

St Luke UMC

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June 2019



THE Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!

2019 Apportionment

\$24,351



\$823

Financial Update

APPORTIONMENTS ARE MISSIONS. For United Methodists the apportionment method of giving has become a strong, generous

tradition.

Episcopal Fund: Bishops have always had a very special role in our church... elected and consecrated to speak to the church...and from the church. The apostle Paul called it "a noble task," but it is practical, too, since our bishops oversee and promote the church's spiritual and temporal interests as well. See more at www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds.

These offerings were received in the month of May: Total of \$9581 which included:

- \$470 - Building Fund
- \$227 - Apportionments
- \$ 18 - Sunday School Supplies
- \$ 41 - Larry & Jane Kies
- \$ 10 - Iowa Disaster Relief
- \$ 36 - Golden Cross Offering
- \$250 - Building Use

Thank You!

June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Canned Meat & Fish



Help Fill the Truck At Annual Conference

Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck at Iowa Annual Conference June 7-11 in the Vet's Auditorium parking.

Special needs for 2019 are these Layette Kit items:

- Gowns 0-6 months
- Diaper Pins
- Cloth Diapers

Midwest Mission needs kits of all types and items to put into kits including:

- Clean-up kits
- Layette kits
- Sewing kits Health kits
- School kits

Specific Midwest Mission items for refurbishing:

- Treadle Sewing Machines

They are **NOT** taking bicycles this year.



Sundaes On Sunday Sunday, June 9 2-4 pm



Serving: Ice Cream Sundaes made with Dane's Ice Cream & Pie

Public is invited. Bring your friends!

Minimum Donation \$5 per person will go towards Jasper County Take Away Hunger Packaging Event at St Luke UMC on June 29.

Quarts of ice cream & whole pies will also be available. Sign-Up to bring pies, ice cream toppings and to volunteer.

Vacation Bible School 2019

To Mars and Beyond - is quickly approaching! From July 15-19, we will be discovering the wonders of God's universe and promoting our mission, which is supporting the purchase of a therapy dog for the Newton Community School District.



Registration sheets are available in the church office and on-line. Please return by July 1st.

We still need help and would appreciate you prayerfully considering serving as a helper with the younger classrooms.

Other areas of support include saving your toilet paper rolls and providing monetary donations to cover the curriculum, decorations, and snacks.





I just finished teaching at the Iowa Licensing School for Local Pastors. It was a great week of teaching basic skills for the beginning of ministry. It isn't the end of their education. They will



have to continue their studies at a seminary or through the Course of Study program. We give them the essentials. They learn about pastoral care, administration, worship and preaching, and how to engage people in discipleship. This course is so important, because so many more churches are being served by those who haven't been seminary trained. To bring it closer to home, the churches in Kilduff and Reasnor will be served by one of these newly trained pastors.

As the course came to a close, the faculty evaluate the week and try to reflect and adjust what didn't work for next year. For the most part, we thought that the week was a great success. Then we turned to the question of finances. The truth is that this school is expensive. We have to pay the facility where we hold it for the lodging and food they provide. We have to pay the faculty something, as small as the stipend may be. So, every year, we ask how we can cut costs and still provide the same great ministry.



Sound familiar? That happens in the local church, too. That happens at St. Luke. Ministry costs money. Great ministry must be funded well in order to be great ministry. That's just how it is.

In the case of the Annual Conference, uncertainty is causing pain in the bank account. Many churches are not sure about where the denomination will find itself in the next year. This makes it hard to justify sending money to the Annual Conference. Is it going to be used well? Will it matter if the denomination is going to die anyway? This means that apportionment giving is down and everyone is feeling the pain of that uncertainty.



This happens in the local church, too. When the uncertainty of the economy causes us to question our future comfort, it is hard to be faithful to our mission giving. Actually, faithfulness is the driver of that conversation. Is it faithful for me to be conservative and hold back my spending? Or is it faithful to give to the mission and trust that God will provide.

The answer to that is yes. Both can be faithful. If we are giving to the institution, then I believe that the faithful course is to be conservative. Institutions don't need our faithfulness.

But, if we are giving to the mission, then faithfulness is giving even when we feel the pain of uncertainty. Ministry is still needed in times of uncertainty. Ministry is still important in times of hardship. We still have a role to play in the kingdom building that God is engaged in.

I don't want you to give to the institution. I don't think that is what God is calling us to do.



I want you to give to the ministry. I want you to be engaged in the mission. I want you to support the VBS. I want you to give to flood relief. I want you to give to the campus ministries that will engage our graduates when they get to school. I want you to give to the justice ministries locally and around the world. I believe that giving to the ministry, to the mission of God in the world, is a worthwhile and faithful part of our discipleship. Engage in the faithful work of God.

Chad



June 8 - 11, 2019

Lay and Clergy sessions that will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019



St Luke UMC to Host Take Away Hunger Packaging Event

Saturday, June 29
9 am - Noon

What is *Take Away Hunger*? *Take Away Hunger* is a food relief organization that unifies teams of people who package a specialized rice based soy casserole mixture which is used locally and overseas.

It is based on a simple principle of people helping people. *Take Away Hunger* nourishes people and the spirits of the volunteers who pack the meals.

Form a team of 10-12 to help fill bags for an hour. Fee is \$30 per person. Sign-up at the Servant's Counter. Talk to Tamara Lloyd if you have any questions.

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.



Mowers Wanted

Do you like to mow? St Luke has an opportunity for you to help keep our lawn looking good. St Luke even has 2 riding mowers available to use. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Murphy. There is a sign-up sheet on the Servant's Counter.





United Methodist Women No Meeting

He said, "Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!" When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my Lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

Daniel 10:19

June 9 - UMW Gathering at Iowa Annual Conference

June 9-11 - Iowa Annual Conference

Sunday School Mission offering

The 2nd through 5th Sundays of the month through August, our Sunday school offering will go toward meeting our covenant with Larry and Jane Kies. Larry and Jane are missionaries with Africa University in Zimbabwe. Larry, an Iowa native who grew up in Jesup, works as a technical Advisor to the Africa University farm in Mutare. Jane teaches Intensive English to students from non-English countries at Africa University.

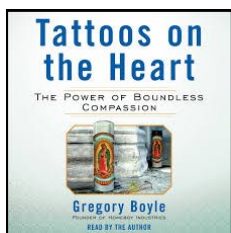


The first Sunday of each month the Sunday school offering will go toward our Sunday school administration costs, including Sunday school materials.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW – Missions Chair

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class is reading and discussing *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle which was recommended by Pastor Lee Schott when she visited St Luke last fall. Boyle runs Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in Los Angeles. The book was written about his experiences with the program, giving a look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally through universal kinship and redemption.



If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. There is always room for more to join the conversation.

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark



This month's book is written by Lee Roorda Schott, the pastor of Women At The Well, the United Methodist Church within the walls of the Iowa Women's Prison at Mitchellville. Titled *Foolish Church* and subtitled *Messy, Raw, Real and Making Room* tells the story of Schott's coming to know church in a whole new way once she "went to prison". She was not sent by a judge, she was sent by the bishop. She thought her role was to bring church to this place and the women within, but what she found out was that these women at this place would show her a more raw and real church than she had ever known. Schott says this is not a book about prison ministry, but rather a book about ministry, about church. I challenge you to check it out, read it, and talk to your pew neighbor about it. It could change the way we all think about church. At the very least, this book gives us plenty to think about. Like I said, check it out.

June 16 - 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.

MMDC Mission Trips

The next trips scheduled for Midwest Mission Distribution Center are January 19-22, 2020 and February 23-26, 2020. Due to some changes at MMDC we have a tighter commitment schedule than in the past. I am asking that you make plans to go with us by the fall. I will need your commitment to go with the January team by November 10 and the February team by December 15. Please think ahead and make plans to go with us. We have reservations for a team of 10 in January and a team of 16 in February. There is work for everyone and there is lots of great fellowship. We would love to have you join us! See Karen Clark or any who have gone before if you have questions.



One-Room Sunday School

The One-Room Sunday School for children 3-years of age through 6th grade has begun. 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.



My Story

It was a rare event, but one I loved to do when I got the chance. As a kid we didn't eat out very often (and frankly my mom's cooking made that more than okay),

but each summer there would be occasions where we were allowed to take some cash and walk to the Little O. The Little O was a seasonal ice cream/burger shop in Calmar, and the burgers... let's just say, "YUM!"

As I think back to those burgers, I wonder was there something special about those burgers? Or, was it the adventure and unusual event of walking the 4 blocks to purchase the meal, that made the burgers special? Perhaps it was both of those things.



Does it really matter if those burgers were exceptional? Does it matter if it was simply the adventure and uniqueness that made it special? Not really, to me they were simply... yummy. People have a way of attempting to explain things rather than simply experiencing them.

When the Holy Spirit touched the Disciples on the Day of Pentecost, special took on a whole new meaning. They were surrounded by the rush of a mighty wind and touched by tongues of fire, and they began to speak in a multitude of languages.

¹² Everyone was excited and confused. Some of them even kept asking each other, "What does all this mean?" ¹³ Others made fun of the Lord's followers and said, "They are drunk." Acts 2:12-13



People didn't understand it so they tried to explain it away in earthly terms and experiences. Yet Peter declared it to be a special sign that Jesus was both Lord and Christ and the Holy Spirit was a gift, available to all those who "Turn back to God! And are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." (from Acts 2:38) It was a little confusing. It was very exciting. It was exceptionally special. And it is the same for us today when we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our lives with new hope. May we allow God's exceptionally unique love to fill us and bring us the adventure only God provides.

-- God Bless!
Corinne



Taking Up the Story: Recognizing our legacy from people of faith and passing on the mantle God gives us.

Elijah was a relatively well-known prophet whose exploits are described in the books of Kings I and II. (Also, think: transfiguration: with Jesus and Moses.) Lesser known may be his successor Elisha. Elisha is honored as a prophet by Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. It was in a wilderness cave that Elijah first **learned** that Elisha was selected by God to be his successor.

Elisha, the son of a wealthy land owner, was "ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen" when Elijah first **sighted** him. Upon seeing him, Elijah threw his "mantle" or cloak over Elisha's shoulders, as a way of "claiming" him. Elisha accepted this call and became Elijah's apprentice, or attendant, for the next seven or eight years. Little else is mentioned in the Bible of Elisha, until the time approaching Elijah being carried to heaven, and thereafter.

Elijah and Elisha experienced many adventures together, with Elisha always in the background. At the end of their seven or eight year co-existence, the time eventually approached when Elijah knew his journey to heaven was near. One day as the two approached the Jordan River, Elijah wrapped up his cloak and touched the river with it, making a dry path for them to use in crossing. After they had passed over, Elijah asked what were Elisha's wishes that Elijah could do for him, before he was taken. Elisha requested, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." And it was so.



As they traveled on there appeared a chariot and horses, both of fire. Divided by these, Elijah was separated and went to heaven by a whirlwind. And Elisha saw him no more.

The **Season of the Spirit Bible Study Class** meets Sunday mornings, sandwiched between the end of the 8 am church service and the beginning of the 10:30 service. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings. All are welcome to join in the discovery and learning!

◇ Lectionary Readings for June 2019 ◇

- June 2: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 | Wisdom Calls
To consider many images of God's wise and caring presence among us.
- June 9: Acts 2:1-21 | A Spirit-Powered Faith
To celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- June 16: Acts 16:16-34 | Haunting Claim of Freedom
To draw strength from the spirit and the community for faithful living in challenging situation.
- June 23: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a | Deep Down
To seek refuge during troubled times in God's healing presence.
- June 30: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 | Take Up the Story
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, July 15-July 19, 2019

9:00—11:30 am

St Luke United Methodist Church

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 2019 _____)

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 for a Therapy Dog
for 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
<p>2 8/10:30 Worship - Communion </p> <p>9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>	3	4	5	6 6:30 pm Trustees meeting	7	1 8 1-4 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
					Iowa Annual Conference ←	
<p>9 8/10:30 Worship </p> <p>9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. PENTECOST</p> <p> 2-4 pm Sundaes On Sunday</p>	10	11 7 pm TTT - F Hall	12 7 pm Page Turners Book Club	13  Newsletter Articles Due	14  FLAG DAY	15
← Iowa Annual Conference						
<p>16 8/10:30 Worship Peace With Justice Offering Father's Day </p> <p>9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW @ Mitchellville</p>	17	18 6:30 pm Council meeting	19	20 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall 7 pm NAMI - Choir Room	21	22
<p>23 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>	24	25 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting	26	27  DAYS FOR GIRLS INTERNATIONAL 9 am - 2 pm 6 - 9 pm Day For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian	28	29 TAKE AWAY HUNGER 9 am-noon Take Away Hunger Packaging Event
<p>30 8/10:30 Worship VBS Supplies Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>						

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 2	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Karen Clark/Leslie Maach
Greeters	Bill/Linda Hotger	Rose Evans
Reader	Peg Ehler	Mikey Carter
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ava Smith
Nursery	Parents take turns	Doug McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Jeff Carter
Fellowship	Ann Leonard	Marianne Spaur
Care Core	Jenni Patty	Amy Murphy
Communion	Wendy Jennings Counters	Barb Kaldenberg/ Jenna McIntyre
June 9	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Mary Nelson/ Marianne Spaur
Greeters	Leonard Family	Brooke Chambers/ Mike Wood
Readers	Mike Kaldenberg	Corinne Kleppe
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Aniston Chambers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Allen Barr	Allen Barr
Projection	Deb Stoulil	Wendy Jennings
Fellowship	Tamara Lloyd	Jenna McIntyre
Care Core	Jenni Patty	Lisa Marston
Counters		Brad Patty/Jan Lewis
June 16	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Pageler Family	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Dave Miller
Readers	Karen Dorrell	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Mary Nelson
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Jacob Murphy
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Amy Murphy
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Deb Stoulil/Pat Patty
June 23	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg	Mike/Kleo O'Brien
Greeters	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Lori Leix/Rhondi Machin
Readers	Jenni Patty	Marianne Spaur
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Michelle O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Peg Ehler	Michelle O'Brien
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Jenna McIntyre
Counters		Russ Leix/Rose Evans

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St Luke News

Congratulations to our St Luke graduates: Nathan Jennings, Jacob Murphy, Dune Carter from Newton High School; Grant Osborn from Iowa State University and Patrick Murphy from University of Iowa.

Deepest sympathies to Linda Powell, Lori and Jeff Eisbrenner, Dillon and Ryan Constant on the passing of Jim Powell.

VBS Needs You

VBS will be July 15-19 and we need volunteers to be helpers in various areas. Anyone interested can let Ann Leonard know by emailing annericleonard@gmail.com, or by calling Ann at 641-521-2463.



June 30	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Peg Ehler/ Deb Stoulil	Carolyn Cook/ Jeff Carter
Greeters	Pam/Dick Stiles	Roy/Pat Patty
Readers	Dave Miller	Russ Leix
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ava Smith
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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.



A Special Blessing for those with June Birthdays

June 3 - Doris Diamond
 June 9 - Mary Cook
 June 11 - Leslie Maach
 June 15 - Lisa Marston
 June 16 - Tamara Lloyd
 June 19 - Alex Osborn
 June 20 - Stephen Pageler
 June 26 - Jenna McIntyre
 Grant Osborn
 June 28 - Tina Ehler
 Logan Henning



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

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.

Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the table by the church office.



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, June 27 from 9 am-2 pm and 6-9 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans or Karen Clark.



Have you signed up to teach a Sunday or 2 of Children's Summer Sunday School yet?

PUZZLE

Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.
 Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.

Ephesians
prepared

LEFT

Christ
works

RIGHT

advance Jesus good
handiwork God
created

For we are God's _____, _____ in
L pinky R thumb

_____ to do _____,
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb

which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer

for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians