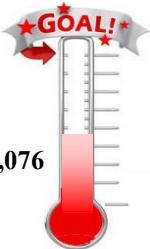


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September 2019

2019 Apportionments

\$24,351



Financial Update

APPORTIONMENTS ARE MISSIONS.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. The **Black College Fund** supports the 11 U.S. historically Black colleges and universities of The United Methodist Church who have played a unique role in U.S. higher education. Their graduates—teachers and doctors, ministers and bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs—are leaders in the African-American community and in a rapidly changing, more diverse United States. See more at www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds.

These offerings were received for the month of August:

Total of \$14,254 which included:

\$ 210 -	Building Fund
\$1,585 -	Apportionments
\$ 22 -	Sunday School Supplies
\$ 23 -	Larry & Jane Kies
\$ 50 -	Native American Awareness
\$ 10 -	Rural Life Offering.
\$ 30 -	St Andrews Fund
\$ 25 -	5th Monday
\$ 250 -	Campships
\$2,041 -	Memorial Gifts

Thank You!



By all these lovely tokens
 September days are here,
 With summer's best of
 weather
 And autumn's best of cheer.
 —Helen Hunt Jackson



THE Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!

Sunday, Sept 8
9:15 am

**Join us for the
 Fall Sunday School Kickoff**



If you're not currently attending a Sunday School class or you've taken a break for the summer, this is a great time to join a class. There are classes for all ages.

St Luke All Church Picnic

When: Sunday, September 8th at 6 pm

Where: Agnes Patterson Park Shelter House. In case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall at the church.

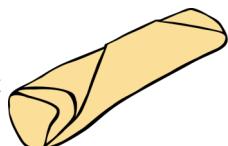
What to bring: A potluck dish to share, your table service and lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

Come for food, fellowship and fun!



Spring Roll Sale

Sunday, September 15th you have another opportunity to buy delicious spring rolls/egg rolls made by Hiap Thongvanh. The spring rolls will be prepared at the church that morning and be available for purchase after each service. The proceeds from the sale will go towards our apportionments. Freewill offering, with a suggested donation of \$1 per spring roll, will be accepted. If you are not able to be at church that day talk to Joyce Stonehocker or Barb Kaldenberg; there will be a limited number available for preorder.



Coffee NOW with Dale Dorrell

September 19, 2019 6:30 pm – Sam's Place

Join us on Thursday September 19th for an evening of songs, laughter, and fellowship. We will be blessed with the songs stylings of Dale Dorrell, be given the opportunity to challenge him to play songs of our choice. And we will be raising funds for mission projects to be named at the event. If you have never joined us, please make an effort this year to come and join the fun.

NOW Committee





This is the 3rd in the series about our Discipleship Pathway.

I recently got an email from the Booster Club. It began by thanking me for being a booster last year and asked if I wanted to be a booster again this year. I expected this. But then, it said something that surprised me. It said, *your contribution in no way obligates you to serve on the board or volunteer for any activities.*

Even though it surprised me, I think it is becoming very common in life. We are busy people. Our time is valuable. The thought of committing to something else seems like a difficult endeavor. And yet, when someone asks me if I would be willing to serve on a board or in a ministry, my first thought is, *how can I work my schedule so I can say yes?*

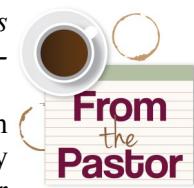
I think I do this because I believe it is important to **Serve**. Whenever something is important to the community or to the church and I believe in the cause, it is important to put some time into it. Giving money is important, but when time is such a scarce commodity, our willingness to **Serve** shows our commitment to it.

This is very true for the church. When Jesus called people to become disciples, he didn't tell them that they had to give everything they had to the common purse that the disciples carried. Jesus didn't have a membership fee. Instead, he called for people to leave everything that took their time and to give it to Jesus in the form of following. The time they gave was the proof of their commitment to the community of God.

In the same way, our time is valuable to the church. When we are willing to **Serve** in a ministry, two things happen. The first is that the ministry has the energy and workforce to thrive. The second is that we become invested in its success. This is the way that the community of God grows.

Twice in recent conversations, I learned about folks that were asked to move to a new community to be a part of a team starting a church. They weren't offering anything for this move. In fact, they are pretty clear that they are supposed to find a job in the new community, contribute a good deal of their income to the new ministry, and to give their time to recruit new people to show up at the ministries that they will also be the staff for. This is a huge commitment. It really is giving up life as they know it in order to start something new. One thing is for sure, when people do that, they are pretty invested in its success.

I'm not asking you to move, or to give up your life as you know it. But I am asking for your time. When we **Serve**, we are investing in what God is doing at St. Luke. When we give our time and energy to the ministries that



God is calling us to, we become invested in its outcome.

Service is a vital part of the life of faith. As this new season begins, open yourself to serving the church. Maybe it is something that is right in your wheelhouse. Perhaps it will be in something you've never thought of before. It might be something that you think you have nothing to offer. Put those thoughts aside and open yourself to be blessed by serving God in whatever way you are led.



Serving is a vital part of the life of a disciple. You are vital to the success of this community of faith. Thank you for being willing to **Serve**.

Chad

St Luke Paint Day

Many thanks to our volunteers for all of your help to make the pink walls go away and for moving the craft supplies to the hall closet.





United Methodist Women

September 18 - 6:45 pm
At St Luke UMC

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Program: Women Responding and Serving in Christ's Name By Shirley Guillaume
Hostess: Shirley Guillaume

September 13 - Central District Annual Meeting
Aldersgate UMC, Urbandale
October 5 - Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Staves UMC, Des Moines

Sunday School Mission offering

Once we have completed our covenant with Larry & Jane Kies we will begin giving the 2nd through 5th Sunday – Sunday school offering to Douglas Williams. This will continue through the end of the year. Doug serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promoter of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina.



On the challenge of mission, he states: "Our world is becoming a global community and God wells up in me the desire to be part of seeing God's peace expand and renewal take place. There are so many challenges that face us and time and time again God reveals in every challenge an opportunity for growth and healing."

As always, the offering on the first Sunday of each month will be for Sunday School supplies and administrative needs.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW – Missions Chair

Education Insurance

Cultivate the habit of attention and try to gain opportunities to hear wise men and women talk. Indifference and inattention are the two most dangerous monsters that you ever meet. Interest and attention will insure to you an education.

—Robert A. Millikan



News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

For some late summer novel reading, consider *Redeeming Love*, written by award winning author Francine Rivers. This is the story of a love that won't let go, no matter what. It takes place in California's gold country in the 1850's. It is the story of a young woman, sold into prostitution as a child, surviving on the hate which fuels her. Then she meets a Godly man, one who is like none other she has encountered. Her heart begins to thaw, but it is all so hard to understand or to handle. She runs away from love. It is a powerful story, one that parallels the story of Gomer and Hosea. *Redeeming Love* is the story of God's unconditional love, the story of redemption. you can check it out from our little library in the corner.



MMDC Mission Trips

The time is coming to make our 2020 financial commitment to our Midwest Missions Distribution Center trips. Well, not quite yet, but it is coming. Please think about when you plan to go, clear your calendar and let me know you plan to join us. Our trips will be Sunday-Wednesday January 19-22 and again February 23-26. We will leave early afternoon and the return trip will be Wednesday afternoon. We will be working at the center Monday, Tuesday and half day Wednesday. We will be staying on site in the dorm. We will eat a few meals out and eat together in the dorm for the remainder. It is a great time of Christian fellowship while we do worthwhile work for God's Kingdom. Please consider going on one of these trips. Again, let Karen Clark know if you plan to go and you will get more details, skclark1978@gmail.com or 641-831-4526.



Helping Hand Offering

The UMW are collecting children's socks and underwear through September for local school children. There is a basket for donations in the Narthex.



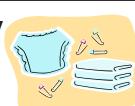
Wednesday, September 4 Choir Practices Resume

6:30 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Chancel Choir
All are welcome. No try-outs required.



September Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

Paper Products
and Disposable Diapers





My Story

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:12-17

There was a rhythm to the days...wake, eat, read, swim, read, eat, sunshine, swim, read, laughter, boat rides, read, eat... oh and read. It was a relaxing vacation with the sounds of the waves on the lake mixed with laughter, splashes and the occasional dog barking. There is something calming about the rhythm of the waves on the shore. And there is something peaceful in the feel of sunlight and a lake breeze on your face.



We spend so much time in a hurry... gotta get to work on time. Must get multiple things done during the work day and perhaps there are ball games, classes, and dances to attend in the evenings and on weekends. We pack our days with places to go and things to do. We often forget to slow down... turn our face to the SON and let His presence fill up with the waves of calm and peace that we are so in need of.

"Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and he saves them. He calms the storm and stills the waves. What a blessing is that stillness as he brings them safely into harbor! Oh, that these men would praise the Lord for his loving-kindness and for all of his wonderful deeds! Let them praise him publicly before the congregation and before the leaders of the nation."

Psalm 107:28-32

Let God bring a stillness to your world. Ask him to calm you in the storm. Turn your face to the Son and be thankful.

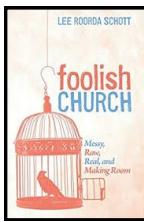
Corinne

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class will begin reading and discussing *Foolish Church* by Lee Roorda Schott on Sunday, September 8th.

Foolish Church shares the lessons that Rev Schott has learned while serving at Women At The Well Church at the women's correctional facility in Mitchellville with the hope that we might be inspired, equipped and encouraged to live out our calling.

If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. There is always room for more to join the conversation.



 St. Luke <i>Seasons of the Spirit</i>	BIBLE STUDY Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room
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Keeping Focus LUKE 16:19-31

What constitutes the "true riches" of life?

Lazarus was a poor man, covered with sores. He was "dumped" on the doorstep of a rich man. All Lazarus lived for was to get a meal from the scraps of the rich man; his best friends were dogs who came and licked his sores.

When Lazarus died he was taken by angels to Abraham's lap. The rich man died, was buried, and in hell. He looked up and saw Abraham with Lazarus in his lap. *"Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I'm in agony in this fire."*

Abraham replied that now the rich man will be tormented, and Lazarus will be consoled... *"In your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things."*

The rich man did not give up. He was thinking of his still-living five brothers. *"Then let me ask you, Father: Send him (Lazarus) to the house of my father... so he can tell them the score and warn them, so they won't end up here in this place of torment."*

Abraham reminded the rich man that his five brothers had always had *"Moses and the prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them."*



The rich man still did not give up. *"I know, Father Abraham. But they are not listening. If someone would come back to them from the dead, they would change their ways."*

(Can't you just imagine Abraham almost slapping his forehead in disbelief?) *"If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they are not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead."*

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, sandwiched between the end of the 8 a.m. church service and the beginning of the 10:30 service. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings. All are welcome to join in the discovery and learning!

∞ Lectionary Readings for September 2019 ∞

- **September 1:** Job 38:1-18 | Ocean Sunday
To glimpse God's greatness and power and our role to care for creation.

- **September 8:** Psalm 104:14-23 | Fauna and Flora Sunday
To appreciate the divine wisdom of balance in creation.

- **September 15:** Psalm 29 | Storm Sunday
To explore God's wisdom and the ways we experience God's presence.

- **September 22:** Proverbs 8:22-31 | Cosmos Sunday
To take delight in God's creation and explore the wisdom of the cosmos.

- **September 29:** Luke 16:19-31 | Keeping Focus
To reflect on what makes life truly rich.

September 2019 Ingathering Collection

We are switching gears in September. We will now be focusing on $\frac{1}{2}$ of the items needed for the Personal Hygiene Kits. These kits are delivered to disaster victims, to assist them in reclaiming their dignity and self-respect. There is something about feeling clean and refreshed that helps a person feel like their world will eventually be set right again.



This month let's focus on collecting the following items:

- 1 large STURDY comb (at least 6 inches of teeth)
- 1 fingernail or toenail clipper
- 1 bath size (3 oz or large) bar of soap in wrapper [NO Ivory or Jergens please]
- 1 adult size toothbrush

The remainder of the items will be collected in October. Please deliver your items to the Ingathering box on the Mission Table. For those who would like to complete an entire kit, the list of items will be available on the Mission table.

Corinne – NOW Missions

Jasper County Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, October 6

Did you know that most people who don't have safe drinking water or enough food to eat live in an impoverished country?

Church World Service is an organization that helps families and communities with seeds, tools and training to grow nutritious food and with solutions for safe water. The money raised by Crop Hunger Walks goes towards ending hunger in local communities and around the world.



Watch the weekly trifold for more details on this year's CROP Hunger Walk for participating in the walk or to donate.

General Conference May 2020

The next regular General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in May of 2020. Please be in prayer for those persons that are preparing for and will be in attendance of this important conference. The decisions made at this conference may be determining the future of the United Methodist Church.



Diaper Sewing Days

We have lots of diapers cut out and yards of flannel. Come and join us as we make diapers for MMDC.

We will be meeting Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22 for another round of sewing. Watch for sign-up sheets on the Servant's Counter.



Silent Auction News

The St. Luke Building Renovation

Silent Auction is resuming in September. Donations are now being gratefully accepted, with this auction ending the third week of the next month, October 20.



Arizona Spaghetti Card Game & Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, October 19 @ 6 pm

The St Luke Social Club invites you and your family to join them for a night of food, fun and fellowship. More details to come. Put it on your calendar.

Grace is a gift

When we work an eight-hour day and receive eight hours' pay for our efforts, that is a WAGE.

When we compete with an opponent and receive a trophy for our superior performance, that is a PRIZE.

When we receive something in recognition for our service or achievement, that is an AWARD.

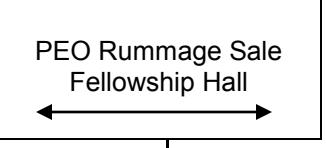


But when we can earn no wage, can win no prize and deserve no award — yet we receive such a gift — that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is GRACE.

Please--Update All Addresses

Do we have your current snail mail and e-mail addresses? Help us by supplying us with your address. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8/10:30 Worship - Communion  9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	2	3	4  Choir Practice Resumes 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir	5	6	7 9 am-5 pm F Hall Reserved
8 8/10:30 Worship Sunday School Kick-off  9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm Church Picnic 	9	10	11 9am-2 pm F Hall Reserved 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir 7 pm Page Turners	12	13 	14
15 8/10:30 Worship Spring Roll Sale  9 Reception/Fellowship - One Fellowship Time Only 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	16	17 6:30 pm NOW meeting	18 6:45 pm UMWomen Meeting @ St Luke 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir	19 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall 7 pm NAMI - Choir Room	20 	21
22 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	23	24 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 7pm	25 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir	26  9 am - 2 pm 6-9 pm Day For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian	27	28
29 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.	30  5th Monday Supper Club for CFUM @ Trinity UMC			 <i>September</i>		

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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September 1		
8 AM		10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Roy/Pat Patty
Greeters	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Mary Nelson
Reader	Bruce Maach	Jeff Carter
Acolytes	Ushers	Ushers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Deb Stoullil	Doug McIntyre
Fellowship	Tamara Lloyd	Jenna McIntyre
Care Core	Jenni Patty	Jenna McIntyre
Communion	Lisa Pageler	Counters Brad Patty/ Barb Kaldenberg
September 8		
8 AM		10:30 AM
Ushers	John/Mary Onstot	Carolyn Cook/Amy Onstot
Greeters	Jean Schnell	Joe/Stefanie Squire
Readers	Russ Leix	Marianne Spaur
Acolytes	Ushers	Ava Smith
Nursery	Parents take turns	Doug McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Praise Team	Praise Team
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Pam Stiles	Michelle O'Brien
Care Core	Jenni Patty	Lisa Marston
Counters		Mike Kaldenberg/ Doug McIntyre
September 15		
8 AM		10:30 AM
Ushers	Bruce Maach/Ben Leonard	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Linda Hotger	Mike Wood/ Brooke Chambers
Readers	Dale Dorrell	Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ushers	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Wendy Jennings
Fellowship	Peg Ehler	Lori Leix
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Pat Patty/Jenna McIntyre
September 22		
8 AM		10:30 AM
Ushers	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg	Corinne Kleppe/ Lori Leix
Greeters	Dave Miller	Rose Evans
Readers	Brad Patty	Amy Murphy
Acolytes	Ushers	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Mary Nelson
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Rose Hartschen	Katie Jones
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Amy Murphy
Counters		Russ Leix/Rose Evans

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St Luke News

Thank you to those who donated food and volunteered their time to help prepare and serve the 5th Monday Supper Club for CFUM at Trinity UMC in July. We served approximately 80 people that night.

Thank you St. Luke

You have donated cans and bottles worth \$125.00 so far in 2019. This averages about \$20.00 per month during the warm months. Keep up the good work for this donation towards our apportionment responsibility.

Roy and Pat Patty

“God is not out there or back there or yet to be, but hidden in the most ordinary things of our ordinary lives.”

—Sallie McFague

Sept 29	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Chuck Springer Jean Schnell	Marianne Spaur/ Deb Stoullil
Greeters	Rose Hartschen	Amy Onstot
Readers	Mary Onstot	Jenni Patty
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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 September Birthdays

- September 3: Jacquie Huggins, Teresa Rhone
September 4: Teagan McIntyre, Jordan Henning
September 5: Carol Stonner
September 18: Tom Miller
September 20: Deb Stoullil, Mikey Carter
September 22: Deb Miller
September 24: Esther Fifer
September 25: Austin Wood
September 26: Margaret Gullett
September 28: Ron Lisk
September 30: Helen Schwarz



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



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.

Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the table by the church office.

NEWS LETTER



"Wow, Mrs. Hoover — 40 years of teaching Sunday school. You were in it for the long haul!"

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, September 26 from 9 am -2 pm and 6-9 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans or Karen Clark.



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.



"The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent."

—Sam Levenson

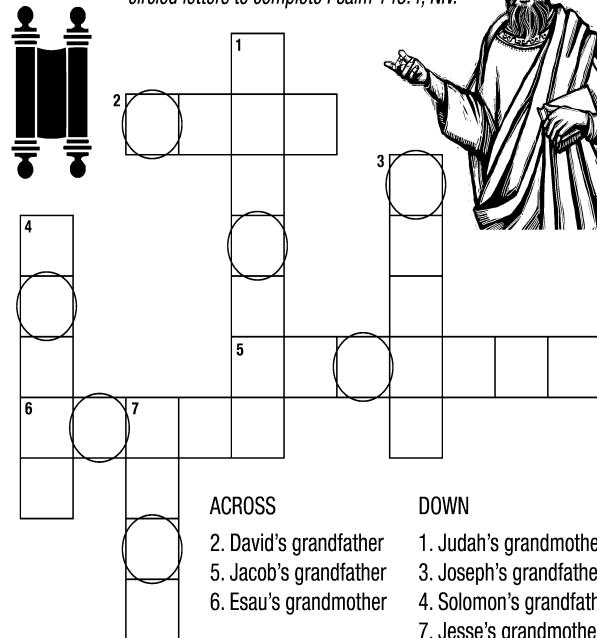
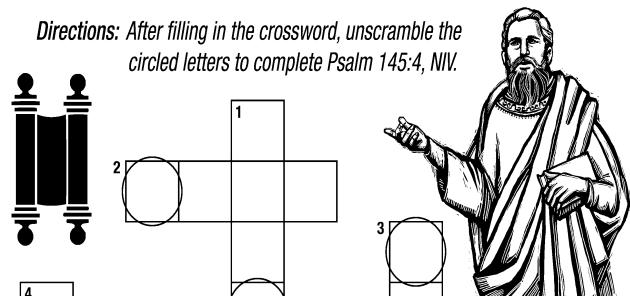
"I must do something" always solves more problems than "Something must be done." —Unknown



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



One G _ N _____ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV