



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2024

Caring Heart Bags



On Sunday, February 11, our Sunday School students will be handing out Caring Heart Bags at the 10:00am worship service. The students will also be sharing a short skit and a song. Members of the congregation are asked to take these Caring Heart

bags home and fill them with food items, cleaning supplies, or paper products for our church's Monday night food distribution. Bring filled bags to worship on Sunday, February 18. There will be a time during the worship service to leave filled bags at the altar. Thanks for supporting our Sunday School's local mission project.



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

Church Events

February 4, 2024

Bell Choir will play this Sunday

February 11, 2024

Caring Heart Bags Handed out

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday Service @ 6pm

February 16, 2024

8:00am–Blood Drive

February 18, 2024

Return Caring Heart Bags

February 21, 2024

Lenten Service @ 6pm

February 25, 2024

Fundraiser for Jenny Brouwer Allen

February 28, 2024

Lenten Service @ 6pm



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Pastor's Pen



Greetings in the strong name of our Lord,
 “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
 because the LORD has anointed me to
 proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent
 me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim
 freedom for the captives and release from
 darkness for the prisoners, [a] 2 to proclaim
 the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of
 vengeance of our God, to comfort all who
 mourn” (Isaiah 61:1-2)

A faint spirit, the oil of mourning, the ashes of
 grief—God promises to deliver us from these.
 What a blessing it is to serve a God who turns
 the sorrow of grief into a time of praise! The
 good news I must share with you is that the Holy
 Spirit is upon you too. How does it make you
 feel knowing that the Holy Spirit is upon you?

Two weeks from today is Ash Wednesday,
 which marks the beginning of the Lenten
 season. This year it falls on Valentine’s Day. You
 are God’s Valentine. He loves you. On Ash
 Wednesday, we recall the biblical custom of
 covering ourselves in ashes. By doing this, we
 mark ourselves in two ways: as those who are in
 mourning for our crucified Christ, and as those
 who are filled with a heart of sorrow for
 their sins.

While our Advent celebrations are filled with joy
 as we remember the birth of our King, Lent is
 when we focus on the death and resurrection of

our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally, many
 believers choose to participate in some sort
 of fasting during this time—people have
 been known to fast from various foodstuffs
 as well as television and Internet usage.
 Others decided to study the Bible more
 closely or experience a time of solitude.
 Perhaps you will commit to attending
 services from now until the glory of Easter
 or dedicating a larger portion of your day
 to a time of prayer.

This year, we will be holding Wednesday
 night worship services for 30 minutes led
 by youth leaders, and the youth. I am going
 to ask the confirmands to assist me on Ash
 Wednesday. They will be imposing ashes
 on each one of the participant foreheads in
 the form of a cross. These leaders and the
 youth will be participating in subsequent
 Wednesday night services. You will be
 blessed by their personal stories.

Whatever your personal preference, Lent
 can be the time when you decide to let go
 of old habits and develop a more joyful,
 Christ-filled way of living. I would like to
 invite you and your family to join me as we
 prepare for a time of tremendous
 spiritual growth and renewal on
 Wednesday nights. I will strongly
 encourage you to use the book called
 Dynamite Prayer during this season. We
 are all going to be praying for wholeness in
 our community.

From my heart ♥ to yours.....

Pastor Kiboko



Family Corner
Appreciation
Night

Read Matthew 13:53-58. People in Jesus’
 hometown did not appreciate him. Jesus
 said that people often don’t appreciate
 members of their own family!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for February:

Karen Kuehl 02/19
Jerry Seiler 02/27

Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for February:

Bill & Cheryl Baughman 02/10

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.

VOLUNTEERS Needed

Greeters/Ushers for Sundays: Greet people as they come in and help with passing the offering plate.



Scuba Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 24-28th, 2024.

Vacation Bible Camp is in need of someone to organize the program for the 3-4 year olds, and also teachers for this age group.

Please contact Joan Rude at 732-5458 if you are interested in helping with this program.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Nancy Johnson, family & friends at the passing of her father Nels "Wally" Johnson
- Family and friends of Joseph Dak
- Family and friends of June Bowers

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

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Kim Piercy | Dan Bogaard |
| Virginia Carlson | Dexter Meseck |
| John Nichols | Drew Havens |
| Connor Hansen | Sondi Raveling |
| Jesse Mayfield | Karen Salmen |
| Cass (Meyer) Loesche | Lance Bellinghausen |
| Kermit Tolzin | Marlen Gasner |
| Jenny Brouwer Allen | David Walker |
| Beu Schmidt | Lois Bosworth |
| Steph Quick | Melva Bainbridge |
| Sherise Ellis | Carol Prichard |
| Donna Blom | Tyler Crandal |
| Coleen Baughman | Barb Seiler |
| Lori Hermsted | Barb Hadenfeldt |
| Rachel Neuroth | Deb Richardson |
| Rob North | Harold North |
| Wayne Stark | Kathy Wadsley |
| Olivia Lyman | |
| All who are affected by COVID 19 | |

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!

Church Library News

February 2024

Roxanne is on vacation this month, so no Library News.

A Night with *Damon West*



SLHS Auditorium | Adults \$5.00

Friday, Feb. 23, 2024

7:00 pm (doors open @ 6:30 pm)

Students are Free but

MUST BE ACCOMPANIES BY AN ADULT

Tickets are purchased at the door

MEET DAMON WEST...

- College Quarterback
- Sentenced to Life in prison
- Best-Selling Autor
- Motivational Speaker

If you have any questions, please call Angie Woodford at the Storm Lake Middle School 712-732-8080

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.



Family Corner Appreciation Night cont.

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Try having a family appreciation night. Have each person in your family take turns sitting on a chair in the middle of the room. Then have everyone else say what he or she appreciates about the person in the chair. When each person has had a turn, pretend that Jesus is sitting in the empty chair. Let everyone tell what he or she appreciates about Jesus.

This could also be done while sitting around the table during a meal. People need to feel loved and validated. Look for every opportunity to show family members how much you appreciate them.

2023 SLUMC TRUSTEES IN ACTION

- Parsonage steps and ceiling tiles \$ 1,000.00
- Basketball Hoop \$ 1,200.00
- CPR Training \$ 300.00
- Building use contract update
- Flat roof repair and Bell Tower \$ 300.00 +
- Fellowship Kitchen Lighting \$ 734.00
- Sound Booth \$23,887.34
- FLC Outside Sign \$ 1,037.90
- Sidewalk Repair and concrete repair Donation
- FLC Carpet cleaning Custodian/Trustees
- Pews in Sanctuary cleaned \$ 1,034.96
- Purchase of new parsonage \$400,000.00
- Updating and selling of Angier Parsonage- 11/17/23 \$ 300 +
- New FLC Water Heater \$ 2,800.00
- New Lightweight Tables for 104 and 105 \$ 800.00 Memorial Funds
- Boiler repairs
- Shelves for BLESS room \$ 367.72
- Office Computer \$ 1,337.45
- Selling of Prairie Lane parsonage (11/17/23) \$214,364.83 (net proceeds)

To be done

- Jan. 22 New sound system
- Internet service \$ 8,130.05
- FLC Kitchen and bathroom floor \$ 1,502.28
- Boilers
- Organ Fund

Thank you to those who help w/SLUMC Snow Removal!

Week Days

Pete Hansen 712-548-7701
 Larry Hecht 712-299-3068
 Marvin Munden 712-229-7336
 Fred DeHaan 712-299-2031
 Carl Turner 712-541-8527
 Bruce Milbrandt 712-749-0651
 Lonnie Wilson 712-229-1674



Weekends

Matt Brostad 712-229-9798
 Josh Carlson 712-730-0494
 Fred DeHaan 712-299-2031
 Jeff DeHaan 712-299-5403
 Carl Turner (Sat. only) 712-541-8527
 Bruce Milbrandt 712-749-0651

Fundraiser for
Jenny Brouwer Allen

February 25

11:00am-1:30pm

At Storm Lake

United Methodist Church

Family Life Ctr.

211 E. 3rd St.



MENU: Spaghetti w/meat or veggie sauce, bread sticks, salad, and dessert. Gluten free spaghetti will also be available.

The youth of our church are hosting a fundraiser for one of their counselors, Jenny Brouwer Allen. Jenny is battling cancer and is currently going through stem cell treatment. Please join us in helping Jenny with her medical bills. May we also surround Jenny with God's healing presence as we continue to pray for her and the doctors who will be treating her.

Please join us!



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATION**



Saturday, March 9

Storm Lake United Methodist Church
East Entrance



11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Methodist Basement




- Health Information Stations & Prizes

Starting at Noon | Methodist Family Life Center

- Program Celebrating Women
- Pacific Islander Dancers
- Dancers & Songs Representing Various Cultures

HELP US INSPIRE AN INCLUSIVE WORLD FOR WOMEN!

February 2024

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| <p>Women in Mission</p> <p>Youth Activities</p> <p>Committee Meetings</p> <p>UMM</p> | | | | 1 | <p>2</p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p> <p>9:30am Card Making</p>  | 3 |
| <p>4</p> <p>8:30 Confirmation Class</p> <p>9 AM SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship w/ Communion/Bells</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>4pm Food Dist.</p> <p>4:30pm NOW Rehearsal</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>7</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>6:00 -Bible Study</p> <p>7:00-YG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth</p> | <p>8</p> <p>1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place</p> <p>5:30 SPRC</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p> | <p>10</p> <p>7:30am UMM</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>9 AM SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship w/ NOW Singers</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>4pm Food Dist</p> <p>5:30pm Finance</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>14 Ash Wednesday </p> <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></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>6pm Worship</p> <p>7:00-YG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7pm Ad Council</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p> <p>9am-12pm Blood Drive</p>  | 17 |
| <p>18</p> <p>8:30 Confirmation Class</p> <p>9am SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p> | <p>19</p> <p><i>President's Day</i></p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place</p> <p>4pm Food Dist.</p> <p>7pm Trustees</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>21</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>6pm Worship</p> <p>7:00-JHYG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth @ FCA</p> | <p>22</p> <p>1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place</p> <p>4:30pm Missions</p> | 23 | 24 |
| <p>25</p> <p>8:30 Confirmation</p> <p>9am SS & Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am-1:30pm Jenny Brouwer Allen Fundraiser</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC</p> <p>4pm Food Dist.</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-ZONE</p> | <p>28</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>6pm Worship</p> <p>7:00-YG Meal</p> <p>7:30-HS Youth</p> | 29 | | |

LifeServe Blood Drive

Feb. 16, 2023 @ 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

Thank you for giving to God!

| Attendance | | Online |
|------------|----------|--------|
| 01/07 | Sun.-117 | 209 |
| 01/14 | Blizzard | 423 |
| 01/21 | Sun.-107 | 197 |
| 01/28 | Sun.-183 | 379 |

WOMEN IN MISSION

No meeting this month for Women in Mission.

A volunteer is needed each month to supply snacks for the Life Service crew. If interested, please call Pam Milbrandt.



Have you noticed how clean and bright the church pews look? Thanks to the Trustees for funding their 1st cleaning since 2000!

Valentine Card Making



Valentine card making requires no previous experience. Come and join us on Friday, February 2, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in

Room 105. Please bring a scissor, glue, and a friend.

5th Sunday after Epiphany—Feb. 4

1 Corinthians 9:16-23/Mark 1:29-39

Transfiguration Sunday—Feb. 11

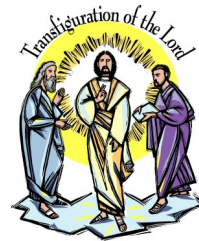
2 Corinthians 4:3-6/Mark 9:2-9

1st Sunday in Lent—February 18

1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:9-15

2nd Sunday Lent—February 25

Romans 4:13-25/Mark 8:31-38



DYNAMITE PRAYER

A Bible study, with Pastor Kiboko, on the Dynamite Prayer is being offered on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.



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

UMM

Our next meeting will be February 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center and is open to anyone who wishes to join us in Christian Fellowship.

Hope to see you—Dale Carver

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HAPPY 
Valentine's Day 