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June 2016



**REGISTER by July 3 to get
 a FREE T-SHIRT for
 VBS Olympics
 Monday-Friday, July 11-15
 9 - 11:30 am
 3 year olds - 6th graders
 7th - Adult can Volunteers
 Registration form inside**

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St Luke Amazing Financial Update

Monthly Updates of Apportionments, District Asking and Special Offerings are posted on the church office window.

We say *AMAZING*, because our giving to Special Offerings and Missions is always very generous. And most recently, when you discovered our need for general funds, you responded. The Finance committee thanks you.

On May 1 the offering was \$4,189.

May 8 was \$3,940.

May 15 was \$777

May 22 was \$3,203



Those included \$285 for the building loan; \$357 for Church World Service Blankets; \$60 for Peace with Justice; \$50 for VBS & \$315 for VBS T-shirts; \$21.60 Larry Kies, missionary; \$63 Heifer Intl (tube;) \$950 rental income.

One good thing for us: our *apportionments* are \$1,246 less for 2016 than 2015

The total 2016 amount is \$25,686 or \$2,141 per month or \$494 per week.

By April 25, we were able to send \$1,610 for this year, designated by folk who have picked up the *apportionments-missions* cause, hoping to avoid an end-of-year push.

You may want to join in designating and/or just giving a little or a lot more to the General Fund.

We are continuing our 2nd Sunday Offering for Apportionments.

Anytime you choose, you can write *Apportionments* in the memo of a check to *St Luke*.



**VBS Olympics
 will be
 July 11-15
 9 - 11:30 am**



**Sunday, June 5
 Larry and Jane Kies Speak
 at Both 8 & 10:30 at St Luke**

You might recognize the Kies; we have been supporting them \$300+ each annually for several years.

Larry Kies is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as technical advisor to

the Africa University Farm at Mutare, Zimbabwe in southern Africa. Africa University is a United Methodist Church-related institution that is being nurtured and funded by church members from all over the world. It is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism on the African continent and has its foundations in the history and legacy of the church. Africa University opened in March 1992 as the first private, international university in Zimbabwe.

Larry's duties involve working with the farm manager to develop an agricultural program that makes the university farm more efficient in its roles of teaching and research. In addition, he is involved in student agricultural practicals, and teaches classes in crop production & farm management.

Reflecting on his ministry, Mr. Kies shares, "I am in mission with the African people as we manage a commercial-scale farm that demonstrates appropriate farming methods. Students, even those not studying agriculture, are exposed to sustainable practices, as many work part-time on the farm to help pay their school fees. In teaching, I hope to reinforce in students a Christian outlook toward farming and business, since many of them will be the African leaders of the future. By so doing, I hope to obey Jesus' command, implicit in Matthew 25, to feed the hungry."

Mr. Kies was raised near Jesup, Iowa, where his parents gave him his love of farming and sense of global mission. After graduating from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in biology, he began a 15-year career in Botswana. He first served as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching agriculture, then managed the farm and taught at Maun Secondary School.

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Friday, June 3 - Monday, June 6:

Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, HyVee Hall, DSM. See pages 6-7 for details.

Sunday, June 5: 8 & 10:30 am

Worship with Larry & Jane Kies, Africa University Missionaries
 9:15 am ONE-ROOM Sunday School for Children thru 3rd grade BEGINS. Other classes continue.



Sunday, June 12: 8 & 10:30 am

Communion will be served
 2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering
 - A Portion Meant for Others



Sunday, June 19: 8 & 10:30 am

Worship will have a Father's Day Theme so bring your guys!



Friday, June 24: Ice Cream Social See page 1.

Sunday, June 26: 8 & 10:30 am Worship
 9:15 & 11:30 am Fellowship every Sunday

40 DAY ADVENTURE

**to See God's Work in ME & YOU
 Show Up at St Luke & in Newton too!**

At the beginning of His earthly ministry and after His Baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River, was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for 40 DAYS where he was tempted by Satan. (Luke 4:1-2)

At the end of His ministry, He prepared His Disciples for 40 DAYS for their mission after He ascended.

Let's use the next 40 DAYS as an opportunity for us, St Luke, to prepare for our next mission. Then we'll be ready to grow the Kingdom of God right here!

**40
 DAYS**

How? By following the practices of the first Christians you'll find on page 2 of this newsletter!

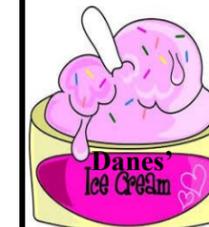
By receiving the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Fruit of the Spirit will blossom and be produced in our lives.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22

We have the seeds of the Fruit of the Spirit inside us just ready to burst forth...perhaps in the next 40 days!

You are each a part and have a part to do in continuing to discover and re-discover how to live out our world-wide United Methodist Mission, **"to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**

**Friday, June 24: 5-7 pm at St Luke
 Ice Cream & Pie Social**



Serving: Sandwiches (Loose beef or hot dogs), Chips, Beverage, Pie and Dane's Ice Cream.

Public is invited. Bring your friends!

Minimum \$5 per person donation with proceeds divided for St Luke Campers and Apportionments.

Please sign-up to provide food items and/or help serve.



Dear St Luke Family, I'm inviting you on a
40 DAY ADVENTURE
to See God's Work in ME & YOU -
Show Up at St Luke & in Newton too!



Roger Lovett tells of the years he was a pastor in a little church in Kentucky. "Just a small building. A tiny sanctuary. Two bathrooms. A nursery. A closet for a pastor's office and four adult Sunday School classes in the sanctuary. Vacation Bible School was held in the basements of homes up and down the street and eventually Sunday School classes scattered in homes all over town. **It was a mess!** We needed a larger building desperately. But...finally we got a building committee together and they got us some plans & we built an educational facility. **It was so scary!**" Ten years later they invited Lovette for a celebration to burn the note on the mortgage & break ground for a new, larger sanctuary!

Does this sound like St Luke in the early years when two separate hours of Sunday School had to be held in order for everyone to be able to attend?

St Luke history discloses that we took a **huge leap of faith** that took 20 years to pay off the mortgage on these buildings and we broke ground on a new parsonage too! I see that as our heritage...in our DNA...who we are.

What Jesus left us, His followers, was His power, His breath, His Spirit, breathing on us, empowering us, keeping us going and growing, helping us do what we thought there was no way in the world we could do!

We were and are scarred followers of a scarred Master given the work of God to do through God's Spirit. We haven't even begun to tap into the power of the Holy Spirit! **Wonder what God has next for St Luke?**

That's why I've proposed **40 DAYS to See - God's Work in ME & YOU - Show Up at St Luke & in Newton too!**

In addition to the Ice Cream Social and VBS, I've suggested that we spend the next 40 DAYS seeking God's will in the same way the first believers lived their lives: "They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** (regular attendance at Worship & Sunday School), to **fellowship** (at St Luke and other places), to the **breaking of bread** (not just Communion, but meals together), & to **prayer** both individual & corporate."

God will answer our prayers, **if we are willing to step forth in faith** and allow God's Holy Spirit to work in our lives to make God's Kingdom **GROW** here at St Luke and in Newton.

The **POWER** of God's Holy Spirit is ours. (Acts 1)
 Are you ready to exercise it?
 The **FRUIT** of God's Spirit is abundant. (Gal 5:22)
 Are you ready to share it?

Come to Worship and/or read my weekly email messages to participate to the fullest! I will always pray for you and ask for your prayers for me.

Pastor Audrey

Sunday Morning Special Music or Drama:

Share your God-Given Talent with St Luke during Worship Times. Specials can be Musical, Drama, Dance or a Reading. Sign-up at the Servants' Counter.

Find out more about the Literacy Project of the Iowa UMC



June 3-6, Annual Conference on pages 6-7.

Apportionments are Missions

Noisy Offering = 2nd Sunday of Each Month

The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches. **Our participation in the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund** acknowledges that we United Methodists are but a small part of the worldwide Christian church—the living body of Jesus Christ. Our unity with other Christian communions is affirmed as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.

See more at:
www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds
Apportionments = A Portion Meant for Others.

SPRC = Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Members of our SPRC want to have their names included in the newsletter for continued good "relations." They are Lori Leix, Katie Jones, Stephen Pageler, Amy Murphy, and Scott Greene.

FYI: Clergy Continuing Education & Spiritual Growth
 i. The Iowa Conference requires that clergypersons earn two continuing education units each year, July 1 to June 30.

ii. Clergypersons shall be allowed two weeks each year (including two Sundays) and one month (including Sundays) each quadrennium for continuing education and spiritual growth, for a total of ten weeks per quadrennium.

iii. The education and spiritual growth opportunities need to be scheduled through consultation with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Discipline ¶351.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 5	8 AM Larry & Jane	Kies Speaking 10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Myron/Betty Rhone	Baylee Munson
Readers	Russ Leix	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo Walker-O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Savannah Reicks
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Margaret Gullett	Marston Family
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson
Counters		Jan Lewis/Deb Stoullil
June 12	8 AM Communion	10:30 AM
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger	Rose Evans/Marianne Spaur
Greeters	Peg Ehler	Lori Leix/Rhondi Machin
Reader	Jenni Patty	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Evan/Emma Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Pam Andrews	Amy Murphy
Care Core	Pam Arrowood	Lisa Marston
Communion	Barb Pherigo	Counters: Barb Kaldenberg/Brad Patty
June 19	8 AM Father's Day	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Deb/Austin Stoullil
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Sue Crook
Readers	Pam Andrews	Leslie Maach
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kael/Ella Swarts
Nursery	Parents take turns	Sharon Swarts
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Tamara Lloyd	Michelle Walker-O'Brien
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Russ Leix/Pat Patty
June 26	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Jean Schnell/Margaret Gullett	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Tamara Lloyd	Marianne Spaur
Readers	Rosemary Hartschen	Corinne Kleppe
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Jacob Murphy
Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Pat Patty
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Jan Lewis/ Rose Evans

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St Luke News

Congratulations to Katie Jones on the sale of her house and move to Park Centre. Her new address and phone number is:
 500 1st St N - apt 321
 Newton, IA 50208
 641-791-4614

And to Betty Skaggs who has moved into 610 E 2nd St S, Apartment 1.

Central District Office has moved into the Iowa Conference Center, 2301 Rittenhouse St, DSM 50321-3101, to save cost of office rental, etc.

Thank you for your kind donation of \$450.50 to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Thank you so much for your support.

Pat Wright, MMDC Executive Director

Congratulations to our St Luke graduates: Austin Stoullil, Whitney Breckenridge, Clay Hansen, Sara Cook, Kelly Murphy, Erin Stonner, Samantha Zeien, Isaac Poulsen-Fox.

Congratulations to Deb Stoullil on your retirement from Newton Community Schools for 37 years as a band instructor. God Bless this new chapter in your life.

Thank you, Pat Patty & Jean Schnell for pots of flowers and Roy Patty and Ron Lisk for lawn care.

Please--Help Update All Addresses including College Students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. 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
Sunday, May 29 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY for children through 4th. 5th and up can meet with adult SoTS class		May-Aug 2nd-5th Sunday School Offering is for Larry Kies, Missionary		2	3 *Doris Diamond 80th Iowa Annual Conference	4
5 8/10:30 Worship Guest speakers- Larry & Jane Kies 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Iowa Annual Conference	6 *Kris Reicks	7 At St Luke ELECTION DAY ***** 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	8 7 pm Page Turners Book Club in entry	9	10	11 *Leslie Maach
12 8/10:30 Worship - Communion 2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School	13 *Brian Thomas	14 *Randy Hanson FLAG DAY	15 *Lisa Marston	16 *Tamara Lloyd 7 pm Quilt Guild - FH	17 Noon UMWomen Luncheon at a special place TBA	18
19 8/10:30 Worship Father's Day 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School 6 pm ICIW Worship at Mitchellville *Alex Osborn	20 *Stephen Pageler	21 7pm Council Mtg	22 40 Days to See - God's Work in ME & YOU - Show Up at St Luke & in Newton too!	23	24 5-7 pm Ice Cream Social 	25
26 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School *Grant Osborn *Heather Stroh	27 	28 *Tina Ehler 6 pm Music Potluck-Picnic at Maach's 6:30 pm SPRC mtg	29 8:30 am Collate Newsletter	30 *Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office		

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



United Methodist Women Friday, June 17

Noon - Luncheon Out
 Location to be announced
 Make reservation with Betty Rhone

"Make me to know your way, O Lord; teach me your paths."

Psalm 25:4 NOB

June 3-6 - Iowa Annual Conference

June 24-26-North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial, Grand Rapids, MI



St Luke UMC to Host Kids Against Hunger Packaging Event

Saturday, July 9
 9 am - Until Done

Talk with Tamara Lloyd to get a team of St Lukers at \$30 each to fill bags for an hour.
 More Details to Come

Now through August 2016 Sunday School Mission Offering

Our Sunday school offerings for May through August on the 2nd through 5th Sundays will once again go toward our covenant of support for United Methodist Missionary, Larry Kies, at Africa University, Zimbabwe, Africa.



First Sunday offering continues to go toward Sunday School administration costs. Corinne Kleppe - N.O.W. Missions

June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request



Canned Meat & Fish



Ice Cream Social Will Provide Camperships for St Luke Campers

There's still time to register for camp & the best week ever. Whether you've never been to camp before or been attending for years, there is new adventure awaiting you and your family. Get registered soon because we can't wait to have the best week ever with you! 2016 Summer Camp catalogs are available at St Luke or go on-line at www.iaumc.org.



News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark



Our library can help when you are facing the difficult times in life. We have a couple of wonderful children's books which have been found helpful in explaining heaven.

Maria Shriver's *What's Heaven* is a practical and realistic story of a little girl whose great-grandma has just died. Kate seeks answers, and her mother helps her learn about heaven. The many questions in this book are childlike and thought-provoking. They are real questions which came from Shriver's own children, nieces and nephews when her grandmother Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy passed away. With loving, confident, and uplifting answers, Shriver taught her family how to come together, feel closer to each other, and feel peace.

The Next Place, by Warren Hanson, is a beautiful picture book about heaven, an inspirational journey of light and hope to a place where earthly hurts are left behind. It tells of an uncomplicated journey of awe and wonder to a destination without barriers. You can lose yourself in its uplifting sense of comfort and serenity. This book is a celebration of life and will leave you wanting to pour yourself into the lives of those you love.

These books approach the same topic in two very different ways. Both are touching and beautiful looks at a part of life about which we often find difficult to talk.

You can check out these books in our little library in the corner.

Fellowship Partner

I enjoy and appreciate the fellowship time after worship. Like the refreshments too! And once every 3 months (only 4 times a year) I have had the privilege of serving. I need to leave promptly at 11:30 am Sundays to arrive for my one meal for that day at Park Centre. So I am seeking a "Fellowship Partner" at the 10:30 service. I will provide the cookies and a fruit juice. My 'partner' will serve and clean-up the fellowship table & coffeepots.



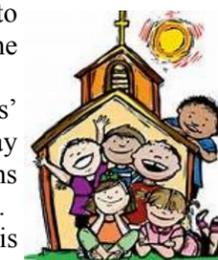
Please see me about being my "Fellowship Partner." I want to continue but need a partner or I will need to say "no" to the committee. Katie Jones 641-521-8434

"It's easy!" say those who have led One-Room Sunday School

The One-Room Sunday School for children 3-years of age through 3rd grade will begin on Sunday, June 5. To give our school year teachers a break, volunteers are asked to sign-up to teach for a Sunday or two during the summer.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Servants' Counter for volunteers to choose the Sunday they would like to teach. If you have questions about the program, please talk to Tamara Lloyd.

Be a part of this vital ministry at St Luke this summer!



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for preK-3rd on May 29.

4th-12th graders can go to *Seasons* Adult Class



My Story

As a kid our family vacations often consisted of setting up camp less than an hour from home. We would stay for a week of family time away from work, television, and neighborhood friends.

To our family, camping involved a large family-sized tent that fit all 7 of us. We would pull into a campground, pile out of our car, and since we all knew our jobs, we would quickly get to work. In no time the tent would be up and Mom would be preparing supper. Our teamwork in setting up our home away from home, meant we had more time to enjoy one another's company through praying, singing, laughing, and playing.



Teamwork within the church is important also.

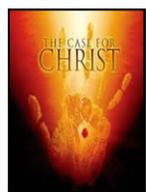
Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 12:25-30

Just like each member of my family had a different job to do when setting up our campsite, so too, each member of the church family has a different job to do. If my sisters and I had all tried to layout the tent stakes and no one put together the tent poles, the tent would not have stood up. So too, if everyone tried to provide snacks for fellowship time but no one led the worship or offered music or mowed the lawn or fixed things that were broken, our church would not be a strong and healthy place of worship. We all have a job. We are all part of the church family team. Where are you using your gifts?

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Adult-2 Class = The Case for Christ



You are invited to join the Adult-2 class as *The Case for Christ* is read and discussed. Author Lee Strobel searches for evidence of Jesus by "cross-examining" the experts.

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

Voice of Change

II KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

To recognize our legacy from people of faith and pass on the mantle God gives us.

Elijah was a prophet during the reign of King Ahab in the 9th century B.C. God performed many miracles through Elijah. You may also recall it was *Elijah* who appeared with Moses during Jesus' *Transfiguration*, witnessed by Peter, James, and John.

In the lectionary reading of June 26, Elijah, near the end of his life, was traveling with the (younger) prophet Elisha. Elisha had been anointed by Elijah to be Elijah's successor. For eleven or twelve years Elisha accompanied Elijah, acting as his attendant.

II Kings 2 describes a journey of Elijah and Elisha, where Elijah asks Elisha to remain in one place, explaining that God has chosen him (Elijah) to go to Bethel. Elisha refused to abandon Elijah. Later again, Elijah begged Elisha to stay behind while he traveled to the Jordan River. And again, Elisha refused to abandon him.



As the two reached the Jordan River, Elijah struck the water with his rolled up cloak, dividing the water. He asked Elisha what he would like Elijah to do for him (Elisha) before he was *taken away* from him. Elisha asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit -- twice the portion of Elijah's power. Elijah responded that the request would be met if Elisha witnessed his **departure**.

Suddenly a blazing chariot pulled by blazing horses *stormed down from the heavens and came between Elijah and Elisha*. Elijah was then swept up into heaven by the *fiery storm*. Elisha never saw Elijah again. Elisha served as a prophet in the northern kingdom of Israel for about 50 years.

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!

∞ Lectionary Readings for June 2016 ∞

June 5: 1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) | Voice of the Silenced
To consider our role as caring & faithful agent of God's healing love.

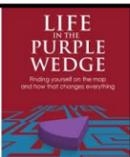
June 12: 1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a | Voice of Justice
To be inspired and empowered to speak out against injustice.

June 19: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a | Voice of Silence
To seek refuge during troubled times in God's healing presence.

June 26: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 | Voice of Change
To recognize our legacy from people of faith and pass on the mantle God gives us.

3rd Sunday School for Youth and Adults

Life in the Purple Wedge by WHO broadcaster Van Harden, reminds us of the larger picture of our lives as Christians, as inhabitants of God's Kingdom.



St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce, and/or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.

St Andrew's Society Produce Project

St Andrew's Society salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Usually these rejected loads end up at local landfills. Through the Potato and Produce Project, the Society is able to redirect these 43,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor.



Because this produce is donated, the Society pays only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 7.2 cents per pound! That means we can provide food to the nation's hungry for about 2.4 cents per serving!

The majority of food handled by the Potato and Produce Project is delivered directly to agencies, but also includes occasional Produce Drops, where a trailer load of fruit or vegetables is delivered to a church parking lot or other location.

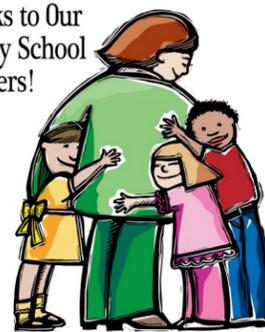
Volunteers then process the load by bagging the produce, if necessary, and delivering the food to local hunger relief agencies. Produce Drops are not the norm. Their purpose is primarily to help educate participants about hunger and the amount of perfectly edible food that goes to waste in America. It also is a good advocacy tool as it can help mobilize people to action.



Annual Musicians Potluck Picnic

Tuesday, June 28 at 6 pm at Maachs

Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers!

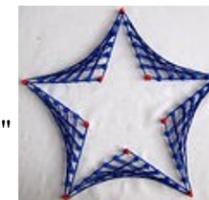


Many Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to the St Luke Team of Sunday School teachers for the past year. Tamara Lloyd, Lisa Marston, Mary Onstot and Pastor Audrey have been leading the children and youth. Carolyn Cook and Rose Evans have been leading the adult classes. Your efforts are very much appreciated and a vital part of St Luke.

VBS Art Supplies Needed

- 80 Misc sizes of boards for string art (3.5"x3.5", 7.5" x 4" are some examples). Need to be around 1/2" thick of SOFT wood like pine.
- DMC thread - all colors.
- Finishing nails - 1" or shorter, any color.



For information, contact Ann Leonard, Craft teacher.

There will be a box to leave supplies on the table by Pastor's office.



VBS Helpers are always needed too.

If you would like to help teachers prepare materials for VBS, i.e. cutting shapes, make wall décor OR make snacks, OR just be another adult in the room for "crowd control," please talk with Amy Murphy, VBS Director.



Have YOU Been on Staff at Wesley Woods?

Friday, June 3: All Staff Reunion

Saturday, June 4: Summer Kickoff and 60th Anniversary Program Highlights: wagon rides; a 30 foot Memory Wall in the main lodge; campfires and singing; homecoming weekend t-shirts; fishing at Horseshoe pond; a photo history book; high ropes course; former and current directors; inflatables; horse rides; waterslide . . . and more! All meals and lodging for the weekend will be free will offering. Please visit the website at: www.wesleywoodsiowa.org.



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, July 11-July 15, 2016
9:00—11:30 am

St Luke United Methodist Church,
501 E 19th St. N, Newton, IA 50208
(641) 792-5736

No registration fee,
but donations for
curriculum & supplies
are gratefully accepted.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Sex: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Allergies/Other needed information: _____ (Or will attend Kindergarten in Fall 2016 _____)

In order to receive a FREE t-shirt, registrations must be at St Luke by Sunday, July 3.

Child's T-Shirt Size: Youth XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ Adult S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: (____) _____ Secondary phone: (____) _____

Home church: _____ City: _____

Emergency Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Parents & others invited to watch skit at 9:00-9:20 am each morning in sanctuary

And attend Worship on Sunday, July 17, to hear VBS kids sing & more about Kid Assist of Newton

Daily Mission Offering
Half to *Special Olympics*
Half to *Kid Assist of Newton* for
special medical equipment for kids.

Free Lunch for Kids 1-18yrs available at
Berg Elementary Cafeteria, Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria,
and the High School Cafeteria
11am-12:15pm (M-F) June 6-July 29

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

-Proverbs 22:6-

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Larry Kies returned to the U.S. to earn a Master of Science degree in vegetable crops at the University of California, Davis. While at Davis he was active in the Davis United Methodist Church, playing guitar and singing in the folk choir, leading the singing for youth Sunday school, and helping teach adult Sunday school.

In 1994, he returned to Africa to manage a beef, dairy, cotton, and maize farm. Prior to moving to Africa University he managed the farm at Nyadire Mission in Zimbabwe. He began at Africa University in 2002.



Jane Kies is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries teaching Intensive English to students from non-English-speaking countries at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, southern Africa.

Africa University is a United Methodist Church-related institution that is being nurtured and funded by church members from all over the world. It is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism on the African continent and has its foundations in the history and legacy of the church. Africa University opened in March 1992 as the first private, international university in Zimbabwe.

Reflecting on her assignment at Africa University, Jane says, "Working with young people who come to Africa University with a passion to learn English is a rewarding experience. Fluency in English equips them to study for a degree that will enable them to carry out their particular ministries and use their gifts. I am thankful for the opportunity my students give me to learn about the diversity of cultures and peoples on the African continent. I also value the opportunities there are to study and discuss the Bible together, and help the students apply its teachings to their lives and experiences at Africa University."

Jane was born in Ndola, Zambia, and grew up in southern Africa and England. After graduating, she spent two years in Uganda as a volunteer with Church Missionary Society, teaching in a rural secondary school. She then returned to England to earn certification in Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language (TESOL). After finishing, she taught English at Maun Secondary School in Botswana, where she also worked with the Art Club and the Scripture Union student group.

In 1994, Jane went with her family to live and work at Nyadire Mission in Zimbabwe, teaching English at the mission high school, and working with women to establish a Sunday school for children at the Nyadire United Methodist Church. In 2002, the Kieses transferred to Africa University in Mutare.

Larry and Jane are married and have four children: Ben, Andrew Pule, Carly, and Michael.

Our ICIW 3rd Sunday Worship Ministry



My heart is still warmed, but not strangely as John Wesley said his was. I recognized it. My heart is warmed because of the response of the women at ICIW to the message God gave me for you to hear on Mothers' Day and them to hear the next Sunday evening, writes Pastor Audrey. It began with the response of the camera operator noticing the cherry pink bulletins & saying, "Thank you so much for the color!"

From then on, there were women thanking GOD, Barb and I at every opportunity. If you remember the message, it was about *Jesus and Women*. I suggested, God could have come as a super-powered super hero, but God chose to come as a baby in a young woman's womb!

During Jesus' ministry, he was purposeful in naming women as the heroines of his parables, i.e. the one who searched for the lost coin like He searches for lost souls; the one who gave all she had in the temple offering about whom Jesus said, she gave more than any of the wealthy men.

Jesus purposely entered Samaritan territory to speak to a divorcee, in daylight. Jews usually avoided Samaritans, divorcees, and women in general and especially in public.



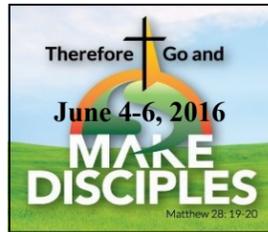
Jesus allowed the prostitute to wash his feet with her hair and tears when the Pharisee hadn't offered that courtesy to him. And he allowed healing power to enter the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years as she reached to touch the hem of his robe.

Most of all...when all the men (except young John) deserted Jesus in his final days, the women did not. They remained at Calvary to endure the crucifixion, the thunderstorm, earthquake and gory happenings. The women went back to the tomb on Easter morning to care for his body (never mind they couldn't roll the stone.)

Women were the first to see the Risen Christ and the first to announce his Resurrection, even though Jesus knew the men wouldn't believe the women. They were totally devoted to Jesus as he was to the women.

God's Holy Spirit filled that room at ICIW with such love, it was unmistakably a God-filled hour and a half. What a blessing to serve God by serving these women who are so very appreciative.

We're hoping and praying with *Women at the Well UMC* "inside" the wire to see about providing worship for the "outside" gals too. Right now one of the "inside" inmates operates a video camera to record our worship "inside" ICIW, to be scrolled on monitors for the inmates "outside" the wire who are not allowed "inside" for any reason. It's because they do not have a large area to gather for worship. Please pray with our ICIW worship volunteers and the *Women at the Well* for a way "outside" women can worship in person too.



2016 Iowa Annual Conference

Attend Annual Conference as a visitor at anytime.

Stop by HyVee Hall, check in at the registration counter for a visitor badge.

Attending Conference as St Luke representatives are Pastor Audrey Young and Rose Evans, Lay Delegate. Joining them at their table are Steve and Gail Quigg, new North Central Jurisdiction Mission Advocates. Pastor Audrey is host as the Iowa General Secretary for Global Missions (aka Iowa Mission Education Secretary.)

Friday, June 3 7 pm Clergy and Laity Sessions, Conference Preachers:

- Memorial Service 10 am **Saturday** - Rev Dave Weesner
- Bishop's Address 1:50 pm **Saturday** Rev Julius Trimble
- Women at the Well 10th Anniversary 1:15 pm **Sunday** - Rev Lee Schott
- Retirement Service 4 pm **Sunday** - Rev Deb Stowers
- Offering to Nigerian students at Simpson & Morningside
- Ordering Service 9 am **Sunday** - Bishop Tom Bickerton



(W Penn Conference and the UML leader of *Imagine No Malaria*) Offering for Iowa UMCamperships

(Sunday, June 5, Larry & Jane Kies will be at St Luke)

Sunday, June 5, 7-9 pm Teaching Sessions

- **Social Media and Web Ministry:**
- **Communicating Faith in the 21st Century** Jenn Rodia
- **Change a Child's Story:** Erin McGargill, Allison Engel
- **Women at the Well: "And Who is My Neighbor"** - Rev. Lee Schott
- **Healthy Church Initiative:** Jaye Johnson & Phil Carver
- **Spiritual Leadership Incorporated:** Greg Survant
- **Increasing Financial Stewardship in your Congregation** Katherine Yarnell



Special Offerings

- Nigerian Students at Simpson & Morningside - 4 Sun
- Diakanos' Leadership Development - 10:35 Monday
- Change a Child's Story Literacy Program - 1:40 Mon
- Flint, Michigan Water Crisis
- Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Bishop's FIT-walk 5K Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, June 5, 6:15 am-8:30 am

Location: Center St. & 2nd Ave Pedestrian Bridge (1 block east of HyVee Hall 3rd Ave. entrance)

\$15 Registration Fee and/or pledges to Kae Tritle: bktritle@msn.com; (319) 310-8760; 3011 Pinecrest Rd. Iowa City, IA 52245; or register that morning. Make checks to *Iowa Annual Conference* with *FITWALK* in memo.

Proceeds to **Change a Child's Story**, Literacy project.

AC Meal Break Events to which everyone is invited

Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors invites you to a **Saturday, June 4, luncheon** at Trinity United Methodist Church at noon with speakers, NCJ Mission Advocates, Steve and Gail Quigg, talk about Aviation Ministries in Africa. April Palma, JFON lawyer, will give a brief review of Iowa JFON's Unaccompanied Minors Legal Services. Women from Los Americas UMC, which meets at Trinity, provide the food.

GRAB AND GAB with the QUIGGS Sunday, June 5, evening meal break at far end of Dining Area in HyVee Hall? GRAB your meal at the Ovation vendors and come GAB with Steve and Gail Quigg, new North Central Jurisdiction Mission Advocates with the General Board of Global Ministries of The UMC. They were Aviation Missionaries in Africa for nearly 30 years. No Reservation necessary. No need to leave HyVee Hall.

Join United Methodist Women on Sunday, June 5 for **supper at 5:30 pm** with a program, "Climate Change & Climate Justice," to follow at Wesley UMC. Ticket price: \$10 (\$2 will go to DV educational events) RSVP to Gladys Alvarez by **May 27, 2016** by **mailing form** to: 1140 45th Street, DSM, Iowa 50311 or email: gkna2001@aol.com or call 515-277-7337.

Revive Dinner, Sunday, June 5, 5 pm Room TBD. Everyone welcome. There will be dinners for the first 200 who send reservations for a free-will offering. If you don't have a dinner reservation, chairs still provided. Program is **Reflections on General Conference** from an *Orthodox* perspective from Iowa delegates who attended. What actions were taken at the 2016 General Conference and what might these actions mean for your local church?

For reservations, mail your name, address, phone, email address and the number attending to: REVIVE, PO Box 763, Muscatine, IA 52761; email to info@reviveumc.org; call 1-866-218-4123; or during the Annual Conference, leave this information at the REVIVE booth in HyVee Hall.

Monday, June 6th GRAB AND GAB with the KIES noon meal break. Larry and Jane Kies will be in the far end of the dining room. Folk can "grab" their lunch from any vendor and join in the "gab" with Larry and Jane who have been serving as Iowa-connected UMMissionaries at the Africa University, Zimbabwe, for decades. There are nearly 70 Iowa UMChurches that support the Kies, so come early to get a good seat!



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While walking through and looking at the various booths full of United Methodist information, stop by the Mission Education booth to visit with Steve and Gail Quigg, our new NCJ Mission Advocates, buy a book or gift at *Cokesbury*, check out *UMColleges*, and so much more. *Ovations* provides meals and snacks.



1. Fill the MMDC Truck at Iowa Conference

You can load items in the truck parked in CCCU, (Vets) parking lot during the Iowa Annual Conference June 4 through June 6 **or bring items to St Luke BY JUNE 2. We are already taking school supplies, 128 Haiti School bags, 20 Pillowcase Dresses and a sewing machine. Thank you, St Luke.**

Currently MMDC is asking for kits of all types, but especially need these supplies:

- **Spiral Bound Notebooks**
- **New Infant Sleepers** (not onesies)
- **New Hand Towels & Washcloths**



Visit www.midwestmissiondc.org for updates.

These kits/supplies help the most vulnerable people during crisis & sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. By donating items, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives.

If you would like more information about **IAUMC Disaster Ministries** and opportunities contact: Pastor Catie or John Newman at disaster.response@iaumc.org or 712-899-4067

MMDC, Chatham, IL, is a cooperating depot with UMCOR. MMDC also have specific projects such as children's hospital gowns, bikes and sewing machines (which they repair if needed.)

Find Out More about MMDC at St Luke

MMDC is the place where St Luke has worked several times. Carolyn Cook and Karen Clark are planning a MMDC presentation on a Sunday during Worship. Details to come.

2. Offering for Water for Flint, Michigan

Until ALL of the lead-containing water lines are replaced, residents of Flint, Michigan will have to continue using filtered and/or bottled water.

Purchased in bulk, the items cost

- \$4.00 to purchase a case of water
- \$20- \$45 to buy a pitcher filter system



At the Iowa Annual Conference donations can be given in the Offering during one of the Worship times; deposited in the large water bottle at the Treasurer's Office at Conference or given at *St Luke* with *Flint Water* in the check memo and the total will be forwarded to Flint.

At General Conference, it was asked, "What happens to a community when there is no safe water supply?" Look at Flint, Michigan.

The lead that has leached from pipes remains an on-going concern. "The problem with Flint right now is this is going to be a generation's long issue," says Michigan Area Bishop Deborah Kiesey, a native Iowan. "The children of Flint, particularly, are the ones most affected by this poor water." Consuming lead puts kids at risk of exposure to a toxin that can stunt intellectual development and cause physical and behavioral problems.

Michigan UMs & UMCOR quickly responded to the Flint crisis, but more is needed. "UMCOR has agreed to be with us through the end on this, and it is a long way off," Kiesey noted. The water issue "is disproportionately impacting our poor communities and persons of color," she explained. UMWomen are working with partners "to defend creation, to defend the quality of life and to defend clean water for all," as pictured here.



General 2016 Conference Report - Mike Morgan

May 10-20, 864 elected delegates from United Methodist Conferences from five of our world's seven continents including 12 of us from Iowa met in Portland, OR as the *General Conference of the United Methodist Church (GC)*. It is the only body that can speak on behalf of the entire church. There was much to celebrate: 60th anniversary of the ordination of women, 150th anniversary of the UMWomen, UMCOR, commissioning of missionaries and the tremendous gains against malaria in Africa, explosive growth/spread of the gospel in Korea, a few places in Europe and many countries in Africa.

Every single day, a pastor or lay person from Nigeria touched by Iowa-Nigeria Partnership for 25 years came to me & said "Mike from Iowa, THANK YOU!" Then, to a person, they invited me to their homes.

Then there is the polity that allows for a majority to establish the rules under which our church executes its mission. For over 40 years, the UMC has been seeking how it is the Lord would have us move forward in regards to many questions surrounding **human sexuality**. Before the first legislation came up, a motion was made for the Council of Bishops to recommend how to proceed. They felt responsible to guard the church's unity, & offered a statement available at www.UMC.org. It was to establish a commission consisting of voices from many perspectives to discern how the church can move forward faithfully on issues regarding human sexuality; report by the end of 2018 and, if necessary, may convene a special General Conference to share their suggested way forward for our ratification. It was approved 428 to 403.