

# St Luke UMC

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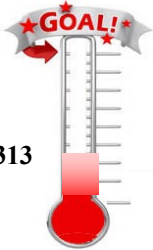
October 1, 2022



# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2022 Apportionments

**\$14,313**



\$4,313

Financial  
Update



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

Total of \$10,012 which included:

- \$ 900 - Building Fund
- \$ 71 - Apportionments
- \$ 10 - Missionaries
- \$ 75 - Heifer Project
- \$ 20 - Christian Education Sunday

## Harvest Potluck & Game Night

Saturday, October 22  
6:00 - 8:30 pm

St Luke Fellowship Hall

### Family Socials are Returning to St Luke

We are planning to have a social activity once a quarter starting this fall. Our first event is a Harvest Potluck and Game Night on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will play Arizona Spaghetti and any other board games that are provided. Bring a potluck item to share. Drinks will be provided. A signup sheet will be available in the next week or so. In the future we are thinking about a chili cook-off in January, a possible Easter egg hunt and brunch after church on Palm Sunday and a summer potluck picnic in a nearby park. If you have ideas for these socials or want to help, speak to Barb Kaldenberg.

### MMDC Layette Kits

Have you heard? Members of our congregation make diapers.

Have you ever wondered what other items make up the layette kits that Midwest Mission Distribution Center sends out to those in need? This month we are highlighting the Layette kits. The list is specific and while we can find locations to accept the off items, it's best to stick to the kit specifics. 1) All items must be new. 2) All items should be for 0 to 6 month infants. 3) No fleece or thermal blankets. Other than the diapers that are already being made and collected, the Kit Items are as follows:

- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 onesies or undershirts
- 2 Infant Washcloths
- 6 Diaper Pins – must have protective plastic closures
- 1 Sweater\*, Sweatshirt or Jacket -knitted, crocheted or sewn with front openings – NO ties or buttons.
- 2 Receiving Blankets (sized: 28 inch by 28 inch OR 32 inch by 32 inch)



Want to knit or crochet a baby sweater? See the MMDC website ([www.midwestmission.org](http://www.midwestmission.org)) for instructions and patterns.

Kit items can be placed on the Mission table or in the Ingathering basket. All items will be delivered to MMDC when our team travels there in February 2023.

Corinne – N.O.W. Missions



THANK YOU PASTOR CHAD!

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## My Story

The great big pile of leaves in the yard was a result of a lot of time and hard work. And the truth was...it seemed to be calling out, "JUMP!" Well, at least that's how it seemed to me.

Do you remember jumping into a pile of leaves as a kid? (or as an adult) The smells of fall all around you. The sound of crunching leaves and children laughing.



Spread out across the yard, the leaves feel overwhelming. Looking at them you know there is a lot of work ahead for you. However, once those leaves have been raked into a nice pile, they become so very inviting to little people, dogs, and even some adults.

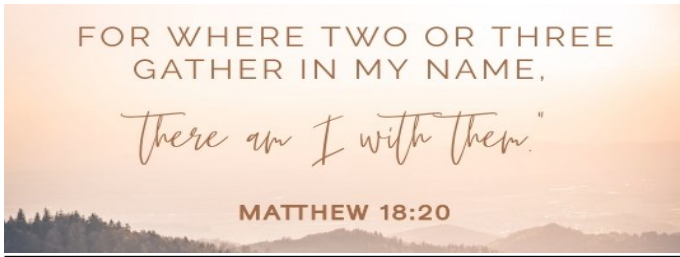
When we as Christians are spread out, living our singular lives, it can be overwhelming at times, to feel the presence of Jesus. It's a struggle to deepen your faith on your own. When we are gathered together, however, we can lift one another up, not simply through prayer, but also by example. Together we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world and in our fellowship with one another. Gathered together we are stronger, and hopefully we become more inviting to those around us.

<sup>20</sup>For where two or three gather together because they are mine, I will be right there among them."

Matthew 18:20

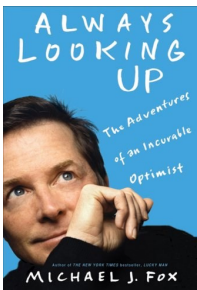
May we as a church, be as inviting to those who are seeking, as a pile of leaves is to a child in search of adventure. May we encourage one another to JUMP into faith into and the love of Jesus.

Corinne Kleppe



## 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.



## Liberating the Lost

Luke 19:1-10

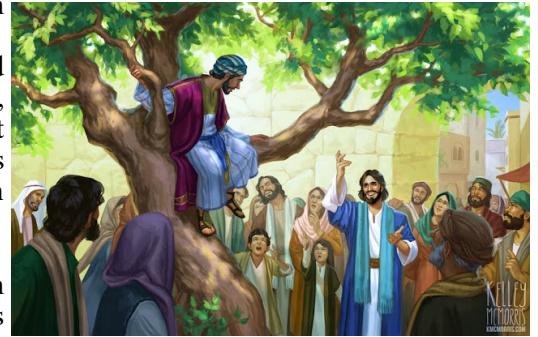
*Being assured of God's acceptance which empowers us to accept others*

As Jesus entered Jericho, citizens heard of His presence and all seemed to want to see this famous person. Crowds gathered along the route, blocking the view of an adult of shorter stature, who also wanted to see Jesus: Zaccheus. Using some problem-solving skills, Zaccheus ran ahead of the crowd and shimmied up a tree along the intended path. From there his view of Jesus would be assured.

Jesus, surrounded by his entourage, eventually approached the vicinity of Zaccheus's tree-view: *Zaccheus, hurry down from that tree, because I need to stay at your house tonight.*

Zaccheus descended the sycamore tree, undoubtedly dumb-founded that Jesus 1-would notice him, 2-call him by name, and 3-invite Himself to Zaccheus's house.

Apparently the (rest of the) crowd was none too pleased with Zaccheus's being singled out by Jesus, noting that Zaccheus was a well-known sinner.



However the recognition of Zaccheus by Jesus

caused a liberation of his spirit, for he then told Jesus: *Lord, I am giving half of my goods to the poor, and whomever I have cheated I will pay back four times what I took.*

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.

∞Lectionary Readings for October 2022∞

• **October 2:** 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Good Treasure

*To acknowledge ways we have received faith and have nurtured faith in others*

• **October 9:** Luke 17:11-19 | With Loud Voices

*To reflect on the restoration of community*

• **October 16:** Luke 18:1-8 | Never Give Up

*To persevere in working for the ways of God's reign*

• **October 23:** Luke 18:9-14 | Other People

*To cultivate a spirit of humility that opens us to God and one another*

• **October 30:** Luke 19:1-10 | The Strength of our Witness

*To be assured of God's acceptance which empowers us to accept others*



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith

October 19 - 1:15 pm  
At St Luke UMC

*But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (NIV)*  
Matthew 5:44

Program: Love, Justice and Service:  
Answering the Call  
By: Kathy Trotter  
Hostess: Marianne Spaur

TBD - Fall Mission U  
Oct. 1 - Iowa Conference UWF Annual Meeting

### 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 4. We will be serving maid rites on a bun, corn, crunchy apple salad and pumpkin bars dessert for our October meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, October 2. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



### All Saints Sunday Sunday, October 30

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year. Please send a photo with the person's name and dates to the church office by October 16 in order for your family member to be recognized.



### Jasper County CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 2

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 2 at 2 pm beginning on the Jasper County Courthouse lawn. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm. For more information contact Leslie Maach.

### Charge Conference



The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 3:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Newton. Rev. Ron Carlson, District Superintendent, will preside over this joint Church Conference as several churches come together to conduct the business of the United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend.

### World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 2

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.

### February 2023 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 February 5-8, 2023 and you could be one of those workers. In the past some of our team has 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 projects 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2</p> <p><b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> <b>Communion</b></p> <p><b>World Communion</b> <b>Sunday</b></p> <p>2 pm CROP Walk</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm Monday Night Zoom Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 pm Discover Hope Supper</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am-4pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsrvd</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm Monday Night Zoom Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Page Turners FH Rsrvd</p> <p><b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b></p> <p>3:30 pm Charge Conference First UMC—Newton</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Monday Night Zoom Study</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:15 pm UWF Meeting</p> <p><b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6 - 8:30 pm <b>Harvest</b> <b>Potluck</b> <b>&amp; Game</b> <b>Night -</b> <b>FH Rsrvd</b></p> 
<p>23</p> <p><b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm Mon. Night Zoom Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Mission Coalition FH Rsrvd</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:30 am - 2:30 pm FH Rsrvd</p>
<p>30</p> <p><b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b></p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 pm Mon. Night Zoom</p>					

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

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Wendy Jennings

<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart

<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Bruce & Leslie Maach

<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Amy Murphy

## 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 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/](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing)

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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!

<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd, Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	Karen Clark



### 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 October Birthdays

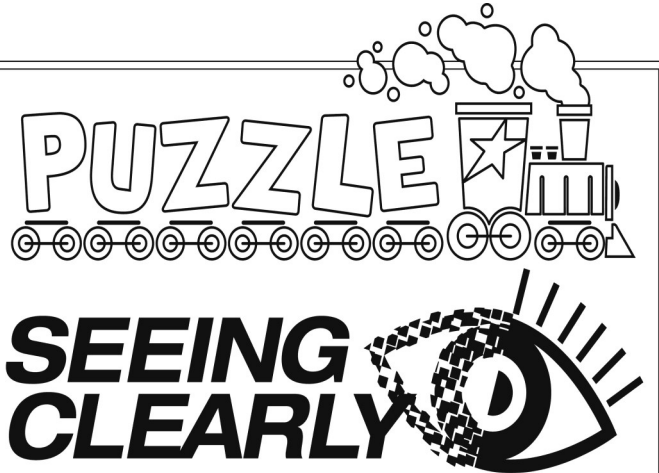
- October 1: Amy Onstot
- October 2: Sue Anderson
- October 3: Nathan Figland  
Ender Swersie
- October 5: Kelly Lange
- October 7: Barb Pherigo
- October 8: Bruce Thomas
- October 9: Dean Stonner
- October 14: Jean Schnell
- October 15: Angel Anderson
- October 18: Patrick Murphy
- October 20: David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



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

## 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 2nd!



God's character is evident through what he made.

*Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.*

FOR SINCE THE NOITAEBO OF THE WORLD  
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 GOD'S EJBISIVMI QUALITIES — HIS JAIRETE  
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 POWER AND ENIVID NATURE — HAVE BEEN  
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 YJRAEJC SEEN, BEING DOOTSRERDU FROM  
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 WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT EJPQEP ARE  
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 WITHOUT EXCUSE. SIAMOR 1:20, NIV  
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Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans



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



NEWS LETTER

### Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the table under the tv in Sam's Place.

**THANK YOU PASTOR CHAD,  
 FOR ALL YOU DO AT ST. LUKE!**



**THANK YOU**

*Pastor*

A COUNSELOR, TEACHER,  
 FRIEND, AND FAITHFUL  
 SERVANT OF CHRIST

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!**