

# St Luke UMC

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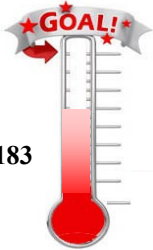
August 1, 2021



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

### 2021 Apportionments

**\$16,499**



\$9,183

### Financial Update



### VBS 2021

We had such a great week! Over 40 brave knights and 25 volunteers went on the Quest for the King's Armor to explore how we put on the armor of God. We celebrated the end of the week with some great music and a marshmallow snowball fight for surpassing our goal of \$300 for the homeless mission in Newton.



*Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10*

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

Total of \$14,730 which included:

- \$ 1,100 - Building Fund
- \$ 901 - VBS Mission for Homeless
- \$ 397 - Rural Life
- \$ 330 - VBS Supplies
- \$ 184 - Apportionments
- \$ 52 - Heifer Project
- \$ 10 - Christ Foundry Church/Dallas



More VBS photos on pages 4 & 5.



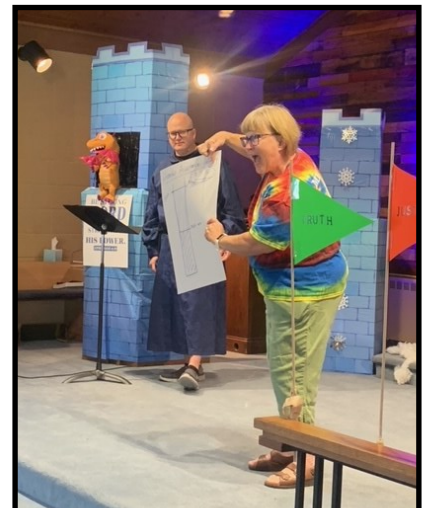
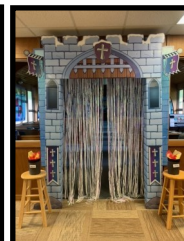
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## My Story

Each summer I would work hard to complete my 4H projects. Some days were much smoother than others. Sometimes I even needed encouragement from my mom to walk away for a bit... do something else for a while... then come back to my project.

Once County Fair time rolled around, I would nervously stand in line waiting for my turn to meet with the judges. They would ask questions, review my projects, and maybe even taste my project. Then I would be awarded a ribbon. Oh, how I hoped each year for a blue or better yet, a purple ribbon. Blue and Purple ribbons meant that all of that work, all of the frustrating moments, and all of the triumphant moments were rewarded. However, even a white ribbon meant I had learned something in the process.



In 4H, I had to earn my rewards through hard work and precision. The harder I worked and the more focused I was on the tasks, the better the reward.

As Christians, however, it is our faith and not our works that are rewarded.

*4<sup>1-2</sup> Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What were his experiences concerning this question of being saved by faith? Was it because of his good deeds that God accepted him? If so, then he would have something to boast about. But from God's point of view Abraham had no basis at all for pride. <sup>3</sup>For the Scriptures tell us Abraham believed God, and that is why God canceled his sins and declared him "not guilty."*

*4<sup>5</sup> But didn't he earn his right to heaven by all the good things he did? No, for being saved is a gift; if a person could earn it by being good, then it wouldn't be free—but it is! It is given to those who do not work for it. For God declares sinners to be good in his sight if they have faith in Christ to save them from God's wrath.<sup>[a]</sup>*

*6 King David spoke of this, describing the happiness of an undeserving sinner who is declared "not guilty"<sup>[b]</sup> by God. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed and to be envied," he said, "are those whose sins are forgiven and put out of sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, what joy there is for anyone whose sins are no longer counted against him by the Lord." Romans 4:1-8*

Corinne Kleppe



 <p>St. Luke Seasons OF THE Spirit</p>	<p><b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room</p>
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## Live Love

JAMES 1:17-27

### Considering the ways our actions might reflect God's love for us

The book of James is attributed to Jesus' brother, James, who has been portrayed in the Gospels, historical writings, and historical fiction as being less than supportive of Jesus' "mission" while Jesus was alive, but (apparently) had a conversion, or change of heart after His resurrection.

James expressed concern about the way we **speak**, the way we **listen**, and the way we **live** within the liberty of God's laws. *Listening* is more important than speaking; *patience* than anger, *meekness* over brashness, and *action* over inaction. What kind of a listener are you? Are you one who feels it is more important to try to anticipate what other persons will say, and then interrupt them with what you "guess" will be the next words to come from their mouths? Or do you respectfully let others finish their sentences without your interruptions? Were your interruptions more important than respectfully letting others finish speaking?



Could the same be true of *listening* to God when we pray? Prayer can also be a time of listening and discerning what God has presented for our consideration. Can we have the patience and attention to listen?

For James the only "good" religion was a religion that was lived out every day in "every way." James saw God's laws as *laws of liberty*. *If (we) pursue that path and actually do what God has commanded, then (we) will avoid the many distractions that lead to an amnesia of all true things.*

#### ∞ Lectionary Readings for August 2021 ∞

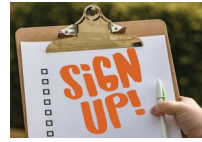
- **August 1:** Ephesians 4:1-16 | Grow, Grow Together  
*To recognize and affirm the gifts within the church community.*
- **August 8:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2 | Help Not Hinder  
*To strive in ways that nourish and build community.*
- **August 15:** Ephesians 15:15-20 | Building without Walls  
*To build a community marked by God's vision of wholeness and unity.*
- **August 22:** John 6:1-21 | Spend Time Well  
*To cultivate ways of living wisely.*
- **August 29:** James 1:17-27 B | Live Love  
*To consider the ways our actions might reflect God's love for us.*



<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>August 1</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
Counters (2)	
<b>August 8</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Potluck
Counters (2)	
<b>August 15</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Leslie & Bruce Maach
Counters (2)	
<b>August 22</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

## August Worship Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of August. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto: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:



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

We still have quite a few openings for August so please sign up if you are able. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

<b>August 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd, Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
Counters (2)	Rose Evans



### 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.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 am Worship · Communion</b> 	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9am-4pm Quilt Guild F-Hall Rsvd</b>  <b>9:30 am Corn Cleaning Outside</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>  11 am Church Pot Luck  	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7 pm Page Turners Book Club F-Hall Rsvd</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> UMW Potluck Meeting - Meet at St Luke @ 6 pm to Carpool to Shelter near Pat Patty's. Meal at 6:30 pm.	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Quilt Guild F-Hall	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>	<b>23</b> <b>First Day of School - Newton Community Schools</b>  6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>7pm Mission Coalition</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>31</b>				

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



**United Methodist Women**  
**Potluck**  
 August 18  
 Meet at St Luke at 6:00 pm  
 to Carpool to Shelter  
 near Pat Patty's house.  
 Meal at 6:30 pm

*Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. (NIV)*  
 Proverbs 30:5

Program: Together with the Earth, Camper Reports  
 By Jenni Patty  
 Hostess: Pat Patty

Bring Helping Hand Offering  
 Bring socks and underwear for school children  
 (unopened packages)

**All Church Potluck**  
**Sunday, August 8 - 11 am**

We hope you can join us for lunch on August 8 at 11 am for a Church Family Potluck. Please bring your own table service and one side dish of your choosing. We will provide sweet corn, drinks and ice cream with toppings for dessert. Hope to see you there!



**Can You Help?**

We will be cleaning ears of corn at St Luke on Saturday, August 7 at 9:30 am for the Church Potluck. Everyone is invited and we can use all the help we can get!



**Missionary Support**

We have met our covenant of \$300 for Jane Kies for 2021. We have moved on to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary giving goal... La Fundicion de Christo/Christ's Foundry in Dallas, Texas.

As you may remember, this is the church that Amy Spaur, daughter of Marianne, is serving in Texas. Christ's Foundry is a bilingual missionary church in the North Texas Conference. If you would like to help us reach our \$300 goal of giving toward this congregations ministry, please put Christ's Foundry on the Memo line of your check.



Note: Without our Sunday School offerings, we need to remember to support our missionaries. Let's see if we can reach our \$300 goal in support of Amy's church.

Corinne – NOW Missions



To the over 25 VBS volunteers—THANK YOU! As a result of you donating your time and talents, we were able to have fun, be creative, and share the word of God with over 40 kids. Those who played a vital role in VBS 2021 are:

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Ann Leonard    | Rose Evans         |
| Peg Ehler      | Gloria Simpson     |
| Pastor Chad    | Nathan Hauber      |
| Wendy Jennings | Barb Kaldenberg    |
| Amy Murphy     | Pat Patty          |
| Karen Dorrell  | Rosemary Hartschen |
| Jennifer Etter | Michelle O'Brien   |
| Mackynna Sims  | Kleo O'Brien       |
| Tamara Lloyd   | Abby Jennings      |
| Leslie Maach   | Nathan Jennings    |
| Karen Clark    | Ruby Lewis         |
| Jenni Patty    | Sienna Lewis       |
| Lisa Pageler   | Ethan Pageler      |

I am thankful for each and every one of you! (I'm also ready to sign you all up for VBS 2022. 😊)

Ann Leonard

**School Kit Challenge Continues!**

In our Mid-July newsletter, we posted ½ of the school supplies needed for each school kit in our Challenge of 20 or more kits. Here are the other supplies needed to complete each kit:

- 3 ONE SUBJECT notebooks
- 1 ruler – Please be sure it has Metric Measurements
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Student scissor

Items can be dropped off on the Mission Table at church. The full school kit list will be printed in the Mid-August newsletter, along with an update on our challenge.

Corinne – NOW Missions



## A Special Blessing for those with August Birthdays

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

- August 4 - Katie Jones
- August 5 - Alayna Guillaume
- August 6 - Wendy Jennings  
Drake Rhone
- August 9 - Linda Powell
- August 10 - Nate Boleyn  
Kyle Swihart
- August 11 - Rose Evans
- August 14 - Rachel Pageler  
Matt Thongvanh
- August 17 - Larry Stoullil  
Becky Miller
- August 20 - Avery Etter
- August 24 - Diane Chadwick  
Kris McKibben
- August 27 - Barb Kaldenberg
- August 29 - Dale Hartgraves
- August 30 - Pam Andrews



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

### August Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

Rice and Pastas



### 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](mailto:Worship@StLukeNewton.com).



# No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



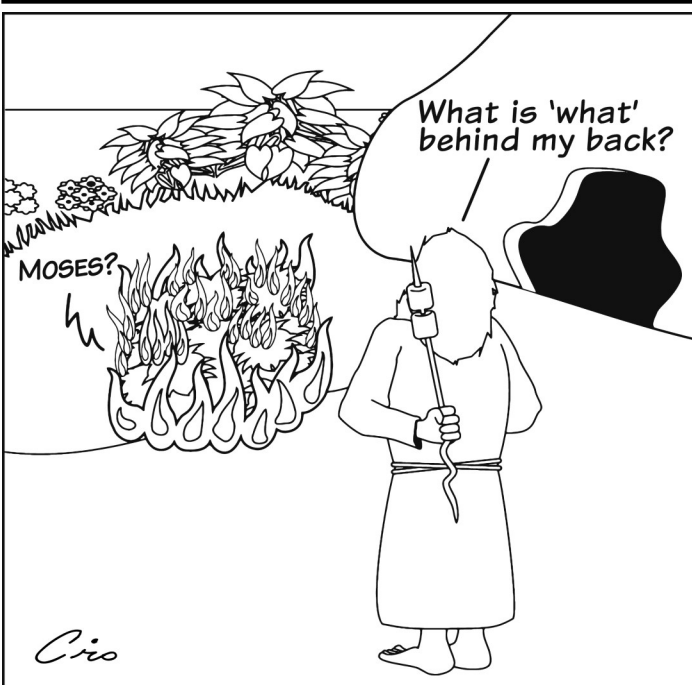
*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear     | 9. ___ monkey     | A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog     | 10. ___ platypus  | B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| 3. ___ owl      | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| 4. ___ horse    | 12. ___ giraffe   | D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose     | E. kid     | N. joey      |
| 6. ___ deer     | 14. ___ swan      | F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| 7. ___ goat     | 15. ___ dog       | G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| 8. ___ fish     |                   | H. calf    |              |

“\_on’t let any\_ne \_oo\_ down o\_ you \_ecaus\_  
 you \_re your\_, but set an exa\_ple for the bel\_evers  
 in spec\_, in \_onduct, in love, in \_aith and in \_urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV



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Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P