

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2022 Apportionments

\$14,313



\$3,313

Financial Update



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

Total of \$11,377 which included:

- \$ 1,195 - Building Fund
- \$ 265 - Apportionments
- \$ 123 - Native American Sunday
- \$ 10 - Peace with Justice Sunday
- \$ 10 - Take Away Hunger
- \$ 24 - St Andrews Society
- \$ 18 - Missionaries



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United Methodist Missionaries

Last month we learned about Bruna Farat. This month I am sharing information about Temba Nkomozepe. Temba is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries serving as an agriculturalist in Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Kanyama, Zambia.

Temba takes part in a range of agricultural, education and health projects, as well as church growth and development. Mujila Falls raises essential crops, such as corn, and engages in small animal husbandry, cattle and goat milking, fruit culture, tree nurseries, fish culture and research.



Temba is from Zimbabwe where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the United Methodist-related Africa University in Mutare. He holds both Master of Science and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in agricultural civil engineering, with an emphasis on water resource management, from Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South Korea. He has worked for the Green Impact Trust, Caritas Harare, and for the Zimbabwean department of agricultural extension.

To learn more about Temba, you can read about him and Mujila Falls at umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/3022400

Over the next couple of months our Sunday School offerings from the 2nd through 5th Sundays will be split between Temba and Bruna. If you have an interest in supporting either of these missionaries, you can put their name in the memo line of your check.

Corinne – NOW Missions

STUDENT KITS for MMDC

In July we began collecting writing utensils for the MMCD Student Kits. To finish out these kits we will also be collecting the following items:

- One Subject – spiral notebooks
- Rulers – 12 inches long WITH metric
- Student Scissors

Please place items in the Ingathering Box on the Mission Table. If you would like a complete set of the MMDC kits, there are a couple of stacks of these lists on the Mission table.

Corinne – NOW Missions





My Story

I stood happily and safely on the ground waiting for the next call for supplies. I had attempted to work on the roof but only lasted a couple of minutes before I climbed back down the ladder to the yard below. Up on the roof peak, near the chimney sat Danilo, with a smile on his face and a cheery “HO, HO, HO”. All I could do was smile.

Danilo was born in Mozambique and I had only known him for a couple of days, but already, I knew he would have a special place in my heart. He was a kind, caring, enthusiastic and happy teenager, who could already make me laugh. This mission trip to Tennessee was a first for him but it showed me that he had a heart of gold... and no fear of heights. He was loving the opportunity to give to those in need.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. . Galatians 5:22 – 23a

Taking a group of youth on a mission trip was a lot of work. However, it was also an opportunity to see the fruits of the spirit being developed in teenagers. Through the work we were asked to do each day and the fun the groups had in the evenings, the fruits of the spirit were allowed to flourish. We tried new things, learned how to work as a team and sometimes we were forced to face our fears.

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2:26

I am still nervous about heights... I prefer to be safely on the ground... but I can still pass up the needed supplies. Maybe you are nervous about evangelism, but you can still share your faith through your works. Maybe you aren't much of a gardener, but you can still sow seeds of faith. We can all share, learn, grow and **BE** the fruits of the spirit. We can all put our faith to work and pass on the supplies needed by others.

Corinne Kleppe



Persevering Faith

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Celebrating and
considering our place
among the cloud of
faithful witnesses*

This letter to the Hebrews, author unknown, was written six or seven decades after Jesus was crucified and resurrected. With example after example the writer reminds the Hebrews of those gone before who had experienced testing of their faith. The author spares few Biblical illustrations in reminding the Hebrews of persons who had suffered **great** testing - - physical, emotional, testing of patience, torment, betrayal - - and yet persevered because of their strong faith.

To read of the examples in these passages, of persons persevering, in spite of unimaginable testing of their character's strength and faith is inspiring.

Examples of **faith** from Hebrews 11 & 12: *By faith the walls of Jericho toppled after the people had circled them for seven days | By faith the prostitute Rahab welcomed the Hebrew spies into her home so that she did not perish with the unbelievers. | I could speak of faith bringing women*

*By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.
- Hebrews 11:28-29*

their loved ones back from death and how the faithful accepted torture instead of earthly deliverance because they believed they would obtain a better life

in the resurrection. Others suffered mockery and whippings; they were placed in chains and in prisons. The faithful were stoned, sawn in two, killed by the sword, clothed only in sheepskins and goatskins; they were penniless, afflicted, and tormented. The world was not worthy of these saints. They wandered across deserts, crossed mountains, and lived in the caves, cracks, and crevasses of the earth.

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 church service. To honor and respect all present we are immunized. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings.

∞**Lectionary Readings for August 2022**∞

- **August 7:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Dynamic Faith
To grow in trusting God's promises as we explore individual and corporate faith
- **August 14:** Hebrews 11:29-12:2 | Persevering Faith
To celebrate and consider our place among the cloud of faithful witnesses
- **August 21:** Luke 13:10-17 | Boundary Breaking Love
To explore what it means to participate fully in the story of God's liberating love
- **August 28:** Luke 14:1, 7-14 | Radical Hospitality
To imagine a world where all can participate in God's inclusive reign



United
Women
in Faith

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August
No Meeting

(Postponed Until Sept. 7)
Location/Time: TBD

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me." (NIV)
Isaiah 6:8

Rural Life Sunday/Offering Sunday, August 14

Rural Life Sunday celebrates and supports rural life, the heritage of the United Methodist Church and its ministries. 100% of this special offering is retained by the Iowa Conference to fund grants to local Iowa UM Churches, rural networks and community organizations.



Can You Help?



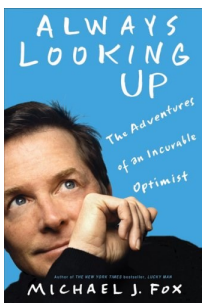
We will be cleaning ears of corn outside at St Luke on Tuesday, August 16 at 8:00 am. We will be freezing the corn to have on hand for future events. Everyone is invited and we can use all the help we can get! Any questions contact Joyce Stonehocker.

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.



Adult-2 Sunday School Class



The Adult 2 Sunday School class is reading and discussing the book *Always Looking Up* by Michael J. Fox. In this memoir, Michael shares the themes of his life as he deals with Parkinson's Disease. He covers work, faith, and family. "With humor and wit, Michael describes how he became a happier, more satisfied person by recognizing the gifts of everyday life".

If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. We read the book together, so there is no "homework". There is always room for more to join the conversation. We meet in Room 5 in the education wing right after Worship.

Jasper County Take Away Hunger Packaging Event

Jasper County Take Away Hunger is doing a packaging event August 20th, 2022 at Newton Church of the Way. We need a team of 12 volunteers for 1 hour Saturday morning, August 20th. St Luke will cover the cost for this team. Please sign up by August 14th.



Also, stay tuned for more information at a later time for making burritos for the food insecure folks event at St Luke.

Discover Hope Supper Club

St. Luke has committed to providing the evening meal for Discover Hope the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next meal will be on August 2, 2021. We will be serving baked potatoes with hamburger, cheese, black olives, sour cream, butter, broccoli, applesauce and cookies for dessert for our August meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, July 31. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



St Luke News

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to Russ and Lori Leix on the passing of Russ's sister.

Summer — Time to Stand and Stare

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
—"Leisure," W.H. Davies

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:30 pm Discover Hope Supper	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	8	9	10 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsvd	11	12	13 9am-4pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsvd 
14 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Rural Life Sunday	15	16 8:00 am Sweet Corn Cleaning @ St Luke	17	18 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsvd	19	20 JCTAH Meal Packaging Event @ The Way
21 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	22	23 First Day of School— Newton Community Schools 	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	29	30 7 pm Mission Coalition FH Rsvd	31			

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
August 7	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Bruce & Leslie Maach
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	

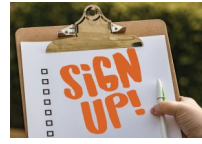
August 14	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
Counters (2)	

August 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Bruce & Leslie Maach
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
Counters (2)	

August 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Nathan Figland
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
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, use the sign-up sheets on the servant's counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to

sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUHXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!

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.



A Special Blessing for those with August Birthdays

- August 3 - Tessa Swersie
- August 4 - Katie Jones
- August 5 - Alayna Guillaume
- August 6 - Wendy Jennings
Drake Rhone
- August 9 - Linda Powell
Jack Trotter
- 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



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

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.

"We really appreciate all the time you spend volunteering here at the church, but I think we should talk."



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Have Household Goods or Furniture to Donate?

Contact Lori Leix



August Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

Rice and Pastas



Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j__ , pea_e,
pa_ie_ce, __ind_ess, go_dne_s,
fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control