



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | JUNE 2023

Congratulations to our Graduates



On Sunday, May 14, we celebrated the following seniors at a Baccalaureate Worship Service: Weslee Barnett, Cayson Binning, Joseph Both, Julian Cortez, Joseph Dak, Pablo Godoy, Dakota Hicks, Aiden Phillips and Amelia Stark. Each graduate received a towel from their church family as a reminder to serve others as disciples of Jesus Christ. Congratulations to these graduates. We pray that God will bless them in all things as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Scholarship Winners

Five students applied for and received scholarship money for the 2023-2024 school year from the Storm Lake United Methodist Church. Grace Kiboko, Elli Jensen, Halle Patten, and Aiden Phillips received money from the Fullenworth Scholarship Funds. Cayson Binning received scholarship money from the Wilson and Wesselink Scholarship Funds. Congratulations to these deserving youth people.

FYI—Pastor Kiboko will be at Annual Conference from Thursday (6/1) evening until Monday (6/5) night. Carl Turner will be filling in at the alter on Sunday (6/4).

Church Events

- June 1-5, 2023
Iowa Annual Conference
- June 7, 2023
5-8pm CPR Training
- June 11, 2023
11:00am New Member Class
- June 16, 2023
9am-12pm Blood Drive
- June 18, 2023
Happy Father's Day!
- June 19-23, 2023
Marjean out of office
- June 25, 2023
11:00am New Member Class
- June 26-30, 2023
1:30-4:30 p.m. Vacation Bible Camp
- June 28, 2023
4pm RAGBRAI Mtg.

Pastor's Pen

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." (Genesis 1:1-3)

Have you ever experienced chaos in your life? Can you recall that moment? I know we are either about to experience a crisis, or in a crisis, or leave a chaotic season. What is your story? As for my wife and I, we are in the middle of chaos caused by the passing of my brothers. It is not easy to lose two brothers within 12 days.

I want to take this opportunity to thank God, who has been walking with us during this difficult time. God has blessed us through each one of you. Allow us to thank you for your prayers, financial support, cards, and presence in our lives. You have been amazing. God has been rebuilding us every single day. We can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit in us has given us inner peace.

It was April 20, 2023, when we got a phone call about the passing of my brother Ignace Kiboko. He was born on December 31, 1939. He had worked in the banking industry. He had been a widower three times. He left 11 adult children. He lived very well. May his soul rest in peace. On May 02, while we were at the airport in the Congo getting ready to return to Iowa, we received word that my oldest brother, Evariste Mambwe Kiboko, had passed away. We had to change all our plans. We got new tickets. We flew to the capital city to be with our nephews and nieces. He was born on December 26, 1938. He had been under hospice care for a long time.

I am grateful that God took my two brothers while we were still in the Congo. We were able to feel your prayers. I pray that God would wrap his arms around everyone going through struggles. May we be able to hear God speaking life to our broken souls! Please receive God's light in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, our God can still create new hearts out of chaos. Give your trouble and confusion to God. Bring your darkness to God. He will shine His light upon you.

I will close with the Lord's prayer. Let us pray: "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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"

~Kiboko I. Kiboko

FROM THE BRIDGE OF STORM LAKE

JOIN US FOR OUR RUN on June 17th, 2023 for our 11th Annual Run for Our Future and



support our summer youth programs!!! Don't want to run in person, check out our virtual run--you can run anytime and anywhere, even indoors on a treadmill. Participants will upload their time, location, and/or photo once they completed their miles. 5k, 10k, or 1/2 Marathon!

Participants will receive a race bib, a t-shirt (long sleeve for 1/2 marathon), and handmade medals. (If done virtually, all items will be available for pickup or shipped to your home)

Join a Cause: Together we're investing in our future, walking alongside youth, and learning together in the "everyday divine".

Donors: Give to a certain person of Team Bridge (individuals raising money), or give to our fundraiser in general. Our summer would not be possible without your generosity.

Kiboko is running/walking in this if you would like to sponsor him that would be great!

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 VACATION BIBLE CAMP


Where kids will learn to shine Jesus' light in every day life! Get ready to blast off each day, Monday-Friday, June 26-30! We will launch at 1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary and return to earth at 4:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Students who are 4 years old as of January 1, 2023, through finished fifth grade are invited to attend.



Our VBC is open to all students in our community, so please invite friends and neighbors to attend.

Students will watch Bible stories come to life, make fun science gizmos, play team building games, eat out of this world treats,  plus sing and dance to some awesome music as we praise God. We will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life and through our mission project we will have the opportunity to help children around the world receive their very own Bible.



Parents and grandparents are invited to come to our closing celebration each day at 4:05 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

To register for this exciting adventure fill out the registration form on our website or at the church office or call the church office at 712-732-5458



PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & Friends of Tyrese Stone

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	Michelangelo
Dexter Meseck	Sharon Sanford
Kevin Carver	Vano Kiboko
Rob North	Jay Butterfield
Lee Stephan	John Nichols
Connor Hansen	Dave Meyer
Richard Lee Nelson	Sondi Raveling
Christopher Fisher	Ellen Webb
Vicki Eaton	Jesse Mayfield
Karen Salmen	Lexi Crawford
Scott Malloy	Shirley Strait
Braulio Rodriquez	Craig Boeset
Kermit Tolzin	Lance Bellinghausen
Jenny Allen	Beu Schmidt
Ann Krummon	Stan Quick
Mike Campbell	Melva Bainbridge
Bob & Patty Fritzmeier	Carol Prichard
Wiley Johnson	Doug O'Bannon
Dain Netland	All who are affected by COVID

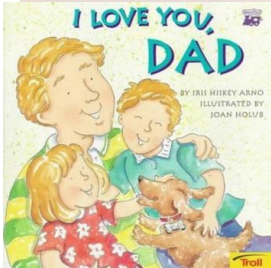
PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

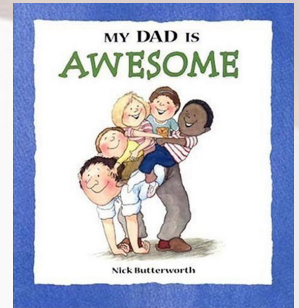
June 2023

The school year is ending and summer activities have started. Make time to stop by our church library to browse and find a book or two for you and some for your kids or grandkids! We have several new books, children's and adults.

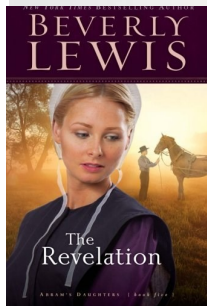


They are:

“I Love You Dad” by Iris Hiskey Arno and “My Dad is Awesome” by Nick Butterworth are great books for you fathers to read to your kids, especially on Father's Day!

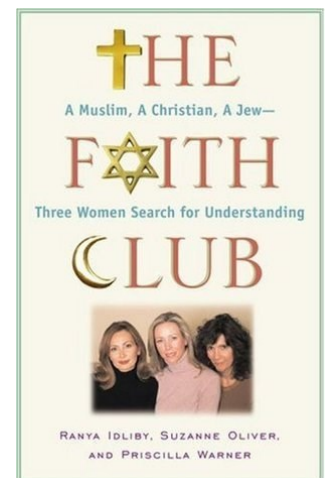


Two New books added in May are:



“The Revelation” by Beverly Lewis, a well known author. This one is in large print! The Abram's Daughter's Saga, begun in “The Covenant”, reaches its soaring conclusion in “The Revelation”. Three generations of Ebersols have enjoyed the love of a close knit family, while also enduring heartache in Lancaster, PA. Here, at last, the choices they've made and the secrets they've carefully guarded are about to be revealed...for better for for worse.

“The Faith Club” by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner is also in large print! A Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew—three women search for understanding. After September 11th, Ranya, and American Muslim of Palestinian descent, faced constant questions about Islam, God, and death from her children, the only Muslims in their classrooms. Inspired by a story about Muhammad, Ranya reached out to two other mothers, a Christian and a Jew—to try to understand and answer her children's questions. “The Faith Club” is a memoir of spiritual reflections in three voices, chronicling the blossoming of a profound interfaith friendship and the birth of a new way of relating to others.



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. 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 June.

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place	2	3
				Iowa Annual Conference		
4 10am Worship w/ Carl Turner	5 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Lynn @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist.	6 9:30am Staff Meeting	7 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 5pm CPR/AED Training	8 5:30 SPRC	9	10 7:30am UMM
Iowa Annual Conference						
11 10:00 Worship w/communion 11:00 New Member Class	12 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist 5:30pm Finance	13 9:30am Staff Meeting	14 9:30 Project Group ?? 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 	15 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place 7pm Ad Council	16 9am-12pm Blood Drive  Pastors Day Off	17 3pm Wedding
18 <i>NOISY OFFERING</i> 10:00 am Worship 	19 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist. 7pm Trustees	20 9:30am Staff Meeting	21 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 	22 4:30 Mission Meeting	23	24
		Marjean—Out of Office				
25 10:00 Worship 11:00 New Member Class	26 10am Exercise Class in FLC 1:30-4:30pm VBC 4pm Food Dist	27 9:30am Staff Meeting 1:30-4:30pm VBC	28 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 1:30-4:30pm VBC 5pm RAGBRAI meeting	29 1:30-4:30pm VBC 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place	30 1:30-4:30pm VBC	

LifeServe Blood Drive

June 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

Trinity Sunday – June 4

2 Corinthians 13:11-13/Matthew 28:16-20

2nd Sunday after Pentecost–June 11

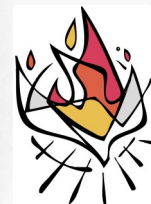
Romans 4:13-25/Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

3rd Sunday after Pentecost–June 18

Romans 5:1-8/Matthew 9:35-10:8

4th Sunday after Pentecost–June 25

Romans 6:1b-11/Matthew 10:24-39



UMM

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

Hope to see you—Dale Carver

INGATHERING

The item being collected for the month of June is 12.5-19 ounce bottle of shampoo. We are still accepting bars of soap and adult toothbrushes.

Thank you

Thank you from Don and Donna Mohls for the opportunity to come back to Storm Lake. They were very appreciative for the generous love offering and the delicious potluck!! They send their blessing to all.

Active & Non-Active Veterans

Pam is updating her list of active and non-active veterans from our congregation AND doesn't want to miss anyone. Please contact Pam Milbrandt if you have never received a card from our church at 732-7600. Thank you!!



Thank you for giving to God!

General Ministries Fund

May YTD General Fund Revenue \$129,444

May YTD General Fund Expenses \$168,990

Attendance		Online
05/07	Sun.—122	201
05/14	Sun.—140	177
05/21	Sun.—122	164
05/28	Sun.—102	370

WOMEN IN MISSION

Women in Mission do not meet during June and July.

Our church has been very fortunate to receive many useful items from the Marathon Methodist Church. Either you will use some of the kitchen items or see the beauty in our sanctuary. We are saddened they had to close their doors due to low and aged membership. We pray their building may somehow be used for God's purpose and that their members will feel welcome to worship with us.

RAGBRAI Is Coming to Town!



Many hands,
less work
for all!

Our first thought is about making money for the church. This is not a bad idea, but let's look at the BIGGER PICTURE!

Everyone is fighting inner battles that we do not know anything about. Who is God sending to our church to eat a spaghetti dinner with us, but needs spiritual food more?

I encourage you to help or participate in his mission!

Chairmen

Sarah Low, Deb DeHaan, Bill/ Cheryl Baughman,
Jean Bellinghausen

Serving 1,000 meals from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Before Sunday of Bike Ride

Contact City, health permit, insurance: Deb DeHaan

Buying the food: Sarah Low

Cash Donation Committee: Bob Bennett, Neal Kuehl,
Larry Hecht

Advertising Committee: Lona/Don Munger, Deb
DeHaan

Preparing meat: Bill/Cheryl Baughman

Preparing spaghetti: Bruce/Pam Milbrandt, Dave/
Connie Skibsted

Set Up Committee: Jean Bellinghausen, Jan Finnegan,
Dave Meyer

Pie Committee: Terry Davenport, Susan Thompson,
Marie Fibelstad

T-shirts: Larry Davenport

Sunday

Runner: Marjean O'Bannon

Welcome Committee: Pastor Kiboko

Spaghetti Cook Committee: Bob North, Dale/ Kim
Carver

Spaghetti Sauce/Bread Committee: Brenda Nickolisen,
Kylea Ledesma

Serving Committee: Jodie Morin, Sharon lehl

Finance/Venmo Committee: Lynn Snyder, Jenn Hecht

Security Team Committee: Brent Low, Jose Ledesma

Dining Room Committee: Bruce/Linda Baier, Tim/
Shelley Hohneke,

Dishwasher Committee: Fred DeHaan; Larry Davenport

Cleanup/Tear Down Committee: Everyone!

RAGBRAI Spaghetti Financial Update:

Generous donations have been received and the funds have been wisely spent. We, all of us, want this dinner event to be successful and need to be supportive of the committee's work. A meeting has just taken place and things are shaping up well into the planning phase. So things are looking up. Our funds are running low and there are still things that need to be purchased.

We appreciate all of you who have already helped with the cash donations, if a few more could help us with a little cash boost we will make our goal without dipping into the church checking account.

The committee is looking for trash bags and cases of water as well. Anything and everything you do for this event is appreciated and we are thankful.

No one needs to give a lot if a lot give a little.

Thank you and God Bless. -Bob Bennett,

Cash Donations Committee

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for June:

Dale Wetzel 06/09

JoAnn Olsen 06/04

Dee Lewis 06/07

Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for June:

Ed & Cheryl Delp 06/03

Jerry & Barb Seiler 06/17

Bill & Joan Kruse 06/03

Mike & Marsha Ingram 06/28

Dave & Audrey Petersen 06/24

Kevin & Shelley Scuffham 06/08

Steve & Terry Brashears 06/29

JD & Wendy Goodchild 06/30

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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**Join us for Vacation Bible Camp
June 26-30!**

*When life feels dark...
shine Jesus' light!*

*When people don't get along...
shine Jesus' light!*



*When good things happen...
shine Jesus' light!*

*When people need help...
shine Jesus' light!*

*When people are sad...
shine Jesus' light!*