



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | APRIL 2024

Vacation Bible Camp



Get ready to splash into fun at our “Scuba” VBC week of June 24–28. We will meet every afternoon from 1:00–4:00 p.m. Scuba is filled with awesome bible learning experiences, science experiments, team building games, taste of sea treats, and some rockin’ fun songs. Registration will be open on May 12th. Participants are limited so plan to register early.

VBC is open to students who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade during the 23–24 school year.



Older students as well as adults are invited to come on board as crew leaders who will be in charge of 4–5 students each day. If you want to be a crew leader, please talk to Joan Rude.

Church Events

April 3, 2024

1:30 pm Women in Mission

April 6, 2024

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

April 17, 2024

10am–3pm Card making for Mother’s day

April 18, 2024

9:30 Circle 3

April 19, 2024

9am–12pm Life Serve Blood Drive

April 21, 2024

Confirmation

April 25, 2024

6:30pm Active Shooter Training

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PASSWORD**

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Pastor's Pen



Peace and Grace to you in the strong name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am sharing with you two main things on this page. The first topic is about Active Shooter Response Training, and the second topic is about the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Let us start with the first topic:

Our Ministerial Association called, Gospel Fellowship, met on March 13. I was not present as I was out of State for my schooling. My colleagues met with the Storm Lake Chief of Police Chris Cole and organized an Active Shooter Response Training for church leaders and church security teams on April 25, 6:30 PM at the United Methodist Church, 211 E. 3rd St., Storm Lake. As we are considering how to better prepare for emergency situations, I am encouraging all our Staff, Trustees, and SPRC members to register in Advance. Registration is FREE! Get tickets for attendance by RSVP to Rev. James Roland at pastor.james.roland@gmail.com.

The second topic has to do with our General Conference which is our legislative body. The delegates to this gathering will come from all over the world.

What do we know about the 2024 general conference proposals? Legislations coming before The United Methodist Church's top policymaking body deals with matters as varied

as the denomination's international structure, social teachings, ecumenical relations, and budget. Those proposals are:

1. **Worldwide Regionalization**, a plan submitted by the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, that aims to put the different regions of the denomination on equal footing. Currently, the United Methodist Church in the USA is divided into five jurisdictional conferences. Jurisdictional conferences outside of the USA are called central conferences. The majority of the standing committee's membership comes from the central conferences – seven church regions in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. The proposal would create eight distinct regional governing bodies in what are currently the seven central conferences in Africa, Europe, the Philippines as well as in the United States. Each region would have the same authority to adapt portions of the Book of Discipline, the denomination's policy book, to their missional context. Worldwide regionalization requires amending the denomination's constitution. For ratification, an amendment must receive at least a two-thirds vote at General Conference and at least a two-thirds total vote at annual conferences, bodies consisting of lay and clergy voters from multiple congregations. Most other legislation requires a simple majority. "We support this legislation because we are committed to greater self-determination and self-governance," the delegates' statement said. "We also believe that expanding regional decision-making will allow annual conferences within each region to thrive.
2. **Revised Social Principles**, multiple petitions submitted by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, that revise the denomination's social witness. The proposals are the result of an eight-year revision process prompted by the 2012 General Conference to make the denomination's social teachings "more globally relevant, theologically founded

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and succinct.” More than 4,000 United Methodists from around the globe have contributed to the revisions. As proposed, the revision would no longer make reference to homosexuality at all. Since 1972, the Social Principles have stated that “the practice of homosexuality... is incompatible with Christian teaching.” Taylor–Storm emphasized that the Social Principles have always dealt with far more than human sexuality. The revisions, she said, aim to address international concerns around topics as varied as agriculture and polygamy. “This isn’t just about the U.S., and this isn’t U.S.–based legislation,” Taylor–Storm said.

3. Removal of exclusionary policies against LGBTQ people. Since General Conference added the Social Principle on homosexuality in 1972, subsequent gatherings have added bans on “self–avowed practicing” gay clergy and the officiation of same–sex weddings. Also, since 1972, every General Conference has been marked by rancorous debate over the place of LGBTQ people in church life. The clashes culminated in the special 2019 General Conference, which passed the Traditional Plan that aimed to strengthen enforcement of the bans and opened the door for the church disaffiliations seen over the past four years. “This would return the Book of Discipline to where it was from 1784 to 1972, and remove the cause of so much of our friction and division for the last 50 years,” said the Rev. Adam Hamilton, one of the delegate signers from the Great Plains Conference. He is the senior pastor of Resurrection, a multisite United Methodist church based in Leawood, Kansas, that has long seen the denomination’s highest weekly attendance in the U.S.
<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/gc2016-tackling-44-year-stance-on-homosexuality-new-2022>

I am coveting your prayers over this gathering. Betty and I will be there as translators or interpreters. We need God’s wisdom.

From my heart ♥ to yours.....
 Pastor Kiboko



Family Corner

Talk with your child about Jesus’ Holy Spirit. You can read about the Holy Spirit in John 14:15-19, 25-27. We can’t see the Holy Spirit, but Jesus promises us that His Spirit is with us and is always ready to help us. The Holy Spirit will always be our teacher, our helper and our guide. As a reminder of this special helper have your child paste their picture on a sheet of paper. Then draw a big bright circle around the photograph. Let that circle remind you of Jesus Holy Spirit, who is always with you to give you strength and to help you do what’s right.



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Storm-Lake-United-Methodist-Church/139840712765618>

Help send our kids to summer camp. Please consider donating to our scholarship program for camp.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for April:

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Betty Richardson | 04/09 |
| Carmen Moody | 04/04 |
| Bill Crilly | 04/16 |
| Joyce Mosbach | 04/22 |
| Terry Davenport | 04/03 |
| Gwynn Gerlach | 04/15 |
| Gary Rosene | 04/21 |


Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for April:

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Brad & Sonni Raveling | 04/06 |
| Jim & Jean Camerer | 04/11 |
| Fred & Deb DeHaan | 04/11 |
| Rolen & Lynn Snyder | 04/02 |
| Carl & Cynthia Turner | 04/29 |
| Steve & Janet Berry | 04/19 |

If you are not listed on the birthdays or anniversaries list, it is because we do not have the information in our records. Please contact the office if you would like to be included.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android





Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & friends of Charles Gustafson

PRAYER FOR THE GRIEVING

Lord, you know those who are hurting right now. We know you care because you are our Heavenly Father. God, I thank you for giving us comfort when we hurt. Help us remember we are not alone as we grieve. Help us cling to You when we feel despair and we miss those we have lost. Father, show us how to take refuge in You when our hearts are shattered. We know you understand. So we lift up each person reading this right now. Comfort them. We pray this in Your Son's precious and Holy name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Kim Piercy | Dan Bogaard |
| Virginia Carlson | Dexter Meseck |
| John Nichols | Drew Havens |
| Connor Hansen | Sonni Raveling |
| Jesse Mayfield | Karen Salmen |
| Cass (Meyer) Loesche | Lance Bellinghausen |
| Kermit Tolzin | Marlen Gasner |
| Jenny Brouwer Allen | David Walker |
| Beu Schmidt | Jewel Dierwechter |
| Steph Quick | Melva Bainbridge |
| Sherise Ellis | Carol Prichard |
| Donna Blom | Tyler Crandell |
| Coleen Baughman | Lori Hermsted |
| Barb Hadenfeldt | Deb Richardson |
| Rob North | Harold North |
| Wayne Stark | Kathy Wadsley |
| Olivia Lyman | Corey Peterson |
| Judy (Polly's cousin) | Tias Hecht |
| Deb Richardson | Margaret Weber |
| Caroline Kluver | Frank Popp |
| Isabell - Daniel | Kellee Barnett |
| Dash | |

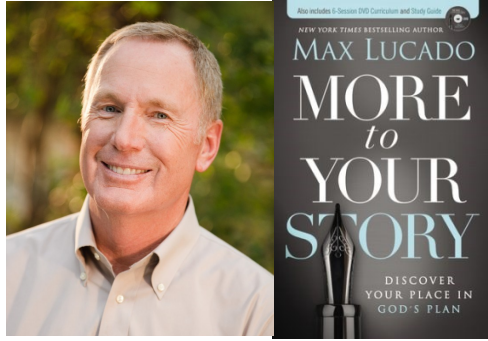
All who are affected by Depression.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love! In Jesus' name. Amen!

Adult Bible Study Class to Begin

We will be starting an adult Bible study class that will be discussing Max Lucado's book titled "More to Your Story." This class is led by



Melva Bainbridge and will meet for six sessions on Sunday's from 9:00-9:45 in room 104 (by the office) on the following dates: May 5, 12, 19, and June 2, 9, 16. The story of God is still being written and he calls each one of us to be a part of that story. Come enjoy Christian fellowship as together we explore God's plan for our lives.

MS Youth to Drop Zone

On Wednesday, April 17, our middle school youth will be traveling to Drop Zone in Sioux City for two hours of trampoline fun and lazer tag. We will leave from the church at 4:00p.m. Students should bring a sack lunch. We will jump from 5:30-7:30p.m. with open lazer tag from 5-6:30. The cost of the trip will be \$10 per student plus students will need money for snacks & \$3 for socks if they don't already have them. We will return home around 9pm. Students must have parents fill out an on-line permission form at the Sioux City Drop Zone website.



To All SLUMC Students pursuing Post Secondary Education, Thanks to the Karlton & Linda Fullenworth, McNeal, Wesslink, and Wilson Endowment Scholarship Funds our church is blessed to be able to offer scholarship awards to graduates who are members of the Storm Lake United Methodist Church and are planning to further their education at a 4 year collage or university, a junior or community college, or a vocational school. **If you are majoring in Education, Christian Education, or Agriculture (including mechanical programs) you will be considered for the Karlton & Linda Fullenworth Scholarship which can be received for four years with reapplication.** All scholarship applicants must fill out an application form, (same form for all scholarships) write a short essay on designated topics, have a high school transcript sent to the church, and secure a letter of reference. You will find an application form on our website or forms are also available in the church office. If you are graduating this year please consider applying for one of these scholarships. Graduates from past years majoring in Education, Christian Education, or Agriculture please consider applying or reapplying for the Karlton & Linda Fullenworth Scholarship. Applications are due in the church office by April 21st.

Teacher Appreciation



On May 5th at our 10:00 am worship service we will honor and thank the people who have worked in Christian education during the 23-24 school year. If you have helped with Christian education during the past year please plan to attend this service so we can express our appreciation for your ministry.




Christian Carnival

We will end our Sunday School year on Sunday, May 12th, with a Christian Carnival in the Fellowship Hall from 8:45-



9:45 a.m. Come for games, prizes, train rides, and a variety of sweet treats provided by Trish Hansen. All students nursery through sixth grade are invited to attend. Students in middle school and high school are encouraged to help with booths and prizes. Talk to Joan Rude if you want to help with this event.

April 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| <p>Women in Mission</p> <p>Youth Activities</p> <p>Committee Meetings</p> <p>UMM</p> | <p>1</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>1:30-Women in Mission</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> <p>5:00-Bells</p> <p>6:00-JH Youth</p> <p>7:00-YG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>8:30 Confirmation Class</p> <p>9 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship w/ Communion</p> | <p>8</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>4pm Food Dist.</p> <p>5:30pm Finance</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>10</p> <p>9:30am Project Grp</p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> <p>5:00-Bells</p> <p>6:00-JH Youth</p> <p>7:00-YG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth</p> | <p>11</p> <p>1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place</p> <p>5:30 SPRC</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p> | <p>13</p> <p>7:30am UMM</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>8:30 Confirmation Class</p> <p>9 AM SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship w/ Bells</p> | <p>15</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>4pm Food Dist</p> <p>4:30pm NOW Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm Trustees</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>17</p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>10am-3pm Card workshop</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> <p>4pm JH Youth to Drop Zone</p> <p>7:00-YG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth FCA</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9:30am-Circle #3</p> <p>7pm Ad Council</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p> <p>9am-12pm Blood Drive</p>  | <p>20</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>9am SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship w/ Confirmation</p> | <p>22</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place</p> <p>4pm Food Dist.</p> <p>4:30pm NOW Rehearsal</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>24</p>  <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> <p>6:00-JH Youth</p> <p>7:00-JHYG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth</p> | <p>25</p> <p>1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place</p> <p>4:30pm Missions</p> <p>6:30pm Active Shooter Training</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
| Kiboko at Conference | | | | | | |
| <p>28</p> <p>9am SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship w/ NOW Singers</p> | <p>29</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>4pm Food Dist.</p> | <p>30</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> |  |  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Kiboko at Conference</div> | |

LifeServe Blood Drive

April 19, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Appointments are Required
/Photo I.D. Required
Schedule your appointment online at
www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or call
800.287.4903

Location: United Methodist Church Family Life
Center, 211 E. 3rd Street, Storm Lake, IA

A volunteer is needed each 3rd Friday of the
month to supply snacks for the Life Serve crew.
They greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. If
interested, please call Pam Milbrandt.

Thank you for giving to God!

| Attendance | | Online |
|------------|----------|--------|
| 03/03 | Sun.-131 | 285 |
| 03/10 | Sun.-175 | 240 |
| 03/17 | Sun.-188 | 484 |
| 03/24 | Sun.-168 | 271 |
| 03/31 | Sun.- | |

2nd Sunday of Easter—Apr. 7

1 John 1:1-2:2/John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter—Apr. 14

1 John 3:1-7/Luke 24:36-48

4th Sunday of Easter—Apr. 21

1 John 3:16-24/John 10:11-18

5th Sunday of Easter—Apr. 28

1 John 4:7-21/John 15:1-8



Our church is now set up
for ON-LINE GIVING! If
you would like to donate to
our church, you may do it by
going to Venmo and search
for @StormLake-UMC!

Office Hours

Monday - 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Tuesday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wed. - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday - 9:00 am—1:00 pm

WOMEN IN MISSION

Women in Mission will meet Wednesday, April
3 at 1:30pm in Rm. 104. ALL women are wel-
come.

Circle 3 will meet Thursday, April 18th at 9:30
in Room 104

UMM

Our next meeting will be April 13 at 7:30 a.m.
in the Family Life Center and is open to any-
one who wishes to join us in Christian Fellow-
ship.

Hope to see you—Dale Carver

Missions



We are starting
to collect for fall
Ingathering.
April item: 4
ounce bar hand
soap (no Ivory).

The collection box is located in the Nar-
thex. Watch for a different item each
month.

Card Making Workshop

We will meet April 17th from 10:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m. in Room 105 to make cards for
Mother's Day.

Everyone is welcome!

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Mark your calendars for October 1st. The Watoto Choir will be performing here at Storm Lake United Methodist Church.

Please claim your pans and bowls in FLC kitchen. Many thanks to those who provided food for funerals!!!

Funeral Committee