

# St Luke UMC

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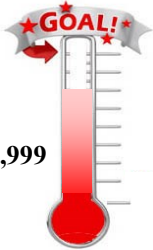
October 1, 2021



# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

## 2021 Apportionments

**\$16,499**



\$10,999

## Financial Update



## New Copper Spire at St Luke

Our new copper spire project has been completed! It has been a long time since it has looked this beautiful. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure to take a look next time you are at St Luke.



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

Total of \$12,588 which included:

- \$ 976 - Building Fund
- \$ 203 - Apportionments
- \$ 100 - UMCOR
- \$ 33 - Heifer Project
- \$ 15 - National Disaster Relief
- \$ 10 - Christ Foundry Church/Dallas
- \$ 6 - St. Andrews

## THANK YOU PASTOR CHAD,



**FOR ALL YOU DO AT ST. LUKE!**

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## Personal Dignity Kits

In September we started collecting a portion of the Personal Dignity Kits (PDK). The remaining items that make up these kits are:

- 1 Bar of Soap ( 3 to 4 ounces)
- 1 Shampoo (15 to 18 ounces)
- 1 Deodorant (2 to 3 ounces)

Please note the sizes as these are important in determining the usability of our donations in the PDK's. Donations can be dropped off on the Mission Table at St Luke.

Corinne Kleppe – NOW Missions





## My Story

I love the sound of a leather saddle as I ride horses through the woods with my sister. It's a very calming sound. My sister, Loyce, lives near a ridge in North-east Iowa. At one spot we are able to look out high over farm land and the Yellow River.

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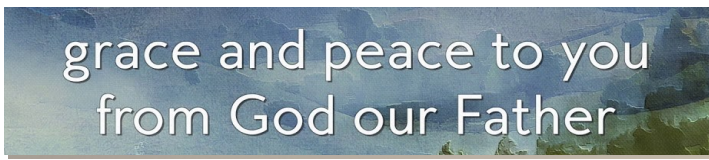
Once as we arrived at that spot, there on a branch just below us, sat a bald eagle. The eagle turned his head to look at us. We sat quietly on our horses as we watched the eagle. At the same time the eagle seemed to be watching us carefully. Soon it appeared to decide we were not a threat as it turned back to look out over the river and fields far below.

I love moments like that. Moments of peaceful coexistence with nature. Moments that make me feel the presence of God all around. Isn't that something we all need? It may be a struggle some days to find those moments. We need to keep our eyes open for them and for the peace they can provide in our daily lives. The sun peaking through the fog on your morning drive to work. The glitter of frost on the trees on a quiet winter morning. The crunch of leaves that show the change of seasons. The deer eating in your backyard or the Eagle sitting calmly in the tree watching.

*2 Thessalonians 1:2 May God our Father the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace*

Watch for the Moments in your daily life that show you God's presence all around you.

Corinne Kleppe

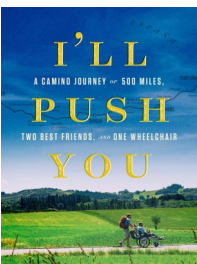


## Adult-2 Sunday School Class

The Adult 2 class is reading and discussing the book *I'll Push You* by Patrick Gray. *I'll Push You* is the story of two best friends who decide to do the Camino de Santiago across Spain. It is the true story of Justin and Patrick. Justin has been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease that robbed him of the use of his arms and legs, thus Patrick will need to push the wheelchair on their journey. He not only pushes the wheelchair, but also has to feed and care

for Justin. "A travel adventure full of love, humor, and spirited truth."

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 the third classroom on the south side of the education wing following Worship.



## How Do We Love?

MARK 12:28-34

### To explore the command to love God, others, and self

A scribe asked Jesus, of all the commandments, which was the single most important. *You should love the Eternal, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second great commandment is this: *"Love others in the same way you love yourself."* There are no commandments more important than these.

Love. Love was the answer. There was no separating the love of God with honoring God's commandment to love and honor one's neighbor. Some persons think they can love God and still be "acceptable" if they ignore the people around them. Jesus made clear to the scribe that loving God apart from loving (and respecting) people around them was incompatible.

The scribe responded *Teacher, You have spoken the truth. For there is one God and only one God, and to love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves are more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice we could ever give.*



Jesus acknowledged that the scribe had spoken "with wisdom," *if you understand that, then the kingdom of God is closer than you think.* No further questions were asked of Jesus after that.

Why do you think it was important for Jesus to add the second most important commandment? In what ways can you see members of society exhibit the second most important commandment? In what ways can we do "better?" In what ways do you wish others would do better?

### ∞ Lectionary Readings for October 2021 ∞

- **October 3:** Mark 10:2-16 | Challenging Questions  
*To receive God's enfolding love and extend it to those who are vulnerable.*
- **October 10:** Mark 10:17-31 | What Must I Do?  
*To explore living fully into the reign of God with all its joys and risks.*
- **October 17:** Mark 10:35-45 | Who Has the Wisdom?  
*To explore how greatness grows out of serving rather than personal privilege.*
- **October 24:** Mark 10:46-52 | What Do We See?  
*To explore how we might listen for voices that have been excluded.*
- **October 31:** Mark 12:28-34 | How Do We Love?  
*To explore the command to love God, others, and self.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
<b>October 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Nathan & Emily McConkey
Reader	Corinne Kleppe
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Leslie & Bruce Maach
Counters (2)	
<b>October 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Wendy Jennings
Counters (2)	
<b>October 17</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	
<b>October 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

## October Worship Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of October. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com), use the sign-up sheets on the coffee 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/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

<b>October 31</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd, Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	



### 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am Worship - Communion</b>  <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>  <b>World Communion Sunday</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>5</b> <b>Discover Hope Supper</b>  5:30-9 pm PEO Meeting FH Reserved	<b>6</b> <b>3 pm Confirmation Class</b>  7:15 pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
<b>10</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>12</b> Special Election - FH Rsrvd All Day	<b>13</b> 3 pm Confirmation Class  <b>7 pm Page Turners Book Club</b> FH Rsrvd  7:15 pm Choir Practice	14	15	<b>16</b> <b>9am-4pm Quilt Guild</b> FH Rsrvd
<b>17</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>19</b> <b>4:30-9 pm PEO Meeting</b> F-Hall Rsrvd	<b>20</b> <b>1:15 pm UMW Meeting @ St Luke</b>  <b>3 pm Confirmation Class</b> 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Quilt Guild FH Rsrvd	22	23
<b>24</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>  5 pm Charge Conference	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>3 pm Confirmation Class</b>  7:15 pm Choir Practice	28	29	30
<b>31</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>						

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



## United Methodist Women

October 20 - 1:15 pm  
At St Luke UMC

*I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help  
come from? (NIV)*  
Psalm 121:1

### A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Program: She Leads:  
Empowering Women to Make a Difference  
By Joyce Stonehocker  
Hostess: Marianne Spaur

TBD - Virtual Fall Mission U  
TBD - Clintae Justice Study  
Oct. 2 - Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting  
Cherokee UMC

### Discover Hope Supper Club



St. Luke has committed to providing the evening meal for Discover Hope the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next meal will be on October 5, 2021. We will be serving goulash, corn, relishes, garlic bread and pumpkin dessert for our October meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food or monetary donations there will be a sign-up sheet on the servants counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by October 3. Please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Peg Ehler with any questions.



### Jasper County CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 3

Did you know that most people who don't have safe drinking water or enough food to eat, live in an impoverished country?

Church World Service is an organization that helps families and communities with seeds, tools and training to grow nutritious food and with solutions for safe water. The money raised by Crop



Hunger Walks goes towards ending hunger in local communities and around the world.

The Jasper County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 3 at 2 pm. For more information contact Leslie Maach.

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it." —Nelson Mandela

### 2022 MMDC Trip

Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) is located in central Illinois. It is packed full of a wide variety of mission projects and is powered by volunteers. St. Luke will be sending a team of volunteers January 23-26, 2022 and you could be one of those workers. In the past we have worked in the wood shop area, making school desks from discarded gym bleachers. Some of us have assembled kits such as layette kits the go to new mothers and hold clothing and diapers for newborn babies. We have assembled cleaning buckets, a 5 gallon bucket filled with cleaning supplies that aid those in areas hit with floods and storms. We have even had a person work in the sewing machine shop helping to clean and repair sewing machines that are donated to help support families. These kits and so many more are sent near the center and around the world to those in need. Christ is at the center of these projects and the stories that can be told of networking to make it all happen are miraculous. We stay in a dorm on site and eat meals together which we prepare in the dorm kitchen. We enjoy fellowship as we eat, worship, and play games. If you are interested please talk to Karen Clark at church or at 641-831-4526 or skclark1978@gmail.com.



### World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 3

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults.

For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.



What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins?

On World Communion Sunday our giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. A check to *St Luke* with *World Communion* in memo can be written at anytime and mailed or placed in offering plate.

### Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 5 pm at First United Methodist Church in Newton. Rev. Heecheon Jeon, District Superintendent, will preside over this joint Charge Conference as several churches come together to conduct the business of the United Methodist Church.



## A Special Blessing for those with October Birthdays

- October 1: Amy Onstot
- October 2: Sue Anderson
- October 3: Nathan Figland
- October 5: Kelly Lange
- October 7: Barb Pherigo
- October 8: Bruce Thomas
- October 9: Dean Stonner
- October 14: Jean Schnell
- October 15: Angel Anderson
- October 18: Patrick Murphy
- October 20: David Thongvanh
- October 21: Ella Hendershot  
Myron Rhone
- October 22: Quinton Guillaume
- October 26: Doug Spaur
- October 27: Linda Hotger



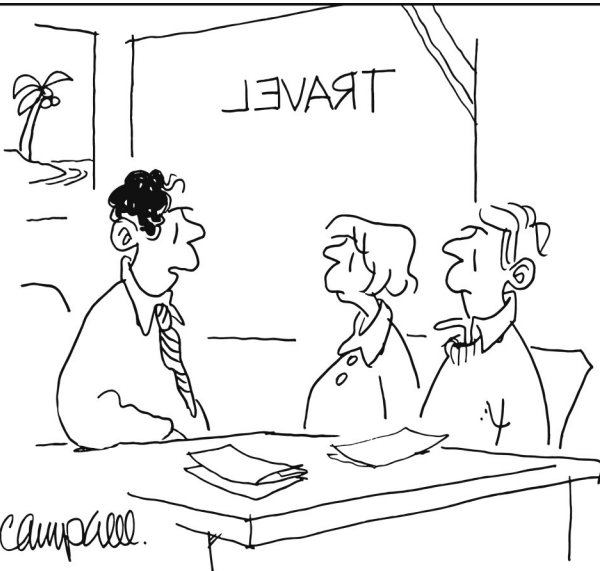
If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

### New St Luke Members

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest St Luke members. Rusty & Kerri Deppe, Jack & Kathy Trotter, Nathan & Emily McConkey and Dale Hartgraves were received into membership on Sunday, September 19. Welcome to the St Luke family!



**October Salvation Army Food Pantry Request**  
Soup and Crackers



**"You can still find an unspoiled paradise, but I'm afraid you have to die first."**

## October Book & Puzzle Sale

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is sponsoring a Book/Puzzle Sale to raise money for Missions. During the month of October, there will be tables of books and puzzles displayed in Fellowship Hall. For a small amount of money, you can own some new-to-you books and puzzles for the upcoming winter months! We are accepting freewill offerings but would like to suggest paperbacks for \$.50, hardbacks and puzzles for \$1. (Again, any amount over that will be greatly appreciated.) Come ready to peruse on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

*Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.*

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| 1. 5 x 3 =  | 6. 6 x 6 =   |
| 2. 7 x 4 =  | 7. 9 x 3 =   |
| 3. 4 x 6 =  | 8. 3 x 8 =   |
| 4. 2 x 10 = | 9. 10 x 4 =  |
| 5. 9 x 5 =  | 10. 11 x 8 = |

### KEY

A = 28 J = 50 S = 88  
 B = 35 K = 21 T = 45  
 C = 14 L = 63 U = 64  
 D = 25 M = 15 V = 32  
 E = 33 N = 24 W = 80  
 F = 72 O = 77 X = 56  
 G = 40 P = 54 Y = 20  
 H = 36 Q = 9 Z = 48  
 I = 27 R = 16

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 29, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things