

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

Care Packages for our St Luke College Students

Our St Luke family includes several college students who are working hard (hopefully) on their studies and we would like to support and encourage them! There is an area outside the sanctuary that displays a poster of all of our students and a Student Spotlight table that will highlight different students each month. There are ideas for goodies to bring for a care package and bins underneath to place items. There are also notecards to write them a message, or bring your own note! All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week.

Student Spotlight: *February*

Gatlin Chambers

Gatlin Chambers is a senior at The University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, IA. He is majoring in Marketing. He enjoys baseball, music, Iowa Hawkeyes, Miami Dolphins and the Chicago Cubs. His favorite restaurants are: Raising Cane's, Buffalo Wild Wings and Applebee's.



Class
of
2024



February MMDC Trip

St Luke had a team of 12 volunteers that worked at Midwest Mission Distribution Center in central Illinois during the first full week in February. Pastor Chad Jennings, Barb & Mike Kaldenberg, Brad & Jenni Patty, Karen Clark, Dennis & Pam Smith and Corinne Kleppe from St Luke were joined by Mike & Ginny Dalton and Jonnelle Farver. This wonderful group of volunteers were kept very busy working on a variety of jobs. A few of those jobs included collating the annual impact reports, counting supplies, putting together menstrual hygiene kits, cutting boards for bed frames and sorting donations. They also brought with them 1,796 diapers, 1 treadle sewing machine, 4 electric sewing machines and items for school kits and layette kits. All of these supplies are available for distribution throughout the world as needed. The center partners with a number of agencies for distribution in a network that is nothing short of miraculous.



Adult Candlelight Potluck Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 6 PM

A-A-A Candlelight Potluck Dinner With White Elephant Gift Exchange

Help beat away the winter blahs! Mark your calendar to join friends for a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall on Saturday evening, February 18, 6 p.m. **ADULTS OF ALL AGES** (A-A-A) are welcome! Each **person** is invited to provide 1- a contribution to the potluck supper and 2- a white elephant gift.

Apply for a Scholarship Today!

With over 100 scholarships to award, please encourage students from your congregation to visit our website and find out if they are eligible for any 2023-2024 IUMF scholarships!



Applications will be accepted until March 1st.

IUMF partners with other Methodist organizations that offer scholarships: check out the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and UM Higher Education Foundation for more scholarship opportunities. We participate in the Dollars for Scholars program as well!

Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that donated to our February meal for Discover Hope as well as everyone that helped to prepare and serve the meal. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family.

The last few weeks of February we will be collecting paper plates, napkins, dessert plates and bowls for Discover Hope. Please put any donations in the grocery cart. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker.



St Luke News

Roy and Pat Patty send a special thanks to our St. Luke family for the many who attended our reception, your prayers & cards in honor of our 65th wedding anniversary. You are amazing. Thank you!



Calling VBS Volunteers!

We want you! To help us spread the word of God to local youth during Vacation Bible School which is June 26-30. We need volunteers in the areas of: classroom teachers, crafts, snacks, recreation, music, and drama. If you are able to help, please contact Ann Leonard at annericleonard@gmail.com or call/text her at 641-521-2463.

We need your help with decorations this year. If you could please save and bring to the church any brown packing paper that may come in your shipping boxes we would really appreciate it. Thank you!



"To experience genuine human love, to be part of a community of love is to experience the presence of God."

—John J. McNeill



Ash Wednesday Service

We will be having an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

January Worship-In-Service Food Insecurity Event

Here are some pictures from our Worship-In-Service Food Insecurity Event on January 29. We packaged 5,800 meals for Jasper County Take Away Hunger and made 554 burritos to give out to the homeless in Newton. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for making this event such a success.



MMDC Trip—February 2023

Here are some pictures from the recent trip our St Luke team took to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois.



We worked hard at stuffing the annual impact report with a brochure and an envelope. We worked with a group from Trinity UMC from Charles City.



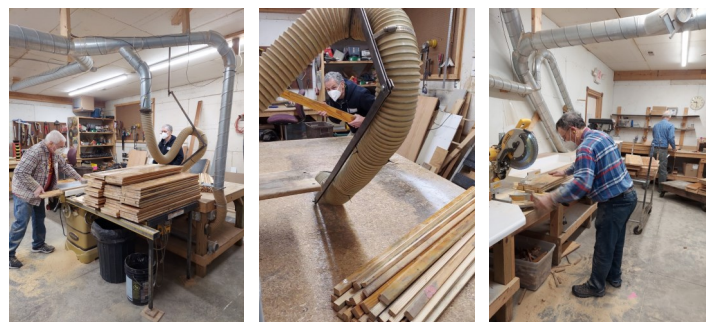
We prepared and ate our meals in the dorm room where we stayed. We ate well and had fun playing games in the evening. It wasn't all work. Jenni, Corinne, and Jonnelle put together this beautiful wooden puzzle in the evening.



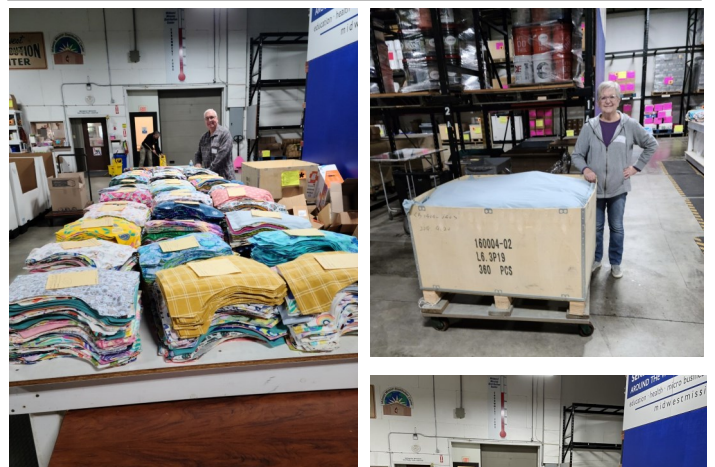
Here are some of our workers packaging menstrual hygiene kits.



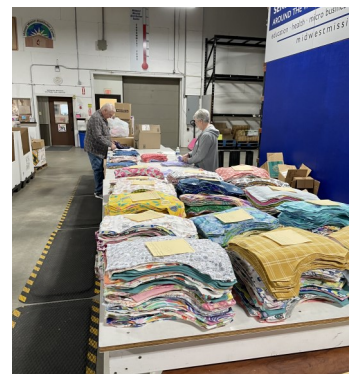
A Shipment going to Grenada that left the site while we were there. It is the 7th international shipment for 2023. It will be trucked to St Louis, loaded onto a rail car and go to the port in New York City where it will go onto a ship owned by Food For The Poor. In Grenada it will be distributed by Food For The Poor.



Dennis, Brad and Mike cut slats for bed frames.



Pam and Dennis counted all our diapers into stacks of 50. They then went into a big bin called a gaylord. The Gaylord holds 1800 and we made 1796 of these.



| WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | |
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| Feb. 19 | 9:30 AM |
| Ushers (2) | Peg Kimberley |
| Greeters (2) | Dennis & Pam Smith |
| Reader | Jenni Patty |
| Acolyte | |
| Keyboard | Bev Thomas |
| Projection | Peg Ehler |
| Camera | |
| Care Core | Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker |
| Coffee Time | Peg Ehler |

| Feb. 26 | 9:30 AM |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Ushers (2) | Roy & Pat Patty |
| Greeters (2) | Pam Andrews & Rose Evans |
| Reader | Pat Patty |
| Acolyte | Nathan Figland |
| Keyboard | Jan Lewis |
| Projection | Peg Ehler |
| Camera | |
| Care Core | Amy Murphy |
| Coffee Time | Megan DeJong |

| March 5 | 9:30 AM |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Ushers (2) | Rose Evans & Pam Andrews |
| Greeters (2) | Russ & Lori Leix |
| Reader | Amy Murphy |
| Acolyte | Rachel Pageler |
| Keyboard | Jan Lewis |
| Projection | Ethan Pageler |
| Camera | Ben Leonard |
| Care Core | Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy |
| Coffee Time | Amy Murphy |

| March 12 | 9:30 AM |
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| Ushers (2) | |
| Greeters (2) | Peg Kimberley |
| Reader | Rose Evans |
| Acolyte | Rachel Pageler |
| Keyboard | Bev Thomas |
| Projection | |
| Camera | Ethan Pageler |
| Care Core | Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston |
| Coffee Time | Wendy Jennings |

Worship Assistants

For 2023 we are excited to try something new with our worship assistant sign up. We would like to see more of our volunteer position filled so we decided to try passing around sign-up sheets for 3 months at a time. We had a wonderful response with our January-March volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through March but there are still a few 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/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

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

Online Worship

If your schedule keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services or watch past services by visiting our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.



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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.



