

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2021 Apportionments

\$16,499



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 \$13,958 which included:
\$ 1,275 - Building Fund
\$ 217 - Apportionments
\$ 98 - St. Andrews
\$ 45 - Christ Foundry Church/Dallas
\$ 40 - Heifer Project

Hello
September

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JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
- STARTING SEPT 12TH -

MISSION KITS

We are still working on our school kit challenge. At last count we had 1 completed and 12 partial school kits. Stay tuned for further updates on the # of school kits we have completed.

Not interested in school kits? How about a Personal Dignity Kit? Let's see how many personal dignity kits we can put together. To get us started we will need the following items:

- 1 Hand Towel
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Single Wrapped Toothbrush (NO multipacks)

The remainder of the items will be given later this month.

Both School kits items and Personal Dignity kit items are still being collected. Items can be dropped off on the Mission table at St Luke.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW Missions





My Story

We climbed onto the boat for an early afternoon ride. It hadn't been a particularly busy day... just warm and windy. We had read books, sat on the dock enjoying the sun, and climbed lots of stairs, but in all honesty, other than swimmersize we had been rather sedentary.

The wind caused many waves and the lake was busy with other boaters, so our driver decided to take us to the neighboring lakes which were quieter and had less traffic. As we motored along, the sun warmed us and the water rocked the boat. Even though I had been rather lazy all day, I soon became very sleepy. If there had been room, I would have laid down at the back of the boat and taken a nap.

Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. Mark 4:38a

Have you ever thought about what made Jesus so tired and yet so calm He was able to sleep as a storm raged around him? A few verses earlier Mark notes that they left the "crowd". Jesus was often followed by large crowds of people. People looking for ways to disrupt his message. People looking for ways to "trap" him through his words and /or actions. People looking for healing. People looking for answers. People simply looking for the calm only He seemed to be able to supply.

Have you ever felt even part of that pressure? Everyone looking to you for answers or for calm? It is exhausting. So, naturally, Jesus allowed the waves to lull him to sleep. Only to be awakened by his disciples, who still needed so much from him. His response was to first calm the storm... and then to remind his disciples to have faith.

³⁵ *On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake."* ³⁶ *So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too.* ³⁷ *Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water.* ³⁸ *Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"*

³⁹ *Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm.* ⁴⁰ *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Do you still have no faith?"*

⁴¹ *But they were terribly afraid and began to say to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"* Mark 4:35-41

Next time we feel the stress of the needs around us. The need to find the answers needed by ourselves or others. The pressure of those who would fight us every step of the way. Remember to keep your faith and turn to Jesus who will always be there to either calm the storm... or if not the storm...to calm his people. We may not always have smooth sailing, but we do always have Jesus to support us in the storm.

Corinne Kleppe



Planet Earth Sunday

GENESIS 1:1-25

Celebrating the Creator and the many ways the Creator is made manifest

Nowhere in the book of Genesis is the author named. Some assume it was written from passed-down tales of oral tradition. Many believe Genesis was authored by Moses. Moses would have knowledge of writing from his Egyptian upbringing. Moses may have had the time to write the historical (Biblical) tales in the forty years he wandered in the desert. Only conjecture is possible in considering Genesis' author.

In Genesis 1:1-25 strong contrasts are presented: light and darkness, the waters above (sky) and the waters below, earth and seas. Then the earth came alive with vegetation. Day and night, sun and moon, the seasons. Creatures were formed to inhabit the sea and air. Earth creatures of all sizes grew to roam the earth.

In your readings, compare the Genesis "creation story" with that of John 1. In John 1 the creation story references Jesus, the "word" or "voice," as living long before time was measured. John expresses that God is speaking to the world through Jesus.



∞ Lectionary Readings for September 2021 ∞

- **September 5: Genesis 1:1-25** | Planet Earth Sunday
To celebrate the Creator and the many ways in which the Creator is made manifest in the world.
- **September 12: Genesis 1:25-28** | Humanity Sunday
To reflect on the relationship between God, humans, and the rest of creation.
- **September 19: Jeremiah 4:23-28; Psalm 19:1-6** | Sky Sunday
To consider how ancient biblical texts can speak to modern problems like climate change.
- **September 26: Isaiah 65:17-25** | Mountain Sunday
To reflect on and engage with God's ongoing work of transformation in our midst.

"If you want the peace that passes understanding, you're going to have to give up your right to understanding. It's called trust."

—Bill Johnson



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sept. 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews, Rose Evans
Reader	Rose Hartschen
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Rose Hartschen
Counters (2)	Rose Evans
Sept. 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	
Sept. 19	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
Counters (2)	
Sept. 26	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

September Worship Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of September. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the coffee counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

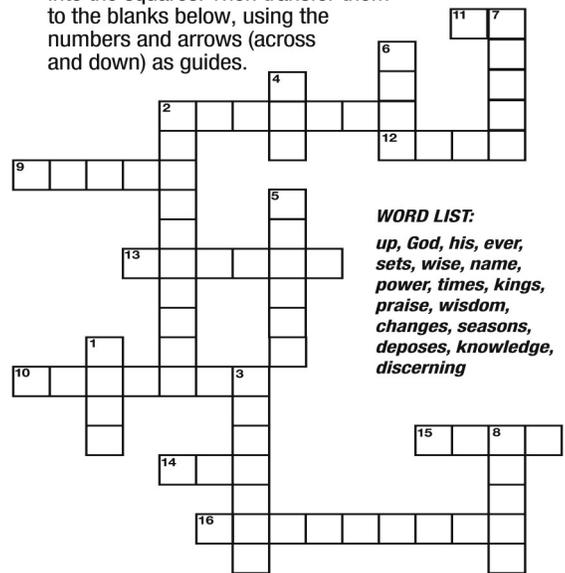


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We still have quite a few openings for September so please sign up if you are able. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



WORD LIST:

up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning

“ _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____ . He _____
 and _____ ; he _____ and _____
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____ .” DANIEL 2:20-21

Answer: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.” Daniel 2:20-21

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship - Communion  Christian Education Sunday	6 No Bible Study 	7	8 7 pm Page Turners Book Club F-Hall Rsvd	9	10	11 9am-4pm Quilt Guild F-Hall Rsvd
12 9:30 am Worship 	13  New Bible Study Series 6:30 pm New Zoom Bible Study Starts 	14	15 1:15 pm UMW Meeting @ St Luke	16 6:30 pm Quilt Guild F-Hall	17	18 11 am Rosie South Memorial Service
19 9:30 am Worship	20 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	21 3-9 pm PEO Meeting F-Hall Rsvd	22 	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship	27 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	28 7pm Mission Coalition	29	30		

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



United Methodist Women

September 15 - 1:15 pm
At St Luke UMC

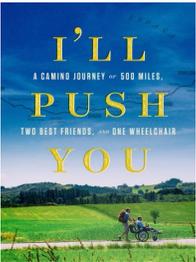
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NIV)
Luke 12:34

Program: Generous Hearts and Strong Threads
By Shirley Guillaume
Hostess: Rosemary Hartschen

September 11 - Central District Annual Meeting
Please pay all pledges and present all bills.

Adult-2 Sunday School Class

The Adult 2 class will meet again to read/study the book I'll Push You. We are going to start the book over, so if you are new and want to join us, now would be a good time. If you were part of our class pre-Covid, and do not wish to re-read the first part of the book, we can let you know when you might rejoin us.



I'll Push You is the story of two best friends who decide to do the Camino de Santiago across Spain. It is the true story of Justin and Patrick. Justin has been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease

that robbed him of the use of his arms and legs, thus Patrick will need to push the wheelchair on their journey. He not only pushes the wheelchair, but also has to feed and care for Justin.

“A travel adventure full of love, humor, and spirited truth.”

Please join us when the Sunday School year starts. (We read the book together, so there is no “homework”.) We meet in the third classroom on the south side of the education wing.



General Conference Update

The delayed 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church is scheduled for August 29 through September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. Please be in prayer for those persons that are preparing for and will be in attendance of this important conference.

2022 MMDC Trip

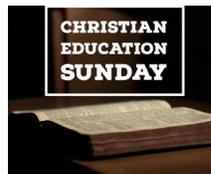
Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) is located in central Illinois. It is packed full of a wide variety of mission projects and is powered by volunteers. St. Luke will be sending a team of volunteers



January 23-26, 2022 and you could be one of those workers. In the past we have worked in the wood shop area, making school desks from discarded gym bleachers. Some of us have assembled kits such as layette kits the go to new mothers and hold clothing and diapers for newborn babies. We have assembled cleaning buckets, a 5 gallon bucket filled with cleaning supplies that aid those in areas hit with floods and storms. We have even had a person work in the sewing machine shop helping to clean and repair sewing machines that are donated to help support families. These projects and so many more are sent near the center and around the world to those in need. Christ is at the center of these projects and the stories that can be told of networking to make it all happen are miraculous. We stay in a dorm on site and eat meals together which we prepare in the dorm kitchen. We enjoy fellowship as we eat, worship, and play games. If you are interested please talk to Karen Clark at church or at 641-831-4526 or skclark1978@gmail.com.

Christian Education Sunday Sunday, September 5

On Christian Education Sunday we recognize the many members of our congregation who take on the important task of educating not only our children, but our adults as well. With intentional learning and Christian formation, we become the people God calls us to be, and we develop gifts and strengths for encouraging and leading others to the same strong faith.



St Luke News

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Dennis and Pam Smith and family on the passing of their son, Eric Smith.



St. Luke UMC -

There are no words to express how thankful and blessed I feel that you chose to support such a worthy cause—Helping our local homeless population. You are truly following Christ words and following the Beatitudes. This donation will purchase tents, sleeping bags and hygiene kits.

There will be a distribution of these items the last week of September in honor and celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Reggie’s Sleepout.

Thank you for passing your blessings on.

Michelle Smith

A Special Blessing for those with September Birthdays

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

- September 3: Jacquie Huggins, Teresa Rhone
- September 4: Teagan McIntyre, Jordan Henning
- September 5: Carol Stonner
- September 12: Ben Leonard
- September 15: Abby Stonner
- September 18: Tom Miller
- September 19: Bernadette Guthrie
- September 20: Deb Stoulil, Mikey Carter
- September 21: Cory Figland
- September 22: Deb Miller
- September 24: Esther Fifer, Pat Vasquez
- September 25: Austin Wood
- September 26: Margaret Gullett
- September 28: Ron Lisk, David Spiker
- September 30: Helen Schwarz



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.





September Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Paper Products and Disposable Diapers



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.



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r A y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

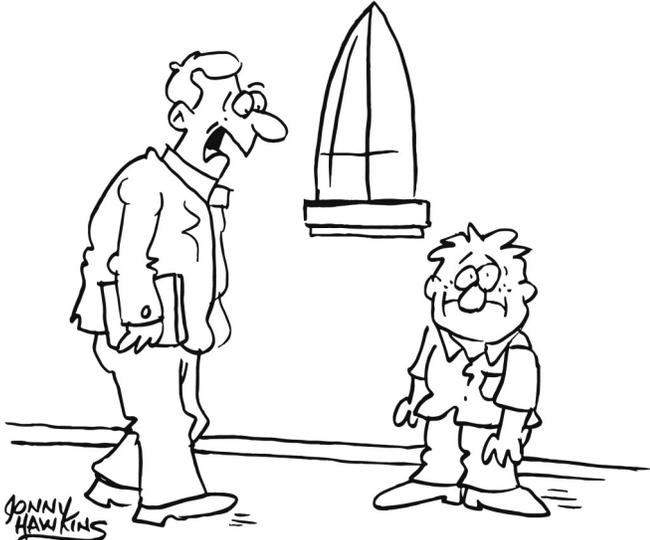
sift + g = _ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit



“No, son — the love of Monday is not the root of all evil.”