pm Middle School Ed. Class 6:30 pm K-2nd Zoom Ed. Class	8	9	10 9 am-5 pm Quilt Guild F-Hall
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18 9:30 am Worship Native American Ministries Sunday	19 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	20 6:30 pm 3rd-6th Zoom Ed. Class	21 3:15 pm Middle School Ed. Class 6:30 pm K-2nd Zoom Ed. Class 6:30 pm UM Women @ St Luke	22 	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship	26 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	27 6:30 pm 3rd-6th Zoom Ed. Class 7 pm Mission Coalition	28 3:15 pm Middle School Ed. Class 6:30 pm K-2nd Zoom Ed. Class	29	30	

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



United Methodist Women

April 21
6:30 PM
St Luke UMC

*“Rejoice in the Lord Always;
I will say it again, rejoice!
Philippians 4:4 (NIV)*

Program: Righteousness Flows Like a Stream
By Jan Lewis
Hostess: Tamara Lloyd

April 4 - Easter
April 22 - Earth Day

Lent/Easter Offering

The NOW Committee has chosen 3 separate entities to be the recipients of the 2021 Lenten/Easter Offering. 2/3 of the offering will be designated to local programs, Discover Hope Ministries and Neighbor Helping Neighbor. The other 1/3 will go to the Church World Service blanket program.



Corinne, NOW Missions



Camp Season Is Coming Soon

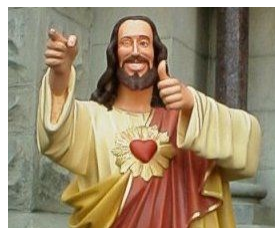
It's time to start planning and signing up for camp at one of the beautiful Iowa United Methodist Camps. Catalogs are available at the church or you can go online to check out what's available at www.iaumc.org/camps. Get ready for your adventure of a lifetime.

Native American Ministries Sunday April 18

The people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.



**GOD WANTS YOU
TO RAKE HIS YARD!
AND PICK UP STICKS
- FILL HOLES -
SEED BARE SPOTS.
SATURDAY APRIL 17TH
9:00 AM**



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 by March 31. If you would like to have your lily picked up at Hy-Vee, there will be a church representative going on Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 am. Please make sure when you order that the lily is marked for St Luke UMC pick up. You are also welcome to drop your lily off on Saturday, April 3 from 9 -10 am, during regular office hours of M-Th 9am - noon or you can bring it to church on Easter Sunday, April 4.



St Luke News

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Rebecca Carver, Ben Campney and family following the passing of their mother, Jo Anne Campney.

An Easter Prayer

From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to us. By the power of your Spirit who lives within us, may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. Amen.



A Special Blessing for those with April Birthdays

If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

- April 1 - Ava Smith
- April 5 - Jeffrey Guillaume
- April 6 - Mary Nelson
- April 8 - Kleo O'Brien, Dylan Wood, Dawn Bleeker
- April 10 - Jacob Murphy, Pane Thongvanh
- April 11 - Karen Clark, Kelly Murphy, Bernice Adams
- April 13 - Paul Bleeker
- April 16 - Mark Spaur
- April 17 - Heuay Thongvanh
- April 20 - Mary Onstot
- April 21 - Dale Dorrell, Jennifer Etter
- April 28 - Barb Ponder



St Luke F.R.O.G. Program

The Sunday School (now called F.R.O.G., or Friends Relying on God) has been meeting weekly through Zoom since September. If you have a child or grandchild that would like to join us please email us at:



worship@stlukenewton.com.

PreK - 2nd Grade - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm via Zoom
3rd - 6th Grade - Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm via Zoom
Middle School - Wednesdays After School @ St Luke



April Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

Instant Potatoes
Powdered Milk



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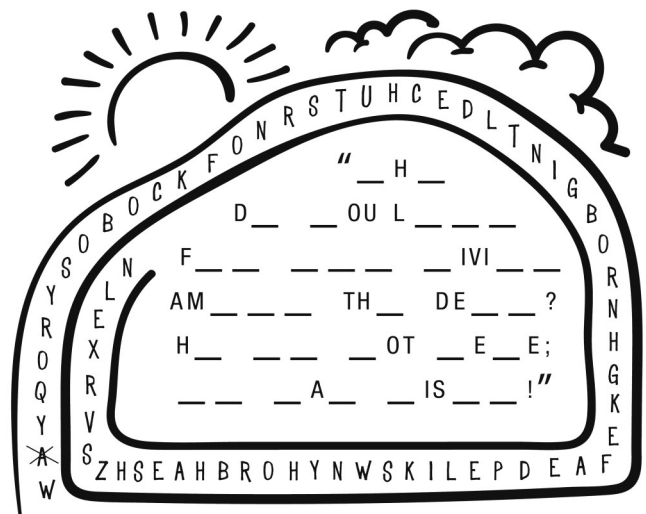
If you know someone that would like to receive the monthly Newsletter via email, please send their name and email address to the church office to be placed on the email list, at: Worship@StLukeNewton.com.



EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV



"I'm afraid your church's name made us question your tax-exempt status."

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV