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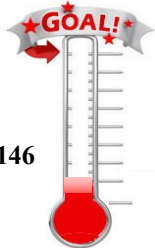
June 1, 2021



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2021 Apportionments

\$16,499



\$3,146

Financial Update



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

- Total of \$13,903 which included:
- \$ 790 - Building Fund
 - \$ 222 - Apportionments
 - \$ 164 - Heifer Project
 - \$ 40 - Golden Cross
 - \$ 5 - Jane Kies



Vacation Bible School 2021

Knights of North Castle - is quickly approaching! From July 19-23, we will be learning how to grow strong in the Lord by putting on the Armor of God. We hope you can join us for a great week!

Registration sheets are now available by the church office and online. Check our St Luke Newton Facebook page for details or you can use the following link to register. <https://forms.gle/JDLLvWkpfK5jM8qNA>

Volunteers are still needed for VBS this year. Other areas of support include providing monetary donations to cover the curriculum, decorations and snacks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annericleonard@gmail.com.



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Congratulations!

Kelly Murphy

Kelly Murphy is the daughter of Jeff and Amy Murphy. She is graduating with her Master's Degree in Education from Drake University. She is currently teaching in Waukee, IA.



Graduation Party

You are invited to a graduation celebration honoring Abby Jennings.

Abby's party will be held on Saturday, June 12 from 4-7 pm at St Luke UMC.





My Story

Have you ever done a paint by number? I remember doing them as a kid, but recently I worked on an adult version of a paint by number. When I started, it really just looked like a blob of colors. I could not really see the picture. Then suddenly when I looked at the painting from a new perspective, a glimpse of something recognizable appeared. “Oh, that’s a tree trunk.” And “Oh, that’s a row boat.” The lines and angles began to align into a beautiful forest scene.



There are times in our lives when the chaos that is our life, feels like a “blob” of colors, sounds, confusion, joy, anger and so much more. We cannot always see how this “chaotic blob” is going anywhere good. But God sees the beauty of our chaos from a different perspective. And at some point, we can look at the chaos and see it from a new angle, and finally see the beauty too.

We don’t yet see things clearly. We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 1 Corinthians 13:12 (the Message)

When you feel lost in the chaos, look for a new perspective in the “chaotic blob” that is your messy life. And know that God sees the beauty in you long before you can see it yourself.

Corinne Kleppe

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1CORINTHIANS 13:12



Unexpected Leadership

1 SAMUEL 15:34-16:13

God’s mind is changed.

In this scripture passage, interestingly, it is God who is on record as 1- having a change of mind and 2-providing a ruse for the prophet Samuel to visit Jesse and eight of his sons.

Saul, the anointed king of Israel, fell out of God’s favor by not obeying all of God’s instructions in defeating the Amalekites. Against God’s will Saul left alive the defeated Amalekite king and best livestock. Saul’s famished soldiers also went against God’s direction by consuming “meat and blood together.” (And) Saul also, against Samuel’s direction, conducted a ritual sacrifice, instead of waiting for Samuel to perform the act.

Eventually God directed Samuel to go to Bethlehem in search of a replacement for (King)

Saul: *“I regret that I made Saul king over Israel because he has turned away from me and from executing My commands.”*

[Saul is the one God had

chosen to be the king. Samuel is *the one* who anointed Saul to that position(!)] Samuel had the uncomfortable task to then confront Saul with his transgressions: *“Because you have rejected the voice of the Eternal One, He has rejected your claims to rule Israel. He is through with you.”*

God informed Samuel that He had selected a new king from among the sons of Jesse. Samuel “protested” that his life would be in danger from the current king (Saul) if he found out. The Lord directed Samuel to travel to Jesse’s city of Bethlehem under the guise of sacrificing a heifer to the Eternal One.

It was through this process that Jesse’s youngest son, David, was eventually chosen, over his seven older brothers, to be the next king of Israel.

∞ Lectionary Readings for June 2021 ∞

- **June 6:** Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Unexpected Vulnerability
To explore issues of leadership.
- **June 13:** 1 Samuel: 15:34-16:13 | Unexpected Leadership
To explore anew what it means to see ourselves as “chosen” by God.
- **June 20:** 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
Authentic Leadership
To explore what we know about courage and power in the light of God’s wisdom.
- **June 27:** Mark 5:21-43 | Compassionate Leadership
To seek God’s compassionate care for ourselves and others.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
June 6	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	

June 13	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rose Evans
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	

June 20	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Dennis Smith
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

June 27	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Jan Lewis, Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg, Jenna McIntyre
Counters (2)	

June Worship Assistants

We are continuing with our worship assistant sign-up during the month of June. 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 have now added a reader and an acolyte to the sign up sheet. We appreciate everyone who has so willingly volunteered to help during this time. Thank you!

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

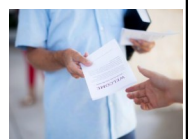
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C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV

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 5:30 pm Discover Hope Supper	2 Memorial Service for Jack Chadwick 10:30 am Family Only 1:30 pm Open to Public	3	4 Last Day of School — Newton Community Schools	5
6 9:30 am Worship - Communion 	7 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	8	9 7 pm Page Turners Book Club F-Hall Rsrvd	10	11 F-Hall Reserved	12  4-7pm Abby Jennings Graduation Party at St Luke UMC
13 9:30 am Worship Peace with Justice Sunday 	14  9am-4pm F-Hall Rsrvd 9-11am Sanctuary 2-4 pm - Book Club F-Hall 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	15	16	17 6:30 pm Quilt Guild F-Hall	18	19
20 9:30 am Worship 	21 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26 9am-4pm Quilt Guild F-Hall Rsvd
27 9:30 am Worship	28 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	29	30			

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



United Methodist Women

June
No Meeting

In Him we were also chosen. (NIV)
Ephesians 1:11a

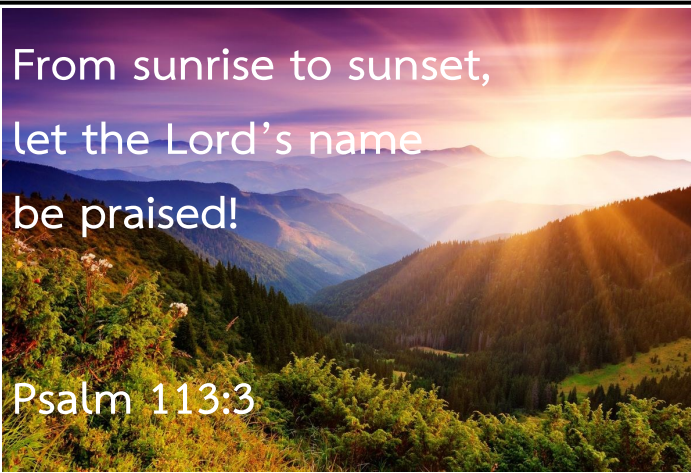
June 4—UMW gathering at Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

June 13 - Peace with Justice Sunday

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, the United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.



Although you may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.



St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.



BE JOYFUL
always
- THS 5:16 -

St Luke News

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Sue Crook Agan and family on the passing of her mother Vivian Stein.

Thank you to all who have assisted with food, transportation, and personal errands since the rotator cuff surgery. Your cards and notes of encouragement, too, are much valued!

~Carolyn Cook



See Light, Be Light

In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: "For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."



How often we long for light! In recent years we've agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we're urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others' lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both *see* and *be* light.



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.

A Special Blessing for those with June Birthdays

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

- June 3 - Doris Diamond
- June 4 - Bev Thomas
- June 11 - Leslie Maach
- June 15 - Lisa Marston
- June 16 - Tamara Lloyd
- June 19 - Alex Osborn
- June 20 - Stephen Pageler
- June 21 - Brayden Etter
- June 23 - Emily McConkey
- June 26 - Jenna McIntyre
Grant Osborn
- June 28 - Tina Ehler
Logan Henning



Memorial Service for Jack Chadwick

There will be an outdoor celebration of life for Jack Chadwick on June 2 at 1:30 pm at St Luke United Methodist Church. This will be open to the public and family will greet friends at this time.



Newsletter



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.

Don't even think about it!



June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request



Canned Meat & Fish



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this. _____

Before using this, you must break it. _____

This falls without getting hurt. _____

This gets bigger the more you take away. _____

This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit

to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun