



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | NOVEMBER 2023

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to Storm Lake United Methodist Church:

Brittany Boeset	Erica Boeset
Matt & Katie Brostad	Mike & Kelli Cameron
Jayprel & Nelly Kapiriel	Kurt & Shelby Lucas
Kim McKenna	John Nichols
Nathan & Taryn Reichter	



## Church Events

November 5th, 2023

Confirmation Class @ 8:30am

All Saints Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Grief Facilitators Training @ 2:00pm

November 9th, 2023

3:30pm Christmas Program Practice

November 16th, 2023

3:30pm Christmas Program Practice

November 19th, 2023

6:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ BVU

November 20th, 2023

3:30pm Christmas Program Practice

November 23-24, 2023

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27th, 2023

3:30pm Christmas Program Practice

Anyone interested in helping the Project Group to "tie knots" on quilts please contact JoAnn Olsen at 732-1285

# Pastor's Pen



Greetings in the strong name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am writing this message with a heavy heart because of what has been going on around the world (Russians against Ukrainians, Palestinians against Israelis, and other natural calamities). Please join me as I join Habakkuk to lament with him.

“How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.” (Habakkuk 1:2-3) Who is Habakkuk? Habakkuk is one of the minor prophets. Almost nothing is known about Habakkuk, aside from what is stated within the book of the Bible bearing his name, or those inferences that may be drawn from that book. His name appears in the Bible only in Habakkuk 1:1 and 3:1, with no biographical details provided other than his title “the prophet”. Even the origin of his name is uncertain.

For almost every other prophet, more information is given, such as the name of the prophet's hometown, his occupation, or information concerning his parentage or tribe. For Habakkuk, however, there is no reliable account of any of these. Although his home is not identified, scholars conclude that Habakkuk lived in Jerusalem at the time he

wrote his prophecy. Further analysis has provided an approximate date for his prophecy and possibilities concerning his activities and background.

Beyond the Bible, considerable conjecture has been put forward over the centuries in the form of Christian and Rabbinic traditions, but such accounts are dismissed by modern scholars as speculative and apocryphal. Because the book of Habakkuk consists of five oracles about the Chaldeans (Babylonians), and the Chaldean rise to power is dated circa 612 BC, it is assumed he was active about that time, making him an early contemporary of Jeremiah and Zephaniah. Jewish sources, however, do not group him with those two prophets, who are often placed together, so it is possible that he was slightly earlier than these prophets. Because the final chapter of his book is a song, it is sometimes assumed that he was a member of the Tribe of Levi, who served as a musician in Solomon's Temple.

Regardless of which side you are on, please take time to pray for those who are hurting. Lives have been lost. What the world is facing cannot stop us from thanking God for what we have. Feel free to donate through UMCOR.

Thanksgiving Day is coming up very soon. I am inviting each one of us to be generous with our time and money. While we know that we cannot change the situation in the world, it is evident that we can change the face of Storm Lake by investing in our youth. The community is organizing “A Community Thanksgiving Service” on November 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the BVU chapel. We are going to bring our Thanksgiving offering to the Bridge of Storm Lake. Please mark your calendar. From my heart to yours.....

Pastor Kiboko

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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for November:**

Dave Anderson 11/25      Adah Hadenfeldt 11/22  
Eloise Prichard 11/19      Karen Salmen 11/13  
Bob North 11/01

**Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for November:**

Rich & Deboney Langner 11/26  
Craig & Cheri Maben-Crouch 11/21

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

### WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS



It is getting close to that time of year again. The CHURCH and OFFICE follow the schedule of the Storm Lake Public School System

during the week and will close when schools are not in session due to the weather. This means when there are weather related school closings, early dismissals or late starts, the office will be closed accordingly. Listen to KAYL 101.7 for information.

In the event that it is necessary to cancel a Worship Service or event due to inclement weather, notice will be given on *local radio stations* and *our church website*, as well as our *Facebook page*.

## PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & friends of Craig Boeset
- Family & friends of Nola Carlson
- Dan Robinson & family upon the death of his brother Jim Clive.
- Margo Sievers and family upon the death of her sister Dawn.
- Mark Huddleston & family upon the death of his aunt Phyllis.

### 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	Sondi Raveling
Jesse Mayfield	Karen Salmen
Shirley Strait	Kevin Eddie
Kermit Tolzin	Marlen Gasner
Jenny Allen	David Walker
Beu Schmidt	Reid Sears
Stan & Steph Quick	Melva Bainbridge
Bob & Patty Fritzmeier	Carol Prichard
Donna Blom	Irene Belcher
LaVonne Robb	Coleen Baughman
Courtney Campbell	Mike Campbell
Terry Davenport	Susan Thompson
Dyese (DK) Kilumba	Wally Johnson
Dan Hegarty	Rachel Neuroth
Margaret Weber	Brenda Nickolisen
Deb Richardson	Willy Lang

All who are affected by COVID 19

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

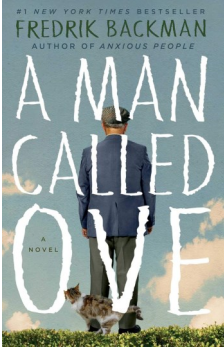
*Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love! In Jesus' name. Amen!*



# Church Library News

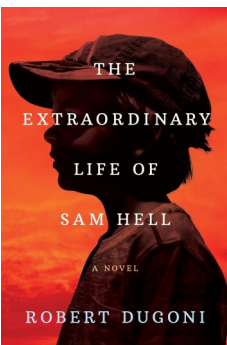
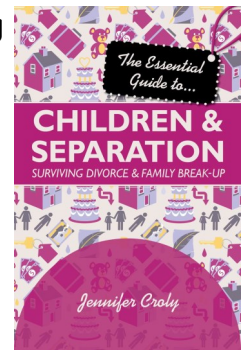
## November 2023

I am featuring three more of the newly purchased books to our library this month. I have read them all and highly recommend them. There are also MANY new children's books on the table as well as some new adult books on the table and across from the table on shelves labeled "NEW BOOKS". Check a book out this month. I bet you'll enjoy it!!



First new book is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Ove is a lonely widower who has become a grumpy old man. He is frustrated and doesn't understand the modern world in general. He has staunch principles, a strict routine, and a short fuse. He thinks the world is full of "idiots". Ove's structured quiet world gets a shake up when a young immigrant family moves in next door. An unexpected friendship forms between Ove and the family. Eventually life's interactions with others succeeds in breaking Ove out of his shell by reengaging him with people and life. It is a heartwarming reminder that life is sweeter when it is shared with other people.

The next new book is "The Essential Guide to Children and Separation", surviving divorce and family breakup by Jennifer Croly. Do you know a child affected by divorce? It could be your own child or a grandchild, your niece, nephew, or even one of your students. Divorce is common, but for each child involved, it is a bewildering and hurtful experience, similar to bereavement yet without the same level of support. This book helps parents and other caregivers understand how children cope with divorce and offers them the tools to support the children in their lives who are struggling under the pressure and confusion of family breakup.



The next new book I want to feature is "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni. Sam Hill was bullied and beaten because he was born with ocular albinism. His mom's strong faith, his dad's wisdom, and his two friends helped him survive his difficult childhood and helped him lead a productive life as a small town eye doctor.

## ALTERNATIVE HALLOWEEN PARTY



# Christmas Pageant

Our annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be presented at the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, December 10th. In order to help students prepare for this ministry several extra rehearsals have been scheduled. All rehearsals will be after school from 3:30–5:00 p.m. Each rehearsal will begin with refreshments and free time in the Family Life Center on Thursdays and in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays. If students ride the bus or come from out of town the actual rehearsal for music and speaking parts will begin at 4:00 PM. The following is a list of dates for rehearsals:

Monday, October 30th

Monday, November 20

Thursday, November 9th

Monday, November 27

Thursday, November 16

Thursday, December 7

Saturday, December 9—dress rehearsal in the sanctuary from 10:00–11:00 a.m.




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Sunday School Christmas  
Pageant  
Dec. 10 @ 10 a.m.

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## Birthday Party Mission Project

Our youth group is doing a Birthday Party Mission Project. We are putting together birthday party packages that will include everything needed to make and serve a birthday party. These packages will be handed out at the Monday night food distribution.

We are giving the congregation the opportunity to help with this project. You could bring any of the following items and mark them for the Birthday Party Mission Project: can of Sprite or 7-Up, cake mix, frosting mix, 9x13 disposable aluminum pan, birthday napkins, birthday candles or an unopened package of balloons. You can leave your items in the church office. Thanks for helping with this mission project.

## ALTERNATIVE HALLOWEEN PARTY



## SS Ingathering Project

Many thanks to all those who supported our Sunday School Ingathering Store. The students have visited the store on two Sundays and have collected 11 kits. The store will be open one more Sunday so more kits will be added to our total.

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to Barb & Jerry Seiler and Wendy & Tim Moise for their donation of pumpkins for the Zone kids to decorate.





# Fall Youth Activities



**Youth Group @ Adventureland**



**ZONE Students decorating Pumpkins!**



**Youth Group Fear Factor**



### Time and Talent Survey

Where do your skills and passions meet the needs of our church? Please check the activities that you would like to participate in this year. We need a willing pool of people to call upon. Please sign and return to the church office. Our church offers many opportunities to share our unique passions and skills.

There are many needs for hands-on service. I could...

#### **Support Worship**

- Reader/Liturgist
- Usher
- Acolyte
- Greeter
- NOW/ Singers
- Bells
- Special music (singing or instrument)
- Sound, light and video
- Nursery, child care
- Communion steward (preparation and cleanup)
- Communion server

#### **Support Education:** teach and/or lead classes and studies

- 0 to 6th grade
- 7th to 12th grade
- Adults
- Vacation Bible School
- ZONE 1-3 Grade
- ZONE 4-6 Grace
- JH & HS Youth Group
- English Language Camp

#### **Provide Hospitality:** provide food and kitchen support...

- Community Meals
- Special Events
- Funeral lunches

#### **Visit Members and Friends:** extend fellowship...

- Welcome gifts to newcomers
- Transportation
- Caring ears to any in need
- Visit Homebound

The following groups meet on a regular basis to develop and implement strategies and programs. I would be interested in:

- Missions Work Area – coordinate our response to local, state, national and world needs
- Food Distribution – organize, plan and execute service to the community through our gift of food
- Finance Ministries – oversee financial resources to support and strengthen our mission and ministry
- Trustees – manage and maintain buildings, grounds and assets
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee – support Pastor and staff in witness and service

#### **And finally...**

*Who do you talk to in this church when facing a difficult situation? Who is that person (or people) that you trust? Find assessable when you need them? Who is leading you closer to God?*

*Their name (s)...*

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

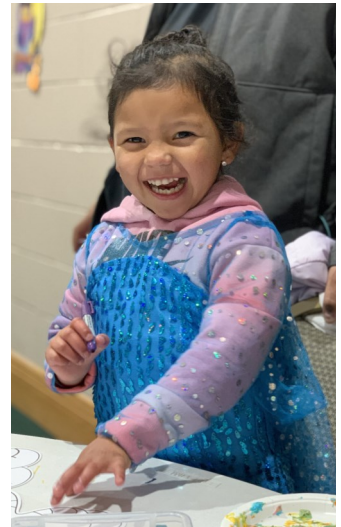
Phone \_\_\_\_\_









Josh Carlson (The Doctor), Pastor Kiboko, and Tina Lovig (Ariel). Josh and Tina holding their Golden Rule Awards given to them by the Women in Mission and our church.

## ALTERNATIVE HALLOWEEN PARTY





# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Women in Mission Youth Activities Committee Meetings UMM</p> 			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30am-3pm Assemble Ingathering Kits</p> <p>1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Ingathering</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:30 Confirmation Class 9 AM SS &amp; Bible Study 10am Worship w/ Communion 2pm Grief Trng.</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist. 4:30pm NOW Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>9:30pm Project Group 1:30pm WIM</p> <p>3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00 -Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>3:30-Xmas Practice 5:30 SPRC</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pastors Day Off</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:30am UMM</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:30 Confirmation Class 9 AM SS &amp; Bible Study 10am Worship w/ Bells</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist 4:30pm NOW Rehearsal 5:30pm Finance</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00- Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth @ FCA</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30am Circle 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place 3:30-Xmas Practice 7pm Ad Council</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Pastors Day Off 9am-12pm Blood Drive</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> NOISY OFFERING Consecration Sunday 8:30 Confirmation Class 9am SS &amp; Bible Study 10am Worship w/ NOW Singers Ecumenical Thanksgiving Serv. @ BVU</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 3:30-Xmas Practice 4pm Food Dist. 7pm Trustees</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Thanksgiving Office Closed</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10am Worship 8:30 Confirmation Class 9am SS &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10am Exercise Class in FLC 3:30-Xmas Practice 4pm Food Dist</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place</p> <p>3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00 -Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place</p>		

**MIDWEST**

disaster relief ■ education



**MISSION**

health ■ micro business

[www.midwestmission.org](http://www.midwestmission.org)

JANUARY-JUNE 2023  
**IMPACT**

UPDATES

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**



**125**

Domestic Shipments



**\$3.83 Million**

Humanitarian Aid Sent

**1,364**

On-site Volunteers



**22,600**

Hours donated by volunteers



**26**

International Shipments

**3,161**

Off-site Volunteers



**1,621**

Donors

**EDUCATION**



**216**

Desks

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**14,990**

Student Kits

**HEALTH**



**26,011**

Personal Dignity Kits



**2,112**

Home Care Kits

**84,771**

Rice Meal Bags Shipped



**508,626**

Individuals Fed

**1,114**

Birthing Kits



**1,050**

Layette Kits

**470**

Feminine Hygiene Kits



**DISASTER**



**2,988**

UMCOR Cleaning Kits



**2,994**

UMCOR Hygiene Kits



**4,020**

UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits



**480**

Tornado Totes



**12,248**

Lbs of Fire Gear



**\$940,302.16**

Worth of medical supplies shipped



**5K+**

Total handmade items shipped



**90**

Boy Outfits



**806**

Cover Them With Love Quilts



**921**

Girl Outfits

**MICRO BUSINESS**



**139**

Bikes



Sewing Machines

**129**

Electric

**24**

Treadle

**\*\*Our church has helped with both Student Kits and Personal Dignity Kits.**



# LifeServe Blood Drive

**Nov. 17, 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

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

### **General Ministries Fund (as of 10/22)**

Oct. YTD General Fund Revenue \$308,855

Oct. YTD General Fund Expenses \$320,868

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Online</b>	
10/01	Sun.-146	165
10/08	Sun.-119	215
10/15	Sun.-147	178
10/22	Sun.-162	179
10/29	Sun.-125	165

## **WOMEN IN MISSION**

Finish putting together Ingathering Kits  
for November 4th Ingathering.

Thursday, November 2nd in Room 105

9:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Come and go and bring a friend.  
Enjoy the fellowship!

## **UMM**

Our next meeting will be November 11th 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

### **All Saints Sunday—November 5**

1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12

### **24th Sunday after Pentecost—Nov. 12**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Matthew 25:1-13

### **25th Sunday after Pentecost—Nov. 19**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11/Matthew 25:14-30

### **Christ the King Sunday—November 26**

Ephesians 1:15-23/Matthew 25:31-46



### **STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **OPERATING BUDGET—Support All of SLUMC**

I/WE plan to fulfill my/our Commitment by:

- Cash or Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Draft/EFT\* \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 52 Weeks
- Donate Online at : VENMO \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 12 Months
- Appreciated Stock or IRA\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly for 4 Quarters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly for 1 Year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\*Please contact our Business Manager for help at **712 732-5458**  
(leave a message). \*\*To receive Stock or IRA transfer instructions,  
please contact our Business Manager

As Christians, we understand that everything we  
have is from God. When we give back to God  
through SLUMC, we are a partner in our church's  
ministries. We support our mission when we all join  
together. Above and beyond our budget, we are all  
being asked to prayerfully consider participating in  
fixing our unexpected maintenance issues.

- I/we have included SLUMC in my/our Estate Plans

**Please return this card to the Office**

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Financial Secretary: **Donna McPherran &  
 Jean Bennett**

Librarian: **Roxie Brostad**

*November 5th, 2023*

10am 4th Sunday of Advent Service

**christmas eve  
 SERVICES**

**3:00 pm**

**5:00 pm**

**7:00 pm**



## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

On it's way to the printer!!!