

St Luke UMC

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June 1, 2023



2023 Apportionments

\$15,279



\$2,374

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 \$38,431 which included:

- \$ 6990 - Building Fund
- \$ 130 - Apportionments
- \$ 30 - Golden Cross Sunday
- \$ 91 - Heifer Project
- \$ 10 - Florence Mefor Missionary
- \$ 50 - UMCOR Ukraine
- \$ 50 - Worldwide Mobility



Sunday, June 18

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Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck

On Sunday, June 11th we will be worshipping outside on the west side of the church. We will follow the worship service with a potluck at 11 AM.

Sunday school will be slightly shortened to 10:15-10:30 to 11 AM. A sign-up sheet for contributions to the potluck is located on the servant's counter. Please indicate how many persons from your family can attend and what you would like to bring: either main dish, salad, or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

There is no need to bring table service, we will use the church silverware and paper products for the plates and cups. In the event of inclement weather, worship will be in the sanctuary, but we will still have a potluck in the fellowship hall.

Join Us For Hero Hotline VBS 2023

June 26 - 30 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Ready for some fun with the ultimate hero team? *Hero Hotline* VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Join the Professor and Super Meer as young Heroes learn to strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up as we are taught in Romans 14:19.

Through stories in both the Old and New Testaments, this VBS opens kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides for Bible Heroes through teams of supporting Bible Heroes who help make the mission possible through following Jesus, Helping Others, Working Together, Listening to God, and Showing Grace.

The goal of this VBS is to help children learn to work together and share their gifts as they answer God's call on their lives as they strive to bring peace and build each other up in this world.

Registration forms can be found in the center of this newsletter, on the church information table or online. Check our St Luke Newton Facebook page for details or you can use the following link to register online.

<https://forms.gle/XjYuKyCWXLZCwfd6>





My Story

Open my eyes so I can see what you show me of your miracle-wonders. Psalm 119: 18

Over the past couple of years I have developed an issue with my eyes. When I spend too much time looking at...or let's be honest...staring at a computer screen, my eyes become strained. I end up with vision somewhere between blurred and doubled. Sometimes I drive home from work with a squint to my eyes. At times, I even find it a struggle to read a book (which is one of my favorite activities). And, all of these things are worsened by allergy season.

When I talked to my eye doctor about these changes in my vision, she noted that my eyes are dry. She recommended that I use eye drops periodically during the day, along with taking visual breaks and focusing my eyes at different distances. I have been trying to add eye drops to my daily routine and while it doesn't relieve the entire issue, it does seem to be helping. It's nice to have guidance on how to help alleviate the situation or at least make the visual issues less intense.

I think sometimes our focus on God becomes blurred by the world around us. We spend a bit too much time playing video games, watching nonsense on tv or our phones, playing or watching sports, focusing on the news... you name it. Whatever it is that draws our attention, also draws our focus off of God. If we squint, we can see God through the blur caused by the world around us. Sometimes, we need to take a Visual Break from the world and turn our eyes back to what is most important... Our relationship with God. We need to add back our prayer and scripture times, our walks in nature, our conversations with God.

² *Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. Hebrews:12:2a & b*

- Corinne Kleppe



Community of Grace

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

What it means to be restored in God's grace

The lectionary readings of June deal with community and its meaning in various contexts. In Matthew 9 Jesus recruits a tax collector, Matthew, as a disciple.

Later eating a meal with a whole "host" of tax collectors and "other sinners," the Pharisees chided, "*Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?*" Jesus overheard them and replied, "*...I am not here to attend to people who are already right with God; I am here to attend to sinners.*"

Somewhat later Jesus was approached by an "official" whose daughter had just died, asking Him to come and lay His hands on her. "*Then, I know she would live again.*"

Jesus proceeded to depart for the father's home when a woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years approached Him and touched His garment. (She believed if she touched it she would be cured.) Turning around, Jesus spoke directly to her, "*...Your faith has healed you.*"



At the house of the requesting father Jesus admonished the mourners to go away. "*This girl is not dead; she is merely asleep.*" The crowd all knew the girl was dead, but they did depart. Jesus went to the girl, took her hand, and she arose.

The news of Jesus' miracle with the formerly dead girl was spread throughout the area, telling everyone what had occurred.

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.

•Lectionary Readings for June 2023•

•**June 4:** **Genesis 1:1-2:4a** | Community of Creation
To explore texts that have shaped the community of God's creation

• **June 11:** **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26** | Community of Grace

To grow in understanding what it means to be restored by God's grace

• **June 18:** **Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)** | Responding in Community

To trust in God's promise to be with us as we proclaim the good news

• **June 25:** **Matthew 10:24-39** | Community that Disrupts

To explore what it means to trust God when facing the challenges of discipleship



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith

June
No Meeting

“How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” (NIV)

Isaiah 52:7

June 2-4 UWF gathering at Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

Collection of Socks and Underwear For The Salvation Army

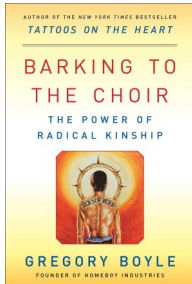
United Methodist Women now United Women in Faith have been collecting socks and underwear for distribution through the Salvation Army for many years. We are changing the collection period to June and July so we can get our contributions to the Salvation Army prior to their distribution to families in August. A collection box will be in the narthex beginning in June. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Adult-2 Sunday School Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is reading and discussing the book *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle. If you are familiar with *Tattoos on the Heart* or *The Whole Language*, you will enjoy reading Gregory Boyle’s 2nd book in this series. In a nation deeply divided and plagued by poverty and violence, *Barking to the Choir* offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. Sergio, arrested at age nine, in a gang by age twelve, and serving time shortly thereafter, now works with the substance-abuse team at Homeboy to help others find sobriety. Jamal, abandoned by his family when he tried to attend school at age seven, gradually finds forgiveness for his schizophrenic mother. New father Cuco, who never knew his own dad, thinks of a daily adventure on which to take his four-year-old son. These former gang members uplift the soul and reveal how bright life can be when filled with unconditional love and kindness.

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.



Peace with Justice Sunday - June 4

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.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, June 22 from 9 am - 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans. If you would like more information about Days for Girls you can visit their website at www.daysforgirls.org.



Mission Highlight : Mobility Worldwide

For the past 29 years, Mobility Worldwide (formerly known as PETS) has been building hand cranked mobile carts to assist those with mobility issues. These carts create the ability for people to become more independent and self-sufficient, helping them to contribute to their family’s and their own success.



This organization has developed 3 different models to assist varying conditions and sizes. In February 2023, they celebrated the delivery of their 30,000th cart. Each cart cost approximately \$350 to build and ship.







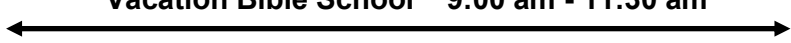
If you would like to help Worldwide Mobility continue their mission: donations can be placed in the offering plate during worship, with “Worldwide Mobility” on the memo line.

Corinne, NOW missions

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 June 6. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs, corn, chips, fresh fruit salad and cookies for our June meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve the meal there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant’s counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, June 4. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am - 3 pm Quilts of Valor FH Rsvrd	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Iowa Annual Conference June 2-4 </div>	3
4 9:30 am Worship Adult Sunday School to Follow Peace with Justice Sunday Offering <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Iowa Annual Conference June 2-4 </div>	5 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	6 5:30 pm Discover Hope Meal @ DH	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion Adult Sunday School to Follow 11 am Outdoor Potluck 	12 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	13 	14 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsvrd 	15 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsvrd	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship Adult Sunday School to Follow  FH Rsvrd 10 am - 4 pm O'Brien Family	19 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	20	21 	22 9am - 2pm Days for Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church	23	24 Church Rsvrd All Day VBS Decorating
25 9:30 am Worship Adult Sunday School to Follow Church Rsvrd All Day after Worship for VBS Decorating	26 6:30 pm Study Group via Zoom 6:30 pm JCRCC FH Rsvrd	27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> 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 4	9:30 AM
Ushers	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Barb Swihart
Reader	Nathan Figland
Acolyte	Payton Figland
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart
June 11	9:30 AM
Ushers	
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Jeff Carter
Acolyte	_____
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	_____
Camera	_____
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien
June 18	9:30 AM
Ushers	
Greeters	Margaret Gullett & Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	
June 25	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	Amy Ryan
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg

June Worship Assistants

For 2023 we are trying something new with our worship assistant sign up. We would like to see more of our volunteer position filled so we have decided to start passing around signup sheets for 3 months at a time. We had another wonderful response for our April-June volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up.



Most positions are filled now through June but there are still some spots open. If you would like to volunteer or see what positions are available 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 online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSz0XUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

2023 Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!

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. Register today for an adventure of a lifetime!



Summer Solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.



—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

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.



Vacation Bible School Registration Form



3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, June 26 - 30, 2023
9:00—11:30 am

St Luke United Methodist Church
501 E. 19th St. N., Newton, IA 50208
(641) 792-5736 - worship@stlukenewton.com

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 2023 _____)

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: _____

I do NOT want my child's photo, individually or in a group, posted on the church Facebook page or any other online sites.

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

Mission Offering
Received daily for Mission Projects.



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

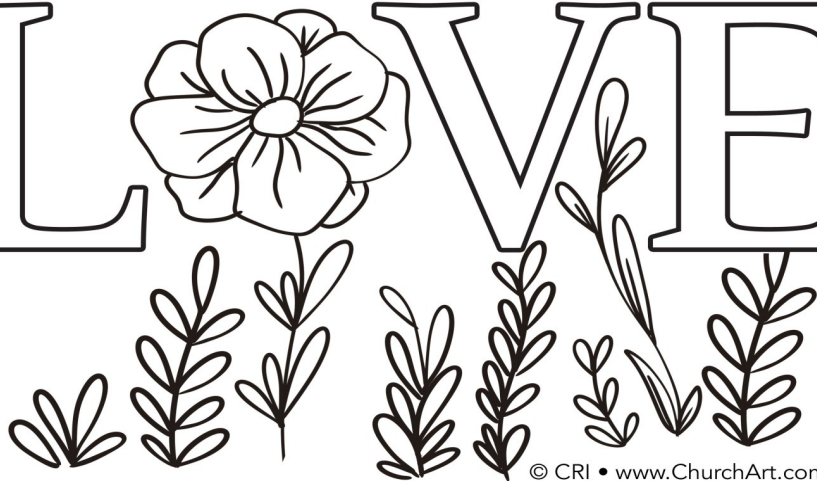
-Proverbs 22:6-



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God is
LOVE



A Special Blessing for those with June Birthdays

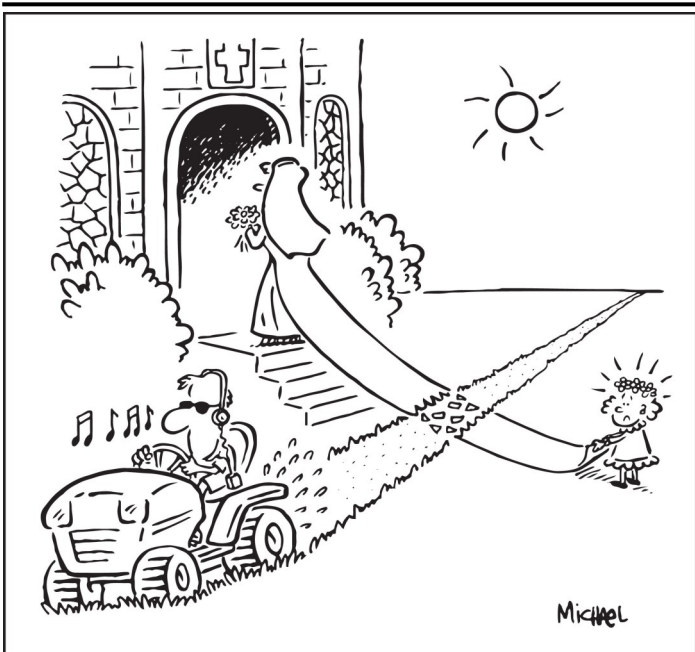
- June 3 - Doris Diamond
- June 4 - Bev Thomas
- June 11 - Leslie Maach
- June 15 - Lisa Marston
- June 16 - Tamara Lloyd
- June 19 - Alex Osborn
- June 20 - Stephen Pageler
- June 21 - Brayden Etter
- June 23 - Emily McConkey
- June 26 - Jenna McIntyre
Grant Osborn
- June 28 - Tina Ehler
Logan Henning



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

Iowa Annual Conference 2023

The Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will be held June 2-4 at the RecPlex in West Des Moines, IA and will also be offered as a hybrid experience for those choosing to join remotely. This year's theme is "Remembering Who We Are." Please keep all faithful participants in prayer.



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!



June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request



Canned Meat & Fish

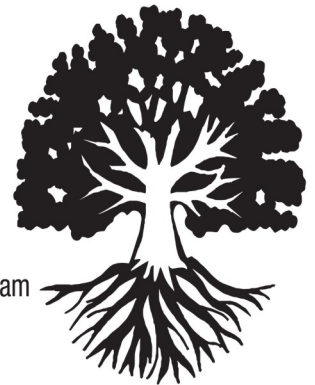


JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

ANSWER: FOURTEEN