



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 2023

Rally Day “Blast Off with Jesus”



On Sunday, September 10, we will “Blast Off” for a fun year of learning and fellowship as Sunday School for all ages will resume. Elementary students will continue to meet from 9:00–9:45 a.m. beginning in the music room #201 on the second floor of the education building. They will travel to three different centers and then return to the music room, where parents can pick up students at 9:45 a.m. Mark your calendar and come for a stellar, out of this world experience!

Medical Release Forms

Part of our Child Protection Policy involves having a medical release form on file for each student in our care. This will insure our ability to provide the best medical care should an emergency arise. All Sunday school students in nursery through high school will receive a medical release form in the mail. Please fill in the form and return it with your child on the first day of Sunday School.

Church Events

September 4th, 2023

Office Closed for Labor Day

September 5th & 6th, 2023

ZONE Afterschool Programs Start

JH & HS Youth Groups Kick Off

September 10, 2023

Sunday School “Rally Day”

Katherine Parker here

September 14, 2023

3:30 pm 3rd Grade Bible Party

September 17, 2023

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

2–4pm YG Car Wash Fund Raiser

September 24, 2023

Teacher Dedication

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

Pastor's Pen

To God be the glory for all that God has done for each one of us!



My wife, two of my daughters, and I had the opportunity to join God in what He has been doing in Congo (DRC), specifically in Museba village. This is a village whose people had emotionally lived in darkness for many years. These people were hopeless until my mother, Felicia Ilunga, started a meaningful ministry among them. She became a symbol of hope for those individuals. She knew that God had called her to live out the "Great Commission". In the "Great Commission". Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "(Matthew 28:16-19)

Ten years after my mother's death, Betty and I decided to take seriously this commission. It is not optional to go and make disciples. It has been rewarding to see lives being transformed at Museba Village. Our mission trip was great. We saw God's people in severe poverty. We listened to their stories full of hope. "Thank you for giving us water"; one lady said. Another one said, "this church saved my family". I still remember that these people did not have

potable water two years ago, and they did not have a school. We gave them another well.

My daughters Grace and Freda had a good experience in Congo. I would like to thank you for your contributions. The General Board of Global Ministries posted last week \$2,373.58 on their website. This amount came from Storm Lake United Methodist Church. Prior to our trip a family donated a \$2,500 check which we gave to the project manager and the treasurer in Congo. This is how they were able to build a second well. Once again, thank you.

From my heart to yours.....

Pastor Kiboko

Special Charge Conference Held

Parsonage/Charge Conference - We viewed a slide presentation at charge conference by the Trustees. Questions and answer time was had. Motion was presented to congregation: ***"The Board of Trustees with approval from the Administrative Council propose that the current parsonage at 801 Angier Drive be sold with the proceeds to be used along with additional available funds to purchase a more adequate parsonage at 708 Prairie Lane"***. Vote was taken and the motion was passed.

Trustees Update

Sound Booth - Zone Entertainment's bid for Phase 1 of Sound Booth project was accepted. Order was placed with Zone Entertainment last week.

A Bible study on the book of Colossians will be offered on Wednesdays starting the last Wednesday of September.

Thank you!

Storm Lake United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for letting us use your wonderful facility for our senior exercise class!

Candy Clough, Deb DeHaan, Pam Milbrandt, Barb Seiler, Glenda Hauser, Nancy Sliefert, Ardine Harvey, Deb Matersen, Susan Thompson

Exercise Wellness Group “XYZ”



What:

“XYZ” (EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST) SLUMC Exercise Wellness Group.

When: Mondays

Time: 10:00–10:45 a.m.

Where: SLUMC Family Life Center. Please use East side canopy door by FLC.

Fee: You will need some form of weights. Suggestion: Use cans of food and after class leave them in the kitchen for Monday night food distribution.

4 new exercise videos have been purchased to add “Extra Years of Zest!”

Some paperwork will be required (again) which will include Insurance and contact information. Church activities or weather could interfere with class.

Committee: Deb DeHaan (299-1565), Candy Clough (299-0021)

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & Friends of Elaine Boyd
- Family & Friends of Dorothea “Dot” Saathoff

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
Ellen Webb	Jesse Mayfield
Karen Salmen	Shirley Strait
Craig Boeset	Kermit Tolzin
Lance Bellinghausen	Jenny Allen
Bev Schmidt	Reid (Rude)
Stan & Steph Quick	Melua 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
Kevin Eddie	
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!

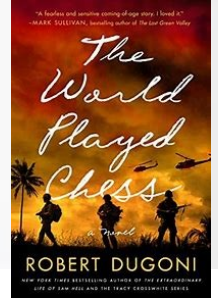
Church Library News

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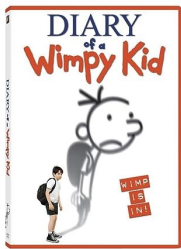
With the arrival of September and the routines of a new school year, fall will be settling in. This is a great time to become familiar with your church library. After or before attending a church service or on a day you are running errands, picking up kids or whatever, make time to discover all that our church library has to offer from more new DVDs, children and adult, and several new adult fiction books on various subjects. Questions or help finding a book can be directed to Roxie Brostad, librarian. Enjoy!

NEW BOOK:

“The World Played Chess” by Robert Dugoni, a New York Times bestseller. In 1979, Vincent Bianco has just graduated high school. His only desire: collect a little beer money and enjoy his final summer before college. So he lands a job as a laborer on a construction crew. Working alongside two Vietnam vets, one suffering from PTSD, Vincent gets the education of a lifetime. Now, forty years later, his own son leaving for college, the lessons of that summer—Vincent’s last taste of innocence and first taste of real life—dramatically unfold in a Novel about breaking away, and seeking one’s own destiny.

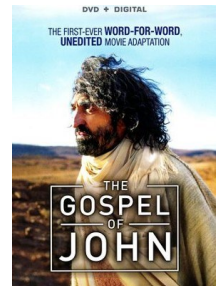


NEW DVDs:



“Diary of a Wimpy Kid” – this hysterically funny story comes to life in this smash-hit family comedy! Greg Heffley is headed for big things, but first he has to survive the scariest, most humiliating experience of any kid’s life—MIDDLE SCHOOL! That won’t be easy, considering he’s surrounded by wedgie-loving bullies and a moldy slice of cheese with nuclear cooties!

“The Gospel of John” – Experience the powerful visual dramatization as the book of John comes alive! The Gospel of John, the best loved of the four gospels, comes to life in a faithful and powerful dramatization of the Biblical text. With a cast of over 2,500, this DVD has been adapted for the screen word for word, based on the American Bible Society’s Good News Bible, by Emmy Nominated John Godsmith. ENJOY!



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

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.

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastors Day Off	2
3 10am Worship w/ Communion	4 OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day 	5 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	6 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 1:30pm Women in Mission Meeting 3:30-ZONE 6:00-JH Youth 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth	7 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place	8 Pastors Day Off	9 7:30am UMM
10 9am Rally Sunday for Sunday School (kids will sing at worship) 10am Worship w/ Missionary Katherine Parker	11 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist 4:30 NOW 5:30pm Finance	12 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	13 9:30 Project Group 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 3:30-ZONE	14 3:30-3rd Grade Bible Party 5:30 SPRC	15 Pastors Day Off 9am-12pm Blood Drive 	16
17 <i>NOISY OFFERING</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship w/3rd Grade Bible Presentation & NOW Singers	18 10am Exercise Class in FLC 3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place 4pm Food Dist. 7pm Trustees	19 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	20 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth	21 1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place 7pm Ad Council	22 Pastors Day Off	23 
24 10am Worship w/ teacher dedication 9am Confirmation Class Begins	25 10am Exercise Class in FLC 4pm Food Dist	26 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:30-ZONE	27 10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place 3:30-ZONE 5:00-Bells 6:00-JH Youth 7:00-YG Meal 7:30-HS Youth 6pm BIBLE STUDY	28 4:30 Mission Meeting	29 Pastors Day Off	30

Many Thanks for the English Language Camp

On August 7-11 our church hosted our annual English Language Camp for students who speak a language other than English over the summer months. We had 32 students in attendance and several of these students had been in the United States for less than one year. Each day they enjoyed a hot breakfast to start the day. Our theme this year was "Rock Your World." We talked about the different kind of rocks and how to identify them. Katie Struss, our BVU county naturalist, brought several samples and talked to students about different types of rocks. We spent a morning looking for rocks and swimming at the beach. We learned even more about rocks when we visited the Sanford Museum in Cherokee. We visited the beautiful Grotto in West Bend, Iowa where Bible stories were re-enforced as we identified different kinds of rocks. Students also enjoyed breaking geodes, making rock jewelry, and doing sand art bottles. All of this fun was made possible because of the ministry of many people. Special thanks to Trish Hansen, Laura Hansen, Atiana Chilton, and Josh Carlson for the wonderful breakfasts. Special thanks to the following teachers: Brittany Boesett, Bev Nelson, Julie Pedersen, Tasha Dierwechter, Brenda Nicholisen, and Ashlee Sammons.

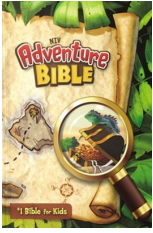
The ZONE

The Zone is our Christian based after school program designed to help children grow socially and spiritually. Zone time includes games, crafts, active learning, and lots of snacks!! This year the first through third grade students will meet on Tuesdays right after school until 5:00 p.m. beginning on September 5th. The fourth through sixth grade students will meet on Wednesdays right after school until 5:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, September 6th. Pre-registration is encouraged and enrollment is limited, so call the church office and sign up soon. Students do not need to be members of our church to come to this program.



Third Grade Bible Party

On Sunday, September 17, our church will be presenting a Bible to each third grade student at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. In order to help students use this gift, they are invited to a special Bible Party on Thursday, September 14, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for pizza and pop and then have fun laying games as we learn more about our new Bibles. If you have a third grade student who will be unable to attend either of these events, please contact Joan Rude.



Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Wow! We're ready to kick off another fantastic year of youth group. The first meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 6th. Seventh and eighth grade students will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Both groups will join for a meal in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Then the high school group will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. We welcome back several staff from last year as well as several new adult chaperones: Nancy Johnson, Shelby O'Bannon, Bob North, Lindsay DeHaan, Jennifer Hecht, Brittany Boeset, Erica Boeset, Jennifer Allen, Mike Brostad, Tessa DeWall, Gabe Barnett, and Kaitlin Christensen. We welcome back our kitchen staff who always put out fantastic meals: Trish Hansen, Laura Hansen, Tina Louig, Josh Carlson

Youth Adventureland Park Day

On Sunday, October 8th, our junior and senior high youth will be traveling to Des Moines to enjoy an afternoon at Adventureland. We'll leave from the church at 12:30 p.m. and arrive home around 9:30 p.m. Students will need money for snacks, and dinner at a fast food restaurant.

Teacher Dedication

We will dedicate our Sunday school and youth staff for the 2023-24 school year at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 24th. Please express your appreciation to these people who are in the ministry of Christian education on Sunday mornings: Alicia Gatzemeyer, Katie Lindgren, Wendy Johnson, Kim and Spot McKenna, Bob North, and Melva Bainbridge.

Youth Group Car Wash Fund Raiser

On Sunday, September 17, our middle school and high school youth groups will be having a car wash fund raiser. We will be at the car wash beside Goodwill on West Milwaukee Ave. from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For a free will donation you can get a squeaky clean car and also support the youth in our church. Thank you for helping us raise money for our mission and fellowship activities.



VOLUNTEERS Needed

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

Adult Sunday School

On Sunday, September 17, we will be starting a new adult Sunday School class that will run at the same time as our elementary Sunday School. Parents can go to Sunday School from 9:00-9:45 while their children are also in class. This class will be located in room 105 and will be facilitated by Melua Bainbridge and Pastor Kiboko. The five week study, *Anxious for Nothing*, is written by Max Lucado. In today's anxious and uncertain times God wants us to remain calm and unafraid. God gives us a blueprint for conquering our fears and anxiety in Philippians 4:6-7. In the study of this scripture God will help you: "Win the war on worry and receive the lasting peace of Christ; Know the difference between present anxiety and persistent anxiety; Find joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit; Experience lasting joy in all circumstances; Discover how to remain calm in the midst of life's storms; Encourage friends with help from God's Word."

As Christians God gives us the ability to rise above the flood waters of fear and anxiety that are so prevalent in our world today. Hope you will join us for this timely study of scripture.

Katherine Parker

United Methodist Missionary Katherine Parker will visit SLUMC on Sunday, September 10th.

Parker, a missionary with the General

Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, has served in Nepal since 2013. Before Nepal, she served in Cambodia with the Methodist Mission's Community Health & Agricultural Development program. Out of college, she became a mission intern for three years with the Asian Rural Institute in Japan and Practical Farmers in Iowa.



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Birthdays &

Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for September:

Caroline Kluver	09/05	Rita Frick	09/09
Lana Crilly	09/13	Jone Meredith	09/04
Judy Nelsen	09/07	Barb Seiler	09/06

Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for September:

Clyde & Marcia Krause	09/03
Bob & Jean Bennett	09/03
Clark & Nancy Gordon	09/25
Kim & Sue Piercy	09/03
Steve & Koreen Delp	09/24
Steve & Jane Culbertson	09/01
Ed & Jennifer Witt	09/24

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.

LifeServe Blood Drive

Sept. 15, 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

14th Sunday after Pentecost—September 3

Romans 12:9-21/Matthew 16:21-28

15th Sunday after Pentecost—Sept. 10

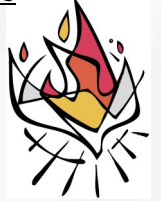
Romans 13:8-14/Matthew 18:15-20

16th Sunday after Pentecost—Sept. 17

Romans 14:1-12/Matthew 18:21-35

17th Sunday after Pentecost—Sept. 24

Philippians 1:21-30/Matthew 20:1-16



UMM

Our next meeting will be September 9th 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

Thank you for giving to God!

General Ministries Fund (as of 08/27)

Aug. YTD General Fund Revenue \$206,636

Aug. YTD General Fund Expenses \$261,128

Attendance		Online
08/06	Sun.—68	258
08/13	Sun.—71	494
08/20	Sun.—68	243
08/27	Sun.—157	165

INGATHERING

We are still accepting items for our Personal Dignity Kits for this November's Ingathering which includes: wash towel/hand towel, 1 gallon zip loc bags, bars of soap, adult toothbrushes and shampoo.

WOMEN IN MISSION

Women in Mission meeting will be held on Wednesday September 6th at 1:30 p.m.



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Backpacks w/supplies were given away through this event! Thank you to all who helped make this a success!!!

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your kitchen at the church for our canning and preserving workshop, our 4-H cooking workshops, and our Clover Kids cooking workshops! Without you, we wouldn't have been able to host these and had successful workshops.

Thanks Again!

- Nichole Reinert BVC Youth Coordinator



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Part-Time Job Opening

The Storm Lake United Methodist Church seeks applicants for Maintenance Custodian.

This position is responsible for all cleaning, maintenance, and event set-ups in a large and busy church.