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**August 17, 2020**



**THE BI-WEEKLY**  
**Flame**  
**CATCH THE FIRE!**



**Outdoor Worship Service**  
**Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 am**

Be sure and join us for our next outdoor service on Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 am. We will ask that you bring your own lawn chair and spread out to keep six feet of distance between your family and others. We also ask that everyone please wear a mask until everyone is seated. Those who are considered high risk may want to continue wearing a mask during the service as well. Please be safe during this time and continue to properly social distance yourself from others. In case of rain we will plan on moving this service to the following weekend as we are not opening up the building at this time.

For those who are unable to attend we will be live streaming our services on YouTube starting in August. You can watch live with us at home by going to our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube page at 9:30 am on the day of the service and look for the LIVE video. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to make sure you don't miss any of our future videos. We hope you can join us in person or LIVE!



**Online Sermon Series**

We will be continuing with our You Asked For It series in August. In this series, Pastor Chad and Joel will keep tackling all your questions: fun ones, serious ones, and the ones you've always wanted to ask. Please continue to submit your ideas and questions by email to: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com). Be sure to check our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel or Facebook page for new videos on the weekends we are not having our outdoor services.



**Upcoming Outdoor Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, August 30 - 9:30 am**  
**Sunday, September 13 - 9:30 am**  
**Sunday, September 27 - 9:30 am**

**Note: Dates may change due to weather.**

**Where to Find Us**

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When will this end?

I'm tired of this. I'm tired of not seeing you every week. I'm tired of wearing a mask everywhere I go. I'm tired of trying to figure out what we can do for worship when it gets colder and what we can do for Sunday School. I'm tired of this.



And yet, I'm uplifted by your spirit. You have been faithful. You have continued to support St. Luke throughout this long, long night. You are a light in this darkness. Thank you for that.



And keep it up. The night is nowhere close to being over. The latest prediction for when it will be safe to return to normal life, or what might pass for normal life, is in the fall of 2021 or the spring of 2022. Ugh.



Until then, here is the plan (subject to change, of course). The Ad Council met in July to discuss the return of in-person worship. At that time, we decided by consensus to remain in our

current schedule for outdoor worship of every other week until the end of September. In October, we intend to move worship indoors and return to an every week schedule. Because ambient air and surfaces need several hours to be virus free, we will only have one service each week. In order to allow for distancing, we will add livestreaming every week. I know that this hasn't been the most reliable service up to this point, but I'm working on solutions and hope to have things more stable in the next month. We will also ask for half of the worshipping body to worship in the Fellowship Hall. By doing this, we can still be together, and we can still be with our St. Luke family, but in more than one place. Those that are in the main Sanctuary one week will be asked to go to the Fellowship Hall the next week.

I know this isn't ideal, but it is what we can do to be safe for all our people. I thank you for your caring and your understanding of these measures. I don't want this, but I do want for all of us to be whole and healthy followers of Christ. We'll get through this. It will be better to get through this together.

Pastor Chad



## Ingathering School Kits

If you would like to donate a complete school kit this year, here is the list of supplies:

- 3 - ONE subject spiral notebooks
- 1 - round tip children's scissors
- 1 - 12 inch ruler with metric markings
- 6 - Unsharpened pencils
- 1 - box of 24 crayons
- 1 - box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 - eraser 2" or larger
- 1 - pencil sharpener

Place items in a one - handle cloth bag made of denim, corduroy, sailcloth, med-heavy drapery or light upholstery fabric. No camouflage, handprints, foot prints or paw prints on the fabric. Dimensions for bag = 32" x 15" Dimensions for handle = 32" x 5" For directions on making the school bag - go to [www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission](http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission)



You are also welcome to donate the supplies without the school bag.

Thank you, NOW Missions



## St. Luke News

A big thank you to everyone who helped to clean up tree limbs and debris in the church yard after the storm on August 10. We greatly appreciate all your help. Here are some pictures of the storm damage from around the church building.





## Disaster Ministries Latest Update

The August 10, 2020, derecho storm has devastated more than 150 communities in Iowa.

Beginning in Western Iowa, straight-line winds caused damage in many Iowa communities. The National Weather Service is calling it an “inland hurricane”.

The storm, containing damaging lightning and thunder, heavy rain, and high winds, gained strength as it moved east across Iowa. Downed trees, power outages, power lines down, damage to buildings, and heavy rain have affected much of Iowa.

The United Methodist Chainsaw Teams have been out since day one and will continue. In addition, chainsaw crews from other conferences are responding.

Governor Kim Reynolds has issued [Disaster Declarations](#) for 25 counties. This makes available [Individual Assistance Grants](#) for those impacted. You have 45 days to apply. Application can be made through your local Community Action Agency. In addition, the Governor is seeking federal assistance.

### HOW WE CAN HELP TODAY

- **PRAY and pray some more.** This storm has devastated Iowa, communities and crops. MANY, MANY are impacted. YOUR PRAYERS are NEEDED. It is in prayer that we unleash God’s power for one another.
- **VOLUNTEER.** Help is needed in over 150 communities. Communities looking for help have listed times and locations for volunteer check in and contact numbers on their social media pages and city web pages. Check with the community in which you wish to volunteer for those details. The Volunteer Disaster Agencies in Iowa (Including the United Methodists) are all working together with the local city government to meet as many needs in as many communities as possible
- **CONTACT.** If you know someone who has been impacted by the storm; contact them! Call and offer words of encouragement and listen to them. Actual voice to voice contact makes a huge difference in time of loss and disaster. Ask them what they need, AND GET IT FOR THEM. If someone comes to mind, there is a reason for it, be God’s hands and heart and reach out.
- **DONATE FINANCIALLY.** Donations can be given thru the United Methodist [Church Advance Special #223](#). ALL donations are used for supporting and helping Iowans affected by these storms.
- **DONATE PHYSICAL ITEMS.** So many have lost so much, we can help today with donations of:
  - Battery operated fans
  - Flashlights (and extra batteries)
  - Lanterns
  - Personal Hygiene items (MUST be new and in original packages)
    - \* Soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand towels

- Large, heavy trash bags
- Containers – totes with lids to pack personal items in
- Charcoal grills
- Solar powered portable chargers for phones
- Tarps and tie downs
- Gloves – heavy work gloves and rubber gloves
- Propane
- Wet wipes
- Charcoal
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Bottled water

### • Desperate needs (not in stock anywhere):

- Bar and chain oil (for chainsaws)
- Heavy extension cords (for generators)
- Batteries, specifically “D” batteries
- Gas cans
- Generators

### Physical Donations DROP OFF:

North Liberty, First UMC

85 North Jones Blvd

North Liberty, IA

Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact Lucy Hershberger 319-430-9488 with drop off questions

Or

Fort Dodge, Trinity UMC

838 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street

Fort Dodge, IA

Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jena Manchester-Finch 712-840-1834 with drop off questions

As we go forward with relief and recovery, there will be many opportunities to help. We will post as many needs and connections as we are able.

Blessings,

Pastor Catie Newman

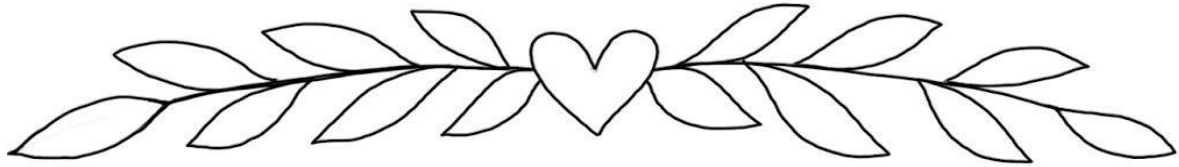
IAUMC Disaster Response Coordinator

[Disaster.response@iaumc.org](mailto:Disaster.response@iaumc.org)

712-899-4067 phone or text



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TRUST in the LORD  
with all thy HEART  
and lean not unto thine  
UNDERSTANDING  
in all thy ways acknowledge  
Him, and HE shall  
DIRECT THY PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

