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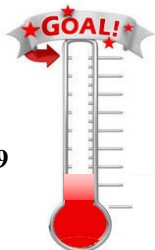
June 1, 2024



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

2024 Apportionments

\$16,882



\$269

Financial Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Luke ministries. These offerings were received in the month of May:

Total of \$18,527 which included:

- \$ 700 - Building Fund
- \$ 61 - Apportionments
- \$ 15 - Florence Mefor - Missionary
- \$ 340 - UMCOR Iowa Storm
- \$ 43 - Golden Cross Sunday
- \$ 30 - Peace with Justice Sunday
- \$ 40 - UMCOR Ukraine
- \$ 75 - UMCOR US Disaster Resp.

Bittersweet Farewell to Chad, Wendy, and family

Plans are underway for our sendoff dinner after church on June 16th. This will be Chad's last Sunday at St. Luke as they are being packed and moved on Monday, June 17th.

There will be a potluck after church. For those who cannot attend the dinner, a cake reception will be held immediately after service.

A sign-up sheet is on the servant's counter for the lasagna/potluck dinner and will begin at approximately 11:15 AM.

Also, a Farewell Love Gift is being collected and it is the gold box located just outside the sanctuary.

Many Prayers and Blessings to Chad and Wendy as they begin a new chapter in their lives at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. Thank you for your 7 years and all the beautiful memories at St. Luke and our community! You have profoundly touched and blessed all our lives! God go with you – we will miss you!



Join Us For Camp Firelight VBS 2024 June 24 - 28 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am

During Vacation Bible School, join first-time camp Counselor Doug and Lumen, "Lu," the lightning bug puppet, for a summer adventure at Camp Firelight. Campers accompany Counselor Doug and Lu during each assembly session and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Doug face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu, the Lightning Bug, and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Doug and the Campers explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Bible Figures trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do great things in God's name.



As the Campers experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives. This unique Vacation Bible School program invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Camp Callout (Theme Verse): "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

Registration forms can be found in the center of this newsletter, on the church information table or online. Check our St Luke Newton Facebook page for details or you can use the following link to register online.

<https://forms.gle/xETD9iFVifJfPwew6>

HAPPY
father's
DAY!

Sunday, June 16

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My Story

Lift your hands in holiness and bless the Lord. Psalm 134:2

I love to look at people's hands. Hands can show us so much about a person. Does this person like to work in the dirt? Maybe they are a mechanic or a farmer's hands. Perhaps they are free of calluses because the person works in an office. Maybe they are young and just learning all the things that can be done with our hands. Perhaps there are signs of playing instruments or creativity. Maybe the hands show years of abuse, or signs of arthritis. Perhaps like my grandmother's or my dad's hands at the end of their lives, they are covered in bruises from unknown sources. Smooth, polished, gnarled, aged, young, they are hands that can do the work of Christ in our world.

Hands work. Hands play. Hands pray. Hands hurt. Hands heal. Hands help. All hands can be instruments of Christ.

Sometimes we think our hands are imperfect. Perhaps missing a portion of a digit or an entire digit. Maybe you were born that way, or maybe it is due to injury. You may think your hand is imperfect... but to God... your hands are far from imperfect. Your hands are still Christ's hands in this world, which makes your hands beautiful.

While taking photos of hands for the artwork now displayed at St Luke, I often heard phrases similar to this: "Oh, I don't have nice hands." I disagreed with each person who claimed this. And as I put together the photo display, I found myself thinking... "How beautiful!" There is an old praise song titled "How Beautiful". It speaks of how beautiful the hands of Christ are. In the past I have thought about this as meaning only Jesus's hands. Now I am beginning to think this can mean our hands as well, since we are the hands of Christ in the world today.



How will you use your hands for Christ today?

Corinne Kleppe

Grocery Sacks Needed

We are in need of plastic grocery sack donations. They will be used to make plarn (plastic yarn) to weave sleeping mats for the homeless. If you have any extra plastic grocery sacks you would like to donate please bring them to Joyce Stonehocker or put them in the donation box at the church.



Summer Special Music

It's been a few years since we pushed for special music throughout the summer months. I don't know about you, but I miss special music during worship when the Choir and Praise Team take a break for the summer. This year, we are asking you to sign up to share some music with St Luke during the summer months. We may not have special music every Sunday, but hopefully we will have it at least a few Sundays this summer. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the Servant's counter for the end of June through the end of August. We hope you will share your talents with us sometime this summer.



Corinne Kleppe & Amy Onstot

June Mission Highlight Mobility Worldwide

Millions of people in this world are in desperate need of mobility because of landmines, polio and other diseases, birth defects, and amputations. It is a life-changing event to go from dragging oneself in the dirt and mud to having three wheels to go wherever one wants to go! For a donation under \$350, we can build and ship one Mobility Cart. The gift of a Mobility Cart is at no cost to the recipient...it is the Gift of Mobility.



Mobility Carts are sturdy hand-cranked vehicles given freely to the recipient. The Mobility Cart is a wheelchair that goes where wheelchairs can't go! Nearly 100,000 Mobility Carts have been distributed worldwide. (excerpts from the Mobility Worldwide website)

If you would like to give to Mobility Worldwide (formerly known as PETS), please put Mobility Worldwide on the memo-line of your check and place it in the offering plate. To learn more about this mission, check out their website at mobilityworldwide.org.

Corinne, NOW Missions

UWF Collecting Socks & Underwear

St. Luke United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) will be collecting underwear and socks for Jasper County school children during June and July.



Our plan is to deliver these needed articles of clothing to the Salvation Army early in August for their school clothes and supplies give away.

There will be a wicker container in the gathering space for the summer months. Please drop in your donations and it will be delivered.



United
Women
in Faith

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June
No Meeting

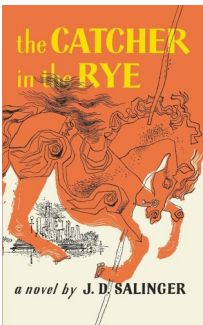
"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (KJV)

Isaiah 40:31

June 8 - UWF gathering at Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

The Banned Book Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class has decided to read "banned" books. We are currently reading *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger. The book is about the life of a seventeen-year-old boy called Holden Caulfield. His story begins at Pencey Prep, a school he's been kicked out of for flunking almost all of his subjects. After having a fight with his roommate, Stradler, he leaves Pencey Prep a few days early and decides not to go straight home. Along his way he meets former teachers, old friends, his younger sister and many others.



We invite you to join us. We meet at 10:30 am (following worship) in Room 5, the 3rd room on the left, in the education wing.

Help Pastor Mark Get to Know You!

We would like to assist Pastor Mark in getting a "jump start" in getting to know our church members and friends. We have made a questionnaire for each of you to fill out so he can learn more about you. Forms will be on the college table and there is a basket by the office where you can drop off your filled out form. Please return these by June 23 if possible.

VBS Snacks

We are making fun variety of snacks for our Camp Firelight themed Vacation Bible School this year and we need your help. If you would like to help with any food or monetary donations there is a sign up sheet located on the servants' counter.



"Patience is the companion of wisdom."
—St. Augustine

Welcome to the Johnson family!

Mark, Alexis, Maggie, and Nehemiah Johnson will be moving into the parsonage on Sunday, June 23rd.

Mark will be in Church beginning Sunday, July 7th. He will officially lead worship on Sunday, July 14th. Also, Alexis has been appointed pastor at Oakwood United Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill. They have two children. Maggie is 9 and will be in 5th grade and Nehemiah is 7 and will be in 2nd grade.



Children, too, are leaving their friends so we will have a welcoming love gift basket for the children. It will be in the Narthex if you would like to give them a fun gift, i.e. bubbles, sidewalk chalk, books, etc. Surprise them!!

The welcome cake reception will be on Sunday, July 14th after service. Further upcoming plans to meet and greet the Johnson family will be announced later once they get settled.

Prayers for the family and their transition as they begin their new journey at St. Luke. Looking forward to giving you all hugs!

Sunday School Offering March through June 2024

Our 2nd through 5th Sundays during the months of March, April, May and June, the Sunday School offering will be designated as support for Missionary Florence Mefor. Florence serves as a mid-wife and nurse with the Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. Her work focuses on expecting and postpartum mothers and children under 5 years old. Florence has delivered hundreds of babies and prays that God will continue to give her the strength to continue to do God's work with the mothers. (excerpt from The Mission Family – Iowa Missionaries newsletter). If you would like to support Florence and you can also give by placing your gift in the offering plate on Sunday morning and noting Florence Mefor on the memo line of your check.








As always, the first Sunday of the month, Sunday school offering go toward administrative costs and for Sunday School materials.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, June 27 from 9 am - 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans. If you would like more information about Days for Girls you can visit their website at www.daysforgirls.org.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Worship w/ Communion  Sunday School to Follow	3 6:30 pm Mon. Night Study Group via Zoom	4 Primary Election FH Rsvrd All Day	5 6:30 pm Praise Team	6 9 am - 3 pm Quilts of Valor FH Rsvrd	7	8 2 pm Legacy Valor Presentation of Quilts— Sanctuary/ Narthex Rsvrd
9 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	10 6:30 pm Mon. Night Study Group via Zoom	11	12 6:30 pm Praise Team 7 pm Page Turners FH Rsvrd	13 Setup Fellowship Hall/Narthex for Potluck 	14 	15
16 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow Pastor Chad's Last Sunday  11:15 am Celebration of Ministry Lasagna Potluck	17	18 5-9 pm PEO Meeting FH Rsvrd	19	20 7 pm Quilt Guild Meeting	21	22 9 am - 4 pm Quilt Guild Sew Day FH Rsvrd
23 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow	24	25	26	27 9 am - 2pm Days for Girls @ First Presbyterian Church	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship Sunday School to Follow						

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
June 2	9:30 AM
Ushers	David Spiker
Greeters	Jeff Carter
Reader	Pat Patty
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Lori Leix
June 9	9:30 AM
Ushers	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Amy Murphy
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien
June 16	9:30 AM
Ushers	
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis/Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	Megan DeJong
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	
June 23	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Joel Mills
Camera	Karin Mills
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg

June Worship Assistants

For 2024 we are going to continue with passing sign up sheets around for 3 months at a time. This worked very well last year in getting more volunteer positions filled. We have had a wonderful response of volunteers for our first 3 months of 2024 and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through June but there are still some spots open. If you would like to volunteer or see what positions are available 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/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSz_oXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing

We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help on Sunday mornings. Thank you St Luke Family!

June 30	9:30 AM
Ushers	
Greeters	Carolyn Cook
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Joel Mills
Camera	Karin Mills
Care Core	Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	

Camp Season Is Coming Soon

It's time to start planning and signing up for camp at one of the beautiful Iowa United Methodist Camps. Catalogs are available at the church or you can go online to check out what's available at: www.iaumc.org/camps. Get ready for your adventure of a lifetime.



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.



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, June 24 - 28, 2024
9:00—11:30 am



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No registration fee,
but **donations** for
curriculum & supplies
are gratefully accepted.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Sex: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Allergies/Other needed information: _____ (Or will attend Kindergarten in Fall 2024 ____)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: (____) _____ Secondary phone: (____) _____

Home church: _____ City: _____

Emergency Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

I do NOT want my child's photo, individually or in a group, posted on the church Facebook page or any other online sites.

Parents & others are invited to watch the opening skit at 9:00-9:10 am each morning in sanctuary.

Mission Offering
Received daily for Mission Projects.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.
-Proverbs 22:6-

COLORING PAGE



A Special Blessing for those with June Birthdays

- June 3 - Doris Diamond
- June 4 - Bev Thomas
- June 11 - Leslie Maach
- June 15 - Lisa Marston
- June 16 - Tamara Lloyd
- June 20 - Stephen Pageler
- June 21 - Brayden Etter
- June 23 - Emily McConkey
- June 26 - Jenna McIntyre
- June 28 - Tina Ehler



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

June Salvation Army Food Pantry Request



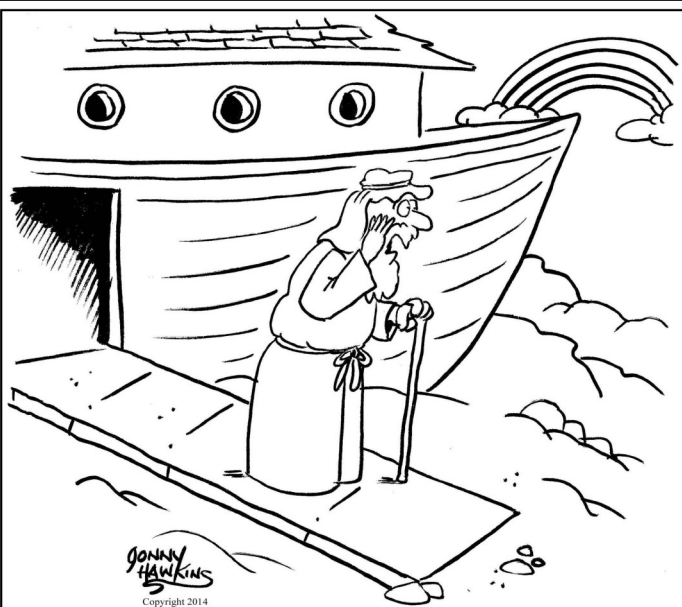
Canned Meat & Fish



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.



"Hey, could we have some volunteers to stay and help clean up?"



THANK YOU!

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to our children's Sunday School teachers: Wendy Jennings and Lisa Marston. Thank you for all of your dedication to our children this past year. We appreciate all you do and are so thankful to have such wonderful teachers! We will miss you Wendy!



PUZZLE

FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40, NIV

Answers: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life