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**August 2017**



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**Sunday, August 6:**  
**Communion**  
 8/10:30 am Worship  
 9:15 am Sunday School



**Sunday, August 13:**  
**2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering**  
 8/10:30 am Worship  
 9:15 am Sunday School



**Sunday, August 20:**  
**Guest Preacher**  
 8/10:30 am Worship  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 6 pm IWIC Worship at Mitchellville



**Sunday, August 27:**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
 8/10:30 am Worship  
 9:15 am Sunday School



All students are invited to bring their backpacks to either the 8 or 10:30 service to receive a blessing for the new school year.

**Sandwich Boomers Picnic**

All St Lukers are invited  
 When: Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM  
 Where: Agnes Patterson Shelter House  
 Bring a dish to share, your own table service & your meat to grill.  
 Drinks and grills will be provided.



**St Luke Produce Table**

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



**St Luke has a new email address.**

For the Church Office, it is now:  
**worship@stlukenewton.com**



Or

To Reach Pastor Chad:  
**Chad.Jennings@stlukenewton.com**

Be sure to update your email address book.

**2017 Apportionment Goal**



**Financial Update**

For the past several years, the congregation at St Luke has been challenged to help the church meet its commitment to make our full apportionment payments. It has not always been easy. Thanks to the spirit and prayerful giving from the members of St Luke, we have been able to remain a Rainbow Covenant church. This is something we can be very proud of.

As we start a new era at St Luke, it is important that we continue our goal of meeting our financial responsibilities. Thanks to your gracious and prayerful giving, we have been able to have our 2017 apportionments paid up to date. It is always good when we can report positive news from the Finance Committee.

So, from the Finance Committee, we say a big, Thank You!

The future of St Luke United Methodist is bright. Your continued attendance and financial support are greatly appreciated.

These offerings have been received:

**July 2:** \$4417 including \$140-Building Fund; \$21-Sunday School Supplies; \$36-Disaster Relief.

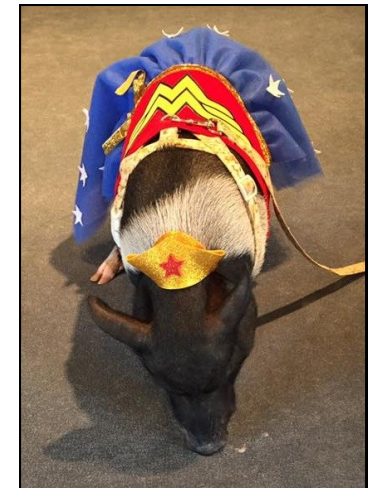
**July 9:** \$2731 including \$115-Building Fund; \$100-Apportionments; \$10-Kies Missionaries.

**July 16:** \$1756-including \$96-Building Fund; \$11-Kies Missionaries; \$150-Apportionments.

**July 23:** \$1273 including \$12-Kies.

The balance on the building loan is \$9,065 thanks to your generosity.

**Thank You!**



Hero Central VBS at St Luke was a great week of learning how we can be God's Super Heroes. There were 82 children registered and 31 volunteers discovering their strength in God. Skits, Bible stories, crafts, snacks and outdoor games made the week Super Fun for our Super Heroes! There was even a visit from Joy in her Wonder Pig costume!



It popped up on my Facebook feed several times last week. There were no neutral comments. People were either extremely excited or extremely outraged. That's right. Back-to-school supplies are out.



It is time to start preparing for the fall season and the end of the summer schedule. Even for people who don't have kids in school, we are all influenced by the school schedule. Things gear up. Schedules get busy. We seem to get back to normal.

As we get closer to that cluttered schedule, how are you going to set your priorities? Are you going to fill it with things that keep you busy? Are you going to focus on worthwhile things? Are you going to put family first? Will you wish you had done things differently by November?

As you think about these things, remember that your time is very valuable. Time is a commodity that we often overlook. We waste it without a thought. But our time is a gift. How we use it is a gift to others and to ourselves.

How will you share your time for God? Will you volunteer at a school? Will you take on a new ministry at church?

What is God calling you to do with your time this year? How can you build the kingdom of God with your gift of time? I encourage you to spend time in prayer about this.

Pastor Chad



### VBS 2017 Mission Project

Rick's House of Hope is the regional center for grieving and traumatized youth, offering a wide spectrum of services. RHOH comes alongside kids and families to help them along the grief journey.

The Super Heroes of VBS Hero Central raised \$450 to donate to Rick's House of Hope. Way to go Super Heroes! Together we can make a difference!



Many thanks to all of the VBS volunteers and those that supplied items for VBS to be a success.

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| Tamara Lloyd    | Pat Patty            |
| Esther Fifer    | Pam Smith            |
| Drake Rhone     | Zoe Smith            |
| Ann Leonard     | Lisa Pageler         |
| Bruce Maach     | Shari Maach          |
| Leslie Maach    | David Riggs          |
| Sharon Burton   | Jenni Patty          |
| Barb Kaldenberg | Karen Clark          |
| Lisa Marston    | Hannah Marston       |
| Morgan Fifer    | Wendy Jennings       |
| Mary Onstot     | Amy Onstot           |
| Taylynn Sliger  | Whitney Breckenridge |
| Sara Cook       | Rosemary Hartschen   |
| Rose Evans      | Karen Dorrell        |
| Peg Ehler       | Leah Osborn          |
| Amy Murphy      |                      |



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
August 6	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Dick/Pam Stiles	Bruce/Leslie Maach
Reader	Rose Hartschen	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Emma Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Dale Dorrell	Dale Dorrell
Projection	Karen Clark	Jacob Murphy
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Sue Crook
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson
Communion	Ann Leonard	Counters: Russ Leix/Jan Lewis
August 13	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger	Mike/Kleo O'Brien
Greeters	Jean Schnell	Sharon/Ella/Kyler Swarts
Readers	Jenni Patty	Darin Swarts
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kael Swarts
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Amy Onstot	
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Karen Clark
Care Core	Jan Lewis	Lisa Marston
Counters		Rose Evans/Deb Stoulil
August 20	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Corinne Kleppe/Sue Crook
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Barb Kaldenberg
Readers	Bruce Maach	Russ Leix
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Corinne Kleppe	Corinne Kleppe
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Brad Patty/Barb Kaldenberg
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Readers	Barb Kaldenberg	Dennis Smith
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Special	Kali Draper & Ben Zeien	Kali Draper & Ben Zeien
Projection	Brad Patty	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Margaret Gullett	Bruce/Leslie Maach
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Pat Patty/Deb Stoulil

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### St Luke News

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards, and meals, while Alan has been recovering from his knee replacement surgery. Each kind gesture of support has meant so much to both of us. He is feeling better every day, and hopes to soon be back to most of his normal activities.

Pam & Alan Andrews

Thank you for all the love and support shown to me over the past few months. It has helped tremendously to get through the transition at St Luke. And a big THANK YOU for the Love gift.

Shirley Guillaume

We want to thank you for your donation of \$250 to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Many lives have been touched throughout the United States and in developing countries around the world through shipments made from the Center. Your gift allows this work to continue. It is due to the generosity of people like you that MMDC can carry out its mission. Thank you so much for your support! Pat Wright - MMDC Executive Director

### Please--Update All Addresses

including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you.



### 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. It's a way for us to get to know one another.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  <b>NO Trustees meeting</b>	2 *Kyler Swarts  <b>6:30 pm SPRC meeting</b>	3	4 *Katie Jones	5 *Alayna Guillaume
6 <b>8/10:30 Worship - Communion</b> 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.  *Drake Rhone	7	8	9 *Linda Powell  7 pm Page Turners Book Club	10 *Kyle Swihart	11 *Rose Evans	12
13 <b>8/10:30 Worship 2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering</b> 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	14 SHARE Orders due. Go online, or call First UMC or First Christian.  *Rachel Pageler *Matthew Thongvanh	15  <b>7pm Council Meeting</b>	16  <b>5:45 pm UMW meet @ St Luke to Carpool to Pat Patty's house</b>	17 *Betty Rhone *Becky Miller *Larry Stoullil	18 *Aaden Grimm	19 *Jason Fifer
Pastor Chad at Continuing Ed Class Aug 16-20						
20 <b>8/10:30 Worship - Guest Preacher</b> 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW	21	22  <b>6:30 pm SPRC Meeting</b>	23	24 9am-2pm <b>Day for Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church</b> *Kris McKibben *Diane Chadwick	25	26 7:30-8:30am SHARE Pickup @ 1st UMC  *Amy Wright
27 <b>8/10:30 Worship Blessing of Backpacks</b> 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm Sandwich Boomers Picnic *Barb Kaldenberg *Duane Schwartz	28	29	30  <b>8:30 am Collate Newsletter</b>  *Pam Andrews *Charles Walker	31   *Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office.		

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



**United Methodist Women  
August 16, 2017**  
Meet at St Luke to carpool to Pat Patty's house at 5:45 pm

*"Blessed are all who hear the Word of God and put it into practice."*  
Luke 11:28 NLT

Program: "Our Camp Recipients" by Jenni Patty  
Hostess: Pat Patty  
Salad Supper

Bring Helping Hand Offering  
Bring socks and underwear for school children.



**Sunday School Mission Offering**



Larry and Jane Kies have spent much of their adult lives in mission service. They currently live and teach in Zimbabwe, Africa, at the Africa University. Larry works as the Technical advisor to the Africa University Farm at Mutare. Jane teaches English at the Africa University in Mutare.

Once again this year we have covenanted with the Kies with our goal being \$1 per member for each of them. We only have \$118 left to meet our 2017 commitment to them. The May to August Sunday School offering will continue to go to the Kies until we have met our yearly commitment. The first Sunday of each month will continue to go toward Sunday School administrative costs including our Sunday school materials and resources.

Corinne Kleppe- NOW missions

**Midwest Mission**



**Save the Date  
Trip to MMDC  
February 4-7, 2018**  
Contact Karen Clark if you are interested in going.



**Choir Resumes  
Wed, September 6**

Choir Practice Resumes

**News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark**

Joyce Rupp is an author filled with wisdom and faith, who I first learned of many years ago. One of her newer books is a recent gift to our little library in the corner, titled *Praying Our Goodbyes*. Times of losing someone or something that has given special meaning to life can be times of spiritual change. Rupp writes of both the bruising and the healing possibilities of these times. She uses stories, scripture, reflections, meditations, and more to help the reader go deeply inside the loss to feel the wonder of spiritual growth that is possible and marvel at new depths of faith. To check out any book from our library simply write your name on the card and drop the card in the blue file box. When you return the book drop it in the return basket, please. Also, please watch for some library changes coming in the next few months. If you would like to help with these changes, please let me know.



**COFFEE NOW  
September 2017**

For the past several years, Dale Dorrell has provided us with a night of music and fellowship as we raise funds for missions. If you have never joined us, make this year your first time. Come Join the Fun on Thursday, September 7th at 7 pm at Sam's Place in the Narthex.  
N.O.W. Missions



**St Luke has a new email address.  
It is now:  
worship@stlukenewton.com**  
Be sure to update your email address book.

**SHARE Food Program**

Buying discounted groceries through SHARE has returned to Newton, Iowa. You can check out and order online for the program at [www.SHAREIOWA.com](http://www.SHAREIOWA.com), or call either First UMC or First Christian Church. "SHARE boxes" can be ordered by Monday, August 14 and picked up at First UMC on Saturday, August 26, between 7:30-8:30 am, when you can order and pay for the next month.



**One-Room Sunday School**

The One-Room Sunday School for children 3-years of age through 4th 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.





### My Story

I stopped on my way to worship one Sunday, to take a picture of a wildflower covered hill. Just a couple of months earlier that same hill was charcoal, following an uncontrolled burn. The fire had left nothing green or brown behind... only acres and acres of black. Now it is a sea of green grasses with beautiful orange and purple flowers.

God has restored and renovated the fields. I read a definition for the word renovate that said, "to invigorate, refresh, revive." All of those words bring that field to my mind. I think God can do the same thing He did to that field in our lives.



"Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation." Psalm 85:6-7

Revive us Lord as you do the wildflowers in the field. Make us flourish under your steadfast love.

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

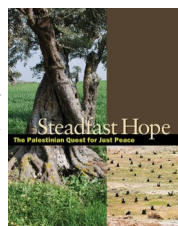
### Adult-2 Class

Having just read, Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour (a Palestinian Christian), on Sunday, August 6th, we will begin a seven-week study entitled, "Steadfast Hope-The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace".

The seven sessions will cover:

1. Mandate for Peacemaking
2. Perspective
3. Is it Apartheid?
4. Who Profits?
5. Telling the Story
6. Response and Looking Ahead
7. Hardship and Hope

Please consider joining us as we learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its history, and how we can live as Christian peacemakers.



If you are looking for a "short-term" Sunday School class, this would be a good time (and topic) in which to participate. There is always room for more to join the discussion.

### August Salvation Army

Food Pantry Request  
Rice and Pastas



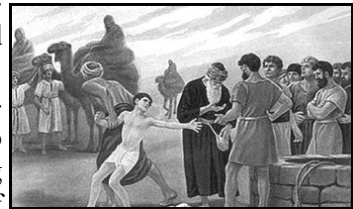
**St. Luke** BIBLE STUDY  
 Seasons OF THE Spirit  
 Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

### Jealousy Imagining how God might be working in our lives when all seems lost: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob, grandson of Abraham, had twelve sons who would eventually become the leaders of Israel's 12 tribes. Of those twelve sons, two, Joseph and Benjamin, were mothered by Rachel, Jacob's first "love." When Joseph was a shepherd at age 17, he decided to report back to his father about the things that his older half-brothers were doing wrong. Jacob (also known as *Israel*) had a special love for Joseph, because Joseph was born when he was elderly. Israel presented Joseph with a colorful long-sleeved robe. The gift of this special coat was a visual reminder to Joseph's older brothers that their father loved him more than the rest, and their resentment and jealousy of Joseph grew.

Some time later Israel asked Joseph to travel to where his older brothers should have been located, pasturing their father's flocks: "...make sure the flocks are well. When you get back, give me a report." Joseph eventually came upon his brothers and the sheep in Dothan. Seeing him approaching, most of his brothers conspired to kill Joseph and throw his body into one of the pits. Reuben, the oldest, however, proposed *not* killing Joseph, but tossing him into a pit, without "laying a hand on him." (Reuben's plan was to secretly come back later, rescue Joseph, and take him home to their father, before any more harm came to him.)

The brothers agreed to the amended plan, ripped off Joseph's robe, and threw him into an empty cistern. Shortly after that a caravan approached; they were on their way to Egypt. Judah then proposed selling Joseph, as a means of "getting rid" of him: "*We won't have to lay a hand on him then. He is, after all, our brother, our own flesh and blood.*" All of the brothers agreed, and Joseph was sold for about eight ounces of silver.



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!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in August. Even if you can't come to class, consider taking the time to read them at home!

#### ∞ Lectionary Readings for August 2017 ∞

- August 6:** Genesis 32:22-31 | Struggle  
*To confront the reality of the past as we journey into a God-shaped future.*
- August 13:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 | Jealousy  
*To imagine how God might be working in our lives when all seems lost.*
- August 20:** Genesis 45:1-15 | Offering Forgiveness  
*To seek God's wisdom as we participate in the life-giving process of reconciliation.*
- August 27:** Exodus 1:8-2:10 | Defiance  
*To embrace the practice of faithful resistance for the sake of doing justice.*

### August is Ingathering School Kits Time

It's that time again. Time to collect supplies for school kits. Time to make bags for school kits.

We invite you to purchase supplies and bring them into the church. You don't even have to put them in a bag, we'll do that for you. There is a table near Pastor's office in the Narthex with a box for supplies.



Once we have some supplies on hand, the counting and assembling will begin. If we have partial kits, a note will be added with what is needed to complete this kit.

The Ingathering book notes: "School kits provide tools for education, which changes lives. In countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms, a school kit may be their only educational resource."

A school kit includes:

- 3 spiral notebooks (8 1/2 x 11 wide rule) Total of 210-250 sheets of paper
- 1 -30 cm metric ruler
- 1 - box of 24 crayons (Only 24)
- 1 - 2 1/2 inch eraser
- 1 - blunt end scissors (metal blades)
- 1 hand pencil sharpener (no 1-inch)
- 6 - unsharpened pencils with erasers

School bags can be made of sturdy cloth - 14 inch wide x 16 inch long (finished size) with 1 inch x 19 inch finished size handles. (It is very important that the items match the above descriptions. Also, no slogans or flags.)

If you are interested in making school bags, instructions can be found on the table by Pastor Chad's office or online at: [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org). A school bag sewing day will be held at St Luke in the fall.

### Missions... And you...

St Luke has always been a good at giving to missions. We have been a 3<sup>rd</sup> Mile rainbow covenant church for years. What is that, you ask? That means 1) We pay our apportionments in full - giving and sharing in connection with other churches around the world. 2) We give to a broad range of mission opportunities including: World (Red band) \$1 per member, US National (Orange band) \$1 per member, UMCOR offerings (Yellow band) \$1 per member, World Hunger & Poverty (Green band) \$6 per member, State of Iowa (blue band) \$1 per member, Parish Development (Indigo band) \$1 per member, and Special Offerings (purple band) \$1 per member. 3)The third mile of the covenant is made up of Missionary & Covenant Relationships (\$2 per member) and Local & Institutional giving (\$1 per member).



The NOW committee tries really hard to spread out the mission opportunities throughout the year. We offer giving opportunities each month. We do not expect you to give to every opportunity offered but we hope you will give to those that touch your heart. If a mission doesn't speak to your interests, it will reach and speak to someone else. All we are really asking is that you prayerfully consider the options presented. God Bless.

Corinne Kleppe - Mission Chair



The Iowa Correctional Institution for Women receives an average of 60-80 new female prisoners every month. As you can imagine, most of them are struggling to come to grips with her new circumstances, and trying to understand how she can begin to turn her life around. The answer for many women is the return to, or discovery of, faith. For those seeking to travel deeper in their understanding of the Christian faith, the primary source book is the Bible. However, for most of the women new to ICIW, a Bible isn't among their scant possessions.

**Bibles for Our Sisters** is a program which allows individuals, churches or organizations to donate bibles for distribution to women in need within the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. To learn more about how the program works, or to participate, please visit the program page at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aacab2fa5ff2-bibles](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aacab2fa5ff2-bibles).

If you have any questions, please contact Women At The Well UMC by email at: [womenatthewell@iaumc.org](mailto:womenatthewell@iaumc.org) or call 515-822-4599.

