

# St Luke UMC

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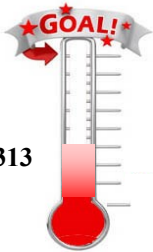
November 1, 2022



# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

## 2022 Apportionments

**\$14,313**



\$5,313

## 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 \$14,353 which included:

- \$ 980 - Building Fund
- \$ 115 - Apportionments
- \$ 250 - UMCOR Hurricane Relief
- \$ 70 - UMCOR Flood Relief
- \$ 28 - Missionaries
- \$ 20 - UMCOR Ukraine
- \$ 10 - Heifer Project
- \$ 10 - World Communion Sunday
- \$ 6 - St Andrews
- \$ 2 - Christ's Foundry UMC



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## MMDC KITS

Are you still interested in donating supplies for the kits we will be delivering to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in February 2023? There is still time to add to the kit supplies already collected. Below are the 3 kits we have focused on in the past few months. Place any donations in the Ingathering basket or on the Mission Table itself and we will add them to our total counts.

### Student Kit

- One Subject spiral notebooks
- 12 inch Ruler (with metric)
- Unsharpened Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Eraser
- Crayons (box of 24)
- Color Pencils (box of 12)
- Student Scissors



### Personal Dignity Kit

- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Adult Toothbrushes (single pack)
- 3-4 oz bar of Soap
- 12.5 to 19 oz Shampoo
- 2-3 oz Deodorant
- 1 gallon resealable plastic bags



### Layette Kit

- Cloth Diapers
- 0-6 month gowns or sleepers
- Onesies or Undershirts
- Infant Washcloths
- Diaper Pins
- 0-6 month Sweater or Jacket
- Receiving Blankets



An update of our collections will be given in the Mid November Newsletter.

Corinne, N.O.W. Missions





## My Story

The squeak of tennis shoes on a gym floor and the sound of balls being dribbled down the court bring a smile to my face. As a teenager, this time of year meant basketball season was in full swing. I loved playing basketball and thankfully, I was able to play girls 6 on 6 ball. I was and continue to be a lousy shot! If I had been forced to attempt to make baskets, I would have been a bench warmer. Instead I was able to play defense only. I worked hard at keeping the offense player assigned to me, away from the basket, away from rebounds and hopefully away from the ball all together.

During the 6 on 6 basketball era, players focused on one part of the game. There were some who played both ends of the court, but most of us were specialized. As a guard, my role was to stop our competitors from scoring or at least to reduce the number of baskets they made during the game. At practice we focused on strengthening our legs so that we could move quickly. We worked on tracking our opponent and on making quick, accurate passes. Oh, and when we dribbled the ball, we were actually going somewhere. At the same time, our forwards were working on practicing free throws, layups, and jump shots, among other things.

Both ends of the court needed to work well as a team of three. But we also needed to work well as a team of 6 if we were to win any games.

As Christians we all have an important role in the “team” of faith.

<sup>4</sup>Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving. <sup>6</sup>There are many ways in which God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work in and through all of us who are his. <sup>7</sup>The Holy Spirit displays God’s power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

<sup>8</sup>To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; someone else may be especially good at studying and teaching, and this is his gift from the same Spirit. <sup>9</sup>He gives special faith to another, and to someone else the power to heal the sick. <sup>10</sup>He gives power for doing miracles to some, and to others power to prophesy and preach. He gives someone else the power to know whether evil spirits are speaking through those who claim to be giving God’s messages—or whether it is really the Spirit of God who is speaking. Still another person is able to speak in languages he never learned; and others, who do not know the language either, are given power to understand what he is saying. <sup>11</sup>It is the same and only Holy Spirit who gives all these gifts and powers, deciding which each one of us should have.

<sup>12</sup>Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. So it is with the “body” of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Each of us is a part of the one body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But the Holy Spirit has fitted us all together into one body. We have been baptized into Christ’s body by the one Spirit, and have all been given that same Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

What are your special abilities that strengthen our “Christian Team” at St Luke?

Corinne Kleppe



## Liberating the Lost

Isaiah 2:1-5

Exploring what it means to seek peace

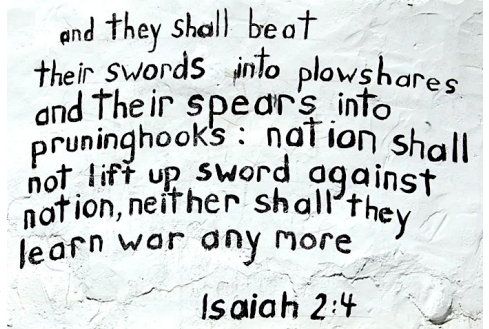
In Isaiah 2, the author is prophesying a future where God’s promises to Judah will be fully realized. Jerusalem and God’s temple will sit upon the **highest mountain** (at the center of the world.) ...all the nations of the world will run there, wanting to see it, feel it, fully experience it. Many people of all languages, colors, and creeds will come. - - All seeking God’s word and guidance.

The passage shares (that) *the law will pour out; God will decide what is fair; and settle disputes.*

Swords will be hammered into plowshares, or sickles; spears reshaped into pruning hooks. War will not be practiced anymore.

Although Jerusalem is, in reality, not literally located on a “highest mountain,” we can encounter God in places most of us might consider surprisingly “ordinary.” Sometimes we recognize the encounter as-it-happens, and sometimes it is only in hindsight and introspection that the recognition becomes apparent.

May we continually strive to facilitate, recognize, and contribute to those moments when God’s presence is with all.



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 November 2022•

•November 6: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 | Praise God  
To deepen and bask in our understanding of God’s presence and action in our lives

• November 13: Isaiah 65:17-25 | Infinite Possibilities

To maintain hope in God’s vision of a world of justice and peace and work to help bring it about

• November 20: Colossians 1:11-20 | Reign of Christ  
To explore what it means to follow in the way of Christ

• November 27: Isaiah 2:1-5 | Tiptoeing Toward Peace

To explore what it means to seek peace







United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith

November 16 - 1:15 pm  
At St Luke UMC

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. (NIV)*  
Deuteronomy 8:10

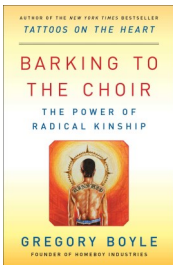
Program: Embracing Change, Sharing Grace  
By: Barb Kaldenberg  
Hostess: Barb Kaldenberg

**Bring your Thank Offering and come prepared to fill out your pledge card for 2023. This will be the last meeting of UMW for 2022.**

### Adult-2 Sunday School Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is reading and discussing the book *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle. If you are familiar with *Tattoos on the Heart* or *The Whole Language*, you will enjoy reading Gregory Boyle's 2nd book in this series. In a nation deeply divided and plagued by poverty and violence, *Barking to the Choir* offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. Sergio, arrested at age nine, in a gang by age twelve, and serving time shortly thereafter, now works with the substance-abuse team at Homeboy to help others find sobriety. Jamal, abandoned by his family when he tried to attend school at age seven, gradually finds forgiveness for his schizophrenic mother. New father Cuco, who never knew his own dad, thinks of a daily adventure on which to take his four-year-old son. These former gang members uplift the soul and reveal how bright life can be when filled with unconditional love and kindness.

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.



### Enough for Today

Happiness is like manna; it is to be gathered in grains and enjoyed every day. It will not keep; it cannot be accumulated; nor have we got to go out of ourselves or into remote places to gather it, since it is rained down from heaven, at our very doors.

—Tryon Edwards



### February 2023 MMDC Trip

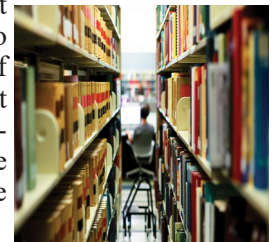
Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) is located in central Illinois. It is packed full of a wide variety of mission projects and is powered by volunteers. St. Luke will be sending a team of volunteers February 5-8, 2023 and you could be one of those workers. In the past some of our team has worked 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.



### 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.

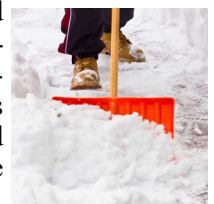
Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students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

### Weather Cancellation Policy

If school is cancelled/dismissed early due to weather, then St. Luke activities are cancelled that day/evening as well. Sunday Worship is rarely cancelled. Check our Facebook page and watch for text messages for announcements. If the weather and road conditions are questionable, use your best judgement and be safe.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>November</h1>		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> 	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Zoom Study	<b>8</b>  General Election FH Rsrvd All Day	<b>9</b> 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsrvd  <b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  Choir Practice 7:15 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 9 am - 4 pm <b>Quilt Guild</b> <b>Sew Day</b>
<b>13</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> 	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Zoom Study	<b>15</b> 7 pm P.E.O. Meeting FH Rsrvd	<b>16</b> 1:15 pm UWF Meeting FH Rsrvd  <b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  Choir Practice 7:15 pm	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Zoom Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  FH & Kitchen Rsrvd All Day Kaldenberg Family	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> <b>United Methodist Student</b> <b>Day Offering</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  Choir Practice 7:15 pm			

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Nov. 6	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Leonards
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart

Nov. 13	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Jan Lewis & Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	

Nov. 20	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
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	Kaldenberg

### 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](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/document/d/1LV73f571kMBVLyocfFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUHXQL7s/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!

# 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

### 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 November Birthdays

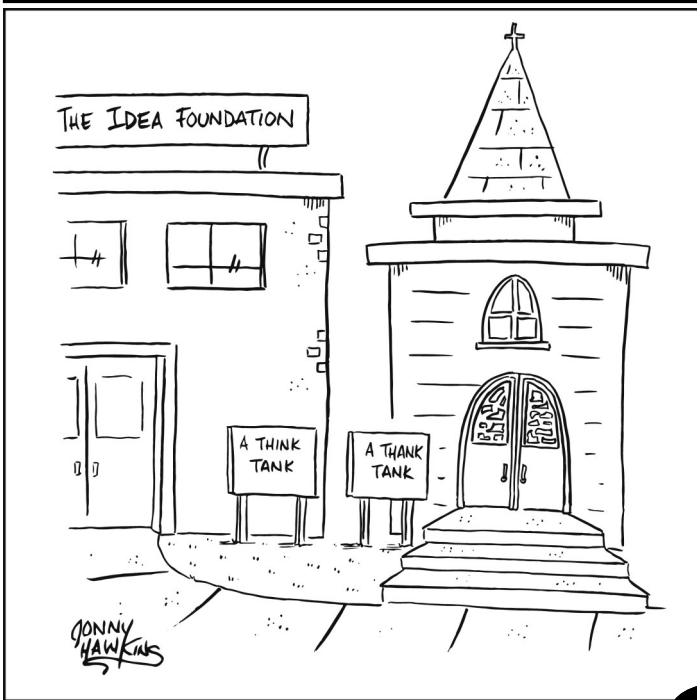
- November 2 - Linda Prather  
Pam Osborn
- November 3 - Michelle O'Brien
- November 4 - Darlyne Howard
- November 5 - Ben Zeien  
Julia Hanson
- November 10 - Abby Wood
- November 11 - Vern Schnoebelen
- November 17 - Natalie McConkey
- November 19 - Marilyn Owens  
Maria Vasquez
- November 21 - Becca 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.



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



**SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

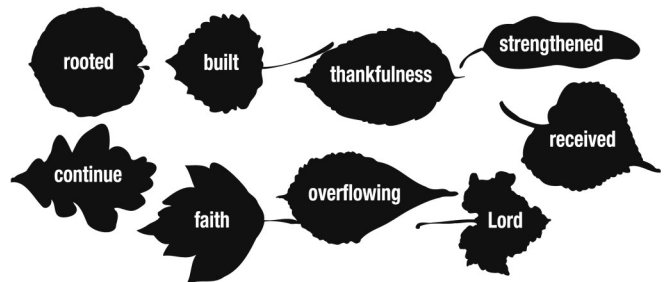
Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 6



## Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.  
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ to live your lives in him, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ up in him, \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ as you  
were taught, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness