

St Luke United Methodist Church Pastor Audrey Young 501 E 19th Street N Newton, IA 50208

Sunday Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am Each followed by Fellowship & Snacks Sunday School for all, including Adults at 9:15

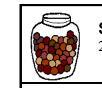
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## **40 DAYS**

to See God's Work in ME & YOU at St Luke & in Newton too! WHAT IS IT YOU WILL DO **OR ARE DOING FOR GOD?** Be ready to report at Worship July 3rd!

Sunday, July 3: 8 & 10:30 am Let's sing patriotic songs and praise God for freedom! Communion offered at the Lord's Table. All are welcome





Sunday, July 10: 8 & 10:30 am 2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering A Portion Meant for Others

Monday, July 11- Friday, July 15 **9 - 11:30 am** (Friday 11:30 program) **Classes for 3 year olds - 6th graders** Vacation Bible Schoo **REGISTER by July 3 to get** a FREE T-SHIRT Including shirts for 7th - Adults who volunteer or donate \$10 for each. Registration Form on page 5 inside, at St Luke entry doors, and at www.stlukenewton.com.

No Fee to attend but donations for supplies appreciated. Mission Offering each day & Sunday morning, July 17, goes half to Special Olympics; half to Kid Assist for free use of medical equipment. Linda Anderson, Kid Assist director will speak at Worship on July 17 too.

NEW IN 2016: Special Bible Guest each day.



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# **July 2016**

### St Luke Amazing Financial Update

We say Amazing, because St Luke giving to Special Offerings & Missions is always very generous. The Finance

Team thanks you and wants to give you monthly updates. Apportionments, District Asking and Special Offerings are posted on the church office window.

By June 30, 2016, we will have submitted \$6,910 of our \$25,686 apportionments (a portion meant for others) in addition to both lawn mowers needing \$700 in repairs. That catches us up to the first week of April. Does that sound like your home's budget goes sometimes? Mine too.

Let us remember that Jesus said, Do not worry about your life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and vet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are *vou not much more valuable than they?* Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? Matthew 6:25-34.

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, offered us a *quadrilateral* for good decision making: 1) Scripture. 2) Tradition: We have a 54 year history of paying all our expenses and apportionments in full. 3) Experience teaches us to have faith and to budget wisely. 4) Then to Reason through all these things and praverfully consider a next step. Hope that is helpful for your giving to God and your home budget.

Our June 5 offering was \$10,073, which included \$5,110 for apportionments; \$555 to missionaries, Kies; \$111 for Kies itineration; \$50 for VBS & \$100 for Building loan. Thank you!

June 12 was \$3,091 including \$121 for Apportionments, \$13 for Kies, \$35 for Building loan; and \$950 for renting the parsonage.



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# Join Us for **VBS Olympics** July 11-15

9 - 11:30 am

3-yrs-old through 6th grade

Register by July 3rd to receive a free t-shirt.



Registration form on page 5.

Major themes of our VBS Olympics are from the Old Testament Book of Joshua. They include:

Knowing God and trusting Him wholeheartedly with our lives. The importance of sin and repentance.

Choosing to personally join His Team by grace through faith.

Daily choosing to serve the Lord throughout our Christian life in all matters, even in the face of great obstacles and difficulty.

• Allegiance to the Word of God by filling our hearts and minds with Scripture, faithfully living it out before a watching world that others might know Him, whom to know is eternal life.

VBS Olympic athletes will learn that life is like a race run by two teams, God's and Satan's. Joshua will show us how to run on God's team. Joshua and Caleb teach our athletes how trusting wholeheartedly in God takes courage and is worth it. And there are consequences for disobedience.



If you have 1/2" thick soft wood boards for plaques, DMC embroidery thread and 1" or shorter finishing nails for stringing into designs, please bring.

May we borrow your hammers & needle-nose pliers for crafts; a bird bath to use as an Olympic torch cauldron; and a beach ball, Whiffle ball/bat, plastic cones, 4-6 kick balls for Olympic recreational fun. Please clearly mark your name on the items so they can be returned.

Also, there are great snack ideas for our athletes for which we need some ingredients. Sign up at the Servants' Counter.

A Mission Offering will be received each day & Sunday, July 17, at Worship for KID ASSIST-NEWTON, IOWA, a non-profit medical equipment loan program serving children, youth & adults with disabilities in Jasper County and SPECIAL OLYMPICS of Jasper County.

Friday, July 15 at 11:30 and Sunday, July 17 at 10:30 the Olympic Athletes will sing and dance for God! Bring family & friends.

#### Dear St Luke Family,

At the Iowa Annual Conference, I visited with Benjamin Simmons, the director of the orphanage for 100 children (+150 area children who attend school there) in Nigeria.



I asked if it was inside the gates of his orphanage the Iowa sea container had been placed for protection. "Yes, it was."

I told him that I'd heard a story that the children had unloaded the boxes from it in one/third the time it usually takes the adults! He laughed and agreed again.

I knew that particular container had included a box of pillowcase dresses that I had sewn. I was as happy as the two

girls in the picture that he remembered his little girls trying on their new dresses and enjoying them so much.

I love sewing for my grandchildren, but they have outgrown the clothes for them and their dolls I have sewn in the past. I am so pleased to have an outlet for one of my favorite hobbies as well as to discover where these dresses are being worn.



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I thought you might feel the same. This week St Luke received an Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) newsletter in which I read where the school bags, sewing machines and other things St Luke has taken to MMDC are being used.

In February MMDC sent two shipments totaling 28,990 pounds of medical supplies, sewing machines, personal dignity kits, school bags and much more to World Mission Outreach (WMO), in Hickory, NC.

In April WMO sent them to Nicaragua with a group for teaching Trade Skill Education. One of the days they focused on sewing to make clothes, blankets, sheets and anything else they may need for their daily life or to sell and make a profit! They gave bags and kits to children.

In May MMDC sent two large international shipments. One was through the military going to the Rotary of Panama. It included 180 school desks and 3,567 school bags. The second shipment was heading to Ghana, W Africa through the Int'l Health & Development Network who dedicate their energies to helping poor villagers in developing countries by empowering them with medical and public health knowledge and faith in God.



I hope it brightened your day to discover where and how some of our missions giving is being used.

I will always pray for you Pastor Andrey and ask for your prayers for me.

#### SPRC = Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Members of our SPRC want to have their names included in the newsletter for continued good "relations." They are Lori Leix, Katie Jones, Stephen Pageler, Amy Murphy, and Scott Greene.

#### How We – as UMCOR – Help in Disaster Relief

June 9, 2016 — As an onslaught of repeat flooding hits Houston, dozens more communities across the U.S. begin recovering from spring tornadoes, and the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season begins, it seems there is no "off -season" for disasters. And that means there's no "off season" for preparedness either, said Greg Forrester, executive in charge of U.S. Disaster Response for the UMCOR.

Tropical Storm Bonnie flooded the Carolinas before hurricane season even began, reports Catherine Earl, U.S. Disaster Response exec, "After every disaster, people lament, 'We should have been prepared. Being prepared is being aware and we (UMCOR) increase awareness through learning opportunities and networking, to people of the UMChurch and others who are willing and able to invest time and talent into being better prepared."

Our gifts to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670, helps one of the most important facets of disaster response: *preparedness*.

Here are those we--as UMCOR--have helped in the past with a 'Glimmer of Hope' in Arkansas; a Time of Terror-& Caring-after Katrina; Shelter in Alabama; Vital Spiritual Care in Washington state after Mudslide; Disaster Response after Tornado in Missouri & other U.S. states.

#### St Luke News

Many thanks to all those who donated their time and items for the Ice Cream Social. It was a big success. Joyce Stonehocker (And to our leader, Joyce)

Thank you to the congregation for supporting me during my time at Simpson college. I am pleased to announce that I received Methodist scholarships to help finance my senior year of college. Thank you for all you

have done to help me. Thanks again, Tom Miller

Congratulations to Kari Ann and Jason Munson on the birth of their new daughter, Hayden Grace, on June 14.

Best wishes to Rosie South on her move to Minnesota to be closer to her daughter, Ann Clark. Rosie's new address is: 4001 19th Ave NW #B5, Rochester, MN 55901.



# St Luke Produce Table

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

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	WORSHIP ASSISTA	Where to Find Us				
July 3	8 AM	10:30 AM	Pastor: Au	drey Young		
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Roy/Pat Patty Baylee Munson	pastorayoung@gmail.com Office: 641-792-5736 Cell: 641-840-0119			
Greeters	Tamara Lloyd	Carolyn Cook	Adm. Assistant: Shirley Guillaume			
Readers	Jenni Patty	Marianne Spaur	Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 8-Noon <u>stluke@windstream.net</u> . Phone: 641-792-5736			
	2	Kael/Ella Swarts	Newsletter	Editor: Corinne Kl	enne	
Acolytes	Ron Lisk		<u>ckleppe@gmrc.com</u> , Phone: 641-831-2639 Article Submission by the 13th of month.			
Nursery	Parents take turns	Sharon Swarts	Website: http://www.stlukenewton.com			
Keyboard Special	Bev Thomas	Deb Stoulil	Website Manager:         Shirley Guillaume           Facebook:         St Luke United Methodist Church Newton			
Projection	Brad Patty	Karen Clark	St Luke News			
Fellowship	Myron/Betty Rhone	Katie Jones	I would like to thank everyone for their			
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson	prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during			
Communion	Katie Jones Counters:	Deb Stoulil/Pat Patty	my hospital stay and after I returned home.			
July 10	8 AM	10:30 AM	Thank you, Pastor Audrey, for being			
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger	Jeff/Amy Murphy	with my family and for visiting me.			
Greeters	Myron/Betty Rhone	Jenni Patty	I am doing pretty good now but moving really slow. Again, Thank You so much to			
Reader	Pam Andrews	Brad Patty	everyone. God is Good! Esther Fifer			
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo Walker-O'Brien				
Nursery	Parents take turns	Savannah Reicks	Our sympathies to the family of Dorothy Spiker on her passing, to Scott & Linda			
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis	Greene with the passing of Scott's mother,			
Special		D 0 11		Greene, and to C		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Pam Smith	Weston with the passing of Craig's father,			
Fellowship	Dick/Pam Stiles	Carolyn Cook	Dick Weston.			
Care Core	Pam Arrowood	Lisa Marston	÷	atulations to Joe		
Counters		Jan Lewis/Brad Patty SUNDAY 10:30 AM	attaining N	A'town C College	Dean's List.	
July 17 Ushers	8 AMVBSDick/Pam Stiles	SUNDAY 10:30 AM Rose Evans/Karen Clark				
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard		July 31	8 AM	10:30 AM	
		Roy/Pat Patty	Ushers	Jean Schnell/	Sue Crook/	
Readers	Pastor Audrey Young	Pastor Audrey Young		Jan Lewis	Lori Leix	
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Evan/Emma Grimm	Greeters	Dick/Pam Stiles	J/A Murphy	
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty	Readers	R Hartschen	Russ Leix	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis	Jan Lewis	Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Jacob Murphy	
Special		VBS Athletes Sing & Dance				
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook	Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper	
Fellowship						
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3 8/10:30 Worship – Communion 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School *Darin Swarts *Jeremy Caddell	4 Interpendence Day *Mike Spaur *Jennifer Cook	5 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	<b>6</b> *Mike O'Brien	7 *Pastor Audrey Young *Sharon Burton *Jerry Rhone	1 *John Nuzzum 8 Kids & K Against Hunger	2 9 Kids Against Hunger Packing @St Luke *Mark Young
10 8/10:30 Worship – 2nd Sunday Apportionment	11	V 2ª	13 Ympion	14	15 11:30 VBS Program	<b>16</b> *Dave Miller
<b>Offering</b> 9/11:30 Fellowship		VBS	<u>9 am - 11:30 a</u>	am	<b>→</b>	
9:15 Sunday School			7 pm Page Turners Book Club in Entry	*Deb Fifer *May Lisk	*Ron Cook	
17 8/10:30 Worship - Linda Anderson VBS Offering for Special Olympics & Kid Assist 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School 6 pm ICIW Worship	18	19 *Corinne Kleppe 6:30 pm N.O.W. Mtg	20	<b>21</b> *Bill Ponder 7 pm Quilt Guild - FH	<b>22</b> *Madison Bleeker	<b>23</b> *Clayton Swihart
at Mitchellville *Ralph Simpson	JMWomen's Mi	ission U, Ma	rshalltown			
24 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School *Dan Anthony	25	26 *Holly Simpson *Kristen Breckenridge 6:30 pm SPRC mtg	27 8:30 am Collate Newsletter *Emmett Andrews	28	<b>29</b> *Blake Anderson	30
31 8/10:30 Worship - Golden Cross Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School	100% of offering funds grants to lowa UM churches and community groups for health/welfare ministries			July-Aug 2nd-5th Sunday School Offering is for <b>Church</b> <b>World</b> <b>Service</b>	*Denc Birthda If your birt missing or i contact th	ays! hday is

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

**United Methodist Women** No local meeting



#### "Don't worry about anything; *instead pray about everything;* tell God your need and don't forget to thank Him for His answers.' Philippians 4:6 TLB

July 17-20: Mission U at Iowa Valley Conference Center, Marshalltown. Plan to attend--You'll be glad you did!



St Luke UMC to Host Kids Against Hunger Packaging Event Saturday, July 9 9 am - Until Done

Sign-up at the Servants' Counter or talk with Tamara Llovd to join a team of St Lukers at \$30 each to fill bags for an hour. Or pay nothing and help fill tubs, move boxes etc.

Packaged food will be sent to feed families in parts of the world, including the U.S. where they suffer from food insecurity.

Jasper County KAH has packaged over 440,000 meals. The food was sent to countries like Nicaragua, Haiti, Honduras & here in Iowa.

Gather a team of 12 and collect \$360 in donations. Email to register, then come to help package food to feed hungry people.

All are welcome, such as churches, service clubs, businesses, Scout troops, students and individuals willing to help with packaging.

Deadline for registering is July 3, 2016.

Contact Tamara Lloyd or Bill Bennett at jasper.co.kah@gmail.com.

#### Sandwich Boomers Picnic

(actually, all St Lukers are invited) When: Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Where: Agnes Patterson Shelter House Bring a dish to share, your own table service & your meat to grill. Drinks and grills will be provided.

Please--Help Update All Addresses including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. Thank you.

# **July Salvation Army** Food Pantry Request Cereal and juice

St Luke has two more opportunities to experience this ministry and participate in some hands on mission work. We will be staying on-site in the dorm and preparing some of our own food on January 22-25, 2017 and March 5-8, 2017. We will travel Sunday afternoon, work 2-1/2 days and travel home Wednesday afternoon of both trips. Contact Karen Clark with questions, comments or to reserve a place on either or both of these trips.

Those two included \$120 for the building loan and \$125 for VBS. We've been able to send \$6,910 for this year, designated by folk who have picked up the apportionments-missions cause, hoping to avoid an end-of-year push. You may want to join in designating and/or just giving a little or a lot more to the General Fund. We are continuing our 2nd Sunday Offering & adding 2nd-5th Sunday School Offerings for Apportionments. Anytime you choose, you can write Apportionments in the memo of a check to St Luke.

#### **News from our Librarian** ~ Karen Clark

Did you know that our little library in the corner has a section for home, family and parenting? You can find books like Growing Compassionate Kids by Jan Johnson. Subtitled "Helping Kids See Beyond Their Back-

yard" it guides parents, grandparents, or caregivers as they seek to help children grow as disciples of Christ, disciples who care about others and seek justice in the world. With specific examples, Johnson opens up a whole new world of possibilities where making a difference for others becomes a way of life. You will find a blend of thoughtful teaching and practical suggestions. This book is suggested for anyone interested in spiritual formation and has the possibility to change the coming generation. Check it out!

#### January & March 2017 Work Trips to MMDC

Several St Luke groups have gone to Midwest Mission Distribution Center

(MMDC) in the past few years where there are opportunities for people of all skill levels, from sorting and counting, to sewing, woodworking, sewing machine repair and more. If you are willing, they will find a job for you! You will be impressed when you see the scope of the work done there and hear about the world wide network they have developed.

### Sunday Morning Special Music or Drama

Share your God-Given Talent with St Luke • during Worship Times. Specials can be Musical, Drama, Dance or a Reading.

Sign-up at the Servants' Counter.

#### **One-Room Sunday School**

The One-Room Sunday School for children 3-years of age through 3rd grade has begun. To give our school year teachers a break, volunteers are asked to sign-up on the Servants' Counter to teach for a Sunday or two



during the summer. If you have questions about the program, please talk to Tamara Lloyd. Be a part of this vital ministry at St Luke!

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June 19 was \$1559. June 26 was \$1651.







#### My Story

My brother-in-law invited me to ride a tandem bicycle with him. We rode down the block and back but I couldn't seem to get the feel for it.

My sister took my seat and the two of them rode smoothly down the street.

Riding a tandem bicycle is very similar to creating a good marriage, it requires that you be in tune with the other person or rider.



You must work together, when the person up front leans right, the person in back must lean the same direction.

The other important thing to remember when riding a tandem bicycle...you can't both steer. The rear rider must trust that the person up front doesn't steer them into anything.

Riding tandem can also be compared to our faith walk. To develop a good relationship with the Lord, we need to trust the Lord to lead us. We have to let Him steer the bicycle, then your tandem ride will be smooth.

The Lord will guide you continually. Isaiah 58:11a Corinne Kleppe - Editor

#### **Apportionments are Missions**

*Apportionments* = *A Portion Meant for Others*. The Africa University Fund (where Kies

teach) supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting ca—serving students from 21 coun-tries, all across tries, all across Africa. University



provides higher education of excellent quality, enriched with Christian values, for men & women, developing visionary leaders of tomorrow.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. See more at: www.umc.org/how-weserve/apportioned-funds

*Noisy Offering = 2nd Sunday of Each Month* 

#### Adult-2 Class = The Case for Christ



You are invited to join the Adult-2 class as The Case for Christ is read and discussed. Author Lee Strobel searches for evidence of Jesus by "crossexamining" the experts.

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.



#### Listening, Learning, and Living:

Only one thing is needed.

LUKE 10:38-42

This story of Mary and Martha in Luke is followed by the "Good Samaritan" story. With the Good Samaritan, Jesus seemed to be emphasizing salvation through following the second commandment of loving your neighbor as yourself; the first commandment being to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind.

Jesus continued on his journey to Jerusalem. Martha, a resident of that village, welcomed Jesus into the home she shared with her sister, Mary. As Jesus commenced speaking and teaching, Mary sat at his feet, listening. Martha did not sit at his feet listening and learning but, instead, dealt with the activities which she felt were befitting a host.



Eventually Martha (likely interrupted Jesus and) asked Him if he cared that her sister was leaving Martha "to do all the work by myself? Tell her to get over here and help me."

To the lawyer in the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus recommended he "go and do likewise." Break out of the mold; perhaps break the strict Jewish law, and be proactive in aiding the critically injured traveler. To Martha, Jesus responds by praising Mary for just sitting at his feet and listening. (Again: Break out of the mold.)

Jesus knew his time on earth was limited. Perhaps it was not as important to him, as it was to Martha, that he have an elaboratelyprepared meal, as Martha thought critical. Perhaps all he wished for was some "quiet time" with Mary and Martha. Perhaps Martha was not helping Jesus in the way he needed to be helped.

Jesus does not fault Martha for the preparations she was undertaking. It seems he merely pointed out to her the importance of "seizing the moment" and not being distracted by unnecessary social customs.

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!

#### $\infty$ Lectionary Readings for July 2016 $\infty$

•July 3: 2 Kings 5:1-14 | Voice of Unexpected Wisdom To open ourselves to unexpected opportunities for healing witness.

•July 10: Luke 10:25-37 | Beyond Expectations

To explore the call to act with compassion and justice. •July 17: Luke 10:38-42 | Listening, Learning, and Living

*To seek balance between contemplation and action* in our lives as disciples. •July 24: Luke 11:1-13 | Passion of Prayer To reflect on the value of individual and communal prayer in our relationship with God.

•July 31: Luke 12:13-21 Life Consists of... To journey toward a life shaped richly by God's ways.

We Met our \$604 Goal for the Kies. Now our 2nd-5th Sunday School Offerings go to Church World Service (Apportionments).

Vacation Bible School	Registration Fo	orm					
3 Years through 6th G Monday-Friday, July 1 9:00—11:30 St Luke United Methor 501 E 19th St. N, Newt (641) 792-57	rade completed 1-July 15, 2016 am dist Church, on, IA 50208	<u>No registration fee,</u> but <u>donations</u> for curriculum & supplies are gratefully accepted.					
Child's Name:							
Age: Birthday:/ Sex:							
Allergies/Other needed information:	(Or will attend Kinde	ergarten in Fall 2016)					
In order to receive a FREE t-shirt, registrations must be at St Luke by Sunday, July 3.							
Child's T-Shirt Size: Youth XS S M L Adult S M L XL							
Parent/Guardian Name:		and in the					
Address: City:	State:	Zip:					
E-mail:							
Primary phone: () Secondary phone: ()							
Home church:	City:						
Emergency Contact Name #1:							
Phone:							
Emergency Contact Name #2:	Relationship:						
Phone:							
Parents & others invited to watch skit at 9:00-9:20 am each morning in sanctuary And attend Worship on Sunday, July 17, to hear VBS kids sing & more about Kid Assist of Newton							
Daily Mission Offering Half to Special Olympics Half to Kids Assist of Newton for special medical equipment for kids.	Free Lunch for Kids 1-1 g Elementary Cafeteria, Thor and the High Schoo 11am-12:15pm (M-F)	nas Jefferson Cafeteria, ol Cafeteria					
Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. -Proverbs 22:6-							