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Financial Update
 Thank you for your continued support to St Luke. As of October 20, we are about 3 months behind on our apportionments. The past few years St Luke has

struggled at the end of the year to meet our financial responsibilities but has somehow always been able to fulfill our obligations. Prayerfully consider your giving so that St Luke can meet the remaining \$8500 in apportionments for 2017.

These offerings have been received for the month of October:

October 1: \$5017 including \$515-Building Fund; \$16-Sunday School supplies; \$125-UMCOR; \$112-World Communion Offering; \$367-CROP.

October 8: \$2693 including \$170-Building Fund; \$100-Apportionments; \$17-Salvation Army; \$150-UMCOR.

October 15: \$1636 including \$149-Building Fund; \$19-Salvation Army; \$100-UMCOR.

October 22: \$2972 including \$20-Apportionments; \$15-Salvation Army; \$1670 (includes the \$285 from Chili Cook-Off) -Building Fund.

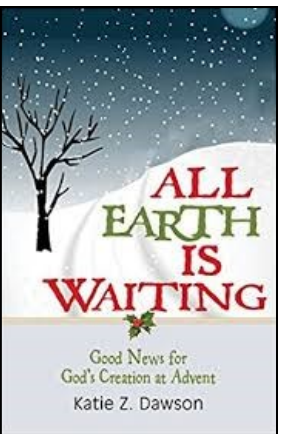
The balance on the building loan is \$7,230 thanks to your generosity.



All Saints Sunday November 5
 Join us for worship on November 5 as we remember our loved ones that have passed in the last year. We will also celebrate communion during the service.

Advent Study

The advent study All the Earth is Waiting by Katie Z. Dawson has been chosen by the N.O.W. committee. It will be a 5 week study beginning the week of November 19th and concluding the week of December 17th. Katie Jones will host one group at her home at Park Centre, Apt 321 on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Another group will meet Sunday evenings at 5 pm in the church narthex, a discussion leader for this group is needed and the third group will be held during the Sunday School hour with the Adult-2 class in the room on the south side of the education wing. Please sign up for your preferred time at the counter in the narthex. We need your commitment so we can order sufficient books for the study.



ADVENT DECORATING & SOUP LUNCHEON Sunday, November 26th




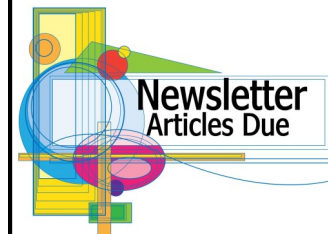
We need your help! We are trying to beat our record regarding the number of people decorating for Advent and the speed with which it is accomplished. So...YOU are ALL invited to join the Worship and NOW committees on Sunday, November 26th following the 2nd Service. Stay OR Return and join us as we enjoy soups together in Fellowship Hall. Please bring something to share for the meal.

After eating a soup lunch together, we invite YOU to STAY and share in the FUN of decorating our Sanctuary and Narthex for the Advent Season. After we decorate, we will enjoy dessert together.

So... The More the Merrier... Many Hands Make Light Work...Teamwork Makes the Dream Work... Happy is the Family that Prays, Eats, and Decorates together. PLEASE stay or return and join in the fun on Sunday November 26th. Let's make this a joyful, speedy and well attended event. God Bless!

Worship Committee/ NOW Committee



	Saturday, November 4: Ingatherings held at Greenfield UMC & Cedar Falls 1st UMC
	Sunday, November 5: All Saints Sunday 8/10:30 am Worship - communion 9:15 am Sunday School
	Tuesday, November 7: City Election
	Sunday, November 12: 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School
	Monday, November 13: December Newsletter Articles Are Due

Sunday, November 19: 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 6 pm IWIC Worship at Mitchellville
Thursday, November 23:  HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Sunday, November 26: United Methodist Student Day Offering 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 11:30 pm Soup Luncheon followed by Decorating for the Advent Season 
Tuesday, November 28: #GIVING TUESDAY





It is nearing the end of the marching band season. I have enjoyed watching the youth put on a great half-time show this year. They have worked so hard to be in perfect step with each other, as well as play in tune and on time. This is hard work with long hours. They deserve respect for their commitment and devotion.



It takes all of them to make a band. Individually, the notes they play may not be that interesting. Even if the clarinet plays perfectly, their part isn't enough to paint the full picture of music that we enjoy. Each band member is important for the fullness of what the composer intended us to experience.

The same is true of us as a church. We all play a part in making the church what the Creator intended. Paul said it like this: *We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us.* He then says that we need to use those gifts in order for the church to be the church. (Romans 12:4-6)



How are you using your gifts to serve God? How are you using what God gave you to make this world a better place?

We are at that time of year when we think about how we might serve in the next year. There are many opportunities available for you to use your gifts. If you haven't received an *Opportunities Form* in the bulletin, you may pick one up in the next few weeks. You may also email Shirley and ask for one. If you would like to have a conversation about where your gifts can best be used, I would love to talk to you.

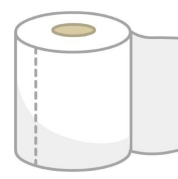
Don't let this opportunity pass you by. We need you in order to have a band that plays the music that the Composer of the Universe has written.



THANKSGIVING "BOUNTY" November In Kind Offering 11/19/17

You sneeze...you grab a facial tissue. You spill something on the kitchen counter...you grab a paper towel. Your child has a dirty diaper... you grab a clean diaper. What if those items were difficult to come by? For some families these and other paper products are hard to attain.

We want to shower the Jasper Co Salvation Army Food Pantry with paper products. We will collect facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes and dryer sheets on Sunday, November 19th as our Thanksgiving "Bounty" given to those in need.



Let's show that we are not just powder "Puff" Christians, we have "Charm-in" all our souls. We want to give "Hug (gie)s" to our neighbors, so they can "Pamper" themselves too. These are just the "Basics" ... how far will we go?

NOW Committee



United Methodist Student Day Offering November 26th

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?

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 5	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Tamara Lloyd	Sue Crook
Reader	Bruce Maach	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ushers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Dean Stonner	Dean Stonner
Projection	Brad Patty	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Sue Crook
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson
Communion	Lisa Pageler	Counters: Pat Patty/Jan Lewis
November 12	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Rose Evans/Sue Crook
Greeters	Bill/Linda Hotger	Bruce/Leslie Maach
Readers	Dale Dorrell	Russ Leix
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Jacob Murphy
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Praise Team	Praise Team
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Tamara Lloyd	Carolyn Cook
Care Core	Jan Lewis	Lisa Marston
Counters		Brad Patty/Rose Evans
November 19	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Bruce Maach/Jean Schnell	Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Readers	Jenni Patty	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Barb Kaldenberg/Deb Stoullil
November 26	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Margaret Gullett/Tamara Lloyd	Corinne Kleppe/Carolyn Cook
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Roy/Pat Patty
Readers	Rose Hartschen	Marianne Spaur
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ushers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Lisa Marston
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Russ Leix/Pat Patty

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St Luke News

Deepest sympathies to Mary Cook, Carolyn Cook and Allen Barr on the death of Arnold Cook.

Thank you Roy and Pat Patty, Ron Lisk, Rose Hartschen, Leslie Maach, Karen Clark, Hiap Thongvahn, Barb Kaldenberg, Jenni Patty, Jan Lewis, Carolyn Cook and Jean Schnell for tending the church lawn and flower beds this past year.

Congratulations to Erica (Creswick) and Nick Feigen on the birth of their son, Henry Leon. Erica is the daughter of Chet and the late Cecelia Creswick and niece of Jan Lewis.

Congratulations to Katherine (Miller) and Brad Thomas on the birth of their son, Noah Aaron. Proud grandparents are Bev and Bruce Thomas and Deb and Dave Miller.

Birthday greetings can be sent to Rose South at:
c/o Ann Clark
4010 Autumn Lake Ct SW
Rochester, MN 55902-4406



Please--Update All Addresses


including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you.



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
			1 *Andrea Hogeland 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	2 *Linda Prather *Pam Osborn *Ella Swarts	3 *Michelle O'Brien	4 *Darlyne Howard
5 8/10:30 Worship - Communion All Saints Sunday 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. *Ben Zeien *Eric Smith *Julia Hanson	6  SHARE Orders Go online, or call First UMC or First Christian.	7  ELECTION DAY F Hall Polling Place 6:30 pm Trustees meeting	8 7 pm Page Turners Book Club 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	9	10 *Abby Wood	11 
12 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	13 Newsletter Articles Due *Patty Boggess	14 *Lucas Hogeland 6:30 pm NOW Meeting	15 1:15 pm UMW at St Luke 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	16  9am-2pm Days For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall	17	18 7:30 am SHARE Pickup
19 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW *Marilyn Owens	20	21 *Becca Zeien	22	23 *Vivian Stein *Rachel Clark 	24 *Lori Eisbrenner	25
26 8/10:30 Worship United Methodist Student Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 11:30 Advent Stew & Hanging of the Greens	27	28 *Rose South 6:30 pm SPRC meeting	29 8:30 am Collate Newsletter 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Practice	30  9am-2pm Days For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian *Joe Squire		

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



United Methodist Women
November 15, 2017
 At St Luke UMC
 1:15 pm

"Make every effort to live in peace with all humankind and to be holy; without holiness, no one will see God."

Hebrews 12:14

Program: World Thank Offering
 By Marianne Spaur
 Hostess: Marianne Spaur

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

Bring Your Thank Offering

Sunday School Mission Offering

From September through December 2017 we are going local with our Sunday School Mission offering. As always the first Sunday of each month the offering will go toward Sunday School administration including materials and supplies.

Weeks 2 through 5 the offerings will go to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Newton. Funds given to this cause will provide necessities for local families in need of a little help. In kind donations are also welcome as always. Those can be placed in the shopping cart in the glass entry.



Corinne Kleppe- NOW Missions



Sunday, December 10
10:30 am Worship

The Children will be learning songs for the Christmas Program during Sunday School during the month of November. Please be sure to have your children at Sunday School for practice.

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

A beautiful new book recently donated to our library is a collection of prayers first written for the comfort and inspiration of a twelve year old girl by her mother. Celia Straus wrote these prayers in an attempt to open communication with her daughter Julia. Each night she laid another new prayer on Julia's pillow. Julia eventually shared the prayers with her younger sister and with her friends. This prompted the prayer collection to become a book, *Prayers On My Pillow*. Now we can all enjoy and meditate upon these simple supplications, whose words, feelings, and perspective are those of a girl growing into womanhood. More than one hundred fifty prayers encourage girls to look inward for the strength to heal hurts, calm fears, and reconcile with family and friends, the prayers present the values of self-reliance and confidence, celebrating the gift of life and the unique pleasure and challenges of being a girl. Check it out at our little library in the corner



INGATHERING – November 4

Have you ever wanted to see what the Ingathering is truly like? Would you be interested in going this year and delivering the St Luke Kits? Please email either:



Corinne at Corinne.Kleppe@grinnellmutual.com or
 Pastor Chad at chad.jennings@stlukewton.com.

SHARE Food Program

Buying discounted groceries through SHARE has returned to Newton, Iowa. You can check out and order online for the program at www.SHAREIOWA.com, or call either First UMC or First Christian Church. "SHARE boxes" can be ordered by Monday, November 6 and picked up at First UMC on Saturday, November 18, between 7:30-8:30 am, when you can also order and pay for the next month.



Trip to MMDC

Our next mission work trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL is set for February 4-7, 2018 and it is time to sign up to go. There are opportunities for people of all skill levels, from sorting, counting, and assembling kits, to sewing, woodworking, sewing machine repair and more. If you are willing to go, 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 for mission work.



We will be staying on site in the dorm and preparing some of our own food while at the center. We will travel Sunday afternoon, work 2 1/2 days and travel home Wednesday. There is some financial commitment and a deposit of \$62 (payable to MMDC) is needed by December 31. Contact Karen Clark with questions, comments or to reserve a place on this trip.



My Story

My neighbor's dog met me after work, bouncing and barking at the end of his leash. When I stopped and said his name, Gizmo's posture changed, he dropped his head to his front paws and stuck his wagging tail in the air. I did a little hop to the side and off he went in response. He raced back and forth, pausing now and then to get me to re-engage. This has become our frequent peek-a-boo tag, and it makes me smile. There is power in a name, once I called Gizmo by name, he becomes joyful and ready to play.

Think about it, when someone calls you by name... and pronounces it correctly... we feel important, accepted, and often

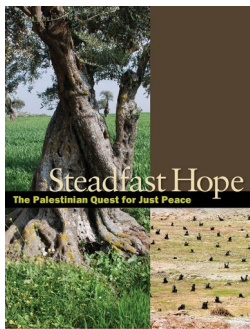


loved. There are over 1000 references to the word "name" in the Bible. They remind us of many things. We are encouraged to Fear his name (Psalm 102); Bless his name (Psalm 96); Praise the name of the Lord (Psalm 145 and 148); to Call upon the name of the Lord (Isaiah 65:1/ Romans 10:13) and even to Ask for things in My (Jesus') Name (John 16:26). The scriptures also remind us that he knows our name too... and at times... gives someone a new and significant name (Genesis 17:5 and 35:10/ Matthew 16:18). Yes, there is power in a name, and God knows yours.

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class invites you to join them as they conclude the book entitled, "Steadfast Hope-The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace." This is an opportunity to learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its history, and how we can live as Christian peacemakers. On November 19, they will begin the Advent study, All The Earth Is Waiting. (See page 1 for a description.)



If you are looking for a "short-term" Sunday School class, this would be a good time in which to participate. There is always room for more to join the discussion.

St. Luke BIBLE STUDY
Seasons OF THE Spirit
Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

What Should I Do?
Embracing Jesus' ethic for leadership in our personal and church practice of ministry:
Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus addressed the leadership practices of the *institutional religious leaders* who were, in **Matthew's** time, the *scribes and Pharisees*. The scribes were trained in the Law of Moses, worked closely with the priests, and were responsible for **interpreting** the law. The Pharisees were a Jewish "denomination" which emphasized learning scripture and following religious practices and the Law of Moses. They strove to uphold the Law (such as food and rituals of purity) in their daily lives.

The Pharisees were used by Jesus, in this passage, as an example of the unrighteous, but pious. He encouraged the crowds and His disciples to follow the Pharisees' **words**, but not their examples, as the Pharisees were a "faithless" group. *"They are interested, above all, in presentation: they wrap their heads and arms in the accoutrements of prayer, they cloak themselves with flowing tasseled prayer garments, they covet the seats of honor at fine banquets and in the synagogue, and they love it when people recognize them in the marketplace, call them 'Teacher,' and beam at them."*

A question to ask yourself: When can **humility** become a **hindrance** in spreading the gospel? Consider the examples of Martin Luther King Jr. or Dietrich Bonhoeffer. How should we live?

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!

◇ **Lectionary Readings for November 2017** ◇

- November 5: Matthew 23:1-12** | What Should I Do?
To embrace Jesus' ethic for leadership in our personal and church practice of ministry.
- November 12: Matthew 25:1-13** | Get Ready
To reflect on what it means to be prepared for living in God's reign.
- November 19: Matthew 25:14-30** | Investing What Is Offered
To invest ourselves in the reign of God in extravagant ways.
- November 26: Matthew 25:31-46** | Christ Is Among Us
To celebrate the hope of God's eternal reign of justice and peace.



Matthew 23:11-12
"The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

District Laity Gathering Newsletter Article

The District Laity will be having their second round of District Laity Gatherings starting in November. They plan to continue these quarterly in four different locations throughout the district. Their goal is to have time for laity to share ideas, concerns, fellowship, and come together to discern how we can become Difference Makers for the future of the United Methodist Church. They plan to at times have guest speakers and will have a different topic each quarter.



Dates and Locations for this quarter's gatherings are:
November 14th Van Meter UMC
November 16th Prairie City UMC
December 12th Bloomfield UMC
December 14th Ankeny 1st UMC
Please contact Angela Hansen-Abbas if you have any questions. ahansenabbas@gmail.com

Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

It's time to go through your recipes and choose your favorites to bake for this year's St. Luke Christmas Cookie Sale set for Saturday morning, December 9th at 9 AM. We are looking for a wide variety of holiday goodies, both cookies and candy. We have the red buckets and with your help we will be ready to go! *This year we are asking that you clearly mark your containers with the name of your cookies and if they contain peanuts, peanut butter, or if they are gluten free.*



Please bring your cookies to the church kitchen on Friday or at 7:30 Saturday morning when we start plating the cookies and candy. Sign-up sheets for both workers and cookie/candy donations are located on the Servant's Counter. Thank you for making this project possible year after year.

Christ Our Feast

Christ is not only a remedy for your weariness and trouble, but he will give you an abundance of the contrary, joy and delight. They who come to Christ do not only come to a resting place after they have been wandering in a wilderness, but they come to a banqueting house where they may rest, and where they may feast. They may cease from their former troubles and toils, and they may enter upon a course of delights and spiritual joys.



—Jonathan Edwards

Just Jeans

Thank you to all that have donated jeans to "Just Jeans" the past few years. The proceeds from the sale of the jeans at The Dressing Room have gone to the Building Fund. We will no longer be collecting jeans to take to The Dressing Room. — Marianne Spaur

Days for Girls Report

The next work days are Thursday, November 16 and November 30 from 9 pm - 2 pm. They will not be meeting in December. You can come anytime during those hours and stay as long as you want. Lunch is provided. You don't need to know how to sew.



Keeping In Touch

In an effort to save on postage and paper costs, the church office has begun emailing meeting and worship assistant reminders to those whom we have an email address. Be sure to let the office know your email address. If you wish to continue to receive postcards, please let the office know also.



Have you dropped your land line phone or gotten a new phone number? Does the church have a current phone number for you and your family? Let us know if there have been any changes.



#GivingTuesday

Black Friday. Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday. On November 28th, you are invited to come together with thousands of United Methodists to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Connect your passion with God's mission as you give to a world in need through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.



To give your support on #GivingTuesday, go to www.umcmmission.org/give.

"Could we study Exodus instead of the book of Acts?"