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June 2017



VBS 2017
Mon-Fri, July 10 - 14
9 am-11:30 am
 3 yr olds – just completed 6th grade
 7th grade – adults lead and help
 Registration form on page 9.



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2017 Apportionment Goal



Financial Update

With a change of pastors will come a probable change in St Luke finances unless we all prayerfully consider how we can increase our gifts to our St

Luke General Fund.

Treasurer Russ shared this concern with the Finance Team and Council. Some Council members strongly feel that St Luke needs to be kept abreast of our financial status through-out the year so here it is. These things will occur on these dates, when our renters moved out.

- 5/31-We will no longer receive \$950 per month in parsonage rental income.
- 6/30-One of our givers who tithed on her income from St Luke...\$5,000-6,000 per year, will move away.
- 5/15-We have submitted \$6,691, with \$17,870 remaining of Apportionments.

These offerings have been received:
April 30: \$2054 including \$254-Building Fund; \$13-Kies Missionaries; \$283-Native American Offering.

May 7: \$5395 including \$135-Building Fund; \$3-Apportionments; \$22-Sunday School Supplies.

May 14: \$1211-including \$40-Building Fund; \$14-Kies Missionaries; \$8-Apportionments.

May 21: \$1440 including \$24-Kies; \$15-Building Fund; \$28-Golden Cross.

May 28: \$1196 including \$124-Apportionments; \$299-Building Fund.

The balance on the building loan is \$10,230 thanks to your generosity.

Thank You!

Friday-Sunday, June 16-18

A weekend to say "Farewell"

to Pastor Audrey Young

for 10 years with

St Luke and Community.



Ice Cream & Pie Social

Friday, June 16

5 – 7 pm

At St Luke

United Methodist Church

Public is invited to greet Pastor Audrey. Bring family and friends!



SERVING: Sandwiches (Loose beef or hot dogs), Baked Beans, Chips, Beverage, Pie and Ice Cream

Minimum Suggested Donation \$7.
 Proceeds for St Luke Missions.

(Sign up to bring pies and other food items.)

Farewell to Pastor Audrey on Her Last Day at St Luke

and Fathers Day

Sunday, June 18

8/10:30 Worship with Lots of Praising God in Song and Scripture.

9/11:30 Special Fellowship time

Noon St Luke & community invited

to *Pizza Ranch* for (pay your own) Meal together Where Pastor Mark Young will join us in celebration of the Young's 15th Wedding Anniversary



Sunday, June 4:
 8/10:30 am Worship - Communion



2017 IOWA CONFERENCE
 The United Methodist Church
 June 10 - 12, 2017
 Hy-Vee Hall
 Des Moines, IA

CREATING Difference Makers!
 www.laumc.org/ac2017

Sunday, June 11: Annual Conference, DSM

8/10:30 am Worship-Guest Preacher, Rev Robert (Bob) Spilger, chaplain at Newton Village. Pastor Bob has served churches in Deer River, Stanchfield, MN as well Alta, Storm Lake and Ferguson, IA. Most recently he served as Senior Pastor at Fern Cliff Evangelical Free Church, Wayland, IA. For the last 20 years in conjunction with serving smaller congregations he has served as a Hospice Chaplain serving hospice agencies in Storm Lake, Marshalltown, Burlington, and Washington, IA. He graduated from Oak Hills Christian College, Bemidji, MN, in 1987, with a degree in Ministerial Counseling and from St Paul High School, St Paul, NE. When Pastor Audrey did worship for him at Newton Village, he gladly consented to return the favor.

June 11-Apportionment Offering Sunday
Peace With Justice Offering



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Ice Cream & Pie Social
5-7 pm St Luke UMC



Sunday, June 18: Fathers Day Pastor Audrey's Last Sunday

8/10:30 am Worship-Expect to have an enjoyable time with dads as we did with mom on her day! Corinne Kleppe sings two "Blessings" songs and Peg's Drama too. 9:00 and 11:30 am *Special Fellowship-time.*

At NOON or so everyone is invited to *Pizza Ranch* (each pay for our own) Party Room for lunch together with Pastor Mark and Audrey celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary. Choose the buffet or order a pizza. Gluten-free pizza is available. Pastor-husband Mark Young will join us.

Pizza Ranch has a Christian owner who plays Christian music at the restaurant is a favorite of the Youngs.



Dear St Luke Family,

My last day with you will be Sun. June 18, with a special fellowship-time after each worship, then everyone is invited to (pay for your own) lunch together at Pizza Ranch at noon where my husband Mark will join us to celebrate our 15th Wedding Anniversary.

I will always love you and remember you fondly as "Amazing!" and the "closest to first century disciples" church I have ever served. I will always pray for you & ask for your prayers for me.

Pastor Audrey

P.S. Here are Guidelines from the Iowa UMConference in *Assisting Congregations in a Pastoral Change* (in italics.) My additions are the non-italicized.

Feelings of grief, anger, loss, etc. are normal and to be expected and should be expressed in order to heal.

Explain the appointment process (see below right) Be honest about whether or not the pastor wanted to move. I wanted to remain at St Luke because I have loved you through good and bad times and all the in-between too, for ten years. This past year it has been difficult for me to even think about leaving you, similar to being asked for a divorce I imagine. But I will be okay and so will you. We knew it would come to an end sometime. Rest assured, God has had a hand in appointing a very capable pastor for St Luke. Chad will bring gifts to ministry that I could not and probably won't do some things that I have; (but please don't ever say that to him.) Chad will give God his best and you will be the blessed recipients of his ministry.

As of July 1, I am no longer your pastor and should not be invited back to perform pastoral functions.

I have met with the folk at Mitchellville and Santiago (a country church north of the Mitchellville exit) and they are excited for us to share ministry together in Jesus' name. Their spirit will be contagious for me.



I hope you, St Luke, can be excited to begin and continue, for many good long years, your new chapter of ministry with Rev Chad Jennings.

Assisting Our New Pastor and Family in Coming.

Put our new pastor's name/address in publications. for people to send letters of welcome, including a family photo, identifying each person. At St Luke, we are inviting you to fill in the convenient form on page 7 and return it, to be placed in a notebook for Pastor Chad and family. He will be able to refer to it to be acquainted with you as quickly & accurately as possible.

Come, help clean the parsonage on Sat, June 3.

On moving day, (June 29) volunteer to help with unpacking. Provide meals; include moving van persons.

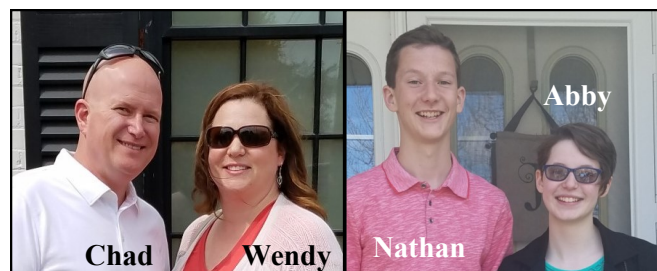
On his first Sunday, (July 2) have a service of welcome/affirmation for our new Pastor and family.

Plan a reception.

Potluck at St Luke on Sunday, July 2

Let's welcome Pastor Chad, Wendy, Nathan and Abby.

(Encourage our youth to be in worship or at least come to the potluck for lunch for Nathan & Abby.)



Wear name tags for the first 2-3 weeks to help the pastor become acquainted. Months would be more helpful.

Always state your names when greeting our new pastor and family during the first month (or three).

Attitudes to be cultivated as a new pastor arrives:

Expect the best from your new pastor.

Avoid comparing your new pastor with the previous one. Be receptive to his new ideas.

Let the pastor & family choose their own friends.

Constantly inform your pastor and family of your love and support. Daily lift them up in your prayers.

Respect the family needs of your pastor.

Let the parsonage be a private home.

Recognize your pastor's spouse. Do not expect the spouse of your pastor to be an "assistant pastor" working for free for the church. See your pastor's spouse as any other dedicated Christian's spouse and co-worker for Christ. Recognize the right (and perhaps need) for your pastor's spouse to seek employment.

Grant to your pastor's family the right & responsibility to serve equally in the life and work of the church in the same ways other members do.

Send emails of greeting to them now at rev.chad.jennings@gmail.com.

The Appointive Process of The United Methodist Church Discipline RESPONSIBILITY (¶430)

Clergy shall be appointed by the bishop, who is empowered to make & fix all appointments in the episcopal area of which the annual conference is a part. Appointments are to be made with consideration of the gifts and

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
June 4	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Mike/Kleo O'Brien
Greeters	Peg Ehler	Bruce/Leslie Maach
Reader	Jenni Patty	Amy Murphy
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Evan Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Tamara Lloyd	Marston Family
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson
Communion	Lisa Pageler	Counters: Brad Patty/Deb Stoullil
June 11	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger	Rose Evans/Sue Crook
Greeters	Dick/Pam Stiles	Carolyn Cook
Readers	Dale Dorrell	Russ Leix
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Emma Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Jacob Murphy
Fellowship	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Amy Murphy
Care Core	Jan Lewis	Lisa Marston
Counters		Rose Evans/Pat Patty
June 18	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Jean Schnell/Bruce Maach	Deb/Austin Stoullil
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Peg Ehler
Readers	Rose Hartschen	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Jacob Murphy
Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Corinne Kleppe	Corinne Kleppe
Projection	Brad Patty	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Margaret Gullett	Michelle Walker-O'Brien
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Jan Lewis/Brad Patty
June 25	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Margaret Gullett/Tamara Lloyd	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Marianne Spaur
Readers	Barb Kaldenberg	Corinne Kleppe
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo Walker-O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Bruce/Leslie Maach
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Russ Leix/Barb Kaldenberg

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St Luke News

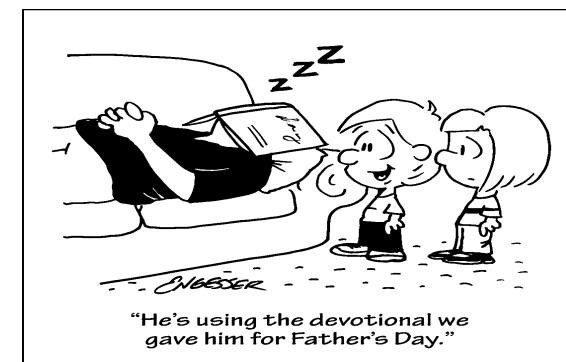
Congratulations to Jean Schnell for receiving the UMW Special Mission Recognition pin for her service at St Luke UMC.

Congratulations to our St Luke graduates: Brady Smith, Savannah Reicks, Allison Allen, Alex Osborn, Tom Miller, Allen Barr, Taylor Reicks and his fiancé, Hannah Reuter, Michael Cole (fiancée of Rachel Clark), Kyle Wood, and Joel Grimm.

Congratulations to Jacob Murphy for being named to the Newton High School All-Academic Team for Academic Excellence.

Thank you Pat Patty and Jean Schnell for planting flowers in the flower pots.

Congratulations to Zoe Smith for receiving the Presidential Award.



Please--Update All Addresses

including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you.



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. It's a way for us to get to know one another.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 <p>*Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7 pm Trustees Meeting at parsonage</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>*Doris Diamond</p> <p>9 am Parsonage Cleaning Day</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>8/10:30 Worship Communion</p> <p>9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>  <p>11 *Leslie Maach</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>6:30 pm Special Charge Conference</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*Kris Reicks</p> <p>6-9 pm PEO - F Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 pm SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>*Mary Cook</p>	<p>10</p> <p>IA Annual Conference</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>8/10:30 Worship 2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering</p> <p>9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p> <p>Peace With Justice Offering</p>  <p>IA Annual Conference</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SHARE Orders due. Go online, or call First UMC or First Christian.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>*Brian Thomas</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>14</p> <p>*Randy Hanson</p> <p>7 pm Page Turners Book Club - Entry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>*Lisa Marston</p> <p>7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall</p>	<p>16</p> <p>* Tamara Lloyd</p>  <p>5-7 pm Ice Cream & Pie Social</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8/10:30 Worship Last Sunday here for Pastor Audrey</p> <p>9/11:30 Special Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p> <p>Noon - Buy your own Lunch at Pizza Ranch & eat in party room.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>*Alex Osborn</p> <p>18 6 pm ICIW</p>	<p>20</p> <p>*Stephen Pageler</p> <p>NO Council Meeting (Will meet on July 11)</p>	<p>21</p>	 <p>9am-2pm Day for Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30-8:30am SHARE Pickup @ 1st UMC</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8/10:30 Worship Lay speaker Dennis Smith</p> <p>9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>*Grant Osborn *Heather Stroh</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 pm SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>*Tina Ehler</p> <p>8:30 am Collate Newsletter</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Moving In Day for Pastor Chad, Wendy, Nathan and Abby</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Sunday, July 2 First Sunday with Pastor Chad Jennings & family</p>

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



United Methodist Women No Meeting

"The way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced." Matt 7:20

June 10-12 Iowa Annual Conference
June 11 UMW Gathering at Iowa Annual Conference

Sunday School Mission Offering



Larry and Jane Kies have spent much of their adult lives in mission service. They currently live and teach in Zimbabwe, Africa, at the Africa University. Larry works as the Technical advisor to the Africa University Farm at Mutare. Jane teaches English at the Africa University in Mutare.

Once again this year we have covenanted with the Kies with our goal being \$1 per member for each of them. The May to August Sunday School offering will continue to go to the Kies until we have met our yearly commitment. If we reach that goal before the end of August, the NOW committee will select a new recipient. The first Sunday of each month will continue to go toward Sunday School administrative costs including our Sunday school materials and resources.

Corinne Kleppe- NOW missions



SHARE Food Program

Buying discounted groceries through SHARE has returned to Newton, Iowa. You can check out and order online for the program at www.SHAREIOWA.com, or call either First UMC or First Christian Church. "SHARE boxes" can be ordered by Monday, June 12 and picked up at First UMC on Saturday, June 24, between 7:30-8:30 am, when you can order and pay for the next month.

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark



During our last trip to MMDC Corinne Kleppe introduced me to the book *Fly A Little Higher* by Laura Sobiech. It is a story written by the mother of a son who has battled his best against cancer. It is also the story of a mother relinquishing her son to God and the story of God answering her prayers that his short life be used for something good.

Laura asked seventeen year old Zach to write good-bye letters to family and friends when they learned Zach's battle would not end how they had hoped. Instead, Zach wrote songs. One of those songs, *Clouds* was a number one download on iTunes. This is a story of faith, hope, perseverance, love, and yes, heartbreak, but it is also the story of God's faithfulness in that heartbreak.

This book is full of lessons on how we can each *Fly A Little Higher* every day. You can find it on the newsletter shelf in our little library in the corner. Check it out!



A LETTER TO PASTOR AUDREY

Our loving and wonderful God has called and challenged us on a new mission. You have given St. Luke 10 great years serving God! Since there are so many things to thank you for, I have listed the top 10.

Thank you Pastor Audrey for:

10. Your mentor ship with Scott Greene to become a pastor and start Least of Saints Ministry.
9. Your e-mails, letters and bulletins that kept us informed of news, events and what we missed in church the last Sunday.
8. Your ability to have us use our talents to serve God.
7. Your guidance to meet our apportionment every year and to participate in so many local and world-wide projects and missions.
6. Your leadership in accomplishing the remodeling of the Narthex and kitchen, and building the Portico.
5. Your help in making Vacation Bible School fun & successful.
4. Your beautiful singing voice that led us all into praising God.
3. Your sermons that were creative and made the characters of the Bible and Jesus come to life.
2. Your teachings to the children of St. Luke that made them feel comfortable in church and know the love of God.
1. Your smile, hugs, visits, greetings, caring and faith throughout our spiritual journeys, concerns, sadness and joys.

Pastor Audrey, on behalf of SPRC and St. Luke, thank you for your service to get us closer to God and to better serve Him!

I appreciate your prayers and will always pray for you!

God Bless,
Peg Ehler



My Story

My sophomore year of college, I joined a group of my dorm friends for the 24 hour Iowa State MDA Dance marathon. We were given just 5 minutes per hour to stop dancing. By the end of the 24 hours we were exhausted but we felt fulfilled too. We had helped to raise over \$60,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Once the marathon was over, I found myself swaying... all the time! Sitting in the den watching M*A*S*H reruns... swaying. Eating supper... swaying. Falling asleep... swaying. 24 hours of dancing kept me moving for hours after I got home from Hilton Coliseum. It was as if I could still hear the music and was continually moved to dance.



The book of Psalms is full of references to music and praise. We are encouraged to continually praise the Lord with our voices and our movements. The Psalmist tells us to dance (Psalm 149:3), to shout (Psalm 47:1) and to sing (Psalm 57:7). And that is just a small sample of the scriptures urging us to praise the Lord.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted. Psalm 47

Let the music of the Lord into your life... sway to the beat... cause those around you to wonder what moves you to express such joy.

Corinne Kleppe - Editor



June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Canned Meat & Fish

St. Luke BIBLE STUDY
Seasons OF THE Spirit
Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

Compassion
Trusting in God's promise to be with us as we proclaim the good news.
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

The author of the gospel according to Matthew notes Jesus' mission of teaching in the synagogues, preaching God's good news, and healing every disease and sickness. "He had **compassion for them** because they were so deeply distraught, malaised, and heart-broken. They (the crowds) seemed to Him like lost sheep without a shepherd." Understanding what an overwhelming task He had before him, Jesus prepared to send His twelve disciples "into the field" to do as He was, with very specific instructions. Prior to this point in time, the twelve disciples had been listening to Jesus preach and watching Him heal. Now the time had come to fruition where Jesus was ready to send the twelve into the world, on their own, to do His Father's work.

The disciples' instructions included these "guidelines:"

- Don't go to "outsiders" or to towns inhabited by Samaritans.
- Go to find and heal the *lost sheep* of Israel.
- Preach this message: The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse those who have leprosy.
- Drive demons from the possessed.
- You received these *gifts* freely, so you should give them to others *freely*.



The disciples were given ownership of the decision to stay in the villages in which they would travel, how long they might stay - or move on.

Jesus dispensed very specific advice concerning such aspects as what to pack, wear, (not) take money, accepting hospitality, blessing or not blessing a host. The disciples were encouraged, that if they should happen to be arrested and dragged to court, "don't worry about what to say or how to say it. The words you should speak will be given to you. For at that moment, it will not be **you** speaking; it will be the **Spirit of the Father** speaking through you."

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 to read about and discuss issues related to each week's prescribed lectionary readings. Come, join in the learning!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in June. Consider taking the time to read them at home, before each Sunday worship!

∞ **Lectionary Readings for June 2017** ∞

- June 4: Acts 2:42-47** | Glad and Generous Hearts
To explore the witness of living and serving together as the Body of Christ.
- June 11: Genesis 1:1-2:4a** | Formed by Love
To explore texts that have shaped the community of God's creation.
- June 18: Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)** | Compassion
To trust in God's promise to be with us as we proclaim the good news.
- June 25: Matthew 10:24-39** | God and Sparrows
To explore what it means to trust God when facing the challenges of discipleship.



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, July 10-July 14, 2017
9:00—11:30 am

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501 E 19th St. N, Newton, IA 50208
(641) 792-5736

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 2017 _____)

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 invited to watch the opening skit at 9:00-9:20 am each morning in sanctuary.

Daily Mission Offering
Rick's House of Hope
In Davenport

Free Lunch for Kids 1-18yrs available at Berg Elementary Cafeteria, Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria, Emerson Hough and the High School Cafeteria
11am-12:20 pm (M-F) June 5-July 28

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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evidence of God's grace of those appointed, to the needs, characteristics, and opportunities of congregations, and with faithfulness to the commitment to an open itineracy. Open itineracy means appointments are made without regard to race, ethnic origin, gender, color, disability, marital status, or age. Through appointment-making, the connectional nature of the United Methodist system is made visible.

WHO INITIATES CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT (§433)

A change in appointment may be initiated by a pastor, SPRC, district superintendent (DS), or bishop. The DS should meet with the pastor and the SPRC.

THE PROCESS (§433)

1. The DS shall confer with the pastor about a specific possible appointment and its congruence with gifts, evidence of God's grace, professional experience and expectations, and the family needs of the pastor, identified in consultation with the pastor (§ 432.2). The DS goes over the profiles of the pastor, church and community generated by the receiving church, as well as its salary/benefits and housing package.

3. The DS shall confer with the receiving SPRC about pastoral leadership (§ 432.1) and the bishop's designee/s – his/her profile.

7. An 'introduction meeting' of the SPRC is convened. This is not an interview! This is a time for the DS to introduce to the SPRC the person designated by the bishop to be the church's new pastor.

8. When the process has been completed, the announcement of that decision shall be made to the receiving church as well as the church where the incoming pastor is currently serving.

Midwest Mission



**Save the Date
Trip to MMDC
February 4-7, 2018**

"Just Jeans" for Building Fund



Only Jeans, no other items, are being collected by Marianne Spaur. Jeans can be any size (infant through adult), should be clean and in good condition. They will be sold at *The Dressing Room* with proceeds towards the Building fund. Leave "Just Jeans" in basket under table in glassed entry.

VBS 2017 - July 10-14

VBS for this year will be Monday-Friday, July 10-14 from 9-11:30 am. This year's theme is *Hero Central-Discover Your Strength in God* - from Cokesbury.



A leader for the 3-yr-old class is needed. Anyone interested in volunteering that week, please contact Amy Murphy @ 641-417-9458. Any help is greatly appreciated! You never know whose hero you may end up being with God's help! Registration form on page 9.



VBS 2017 Mission Project

Rick's House of Hope is the regional center for grieving and traumatized youth, offering a wide spectrum of services. The center provides a cozy setting where youth of all ages find hope to face the future unafraid.

The mission of Rick's House of Hope-Center for Grieving and Traumatized Children is to make sure the needs of grieving and traumatized youth are not overlooked.

RHOH comes alongside kids and families to help them along the grief journey.

* It is a wise father that knows his own child. – William Shakespeare

Flood Buckets Needed



MMDC is in desperate need of flood buckets. Close to 4000 have been distributed this spring. Each bucket has a value of \$65 worth of life-saving cleaning supplies.

St Luke will be taking a special offering on Sunday, June 4 as part of "Fill the MMDC Truck" at annual conference. Please prayerfully consider helping out this worthy mission.

St Luke Produce Table

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



Days for Girls Report

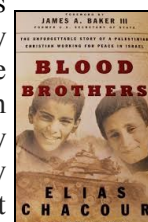
The next work day is Thursday, June 22nd from 9 pm - 2 pm. You can come anytime during those hours and stay as long as you want. Lunch is provided. You don't need to know how to sew. Current St Luke members participating with the Days For Girls project are Karen Clark, Pat Patty, Rose Evans, Barb Kaldenberg and Hiap Thongvanh.

Hiap was inadvertently left off the list in the May Newsletter. Hiap has been very active with Days For Girls, sewing school bags and Newsletter collating at St Luke. Thank You, Hiap for all that you do!



Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class invites you to join them as they study the issue of Israel through the eyes of a Palestinian Christian in the book, *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour. As a group, they decided that they really don't know a lot about the conflict in Palestine. Hopefully, this book will give some insight and deeper understanding of life in the most volatile region of the world.



There is always room for more to join the discussion in the 3rd room on the left in Ed Unit at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.

St Luke News



Many thanks to the Berg Middle School youth that helped to clean up St Luke's lawn and parking lot on Red Pride Day in early May.

Summer Special Music



We are looking for special music for the summer months. If you sing or play an instrument, please consider sharing with us this summer during worship. Contact Jan Lewis or Corinne Kleppe to make arrangements.



Annual Conference Opportunities for Everyone.

For details go to www.iaumc.org and click on "Everything You Need to Know AC 2017."

Beginning at 2pm on Saturday, June 10, visit the plenary sessions with Pastors and Members to Conference. Dennis Smith is our lay member.

Saturday, June 10: Teaching Sessions at 4:10 pm at Iowa Events Center, Rooms: EmpowHer; Matthew 25 & Community Ministries; School for Lay Ministry; Tiny House Homeless Project; Community Re-entry program, Women at the Well; Mental health support and advocacy; Making a Difference through Prayer; Immigration and Refugee services.

Sunday, June 11: 6:15-8:00 AM Bishop's Fit Challenge Walk/Run—3rd St. Bridge of Riverwalk Trail.

June 10-12: Fill the MMDC Truck at Annual Conference:

Support the Midwest Mission Distribution Center by filling their truck with relief kits and supplies. This year, MMDC is asking for kits of all types, but especially need these supplies: Bedding Kits, Razors, Hand Towels and Washcloths.

Visit www.midwestmissiondc.org for an updated list of kit supplies. MMDC is where St Luke has gone for several work trips.

Visit Women At The Well UMC Worship July 20

St Luke has been invited to come to worship at Women At The Well UMC on Thursday, July 20. (Leave at 6 pm and return at 9 pm)



Those attending the worship service will need to have a clearance check before going. Please contact Rose Evans by June 10th to sign-up. Must be 18 years old to attend.

The new logo pictured here was adopted for their 10th Anniversary which was celebrated earlier this year.



Camperships for St Luke Campers

2017 Church Camp Time Is Here! Which of the "Best Week Ever" Camps will you attend? Catalogs are available on table in entry and at www.iaumc.org/camp. Camperships of \$50-for camp fees of \$100 or less or \$100 for camp fees of more than \$100 available through the St Luke UMWomen; talk with UMW Treasurer Pat Patty or Camp Coordinator Jenni Patty. Financial assistance is also available through Iowa Conference Funding.



Many Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to the St Luke Team of Sunday School teachers for the past year. Tamara Lloyd and Lisa Marston have been leading the children. Carolyn Cook and Rose Evans have been leading the adult classes. Your efforts are very much appreciated & a vital part of St Luke.

Peace With Justice Sunday - June 11, 2017

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will.

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 we may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, our 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.

Equipping The United Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus' Name

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world.

Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace

Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in?

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan,

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor. Thanks be to God!



One-Room Sunday School

The One-Room Sunday School for children 3-years of age through 4th grade will begin on Sunday, June 4. To give our school year teachers a break, volunteers are asked to sign-up to teach for a Sunday or two during the summer.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Servants' Counter for volunteers to choose the Sunday they would like to teach. If you have questions about the program, please talk to Tamara Lloyd. Be a part of this vital ministry at St Luke this summer!

Free Lunch for Kids 1-18yrs available at Berg Elementary Cafeteria, Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria, Emerson Hough and the High School Cafeteria
11am-12:20 pm (M-F) June 5-July 28

Let's Add to The Blessing Box

St Stephen's Church is sponsoring a food box for the homeless and/or hungry in Newton. It will hold individual food items like crackers, beef-a-roni, Slim Jims, chips, tuna, personal hygiene items, socks—things of which people without homes can make use. It is easily accessed in the **alley beside 308 N 6th Ave E** and will be available to anyone in need of food or other items in the box. Leaving a note with a favorite scripture reading or of encouragement in the box is encouraged.



In June there will be a **Shower for the Blessing Box** and they will be inviting all churches to participate. The Blessing Box will not be under surveillance, but the contents will be monitored to ensure food is always available.



St Luke UMC to Host Jasper County Take Away Hunger Packaging Event

Saturday, July 8
9 am - Until Done
"Feed the hungry and show the love of Jesus"
Talk with Tamara Lloyd to get a team of 10-12 St Luke people at \$30 each to fill bags for an hour.
Sign-up at the Servants Counter



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Help Pastor Chad get to know you

My Name Is:

Home Address:

Email Address:

Please keep my email confidential: Church _____ Pastor Use (only) _____

Phone Number:

Please keep my phone number confidential: Yes or No

Go to School at, Employed at or Retired from:

Hobbies:

How long have you attended St Luke?

Why St Luke?

What activities and committees are you involved with at St Luke?

What do you think God is calling this congregation to do?

Is there a St Luke memory you would like to share?

What is the best way to communicate with you? Email _____ Mail _____

What places (activities, entertainment, restaurants) would you recommend to the new pastor and his family?

- * Pastor Chad would like for all of us to fill out this form, even the kids. Feel free to attach a photo of yourself.
- * Please return this form in the basket just outside the church office.