

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 22nd

8:30 am-Confirmation
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
w/Ingathering Store
10:00 am-Worship

Monday, October 23rd

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class
4:00 pm-Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 24th

9:30 am-Staff meeting
3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders
5:00 pm-Memorial meeting (new date)

Wednesday, October 25th

3:30 pm-Zone 4th-6th graders
5:00 pm-Handbell practice
6:00 pm-Bible Study w/Kiboko
6:00 pm-Youth 7th-8th graders
7:00 pm-Youth meal
7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

Thursday, October 26th

4:30 pm-NOW Singers rehearsal
4:30 pm-Missions meeting

Saturday, October 28th

11:00 am-1:00 pm
Alternative Halloween-FLC

Sunday, October 29th

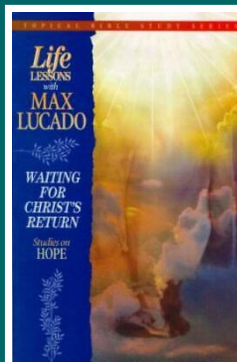
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& NOW Singers

Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Bev Schmidt
Melva Bainbridge	Reid (Rude) Sears
Coleen Baughman	David Walker
Lance Bellinghausen	Margaret Weber
Donna Blom	Dawn (Margo's sister)
Virginia Carlson	Sherie Gibson
Kevin Eddie	Rob North
Marlon Gasner	Shirley Will
Drew Havens	Harold North
Wally Johnson	Those battling
Dyese (DK) Kilumba	depression.
Rachel Neuroth	Barb Seiler
John Nichols	Jasmine Ioanis
Kim Piercy	Ethanray Ioanis
Deb Richardson	Wayne Stark
Karen Salmen	

Birthdays this week in October

Cooper DeHaan	23rd
Kim Piercy	23rd
Hank Svendsen	25th
Blake Eggers	26th
LaVonne Robb	27th
Elle Brashears	28th
Taytyn Wingerson	28th



Melva Bainbridge
will be leading a
5 week
Bible Study
beginning
Sunday, November 5th
At 9:00 am
PLEASE JOIN US!



ALTERNATIVE HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 28th 11:00 am-1:00 pm

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 22, 2023
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COLOR: GREEN

PRELUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High"
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Deanna Larson, organist
Herzog/Krebs
H. Hopson
Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and join in singing...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **UMH #400**

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

-Verse 2-

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

-Verse 3-

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Please join in the Call to Worship read responsively...

Jared Eggers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Welcome to worship, just as you are!
P: **We come, seeking, needing healing.**
L: God will always give you healing!
P: **We come, praying and praising!**
L: Blessed are you whose faith is in the Lord!
P: **For in God's love and healing power we are strengthened to be of service to others. AMEN.**

Please join in the...
***OPENING PRAYER**

Jared Eggers

Dear heavenly God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing. Help us today to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH # 70

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen, Amen

Please join in the...
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jared Eggers

We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Please be seated and join in the...
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jared Eggers

The Lord has given us gifts and abilities to work for peace and justice. You are especially blessed by God. Go into this world in confidence of God's presence and love. AMEN.

ALL: AMEN. THANKS BE TO GOD!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Shout to the Lord"

PRAISE BAND

My Jesus my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love
My Comfort my Shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You
(continued...)

-Chorus-
Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for the joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Together, let us pray:

- L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Jesus Loves Me"

Joan Rude

THE CHURCH IN MISSION

Pam Milbrandt

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
(continued...)

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15 - 21

Jared Eggers

SERMON

"Are You Testing Me?"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are, or you can come to the altar as we sing "Jesus Draw Me Close"). PRAISE BAND

Jesus draw me close
closer Lord to You
Let the world around me fade away
Jesus draw me close
closer Lord to You
For I desire to worship and obey
(repeat all)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING

"Offertory"

D. Hegarty

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC
Offering plates will be passed.

Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.

Please stand and join in singing...

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Based on Matthew 22:15-22)**

Jared Eggers

Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your altar - all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom"

UMH # 666

Shalom to you now
shalom my friends
May God's full mercies
bless you my friends
In all your living and
through your loving
Christ be your shalom
Christ be your shalom

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

***CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace & God of Glory"

Deanna Larson, organist
W. Held