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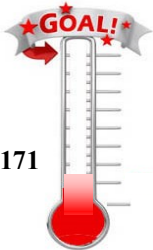


THE Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!

2019 Apportionments

\$24,351



\$1171

Financial Update

APPORTIONMENTS ARE MISSIONS.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish

what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. The **Black College Fund** supports the 11 U.S. historically Black colleges and universities of The United Methodist Church who have played a unique role in U.S. higher education. Their graduates—teachers and doctors, ministers and bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs—are leaders in the African-American community and in a rapidly changing, more diverse United States. See more at www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds.

These offerings were received for the first 4 Sundays in June:

Total of \$12,860 which included:

\$ 742 - Building Fund

\$1219 - Apportionments

\$ 22 - Sunday School Supplies

\$ 100 - VBS Supplies

\$ 34 - Larry & Jane Kies

\$ 67 - Peace With Justice Offering

\$ 92 - Building Use

\$ 548 - Sundaes On Sunday for the Take Away Hunger Packaging event

Thank You!



"Prayer is where the action is."
—John Wesley



Join Us For
To Mars and Beyond
VBS 2019

July 15-19
9-11:30 am



Age 3-yrs-old through 6th Grade

To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space exploring where God's power can take them. Each morning, they will lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources and along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible and that God is always with them, too. The main verse for the week is Ephesians 3:20: "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us!"

Registration forms can be found in the center of this newsletter, by the church office, or on our website www.stlukenewton.com.

Volunteers are still needed to support VBS this year. If you are interested, please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or AnnEricLeonard@gmail.com.

VBS 2019 Mission Project

Funds collected during VBS and a special offering on Sunday, July 21 will be used to help the Newton Community School District to purchase a therapy dog.



Gathering for the Ingathering in 2019

At our last NOW meeting we talked about trying something new this year as we begin the season of collecting kits for the 2019 Thanksgiving Ingathering. We are going to collect a portion of the Student School Kit during the month of July and the remaining items in the month of August.

In July, our focus is on the writing utensils. Each Student School Kit now requires:

- 1 pencil Eraser (2 inches or larger)
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 1 box 12 colored pencils
- 6 unsharpened pencils



Items can be placed in the Ingathering basket on the Mission Table in the Narthex.

You are also welcome to complete an entire kit if you wish. A list of the new kit "ingredients" will be available on the Mission table.

NOW - Missions



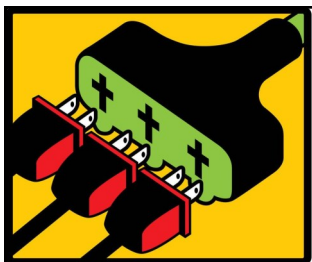
We recently adopted a Discipleship Pathway at St. Luke. This is the intentional path that we follow as disciples to more fully **CONNECT**



to God and to each other, to **GROW** in our faith, and to **SERVE** God in the church and the world, to do our part in building the kingdom that we ask to have come in the Lord's Prayer.

For the next three months, I will say some more about each of these areas of focus. This month, we will start with **CONNECT**.

God designed us to be social creatures. We need each other. We know that isolation is detrimental to our mental health, which is seen in those that have been cut-off from social interaction. This is demonstrated in movies, such as *Passengers* and *Castaway*. Without interaction, we become something other than human.



CONNECT

So, it makes sense that one of the ways that we **CONNECT** with God is through each other. The ancient Jews felt this connection through their tribe, which also manifested itself in a connection to their ancestors. This all stemmed from the covenant that God made with them to be God's people. This connection through covenant was at the heart of their identity as a people.

We see that in our own lives. We identify through our connections. We are Iowans. We are Christians. We are United Methodists. We are Cardinals. And these things are sometimes deeply embedded in us. They help us to know who is with us, who is on our side.

As those who are **CONNECT**ed to St. Luke, we have made a commitment to each other. It came in our membership vows, when we said that we would support each other in our walk with God and in our lives in the community. By intention, we are better together than we are by ourselves.

So, how are you **CONNECT**ing with each other? Are you involved with your church family at any time other than Sunday morning? Do you get together with people from church? Do you **CONNECT** on Facebook? Do you meet downtown? Do you gather for Bible Study or fellowship?



How can you take a step along the discipleship pathway in the area of **CONNECT**? How can you encourage others in their faith journey? How can you deepen a relationship with someone around your connection with God?

Over the next month, do something to make an inten-

tional **CONNECT**ion. Invite someone over. Start a dialogue. Be bold and talk to someone in the community about getting **CONNECT**ed at St. Luke.

As we do that, our relationship with God will become deeper and more valuable to us. Continue on the journey together.

Chad



**Happy Anniversary to
Pastor Chad & Wendy
on July 6!**

Thanks to Our
Sunday School
Teachers!



THANK YOU

A big **THANK YOU** to our Sunday School Teachers for your dedication this past year. The Children's teachers are: Tamara Lloyd, Lisa Marston, Wendy Jennings and Mikey Carter. Adult facilitators are Rose Evans and others.

Grace is a gift

When we work an eight-hour day and receive eight hours' pay for our efforts, that is a **WAGE**.

When we compete with an opponent and receive a trophy for our superior performance, that is a **PRIZE**.

When we receive something in recognition for our service or achievement, that is an **AWARD**.

But when we can earn no wage, can win no prize and deserve no award — yet we receive such a gift — that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is **GRACE**.



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





United Methodist Women No Meeting

*“Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be
acceptable to you, O Lord, my
rock and my redeemer.”*

Psalm 19:14

July 21: District Officer Training at
Marshalltown

July 21-23: Mission U at Marshalltown

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

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.



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.



News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

Wow! What a story! And the great thing about it is that it is true! *The Impossible* is an amazing testament to the power of prayer and it is the story of Joyce Smith and her strength and faith as she cried out to God, begging him to save her son John who had fallen through the ice. Doctors said it was hopeless, but Joyce refused to give up and John responded. He defied all odds after being under the ice nearly an hour. Eventually, he walked out of the hospital completely healed. This is the book behind the movie *Breakthrough* which was recently in theaters starring Chrissy Metz as mother Joyce Smith. This book, new to our little library in the corner is written by Joyce Smith with Ginger Kolbaba. You will find it on the Newsletter shelf. Check it out!



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.



St Luke News

Thank you for your generous donation of the diapers to Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God’s love in the world to the “least of these.” “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brother and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Chantel Corrie - Executive Director

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.



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.





My Story

When the 4th of July rolls around, I think about the beauty of fireworks lighting up the sky. I remember twirling around in our backyard, writing words and drawing pictures

in the air with a glowing sparkler held tightly in my fist. It was always so exciting to see the box of sparklers waiting for us, but there in the midst of the sparklers was the somewhat smelly and totally intriguing little black disc. When you touched that little black disc with a flame it would expand and grow into a long black snake on the sidewalk. They were mesmerizing.



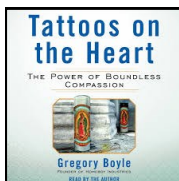
Strange as it may sound... we need to be like that little black disc. When the spark of faith touches us... WE too need to expand and grow. We need to spread our faith out and touch those around us with the intriguing beauty and love of God.

As the song says, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." So let's all BE that Spark! Spread Gods Love!

Corinne

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.

Native American Ministries Sunday July 28

The people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American



pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.



Unexpected Prophets: 2 KINGS 5: 1-14

Opening ourselves to unexpected opportunities for healing witness.

The king of Aram (modern Syria), had a commander named Naaman. Naaman was a well-reputed soldier with a problem: he had a skin disease, called leprosy. A captured Israeli slave girl told Naaman's wife that her husband should visit a prophet in Samaria (Israel) and have his disease "cured." Naaman asked his king permission to make the journey; the king facilitated the undertaking by giving Naaman a hand-written note asking for Naaman's healing. The king sent with him gold, silver, and valuable garments. These, Naaman was to present to the king of Israel. Why do you suppose Naaman's king directed him to approach the Israeli *king* for healing, instead of a **prophet**, as Naaman was originally advised?

The king of Israel was surprised that a person (Naaman) would ask *him* to heal his leprosy: "*Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life?*"

Elisha, the man of God (prophet) sent word for his Israeli king to send Naaman to *him*. When Naaman approached the doorway of Elisha's house, a messenger conveyed to Naaman that he should wash himself seven times in the Jordan... "*and you shall be clean.*"



At first Naaman felt insulted that Elisha did not directly meet with him. And why, the Jordan? Why not rivers in his *home country*? It took Naaman's servants to reason with him - what did it matter what he was told to do? Wouldn't he want to do it, if it would heal him? And heal him, it **did!**

There is *much* more to this very interesting story, than (just) presented here... Where would this story be without its servants?

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, sandwiched between the end of the 8 a.m. 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 July 2019 ∞

• **July 7: 2 Kings 5:1-14** | Unexpected Prophets
To open ourselves to unexpected opportunities for healing witness.

• **July 14: Luke 10:25-37** | Compassionate Neighbors
To explore the all to act with compassion and justice.

• **July 21: Luke 10:38-42** | Faithful Listeners
To seek balance between contemplation and action in our lives as disciples.

• **July 28: Luke 11:1-13** | Prayerful Disciples
To reflect on the value of individual and communal prayer in our relationship with God.



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

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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: _____





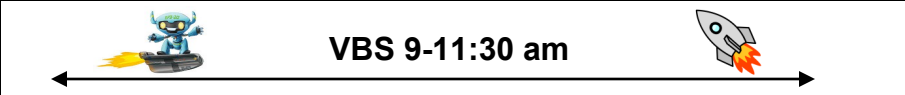


Parents & others are invited to watch the opening skit at 9:00-9:10 am each morning in sanctuary.

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
	1	2	3	4  NO Trustees meeting	5	6
7 8/10:30 Worship - Communion  9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	8	9 6:30 pm NOW Meeting	10	11	12	13 
14 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	15	16	17	18	19	20
						12-9 pm F Hall Reserved
				7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall 7 pm NAMI - Choir Room		
21 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW @ Mitchellville	22	23	24	25  9 am - 2 pm 6 - 9 pm Day For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian	26	27
28 8/10:30 Worship Native American Ministries Sunday 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	29  5th Monday Supper Club	30 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting	31			

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 7	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Roy/Pat Patty
Greeters	Bruce Maach	Karen Clark
Reader	Dale Dorrell	Amy Murphy
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Aniston Chambers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Doug McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Deb Stoulil	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Pam Andrews	Carolyn Cook
Care Core	Barb Swihart	Amy Murphy
Communion	Wendy Jennings Counters	Jenna McIntyre/ Pat Patty
July 14	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Dave Miller/Lori Leix
Greeters	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg	Joe/Stefanie Squire
Readers	Rose Hartschen	Dennis Smith
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ava Smith
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Jacob Murphy
Fellowship	Barb Kaldenberg	Wendy Jennings
Care Core	Jenni Patty	Lisa Marston
Counters		Jan Lewis/Rose Evans
July 21	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Chuck Springer/ Ben Leonard	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Pageler Family	Leslie Maach
Readers	Russ Leix	Jeff Carter
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Mary Nelson
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Doug McIntyre
Fellowship	Barb Swihart	Pat Patty
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Brad Patty/ Barb Kaldenberg
July 28	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Jean Schnell/ Dave Miller	Deb Stoulil/ Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Dale/Karen Dorrell	Rose Evans
Readers	Bruce Maach	Dennis Smith
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Michelle O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Jeff Carter
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Lisa Marston
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Jenna McIntyre
Counters		Russ Leix/Deb Stoulil

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St Luke News

The Osborn family would like to thank everyone who was involved with planning the graduation reception on May 26th. It was such a lovely event to honor graduates and we appreciate all the effort that went into organizing this meaningful reception.

Our sympathies to Linda Hotger, and Christy, Mike and Ben Lester on the passing of Bill Hotger. Also, to Tom and Tamara Lloyd on the passing of Tom's brother, Donald Lloyd. And to Darlyne Howard on the loss of her brother, Robert.

We want to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers and support. Special thanks to Pastor Chad, Care Core members and those who provided and helped with the food after the service.

Linda Powell
 Jeff & Lori Eisbrenner
 Debbie Rozenberg
 Dillon & Ryan Constant

Heifer International gratefully recognizes St Luke United Methodist Church for coordinating and holding Living Gift Market. Because of your contributions, families struggling with hunger and poverty will receive the gift of health animals and training in their care. Thanks for making a meaningful difference in the world.

St Luke Care Core,

Thank you very much for the congratulations and encouragement. Your certainty that I will do well is appreciated and, I hope, well-founded. I'm excited to begin many new things and I am glad to know others think I will do well.

Sincerely, Dune Carter

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.





2019 Iowa Annual Conference

Annual Conference was held this year June 8-11 with clergy and laity sessions on Friday evening, June 7th. The theme this year was Creating Difference Makers – In Ministry with the Poor.

The Laity session on Friday Night was opened by Iowa Conference Lay Leader Margaret Borgen, telling attendees she hoped they left the session inspired and with “new tools in their tool box.”

Bishop Laurie Haller followed with an address to the Laity before moving on to the Clergy session. She acknowledged that it was somewhat of a hard time in the UMC right now. But went on to say, “Our theological task is to love God and love our neighbor.”

The evening closed with mini-workshops for the Laity. These workshops were:

- Connecting Your Church to the World; Making Missions Exciting in the Local Church!
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- From Entertaining to Empowering Youth
- How Exposure to Nature Will Change Your Life; Churches and Camps Partnering

I just found out this year that the Laity session is open to all lay people of the Iowa Annual Conference.

The four days of the conference included many special services including the Episcopal address where Bishop Laurie continued with the conference theme, stating, “Remember, you are poor.” “You do not have the resources to save yourself, fix your problems, or change the world – only God does.”

Along with the services, there was much praise and singing. And there was all of the legislation that needed to be taken care of and electing delegates and alternates to the General and Jurisdictional conferences next year. Pastor Chad was elected as a delegate on the first ballot.

The legislation actually went pretty smoothly, although we did at one point have a discussion about whether climate change was real or not. The most disappointing legislation for me was the decision to close Pictured Rocks camp and sell it to Camp Courageous after this camping season.

Other legislation included resolutions in response to the Special conference which was held back in February. The conference budget and some shortfalls in it were also discussed and voted on. If anyone would like a more in depth look at all of the legislation, please go to the conference website www.iaumc.org/ac2019. You will also be able to find everything else that happened at Annual Conference including many inspiring messages by several of

our speakers and pastors for the services.

It also gave me a sense of pride to see 3 St. Luke youth (Nathan and Abby Jennings, Jacob Murphy) serving as Diakonos (pages) during conference. They were very busy doing a lot of the work necessary to make for a successful conference. And the Diakonos entertaining and funny skit was a huge hit once again this year.

I also want to thank St. Luke for the opportunity to be your delegate again this year. It is something I look forward to and look at it as a great learning and uplifting experience.

Dennis Smith

A Special Blessing for those with July Birthdays

July 4 - Mike Spaur
July 6 - Mike O'Brien
July 7 - Jerry Rhone
July 12 - Brooke Chambers
July 14 - May Lisk
July 15 - Audrey Boleyn
July 16 - Dave Miller
July 17 - Ralph Simpson
July 19 - Corinne Kleppe
July 21 - Bill Ponder
July 23 - Clayton Swihart
July 24 - Danny Anthony
July 26 - Holli Simpson
July 27 - Emmett Andrews
July 29 - Doug McIntyre



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

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, July 25 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?

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.

