St Luke UMC

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THE Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!

2024 Apportionments

$16,882

Financial Update

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

Total of $11,214 which included:
- $ 50 - Building Fund
- $ 26 - Apportionments
- $ 20 - Emmanual Mefor-Missionary
- $ 120 - UMCOR Iowa Storm #223
- $ 44 - Heifer International
- $ 10 - Mobility Worldwide

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Missionary Visit
Saturday August 24th – 3:00 to 4:30 pm

For the last few years we have been supporting global missionaries, Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor. Emmanuel is a medical doctor with Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. Florence serves as a mid-wife and Nurse with the Mutabara Mission hospital. This summer, we have the opportunity, to hear in person their wonderful stories of mission.

Please join us on Saturday afternoon, August 24th for an informal gathering and time of fellowship. We will hear, in person, from Dr Emmanuel and Florence. Treats will be provided.

Corinne, NOW Missions

Student School Kits for Midwest Mission

Yes… the back to school supplies are showing up in stores, which means it's time to collect supplies for Midwest Mission Student kits. In August we are continuing our supply collection, adding the final three items that go into a school bag:

- Single subject spiral notebooks (each kit receives 3 – but they must be single subject notebooks)
- Rulers -12 inch with Metric (each kit receives 1)
- Student scissors (each kit receives 1)

If you would like to sew one handle school bags that can be used by Midwest Mission, copies of the sewing directions have been printed and placed on the Mission Table.

These items, along with the items noted in the July newsletter, can be placed on the Mission table or in the "Ingathering" basket. We will deliver the supplies to Midwest Mission the next time we volunteer.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW Missions

My Story

"You shine a light on my life."

Okay, we have all been there… you hear a song on the radio (perhaps for years) but you hear the lyrics wrong. Admit it… you've done it yourself. Maybe you heard "Reverend in blue jeans" when the words are "Forever in blue jeans." I'll bet you can think of plenty of songs you have heard wrong over the years.

Sometimes the words you think you heard are funny or strange. Other times the words you hear may be even better than the true lyrics. That's what happened to me recently. For years, when I listened to the ELO song "Shine a little love", I heard the words of the chorus as " you shine a light on my life." One afternoon, I heard that song and I thought in my head… that's Jesus… "Jesus, you shine a light on my life." I looked up the lyrics and found I have been singing the wrong words. But perhaps, I will continue to sing it the way I have always heard it, as a reminder to myself that when the world is crazy or things get twisted up, I can remember that Jesus can and does shine a light on my life.

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' John 8:12

The light of the world asked us to follow him. And he told us that if we did that we will never have to worry about the darkness. It seems like we need to listen and sometimes, God can remind us of this lesson as we hear the wrong lyrics to a song.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; Numbers 6: 24-25

Corinne Kleppe

College Ministry Info

Attention college students and families:

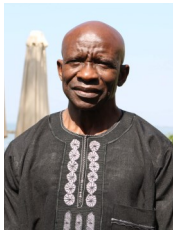
I know you don't want to think about this yet, but the next school year is fast-approaching. Our College Ministry wants to make sure that we can stay connected. If you have or are a college student, please let us know if you would like to be included in this ministry. We will need their name, campus contact information and their email address to get information from them. Have a great year!

Sunday School Teaching Opportunity

We are looking for Sunday School teachers to join a Sunday School teaching team for our elementary aged students starting this fall. If you have any interest in this opportunity please contact the church office.

Missionary Focus – July through October Emmanual Mefor

Our Missionary focus for the next 4 months is Emmauel Mefor (husband of Florence). Emmanuel is a Medical Doctor with the Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. This is the only hospital in the Chimanimani region, serving over 140,000 people with only three doctors. Dr Mefor and the staff provide medical care to all who come, regardless of ability to pay. Emmanuel says that is his mission: "We treat but God heals." (excerpt from Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.



Sunday School offerings from July through October – 2nd through 5th Sundays, will be designated to Emmanuel Mefor. If you would like to contribute to his ministry – you can put "Emmanuel Mefor" or Advance 13990Z on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate. (As always the first Sunday of the Month, any Sunday School offerings will be designated to administrative / supply costs for Sunday School materials.)

If you would like to learn more about Emmanuel's work at Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, check out the Global Ministries: The Mission Family – Iowa Missionaries. umcmission.org/covenantrelationship.

Corinne Kleppe , NOW Missions

MISSION HIGHLIGHT
Women At the Well UMC

For years, even before there was an official United Methodist church, St Luke participated in offering worship opportunities at the women's correctional facility in Mitchellville Iowa. While the guidelines have changed, the mission of Women At the Well has not changed.

Women at the Well offers faith based reentry teams, worship, prayer and more. If you would like to learn more about Women at the Well, check out their website at womenatthewellumc.org. If you would like to support this mission by donation, please write "Women At the Well" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate.

Corinne Kleppe, Now Missions

Rural Life Sunday/Offering Sunday, August 11

Rural Life Sunday celebrates and supports rural life, the heritage of the United Methodist Church and its ministries. 100% of this special offering is retained by the Iowa Conference to fund grants to local Iowa UM Churches, rural networks and community organizations.

United Women in Faith

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Potluck
August 28
Meet at St Luke at 5:45 pm
To Carpool to
Pat Patty's house.
Meal at 6:30 pm

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight." (NIV)
Proverbs 3:5-6

Program: Camper Reports
By: Jenni Patty
Hostess: Pat Patty

Bring Your Helping Hand Offering

The Banned Book Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class has decided to read "banned" books. We are currently taking a break from Sunday School for the summer but are looking for our next book to read. Let us know if you have any suggestions. We invite you to join us when we start back up again in the fall. We meet at 10:30 am (following worship) in Room 5, the 3rd room on the left, in the education wing.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, August 22 from 9 am - 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans. If you would like more information about Days for Girls you can visit their website at www.daysforgirls.org.

Discover Hope Supper Club

St. Luke has committed to providing the evening meal for Discover Hope the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next meal will be on August 6. We will be having Beef Burgers, Corn, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Honeydew Melon, Chip and Cookies. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve the meal there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, August 4. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.

Tailgate Party

Calling all Iowa and Iowa State football fans. The big game is Saturday, September 7 at 2:30 pm.

Let's have a tailgate party at St Luke United Methodist Church. Wear your team's colors and watch the game in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and what you want to drink.

Event sponsored by N.O.W. committee. All ages welcome.

Grocery Sacks Needed

We are in need of plastic grocery sack donations. They will be used to make plarn (plastic yarn) to weave sleeping mats for the homeless. If you have any extra plastic grocery sacks you would like to donate please bring them to Joyce Stonehocker or put them in the donation box at the church.

Thank You

Thank you for all of the love sent my way at the time of my recent surgery. The cards, meals, visits, messages, and all the love you gave was very much appreciated. I am also grateful for the love and guidance shown to my grandchildren during VBS. They loved every day of it and have talked about it since.

Karen Clark

Flannel Fund

Our flannel fund needs some replenishing. If you would like to help with our cloth diaper program but you are not interested in sewing… you can help by donating to the flannel fund. The money donated for this fund helps Karen Clark order flannel that will then be cut into pieces for diapers and sewn. If you would like more information on ways you can help with our diaper program, please talk to Karen Clark.

NOW Missions

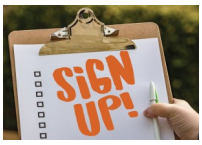
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am - 3 pm Quilts of Valor FH Rsrvd	**2**	**3**
4 **9:30 am Worship w/ Communion** **Adult Sunday School to Follow**	**5**	**6** 5:30 pm DH Meal @ Discover Hope	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10** 9 am - 4 pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsrvd
11 **9:30 am Worship** **Adult Sunday School to Follow** **Rural Life Sunday**	**12**	**13** 	**14** 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsrvd	**15**	**16**	**17**
18 **9:30 am Worship** **Adult Sunday School to Follow**	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22** 9 am - 2pm Days for Girls @ First Presbyterian Church	**23** First Day of School Newton Community Schools	**24** 10 am - 4 pm MBCA FH Rsrvd 3 - 4:30 pm Dr Emmanuel & Florence Mefor Missionary Visit
25 **9:30 am Worship** **Adult Sunday School to Follow** **Blessing of the Backpacks**	**26** 6:30 - 9 pm JCRCC FH Rsrvd	**27** 7 pm Care Core Meeting Sam's Place	**28** 6:30 pm UWF Meeting/ Potluck	**29**	**30**	**31**

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
August 4	**9:30 AM**
Ushers	Peg Kimberley
Greeters	Leslie & Bruce Maach
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Karin Mills
Camera	Joel Mills
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Katie Jones
August 11	**9:30 AM**
Ushers	Amy Ryan
Greeters	Rose Evans
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Pat Patty
August 18	**9:30 AM**
Ushers	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Marianne Spaur
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Karin Mills
Camera	Joel Mills
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Russ & Lori Leix
August 25	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	David Spiker
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Camryn Lemons
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg

August Worship Assistants

For 2024 we are going to continue with passing sign up sheets around for 3 months at a time. This worked very well last year in getting more volunteer positions filled. We have had a wonderful response of volunteers for 2024 and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through September but there are still some 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:



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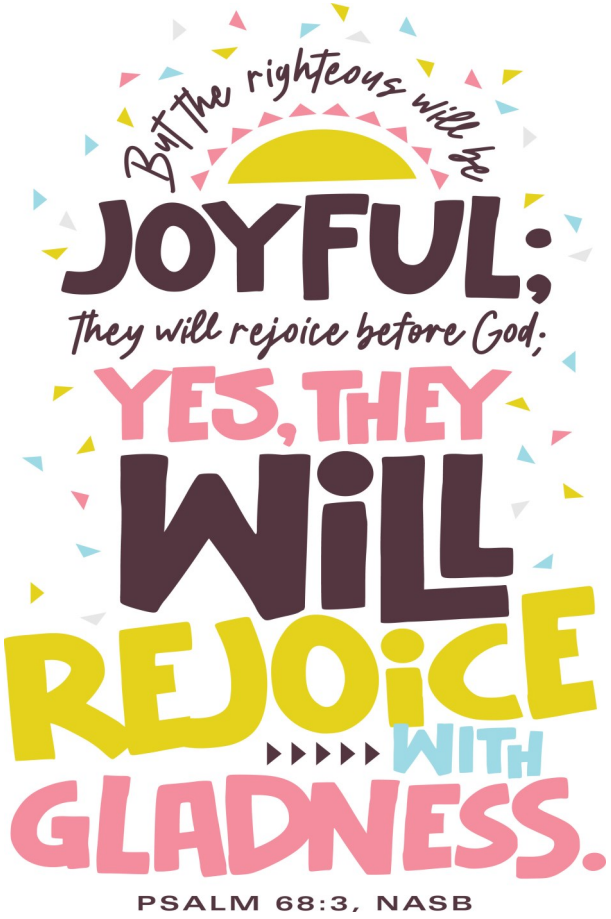

Worship Assistants

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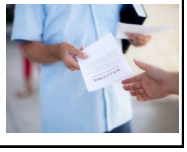


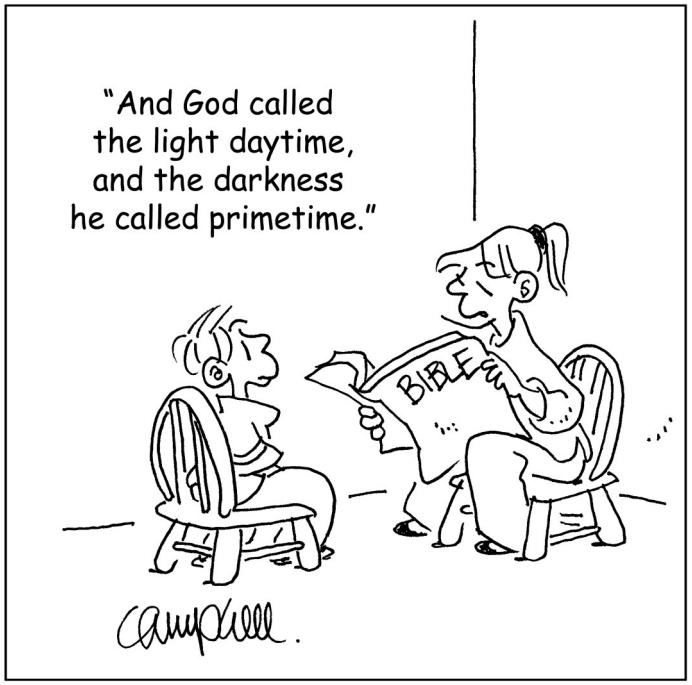
A Special Blessing for those with August Birthdays

August 3 - Tessa Swersie
August 4 - Katie Jones
Amy Ryan
August 5 - Alayna Guillaume
August 6 - Wendy Jennings
Alexis Johnson
August 7 - Doug DeJong
August 8 - Peg Kimberley
August 9 - Linda Powell
Jack Trotter
August 10 - Nate Boleyn
August 11 - Rose Evans
August 14 - Rachel Pageler
Matt Thongvanh
August 17 - Larry Stoulil
August 20 - Avery Etter
August 24 - Diane Chadwick
Kris McKibben
August 26 - Miranda Lemons
August 27 - Barb Kaldenberg
Duane Schwartz
August 29 - Dale Hartgraves
August 30 - Pam Andrews

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

August Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

Rice and Pastas

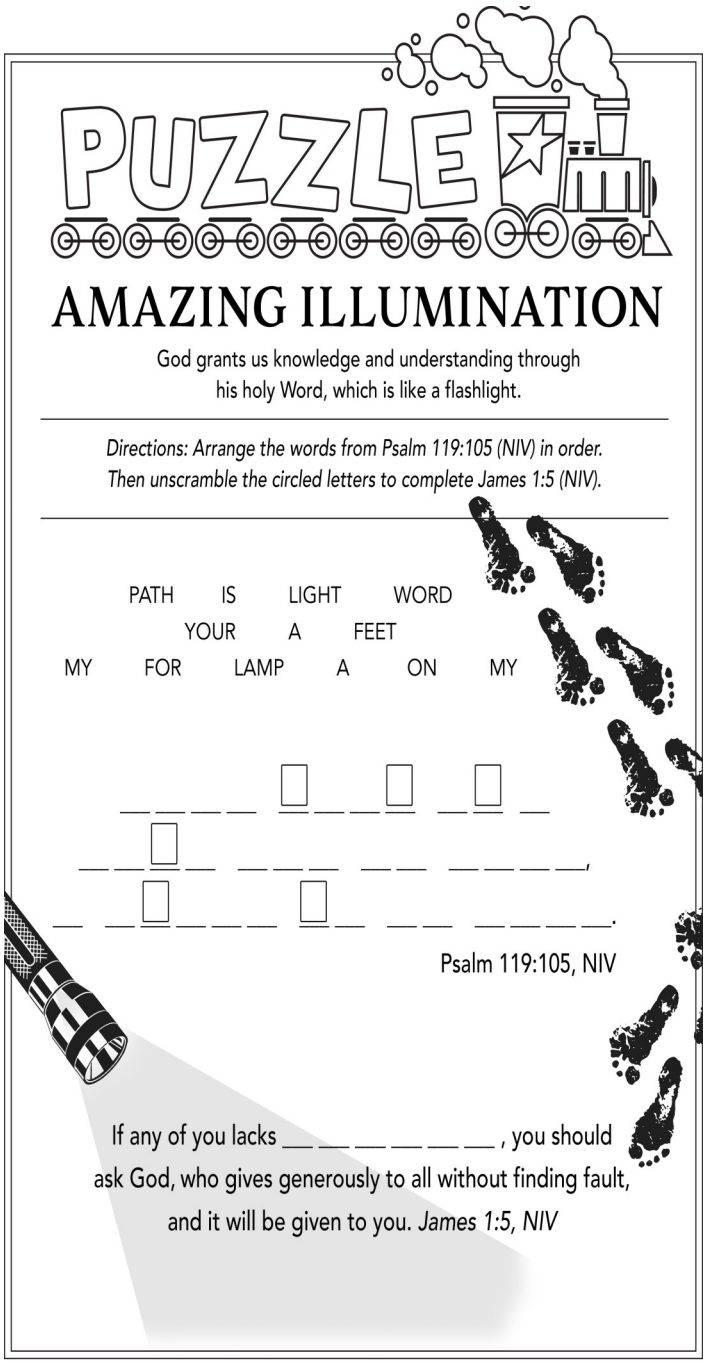


St Luke Produce Table

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

Newsletter

If you know someone that would like to receive the monthly Newsletter via email, please send their name and email address to the church office to be placed on the email list, at: Worship@StLukeNewton.com.



Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom