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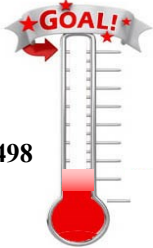
June 1, 2022



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2022 Apportionments

\$14,313



\$2,498

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 \$10,930 which included:

- \$ 1,015 - Building Fund
- \$ 125 - Apportionments
- \$ 90 - Golden Cross Sunday
- \$ 10 - Jane Kies
- \$ 150 - Easter Offering
- \$ 26 - Take Away Hunger
- \$ 100 - Heifer Project



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Join Us For Food Truck Party VBS 2022

June 27 - July 1
9:00 am - 11:30 am



Age 3-yrs-old through 6th Grade (completed)



Ready to cook up some fun? *Food Truck Party* invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. Through stories in both the Old and New Testaments, this VBS opens kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while inviting them to join God in providing, loving, and caring for others. The goal of this VBS is to help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs — and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.



Registration forms can be found in the center of this newsletter, 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/CD3DRZCjrvCMiY179>

Volunteers are still needed to support VBS this year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annericleonard@gmail.com.



My Story

My sisters and I filled the pew with our parents each Sunday. Our little church was like a second home. We new these people and they knew us. When we started learning to read, we learned to follow along with the words in the hymns being sung in worship. We were practicing our reading... learning to sing harmony by listening to people like Dewey who sat a few rows behind us... and worshipping God with each song. We were also learning how to live in a community of love and support.



¹⁶ *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.* ¹⁷ *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17*

I have heard it said, "It takes a village to raise a child." While this is true in many ways, it is also important to remember that it takes a fellowship of Christians to raise up Christians of all ages.

¹⁹ *speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,* ²⁰ *always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19-20.*

What are you doing to raise up other Christians? What practices are you encouraging, simply by singing your praises to God?

Corinne Kleppe



Voice of Change:

II KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

To recognize our legacy from people of faith and pass on the mantle God gives us.

Elijah was a prophet during the reign of King Ahab in the 9th century B.C. God performed many miracles through Elijah. You may also recall it was *Elijah* who appeared with Moses during Jesus' *Transfiguration*, witnessed by Peter, James, and John.

In this lectionary reading of June 26, Elijah, near the end of his life, was traveling with the (younger) prophet Elisha. Elisha had been anointed by Elijah to be Elijah's successor. For eleven or twelve years Elisha accompanied Elijah, acting as his attendant.

II Kings 2 describes a journey of Elijah and Elisha, where Elijah asks Elisha to remain in one place, explaining that God has chosen him (Elijah) to go to Bethel. Elisha refused to abandon Elijah. Later again, Elijah begged Elisha to stay behind while he traveled to the Jordan River. And again, Elisha refused to abandon him.

As the two reached the Jordan River, Elijah struck the water with his rolled up cloak, dividing the water. He asked Elisha what he would like Elijah to do for him (Elisha) before he was *taken away* from him. Elisha asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit -



twice the portion of Elijah's power. Elijah responded that the request would be met if Elisha witnessed his **departure**.

Suddenly a blazing chariot pulled by blazing horses *stormed down from the heavens and came between Elijah and Elisha*. Elijah was then swept up into heaven by the *fiery storm*. Elisha never saw Elijah again. Elisha served as a prophet in the northern kingdom of Israel for about 50 years.

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 church service. To honor and respect all present we are immunized. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings.

∞Lectionary Readings for June 2022∞

- June 5:** Acts 2:1-21 | Pentecost
To celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit
- June 12:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 | Joyful Creating
To celebrate Wisdom, especially as it reveals itself in creation.
- June 19:** 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a | Healing Moments
To seek refuge during troubled times in God's healing presence.
- June 26:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 | Pick Up the Mantle
To recognize our legacy from people of faith and pass on the mantle God gives us.

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, 2022
9:00—11:30 am



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No registration fee,
but **donations** for
curriculum & supplies
are gratefully accepted.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Sex: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Allergies/Other needed information: _____ (Or will attend Kindergarten in Fall 2022____)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: (____) _____ Secondary phone: (____) _____

Home church: _____ City: _____

Emergency Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Parents & others are invited to watch the opening skit at 9:00-9:10 am each morning in sanctuary.





Daily Mission Offering
Collecting funds to go towards unpaid school
lunch balances at Newton Community Schools.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.

-Proverbs 22:6-



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Iowa Annual Conference June 3-5			
5 9:30 am Worship - Communion  Sunday School to Follow <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Iowa Annual Conference June 3-5</div>	6 6:30 pm Monday Night Study via Zoom	7 Primary Election FH Rsrvd All Day 5:30 pm Discover Hope Supper	8 7 pm Page Turners FH Reserved	9	10	11 9am-4pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsrvd
12 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Peace with Justice Sunday-Offering	13 6:30 pm Monday Night Study via Zoom 	14 	15	16 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow 	20 6:30 pm Monday Night Study via Zoom	21 	22	23	24 P.E.O. Garage Sale FH Rsrvd	25 P.E.O. Garage Sale FH Rsrvd
26 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	27 6:30 pm Monday Night Study via Zoom	28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 11:30 am  </div>	

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
June 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Hiap Thongvanh
Counters (2)	

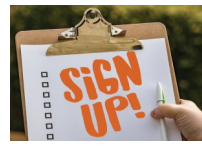
June 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Leslie & Bruce Maach
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

June 19	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

June 26	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

June Worship Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of June. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at:



worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the servant's counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to

sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f571kMBVLyocfFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM
CAIN
ABEL
SETH
NOAH
HAM
SHEM
JAPHETH
ELKANAH
SAMUEL
AARON
HUR
NADAB
CALEB
ABRAHAM
ESAU
JACOB

REUBEN
DAN
ASHER
JUDAH
LEVI
GAD
NAPHTALI
SIMEON
ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN
BENJAMIN
JOSEPH
MANASSEH
EPHRAIM
SAUL
JONATHAN
DAVID
SOLOMON

M I A R L A H P E C I T O A N C J
A B E L A S M G S R E S S E L S
N I A C M R K A S R E S S E L S
A D A V I D A D A M N H M E E
S O L O M O N H C C J M I B P
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S S H S U R U J A P A D U J E U
U E H F O D J A C O B E L U B
A L E V I T N A D A B E E S K E
W R D I T T N A H T A N O J Z

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.



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STACKS up to you!
Happy Father's Day!



United
Women
in Faith

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June
No Meeting

Love your neighbors as yourself. (NIV)
Romans 13:9

June 3-5 - UMF gathering at Iowa Annual Conference,
Des Moines, Iowa

June 12 - 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.



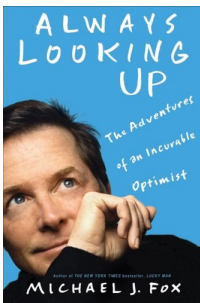
Although you may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing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

Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the table under the tv in Sam's Place.

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Adult-2 Sunday School Class



The Adult 2 Sunday School class is reading and discussing the book *Always Looking Up* by Michael J. Fox. In this memoir, Michael shares the themes of his life as he deals with Parkinson's Disease. He covers work, faith, and family. "With humor and wit, Michael describes how he became a happier, more satisfied person by recognizing the gifts of everyday life".

If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. We read the book together, so there is no "homework". There is always room for more to join the conversation. We meet in Room 5 in the education wing right after Worship.

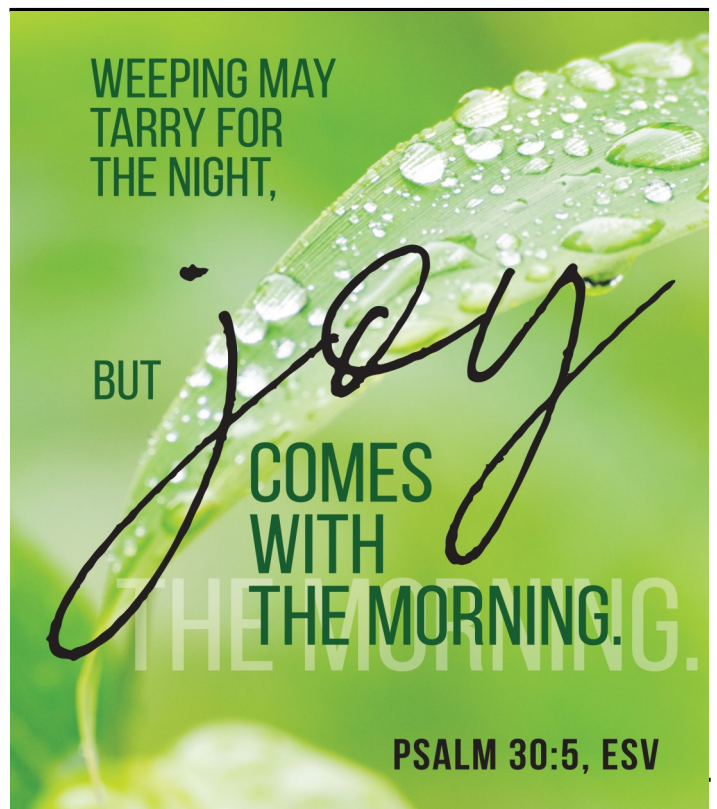
"Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself ... keeps you feeling young."

—Betty White

Grateful People are Joyful People

In a 2013 TED Talk, David Steindl-Rast says many people think happiness leads to gratefulness. "Think again," he says. "Is it really the happy people that are grateful? We all know ... people who have everything it [takes] to be happy, and they are not happy, because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune [yet] are deeply happy. ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy."

We must be cautious: Depression is a real illness, and therapy or medicine may be necessary to help us feel "happy" and enjoy life again. Also, "joy" is perhaps a more fitting word than "happiness"; happiness can be fleeting and superficial, while joy is heart-deep and abiding. In Jesus, even when we're sad or struggling or fearful, we can have joy — the confidence that God holds us in his arms. And for that, we can be grateful. Indeed, Steindl-Rast concludes, "Grateful people are joyful people."



THANK YOU!

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to our children's Sunday School teachers: Wendy Jennings and Lisa Marston. Thank you for all of your dedication to our children this past year. We appreciate all you do and are so thankful to have such wonderful teachers!



A Special Blessing for those with June Birthdays

- 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



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

Iowa Annual Conference 2022

The Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will be held June 3-5 in West Des Moines, IA and will also be offered virtually for those who choose to participate that way. This year's theme is "Making Hope Real!" Please keep all faithful participants in prayer.



Have Household Goods or Furniture to Donate?

Contact Lori Leix



June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request



Canned Meat & Fish



A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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🌀	T	N	E



"But you will receive _____ when the Holy _____ comes on you; and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the _____."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth