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Sunday, July 1:

8/10:30 am Worship - communion 9:15 am Sunday School



Sunday, July 8:

8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School

Friday, July 13: June Newsletter **Articles Are Due**



Sunday, July 15: 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School

6 pm IWIC Worship at Mitchellville



VBS 2018 Mon-Fri, July 16-20 9 am-11:30 am



Sunday, July 22:

8/10:30 am Worship

- Cheri Doane preaching 9:15 am Sunday School

GUEST PREACHER



Wednesday. **July 25:** St Luke Hosts the Air Force Cycling Team for



Sunday, July 29: Noisy Offering for CFUM 8/10:30 am Worship

- Dennis Smith preaching 9:15 am Sunday School





Monday, July 30:

5th Monday Supper Club for CFUM at Trinity UMC in Des Moines

St Luke UMC

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July 2018





Financial Update

One of the goals for St. Luke UMC is meeting all of our budgeted items each year. One of the items that needs our attention again this year is our ap-

portionments. Our assigned apportionment payment for 2018 is \$25,591. So far this year we have made payments of \$5,845. This puts us paid up through March, so we are about 3 months behind where we would like to be. St. Luke has always taken great pride in meeting its apportionment goals each year, and the finance committee is confident that we will continue to do so. We urge the congregation to prayerfully consider contributing to apportionments part of our budget when offerings to St. Luke are given.

These offerings have been received in the past month:

June 3: \$10,493 which included \$2,550 -Apportionments; \$12-Sunday School supplies; \$10-Golden Cross offering; \$45-Wills & Memorials; \$955-Building Fund.

June 10: \$2,314 which included \$15-Larry & Jane Kies; \$37-Apportionments; \$58-Peace With Justice offering; \$195-Building Fund.

June 17: \$2,082 which included \$10-Larry & Jane Kies; \$85-Apportionments; \$15-VBS Supplies; \$119-Building Fund.

June 24: \$6,853 which also included money collected at the Ice Cream Sundae Bar: \$11-Larry & Jane Kies; \$52-Heifer Moolah; \$590-VBS; \$5375-Building Fund.





Join Us for Rolling River Rampage **VBS 2018**

July 16-20 9-11:30 am

3-yrs-old through 6th grade

Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!

The main verse for the week is: "When You Pass Through The Waters, I Will Be With You." (Isaiah 43:2)

Find Adventure On The River! Find Acceptance On The River! Find Joy On The River!

Find Rest On The River! Find Peace On The River!

Romper the River Otter will be here to be our river guide on the rapids and to join in the fun and to share the Bible stories with us.

A registration form can be found in the center of this Newsletter, by the church office at the church or can be downloaded from our website at: www.stlukenewton.com.



Jasper County 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, in this instance, even kids! Take Away Hunger not only nourishes hungry children, but the spirits of the volunteers who pack the

VBS 2018 Mission Project

Funds collected during VBS will used to help feed the hungry and show the love of Jesus.



Wendy, Abby, and I have stumbled upon a great show that we have been bingeing this summer. It is the Great British Baking Show. We are



having a great time learning about vari-

ous and unusual pastries, breads, and cakes that we have never heard of, let alone tried.

One of the things that has been interesting are the terms that they use on the show. This show is from England, and they speak English, and yet, the language is different enough that we often have to look up what they are referring to. What is a treacle? What



is double cream? What is strong flour? What is castor sugar? There is a lot of difference in the way people speak English.

This could be frustrating for some people. It doesn't feel good to not be able to understand what people are talking about. It can make one feel ignorant. Of course. this is how I often feel when new words are introduced into American English. Are you woke to this trend? This may be a new phrase for you. It means, are you aware of this trend.

So, it is no wonder that there is often a cry to have everyone speak the same language in public.

Language is often one of the biggest contributors to identity. When you hear whatever jargon is common to your profession or interest, you know that there is another person who shares that identity with you. You know that you can converse naturally with them and not have to explain what hermeneutics are.

But I find that a variety of words in English are fascinating. I learn so much when I hear something new and have to learn about it. It adds spice to my life and broadens my life experience. The same is true when it comes to other languages.

I believe that this is what God wants for us, as well. In the story of Babel, God sees that there is too much power and knowledge in humankind. It is attributed to the fact that everyone spoke the same



language. In order to keep humans from becoming too big for their britches, God causes people to speak several languages, which also causes them to scatter according to their common language.

Now, the implication here is that speaking different languages is bad. It was a punishment and it keeps us from becoming too smart for our own good. However. this story was really used to explain something that was commonly asked, "Why do we speak different languages?" It also began to answer another question people had, which is, "Why do we fight with those people?"

But what we forget is that this story shows us that we

have the same origins. If we all spoke the same language, then we were all the same people. Our identities were wrapped up in each other. So, if we are more similar than we realize, why do we try to divide on the basis of language...or country, or religion, or preference of cashews over walnuts?

In other places in the Bible, God makes it clear that the various languages and identities are to be celebrated. When the prophets bring their messages, they are often said to be brought in the languages of the people. When Haman, in the book of Esther, decrees that all should worship him by bowing in his presence, it was sent out in every language. Then again, when Haman changed his mind, he sent out the order in the language of every peo-

This also happens when God begins the church. On the day of Pentecost, the Good News was shared in every language. I take this to mean that God's grace is available to people of every language, but I also think it means that God is in favor of the many languages, and identities, of the various peoples of the earth.

We should celebrate the diversity of God's people as a gift to us, even when we don't understand what a biscuit is



Pastor Chad

RAGBRAI 2018

St. Luke is honored to be hosting the Air Force Cycling Team (AFCT) Wednesday, July 25. What does that entail, you ask? That is completely up to us! It could be as little as just providing them space U.S. AIR FORCE



outside to camp to opening the doors to give them access to air conditioning and bathrooms to anything else you can imagine. If you have any ideas or better yet want to be involved with planning and hosting please let Stephen Pageler know at: stephenpageler@stlukenewton.com, signing up at the Servants Counter, or calling the Church office.

In addition to the meal that we are planning for, we want to overwhelm this team with hospitality. The AFCT is on a mission to serve those that need it on RAG-BRAI. Let's serve them well. This is a great opportunity



to show extravagant hospitality to a great group of people. We can do this by providing bottled water and sports drinks, granola bars, fruit, and other snacks. Please bring any of these items to the church after VBS is over.



July Salvation Army Food Pantry Request Cereal and juice



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS July 1 **8 AM** 10:30 AM Ushers Larry/Darlyne Howard Karen Clark/Sue Crook Greeters Jean Schnell Doug/Jenna McIntyre Reader Jenni Patty Dennis Smith Ron Lisk Acolytes Kleo O'Brien Nursery Parents take turns Pat Patty Keyboard Bev Thomas Jan Lewis Special Projection **Brad Patty** Carolyn Cook Fellowship Rose Hartschen Lori Leix Care Core **Barb Swihart** Amy Murphy Communion Ann Leonard Counters: Deb Stoulil/Russ Leix July 8 10:30 AM 8 AM Ushers Dick/Pam Stiles Lori Leix/Katie Jones Greeters Pageler Family Marianne Spaur Readers Bruce Maach Mikey Carter Acolytes Ron Lisk Ushers Nursery Parents take turns Doug McIntyre Keyboard Bev Thomas Jan Lewis Special Projection Peg Ehler Karen Clark Fellowship Pam Stiles Pat Patty Care Core Jenni Patty Lisa Marston Counters Brad Patty/Jan Lewis July 15 **8 AM** 10:30 AM Dave Miller/ Ushers Roy/Pat Patty Peg Ehler Greeters Joyce Stonehocker Mike/Barb Kaldenberg Readers **Brad Patty** Leslie Maach Acolytes Ron Lisk Abby Jennings Nursery Parents take turns Volunteer Needed Keyboard Bev Thomas Jan Lewis Special Tintinnabulation Bells Tintinnabulation Bells Projection Ethan Pageler Wendy Jennings Fellowship Tamara Lloyd Marianne Spaur Care Core Joyce Stonehocker Marianne Spaur Counters Barb Kaldenberg July 22 **8 AM** 10:30 AM Ushers Mike/Barb Kaldenberg Mike/Kleo O'Brien Greeters Larry/Darlyne Howard Jeff/Amy Murphy Readers Peg Ehler Rose Evans Acolytes Ushers Ron Lisk Nursery Parents take turns Mikey Carter Keyboard Bev Thomas Jan Lewis Special Projection **Brad Patty** Pam Smith Fellowship Ann Leonard Carolvn Cook Care Core Barb Kaldenberg Karen Clark Counters Rose Evans/Russ Leix

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St Luke News

Thank you so much for letting us use the table and chairs for Blayden's graduation party. We really appreciate it.

The Rhones - Jody, Erica, Daryen & Blavden

Many thanks to the UMWomen and others that worked so hard to clean out cupboards and organize our classrooms, library, fellowship hall and kitchen. It looks **GREAT!**

St Luke welcomed new members on Sunday, April 8th. Joining our community of faith were the Glenda Lewis; Joel and Karin Mills and their daughter, Frances; Mike Wood: Brooke, Gatlin and Aniston Chambers. Be sure to introduce yourselves, if you haven't already, and get to know our new members.

July 29	8 AM	10:30 AM	
Ushers	Bruce Maach/ M Gullett	D/A Stoulil	
Greeters	Chuck Springer	R/P Patty	
Readers	Dave Miller	Corinne Kleppe	
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Usher	
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis	
Special			
Projection	Peg Ehler	Jacob Murphy	
Fellowship	Pam Andrews	Karen Clark	
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson	
Counters		Deb Stoulil/ Brad Patty	

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 8/10:30 Worship - Communion 9/11:30 Fellowship - Celebrate the 1 year Anniversary of the Jennings Family being at St Luke 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	2	3 *Darin Swarts	*Mike Spaur *Jennifer Cook	5 6:30 pm Trustees meeting	*Mike O'Brien *Mappy ANDIVEZSARY Chad & Wendy Jennings Wedding Anniversary	7 9 am- noon Take Away Hunger Packing Event *Sharon Burton *Jerry Rhone	
8 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	9	6:30 pm NOW meeting	7 pm Page Turners Book Club	*Brooke Chambers	Newsletter Articles Due	14 *Deb Fifer	
15 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. *Audrey Boleyn *Ron Cook	SHARE Orders due. Go online, or call First UMC or First Christian.	17 *Ralph Simpson	18	*Corinne Kleppe 7pm Quilt Guild - F Hall	20	21 *Bill Ponder	
	*Dave Miller						
22 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW *Madison Bleeker	23 *Clayton Swihart	24 *Dan Anthony	25 8:30 am Collate Newsletter AFCT @ St	9am-2pm Days For Girls @ 1st Presby- terian Church *Holli Simpson	*Emmett Andrews	7:30 am SHARE Pickup @ 1st UMC	
-	RAGBRAI						
29 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. *Doug McIntyre Noisy Offering	5th Monday Supper Club for CFUM @ Trinity UMC	31 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting	**		* *	*Denotes Birthdays! your birthday is missing or ncorrect, con- act the office.	

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



United Methodist Women No Meeting

"Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27b-28 NIV

July 15: District Officer Training at Marshalltown

July 15-17: Mission U at Iowa Valley Conference Center, Marshalltown



Anniversary Sunday, July 1

Celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the Jennings Family and Pastor Chad being a part of St Luke on Sunday, July 1. The SPRC will host Fellowship time following both services.

Children & Family Urban Ministries (CFUM) Noisy offering Sunday July 30, 2018

You have heard us talk about the Fifth Monday Suppers. For several years St Luke has provided meals for the CFUM meal program at Trinity United Methodist in Des Moines. We have also as a congregation donated boxed



a congregation donated boxes of cereal for breakfast at the same location.

On the Fifth Sunday of July we will take a Noisy offering for CFUM. It has been a while since we have taken a noisy offering so, please bring in your noisy money...both coin and paper on Sunday, July 30th, 2018.

NOW Committee

The Giver

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, he will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

--Charles Spurgeon

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

A charming read for summer might just be our newest donation to the library entitled *Flash* by Rachel Anne Ridge. The subtitle is *The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances*. This



book could even be considered for a family read aloud chapter book. It is filled with stories that teach spiritual lessons, that are delightful and filled with humor. Flash is a quirky hero with gigantic ears, a deafening bray, and a personality as big as Texas. Flash has a heartwarming story you won't forget about his need for a home and how he changed a family. You can check it out in our little library in the corner.

Speaking of our library, it is filled to the brim with too many books, and it has become disorganized over the past few years, so it is time for a clean out. I am taking out some of the dated books. These books are on a table in the narthex. You can help me in two ways: 1) If you see a book that should remain in the library, please talk to me about it. 2) Please help yourself to these books, just do not bring them back! Enjoy at home, keep or pass them along to a friend. This should update our library and make it easier to find what you want to read. The library is for your enjoyment.

Sunday School Mission Offering Now Through August 2018

Go Therefore Into All the world... The first Sunday of each month, the Sunday school offering goes toward the supplies needed for Sunday School. The second through fifth Sundays of each month the offering is given to Missions.

The great commission sends us into the world to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Some are called to service right here, where we live. Others are called to serve around the world. Larry and Jane Kies were called to serve in Africa. Our May through August 2018 Sunday School Mission offering will continue to go toward fulfilling our covenant to partner with Larry & Jane in their ministry.



Each year we covenant with Larry & Jane Kies to give \$300 to each of them for their ministry. We are almost to reaching our \$600 goal. Thank you to all who give through the 2nd through 5th Sunday school offerings and to those who have given during worship by putting "Larry & Jane Kies" in the memo line. Once we meet our covenant, the NOW committee will choose a new recipient for the Sunday School Mission offering.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW – Missions Chair



St Luke UMC to Host Take Away Hunger Packaging Event

Saturday, July 7 9 am - Noon

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.



My Story

I love to watch really good dancers. You know the ones who feel the music themselves and help the observers feel the music too. They can convey the story of the music, the

feeling, the drama of the song. A really good dancer can bring you to tears or make you laugh joyfully. I, do not have the grace or flexibility that is needed to be a really good dancer, but I can get lost in the gifts of those who can.



Thankfully, God grants all of us with our own gifts. We may not all be able to dance, we may not all be able to sing, or to write a story that transports the listener to a new place. However, we do all have some God given talent and our own amazing story that we should share with the world around us.

Psalm 107:2a "Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. "

How will you share your "story"? Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class invites you to join them as they read and discuss the book "Toxic Charity: CHARITY How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It)" by Robert D. Lupton.



If you are looking for a Sunday School class with variety topical studies, this would be a good class in which to participate. There is always room for more to join the discussion.

Days For Girls Update

The July meeting of Days For Girls will be held on July 26 from 9 am - 2 pm at 1st Presbyterian Church, Newton. More people to help make kits are always welcomed. Days For Girls kits are



helping to improve the lives of teen-aged girls and women around the world.

Questions? Contact Rose Evans or Karen Clark.

St Luke Produce Table

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



Brush Away the Dust

Exploring the dynamics of hearing and proclaiming the gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Jesus had recently performed some miraculous healing: a demon-possessed man; a woman who had suffered continuous bleeding for 12 years; Jairus's daughter who had been pronounced dead. Later Jesus returned to his hometown, Nazareth. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue with his disciples and began to teach as He had done elsewhere, and many of those who had heard Him were astonished.

Those hearing Jesus in the synagogue posed many questions: Isn't this Jesus, the little boy we used to see in Joseph the artisan's shop? Didn't He grow up to be an artisan, just like His father? What are all these stories we have been hearing about the signs and healings He has performed? Where did He gain this wisdom? Who does He think He is? And when they thought about Him that way, they became indignant and *closed themselves to His message*.

Jesus was amazed by the "stubbornness" of their disbelief. "A prophet can find honor anywhere, except in his hometown, among his own people, and in his own household."

Jesus began sending His twelve out in pairs to villages, teaching. He gave them authority over unclean spirits and state to you, leave that place and shake the instructed them to take nothing with dust off your feet as a testimony against them." them, but a staff: no money, bread, nor

Mark 6:11

"And if any place will not welcome you or

bag; nothing but the sandals on their feet and the coat on their back. He directed them to stay until it was "time to leave that town." "And if someone will not accept you and your message, when you leave, shake off the dust of that place from your feet as a judgment against it. (On the day of judgment, that city will wish for the punishment of Sodom and Gomorrah.)"

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 every Sunday morning -- after the 8 am service, or before the 10:30 service!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in July. Even if you cannot come to class, consider taking the time to read those scriptures at home!

♦ Lectionary Readings for July 2018 ♦

•July 1: Mark 5: 21-43 | Brushing Up against Grace To seek God's compassionate care for ourselves and others.

• July 8: Mark 6:1-13 | Brush Away the Dust

To explore the dynamics of hearing and proclaiming the gospel.

- July 15: Ephesians 1:3-14 | Who Does God Say We Are? To explore how God's grace and Christ's love can bring unity to people and creation.
 - July 22: Ephesians 2:11-22 | Household of God To build a community marked by God's vision of wholeness and unity.
 - July 29: John 6:1-21 | Into the Land of Faith To explore how two miracle stories remind us we are rooted and grounded in God's love.

2018 Iowa Annual Conference Report

Under the theme of Creating Difference Makers in New Communities of Faith, this year's annual conference was a time of worship, budgets, legislation and looking forward.

Bishop Laurie Haller opened the 2018 Annual Conference Session with an Episcopal Address that challenged the Conference to wade into uncharted territory with hope instead of fear and to also find a way to remain united in the midst diversity in the church.

She did this with an account of how Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery set out into uncharted territory, in which no white person had ever entered. Things were



looking good at first, with Lewis noting there was harmony among them and saying, "With such men I have everything to hope, and little to fear." But they soon encountered many obstacles. Just as the United Methodist Church is struggling to figure out how we can live with each other over different views surrounding the subject of human sexuality. The Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops have been leading us, but there is no map. At the same time, Bishop Haller also is convinced that we have everything to hope and little to fear.

There were many other meaningful and thought provoking messages throughout the conference and I would encourage everyone to go to the Iowa Conference website (www.iaumc .org) and listen to any or all of the messages and many other things that were done at annual confer-

On Friday night, at the Laity session, I attended a miniworkshop titled, What is Our WIG? (Wildly Important Goal). I choose this workshop because I knew every congregation in Iowa is challenged to have in place by 2020, an intentional plan for forming Disciples of Jesus Christ. This workshop was led by SE District Field Outreach Minister Phil Carver, who many of you may already know.

Following are some statistics and actions taken from Annual Conference:

A vote was taken Saturday morning to suspend the rules for voting on a corrected ballot concerning a Constitutional Amendment from the 2016 General Conference. The results of the vote were not shared with the Annual Conference Session, as these are being tabulated nationwide, and sent to the General Conference.

52 action items were adopted to the consent calendar.

The Iowa Annual Conference Session passed the Proposed 2019 Iowa Annual Conference Budget in an 827-39 vote Monday. The 2019 budget has a decrease of \$505,925, for a total of \$14,288,286.

Sixteen people were ordained, commissioned or received into associate membership.

38 clergy persons retired. Including Rev. Linda Butler, former pastor of St Luke, and Rev. Judy Wadding, former lay member of St. Luke. Continued

While membership in the conference was down 4%, I was encouraged by the fact that Church school attendance was up 2% from 2016. Also Professions or Reaffirmations of Faith were up 6% from 2016.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be your Lay Member to Annual Conference again this year. Once again, I found it to be an interesting and uplifting experi-

Dennis Smith

One-Room Sunday School

The One-Room Sunday School for children Pre-K 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 Servant's Counter for volunteers to choose the Sunday they would like to teach. If you have questions about the program, please talk to Tamara Llovd.

Email Addresses Needed

Does the St Luke office have your email address? In the coming months, we will stop bulk mailing the monthly newsletter. Those without email can still receive a printed copy by picking up a printed copy at the church or via the traditional mail service.

Let the church office how you prefer to receive your copy of the newsletter. Please let the church know your email address to get your digital copy. Email us at:

worship@stlukenewton.com

Ingathering 2018 School kits

Ingathering 2018 has made some changes from prior years. There are now only two types of kits being collected and the school kit no longer requires school bags, just supplies. This year we will be collecting School kit supplies during the months of July and August... and yes, crazy as it seems the school supplies start showing up in stores in July. There is a basket on the Mission Table to collect supplies.

The School Kits provide tools for education, which changes lives. Kits include:

- 3 Notebooks, approx. 8½x11" (total of 210-250 sheets of paper)
- 1 eraser, 2-inch or longer
- 1 blunt-end scissors (metal blades)
- 1-30 cm metric ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener (1" minimum)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers We will also need two gallon plastic bags (ie: ziplock, glad, etc).