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THE Flame

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This will be our last bulk mailing of The Flame.

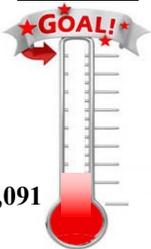
Does the St Luke office have your email address? In the coming month, we will stop bulk mailing the monthly newsletter. Those without email can still receive a printed copy by picking up a printed copy at the church or via the traditional mail service.



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2018 Apportionment

\$25,591



\$7,091

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued generosity to St Luke UMC.

These offerings have been received in the month of July:

Total of \$17,829 which included:

- \$5,099-Building Fund
- \$478-Apportionments
- \$18-Sunday School Supplies
- \$45-Larry & Jane Kies
- \$22-St Andrews
- \$200-UMCOR
- \$46-CFUM
- \$50-Building Use

An additional \$1263 was given for VBS Supplies and \$447 for the VBS Mission of Jasper County Take Away Hunger.

Thank You!

Rolling River Rampage VBS 2018 at St Luke was a great week of experiencing the ride of a lifetime with God!

Along the river with their guide, Romper the River Otter, 55 children discovered that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. They learned that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." from Isaiah 43:2 was the focus verse for the week.



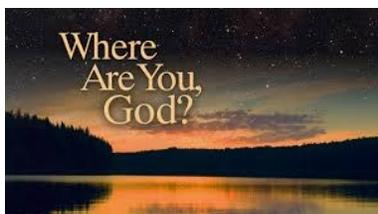


Lord, you have examined me. You know me...Even from far away, you comprehend my plans...You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me. Psalm 139:1, 2b, 5.



Where is God? I think that we understand on an intellectual level that God is everywhere. God is as big as the universe, and yet, still resides in us. This is a concept that I found in several places in scripture, but my favorite is from Psalm 139. This psalm tells us that God is so familiar with us that we have nothing to hide, nothing to fear. I find comfort in knowing that God is always with me, never far from me. In fact, one of my favorite descriptions of God comes from Paul Tillich, who says that God is the *ground of our being*. God is the essence of everything that exists. Nothing exists without God. Everything exists with God as its basic materials. We live in an ocean of God.

And yet, when we talk about God, it is often as if God exists elsewhere. We ask, *where are you God?* We talk about God living in Heaven, which is someplace *out there*. We ask God to come down to earth. And I get it, because as we begin worship every week, I invite God to come into the worship space and to be a part of our gathering.



Every week I do this, I feel a little off. With this prayer, I am trying to center us, trying to focus us on the presence of God among us. But, I truly believe that God is everywhere and in everything, so asking God to come to where God already is feels weird. It feels like I am telling us all that God exists elsewhere.

The problem with thinking about God as elsewhere is that we miss out on the intimacy that God wants with us. God wants to share in every part of our lives. God wants us to worship constantly. I heard a pastor this week explain that worship is the aligning of our heart, mind, and will with God. When everything that we do is in alignment with God's will for the world, we are worshipping, even as we work or play. This is much easier if we think of God as being right there with us all the time.

I've also heard people say that if we feel far away from God, it is not God that moved, but us. On a metaphorical level, I resonate with this. But in a practical way, even this is impossible. Psalm 139 tells us that there is nowhere we can go to be away from God's presence. So, even if we try to move away from God, we can't. We live in an ocean of God.

So, in those moments when we feel distant, it is more a matter of disconnection. In those moments, it is our heart, our will, and our thinking that is no longer in alignment with God's. In those moments, we need to adjust our being to notice the presence of God that is always

right there with us.

Of course, I will still open worship by inviting God into our presence. I will still feel weird using that language. But the reality is that when talking about God, I am often without words that adequately express what God is. About the best I can do is to try and to yearn for a more complete description for a God that is indescribable.

May God be with you always. God always is.

Pastor Chad



THANKS to Our VBS Volunteers!

Many thanks to all of the VBS volunteers and those that supplied items for VBS to be a success.

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| Amy Murphy | Tamara Lloyd |
| Peg Ehler | Jan Lewis |
| Kelly Murphy | Whitney Breckenridge |
| Jenni Patty | Leah Osborn |
| Lisa Pageler | Ann Leonard |
| Wendy Jennings | Leslie Maach |
| Chad Jennings | Roy Patty |
| Nathan Jennings | Pat Patty |
| Abby Jennings | Lori Leix |
| Barb Kaldenberg | Diana Pals |
| Mary Nelson | Karen Clark |
| Rose Hartschen | Rose Evans |
| Lisa Marston | Audrey Boleyn |
| Hannah Marston | Pam Smith |



August Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Rice and Pastas






United Methodist Women
 5:45 pm
 Salad Supper
 Meet at St Luke to
 Carpool to Pat Patty's house

"If your gift is to encourage others, do it!"

Romans 12:8 NLT

Program: Our Camp Scholarship Recipients
 By Jenni Patty
 Hostess: Pat Patty

Bring Helping Hand Offering
 Bring socks and underwear for school children.



**Blessing of the Backpacks
 Sunday, August 19**

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to either the 8 or 10:30 service to receive a blessing for the new school year.



**Rural Life Sunday/Offering
 Sunday, August 19**

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.



Choir Practice Resumes

**Choir practice resumes
 August 29 at 7:15 pm**

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

Here's a book you won't want to miss, *I Am Second*. It is a compilation of the real stories of changed lives written by Doug Bender and Dave Sterrett. These are the stories of real people with challenges, hard challenges.



These people all found change, joy, and peace through a relationship with God which makes him first in their lives. The stories include a rock star, a major league baseball player, a *Biggest Loser* TV reality finalist, a pastor and many more. These people have hit bottom, but none of them stayed there. You will find honesty in these shocking struggles and at the very bottom each of them learned it was God he or she could lean on and trust rather than money, power, drugs, food or any of the other things previously thought necessary for survival. Real stories, real people, don't miss it. You know where you can find it, in our little library in the corner!

**Sunday School Mission Offering
 Through August 2018**

Go Therefore Into All the world... The first Sunday of each month, the Sunday school offering goes toward the supplies needed for Sunday School. The second through fifth Sundays of each month the offering is given to Missions.

The great commission sends us into the world to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Some are called to service right here, where we live. Others are called to serve around the world. Larry and Jane Kies were called to serve in Africa. Our May through August 2018 Sunday School Mission offering will continue to go toward fulfilling our covenant to partner with Larry & Jane in their ministry.



Each year we covenant with Larry & Jane Kies to give \$300 to each of them for their ministry. We are almost to reaching our \$600 goal. Thank you to all who give through the 2nd through 5th Sunday school offerings and to those who have given during worship by putting "Larry & Jane Kies" in the memo line. Once we meet our covenant, the NOW committee will choose a new recipient for the Sunday School Mission offering.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW – Missions Chair



VBS 2018 Mission Project

Take Away Hunger is a food relief organization based on the simple principle of people helping people, even kids! Take Away Hunger not only nourishes hungry children, but the spirits of the volunteers who pack the meals.

The VBS Kids raised \$447 to donate to Jasper County Take Away Hunger. Together we can make a difference by sharing God's love with others.



My Story

I saw a photo recently of 18 of my high school classmates. The sad thing was, I only recognized 4 or 5 of the classmates in that photo. Really? I graduated with this group? How did they get older when I didn't? Oh wait... I'd wager a bet that many of them would not recognize my photo either. . . Those curls from high school, become gray or in some cases disappear altogether. We gain or lose weight, some maybe even grow a few more inches. Years and life; they change us all.



Thankfully, though our outer image changes throughout our lives, our inner selves are always recognizable to God. Our souls may grow, change, evolve...but the true blessings are that, God ALWAYS knows us!

1 John 3: 1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class is taking a break until Sept 9th when they will start reading and discussing a new book entitled, *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

If you are looking for a Sunday School class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class in which to participate. There is always room for more to join the discussion. Please join them in September.

What Spills Out?

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?

 	BIBLE STUDY Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room
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Building Up the Body
Recognizing and Affirming Gifts Within the Church Community:
Ephesians 4:1-16

This passage in Ephesians 4 has three areas of emphasis: 1-the image of the church as one body; 2-the grace and gifts that *each* person is given (the gifts have a purpose); and 3-the expectation of us to mature in our faith and the description of the church in its Christ-likeness.

The author describes the "new world" as God calls us to live with humility, patience, and love, walking as Jesus walked. We are encouraged to do that which is necessary to hold onto the unity which binds people together in peace. The unity has already been created; believers are directed to *guard* that unity.

God handed down to us the ability for **everyone** to be *leaders of different sorts* -- some apostles; others may be prophets, evangelists, pastors, or teachers. All are gifts for our community in order to *build up the body of Christ*. Consider which gifts you may possess and **freely share!**

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 every Sunday morning -- after the 8 o'clock service, or before the 10:30 service!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in August. Even if you cannot come to class, consider taking the time to read those scriptures at home!

◇ Lectionary Readings for August 2018 ◇

- **August 5:** Ephesians 4:1-16 | Building Up the Body
To recognize and affirm the gifts within the church community.
- **August 12:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2 | Anger to Love
To strive to live in ways that nourish and build community.
- **August 19:** Ephesians 5:15-20 | Living Wisely
To cultivate ways of living wisely.
- **August 26:** Ephesians 6:10-20 | Love is Our Defense
To explore the ways in which God equips and strengthens us.

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EPH. 4:1

Days For Girls Update

The August meeting of Days For Girls will be held on August 23 from 9 am - 2 pm at 1st Presbyterian Church, Newton. More people to help make kits are always welcomed. Days For Girls kits are helping to improve the lives of teen-aged girls and women around the world.

Questions? Contact Rose Evans or Karen Clark.



One-Room Sunday School

The One-Room Sunday School for children Pre-K through 6th grade has begun. 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 Servant's Counter for volunteers to choose the Sunday they would like to teach. If you have questions about the program, please talk to Tamara Lloyd.

Ingathering 2018 School kits

Ingathering 2018 has made some changes from prior years. There are now only two types of kits being collected and the school kit no longer requires school bags, just supplies. This year we will be collecting School kit supplies during the months of July and August... and yes, crazy as it seems the school supplies start showing up in stores in July. There is a basket on the Mission Table to collect supplies.

The School Kits provide tools for education, which changes lives. Kits include:

- 3 One-Subject Notebooks, approx. 8½x11" (total of 210-250 sheets of paper)
- 1 eraser, 2-inch or longer
- 1 blunt-end scissors (metal blades)
- 1-30 cm metric ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener (1" minimum)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers



We will also need two gallon plastic bags (ie: ziplock, glad, etc).



Family Picnic

The St Luke Social Club is planning a family picnic in early September. Watch for information and the date.

WELCOME

New Members

St Luke celebrated the baptism of Tori and Audrey Boleyn and welcomed new members on Sunday, July 15th. Joining our community of faith as members were Nate, Tori and Audrey Boleyn. Be sure to introduce yourselves, if you haven't already, and get to know our new members.

If others are interested in joining St Luke UMC as members, please talk to Pastor Chad.



The Air Force Cycling Team at St Luke UMC on July 25.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <p>*Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office.</p>	1	2 *Kyler Swarts 6:30 pm Trustees meeting	3	4 *Katie Jones
5 8/10:30 Worship - Communion 9/11:30 Fellowship - 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. *Alayna Guillaume 	6 *Wendy Jennings *Drake Rhone	7	8 7 pm Page Turners Book Club	9 *Linda Powell	10 *Nate Boleyn <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Pastor Chad at Cont Ed Class Aug 10-17 </div>	11 12-5 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved *Rose Evans
12 8/10:30 Worship - Jeff Carter preaching 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	13  *Rachel Pageler *Matthew Thongvanh  SHARE Orders due.	14 *Rachel Pageler *Matthew Thongvanh	15  5:45 pm UMWomen Meet at St Luke To Car Pool to Pat Patty's house	16 7pm Quilt Guild - F Hall	17 *Betty Rhone *Becky Miller *Larry Stouillil	18 *Aaden Grimm
Pastor Chad at Continuing Ed Class Aug 10-17						
19 8/10:30 Worship - Dale Dorrell preaching Blessing of Backpacks 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW @ Mitchellville *Jason Fifer 	20	21 7 pm Council meeting	22	23  9am-2pm Days For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church 	24 *Kris McKibben *Diane Chadwick	25 7:30 am SHARE Pickup @ 1st UMC
26 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	27 *Barb Kaldenberg *Duane Schwartz	28 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 7pm Mission Coalition meeting	29 8:30 am Collate Newsletter	30 *Pam Andrews *Charles Walker	31	

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 5	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Doug/Jenna McIntyre
Greeters	Bill/Linda Hotger	Bruce/Leslie Maach
Reader	Dale Dorrell	Marianne Spaur
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Mikey Carter
Care Core	Barb Swihart	Amy Murphy
Communion	Ann Leonard	Counters: Jan Lewis/Barb Kaldenberg
August 12	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker	Rose Evans
Readers	Bruce Maach	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ushers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Corinne Kleppe	Corinne Kleppe
Projection	Peg Ehler	Jacob Murphy
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Amy Murphy
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Lisa Marston
Counters		Pat Patty/Rose Evans
August 19	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Chuck Springer/ Jean Schnell	Wendy Jennings/ Marianne Spaur
Greeters	Margaret Gullett	Karen Clark
Readers	Jenni Patty	Russ Leix
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Michelle O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Doug McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Barb Kaldenberg	Lori Leix
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Brad Patty/Deb Stoullil
August 26	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Tamara Lloyd/ Bruch Maach	Corinne Kleppe/ Rose Evans
Greeters	Rose Hartschen	Sue Crook
Readers	Dave Miller	Amy Murphy
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Ushers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Mikey Carter
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Peg Ehler	Michelle O'Brien
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Karen Clark
Counters		Russ Leix/Jan Lewis

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St Luke News

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of Francis Birkenholtz on his passing.

Thank you for giving our girls such a great week at VBS! Your volunteers are fantastic, and Sadie and Sydney loved every minute of it.

Mark & Jody Stiles

Thanks to those who donated supplies, helped prepare and serve the meal and clean-up for hosting the Air Force Cycling Team on RAGBRAI. A special thanks to Stephen Pageler for chairing and organizing this event.

Sympathies to Dan and Lisa Marston and family on the death of Dan's father, Gene Marston.

Congratulations to Austin Stoullil for completing the Business Information Systems program at DMACC. Austin will be transferring to Grand View University in the fall.

A Sermon On Legs

I'd rather see a sermon
 Than hear one any day:
 I'd rather one would walk with me
 Than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,
 And more willing than the ear.
 Fine council is confusing,
 But example's always clear.
 --Edgar A. Guest

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.





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<p>Monday, August 13: September Newsletter Articles Are Due</p>	
<p>Wednesday, August 15: 5:45 pm UMWomen meet at St Luke to carpool to the Salad Supper at Pat Pat- ty's house</p>	

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<p>Sunday, August 26: 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School</p>	
<p>Midwest Mission</p>  <p>Distribution Center</p>	<p>Save the Date Trip to MMDC January 20-23, 2019 Contact Karen Clark if you are interested in going.</p>