

St Luke UMC

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July 1, 2021



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2021 Apportionments

\$16,499



Financial Update



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

Total of \$11,557 which included:

- \$ 710 - Building Fund
- \$ 100 - MMDC
- \$ 96 - Heifer Project
- \$ 80 - Peace with Justice
- \$ 60 - Apportionments
- \$ 10 - Christ Foundry Church/Dallas



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Join Us For Knights of North Castle VBS 2021

July 19 - 23
9:00 am - 11:30 am



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



Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power! Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation— at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

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/JDLLvWkpfK5jM8qNA>

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

On a Monday, my great nephew Miles was born. On the following Sunday my friend and neighbor, Bettie celebrated her 100th birthday. A life just beginning and a life lived well. Bettie has experienced so many changes, so many challenges,



so many joys, griefs and accomplishments. The world around her has changed so much. What will life be like for Miles? What will life be like 100 years from now?

We try so hard to erase our wrinkles and hide our gray hair. So often people struggle to hold on to their youth. They spend their time looking backward... at what life was, rather than looking forward to what life can be.

When Jesus was brought to the temple as an infant, his parents encountered two people who chose to look forward. And, in looking forward, they were able to see and experience the joy of an encounter with the Messiah in their old age.

²² *When the days of her purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.*

²⁵ *Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ Led by the Spirit, he came into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he received Him in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹ "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ which You have prepared in the sight of all people, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." Luke 2: 22, 25-32*

³⁶ *And there was Anna a prophetess, a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. ³⁷ And she was a widow of about eighty-four years of age who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayer night and day. Luke 2:36-37*

May we all choose to look forward! We cannot change the past, and though it is okay to reminisce, our mission is to not strive to stand still or go backwards, but rather to live now and look to the future and the joys we have yet to experience.

The gray-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness. Proverbs 16:31

Corinne Kleppe

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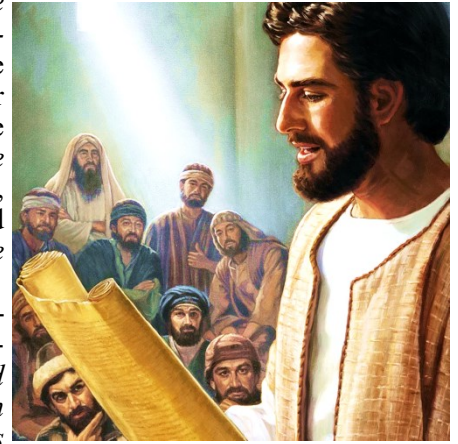
Resilient Leadership

MARK 6:1-13

The dynamics of hearing and proclaiming the gospel

Near the end of Mark 5, Jesus attended to the daughter of Jairus, raising her from the dead. This was the first time Jesus exhibited such a powerful miracle to his disciples. Jesus urged everyone who saw that miracle to “keep quiet.” From Jairus’ hometown of Capernaum Jesus then traveled to Nazareth, a ten-hour walk.

On the Sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach, sharing His wisdom. Nazareth was the home of Jesus’ immediate family: aunts and uncles, cousins, close and distant relatives. Those present in the synagogue seemed unable to comprehend any of the wisdom conveyed from Jesus. Instead, they persevered focusing on the familial and local connections - - “Isn’t this *Jesus, the little boy we used to see in Joseph’s carpenter shop?* Didn’t He grow up to be a carpenter *just like His father?* Isn’t He the son of Mary *over there* and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, Simon, and their sisters? *Who does He think He is?*”



In response to the rejection of Nazareth, Jesus proclaimed, “*A prophet can find honor anywhere except in his hometown, among his own people, and in his own household.*”

Soon thereafter Jesus, with his followers, left and went out among the villages teaching. And it wasn’t long before Jesus began to send his disciples out in pairs, giving them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to live *simply*, taking nothing with them but a staff. They were to travel with no money, no bread, no bag; nothing but the sandals on their feet. Their emphasis was to be placed on the importance of relying on God and maintaining that *relationship*.

∞ Lectionary Readings for July 2021 ∞

- **July 4: Mark 6:1-13** | Resilient Leadership
To explore the dynamics of hearing and proclaiming the gospel..
- **July 11: Ephesians 1:3-14** | Lavishing Grace
To explore how God’s grace and Christ’s love can bring unity to people and creation.
- **July 18: Ephesians 2:11-22** | Building without Walls
To build a community marked by God’s vision of wholeness and unity.
- **July 25: John 6:1-21** | More than Enough
To explore God’s abundant, generous love.



Vacation Bible School Registration Form



3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, July 19-July 23, 2021
9:00—11:30 am

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(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 2021 _____)

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.

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-



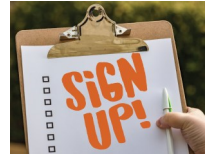
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July 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	

July 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	

July 18	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

July 25	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Corinne Kleppe
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Counters (2)	Rose Evans

July Worship Assistants



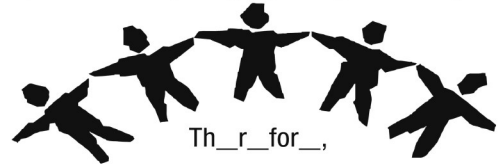
We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of July. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the coffee counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We have now added a reader and an acolyte to the sign up sheet. We appreciate everyone who has so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



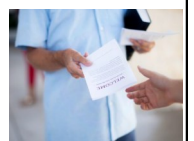
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C_l_ss__ns 3:12-13, N_V

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

Worship Assistants

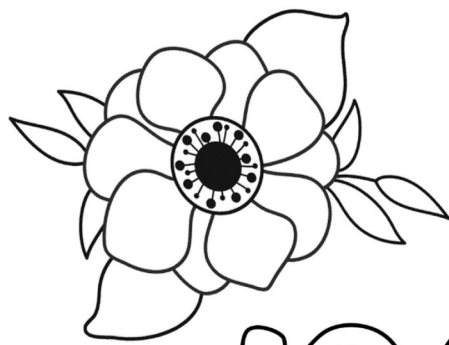
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30 am Worship - Communion  	5 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	6 10am-3pm F-Hall/Kitchen Reserved 5:30 pm Discover Hope Supper	7	8	9	10 9am-4pm Quilt Guild F-Hall Rsvd Jasper Co Take Away Hunger Packaging Event
11 9:30 am Worship Rural Life Sunday	12 1:30-3:30 pm Book Club F-Hall Rsvd 6:30 pm New Zoom Bible Study Starts	13 	14 7 pm Page Turners Book Club F-Hall Rsvd	15 6:30 pm Quilt Guild F-Hall	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship	19 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24
						
25 9:30 am Worship	26 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	27	28	29	30	31

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

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peace

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GOD



RULE IN YOUR

hearts

AND BE

thankful

Colossians 3:15



United Methodist Women

July
No Meeting

All kind of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man. (NIV)
James 3:7

July 6, 13, 20, 27:
Virtual Summer Mission U.
\$40 for 2 sessions; \$25 for one session.

Rural Life Sunday/Offering Sunday, July 11

Rural Life Sunday celebrates and supports rural life, the heritage of the United Methodist Church and its ministries. 100% of this special offering is retained by the Iowa Conference to fund grants to local Iowa UM Churches, rural networks and community organizations.



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.



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.



Jasper County Take Away Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Jasper County Take Away Hunger is excited to get back to holding a meal packaging event on Saturday, July 10th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We need a team of 12 volunteers plus \$30 each.



Please sign up on the coffee counter if you can volunteer for 1 hour between 9-12 am, July 10th or if you would like to make a monetary donation to help cover the cost for our volunteers. Children are also welcome but those under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. There will be measures taken to enhance the safety of volunteers at our events, including additional spacing of packaging lines, more sanitizing, and availability of face masks. If you have any questions please contact Peg Ehler at 641-417-9979.

THANK YOU!



A big THANK YOU to our Sunday School Teachers for all of your dedication this past year. We greatly appreciate these wonderful volunteers finding a fun and safe way to keep our youth engaged online. The children's teachers are: Pastor Chad, Lisa Marston, Wendy Jennings and Peg Ehler.

Friendly Signposts

We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of "making friends," friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.



Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

A Special Blessing for those with July Birthdays

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


- July 1 - Brenna Figland
- July 4 - Mike Spaur
- July 6 - Mike O'Brien
- July 7 - Jerry Rhone
- July 12 - Brooke Chambers
- July 15 - Audrey Boleyn
- July 16 - Dave Miller
- July 17 - Ralph Simpson
- July 19 - Corinne Kleppe
- July 21 - Bill Ponder
- July 22 - Madison Bleeker
- July 23 - Clayton Swihart
- July 24 - Danny Anthony
- July 26 - Holli Simpson
- July 27 - Emmett Andrews
- July 29 - Doug McIntyre




Happy 25 years Anniversary

To Pastor Chad and Wendy on July 6!





July Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Cereal and juice



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.



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



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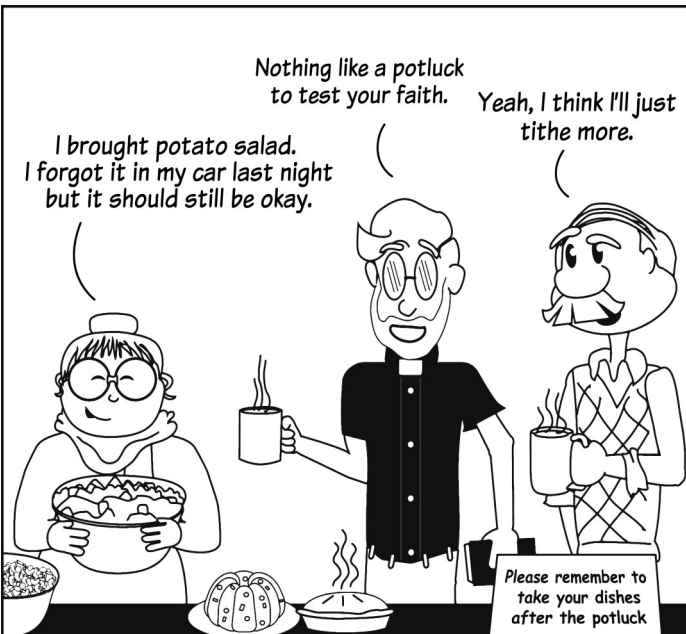
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PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Nothing like a potluck to test your faith. Yeah, I think I'll just tithe more.

I brought potato salad. I forgot it in my car last night but it should still be okay.



Please remember to take your dishes after the potluck

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Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV