

# St Luke UMC

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# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

## 2022 Apportionments

**\$14,313**



\$3,313

## Financial Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Luke ministries. These offerings were received in the month of June:

Total of \$9,311 which included:

- \$ 895 - Building Fund
- \$ 91 - Apportionments
- \$ 60 - Peace with Justice Sunday
- \$ 10 - Jane Kies
- \$ 24 - Take Away Hunger



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## Missionaries

Last month, we had the opportunity to share a meal with Larry and Jane Kies and to hear about their ministry at Africa University. With their retirements, we will be looking to support new missionaries along with continuing to support Christ's Foundry missionary church lead by Pastor Amy Spaur.



Larry and Jane recommended a couple of missionaries that we may be interested in lending our support dollars to their ministry. This month I will share with you some information about one of those people and next month, I will share information about the other one they suggested. My hope as the Missions chair, is that you will help me to determine if one or both of these persons inspire you. And therefore can inspire St Luke UMC to connect with them each year and offer our support dollars.

### *Bruna Farat – Panama/Costa Rica*

Bruna Farát da Silva Mahamane Kakalé is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as a congregational developer. She will be serving as Coordinator for Congregational Development with the MCCA, Panama-Costa Rica District Conference.

Ms. Kakalé has experience in cross-cultural ministry, serving in Niger, Venezuela and Chile. She has worked with indigenous people, supported local church ministries and assisted in social work. She loves to think creatively about how to approach new projects and meet goals, despite unforeseen challenges. She understands the importance of learning about and with a new community, valuing their input. She has experience as a local lay pastor and has worked as an interpreter in many contexts.



Born in Barra Mansa, Brazil, Ms. Kakalé most recently lived in Rio de Janeiro. She studied general education at Barão de Aiuruoca State College in Barra Mansa and received a bachelor's degree in international relations from Uninter in Volta Redonda, Rio de Janeiro, in January 2020. Prior to her present assignment, Ms. Kakalé served as a missionary at the Methodist Church of Chile in Temuco, Araucanía (Cautin) (2013-14); a missionary/pastor, Methodist Church of Chile, Puerto Montt, Los Lagos (2014-15); and a social project manager, First Baptist Church, Vila Joaniza, Sao Paulo (2017-18).



## My Story

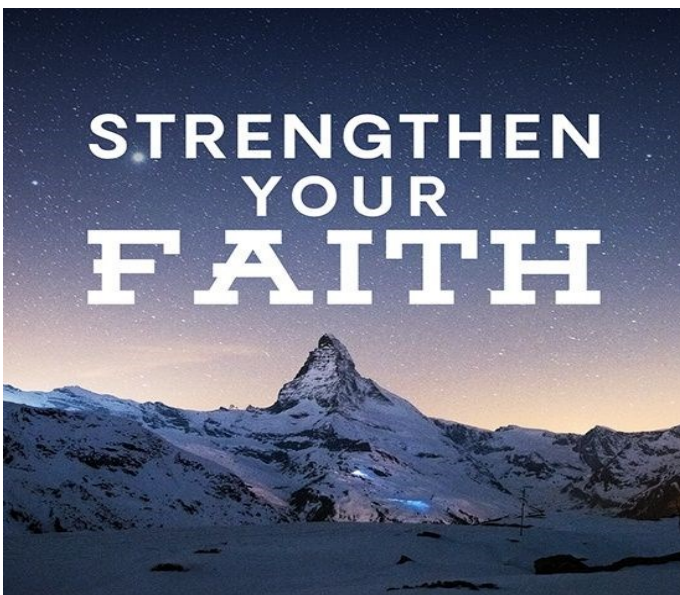
I never thought I would end up working as a Commercial Insurance underwriter. However, this summer I am completing my 23<sup>rd</sup> year working in the insurance field. My job as an underwriter is to review risks that are submitted to be sure that they fit the company's appetite and our guidelines. Underwriters ask a lot of questions to help us truly understand the risk we are reviewing and sometimes, underwriters have to say "No". Other times we have to add restrictions or limitations of coverage.

Many times people complain about the cost of insurance. I get it, you are purchasing a promise which is not tangible. When accidents happen, however, having a good insurance policy from an honest company can make all the difference in the world.

Recently I read a book called, The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancy. In this book, Yancy wrote: "According to Tradition, the eleven disciples who survived Judas all died martyrs' deaths. Jesus suffered, as did the apostle Paul and most of the early Christian leaders. Faith is not an insurance policy. Or, as Eddie Askew suggests, maybe it is: insurance does not prevent accidents, but rather gives a secure base from which to face their consequences."

We all know how a good insurance policy helps us when accidents happen, or when storms wreck havoc on our property. Faith, too, can make ALL the difference in how we move through our daily lives. Get yourself some "Soul Insurance"... strengthen your FAITH and gain a secure base from which you can face the world.

Corinne Kleppe



## Playing "Telephone"

To open ourselves to unexpected opportunities for healing witness

The king of Aram had a valuable army commander, Naaman. Aram is located in present-day Syria. Commander Naaman had won many important battles for his king, therefore he was greatly esteemed by the king. Naaman did have one "negative" with which he had to deal: the skin disease *leprosy*. During one of the battles, a little girl was kidnapped and taken from Israel to be a servant to Naaman's wife.

At one point the young girl did become aware of her mistress's husband's condition and shared: *If only my master could be near the prophet in Samaria; the prophet there could heal my master's disease.* From this, Naaman approached his king, sharing what the young girl had related. The king decided: *I am going to write a letter to Israel's king, and I want you to take it to him immediately.*

Naaman headed to Israel with the letter from his king. The Israeli king was given Naaman's message letter which said: *The man carrying this letter is my servant...I request that you heal him.* The Israeli king took less-than-kindly to receipt of the letter, expressing thoughts that questioned the motives of Naaman's king. He knew he had no personal means of healing Naaman, a great soldier of the country which had defeated Israel.



Elisha, an Israeli prophet, heard of the king's dilemma. He sent a message to the king, recommending the king send Naaman to (the prophet) Elisha. So Naaman did arrive at Elisha's house. Elisha sent out a messenger instructing Naaman with directions for restoration of health. Naaman felt *insulted* that Elisha communicated with him via *messenger*, not personally. It took one of his own servants to convince him to follow the prescribed instructions which he (eventually) did, and then was healed.

Servant girl-wife-husband-king-foreign king-Elisha-messenger-personal servant. All were involved in the "healing" of Naaman's leprosy.

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 church service. To honor and respect all present we are immunized. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings.

### ∞ Lectionary Readings for July 2022 ∞

• **July 3:** 2 Kings 5:1-14 | Power of Compassion

*To open ourselves to unexpected opportunities for healing witness*

• **July 10:** Luke 10:25-37 | Faithful Action

*To explore the call to act with compassion and justice*

• **July 17:** Luke 10:37-42 | Faithful Listening

*To seek balance between contemplation and action in our lives as disciples*

• **July 24:** Luke 11:1-13 | Faithful Prayer

*To reflect on the value of individual and communal prayer in our relationship with God.*

• **July 31:** Luke 12:13-21 | Abundant Love

*To journey toward a life shaped richly by God's ways*



United Women in Faith

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July  
No Meeting

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (NIV)*

Galatians 5:1

### Native American Ministries Sunday July 10

The people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.



### St Luke Produce Table

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

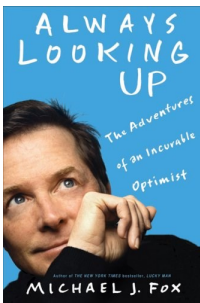


### Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the table under the tv in Sam's Place.

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### Adult-2 Sunday School Class



The Adult 2 Sunday School class is reading and discussing the book *Always Looking Up* by Michael J. Fox. In this memoir, Michael shares the themes of his life as he deals with Parkinson's Disease. He covers work, faith, and family. "With humor and wit, Michael describes how he became a happier, more satisfied person by recognizing the gifts of everyday life".

If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. We read the book together, so there is no "homework". There is always room for more to join the conversation. We meet in Room 5 in the education wing right after Worship.

**"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity."**

—Joseph Addison



## St Luke News

Thank you so much for your recent financial gift to Mobility Worldwide—IA Leighton. We are beyond blessed by the support of you and others that sustains the work of building mobility carts by volunteers.

The transportation is enormous when someone receives a PET (Personal Energy Transportation) cart. We are thankful that you have partnered with us to give God's people mobility. Due to your generosity "life stories" are being changed as people are lifted off the ground.

May God richly bless you as we work together for Him.

With sincerest appreciation.

Mobility Worldwide IA-Leighton Board of Directors

Pete & Carol Verhey

Larry & Jennie Geetings

Marvin Rozendaal

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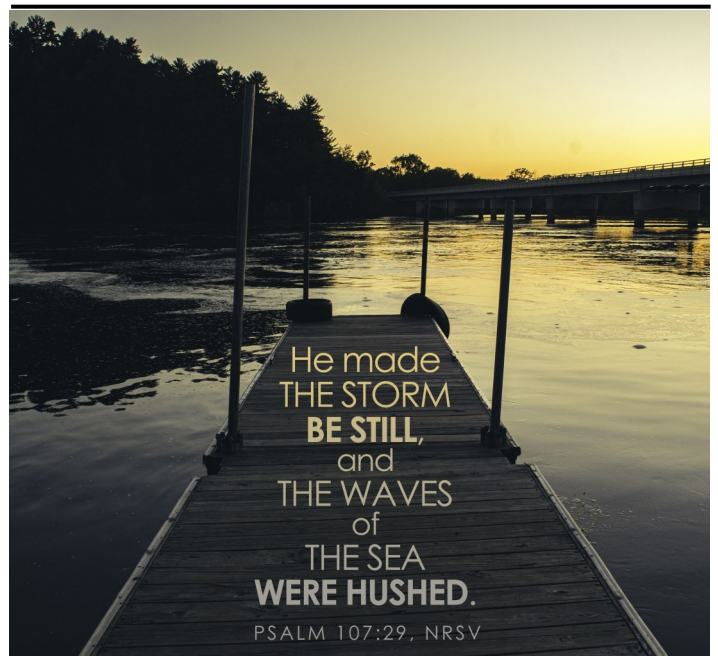
Gerrit Verhey







Congratulations on the baptisms of Camryn Paige Lemons & Kaia Isabelle Lemons on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steve & Rhonda Long and family on the passing of Rhonda's brother Steven Howe.

Congratulations to Dean and Carol Stonner on the birth of a new grandson, Everett Kenneth, second son of Joe and Katy Stonner.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9-11:30 am VBS	2
3 9:30 am Worship - Communion Sunday School to Follow 	4 	5	6	7	8	9 9am-4pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsrvd
10 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Native American Sunday	11 6:30 pm Monday Night Study via Zoom	12 6-8 pm TTT FH Rsrvd	13 	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	18 6:30 pm Monday Night Study via Zoom	19	20	21 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	25	26	27	28	29	30 11am- 4pm FH Rsrvd O'Brien Family
31 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow						

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

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>July 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Jenni Patty
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

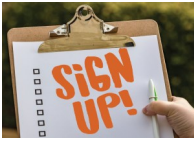
<b>July 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Bruce & Leslie Maach
Counters (2)	

<b>July 17</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

<b>June 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

**July Worship Assistants**

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of July. If you would like to volunteer 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 new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to

sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f571kMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

<b>July 31</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd, Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	



**Worship Assistants**

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



## A Special Blessing for those with July Birthdays

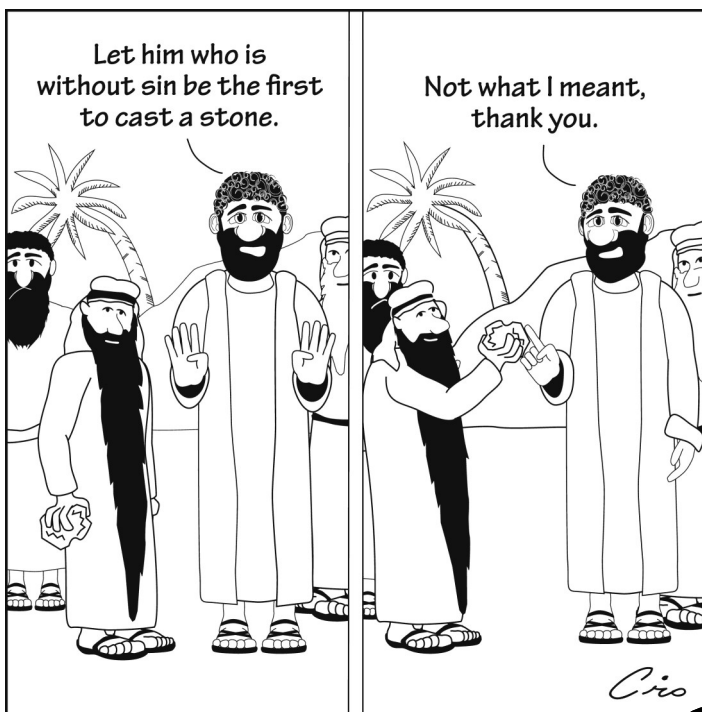
- July 1 - Brenna Figland
- July 4 - Mike Spaur
- July 6 - Mike O'Brien
- July 7 - Jerry Rhone
- July 12 - Brooke Chambers
- July 14 - Eli Swersie
- July 15 - Audrey Boleyn
- July 16 - Dave Miller
- July 17 - Ralph Simpson
- July 19 - Corinne Kleppe
- July 21 - Bill Ponder
- July 22 - Madison Bleeker
- July 23 - Clayton Swihart
- July 24 - Danny Anthony
- July 26 - Holli Simpson
- July 27 - Emmett Andrews
- July 29 - Doug McIntyre



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

# HAPPY 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## To Pastor Chad and Wendy on July 6!



## Have Household Goods or Furniture to Donate?

Contact Lori Leix



July Salvation Army Food Pantry Request  
Cereal and juice



*Beyond number*  
God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How  $\frac{13+10}{13+10}$  to me are your  $\frac{12+6}{12+6}$ , God!

How  $\frac{8+11}{8+11}$  is the  $\frac{10+3}{10+3}$  of them!

Were I to  $\frac{15+6}{15+6}$  them,

they would  $\frac{3+12}{3+12}$  the grains of  $\frac{4+18}{4+18}$

when I  $\frac{13+4}{13+4}$ , I am still with you.



PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake