

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2023 Apportionments

\$15,279



\$5,979

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 \$15,363 which included:

- \$ 300 - Building Fund
- \$ 465 - Apportionments
- \$ 40 - World Communion Sunday
- \$ 65 - Heifer
- \$ 16 - Emmanuel Mefor
- \$ 100 - UMCOR Maui Aid
- \$ 15 - Florence Mefor



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

- WHEN:** Saturday, November 4th
TIME: Let's gather at 5 PM with plans to eat at 5:30 pm.
WHERE: St. Luke Fellowship Hall
FOOD: Bratwurst, buns and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish—appetizers, salad, vegetables, chips, or drinks to share. We will be grilling and roasting marshmallows outside.
ACTIVITIES: We plan to play Guesstures. Bring any other group game that you have and like.
WHO: Everyone—all ages are invited.



New Online Church Directory

We are excited to announce we are updating our St Luke church directory and this time it will be available online. You will now have access to our directory on your computer or your mobile device. A printed copy of the directory will also be available per request once it is completed.

We are hoping to have most of the directory completed by early November. If you have not yet filled out a church directory information form please fill one out as soon as possible so you can be included in our directory. You can pick up a form at the church or contact the church office and we can email one to you. Also if you have not yet had your photo taken or submitted a photo, please get those uploaded or to us as soon as you can.

To use the directory online you can download the mobile app "Instant Church Directory" or go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. You will use your email address listed in the directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. If your email address isn't listed in the directory yet, let the church office know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. Please remember, you must create a password and confirm your email address before you can sign in. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device automatically. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app. You will also be able to update your information or photo at any time. Please note any changes or photos uploaded will have to be approved by the church office before they will show in the directory.



If you have any questions or need help you can contact Pastor Chad or the church office. We hope you enjoy our new online directory!



My Story

The cat arrived in the yard in the early spring weather. Her fur was long and matted as if she had been outside for a long time but she was also very friendly. My sister said, "Get off the table" and the cat did as she was told. My brother-in-law said, "We don't need a cat."

The afternoon following my dad's funeral the cat was drawn to the crowd of family sitting on the deck. She wandered around looking for someone to pet her. My sister decided she looked hungry, so she put out food and water for the cat. Before the weekend was over, the cat had a name. In the weeks that followed, my sister began to brush Puff and worked at removing all of the matted fur which was weighing her down. The next time I visited, I heard my brother-in-law talking to the cat. They bought flea and tick treatments for the cat and an automatic food dispenser for her, which is now filled with better food. Puff now looks healthy and has her special sleeping spots. The cat will follow you around the yard as you take care of the flower garden, and she loves to sit on the lap of anyone who allows it and while there she demands your attention... NO reading allowed when she is around.

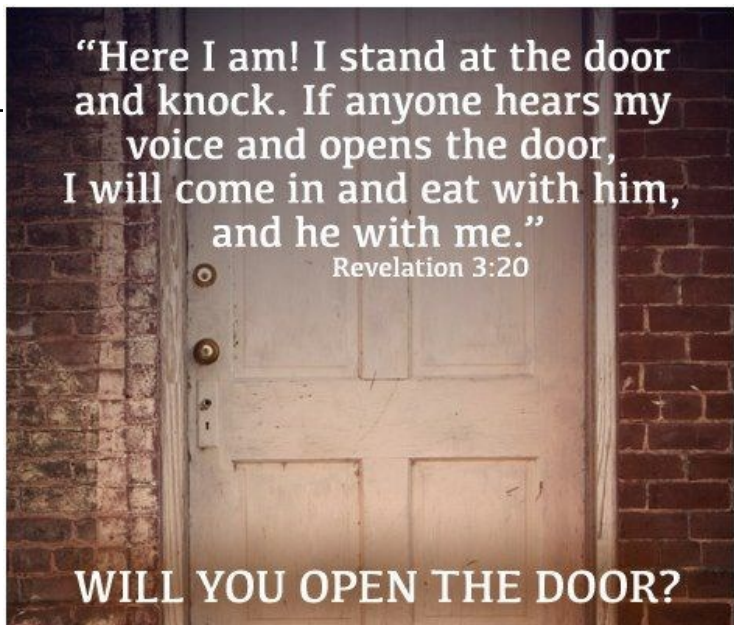


Now as the weather is getting cooler, my sister and her husband have purchased an insulated and heated cat house just for Puff. They may not have needed a cat, but they have one. Puff chose her family and they have welcomed her with increasing affection.

Jesus chose us the way Puff chose my sister and her family. All we need to do, is answer his knock and allow him to enter into our lives as our guide, comforter, safe place, home.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20

Corinne Kleppe



All Saints Sunday - Sunday, November 5

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year during our 9:30 am worship service.



Jasper County Take Away Hunger Packaging Event Saturday, November 4

The next packaging event for Jasper County Take Away Hunger will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Lynnville Friends Church. We would like to organize a team of 12 volunteers to package meals at the event at 10 am. They ask for a donation of \$35 per person to help cover the cost of the food packaged. If you are interested in volunteering or making a monetary donation to help cover the cost for our volunteers, please sign up at the servant's counter or contact Peg Ehler by October 29.

Sunday School Offering 2nd through 5th Sundays

Beginning on Sunday November 12, 2023 our Sunday School offering will be directed to Christ's Foundry/La Fundicion de Cristo United Methodist church in Dallas Texas. Senior Pastor, Amy Spaur, leads this congregation along with two associate pastors. This congregation was planted in a Hispanic neighborhood in Dallas Texas. Worship is led in both Spanish and English. Over the next two months we will hear more about Christ's Foundry.



As always, the Sunday School offering from the first Sunday of the month will go toward Sunday School Administrative costs.

Corinne, NOW Missions





United
Women
in Faith

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November 15 - 1:15 pm
At St Luke UMC

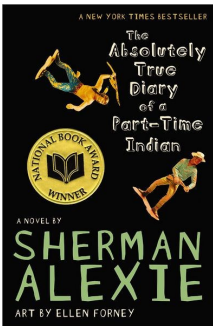
“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (NIV)
Philippians 4:6

Program: Life-Giving Creation
By: Kathy Trotter
Hostess: Marianne Spaur

Bring Your Thank Offering

The Banned Book Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class has decided to read “banned” books. Our first choice is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. The book is about a Native American boy who leaves Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school in a near farm town.



The book has been described as “heartbreaking, funny and beautifully written.” It was written primarily for adolescents, but from USA Today: “Sure to resonate and lift spirits of all ages for years to come.”

We invite you to join us. We meet at 10:30 am (following worship) in Room 5, the 3rd room on the left, in the education wing.

November/December Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, November 30 from 9 am - 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans. If you would like more information about Days for Girls you can visit their website at www.daysforgirls.org.



Mission Coalition Thank You

Mission Coalition would like to give a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our bake sale! Thank you to those that donated baked goods, helped with the bake sale and for everyone that came out and bought some of our delicious baked goods. We raised \$850 to be divided between the Salvation Army Food Drive and the Newton Laundromat Monday Night Care. Thank you again St Luke from Mission Coalition. We greatly appreciate your generosity.



Can and Bottle Redemption Report

The redeemable bottle container in the northwest corner of the parking lot is heavily used. All of the contributions make a difference. The Sunday School class which meets in the choir room collects, sorts, counts and redeems the donations and designates the proceeds to St. Luke’s apportionments. At this date your donations in 2023 netted \$321.70 to support this fund. Thanks for your donations of redeemable items only. The process is aided by donating items singly—not in bags or cartons.



United Methodist Student Day Offering Sunday, November 26

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?

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Each year The Salvation Army of Jasper County located in Newton serves approximately 300 people in the community. The individuals and families they assist count on them to provide food boxes, back to school supplies and Christmas toy shop and so much more.

Starting November 17 The Salvation Army’s red kettles will be located outside a variety of stores and businesses throughout the area. Volunteers stand near the kettle and ring a little bell to capture the attention of people passing by. Many people see them and put money in the kettle or donate to The Salvation Army using their phone.



This year The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringer volunteers. Volunteers can pick the day, time and location where they will be stationed. They can even check back later to see how much money they raised during their shift! Individual registration is quick, easy and available online at www.registertoring.org

Midwest Mission Trip to Jefferson, IA October 2023

On Tuesday, October 24 a team of 12 traveled 2 hours to the new Midwest Mission location in Jefferson, Iowa to volunteer for the day. They took a trunkful of donations from St. Luke that included 832 diapers and components of school and personal dignity kits.



5 volunteers worked all day cutting and typing strips of plastic bags which are called plarn—plastic yard. These strips are woven on a loom into sleeping mats for the homeless. Our volunteers spent the afternoon weaving those mats. It is like making potholders on a loom which some of you may remember. The personnel at Midwest Mission would like to place looms in communities so this project can be ongoing.

7 volunteers spent the morning checking and repacking school kits sent from churches around Iowa. We prepared 27 boxes of 10 school kits and packed them in cardboard boxes. Midwest Mission is working on sending 10,000 school kits to the Caribbean. We got 270 ready to be shipped.

2 volunteers assisted the coordinator in emptying a trailer of medical supplies, inventorying them, and putting them in a larger trailer for transport to Illinois.

The afternoon was spent either cutting plarn or weaving mats. 2 sleeping mats were completed.



Our diaper project has been going on for 6 years and this last contribution is only 46 diapers short of making and contributing 10,000 diapers. We were afraid to mention this when we realized it on Sunday. We thought someone would make us sew those 46 diapers before Tuesday. But we will celebrate the next time we gather to make diapers when we hit the 10,000 mark. If you would like to contribute to the diaper flannel fund we would welcome that. Mark your checks flannel or give your contribution to Barb Kaldenberg or Karen Clark.

Thank you for your continued generosity to these mission projects. If you are interested in volunteering consider getting a group together to spend the day in Jefferson. They do have housing at the Jefferson United Methodist Church if you want to spend the night and work 2 days.

Thank you to all our wonderful St. Luke volunteers!



MIDWEST MISSION
disaster relief • education • health • micro business

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	2 9 am - 3 pm Quilts of Valor FH Rsrvd	3	4 JCTAH Event 10 am 5pm Family Fun Night
5 9:30 am Worship w/ Communion Sunday School to Follow All Saints Sunday 	6 6:30 pm Mon. Night Study Group via Zoom 2:15-3:45 pm Tinnabula- tion Reh. FH Rsrvd	7  General Election FH Rsrvd All Day	8 6:30 pm Praise Team 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsrvd 7:15 pm Choir Practice	9	10	11 Quilt Guild Sew Day 9 am - 4 pm FH Rsrvd 
12 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	13 6:30 pm Mon. Night Study Group via Zoom 2:15-3:45 pm T. Rehearsal FH Rsrvd 	14 7 pm Ad Council Meeting	15 1:15 pm UWF Meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	16 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	20 6:30 pm Mon. Night Study Group via Zoom 2:15-3:45 pm T. Rehearsal FH Rsvd	21	22 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	23  FH Rsrvd 8 am - 1 pm Ehler Family	24	25 11 am - 5 pm FH Rsrvd Jennings
26 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow United Methodist Student Day Offering	27 6:30 pm Mon. Night Study Group via Zoom 2:15-3:45 pm T. Rehearsal 6:30 pm JCRCC	28	29 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	30 9am - 2pm Days for Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church		

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

COLORING PAGE

Give thanks
to the Lord,
for HE is good.
His love endures
forever.

Psalm 136:1



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
November 5	9:30 AM
Ushers	Peg Kimberley
Greeters	Rose Evans
Reader	Pat Patty
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Pat Patty
November 12	9:30 AM
Ushers	Rose Evans
Greeters	Pam Andrews
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley
November 19	9:30 AM
Ushers	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Peg Kimberley & Nancy Ryan
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Kathy Trotter
November 26	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Carolyn Cook
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Kathy Trotter
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	Wendy Jennings
Care Core	Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Karen Clark

November Worship Assistants

For 2023 we are doing something new with our worship assistant sign up. We would like to see more of our volunteer position filled so we have decided to start passing around sign-up sheets for 3 months at a time. We had another wonderful response for our October - December volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through December but there are still some spots open. If you would like to volunteer or see what positions are available 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/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSz0XUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

KEY

THANK YOU, LORD



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ACTS 14:17, NIV

Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV

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 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 Soup



THANK YOU VETERANS

Veterans Day - November 11



Campbell

"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."

TIME TO VOTE




GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 7, 2023



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5


PUZZLE





THANKS-FILLED GIVING


The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?


Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant  _____



 Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds  _____

 The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat  _____

Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be _____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, plant, generous, thankful, harvest, bread, increase, supply, store, enlarge, righteousness, enriched, every way, occasion, result, through us, generosity, God.