

# St Luke UMC

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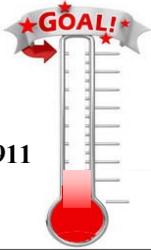
October 1, 2020



# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

### 2020 Apportionments

**\$22,929**



\$5,911

### Financial Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Luke ministries.

These offerings were received in the month of September:

- Total of \$9,555 which included:
- \$1,795 - Building Fund
- \$ 440 - Apportionments
- \$ 5 - St Andrews

**THANK YOU, PASTOR CHAD,  
FOR ALL YOU DO AT ST. LUKE!**



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### October Outdoor Worship Services

**Sundays: October 11 and 25 at 9:30 am**

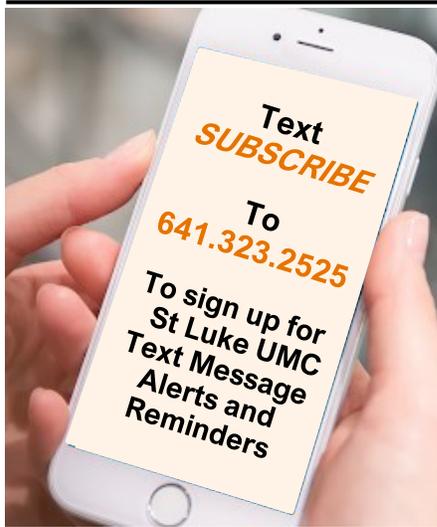
We will continue with our outdoor worship services during the month of October as long as the weather permits. The dates scheduled for this month will be Sunday, October 11 and Sunday, October 25 both at 9:30 am.



We continue to ask that you bring your own lawn chair and spread out to keep six feet of distance between your family and others. We also ask that everyone please wear a mask until everyone is seated. Please note in case of rain we will plan on moving the service to the following

weekend as we are not quite ready to move to indoor services yet.

For those that are unable to attend in person we are now live streaming our services on YouTube. You can watch LIVE with us at home by going to our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube page at 9:30 am on the day of the service and look for the LIVE video. We will also post the link to the service on our Facebook page that you can view LIVE or watch later at your convenience. Be sure and subscribe to our YouTube channel to make sure you don't miss any of our future videos or services.



**Stay in the  
loop  
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text list  
today!**

*"Every tomorrow has two handles.  
We can take hold of it with the handle  
of anxiety or the handle of faith."  
—Henry Ward Beecher*





## My Story

We walked into the corn maze, convinced we could find our way. We walked and walked and soon it seemed we might be walking in circles. The maze that year was a picture of the Quaker Oats Mascot. And we, it seemed, were stuck somewhere in his hair, walking past the same corn, over and over again. Eventually we had to admit we needed help finding our way out of the maze. The farm had incorporated hints in different locations, which would direct your footsteps toward the exits built into the corn maze. We used those hints to make our way through the corn, and back to the open space outside of the maze cornfield.



There are times when we need to do the same thing in our faith walk... we eventually must admit that we need help. We have to look for the signs that point us in the right direction and guide us toward a stronger faith.

*Psalm 121:1-2 I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*



*Psalm 31:3 For You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.*

*John 16:13-14 But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own authority. But*

*He will speak whatever He hears, and He will tell you things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will receive from Me and will declare it to you.*

It is important to ask for help when you are lost... in a corn maze... while driving your car... and in your life and faith. The Bible tells us that if we ask; the Holy Spirit will guide us.

Corinne Kleppe



 <p>St. Luke Seasons OF THE Spirit</p>	<p><b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room</p>
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## A Liberation Community

EXODUS 13:1-14

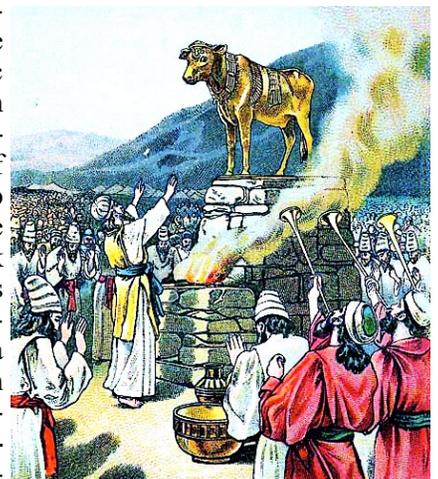
What really matters as individuals and as a community of God's people.

Moses had led the Hebrew people out of Egypt after they had lived there for hundreds of years. In this passage from Exodus, Moses had been absent from the travelers' encampment for 40 days. The people were losing their faith, *impatient*, and growing restless, eventually calling for a *physical representation* of God. They began making other gods and committing selfish acts. With Aaron's complicity an idol in the shape of a calf was made from collected earrings, and an altar built in front of it.

While Moses was still on the mountain God directed him to go back down; God shared with Moses His plan to destroy those heretics. Moses pleaded with God, reminding Him of His promise made to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He would make their descendants and give them a "promised land."

We, too, could be reminded of our longing for more *patience*

during two recent calamities: COVID-19 and the derecho. During the pandemic there are some who question science - - the virus's authenticity; or question the value of wearing facial masks to help control the spread of airborne particles. Some people think the value of a human life is less important, than the importance of "getting back to a 'normal.'" **Patience** is in such a short supply with some people, leading to a lack of **empathy** and devaluing the corporeal.



When the August derecho struck, some were without electricity for 7+ days; some (only) 1-2 days. How difficult it was to keep hoping *when* we would again have electricity access! It is difficult to be **patient** over something of which we have *little control!* God reminds us that He is always with us.

### ∞ Lectionary Readings for October 2020 ∞

- **October 4:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Words for Living  
*To expand our understanding of the ways community is shaped by God's loving wisdom.*
- **October 11:** Exodus 32:1-14 | Living as a Liberation Community  
*To discern what really matters as individuals and as a community of God's people.*
- **October 18:** Exodus 33:12-23 | Known by Goodness and Mercy  
*To encourage living in a way that reflects our identity as God's people.*
- **October 25:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | A Prophetic Vision's Power  
*To embody the movement of God's unfolding story.*



## United Methodist Women

October 21  
1:15 pm  
St Luke UMC

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Program: A Light for the World to See  
Pat Patty

# THANK YOU

We at Midwest Mission just want to send you a simple "THANK YOU" for your continued support, prayers and donations.

It is individuals like YOU that keep this ministry alive & thriving!



### Trips to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in 2021

We have two trips to MMDC scheduled in 2021. These dates were secured in 2019 long before we ever knew a pandemic was on the horizon. We have until November to cancel our dates, so I would like to know by the end of October who is willing or planning to go. Our dates are January 24-27 and February 21-24. We will leave after church Sunday and return on Wednesday evening after working at the center and staying in their dorm. We will work together and live together. It has always been a wonderful time of Christian living and doing the Lord's work. Please let Karen Clark know by October 25 if you are interested or planning to attend one or both of these trips.



### St Luke College and Military Students

We want to apologize as two of our college students were not included in the previous newsletter. We want to make sure they are recognized as well. Please be sure and keep them in your thoughts and daily prayers!

- Gatlin Chambers---University of Northern Iowa--Finance and Investment
- Zoe Smith--Iowa State University--Music Education

### Online Sermon Series

We will be continuing with our You Asked For It series in October. In this series, Pastor Chad and Joel will keep tackling all your questions: fun ones, serious ones, and the ones you've always wanted to ask. Please continue to submit your ideas and questions by email to: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com). Be sure to check our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel or Facebook page for new videos on the weekends we are not having our outdoor services.



### Personal Dignity Kits (PDK) continued...

In the Sept 15 newsletter, the first 5 items on the list of supplies for the PDK. In this edition, we are presenting the remaining items that make up the Personal Dignity Kit which Midwest Mission Distribution sends out following natural disasters like floods, fires, hurricanes and derechos. All items must be new.



- 1 Razor (with guard)
- 1 Adult Toothbrush (NO multipacks)
- 1 Bar of Soap
- 1 Nail Clipper
- 1 Toothpaste (2.5 oz or larger)
- 1 Shampoo (15 to 18 ounces)

The items for the PDK can be brought to the mission table once we are back in our building. The complete list for this kit will be provided in the October 15 newsletter.

NOW Missions

### Larry & Jane Kies – Missionaries

We as a church have a yearly covenant with Larry & Jane Kies to donate \$300 each to support their ministry in Africa. Normally we collect funds for this covenant through our Sunday School mission offerings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. This year that offering has, not surprisingly, been stalled. We have approximately \$60 remaining to reach our covenant for 2020. If 20 families each gave \$3 to the Kies we will meet this goal. If you would like to help, simply write "Kies" on the memo line of your check.



NOW Missions



## A Special Blessing for those with October Birthdays

- October 1: Amy Onstot
- October 2: Sue Anderson
- October 3: Nathan Figland
- October 5: Kelly Lange
- October 7: Barb Pherigo
- October 8: Bruce Thomas
- October 9: Dean Stonner
- October 14: Jean Schnell
- October 15: Angel Anderson
- October 18: Patrick Murphy
- October 20: David Thongvanh
- October 21: Ella Hendershot  
Myron Rhone
- October 22: Quinton Guillaume
- October 26: Doug Spaur
- October 27: Linda Hotger



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



**Charge Conference**  
Thursday, October 29  
Via Zoom @ 6 pm



**October Salvation Army Food Pantry Request**  
Soup and Crackers



## October Calendar of Events

Oct 6	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 8	F-Hall Reserved – PEO	5:30 pm
Oct 11	Outdoor Worship Service	9:30 am
Oct 15	Quilt Guild in F-Hall	6:30 pm
Oct 20	F-Hall Reserved – PEO	6:30 pm
Oct 21	UMW Meeting in F-Hall	1:15 pm
Oct 25	Outdoor Worship Service	9:30 am
Oct 29	Charge Conference	6:00 pm

## St Luke Christian Education Program

We have started a new online program to connect with our youth as we are unable to meet in person for Sunday School right now. If you have a child or grandchild that would like to join us please email us at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com).



PreK - 2nd Grade - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm via Zoom  
3rd - 6th Grade - Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm via Zoom  
Middle School - Wednesdays After School @ St Luke



## A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water . . . . .
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant . . . . .
3. To plant . . . . .
4. Sharp part of a plant . . . . .
5. What is harvested . . . . .
6. To dry up and shrivel . . . . .
7. Person who plants . . . . .
8. The earth a plant grows in . . . . .

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, soil, wither, farmer, crop, thorn, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow