

## St Luke UMC

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# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!



### Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 am

Be sure and join us for our next outdoor service on Sunday, September 27 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.

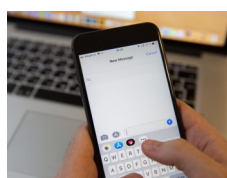
For those who are unable to attend we will be live streaming our services on YouTube. You can watch live with us at home by going to our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube page at 9:30 am on the day of the service and look for the LIVE video. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to make sure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

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your request.  
[prayer@stlukenewton.com](mailto:prayer@stlukenewton.com)

### New Text Messaging Service

We have decided to use text messaging for communications that are urgent or have a limited timeliness. The most important of these would be cancellations because of weather...or Covid. To do this, we need your help. Please take a moment, right now, to text **subscribe** to **641-323-2525**.



This is the number that St. Luke will use to send you texts. You might put it in your contacts lists so you know it is from us. When you send that text, you will get an automated response to tell us your name. We don't have everyone's mobile number, and having a name associated with your number will help us to tailor texts to the groups who need them, rather than sending everyone a message about the trustees meeting.

We intend to use this service sparingly. We might remind you of outdoor worship, but mostly this is for sending important messages from the church. Thank you for participating.

A smartphone displaying the text 'Text SUBSCRIBE To 641.323.2525' on its screen.

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So much information. Everywhere we look, we have information. And the biggest problem facing us right now is just how hard it is to sift through the information we have. What is real? What is true? What is there to confuse us into believing things that are made up?

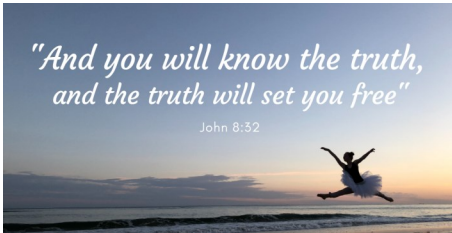


As we try to make good decisions, having a reliable source of information is vital. But there is more to trusting information than a trusted source. It must also pass the test of our friends. If we share what we have learned, do our friends think it makes sense? Does it pass the smell test?

This works in politics. It is far too easy right now for us to siphon our information from sources that agree with our views. But when we share it with our friends, do they think it is sound information, or do they think it is untrue? It is extremely important to put any information through this filter.

Religion is no different. Religion is often used to justify bad acts. Religion was used to justify 9/11. Religion was used to justify shootings in synagogues, churches, and mosques. Religion was used to justify wars.

Our faith is extremely important. It contains the truth for living life. But in order for it to be truth, it must pass through the filter of our trusted friends. God may be speaking in the dream you had. Or perhaps it is indigestion. Trust someone. Share your thoughts. Put it through the filter of faithful friends. Life will be better if we do.



Pastor Chad

### St Luke News

Our sympathies to Rose Evans and family on the passing of her father Vernon Klosterboer.

I am writing from Ft. Dodge Trinity UMC.

We want you to know we are thinking and praying for you and your community.

Our Church is involved by being a drop off location for Disaster Response and by giving to the Conference offering for your area.

We pray that God will strengthen you as you deal with possible damage to your Community Church and Home.

May you experience swift healing in His Name.

Trinity United Methodist Church



### Diaper Sewing Days

It is time to get back to sewing diapers! This time we are going to do Social Distance Diaper Days Tuesday September 29 and Tuesday October 6. Yes, we will be doing this in our own sewing spaces at home rather than at church. So, a week prior to these dates I will have diapers in several stages of construction for you to pick up in Fellowship Hall. You can get diapers that are cut out, or diapers with the padding already sewn on. You can do the steps you want and bring them back to Fellowship Hall. If you don't want to do the final steps, bring them back and someone will finish the next week. If you can't sew on these dates, find the days that work for you. Let's try to make a few hundred diapers! Who is willing to help? If you have questions call or text Karen Clark 641-831-4526.



### Personal Dignity Kits (PDK)

We will be collecting items that will become part of Personal Dignity Kits. These kits are sent out from Midwest Mission Distribution Center following major events like floods, tornados, hurricanes and yes even derechos. For the remainder of September lets start collecting the following items:



- Bath Hand Towels
- Bath Washcloths
- Band -aids - 3/4" x 3"
- Deodorant – 2 or 3 ounce, stick, roll on or pump
- 1 gallon resealable bags

Once we are able to meet in our building, we will collect these items at the Mission table. Then, in early October, the remainder of the items will be listed in the 10/1 edition of *the Flame*, and in the October 15 edition, the entire PDK list will be given.

Corinne – NOW Missions



## St Luke College and Military Students

Our college and military students are back in swing for the semester. Plans look different this year, but we wanted them to remember they are loved and be encouraged by their church family. A small package of sweets with a card was sent on behalf of the church. You will also have an opportunity to participate in a project for finals in November. Please keep them in your thoughts and daily prayers!



- Audrey Boleyn--Kirkwood Community College--Hospitality Management
- Dune Carter--University of Iowa-- Art
- Angel Gallagher--Grandview University--Nursing
- Logan Henning--US Army at Fort Benning
- Jordan Henning--Iowa State University--Communications
- Nathan Jennings--University of Iowa--Mathematics
- Connor Marston--University of Iowa--Communications
- Jacob Murphy--University of Iowa--Civil Engineering
- Austin Stoullil-- Grandview University--Computer Science

## UMCOR Responding to Hurricane Laura Needs

UMCOR-trained Emergency Response Teams have been responding to the critical needs of people impacted by Hurricane Laura since the storm made landfall last week.



The most urgent need is for funds to purchase water, generators and fuel and to supply transportation, food, and personal protective

equipment for volunteers. Residents and volunteers cannot stay in the affected areas due to the damage and a strict curfew imposed to ensure public safety. Volunteers must travel each day between badly damaged areas and supply hubs.

**UMCOR-trained volunteers are already at work assisting people – will you please help?**

Your help is needed, today, to provide the tangible items necessary for relief work. **Please give.**

<https://www.umcmission.org/umcor/serve/us-disaster-response>



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FIX YOUR FAVORITE LATIN DISH AND  
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### special guests

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHRISTIANS IN MISSION  
DR. AGAMAH WITH IHDN  
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### entertainment

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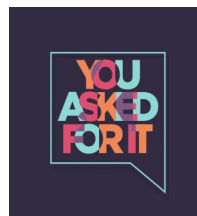
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## Online Sermon Series

We will be continuing with our You Asked For It series in September. 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.



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