

St Luke UMC

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Care Packages for our St Luke College Students

Our St Luke family includes several college students who are working hard (hopefully) on their studies and we would like to support and encourage them! There is an area outside the sanctuary that displays a poster of all of our students and a Student Spotlight table that will highlight two students each month. There are ideas for goodies to bring for a care package and bins underneath to place items. There are also notecards to write them a message, or bring your own note! All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week.

Student Spotlight: *November*

Nathan Jennings

Nathan Jennings is a senior at The University of Iowa and is majoring in Business Accounting. Nathan loves living in Iowa City. He works part-time for University Transportation. He plays on the U of I disc golf team and in a city league. He enjoys music by Caamp, Drake, Khalid & Bakar; restaurants - Estella's & Pancho's; shopping at American Eagle & Scheels; and watching Friends & Ted Lasso. He also likes Hawkeye football & basketball, the Packers and St Louis Cardinals.



**Class
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Jacob Murphy

Jacob Murphy is a senior at The University of Iowa and is majoring in Civil Engineering with a focus area in structures. Jacob is looking forward to basketball games and a senior design class in the spring that will have a large, real life project that is presented to the company. He plans to continue to graduate school next year for his master's degree. He enjoys Pop and Hip hop music; eating at Pancho's, Raising Canes, BWW, Freddy's & Mickey's; shopping at Amazon, Scheels, Dillards & American Eagle; and watching Ozark, New Girl & Family Feud.

Thank You From Mission Coalition

Mission Coalition would like to give a big thank you to everyone that helped to make the Mission Coalition Pie Sale a huge success. Whether you donated a pie, helped with the pie sale or just came out and purchased a pie, we can't thank you enough! We sold over \$820 worth of pies. Thank you everyone. We are truly grateful for the generosity of our St Luke Family.



Mid November MMDK Kit Updates

Since the middle of July we have been collecting kit supplies that will be delivered to Midwest Mission when we travel to Chatham in February 2023. We've collected items for the school kits, the personal dignity kits and even some items for the layette kits. We continue to add to the number of cloth diapers which are a part of the layette kits. It will be interesting to see how many diapers are delivered in February. Will it be a new record? Only time will tell.

As for the rest of our supplies... here are our current numbers as of early November:

- Student kits: 134 pencils, 38 boxes of crayons, 36 pencil sharpeners, 42 Erasers, 21 boxes of colored pencils, 47 student scissors, 39 rulers, and 48 notebooks.
- Personal dignity kits: 17 hand towels, 47 wash clothes, 15 bottles of shampoo, 16 deodorants, 17 bars of soap, 25 toothbrushes, 64 one gallon plastic bags and \$8 for shipping.
- Layette kits: 20 baby washcloths, 2 gowns, 100 diaper pins and over 1200 hand-made cloth diapers.

You can still add to these numbers, just place your items on the mission table and they will be added to our count.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW Missions



Christmas Decorating Day at St Luke Sunday, November 20

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 20 to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. This will be a time of Fellowship, Fun and Festive Decorating. Hope to see you there!

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 December 6. We will be serving meatballs, cabbage slaw, quick bread and apple crisp for our December 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, December 4. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



United Methodist Student Day Offering Sunday, November 27

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.



What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. Together, we're raising up gifted Christian leaders. Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?



Giving Tuesday

Black Friday. Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday. On November 29, you are invited to come together with thousands of United Methodists to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC Giving Tuesday. Connect your passion with God's mission as you give to a world in need through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service. There are so many different ways to express generosity on Giving Tuesday and every day! It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. To give your support on #GivingTuesday, go to:

www.umcmmission.org/give.

Advent/Christmas Offerings 2022

Financial and In Kind offering will be collected.

Our financial offering will be going toward La Fundicion de Cristo/ Christ's Foundry UMC in Dallas, Texas. Our personal connection to this congregation is through their pastor, Rev Amy Spaur who became the 2nd pastor of this congregation in July 2017. Here's a little history of this bilingual missionary congregation.



“Christ's Foundry, previously known as Bachman Foundry, is a mission of the United Methodist Church. In 2001, the North Texas Conference decided to plant a new church in a Hispanic neighborhood of Dallas, Texas. Research conducted by Sara Wilke found that the Hispanic population was constantly increasing in the area bounded by Walnut Hill Lane, Marsh Lane, Northwest Highway, and Harry Hines Boulevard. Hispanics represented 80 percent of the 48,000 people living in this densely populated area. The research also found that there weren't United Methodist churches in the area that could serve this growing population. In 2002, the (N Texas) Annual Conference voted to support the planting of a church in the area designated by Sara Wilke.”

This congregation has had multiple locations over the years, and moved into their current location in 2011. Their outreach to the community includes: English classes, Bread distributions on Saturdays, Food Distribution, Guitar Classes, Electricity and Air Conditional classes, and Rays of Light -respite care for children with special needs and their siblings.

Mission offerings received during Advent/Christmas for Christ's Foundry will allow Amy and her congregation to continue their ministry to their congregation and the community they serve. To designate your offering to this mission, please add a note to the memo line of your check. (Either Advent/Christmas offering OR Christ's Foundry)

We will also be taking “In Kind” offerings for our Local Salvation Army Food Pantry.

- **1st Sunday of Advent – November 27**
Focus items: Paper Products and Cleaning Products
- **2nd Sunday of Advent – December 4**
Focus items: Peanut Butter / Jelly / Honey
- **3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11**
Focus items: Boxed Foods (ie: cereals, mixes, pastas, etc)
- **4th Sunday of Advent – December 18**
Focus items: Canned Goods (ie: fruits, vegetables, soups, etc)
- **Christmas/New Years – December 25 / January 1**
Focus items: Jarred Foods (ie: pasta sauces, pickles, olives, oils, etc)

Corinne Kleppe, NOW Missions



St. Nick's Christmas Club

HOHOHO -- St. Nick's Christmas Club is in full swing!

We are hoping to have the St. Luke adoption book available by Sunday, November 20.

Feel free to call Lori Leix with any questions - 641-521-9695.

Grateful People are Joyful People

In a 2013 TED Talk, David Steindl-Rast says many people think happiness leads to gratefulness. “Think again,” he says. “Is it really the happy people that are grateful? We all know ... people who have everything it [takes] to be happy, and they are not happy, because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune [yet] are deeply happy. ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy.”

We must be cautious: Depression is a real illness, and therapy or medicine may be necessary to help us feel “happy” and enjoy life again. Also, “joy” is perhaps a more fitting word than “happiness”; happiness can be fleeting and superficial, while joy is heart-deep and abiding. In Jesus, even when we're sad or struggling or fearful, we can have joy — the confidence that God holds us in his arms. And for that, we can be grateful. Indeed, Steindl-Rast concludes, “Grateful people are joyful people.”



Online Worship

If your schedule keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services or watch past services by visiting our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.



“Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow.”

—Michael Ramsey

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Nov. 20	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Nathan Figland
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	

Nov. 27	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Kaldenbergs

Dec. 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	

Dec. 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	

Worship Assistants For November & December

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of November and December. 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 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. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!



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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.



Making A Difference A Retirement Celebration Honoring Bishop Laurie Haller

Sunday, December 4, 3:00pm
First United Methodist Church
1001 Pleasant St., Des Moines, Iowa

United Methodists and ecumenical friends across Iowa are invited to celebrate the ministry of Iowa Bishop Laurie Haller as she prepares to retire at the end of 2022.

Bishop Laurie was elected to the Episcopacy in the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church on July 14, 2016. Prior to her election as a Bishop and assignment to the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, she served for many years as a United Methodist pastor in the Michigan area. In several settings, she served alongside her husband, Rev. Gary Haller, also an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church.



During her tenure in Iowa, Bishop Laurie emphasized how each United Methodist is called to be a **“Difference Maker”** in their local churches and communities. Additionally, she assisted United Methodists in restructuring the Conference staff and districts and helping churches build cooperative relationships called circuit ministry. With the assistance of other Conference staff, she guided the churches of Iowa in navigating the health and safety challenges of the Covid pandemic and for a year also assumed Episcopal oversight for the United Methodist churches of the Dakotas.

Her December 4 retirement celebration will include a celebrative program in the First UMC sanctuary and a reception with light refreshments following the program in the lower-level Fellowship Hall. Music, scripture, visuals, and spoken tributes will make up the program, as well as the presentation special missional gifts in Bishop Laurie’s honor.

Individuals and local churches can honor Bishop Laurie through two types of missional gifts: Local and Global. You or your church may choose to do one or both of these:

Local: Because Bishop Laurie believes in the importance of being active physically (she is a marathon runner and avid cyclist), United Methodist churches across Iowa are encouraged to **donate new children’s tennis shoes** in her honor. Children outgrow shoes quickly and sometimes the pace of inflation means families are unable to keep their children in properly fitting shoes to help them stay active. Together, the churches of Iowa can make a difference for these families **by donating one or more pairs of children’s tennis shoes as a farewell gift.** All shoes will be given to the United Methodist-related non-profit Bidwell Riverside Center for distribution. You may bring the shoes with you to the Retirement Celebration, or ship them directly to Bidwell Riverside Center, 1203 Hartford Ave., Des Moines, IA 50315. You can also give a donation online at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/brc> and indicate it is honor of Bishop Laurie Haller.

Global: Over the years, Bishop Laurie has been an ardent supporter of **United Methodist Africa University** in Zimbabwe. As Africa University approaches their thirtieth year of providing quality education for students across the African continent, you or your congregation can support their work by making a gift to Africa University. To donate go to: <https://www.support-africauniversity.org/2014/giving-opportunities/make-a-gift>.



New Kids
Athletic Tennis Shoes
For Bishop Laurie
Farewell Celebration

More Celebration & Donation Information [HERE](#)

**DISTRICT
COMPETITION**

Each district can bring or ship shoes directly to [Bidwell Riverside](#). Please self-track your donations and report them to [Amy](#) at the Riverview Park District Office. There will be a trophy awarded to the winning District to make it fun.



Gratitude Galore

If you’ve ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they’re fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: “I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!”

King concludes: “And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love.”

*Gratitude turns
what we have into
enough, and more.”*

— Melody Beattie

Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.



ate	faces	quest	then
began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
 So away from the crowd he started his _____.
 It came to an end before it _____.
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their _____.
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open _____.
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until _____.
 The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____.
 And feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.
 What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
 But then a young boy came and offered his _____.
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____?
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ ...
 it fed all the women, the children and _____.

Answer: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men