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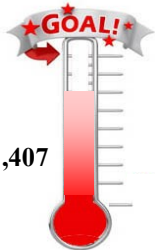
November 1, 2021



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2021 Apportionments

\$16,499



\$11,407

Financial Update



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

Total of \$13,141 which included:

- \$ 455 - Building Fund
- \$ 408 - Apportionments
- \$ 162 - Heifer Project
- \$ 180 - St Nicks Books
- \$ 146 - Christ Foundry Church/Dallas
- \$ 75 - World Communion Sunday
- \$ 9 - Sunday School to St Luke



St. Nick's Christmas Club

Spreading Christmas cheer in Jasper County, Iowa, since 1987

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 the second week of November.

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

Missionary Highlight Rev. Douglas Williams

Rev. Doug Williams is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist church. He serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promotor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Doug grew up in Virginia and is an elder in the Iowa Annual Conference, having served the Coralville UMC and as an adjunct professor at Kirkwood Community College.

On the challenge of mission, he states: "Our world is becoming a global community and God wells up in me the desire to be part of seeing God's peace expand and renewal take place. There are so many challenges that face us and time and time again God reveals in every challenge an opportunity for growth and healing." (excerpt from umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/3022122)



If you would like to support Doug's ministry in Argentina, please put "Doug Williams, Missionary Support" on the memo line of your check.

Corinne NOW Missions

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 7

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year.



HAPPY
Thanksgiving
WE'RE THANKFUL FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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My Story

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. ⁷ If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7 (The Living Bible)*

During one weekend this fall, my nephew and his wife were concerned about finding a different car. The car they owned had died as she was driving to work the week before and the cost of hiring an Uber driver 5 days a week adds up quickly. They needed to find a newer vehicle that fit their needs, and they needed to find it quickly. That same weekend my cousin and his wife were concerned about their infant son. Their baby was very sick and the doctors had not yet diagnosed what was wrong with him. The doctors were working to rule out causes as they searched for his illness and it's possible cure. Also that weekend, my friend and her husband were concerned about their daughter who had moved out on her own that week. Would she have issues in her new city? Had she really thought things out? Was this the right move for her?

Their concerns are all valid and the urge to give in to worrying about what was coming next was probably very tempting. The unknown is always a bit scary. I recently read, "It's much safer to be securely nestled in His hand than it is to run to Him when the dark clouds roll in and the lightening flashes." (Jennifer Rothschild in Fingerprints of God) She was discussing how we need to be secure in the shelter of God's wings... BEFORE... the concerns of the world crash in around us. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. *Psalm 32:7 (New International)*

All three couples had reasons to worry, and I am sure they did find themselves worrying from time to time. But each couple also had reasons to Celebrate. For my nephew and his wife, they were thankful that they are financially stable and therefore able to purchase the vehicle they wanted. My cousin and his wife could celebrate each illness the doctors rule out and each smile they received from their baby and everyone who helped with their older sons in the meantime. My friend and her husband could celebrate that their daughter feels confident enough to move out of their home and that she is less than an hour from home.

The thing we need to remember when the urge to worry strikes us... strike back by carrying your burdens to the Lord and then rest in the hiding place he provides for those who trust in Him. Pray and let the worry go. Pray and ask for the calm He is waiting to provide.

⁶⁻⁷ Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. *Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)*

Corinne Kleppe

*Don't Worry
Just Pray*
Philippians 4:6



How, then, do we give?

MARK 12:38-44

Being true to who we are.

The **Gospel of Mark** was likely one of the first books written in the New Testament. Mark was an associate of the Apostle Peter. Many believe Mark's mother was a wealthy and prominent Christian and probably the church met in her home. Mark joined Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey.

Jesus was teaching in the temple. Scattered among the crowd were the scribes. Scribes were interpreters of the Old Testament, a type of lawyer.

Watch out for scribes who act so religious - - who like to be seen in pious clothes and to be spoken to respectfully in the marketplace, and who take the best seats in the synagogues and the place of honor at every dinner, who spend widows' inheritances and pray long prayers to impress others. These are the kind of people who will be condemned above all others.

Jesus was talking about people who were not honest about who they were. (Are we ever so obsessed with image that it becomes the most important feature for our chosen leaders, even more than their message or vision?) Jesus was not condemning all scribes, but only those who sought social privilege and were hypocritical in their religious observances.

Jesus continued with His observations. He sat down opposite the treasury, where people came to bring their offerings, and He watched as they came and went. Many rich people threw in large sums of money, but a poor widow came and put in two small coins worth only a fraction of a cent.



Jesus' shared observation was that the one who put in two small coins had given more than all the wealthy. God looks at the heart and its willingness to give generously. Jesus contrasted her generosity with the disposition of the persons who made large offerings "out of their abundance."

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 church service. To honor all present we are immunized and wear face masks. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings.

∞ **Lectionary Readings for November 2021** ∞

- **November 7: Mark 12: 38-44** | How Then Do We Give?
To explore Jesus' call to examine the heart of giving and give with justice.
- **November 14: Mark 13: 1-8** | What Lasts?
To find hope and encouragement by trusting God's presence in a changing world.
- **November 21: John 18: 33-37** | Reign of Christ
To explore listen to Jesus' embodied wisdom and witness to God's reign.
- **November 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16** | Hopeful Waiting, Active Trust
To live with trust and hope in God's reign now and toward the future.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Nov. 7	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Marianne Spaur
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Kathy Trotter
Counters (2)	
Nov. 14	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	
Nov. 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	
Nov. 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	

November Worship Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of November. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: 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/1LV73f571kMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/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!

Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David & _____	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa & _____	Acts 25:13
Naomi & _____	Ruth 1:22
Paul & _____	Acts 16:25
Joshua & _____	Numbers 14:6
Peter & _____	Luke 5:8-10
Job & _____	Job 2:11
Elijah & _____	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar & _____	Job 2:11
Jonathan & _____	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter & _____	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus & _____	John 11:20
Jesus & _____	John 11:5
Timothy & _____	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus & _____	John 11:5
Mary & _____	Luke 1:39-40
Job & _____	Job 2:11
Aaron & _____	Exodus 4:27

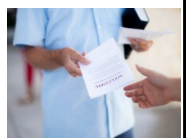
“ _____ ”

PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.

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
	1 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	2 Election Day F-H in Use All Day	3 3 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 FH Reserved in Evening - Pageler
7 9:30 am Worship - Communion Sunday School to Follow Confirmation Sunday All Saints Sunday FH Reserved after Worship - Pageler 	8 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	9	10 7 pm Page Turners Book Club FH Rsrvd 7:15 pm Choir Practice	11  	12	13 9am-4pm Quilt Guild FH Rsrvd 
14 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	15 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	16 5:30-9 pm PEO Meeting F-Hall Rsrvd	17 1:15 pm UMW Meeting @ St Luke 7:15 pm Choir Practice	18 6:30 pm Quilt Guild FH Rsrvd	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	22 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	23	24	25  12-4 pm FH & Kitchen Reserved - Kaldenberg	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow United Methodist Student Day 	29 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	30				

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



United Methodist Women

November 17 - 1:15 pm
At St Luke UMC

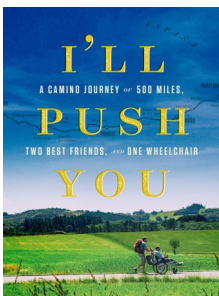
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love. (NIV)
1 Corinthians 13:13

Program: The Give and Take of Gratitude
By Barb Kaldenberg
Hostess: Barb Kaldenberg

Dec. 1 - Last day to remit pledges and gifts to District Treasurer
Dec. 1 - Member's Report Due

Bring your Thank Offering and come prepared to fill out your pledge card for 2022. This will be the last meeting of UMW for 2021.

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 Room 5 in the education wing right after Worship.

Diaper Sewing Days November 11 & 12 - 9 am-4 pm

We will be sewing flannel diapers for Midwest Missions in Fellowship Hall November 11th and 12th from 9 AM - 4 PM. Please bring a sack lunch for yourself. There will be a job for anyone interested in helping. We need people to sew, cut, pin, iron, count and pack. If you are one who sews please bring your sewing machine and basic supplies. We plan to work until mid afternoon or until we are tired. Come for any part of either day that works for you. This is a great time for fellowship as well as working for a needed mission project. See Karen Clark if you have questions.



St Luke News

I wanted to say thank you for my care package! I loved everything in it and it will all come in handy, thank you!! - Kleo O'Brien



Mission Coalition would like to thank everyone at St Luke that contributed to the Perkins Christmas gift cards for Nelson Manor. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family.



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 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.

United Methodist Student Day Offering Sunday, November 28

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?

**A Special Blessing for those with
November Birthdays**

- November 2 - Linda Prather
Pam Osborn
- November 3 - Michelle O'Brien
- November 4 - Darlyne Howard
- November 5 - Ben Zeien
Julia Hanson
- November 10 - Abby Wood
- November 11 - Vern Schnoebelen
- November 17 - Natalie McConkey
- November 19 - Marilyn Owens
Maria Vasquez
- November 21 - Becca Zeien
- November 23 - Rachel Cole
- November 24 - Lori Eisbrenner
- November 30 - Karin Mills
Joe Squire



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



**SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR!**

*Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 7*



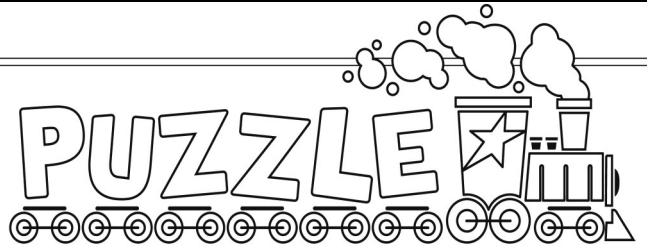
**November Salvation Army
Food Pantry Request**
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Here, take the whole thing ...
we have to catch up on
communion after being
shut down for so long.



Confirmation
Sunday
St Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 7



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e
7 2 4 1 c j
6 3 i

w
3 5 2 4 6 a
1

continually,

p y r a
1 4 2 3

e g v i
4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks