 **St Luke United Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Audrey W Young  
 501 E 19th Street N  
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 Each followed by Fellowship & Snacks



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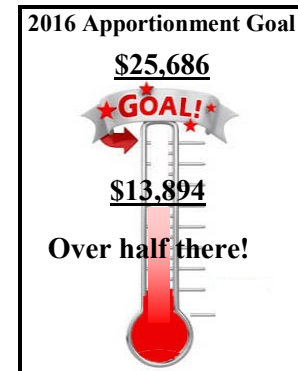
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**November 2016**



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**Financial Update**

Apportionments, District Askings and Special Offerings are posted on the church office window.

By Oct 18, 2016, we have submitted \$13,894

of our \$25,686 annual apportionments, (a portion meant for others).

We are continuing our 2nd Sunday Noisy Offering for "A-PORTION-MEANT-FOR-OTHERS." Anytime you choose, you can write *Apportionments* in the memo of a check to *St Luke*. These offerings have been received recently:

**October 2:** \$5802 including \$160 - Apportionments; \$346 - Building fund; \$13.75 - Sunday School; \$61 - Heifer Project; \$90 - World Communion Sunday.

**October 9:** \$2313 including \$123 - Apportionments; \$100 - Building fund; \$14.50 - District Askings; \$950 - Rental Income.

**October 16:** \$1366 including \$350 - Apportionments; \$180 - Building fund; \$102 - Wills & Memorials; \$16 - District Askings.

**October 23:** \$1653 including \$300 - Apportionments; \$324 - Building Fund; \$14.62 - District Askings.

The 2nd-5th Sunday Offerings at Sunday School will go toward District Askings through December 2016. Our goal is \$757; we have \$392 remaining.

The balance on the building loan is \$15,515 thanks to your generous giving specifically for this. You are Amazing!



NEW FROM MAX LUCADO Begins Week of Nov 20

BECAUSE OF *Bethlehem* LOVE IS BORN. HOPE IS HERE.



God knows what it is like to be a human. When we talk with God about our challenges, our struggles, and our tough times, he understands. This study reminds us that *everything works together for the good of those who love God*. Romans 8:28. Come watch Max Lucado on video & join the discussion.

The four sessions are titled: *God Has a Face, Worship Works Wonders, God Guides the Wise, and Every Heart is a Manger*.

Please sign-up to reserve your book on the Servants' Counter for three different times to join the Max Lucado Advent Study, *Because of Bethlehem*.

Mondays at 2 pm Katie Jones plans to lead the study at her Park Centre apartment. Let Katie know if you plan to attend as well as sign up.

Mondays at 6:30 pm at Mike and Barb Kaldenberg's home, 602 E 16<sup>th</sup> St N, on November 21, 28 and December 7 and 14.

Starting on Sunday, November 27, the Second Adult Sunday school class will be reading and discussing Lucado's study, *Because of Bethlehem*, during Advent. Let Rose Evans know if you are interested in joining their Sunday morning discussion as well as sign up to reserve your book.

**UM Student Day Offering - November 27**

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We'd like to do more, if we can.

- We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.
- We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.
- And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

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 support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we are doing together.

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students to serve the world God loves. Your giving allows members of Christ's body, to do it in Jesus' name. Checks can be made to *St Luke* with *UMC Student Day Offering* in the memo line.



**Saturday, November 5**  
 Thanksgiving Ingathering to which we take the Kits we've made for missions. Everyone is invited to Greenfield, Mt Pleasant, or Cedar Falls for Worship, good food and Quilt auction and sale.

 **Sunday, November 6**   
**All Saints Sunday with Communion**  
**Purses of Promise**  
 Bring personal care items to put into purses for women in need.

**Tuesday, November 8**   
**Please Exercise Your Right to Vote!**  
**ELECTION DAY**

 **Veterans Day** **Friday, November 11**  
**Remember Our Veterans!**

**Sunday, November 13 Noisy Offering for "A Portion Meant for Others"**  
 Our goal is \$25,686 for 2016. We have only \$11, 792 to go by year's end. We can do it! 

*Prayer & Thanksgiving*  
**Sunday, November 20**  
**Where Your Treasure Is... There Will be Your Heart.**  
**Commitment & Thanksgiving Sunday**



**Thursday, November 24**  
**Happy Thanksgiving**



**Sunday, November 27**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**God Bless Us Everyone!**  
**UM Student Offering**  
 Don't miss the **Advent Stew at 11:30 am!**  
 See page 2 for more exciting news. 





### Dear St Luke Family,

When the Israelites were exiled in Babylon for 70 years, the prophet Jeremiah declared: the ONLY way the nation would SURVIVE was to do something MORE than just survive! Comedic author Erma Bombeck wrote it this way: *Bloom Where You Are Planted!* St Luke is blooming ... read on!

With PRAYER, I see St Luke's FINANCE Team looking to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6 for guidance about *Where Our Treasure Is...* concluding with a lovely **Thanksgiving Sunday Worship** & presentation

*Prayer & Thanksgiving*



of our 2017 Commitment of Giving. This is something the Finance Team believes GOD wants St Luke to do.

With PRAYER and conversation with GOD, St Luke's NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS team, lovingly called "NOW," are planning an Advent Study, *Because of Bethlehem: Love is born ... Hope Is Here* taught on video by Max Lucado, a best-selling & favorite author; as well as, opportunities for missions work, like a new book for every St Nick Club child, and our Christmas Offering for UMCOR birthing kits and to help local-folks-in-need through the Salvation Army. It's something the NOW team believes GOD wants St Luke to do.

And with PRAYER and much conversation with GOD and one another, St Luke's WORSHIP Team is jumping in with both feet to help lead us into something GOD wants us to do during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Take note of the article to the right>>>. I hope you'll plan to get involved as much as you possibly can and, I promise, you will be rewarded with a lovely refreshing of your mind and spirit during the busiest time of the year!

St Luke is blooming where we were planted by the saints of St Luke, 55 years ago! It's time for us to plant for the future 55 years NOW!

I will always pray for you and ask for your prayers for me.

*Pastor Audrey*

### St Luke is Switching to Mediacom.

Please change your St Luke email to the new address: newtonstlukeumc@gmail.com



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

### SPRC = Staff-Parish Relations Committee

SPRC members Lori Leix, Katie Jones, Stephen Pageler, Amy Murphy, Scott Greene are reviewing your survey responses.



### God Bless Us Everyone!

**Items Needed by Nov 20 For Advent & Christmas Season Worship & Decor**



**May we borrow.** (Attach your name so they may be returned.) Metal bells and Red Christmas Decorations

19th Century Ceramic Christmas Village Candles with holders & lanterns of 19th century.



Desk of 19th century style  
Lots of children, youth & adults



### Please donate

3/4 - 1" Jingle bells (100+)  
1/4" width ribbon to tie each bell  
Red Decorations  
Creativity, artistry.



Willingness to join in as givers/receivers.



Your time, talents, imagination and joy, though we'll allow a *Scrooge* or two! *Bah Humbug!*

**Volunteers** for Advent and Christmas Worship might include families of a mixture of ages of persons, not even *related*, other than all are St Luke UMChurch family. See Peg Ehler to join in those special moments as well as dramas.

**Advent Wreath** titles include:  
PEACE in the Midst of Conflict;  
HOPE in the Midst of Hopelessness;  
LOVE in the Midst of Rejection;  
JOY in the Midst of Despair;  
CHRIST in the Midst of Loneliness.



**Instead of the usual one Children's Program, a Blessing of the Children is a part of EVERY WORSHIP.**

Please have your children and youth here as often as possible for their enjoyment and yours beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, as well as find out what you do at an **Advent Stew!**



### Come to Ring Bells

For the Salvation Army Compassion Fund and Food Pantry on Dec 3. Sign up at Servants' Counter or contact Joyce Stonehocker. We'll do Meals on Wheels on Dec 3-4.



St Luke Is Giving a New Book to each St Nick Christmas Club Child again this year. That's nearly 600 books.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| November 6  | 8 AM                     | 10:30 AM                        |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ushers      | Larry/Darlyne Howard     | Karen Clark/Sue Crook           |
| Greeters    | Dick/Pam Stiles          | Brad/Jenni Patty                |
| Readers     | Rosemary Hartschen       | Darin Swarts                    |
| Acolytes    | Ron Lisk                 | Kleo Walker-O'Brien             |
| Nursery     | Parents take turns       | Sharon Swarts                   |
| Keyboard    | Bev Thomas               | Jan Lewis                       |
| Special     |                          |                                 |
| Projection  | Peg Ehler                | Carolyn Cook                    |
| Fellowship  | Margaret Gullett         | Bruce/Leslie Maach              |
| Care Core   | Tamara Lloyd             | Kari Ann Munson                 |
| Communion   | Katie Jones              | Counters: Rose Evans/Brad Patty |
| November 13 | 8 AM                     | 10:30 AM                        |
| Ushers      | Bill/Linda Hotger        | Dennis/Pam Smith                |
| Greeters    | Myron/Betty Rhone        | Marianne Spaur/Rhondi Machin    |
| Reader      | Dale Dorrell             | Amy Murphy                      |
| Acolytes    | Ron Lisk                 | Evan/Emma Grimm                 |
| Nursery     | Parents take turns       | Volunteer Needed                |
| Keyboard    | Bev Thomas               | Jan Lewis                       |
| Special     | Praise Team              | Praise Team                     |
| Projection  | Brad Patty               | Karen Clark                     |
| Fellowship  | Jean Schnell             | Carolyn Cook                    |
| Care Core   | Jenni Patty              | Lisa Marston                    |
| Counters    |                          | Barb Kaldenberg/Pat Patty       |
| November 20 | 8 AM                     | Thanks giving 10:30 AM          |
| Ushers      | Dick/Pam Stiles          | Deb/Austin Stoulil              |
| Greeters    | Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard    | Jeff/Amy Murphy                 |
| Readers     | Bruce Maach              | Russ Leix                       |
| Acolytes    | Ron Lisk                 | Jacob Murphy                    |
| Nursery     | Parents take turns       | Pat Patty                       |
| Keyboard    | Bev Thomas               | Jan Lewis                       |
| Special     | Choir                    | Choir                           |
| Projection  | Peg Ehler                | Pam Smith                       |
| Fellowship  | Pam Andrews              | Sue Crook                       |
| Care Core   | Joyce Stonehocker        | Karen Clark                     |
| Counters    |                          | Russ Leix/Deb Stoulil           |
| November 27 | 8 AM                     | First Sunday Of Advent 10:30 AM |
| Ushers      | Jean Schnell/Bruce Maach | Darin/Sharon Swarts             |
| Greeters    | Bill/Linda Hotger        | Roy/Pat Patty                   |
| Readers     | Corinne Kleppe           | Corinne Kleppe                  |
| Acolytes    | Ron Lisk                 | Kael/Ella Swarts                |
| Nursery     | Parents take turns       | Volunteer Needed                |
| Keyboard    | Bev Thomas               | Jan Lewis                       |
| Special     | Peg's Drama/Mary Onstot  | Peg's Drama/Mary Onstot         |
| Projection  | Brad Patty               | Carolyn Cook                    |
| Fellowship  | Mike/Barb Kaldenberg     | Marianne Spaur                  |
| Care Core   | Barb Kaldenberg          | Marianne Spaur                  |
| Counters    |                          | Jan Lewis/Rose Evans            |

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### St Luke News

Congratulations to Erica Creswick (daughter of Chet and the late Cecelia Creswick and niece of Jan Lewis) on her recent marriage to Nick Feigen. Greetings can be sent to Erica and Nick Feigen at: 3942 Young Ave, Radcliffe, IA 50230.

Many thanks to those who came to sew school bags in September and to those who went to volunteer at PETs in Leighton in October.

Congratulations to Peg and Bill Ehler on the birth of their grandson, Gideon Liam Groves on October 16. He is welcomed by his parents, Tricia and Aaron Groves and sisters, Adalynn and Gracelynn.

Address Update: Betty Skaggs has moved to McCann Village. Her new address is 1105 E 12th St S - Apt 301, Newton, IA 50208.

Our sympathies are with Karen & Dale Dorrell on the loss of her mother, Alice Bunker, who is also Linda & Bill Hotger's aunt.

Our sympathies to Joe Squire family on the loss of his dad, Arnold Squire.

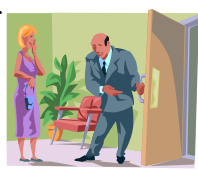


### All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 6 we will honor and remember those in our St Luke Family that have passed away in the past year. They are honor are Dorothy Spiker, Roger Fifer and Owen Lester. Are there others?

### 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. It's a way for us to get to know one another.





| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Sunday, October 30</b><br><b>8/10:30 Worship - LAITY SUNDAY with Message by four St Luke Folk</b><br>9/11:30 Fellowship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>Classes for all.  | <b>October 31</b><br>5th Monday Supper, CFUM, Trinity UMC, DSM   | <br><b>1 6:30 pm Trustees</b>                        | 2 *Ella Swarts<br>*Linda Prather<br>*Pam Osborn<br>6:30 pm Praise Team<br>7:15 pm Choir Practice  | <b>3 HeartReach Van @ St Luke</b><br>*Michelle Walker-O'Brien   | <b>4</b><br>*Darlyne Howard  | <b>5</b><br>*Ben Zeien<br>*Eric Smith<br>*Julia Hanson |
| <b>6 8/10:30 Worship - Communion All Saints Day Sermon on the Mount</b><br>9/11:30 Fellowship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>Classes for all.<br> <b>Remember To Set Back Your Clocks</b> | <b>7</b>   | <br><b>ELECTION DAY</b><br>Fellowship Hall Reserved | <b>9</b><br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice<br>7:15 pm Choir Practice<br>7 pm Page Turners Book Club | <b>10</b><br>*Abby Wood   | <b>11</b><br> | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>13 8/10:30 Worship Apportionment Offering Sunday Sermon on the Mount</b><br>9/11:30 Fellowship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>Classes for all.<br><b>Newsletter Articles Due</b><br>*Patty Boggess   | <b>14</b><br>*Lucas Hogeland   | <b>15</b><br>6:30 pm N.O.W. Meets  | <b>16 1:15 pm UMW at St Luke</b><br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice                                  | <b>17</b><br>7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>*Marilyn Owens                            |
| <b>20 8/10:30 Worship Sermon on the Mount</b><br>9/11:30 Fellowship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>Classes for all.<br><i>(St Nick Club Book may be available to adopt children)</i><br>6 pm ICIW Worship at Mitchellville  | <b>21</b><br>*Becca Zeien<br><b>Advent Study</b><br>2 pm @ K Jones<br>6:30 pm @ Kaldenberg's   | <b>22</b><br>6:30 SPRC Meets   | <b>23</b><br>*Rachel Clark<br>*Vivian Stein   | <b>24</b> *Lori Eisbrenner<br><br><b>Thanksgiving Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>            | <b>25</b><br>*Arnold Cook  | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>27 8/10:30 Worship 1st Sunday of Advent UM Student Offering</b><br>9/11:30 Fellowship<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>Classes for all<br>  | <b>28</b><br>*Rose South<br>4001 19th Ave NW #B5<br>Rochester, MN 55901<br><b>Advent Study</b><br>2 pm Katie's<br>6:30 pm @ Kaldenberg's | <b>29</b><br><b>UMC #Giving Tuesday</b>  | <b>30 8:30 am Collate Newsletter</b><br>*Joe Squire<br>6:30 pm Praise Team                        | <br>*Denotes Birthdays!<br>If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office. | Sept - Dec<br>2nd-5th<br>Sunday School Offerings For Central District Askings                    |  |

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



**United Methodist Women  
Wednesday, November 16  
1:15 pm  
At St Luke UMC**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life."*

John 3:16 NRSV

Program: World Thank Offering by Marianne Spaur

Hostess: Marianne Spaur

**Bring your Thank Offering.**

**Sunday School Mission Offering**

Each year the Districts of the Iowa United Methodist church select the focus of their District Askings, which are collected with the Apportionments paid by each church. The amount we as a church are asked to give each year is based on our church membership on the first day of the year at \$2.50 per member. To help us reach this goal, the NOW committee has chosen to make District Askings our Sunday School Mission offering.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays now through December 2016 the Sunday school offering will be designated for District Askings. The first Sunday of the month the offering will go toward Sunday School administrative costs which include Sunday School materials.

Corinne Kleppe- NOW missions



**UMC Giving Tuesday - November 29**

November 29, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance projects and missionaries on UMC #GivingTuesday.

This year, consider supporting a project that is working in an area you care about, such as hunger and poverty, education, or social justice.

Thank you for your passion as we live out God's mission together. Should you have any questions about UMC #GivingTuesday, please contact: [advance@umcmmission.org](mailto:advance@umcmmission.org).

Go to this link ([www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give)) to make your donation on November 29.

**News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark**



We have four new books, all from the UMW reading list and all are gifts from two of our very own UMW members. *Tara's Lookout* is written and illustrated by Eugene R. Caputi. Set in India, Tara is a young girl with developmental disabilities who spends much of her time observing her world from her families outdoor terrace. The story shows us day to day life in Tara's part of India and reminds us about acceptance and inclusion of those who are differently abled.

*The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander is one of those books that can help us change the way we see the world and could even fuel a nation-wide movement. This book directly challenges the notion that the election of Barack Obama signals a new era of colorblindness. The author argues that "we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control, relegating millions to a permanent second-class status, even as it formally adheres to the principle of colorblindness. This book is on the "Newsletter" shelf just inside the door of our little library in the corner. *Tara's Lookout* is on top of the children's shelf. Check it out!

**Wesley Woods Youth Retreat  
Calling All 6th-8th Graders**



Join in with other youth for a weekend of Praise Music, Small Group Sessions, Speakers, Live Concert, Camp Activities, Hands On Mission Project, Food and Fun.

When: November 11-13, 2016 Cost: \$90

Where: Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center, Indianola

Register online at: [wesleywoodsia.org](http://wesleywoodsia.org)

See the flyer on the Bulletin Board for more information.

Or for questions. Contact Deke Rider at 515-480-8962 or by email at [deker@wesleywoodsia.org](mailto:deker@wesleywoodsia.org)

**January & March 2017  
Work Trips to MMDC**



Several St Luke groups have gone to Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in the past few years where there are opportunities for people of all skill levels, from sorting and counting, to sewing, woodworking, sewing machine repair and more. If you are willing, they will find a job for you! You will be impressed when you see the scope of the work done there and hear about the world wide network they have developed.

St Luke has two more opportunities to experience this ministry and participate in some hands on mission work. We will be staying on-site in the dorm and preparing some of our own food on **January 22-25, 2017** and **March 5-8, 2017**. We will travel Sunday afternoon, work 2-1/2 days and travel home Wednesday afternoon of both trips. Contact Karen Clark with questions, comments or to reserve a place on either or both of these trips.





### My Story

I went up to block the shot, and came down on my teammate's foot, rolling my ankle. Within minutes, I had a large goose egg on my ankle, and I was on the bench for the next two games.

That happens sometimes. We are doing the things we are supposed to do and suddenly we are on the bench. Maybe we are told we have cancer. Maybe our partner cheats on us. Maybe the car won't start or a flood takes over our town causing delays and damage.

When we are sidelined, things can look hopeless. We can start to ask the "why" questions. A better plan however is to count your blessings. Not only at Thanksgiving but every day. Start with one "Jesus, died for me." Then step by step you will begin to find more and more blessings to count until your hope is reborn.



"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." Lamentations 3:23-25

Corinne Kleppe - Editor



**Pastors Audrey & Mark at the 10-20-65 Celebration in September.**

### Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class invites you to join them as they read and discuss *Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America* by Stephen G. Bloom. This is the story of the Hasidic Jews and their move into Postville, Iowa in 1987.



Starting on November 27, they will begin the Advent study *Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado. See page 1 for details on the study.

There is always room for more to join the discussion in the 3rd room on the left in Ed Unit at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.

**St. Luke**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday School Class  
meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

**Seasons OF THE Spirit**

### God's Path to Peace

ISAIAH 2:1-5

To explore what it means to live in God's ways of peace.

Many scholars believe the content of the book of Isaiah was written at different times. Chapters 1-33 are thought to contain the words of the *original* Isaiah. Isaiah was appointed by God to warn the people in Judah that they were evil and should ask God to forgive them. Chapters 1-33 are viewed as warnings of judgment and promises of *subsequent restoration* for Jerusalem, Judah, and the nations. Isaiah chapters 34-66 presume the (earlier-referenced) judgment has been pronounced and "restoration" will soon be following.

In chapter 2 Isaiah describes a vision of Jerusalem in which God is sitting on the highest mountain in the center of the world with all nations streaming to the holy city seeking God's instruction and guidance. God is described as "dispensing justice," and settling disputes. Meanwhile, the people "will hammer their swords into sickles, reshape their spears into pruning hooks. One nation will not attack another. They will not practice war any more."



In God's new world not only must the weapons be destroyed; they will be repurposed. Crucial to Isaiah's prophecy is the **active nature** of peacemaking. Martin Luther King, Jr. once stated, "Peace is not the **absence of conflict**, but the **presence of justice**." In order for justice to (even) **exist**, there must be action: those seeking and working for peace. Who are some individuals working for peace, today, that could possibly be identified as prophets? What do they warn us against? What are the challenges of following any prophet?

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 to read about and discuss issues related to each week's prescribed lectionary readings. Come, join in the learning!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in November. Even if you can't come to class, consider taking the time to read them at home, yourself!

#### ∞ Lectionary Readings for November 2016 ∞

•Nov. 6: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 | God Is Near to All  
To praise God and deepen our understanding of God's presence and action in our lives.

•Nov. 13: Isaiah 65:17-25 | Joy Begins Now  
To maintain hope in God's vision of a world of justice and peace and work to help bring it about.

•Nov. 20: Colossians 1:11-20 | Christ over Chaos  
To explore images of Christ and ponder what it means to follow in the way of Christ.

•Nov. 27: Isaiah 2:1-5 | God's Path to Peace  
The First Sunday of Advent, a season of waiting  
To explore what it means to live in God's ways of peace.

### RECYCLING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It is getting close to that time of year when you may be bringing out your Christmas lights. If you are like many, you may need to jettison those strands which no longer function.



**Do not throw them away.** Take the non-working lights to St. Luke to be **RECYCLED**. Place your non-working light strings in the *marked box* located beneath the entry coat rack.

Share this information. Set an example for others that members of St. Luke care about our legacy and **Reducing-Reusing-Recycling!**

### Sunday Morning Special Music or Drama

Share your talent with St Luke during Worship Times. Specials can be Musical, Drama, Dance or a Reading.



### Osborn Family Presentation On Their Trip to China

Sunday, November 6: 2 pm At the Newton Christian School

CJ and Pam Osborn are giving a presentation on their trip to China this past summer. They will be sharing pictures and stories. Join them for an informative, fun, and fascinating afternoon.

### HeartReach Mobile Lab at St Luke

Thursday, November 3: 7:10 am - 1:30 pm. A variety of screening tests will be available to help identify your risk for heart disease and stroke.



Call 1-866-935-5432 to schedule your appointment.

### Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale Saturday, December 10

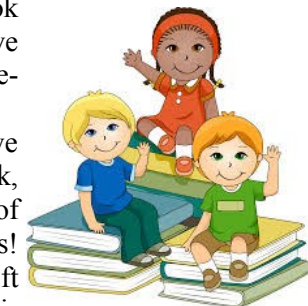
It's time to go through our recipes and choose our favorites to bake for this year's St. Luke Christmas Cookie Sale set for Saturday morning December 10th at 9 am. We are looking for a wide variety of holiday goodies, both cookies and candy. The red buckets have been purchased and with your help we will be ready to go! Bake your cookies and candy and bring to the church kitchen on Friday or at 7:30 Saturday morning when we start plating the cookies and candy. Proceeds will go to Missions through our Apportionments. Sign up sheet for both workers and cookie/candy donations is located on the Servant's Counter. Happy baking! Karen Clark



### Books for St Nick Club Kids--- Sponsored by the Adult-2 Sunday School Class:

Last year St Luke gave a brand, new book to each St Nick recipient. This means we gave away 587 books!!! The parents were very grateful and, hopefully, so were the kids.

In preparation for this year's giveaway, we have received books through the First Book, grant-giving organization to do the same. As of this writing, we have received 330 books! Yeah!!! We have some funds and books left from last year, but will need a total of approximately \$400 to purchase the needed number for this year. Would you/could you donate to this local mission? Please write your check to *St Luke* with *St Nick Books* in the memo line and give as soon as possible.



### Purses of Promise - October 30 through November 6

Most women have an unused purse or two lying around. Let's turn those unused purses into Purses of Promise. We will be collecting purses on the Sundays of October 30 and November 6 and will later donate them to a woman's shelter or outreach mission.



Then, let's fill those purses with personal items that can help the woman who receives it. This part of the donation, everyone can help with. Personal items that will be helpful are: Oral care items like toothbrushes, tooth paste and floss; grooming items like combs, nail clippers, and hand lotion; feminine care items, and even basic make-up items like lipstick, lip balm, face powder, and mascara.

Donations can be brought to the church on the Sundays of October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> for our Purses of Promise offering. NOW Committee

### Keeping Local Kids Warm & Dry



We are collecting children's socks, underwear and clothing for children at T.J. School since they no longer receive *Shoes That Fit* items. There is a basket in the entry for donations.

