

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY
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CATCH THE FIRE!

Care Packages for our St Luke College Students

Our St Luke family includes several college students who are working hard (hopefully) on their studies and we would like to support and encourage them! There is an area outside the sanctuary that displays a poster of all of our students and a Student Spotlight table that will highlight two students each month. There are ideas for goodies to bring for a care package and bins underneath to place items. There are also notecards to write them a message, or bring your own note! All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week.

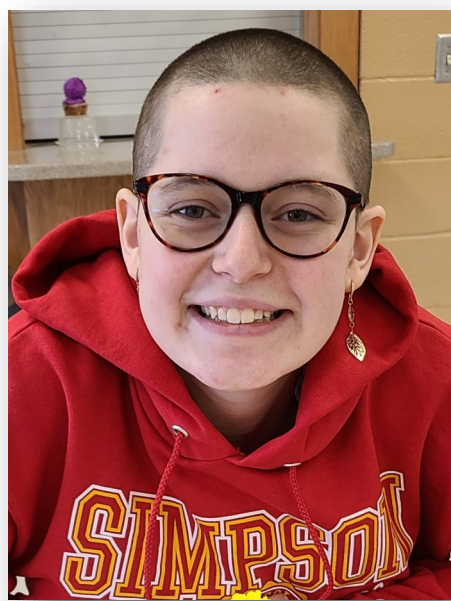
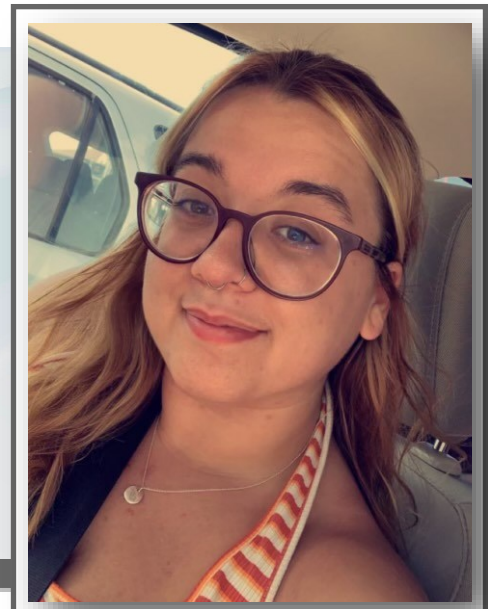
Student Spotlight: October

Angel Gallagher

Angel Gallagher is a junior at DMACC and is majoring in Elementary Education. Angel loves her education classes, especially Children's Lit. Angel works at Target. She is also excited to be engaged! She enjoys music by Taylor Swift, Rainbow Kitten Surprise, Mumford & Sons and Cake; restaurants - Starbucks, Scooters Panera and Jimmy John's; shopping at American Eagle, Aerie and B&N; and watching Yellowjackets, The Wild and New Girl.

DMACC
DES MOINES AREA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Class
of
2025**



**SIMPSON
COLLEGE**

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Abby Jennings

Abby Jennings is a sophomore at Simpson College and is majoring in Biology. Abby loves her small campus. She is in two choirs and works in the computer lab. She is looking forward to a research project as a final in Psych and the concert for choir. She enjoys music by Phoebe Bridgers, Lucy Dacus & Greta Van Fleet; eating at Hu-hot, Wasabi & Guadalajara; shopping at Walmart, Hy-Vee & Target; and watching The Wilds, Pretty Little Liars & Yellowjackets.

Stay tuned for next month's student spotlight!

Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you for everything that was donated for the October Discover Hope meal. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family and we can't thank everyone enough. The meal that we provided for October was maid rites on a bun, corn, crunchy apple salad and pumpkin bars for dessert. A big thank you also to everyone that came and helped with preparing the food and those that helped to serve the meal at Discover Hope.

Peg Ehler, Jan Lewis &
Joyce Stonehocker



Harvest Potluck and Game Night

- Date:** Saturday, October 22nd
Time: 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Who: Everyone—all ages are welcome
Where: St. Luke Fellowship Hall
What to Bring: A dish to share either main dish, salad or dessert. Drinks will be provided.
Games: There will be cards for Arizona Spaghetti. Bring other card and board games to share.

Sunday School Mission Offering Focus

As we head into the last 2 ½ months of 2022, our Sunday School Missionary offering is changing focus. Beginning on Sunday October 16, and continuing through the end of the year, our Sunday School offerings for the 2nd through 5th Sundays will be directed toward the ministries of Christ Foundry UMC in Dallas, Texas. Pastor Amy Spaur leads this missionary /bilingual congregation in Texas and over the next 2 ½ months we will hear more about the ministries taking place within her congregation.



Corinne Kleppe, N.O.W. Missions

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, October 30
9:30 am Worship



All Saints Sunday Sunday, October 30

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year. Please send a photo with the person's name and dates to the church office by October 16 in order for your family member to be recognized.

October Book/Puzzle Sale

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is sponsoring a Book/Puzzle Sale to raise money for Missions.

During the month of October, there will be tables of books and puzzles displayed in Fellowship Hall. For a small amount of money, you can own some new-to-you books and puzzles for the upcoming winter months!



We are accepting freewill offerings but would like to suggest paperbacks for \$.50, hardbacks and puzzles for \$1. (Again, any amount over that will be greatly appreciated.)

Mission Coalition Pie Sale

Mission Coalition will be having a pie sale on Saturday, October 22 from 9 am - 2pm in the McCann Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The pie sale is held in conjunction with the McCann Flea Market. St Luke is responsible for providing double-crust pies. Sign-up at the Servant's Counter if you would like to donate pies for this event. Please bring any donated pies to the McCann Center on October 22 between 8 and 9 am. Contact Joyce Stonehocker with any questions.



Jasper County Take Away Hunger

The next packaging event will take place on Saturday, November 5th at Lynnville Friends Church. We would like to organize a team of 12 volunteers to package meals at the event. They ask for a donation of \$30 per person to help cover the cost of the food packaged. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at the servant's counter or contact Peg Ehler at 641-417-9979 no later than October 30.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Oct. 16	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Reader	Dennis Smith
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Bruce & Leslie Maach

Oct. 23	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Amy Murphy

Oct. 30	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	Karen Clark

Nov. 6	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	

Worship Assistants For October & November

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of October and November. 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 online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/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!



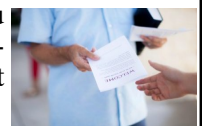
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Worship Assistants

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



Invitation to Support Hurricane Relief

Iowa Annual Conference
September 29, 2022

Dear Friends,

The words of the prophet Isaiah are haunting today as we lift in constant prayer our brothers and sisters who are in harm's way because of Hurricane Ian.

“Lord, you are my God.

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
planned long ago, faithful and sure.
You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in distress,
a hiding place from the storm,
a shade from the heat.” (Isaiah 25:1, 4 CEB)



The powerful Category 4 Hurricane Ian made landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday (Sept. 28), with Governor Ron DeSantis declaring a state of emergency and a possibility of substantial loss of life. As I write this, the storm system's winds increased to 70 mph as it moved up the Florida Coast.

Governor DeSantis said, “I think we've never seen a flood event like this. We've never seen storm surge of this magnitude and it hit an area where there's a lot of people in a lot of those low-lying areas, and it's going to end up doing extensive damage to a lot of people's homes.” He also said that this could be a five-hundred-year event. Sixteen inches of rain has already been reported in Orlando as the storm moves north.

President Biden promised that he would support state and local officials, including the cost of clearing debris and rebuilding public buildings and supporting those with destroyed homes.

What can you do to help?

- Please pray for all those who are in danger right now from the powerful effects of Hurricane Ian and for those who have lost loved ones.
- I invite you to consider donating to support what will be a long process of rebuilding homes and lives. You can give to the [United Methodist Committee on Relief's \(UMCOR\) U.S. Disaster Relief Fund](#). (Advance #901670) UMCOR is already assisting those in need.
- After the storm has passed, do not self-deploy to go help. First responders and UMCOR will assess the situation and let us know when it is safe to deploy recovery groups. For more information on how you or your church can get involved, [visit our Disaster Ministries page](#).

May God's grace and hope surround all those whose lives are affected by Hurricane Ian. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Blessings,
Bishop Laurie

Special Called Annual Conference in November 2023



Special Called Annual Conference November 18, 2023

As announced at the 2022 Iowa Annual Conference session in June, the Bishop, in consultation with the Sessions Committee, called a Special Iowa Annual Conference Session for November 18, 2023, for the sole purpose of disaffiliation.

In part, this Session is to give local churches sufficient time and accurate information as they discern their future in the UMC.

Diaper Sewing Days

Our Baby Diaper Sewing Team will meet in Fellowship Hall to cut and sew diapers together on Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18 from 9 AM until 4 PM. We will be cutting and sewing, but we can also use folks who are willing to turn and press the diapers or even pin them to be ready for the sewing machines.



Please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing tools and bring a sack lunch and your own drinks. If you have questions please contact Karen Clark.

February 2023 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 February 5-8, 2023



and you could be one of those workers. All the projects we work on 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. There is a sign-up sheet located on the servant's counter.