



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | JULY 2023

## B.L.E.S.S.



STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S  
9th ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

One day only!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 @ 8:30 am

Storm Lake United Methodist Church

211 East 3rd Street

Storm Lake, IA

## Church Events

July 4, 2023

Office Closed

July 6-9, 2023

BV County Fair

July 9, 2023

New Member Class

July 10-13, 2023

10am-12pm Bridge VBS

July 20, 2023

10 am Kitchen Cleaning

July 21, 2023

Blood Drive

Setup for RAGBRAI Dinner

July 22, 2023

8-9 Delivery of Pies to FLC

July 22-30th

Joan out of office

July 23, 2023

RAGBRAI Spaghetti Supper  
Fundraiser

# Pastor's Pen

Greetings in Christ!

I wanted to take a moment to send you this letter of invitation to attend service this coming Sunday as we pause to appreciate both our freedom as Americans, as well as our freedom we enjoy as Christians.

This coming Sunday, our Vacation Bible Camp students are going to sing and share their experience with us. We will be taking time during the service to sing some patriotic songs together, honor those who have paid the ultimate price, and since it is the first Sunday of the month, we are also looking forward to partaking of communion together.

Isn't it a beautiful thing to be part of the family of God? What a joy it is to look around the congregation on a Sunday morning and see lives that have been changed by the power of the Gospel! I am blessed to be surrounded by people who love God and want to serve Jesus Christ. I am inviting you to be aware of the presence of God in your life.

One of the freedoms that our Founding Fathers valued so much was the freedom to get together and to worship God. How long has it been since you worshiped God? How long has it been since you paused and thanked God for your life? I encourage you to pay attention to what God has been doing in you and through you. Please pause and be thankful for the breath of life. Count your many blessings and be grateful. We live in a day that can become so busy that we forget the importance of "keeping the main thing the main thing."

While many people may be on the road during the special weekend, I believe there will be a significant number of folks who will choose to be with us in church. Will you be one of them? I would like to remind you that you can worship with us in person or via Facebook. Please come and worship God with us if you are going to be in town. I cannot wait to see you.

This would also be a wonderful day to invite friends and neighbors, as well as family members to attend church with you. I would encourage you to do so. Think about some of your friends you might want to invite. Write down their names and pray for them before inviting them to come to church.



We live in challenging days as you know. You and I need the presence of God in our lives to be able to connect with one another. I pray that God would make us one with Jesus Christ, one with the Holy Spirit, one with God, and one with each other. May we all allow God to love through us. We all need the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit as we go through this week.

Before I close this page, I would like to ask you to pray for my wife and me as we are planning a mission trip which will take us to a village in the Congo. The dates are August 1 through August 17. The Book of the Discipline requires clergy to participate in mission trips or Christian camping every year. This is not vacation. It is hard work. We like to give hope to the hopeless. We like to serve the orphans and the widows. This mission trip will help us fulfill God's mandate to assist the orphans and the widows.

I hope to see you on Independence Day weekend!

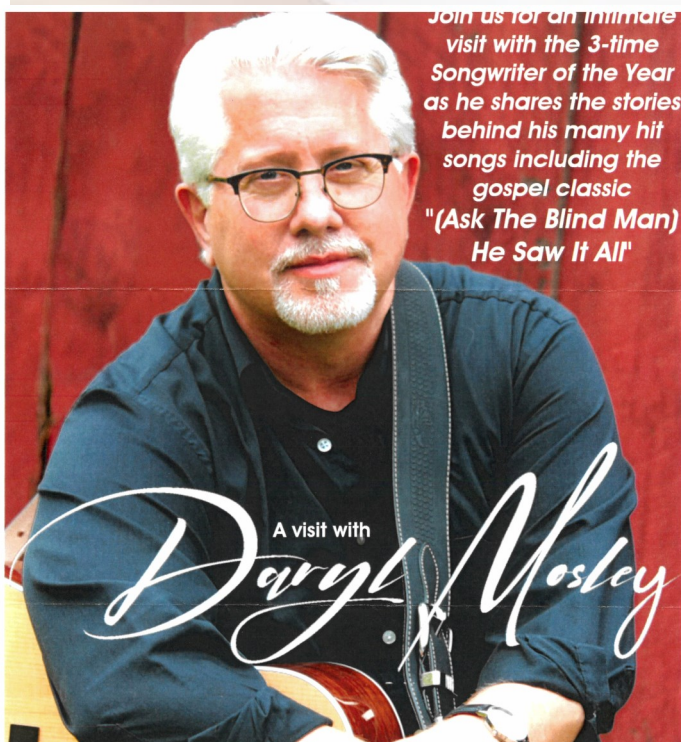
Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Kiboko

# Campbell Soup Labels

The Campbell Soup Company is no longer doing the "soup label for education" program due to declining participation.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO Daryl Mosley Concert



Please join us on **Friday, July 7, 2023**  
@ 7:30 p.m. at the Laurens United Methodist Church  
located at 201 W. Main St., Laurens.  
Free will donation.

## PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & Friends of Charles Tucker

### 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
Mark Cornish	John Nichols
Connor Hansen	Sondi Raveling
Ellen Webb	Jesse Mayfield
Karen Salmen	Shirley Strait
Craig Boeset	Kermit Tolzin
Lance Bellinghausen	Jenny Allen
Beu Schmidt	Ann Krummon
Stan & Steph Quick	Melva Bainbridge
Bob & Patty Fritzmeier	Carol Prichard
Doug O'Bannon	Dain Netland
LoVonne Robb	Coleen Baughman
Courtney Campbell	Mike Campbell
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!



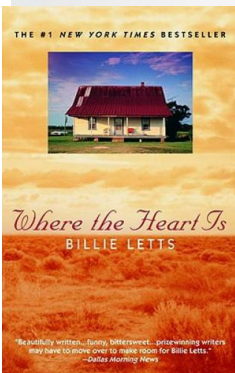


# Church Library News

## July 2023

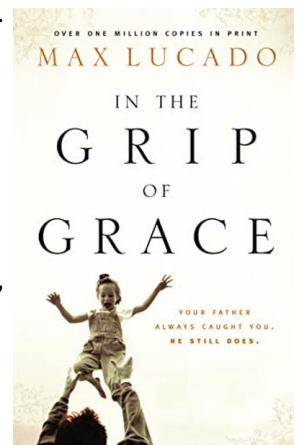
Use the church library and its resources to read, study, and relax this summer! You may like to check out the “Books on CDs” to use while traveling. Checking out library materials is so EASY—Just sign the card with your first and last name and the date and place the card in the front of the card file on the library desk. Books and magazines are checked out of a 3 week time frame. DVDs/ Videos/CDs are check out for one week. Fines are not charged, but a reminder note will be sent to you.

Two new library books recently added to our library are:



“Where the Heart is” by Billie Letts (Oprah’s Book Club book). Talk about unlucky sevens. An hour ago, seventeen-year-old, seven months pregnant Novalee Nation was heading for California with her boyfriend. Now she finds herself stranded at a Walmart in Sequoyah, Oklahoma, with just \$7.77 in change. But Novalee is about to discover hidden treasures in the small Southwest town—a group of down-to-earth, deeply caring people willing to help a homeless, jobless, girl living secretly in Walmart. From Bible-thumping blue haired Sister Thelma Husband to eccentric librarian Forbes Hull who loves Novalee more than she loves herself, they are about to take her—and you, too—on a moving, funny, and unforgettable journey to ...Where the Heart Is!

“In the Grip of Grace” by Max Lucado. Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? This is what we want to know. Does God really love us forever? Not just on Easter Sunday when our shoes are shined and hair is fixed. We want to know (deep within, don’t we really want to know?) how does God feel about me when I’m a jerk? When I snap at anything at moves; when my thoughts are gutter-level; when my tongue is sharp enough to slice a rock. How does he feel about me then? That’s the question. Can I drift too far? Wait too long? Slip too much? Did I OUT-SIN the love of God? The answer is found in one of life’s sweetest words—GRACE! Max says “God doesn’t condone our sins, nor does he compromise his standard. He doesn’t ignore our rebellion, nor does he relax his demands. Rather than dismiss our sin, he assumes our sin and incredibly, incredibly, sentences himself. God is still holy. Sin is still sin. AND WE ARE REDEEMED! Author Max Lucado invites you to walk the mountain peaks of God’s mercy. In his most theologically challenging book to date “In the Grip of Grace” will remind you that the God who first made you is strong enough to sustain you.




## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of putting together an updated Church Directory. We are asking your help in providing us with current family pictures for the directory.

If you have not done so, you can send us a photo of your family to Lynn’s email address: [lynnsnyder2010@gmail.com](mailto:lynnsnyder2010@gmail.com). The photo can be one of these file types: JPG, PNG, TIF, HEIC.

As soon as we have everyone’s pictures added we will be printing them off and you can also access them on-line. Hoping to be done sometime in July.

# JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10am Worship w/ communion	<b>3</b> 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist.	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>5</b> 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30am UMM
				Buena Vista County Fair		
<b>9</b> 10:00 Worship New Member Pot- luck	<b>10</b> 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist <b>5:30pm Finance</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30 Project Group ?? 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place <b>5pm RAGBRAI MEETING</b> <b>5:30 SPRC</b>	<b>14</b>  Pastors Day Off	<b>15</b>
BV County Fair	10am-12 Bridge Vacation Bible Camp					
<b>16</b> <i>NOISY OFFERING</i> 10:00 am Wor- ship w/Baptism <b>Move tables to FLC after Wor- ship</b>	<b>17</b> 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist. <b>7pm Trustees</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting  <b>5pm Memori- al</b>	<b>19</b> 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place	<b>20</b> <b>9am FLC Kitch- en Cleaning</b>  <b>7pm Ad Council</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10am Setup for RAGBRAI</b> 9am-12pm Blood Drive 	<b>22</b> <b>Deliver Pies for Sunday</b>
					Joan Gone	
<b>23</b> 10:00 Worship <b>RAGBRAI Spaghetti Sup- per Fundraiser</b>	<b>24</b> 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist	<b>25</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place	<b>27</b> 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place  <b>4:30 Mission Meeting</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Joan Rude Out of Office						
<b>30</b> 10am Worship w/ communion	<b>31</b> 4pm Food Dist. <i>Pastor Kiboko leaves for Congo</i>					

# LifeServe Blood Drive

**July 21, 2023 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**



Appointments are Required

/Photo I.D. Required

Schedule your appointment online at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800.287.4903

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

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost—July 2

Romans 6:12-23/Matthew 10:40-42

## 6th Sunday after Pentecost—July 9

Romans 7:15-25a/Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## 7th Sunday after Pentecost—July 16

Romans 8:1-11/Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## 8th Sunday after Pentecost—July 23

Romans 8:12-25/Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost—July 30

Romans 8:26-39/Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



## UMM

Our next meeting will be July 8th 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

## INGATHERING

The item being collected for the month of July is 1 gallon size Ziplock bags. We are still accepting bars of soap, adult toothbrushes and shampoo.

## Thank you

*Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500 that you gave to the STARS Mentoring Program. We use our donation money to provide scholarships to the mentees in the program. We also use the donations to help with supplies & program enhancements. Thank you for your support.*

*Sincerely, STARS Booster Board*

Dear Church,

I want to say thank you for presenting me with the Fullenworth scholarship. This is greatly appreciated as I continue studying elementary education at Iowa State University. No matter what my future holds, I know I will have a home at the Storm Lake United Methodist Church. Thank you again for the scholarship and continued support.

~ Halle Patten

## ***Thank you for giving to God!***

### **General Ministries Fund**

June YTD General Fund Revenue \$151,638

June YTD General Fund Expenses \$200,022

<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Online</b>
06/04	Sun.—122	164
06/11	Sun.—140	154
06/18	Sun.—122	138
06/25	Sun.—102	156

## WOMEN IN MISSION

Women in Mission do not meet during July.

We will be meeting on July 20th at 9:00 a.m. to do a deep cleaning of the FLC kitchen before we host RAGBRAI on the 25th. Please bring your buckets, rags and a smile. All help is greatly appreciated.

The church is having a float in the 4th of July parade on Tuesday if you are interested in riding or walking along please let the office know.



# RAGBRAI Is Coming to Town!

## Ragbrai Spreadsheet 2023

Hymn Sing from 5:00 to 5:30. Deanna Larson & Deb DeHaan

### Pies Committee:

Need help on Sunday, July 23 during serving time.

2:45 to 5:00 p.m.

West side

1. Arely Ramirez
2. Alondra Ramirez

East side

- 1.
- 2.

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

West Side

- 1.
- 2.

East side

- 1.
- 2.

**Deliver baked pies on Saturday, July 22 between 8:00 am to 9:00 am** to the Family Life Center. Candy Clough, Sharon Iehl, & Deb DeHaan will cut pies. Sunday, July 23 at 8:00 Deb DeHaan, Jean Bellinghausen, Arely Ramirez and her sister.

Susan Thompson -2

Deb DeHaan -4

Betty Richardson – 4

Pam Milbrandt – 4

Melva Bainbridge – 2

Roxie Brostad – 2

Cheryl Baughman – 2

Sarah Low – 3

Lois Bosworth – 1

Bob North – 1

Jan Finnegan – 2

Donna McPherran -2

Ali Langel – 1-Done

Jan Heide – 2

Audrey Petersen – 1

Cindy Meyer – 2

Nancy Sliefert – 4

Terry Davenport – 4

Coleen Baughman – 3

Marie Fibelstad – 2

Bethany Larson – 2

Shirley Severson – 36

Jean Ward – 4

Nina Havens – 2

Bev Schmitt – 2

Connie Herpes – 6

Ruth Stark – 2

Jean Bellinghausen -4

Linda Hecht – 4- Done

Lynda Wilson – 10

Joan Kruse – 2

Feryle Berkland – 2

Joan Rude – 5

Angie Woodford – 3



**Set Up Committee: Need more help with set up on Friday July 21.**

**Monday, July 3:** Decorations: Darla Beukelman and Jean Bellinghausen

**Sunday, July 16:** Congregation after church will help haul tables down to Family Life Center. Tables will stay in FLC till after Bless Give Away. Will haul tables back after church on **August 20.**

**Friday, July 21, at 9:00,** FLC set up.

Dave Meyer and friends, Bruce Baier, Cheryl/Bill Baughman set up tables and chairs.

Decorating tables. Darla B, Jean B, and Jan Flannigan.

**Putting up Advertising Signs on July 23: More people could help?**

Lona/Don Munger, and according to Sarah—Brent Low

At this time signs will be at Rod Nothwehr and Al/Michelle Patton.

If you are on the route, would you please consider us using your lawn?

**Serving Committee on Sunday July 23:** Spots are covered.

2:30 to 5:00

Kit/ Marv M

Jan/ Paul H

Shelly S

Feryl/Mike B

Jodi & Sharon

5:00 to 7:00

Brittany B

Donna Mc P

Sue plus 6

floaters: Nancy S & Lona

**Spaghetti Warm up for Sunday July 23: Need 2 More volunteers**

Bruce/ Pam Milbrandt, Bob North, Dale/ Kim Carver

**Spaghetti sauce/ bread warm up for Sunday July 23: Need 2 More Volunteers**

Bill/ Cheryl Baughman and Kylea Ledesma

2:30 to 5:00

1

5:00 to 7:00

1

**Welcome Committee**

2:30 to 5:00

Pastor Kiboko and prayer

**Canopy Handicap Door**

**South Handicap Door**

**We need Help**

5:00 to 7:00

Pastor Kiboko and prayer

**Canopy Handicap Door**

**South Handicap Door**



**Water Detail on Sunday July 23. We need more help, please!**

2:30 to 5:00  
West side  
5:00 to 7:00  
West side  
1 Bruce Richardson

East side  
1  
East side  
1

**Finance Committee for July 23. 1 More is needed.**

West Door  
Jenn Hecht  
Brad Beukelman  
East Door  
Lynn Snyder  
???????????????

**Security team Committee: We need help?**

**Dining Room Committee for Sunday July 23. We need help**

2:30 to 5:00  
5:00 to 7:00

**Dishwashing/Trash Committee for Sunday July 23.**

Fred DeHaan and Larry Davenport

**RUNNERS:**

Marjean O'Bannon and Jean Ward

**Tear Down Committee at 7:00 pm on Sunday July 23**

Paul/ Jan Heide along with everyone who is still there.

Let's hit a GRAND SLAM! We are all needed!!!! GOD BLESS YOU!

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for July:

Shirley Strait 07/21  
Harold North 07/09  
Edgar Delp 07/26

## Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for July:

Don & Phyllis Jackson 07/14 Jay & Sharon Butterfield 07/19  
Larry & Linda Hecht 07/01 Fred & Cheryl Zemke 07/25  
Bryce & Kathy Ponsor 07/27

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.

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## **Thank you**

Dear United Methodist Church,

I'd like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. Not only for the scholarship you've bestowed me but for all of the years of support you've provided me. Without this church I wouldn't be the person I am today. I love this church because of the support it provides. For all people, young and old. It doesn't matter who you are or what you do, this church will be there for you. That's why I love this church. Thank you for all you do and continue to do for people.

~Elli Jensen