

# St Luke UMC

501 E 19th Street N  
Newton, IA 50208  
641-792-5736

August 2019

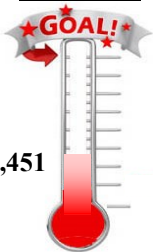


# THE Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!

### 2019 Apportionments

**\$24,351**



\$8,451

### Financial Update APPORTIONMENTS ARE MISSIONS.

The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a

method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches. **Our participation in the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund** acknowledges that we United Methodists are but a small part of the worldwide Christian church—the living body of Jesus Christ. Our unity with other Christian communities is affirmed as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world. See more at [www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds](http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds).

These offerings were received for the last Sunday in June and all of July:

Total of \$19,542 which included:

- \$ 645 - Building Fund
- \$5,440 - Apportionments
- \$ 11 - Sunday School Supplies
- \$ 501 - VBS Supplies
- \$ 38 - Larry & Jane Kies
- \$ 714 - VBS Mission Project
- \$ 48 - UMCOR
- \$ 97 - Native American Ministries

Offering.

- \$ 19 - St Andrews Fund

## Thank You!

“You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together, we can do great things.”

—Mother Teresa



### VBS 2019

We had a great week! Over 60 kids and 20 volunteers went To Mars and Beyond to explore where God’s Power can take them. We celebrated the end of the week with some great music and a little fun for exceeding our goal of \$400 for the Newton Community School’s therapy dog.

*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us! Ephesians 3:20*



More VBS photos are on page 2.



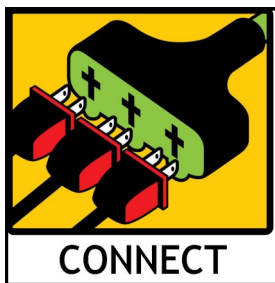


Welcome to August. The summer is going way too fast. It is already time to prepare ourselves for the new school year and all the things that ramp up in the church in the Fall.



Now, even if you aren't in school, or have school aged children, our lives are scheduled around the school schedule. When school starts, we get excited about Fall sports. We will soon see Cross Country runners around town. We will soon hear the marching band practicing for half-time shows.

Whether we are in school, or not, have kids or grandkids in school, or not, we should always be students of life. We should always be learning new things, both about the world and about ourselves. This brings us to the next installment of our series on the Discipleship Pathway.



The Discipleship Pathway at St. Luke is summed up by the words **CONNECT. GROW. SERVE**. 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.

Albert Einstein said, "Once you stop learning, you start dying." Cognitive specialists tell us that engaging the mind in learning will help slow down memory loss. My grandmother had Alzheimer's, and her doctors believe that the onset of it was slowed because she did a crossword puzzle. The puzzle engaged her mind, but she would also learn about things she didn't know by researching the words she didn't know in the puzzle.

Learning is a vital part of our life both inside and outside the church. The only way that we can keep our mind sharp and our spirits growing is to engage in intentional learning about God and the way that God works in our world. There are several opportunities to engage in **GROW**th through learning.



You may engage in learning outside the church. Maybe you want to learn about what is going on in the world with climate change. Reading, listening to podcasts, watching programs about it, all of these things will help you learn about climate change. Perhaps your exploration of this topic will lead you to an author that approaches the subject from a faith perspective. Including God in this conversation may open up the ways in which your faith may affect how you approach this issue.

Perhaps you will decide that the church should learn something about this. Either through one of the adult Sunday School classes, or through a short term small

group study, we can explore this topic together, learning from an author and from each other, Quite often, we learn so much more in the engagement of others in the things we are passionate about.

So, ministries of **GROW** include our own devotional time, Sunday School classes, small group studies, and UMW lessons. It also includes the portion of Worship where the word is read and expanded on in the sermon. But it may also happen through lectures, TED talks, and conversations at the library or other churches.

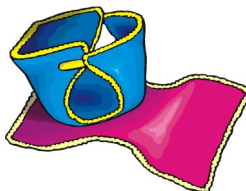
As we get closer to the start of school, ask yourself how you are still learning about your faith. If you aren't doing anything, look for opportunities to **GROW** in your discipleship and to keep living as a Christian.



Chad

### Diaper Sewing Days Tuesday & Wednesday, August 27 & 28 9 am-4 pm

We will be sewing baby diapers for layette kits in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring your sewing machine, some light colored thread, and basic sewing tools or you can come help us by cutting, pinning, or pressing. We will have a light potluck for lunch. This will be a time of fellowship and production. Feel free to come to any, some or all of the days for as much as you are able or like. Sign-up at the Servant's Counter. See you there!



### August Salvation Army Food Pantry Request Rice and Pastas







**United Methodist Women**  
**Salad Supper**  
 August 21 - 5:45 pm  
 Meet at St Luke to  
 Carpool to Pat Patty's house

*"First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."*  
 2 Peter 1:20-21

Program: Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth: Our Camp Scholarship Recipients By Jenni Patty  
 Hostess: Pat Patty



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

### Sunday School Mission offering

The 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays through the rest of the year, our Sunday school offering will go toward meeting our covenant of \$600 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.



Any money collected after meeting that covenant will go to Doug Williams, missionary in Argentina.

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

### 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.



### The cause of Christ

"Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, pay up, stay up and never give up or let up or back up or shut up, until the cause of Christ in the church and the world is built up."

-Woodland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO

### News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

The Red Tent is a deeply affecting book combining rich storytelling with modern fiction. It is a new view of biblical women's lives. It is the story of Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at within the book of Genesis in the telling of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons. Author, Anita Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood, the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of the mothers, Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah, the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past. I found it to be a real page turner and I hope you will, too. Check it out, in our little library in the corner.



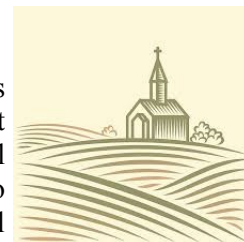
### MMDC Mission Trips

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.



### Rural Life Sunday/Offering Sunday, August 11

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.



### Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 18

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.



### Larry & Jane Kies

Each year we covenant with Larry and Jane Kies to provide \$300 for each of them. We have been collecting funds through our Sunday School offering all year. (To read more about Larry and Jane and the work that they do as United Methodist Missionaries, see separate article in the newsletter.) As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have collected \$ 348.20 toward our \$ 600 goal. Would you like to help us meet our covenant by the end of August? Write your check to St Luke and put "Kies" on the memo line. Thank you in advance.



## My Story

For months I have struggled with my sliding glass door. It has always moved somewhat stiffly but last fall I could barely open or shut the door. In fact, for the past 9 months, I did not even attempt to open the door.

Then Travis showed up on a Friday morning to replace the door with a new one. I watched him demo the old door...it was not an easy job considering the hodgepodge of fasteners and old weather worn wood and metal. Installing the new door wasn't any easier for him. Finally, however, the new door was installed... and I had a new door... and a new job to tackle. I needed to CLEAN my living room... walls, floors, and furniture. And, I needed to rearrange my living room furniture to accommodate the new door and how it opened into my apartment. The new arrangement has given me a new perspective on a room I have lived in for several years.



A new perspective is important in viewing a room... a problem... a familiar task... and in our walk of faith. I once read a poem which talked about the tapestry of our lives. We tend to see our life as a chaotic, messy time, full of mistakes, do-overs, and corrections. GOD, however, sees only the BEAUTY of our lives.

*The LORD says: "My thoughts and my ways are not like yours. <sup>9</sup>Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, my thoughts and my ways are higher than yours. Isaiah 55:8-9*

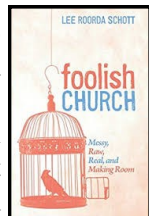
Next time you are struggling and you feel like your life is just a jumble of knots and backtracking trails, remember GOD truly sees the BEAUTY that is you!

Corinne

## Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class will soon conclude reading and discussing *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle after which, they will start on *Foolish Church* by Lee Roorda Schott.

*Foolish Church* shares the lessons that Rev Schott has learned while serving at Women At The Well Church at the women's prison in Mitchellville with the hope that we might be inspired, equipped and encouraged to live out our calling.



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.

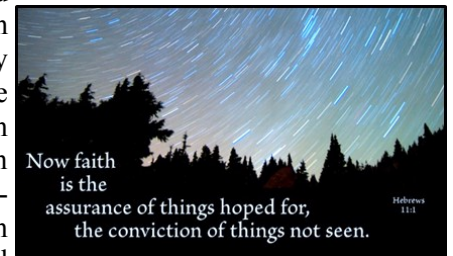


## Faith is... HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Trusting God's promises  
as we explore individual  
and corporate faith

The New Testament book of Hebrews is thought to possibly have been written in approximately 63 or 64, before the destruction of the temple, by Barnabas (a missionary who traveled with Paul), Apollos (a colleague of Paul), or Priscilla, Barnabas' teacher.

A main theme of Hebrews is faith in what we do not see. Examples in chapter 11 illustrate various Old Testament experiences of characters "proceeding on," with their lives in the face of adversities; the one thing which gave them strength was their *faith* in the promises of God. Abel's gift to God, Abel's believing *faith*, was what made the difference. Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. Abraham and Sarah, a childless couple in their 70s, were foretold they would participate in the growing of "great nation which would arise." Though they had security in possessions and land, they set off in faith. By faith Moses refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house.



"...Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing. How did they do it? They saw it way off in the distance, waved their greeting and accepted the fact that they were **transients** in this world. People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home..."

It was Paul Tillich who declared "faith reveals what *really* matters to us," what we value most deeply. This can be seen in those people who challenge the status quo and strive to take the "long view" in life.

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 August 2019 ∞

- **August 4:** Luke 2:13-21 | Loving God Back  
*To journey toward a life shaped richly by God's ways.*
- **August 11:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Faith Is ...  
*To grow in trusting God's promises  
as we explore individual and corporate faith.*
- **August 18:** Hebrews 11:29-12:22 | Faith Witnesses  
*To celebrate and consider our place  
among the cloud of faithful witnesses.*
- **August 25:** Luke 13:10-17 | Out of the Shadow  
*To explore what it means to participate fully in the story  
of God's liberating love.*





# THANKS to Our VBS Volunteers!

MANY THANKS to all of the VBS volunteers. Your willingness to serve makes a difference in the lives of the VBS kids. Also, a big THANK YOU! to those that supplied items and funds for VBS.

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Ann Leonard      | Audrey Boleyn      |
| Peg Ehler        | Diana Pals         |
| Pastor Chad      | Kaylen Hauber      |
| Barb Kaldenberg  | Kyra Hauber        |
| Karen Clark      | Rosemary Hartschen |
| Lisa Marston     | Lynn Hunt          |
| Leslie Maach     | Katie Jones        |
| Michelle O'Brien | Mary Nelson        |
| Kleo O'Brien     | Gloria Simpson     |
| Karen Dorrell    | Shelley Vasquez    |
| Angela Burnham   | Nathan Jennings    |
| Tamara Lloyd     | Abby Jennings      |
| Pat Patty        | McKenna Evans      |
| Hiap Thongvanh   | Josh Schwickerith  |
| Hannah Marston   | Lisa Pageler       |
| Jenni Patty      |                    |

## One-Room Sunday School

The One-Room Sunday School for children 3-years of age through 6th grade continues through the month of August. 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.



SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
KICKOFF



**Sunday, Sept 8  
9:15 am**

**Join us for the  
Fall Sunday School  
Kickoff**

## Diaper Sewing Days

We have lots of diapers cut out and yards of flannel. Come and join us as we make diapers for MMDC.

We will be meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27 and 28 from 9 am to 4 pm. Bring something to share for a potluck lunch. There are many jobs that do not require sewing skills.



We will also be meeting Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22 for a second round of sewing. Watch for sign-up sheets on the Servant's Counter.

## St Luke All Church Picnic

When: Sunday, September 8th at 6 pm

Where: Agnes Patterson Park Shelter House. In case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall at the church.

What to bring: A potluck dish to share, your table service and lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

Come for food, fellowship and fun!



## Silent Auction News



The St. Luke Building Renovation Silent Auction will be on hiatus in August. Donations for the project will gratefully be accepted any time. The next Silent Auction will commence in September, with that auction ending the third week in October.

## School Kit Collection Continues

In July we began collecting writing utensils for the Ingathering school kits. In August let's collect the remaining items to complete these kits.

- 3 Spiral Bound Notebooks (Must be ONE subject notebooks) 8 x 10 1/2
- 1 pair student Round Tip Scissors
- 1 Ruler (12 inch with Metric scale)
- 1 pencil sharpener



Place items in the Ingathering Basket on the Mission table and the kits will be put together for you. As always, you can complete an entire kit if you wish. Lists of the entire kit items will be available on the missions table.

N.O.W. Worship – Corinne

## Needed:

**College Students email addresses** so we can stay in touch through the newsletter. Please call or email the church office at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com).





## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 4	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Pam Andrews/Rose Evans	Leslie Maach/Karen Clark
Greeters	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Dave Miller	Mikey Carter
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ushers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Doug McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Deb Stoulil	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Marianne Spaur
Care Core	Barb Swihart	Amy Murphy
Communion	Lisa Pageler                      Counters	Doug McIntyre/ Mike Kaldenberg
August 11	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dave Miller/Jean Schnell	Mike/Kleo O'Brien
Greeters	Pam Andrews	Roy/Pat Patty
Readers	Peg Ehler	Leslie Maach
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ava Smith
Nursery	Parents take turns	Mary Nelson
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Ann Leonard	Karen Clark
Care Core	BarbSwihart	Lisa Marston
Counters		Pat Patty/Jenna McIntyre
August 18	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Chuck Springer/ Ben Leonard	Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Readers	Karen Dorrell	Rose Evans
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Mikey Carter
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Russ Leix/Rose Evans
August 25	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Pageler Family	Deb Stoulil/ Mary Nelson
Greeters	Leonard Family	Marianne Spaur
Readers	Barb Kaldenberg	Corinne Kleppe
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Michelle O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Doug McIntyre
Fellowship	Pam Andrews	Leslie Maach
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Jenna McIntyre
Counters		Jan Lewis/Deb Stoulil

### Where to Find Us

**Pastor:** Rev. Chad Jennings  
 chad.jennings@stlukenewton.com  
 Office: 641-792-5736 Cell: 319-929-1867  
**Adm. Assistant:** Shirley Guillaume  
 Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 1:45-5:45pm  
[worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com)  
 Phone: 641-792-5736  
**Newsletter Editor:** Corinne Kleppe  
 corinne.kleppe@grinnellmutual.com  
 Phone: 641-831-2639  
**Article Submission** by the 13th of month.  
**Website:** [www.stlukenewton.com](http://www.stlukenewton.com)  
**Website Manager:** Stephen Pageler  
**Facebook:** [St Luke Newton](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeNewton)

### St Luke News

Our sympathies to Myron Rhone and family on the death of Betty Rhone.

Congratulations to Carol and Dean Stoner on the birth of their first grandchild, Bennett, son of Joe and Katy Stoner. Also, congratulations to Jenni and Brad Patty on the birth of their newest grandchild, Brenna, daughter of Lauren and Cory Figland. Both babies were born on July 1st.

### On vocation? Use GPS!

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* — following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

--Heidi Mann

### 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 4 - Katie Jones
- August 5 - Alayna Guillaume
- August 6 - Wendy Jennings  
Drake Rhone
- August 9 - Linda Powell
- August 10 - Nate Boleyn
- August 11 - Rose Evans
- August 14 - Rachel Pageler  
Matt Thongvanh
- August 17 - Larry Stoullil
- August 24 - Diane Chadwick  
Kris McKibben
- August 27 - Barb Kaldenberg  
Duane Schwartz
- August 30 - Pam Andrews



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, 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](mailto:Worship@StLukeNewton.com).

### 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.

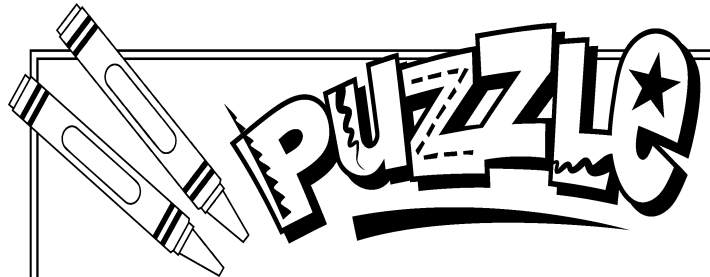


## Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, August 22 from 9 am-2 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?



## GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily \_ \_ \_ \_
- Do this to your shoes \_  \_
- This rises in the east  \_ \_
- Cold breakfast food  \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hot breakfast food  \_  \_ \_
- Talk to God  \_ \_ \_
- Morning meal \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
- Extend your limbs  \_ \_ \_ \_
- Fruit drink \_ \_  \_
- Waffle machine \_ \_
- Eat these scrambled or fried \_ \_ \_



Because of the LORD's great love...     
          never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions