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<p>Sunday, September 3: Communion 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School for Seasons of The Spirit class only NO Adult-2 Class or Children's Class</p> 
<p>Wed, Sept 6 & Thurs, Sept 7: 9 am- 4 pm School Bag Sew Days</p> 
<p>Wednesday, September 6: 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>  <p><small>Choir Practice Resumes</small></p>
<p>Thursday, September 7: 7 pm Coffee NOW with Dale Dorrell</p> 
<p>Sunday, September 10: Christian Education Offering 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School Sunday School Kick-Off Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt!</p> 

<p>Sunday, September 17: 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 6 pm IWIC Worship at Mitchellville</p>
<p>Sunday, September 24: 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School</p>
<p>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.</p> 
<p>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.</p> 



Financial Update

Thanks to the faithful giving of our congregation, we have paid a little over half of our apportionments for 2017. In order to avoid a year end crunch it is important that we continue to keep up our monthly giving. The offerings we have seen over the summer indicate that we will be able to fulfill our financial responsibilities with your continued faithful giving. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

These offerings have been received:
July 30: \$1881 including \$155-Building Fund; \$32-Kies Missionaries; \$48-Heifer Moolah Tube; \$279-Rural Life Offering.
August 6: \$4607 including \$180-Building Fund; \$21-Sunday School supplies; \$5-Rural Life Offering; \$2-St Andrews.
August 13: \$2523 including \$165-Building Fund; \$14-Kies Missionaries; \$100-Apportionments.
August 20: \$1349 including \$5-Kies; \$50-Apportionments; \$34-St Andrews; \$119-Building Fund.
August 27: \$2013 including \$21-Kies; \$25-UMCOR; \$9-St Andrews; \$153-Building Fund.
The balance on the building loan is \$8,621 thanks to your generosity.

Thank You!

**COFFEE NOW
 September 7, 2017**

On September 7th, please join us at the Coffee NOW. Listen to some fun and inspiring music from Dale Dorrell and donate to missions. Each year Dale chooses a couple of missions that are close to his heart for us to donate to. This year, we will first complete the offering to Larry and Jane Kies. We have been collecting funds for the Kies during the 2nd through 5th Sunday School offering, that collection ends August 27th and the remainder of our covenant will be collected at the Coffee NOW on September 7th.



The 2nd recipient of the Coffee NOW offering will go toward Jasper County NAMI – which offers support groups and education, outreach and advocacy for persons and families of persons with mental illness. The mission statement of the state organization says: "Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education and advocacy." Dale noted, that his own personal interest in this group is in helping to take away the misunderstanding and stigma that so often accompanies this particular illness.

Join us on the 7th and help us give to these two missions.

**Choir Practice Resumes
 - Singers Invited**



Do you like to sing? The Praise Team and Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 6**. Praise Team meets at 6:30 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:15 pm. More people are always welcome!

**Sunday School Kick-Off
 Sunday, September 10
 9:15 am**

Children's Sunday School returns to divided classes. The children's classes will continue their faith journey with *Deep Blue*.

Adults, if you're not already involved with a class, now would be a great time to join either the Seasons Of The Spirit class which follows the lectionary or Adult-2 class which does a variety of topical studies.

To celebrate the kick-off, wear your favorite team shirt on September 10th.

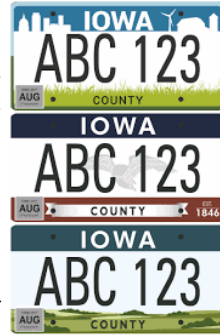




I went to the State Fair this year and one of the things that you could do at the fair was to vote on the new designs for license plates. Seems simple enough, right? Pick one of the three.



But it has been anything but simple for the person in charge of this project. Christina Anderson has received some very unkind emails and social media posts about how much people hate her designs. Personally, I find none of them great, but I also don't think that they are bad enough to rise to the level of attacking the designer.



Anytime change happens, there will be people who love the change and people who resist at all costs. This happens when restaurants change their menus, when networks change the time of their shows, and even in the church.

Change happens. It's a fact of life. Things cannot stay the same forever. And while we might embrace some changes, there will be changes that we do not like. We can name those changes we don't like because they leave a lasting impression on us, sometimes even decades later.

But change happens. Even without intending to make changes, changes happen. And this will happen in the church because we are affected by the lives that we live. When something happens in the world, and we respond to it, change happens.

So, knowing that change is inevitable, how we respond to change is important. First, when something changes, whether our first reaction is positive or negative, there are going to be those that are with us and those who think differently. That means that our reaction to the change and our comments about it may build up our relationships. They may also tear them down.

So, decide before you make any public statements, one way or the other, is this change intended to be for the good of the church? The good of the world? The good of the kingdom? Will this change cause harm to others? Or, is my reaction to this change more about my personal preference?



In the case of the license plates, the changes are not meant to harm others. They aren't meant to favor some over others. They are simply change for change's sake. And they are meant to capture the best of Iowa in very little space. The reactions that people are having are way bigger than this deserves. The harm done to the person responsible for the change is not easily reversed.

So, when changes happen in our world...at work, at

home, or at church, take a moment to see if the change is really that big. Is it worth critique? Is it really about the good of the cause? Or, is it mostly about personal preference?

I believe that God calls us into new things. That means that change is inevitable. As long as it is for the good of the Kingdom, and to make earth more like heaven, I will embrace that change. Will you as well?

Chad





**STATEMENT FROM
BISHOP LAURIE HALLER ON THE
VIOLENCE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
August 12, 2017**

Many of you have heard about the violence that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia, earlier today. White nationalist and other right-wing groups had scheduled a "Unite the Right" rally to protest the removal of Confederate symbols in the city, including a statue of Robert E. Lee. This afternoon a man drove his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing one person and injuring nineteen others. Two others have died. Self-proclaimed Neo-Nazi and hate groups were very open in their intentions to provoke violence, and Virginia's Governor declared a state of emergency.

The United Methodist Church condemns the evil, hatred, and bigotry that led to this violence, and we ask you to pray for those who have been injured and the families of those who have been killed. We also ask you to pray for the restoration of order and peace for the community of Charlottesville.

At this tragic time, may each one of us renew our commitment by our words and actions to create a world where all people live out the words in this prayer of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

*Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.*

 **September Salvation Army Food Pantry Request** 
Paper Products
and Disposable Diapers

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 3	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Deb/Austin Stoulil
Greeters	Tamara Lloyd	Jeff Murphy
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg	Amy Muphy
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Evan Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Allen Barr	Allen Barr
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg	Marston Family
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson
Communion	Lisa Pageler	Counters: Brad Patty/Jan Lewis
September 10	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger	Karen Clark/ Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters	Jean Schnell	Peg Ehler
Readers	Dale Dorrell	Corinne Kleppe
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Emma Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Jeff Carter	Jeff Carter
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Amy Murphy
Care Core	Jan Lewis	Lisa Marston
Counters		Barb Kaldenberg/Russ Leix
September 17	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Roy/Pat Patty
Readers	Brad Patty	Leslie Maach
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Jacob Murphy
Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
Projection	Peg Ehler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Pam Andrews	Michelle O'Brien
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Pat Patty/Deb Stoulil
September 24	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Margaret Gullett/ Tamara Lloyd	Carolyn Cook/ Rose Evans
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Sue Crook
Readers	Bruce Maach	Marianne Spaur
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Betty Skaggs
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Rose Evans/Russ Leix

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St Luke News

Thank you for making the children we serve at Rick's House of Hope a priority.
Jessica Malcheff
Executive Director
Vera French Foundation

Thank you to all those who contributed cereal and other food items, helped prepare food and helped to serve the meal for the Fifth Monday Supper at Trinity UMC on July 31. It was all appreciated very much.

Thank you Baylee Munson for sharing your beautiful song in church.



Please--Update All Addresses

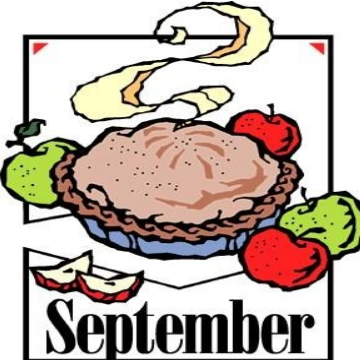
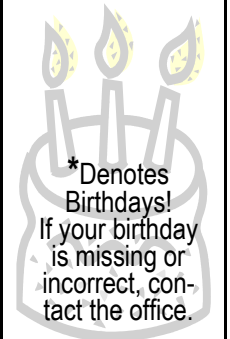





including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you.



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
 September			 *Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office.		1	2
3 8/10:30 Worship - Communion 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Seasons of the Spirit Sunday School Class No Children's or Adult-2 Class *Jacquie Huggins *Teresa Rhone	4  LABOR DAY *Teagan McIntyre	5 *Carol Stonner NO Trustees meeting	6  9am-4pm Sew Days 7 pm Page Turners Book Club 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	7 7pm Coffee NOW With Dale Dorrell 	8	9
10 8/10:30 Worship - Christian Education Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.  *Rusty Umbarger	11 SHARE Orders due. Go online, or call First UMC or First Christian. *Allison Sheets	12 6:30 pm Council meeting	13 Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	14	15 *Abby Stonner	16
17 8/10:30 Worship - 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW	18 *Tom Miller	19 6:30 pm N.O.W. meeting 20 → *Deb Stoullil *Janice Thongvanh	20 1:15 pm UMW meet at Kaldenberg's 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	21 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall	22 *Deb Miller	23 7:30-8:30am SHARE Pickup @ 1st UMC F Hall Reserved
24 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. *Esther Fifer	25	26 *Margaret Gullett 6:30 pm SPRC meeting	27 8:30 am Collate Newsletter 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	28 *Ron Lisk  9am-2pm Day for Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church	29	30 *Helen Schwarz

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



United Methodist Women
September 20, 2017
At the home of Barb Kaldenberg
602 E 16th St N

"Be still, and know that I am God!"
Psalm 46:10 NRSV

Program: "Refreshing Ourselves for Mission"
By Barb Kaldenberg
Hostess: Barb Kaldenberg

Sept. 23 - Central District Annual Meeting,
Des Moines First UMC
October 7 - Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Washington, IA

Sunday School Mission Offering

From September through December 2017 we are going local with our Sunday School Mission offering. As always the first Sunday of each month the offering will go toward Sunday School administration including materials and supplies.

Weeks 2 through 5 the offerings will go to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Newton. Funds given to this cause will provide necessities for local families in need of a little help. In kind donations are also welcome as always. Those can be placed in the shopping cart in the glass entry.



Corinne Kleppe—NOW missions

Midwest Mission



Save the Date
Trip to MMDC
February 4-7, 2018

Sign-up at the Servants Counter or contact Karen Clark if you are interested in going.

Special Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will be meeting September 12th at 6:30 to focus on Charge Conference reports and preparing for the Charge Conference to be held on Sunday, October 29.

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

This month's book is an easy yet meaningful page turner to ease into the end of summer. *Boundless Love* is a book of devotional reflections written to celebrate God's love for each of us. The short pieces are written by the Women of Faith speakers and Sheila Walsh writes, "Our prayer as we sat down to write this book to you was that you would know you are loved, boundlessly, fearlessly, stubbornly, lavishly, outlandishly, intentionally by the God of the universe, the One who created you and calls you by name." Each short piece is written with sensitivity and insight on the character of God's love and how that is felt by God's people here on earth. Each little story just makes the reader want to read another, and so it goes through this little book. You can find it on the newsletter shelf in our little library in the corner. Check it out!



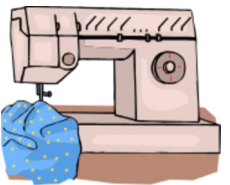
SHARE Food Program

Buying discounted groceries through SHARE has returned to Newton, Iowa. You can check out and order online for the program at www.SHAREIOWA.com, or call either First UMC or First Christian Church. "SHARE boxes" can be ordered by Monday, September 11 and picked up at First UMC on Saturday, September 23, between 7:30-8:30 am, when you can order and pay for the next month.



Sew Days

We will be sewing two-handed UMCOR school bags in Fellowship Hall September 6 and 7. We can use help no matter what your skill set. Bring your sewing machine and/or your serger along with basic sewing supplies and thread. We can use people to cut fabric and press seams along with those who sew. These bags will be filled with school supplies for Ingathering later this fall. We will start at 9 AM and sew until about 4 PM. At noon we will break for a potluck type lunch. This is always a fun event with lots of fellowship while we work, so come join us one or both days, or even part of a day if you can. Sign up on the Servants Table, please, so we can have enough tables in place.



Christian Education Sunday Offering

Sunday, September 10

The purpose of the Christian Education Sunday Offering is to celebrate and promote Christian Education and Spiritual Formation. 100% is retained by the Iowa Annual Conference and used for the following: Iowa Religious Media Services, camperships at Iowa United Methodist Camps, and continuing education for salaried United Methodist Christian Educators.

Group Welcome Sessions

Watch for sign-up sheets to schedule group welcome sessions with Pastor Chad and Wendy Jennings. These short sessions will be held in homes or at the church and will be a way for the Jennings to get to know us better.





My Story

As a kid, I used to wonder if a fly inside the car was scared or excited when it finally escaped the confines of the vehicle. Where it emerged was very different from where it started. Did the fly try to get back home? Or did it embrace the new location as an adventure?

There are stories in history of people moving to a new location, sometimes by choice and other times because they really had no choice. How they reacted to the new location and new circumstances shows us today how much courage and character they had.

Abraham and his family moved to a new country because of God's direction. Joseph was sold by his brothers, but he embraced his new life and eventually forgave and lifted up his own brothers. Peter, Paul and the other apostles took a stand and preached their new reality. Immigrants traveled to a new world in search of something they could not find in their current location. Slaves followed the underground railroad north and started a new life in a new location. John Wesley didn't set out to establish a new denomination but he followed God's lead. There are a multitude of stories of persons whose reality changed by choice or by circumstance and many of them embraced their new location as an adventure.

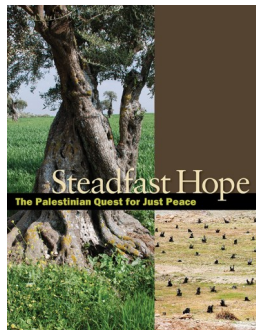


What about me? What about you? How will we react to new experiences that God sends our way?

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class invites you to join them as they study the book entitled, "Steadfast Hope-The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace." This is a good opportunity to 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.

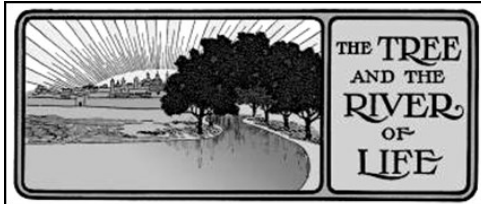
St. Luke BIBLE STUDY
 Seasons OF THE Spirit
 Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

River Sunday
Being inspired by John's vision of God's river of life, renewing all creation:
 Revelation 22:1-5

Revelation 22 is **John's** vision of the coming of God's reign. [There is not total agreement as to "which *John*" wrote Revelation - John of the Island of Patmos (the Elder), or John "the evangelist."] John sees a different kind of holy city, the "new Jerusalem." Among the golden streets and buildings there is no temple reaching upward because God and the Lamb live with them in view, always. A heavenly guide has brought John to a *river of pure living waters*, flowing out from the throne of God and the Lamb. The river is flowing down the middle, dividing the holy city's street.

Noteworthy is the *tree of life* on each bank of the river, bearing 12 kinds of fruit; leaves from the tree providing precious healing for the nations. In Genesis 2:9, the *tree of life* is **first** mentioned, along with the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. Adam and Eve were prevented from eating from the *tree of life* once they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. Now, finally, in Revelation, all have access to its fruit and healing leaves.

John's vision describes the city as a place where "*Darkness will never again fall on this city. They will not require the light of a lamp or of the sun, because the Lord God will be their illumination.*" God's servants were foretold as continually serving and worshipping Him.



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 September. Even if you can't come to class, consider taking the time to read them at home!

◇ **Lectionary Readings for September 2017** ◇

- **September 3: Acts 17:22-28** | Forest Sunday
To celebrate God as the one in whom all creation lives and moves and has its being.
- **September 10: Psalm 139:7-12** | Land Sunday
To stay grounded in the assurance of God's presence through the rhythms of pain and healing heard in the voice of the land.
- **September 17: Romans 8:18-27** | Wilderness/Outback Sunday
To live faithfully as part of Christ's community immersed in the wildness of God's creation.
- **September 24: Revelation 22:1-5** | River Sunday
To be inspired by John's vision of God's river of life, renewing all creation.



Health Kits for Ingathering 2017

Health Kits help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

A health kit includes:

- new hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")
- 1 new washcloth
- 1 bath size bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz or larger) (No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content.)
- 6 band aids (3/4 " to 1")
- 1 large sturdy comb (not pocket sized)
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (adult size only)
- 1 nail file or nail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased by UMCOR Depot



Bring an entire kit in a one gallon sealable plastic bag or bring parts of a kit for us to put together.



Charge Conference

Sunday, October 29 at 2 pm at First UMC in Newton. All officers are encouraged to attend. All are welcome to attend this annual meeting.

Society of St Andrews

In the Bible, Ruth tells Naomi that she is going out to glean among the sheaves. Naomi sends her to the fields owned by Boaz. (Ruth 2) To glean is to gather leftover grain or other produce after a harvest. The Society of Saint Andrew is a Gleaning Network, sending volunteers to glean the fields and orchards of the crops that do not meet the top-grade quality desired by commercial sources.



For the past several summers, our funds received from the Produce table at St Luke have been given to the Society of St Andrew to help them glean the fields of vegetables and fruits that would otherwise be left to rot or be plowed under after harvest. So far this year, from January 1 through July 31, 9.8 million pounds have been gleaned from the fields, 5.3 million pounds have been shipped in the potato & produce project. And 45.2 million servings of fresh produce have been provided. That's all in 6 months.

Thank you to all who bring their produce to share at St Luke and to all who donate funds for the produce they take home with them. God Bless.

Corinne Kleppe – Missions Chair

Days for Girls Report

The next work day is Thursday, September 28 from 9 pm - 2 pm. You can come anytime during those hours and stay as long as you want. Lunch is provided. You don't need to know how to sew. Current St Luke members participating with the Days For Girls project are Karen Clark, Pat Patty, Rose Evans, Barb Kaldenberg, Hiap Thongvanh and Katie Jones.



What's your calling?

When you have a sense of calling --whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber--there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. That's not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means.



---Charles R. Swindoll



An Evening with Comedian Mark Lowry!

Saturday, October 21, 2017 @ 7 pm
 Riverview Conference Center
 439 N Division St
 Cedar Falls, IA

Tickets on sale now at:
www.trinitycommunications.org

Sewing Machines Wanted for MMDC

Are you wondering what to do with that old sewing machine that's sitting in your basement? Sewing machines are being collected to take to MMDC this fall. Any machine, working or not, electric or treadle, portable or in a cabinet, can be used at MMDC. Even machines that are in bad shape can be used as parts donors for other machines.

MMDC has several skilled people that can bring those old machines back into service. These machines not only provide a means to support one's family but they open doors for those receiving them.

If you have a machine to donate, bring it to the church or give us a call if you want someone to pick it up at your house. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Stonehocker.

