

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2022 Apportionments

\$14,313



Financial Update



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

Total of \$9,415 which included:

- \$ 425 - Building Fund
- \$ 108 - Apportionments
- \$ 65 - Rural Life Sunday
- \$ 140 - UMCOR—Kentucky
- \$ 20 - UMCOR—Ukraine
- \$ 25 - UMCOR—Hygiene Program
- \$ 14 - St Andrews Society
- \$ 33 - Missionaries



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Welcome Back!
CHILDREN'S
Sunday School
Returns
Sunday, September 11

MMDC – Personal Dignity Kits

Personal Dignity kits are given out in a variety of situations. They are handed out following disasters, such as tornados and floods. They may also be sent to other countries along with other kits to be handed out as needed. (If you want to read some testimonial stories from MMDC – please check out the latest newsletter on the Mission table at St Luke.) In September we will be collecting items for Personal Dignity kits. All supplies will be delivered to Midwest Mission Distribution Center the next time we have a team traveling to Chatham, Illinois.

Kit supplies are:

- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Adult toothbrushes (Must be single package. NO multipacks)
- Bar of Soap (3 to 4 ounces)
- Shampoo (12.5 to 19 ounces)
- Deodorant (2 to 3 ounces) - stick, roll on or pump

NOTE: sizes of items must be within the noted ranges for the items to be given to MMDC for personal dignity kits.

Place all items in the Ingathering box or on the Mission table itself. Thank you.

Corinne, NOW Missions





My Story

As I was walking one evening, I came to the location where I had once applied for a job. The building is gone now... and actually... the company itself no longer exists. At least not as it did at that time.

My mind traveled back to the day I took the test required for that job. Halfway through the test, I found myself off by one line. I scrambled to correct my answers but in the end I ran out of time. I didn't complete the test, and I wasn't offered a job. Now, I am so very thankful that I messed up that test. I ended up with a job working for a great company, and I am now beginning my 24th year working there. I am so thankful for the mishap that kept me from working for, or possibly working for, the other company. I prayed a lot around that time, for God's guidance in finding my new workplace. I was leaving a stressful situation and prayed that I would find myself in a better place.

Sometimes God works through our failures and mishaps to make our lives better. Sometimes, He uses our failures to guide us in the direction God would have us move.

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. Romans 8:26-28

While I do not believe that God caused me to mess up my test, I do believe he helped me to see a different path when that job opportunity did not evolve into a job. Praying about my situation, helped to calm my nerves and move forward. God listens even when we don't know what to say. Now, we just have to work on doing our part in listening to God and not just talking ourselves. What situations can you look back on and see that God led you to a better path?

Corinne Kleppe

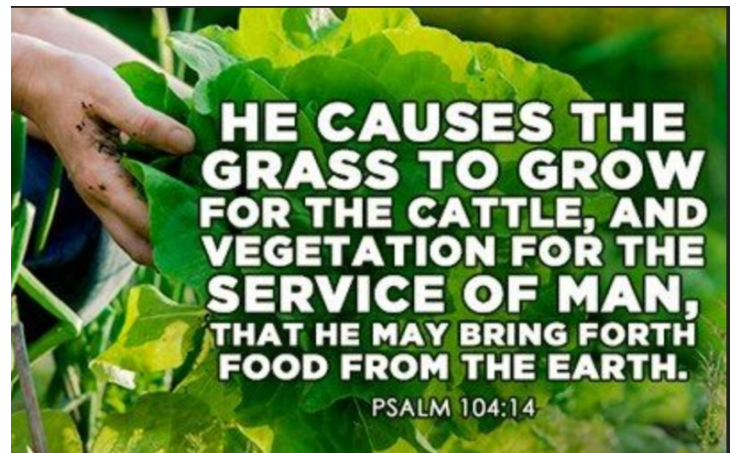


Fauna and Flora

*Psalm 104:14-23
Appreciating the divine
wisdom of balance
in creation*

The lectionary readings of September highlights the Biblical texts of Creation. The reading for September 11th focuses on animals and plants. - - Animals and plants from which we take such great "emotional" pleasure and upon which our lives depend. No animal or plant is 100% self-sufficient. We/they are interdependent upon how humans/other animals/plants succeed or fail. The human race is continually searching for the wisdom to be knowledgeable and respectful of its role in the healthy perpetuation of all species.

Psalm 104 praises God for God's involvement in creating animals and plants. *Every good thing we need, Your earth provides; our faces grow flush with Your life in them | For each place, resident, and for each resident, a home | The sun hides at his appointed time, And with the darkness You bring, so comes night— when the prowling animals of the forest move about.*



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. Check out each week of the September lectionary readings, shown below.

∞Lectionary Readings for September 2022∞

- **September 4:** Job 38:1-19 | Ocean Sunday
To glimpse God's greatness and power and our role to care for creation
- **September 11:** Psalm 104:14-23 | Fauna and Flora Sunday
To appreciate the divine wisdom of balance in creation
- **September 18:** Psalm 29 | Storm Sunday
To explore God's wisdom and the ways we experience God's presence
- **September 25:** Proverbs 8:22-31 | Cosmos Sunday
To take delight in God's creation and explore the wisdom of the cosmos



United
Women
in Faith

**United Women in Faith
Potluck
September 7**
Meet at St Luke at 6:00 pm
to Carpool to Shelter
near Pat Patty's house.
Meal at 6:30 pm

*My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is
made perfect in weakness. (NIV)*
2 Corinthians 12:9

Camper Reports

Program: Healing & Joy in Our Giving
By: Wendy Jennings
Hostess: Pat Patty

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

Sept. 17 - Riverview Park District Annual Meeting
Please pay all pledges and present all bills.

Helping Hand Offering

The United Methodist Women are collecting children's socks and underwear through September for local school children. There is a basket for donations by the bulletin board in the Narthex.



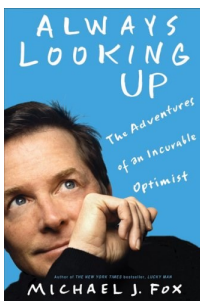
St Luke Produce Table

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".

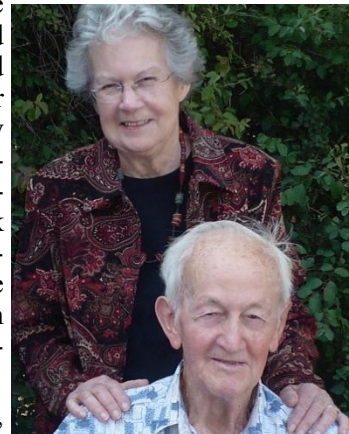


If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. We read the book together, so there is no "homework". There is always room for more to join the conversation. We meet in Room 5 in the education wing right after Worship.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for MARY COOK

Mary Cook, grandmother of Allen Barr and mother of Carolyn, will be remembered by her family and friends with a memorial service, celebrating her life on Saturday, September 24, in Clarion, Iowa. You, our St. Luke family, are invited and welcome to join.

At 10:30 a.m. there will be a gathering at Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion, where her ashes will be interred next to Dad/Arnold Cook. DIRECTIONS: enter via intersection of Highway 3, east of Clarion, and Nelson Avenue/County Road R-45. Proceed south. Park near the maintenance building on the west side of the road. Their gravesite is on the west side of that cemetery road.



After, at 11:30 a.m., there will be a service at the First United Methodist Church (201 3rd Avenue NE). A lunch downstairs will follow the service.

PRAISE TEAM RETURNS
Starting September 7th
Rehearsals—Wednesday Evenings
6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Christian Education Sunday Sunday, September 11

On Christian Education Sunday we recognize the many members of our congregation who take on the important task of educating not only our children, but our adults as well. With intentional learning and Christian formation, we become the people God calls us to be, and we develop gifts and strengths for encouraging and leading others to the same strong faith.



Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 3:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Newton.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Trustee Meeting 7 pm Sam's Place	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Communion 	5  Office Closed	6	7 UWF Meeting/ Potluck Meet at St Luke at 6 pm to carpool to shelter Praise Team 6:30 pm No Choir Practice	8	9	10 9am-4pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsrvd
11 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Christian Education Sunday 	12	13 Special Election FH Rsrvd All Day 	14 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsrvd Praise Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm	15 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	19	20	21 Praise Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm	22 7 pm Ad Council Meeting 	23	24 Memorial Service For Mary Cook In Clarion, IA
25 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Burrito Making Event After Worship	26	27 7 pm Mission Coalition FH Rsrvd	28 Praise Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm	29	30	

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Sept. 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Brad & Jenni Patty
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pagler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Sept. 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Karen Clark
Greeters (2)	Leonard Family
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Figland Family
Counters (2)	

Sept. 18	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Sept. 25	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker & Jan Lewis
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

September Worship Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of September. 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/1LV73f571kMBVLyocfFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUHXQL7s/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!

Starting September 14

CHOIR

Rehearsal

Wednesdays - 7:15 pm

It Only Takes a Spark

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



Have Household Goods or Furniture to Donate?

Contact Lori Leix



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 September Birthdays

- September 3: Teresa Rhone
- September 4: Teagan McIntyre,
Jordan Henning
- September 5: Carol Stonner
- September 12: Ben Leonard
- September 15: Abby Stonner
- September 18: Tom Miller
- September 19: Bernadette Guthrie
- September 20: Deb Stoullil,
Mikey Carter
- September 21: Cory Figland
- September 22: Deb Miller,
Kerri Deppe
- September 24: Esther Fifer,
Pat Vasquez
- September 25: Austin Wood
- September 26: Margaret Gullett
- September 28: Ron Lisk,
David Spiker
- September 30: Helen Schwarz



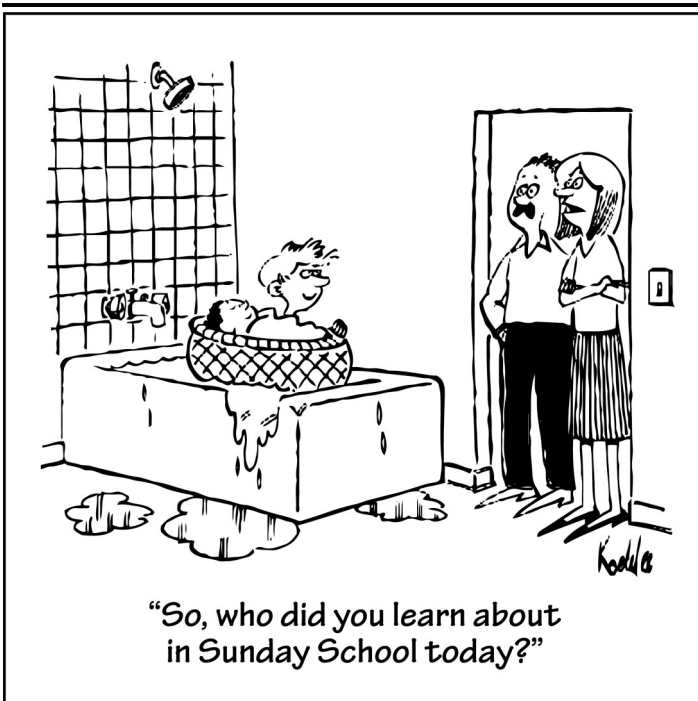
If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

Sweet Corn Thank You

A big thank you to everyone that came and helped with cleaning, cutting corn off the cob and putting corn in containers to freeze for future Discover Hope meals. We were able to freeze 14 dozen ears of corn. We appreciate each and every one of you!



Joyce Stonehocker, Peg Ehler and Jan Lewis



"So, who did you learn about in Sunday School today?"

Burrito Making Event

Sunday, September 25 - Right After Worship



Help us make and package burritos for the homeless.



September Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

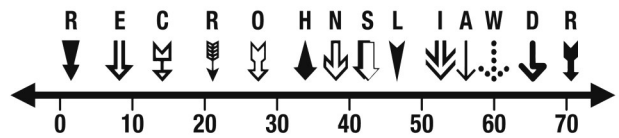
Paper Products and Disposable Diapers



A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



Like _____
56 21 71 28 60 42

in the hands of a warrior are

14 33 52 47 65 2 9 39
born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answer arrows, children