



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | OCTOBER 2023

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let Pastor Kiboko know how much we appreciate him! Here are some ideas to help you express your appreciation, but feel free to put your own personal spin on these ideas.

Send Pastor Kiboko a thank you note or letter, or an appreciation card. (SL United Methodist Church, 211 E 3rd St., Storm Lake, IA 50588 or email: kki-boko@yahoo.com)

Make a donation to our church's Friendship Fund, Youth Programs, The Bridge of Storm Lake, or any other mission or charity that you support in Pastor Kiboko's honor.

Give a gift card for restaurant meals, groceries, gas, etc.

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I hope you'll join our committee in celebrating Pastor Kiboko, along with all of our hard-working church staff this October!

Jodie Morin

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.

Church Events

October 1st, 2023

Confirmation Classes start @ 8:30am

October 4th, 2023

1:30pm Women in Mission Mtg. @ The Bridge

October 8, 2023

Youth Group to Adventureland

October 12, 2023

9am-3pm Fall Card Making

October 15, 2023

2pm Grief Training

6pm Charge Conference

October 16, 2023

Decorating Fall Tree

October 28, 2023

11am-1pm Alternative Halloween

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

Pastor's Pen



Good afternoon, friends,
Do you know anyone who has lost their loved ones to death? Have you recently lost anyone in your life? Do you know anyone who is dying? Who walk alongside those who are grieving? Would you like to be a part of those helping the people of this community find ways to deal with their losses?

I would like to take this moment to introduce you to a ministry called GriefShare. Imagine this church being a place where people could come for guidance. This is where God needs you to make a difference. I hope you are going to consider being a part of this ministry.

GriefShare is a Christ-Centered program. The purpose of Griefshare is to equip people through the church with resources that help offer ongoing, weekly, Griefshare support. This life-changing material ministers to grieving people who currently are or have experienced grief and loss due to the death of a family member or friend or who are experiencing grief and loss due to another event. I will need a Facilitator (facilitators) for this ministry. The content of the Griefshare ministry will guide the group through the process with God. This ministry stresses the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ as their foundation during the healing process. It emphasizes that true healing that comes from the pain of loss can only come from God's presence in the life of an individual

experiencing it and that this presence comes through their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It advises that the Bible provides direction from God as their source of real-world practical answers to loss and this program presents a sensitive, compassionate manner with biblical concepts included.

There are wonderful resources caring for grieving people in the immediate days surrounding loss. A service is conducted, cards and flowers are sent, and meals are provided. After the funeral, most people surrounding the individual who's experienced their loss must return to their daily routines. They don't understand the prolonged impact caused by the individual's loss of their loved one who needs ongoing support and encouragement, lasting months, or perhaps even longer. It's a level of care that seems to be missing for those who are still living, and this is why I believe in offering this ministry to outreach into the community. People need more.

Storm Lake United Methodist Church is going to offer a training for facilitators on October 15 at 2:00 pm. People from other churches are going to join us. The course is a 13-week program with each chapter discussed weekly. Sessions 1-5 offer COMFORT, Sessions 6-9 offer ANSWERS, and Sessions 10-13 offer HOPE which is at the heart of everything. COMFORT, ANSWERS, and HOPE.

I will close by a prayer traditionally attributed to Saint Patrick. I hope you find hope and peace.

"I arise today through the strength of heaven; Light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, Swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of the earth, firmness of the rock.

I arise today through
God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me

Afar and anear,
 Alone or in a multitude.
 Christ shield me today against wounding.
 Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in the eye that sees me,
 Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today Through the mighty strength
 Of the Lord of creation. Amen”

From my heart to yours.....

Pastor Kiboko

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for October:

LaVonne Robb	10/27	Lyle Mosbach	10/19
Dwight Young	10/08	Duane Gerlach	10/08
James Gaes	10/08	Peg Anderson	10/16
Marcia Krause	10/18	Ruth Stark	10/09

Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for October:

Bill & Lana Crilly	10/01
Dave & Cyndi Meyer	10/25
Dale & Kim Carver	10/04
Jeff & Marjean O'Bannon	10/24
Tim & Shelley Hohneke	10/30

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.

VOLUNTEERS Needed

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

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- For Dan Robinson family upon the death of Dan's brother Dave

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
Craig Boeset	Kermit Tolzin
Lance Bellinghausen	Jenny Allen
Beu Schmidt	Reid Sears
Stan & Steph Quick	Melva Bainbridge
Bob & Patty Fritzmeier	Carol Prichard
Donna Blom	Drew Havens
LaVonne Robb	Coleen Baughman
Courtney Campbell	Mike Campbell
Terry Davenport	Susan Thompson
Dyese (DK) Kilumba	Wally Johnson
Dan Hegarty	Rachel Neuroth
Beu Schmidt	Margaret Weber
Deb Richardson	Brenda Nickolisen
Marlen Gasner	David Walker
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

October 2023

We have many new DVDs and several books being added to our library. New DVDs are marked as such on the carousel and some of the new books are on the North table.

New DVDs:

“The Gospel of John”

“The Visual Bible—Acts”

“The Visual Bible—Matthew”

“A Man Called Otto”

“100 Sing Along Bible Songs for Kids”

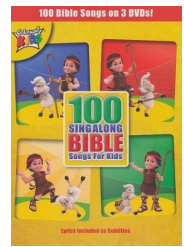
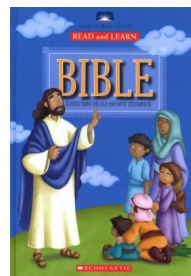
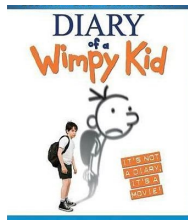
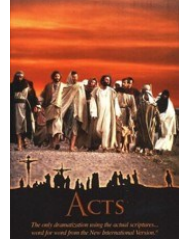
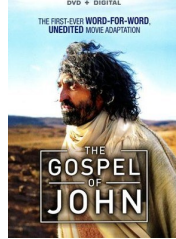
“The Polar Express”

“A Bug’s Life”

“Charlotte’s Web”

“Diary of a Wimpy Kid”

“Bible—Read & Learn for Kids”



New Children’s Books: (Very Short)

“God I Need to Talk to You About:

Paying Attention”

Healthy Eating”

Being a Bad Sport”

Stealing”

Disrespect”

Laziness”

Bad Manners”

Feeling Sad”

Hurting Others”

Whining”

School Bullying”

Vandalism”

Homework”

My Parents”

My Bad Temper”

Video Games”

Bed Time”

Cheating”

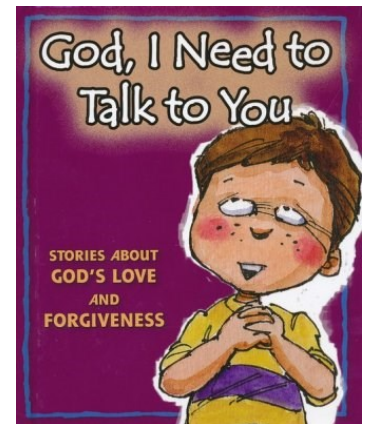
Sharing”

Bad Words”

Greed”

Talking Back”

Lying”



These are 24 short books for parents to read to their children or those kids who read. Good Lessons for Life! Check these out! They will be on the North table, where NEW Books are put monthly.






Wild Weeks - Thank you!

The last weeks of September have been a wild ride! Prairie Lane home closed and cleaned, Pastor Kiboko and family moved in, Angier Dr. home painted and cleaned, and is on the market!

A **sincere thank you** to everyone who had a hand in this! It was hard work! Many **helpful hands** towards a common goal!

Bruce Baier, Neal Kuehl, Jan Finnegan, Larry Davenport, Rod Nothwehr, Arvid Baughman, Jean Bellinghausen, Dale & Kim Carver, Joan Rude and 7/8 grade youth group, Jeremy Hansen, Larry & Linda Hecht, Tim Hohneke, Dave Kofmehl, Karen Rosene, Bruce & Pam Milbrandt, Fred & Deb DeHaan, Marjean O’Bannon, Al Patton.

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School 9 AM Bible Study 10am Worship w/ Communion & New Members	2 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist. 4:30pm NOW Rehearsal	3 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	4 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 1:30-WIM 3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth	5 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place	6 Pastors Day Off	7
8 8:30 Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10am Worship w/ Bells 12:30pm Youth to Adventureland	9 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist. 4:30pm NOW Rehearsal 5:30pm Finance 	10 9am-3pm Sanctuary Cleaning 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	11 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 9:30pm Project Group 3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth	12 9am-3pm Card Workshop 5:30 SPRC	13 Pastors Day Off	14 7:30am UMM
15 NOISY OFFERING 8:30 Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10am Worship w/ NOW Singers 2pm Grief Trng. 6pm Charge Conference	16 10am Exercise Class in FLC 1pm Decorate Tree for Fall 4pm Food Dist 7pm Trustees	17 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	18 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth @ FCA	19 9:30am Circle (Put together Kits) 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place 7pm Ad Council	20 Pastors Day Off 9am-12pm Blood Drive 	21
22 8:30 Confirmation Class 9am Sunday School 9 AM Bible Study 10am Worship	23 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist.	24 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE 	25 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 6:00-Bible Study 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth	26 1:00-3:30pm WIM Workday 4:30 Mission Meeting	27 Pastors Day Off	28 11am-1pm Alternative Halloween Party 
29 8:30 Confirmation Class 9am Sunday School 10am Worship w/ Carl Turner & SS Singers	30 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist	31 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE 				

Many Thanks From the Youth

A special thank you to Katie and Bob Bauer for letting us use the car wash on West Milwaukee for our youth fund raiser. Their kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. The kids had a blast washing cars and getting wet. Also, a big thank you to everyone who came to get a car wash. We made \$425.10 that will be used to help our youth with their mission projects and fellowship events.



Adventureland Trip

Our middle and high school youth groups will be going to Adventureland on Sunday afternoon, October 8th. The group will leave from the church at 12:30 pm and return at around 10:00 pm.

In-Gathering Store

Our elementary Sunday School classes will be hosting their annual school bag store for the In-Gathering. The store is located in the hallway by the nursery. Everyone is welcome to help with this project. Everything needed for the school bags will be available at the store.

Sunday School Singers

Our Sunday School Singers will be singing for worship on Sunday, October 29. Please note this is a change from our regular schedule.

Alternative Halloween Event

Our youth groups are planning an alternative Halloween event for your children in our community up through 6th grade. Children may wear costumes if they desire, but this is not required. The event will be held in our Family Life Center from 11:00am–1:00pm on Saturday, October 28. This day and time will coincide with the trick or treat in downtown Storm Lake. We will be serving hot dogs and chips at this event. Invite friends and neighbors to come for this fun celebration.

LifeServe Blood Drive

Oct. 20, 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!

General Ministries Fund (as of 09/24)

Sept. YTD General Fund Revenue \$265,742

Sept. YTD General Fund Expenses \$288,480

Attendance		Online
09/03	Sun.-97	169
09/10	Sun.-125	187
09/17	Sun.-113	251
09/24	Sun.-146	176

INGATHERING

On circle day, the 19th of October, all women of church are welcome to help put Ingathering Kits together.

If unable to come, Alternative work day will be Thursday, Oct. 26 at 1 - 3:30 room 105.

We are still accepting items for our Personal Dignity Kits for this November's Ingathering which includes:

Shampoo. 12.5 - 19 oz
Deodorant. 2-3 oz stick, roll-on, pump
Bar soap. 3-4 oz
Either for Men or Woman
Deadline by October 29th

Thank You!!

SPRC Chair

18th Sunday after Pentecost—October 1

Philippians 2:1-13/Matthew 21:23-32

19th Sunday after Pentecost—October 8

Philippians 3:4-14/Matthew 21:33-46

20th Sunday after Pentecost—October 15

Philippians 4:1-9/Matthew 22:1-14

21st Sunday after Pentecost—October 22

1 Thessalonians 1:1-19/Matthew 22:15-22

22nd Sunday after Pentecost—October 29

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Matthew 22:34-46



UMM

Our next meeting will be October 14th 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

WOMEN IN MISSION

- ♦ Women in Mission will meet at 1:30 on Wednesday, October 4th, at the Bridge for a short meeting and coffee.
- ♦ Fall Card Making, Thursday, October 12th from 9:30 - 12 AND 1-5 in room 105.

No experience needed. Bring scissors and glue.

All are welcome to enjoy the fellowship and the privilege to brighten someone's day.

- ♦ Time to decorate the Christmas Tree for Fall!! Monday, October 16 at 1:00. Sure would appreciate some men to help. Refreshments provided.

Any questions call Pam.

- ♦ We want to THANK all who helped make the sanctuary look alive once again by cleaning and restoring all our lovely woodwork!!!

YOU have another opportunity available to complete the project— Tuesday, October 10 at 9:30 - noon plus 1 - 3:30. Bring soft rags and a smile!

Thank you!,

Deb DeHaan and Pam Milbrandt

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NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

One last call for members to send in your photos. We will be printing soon!!

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.

Thank you!

Dear Church,

Thank you for donating money for the church camp I attended this summer. I had a blast!! It is interesting to see how things change each year. I met so many cool people, including my counselor. So thank you for donating money and without your generosity I would not have been able to go.

~ Thanks, Colton Lindgren