### St Luke UMC

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**February 11, 2021** 





### FEBRUARY 17TH 6:30 PM

### Ash Wednesday Service

We would love for you to join us on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm for an Ash Wednesday Service. Please remember to wear a mask and safely distance yourself from others. We will be doing this service a little differently due to health and safety concerns. We will ask that individuals place their own ashes on their foreheads for a safer and contactless service. This will all be setup and ready to go for you when you arrive. The service will also be live streamed for those who are unable to join us in-person. We hope you can join us!





### Mission Trip to MMDC February 21— February 24

St Luke has a team of 9 people heading to Midwest Mission Distribution Center on Sunday, February 21 through Wednesday, February 24. We will be preparing and assembling kits, building school desks and whatever other jobs we are asked to do. This will be the first and only trip St Luke is taking this year as we did not go in January. Please pray for safe travel and for hearts of joy, love and gratitude as our team does meaningful work for God's Kingdom.

#### **Lent is Almost Here**

This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent has been observed by Christians since the fourth century. It is a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter. Lent ends at midnight on Holy Saturday, the night before Easter Sunday.

During Lent some Christians focus on giving up something. Is it absolutely necessary for the observation of Lent to give up a delicacy or a bad



habit or an hour of sleep in order to pray? Who can truly say? What one does during the Lenten period should be a matter between a Christian and God. Some may decide to do something extra for their spiritual growth. Others may indeed "give up" something that's a hindrance to the spiritual life. Some may make a special sacrifice of some sort. And some may

decide to improve their communication and fellowship with God by having special times of prayer throughout the day, or vow to worship in the church at every service held.

The important thing is to make Lent a special time, a memorable time. A time so meaningful that it sets the tone for the rest of the entire year. At the very least it should be a time of sincere spiritual growth.

#### St Luke News

A big thank you to everyone who donated food for our February Discover Hope meal. We greatly appreciate



the generosity of our St Luke family. We wanted to mention that Discover Hope has an ongoing needs list. The current items on the needs list are: swiffer sweeper wet pads, 39 gallon garbage bags, coffee, sugar, popcorn (not microwave) and tuna. They will also gladly

take any clean disposable food containers with lids. Items can be dropped off at Discover Hope or you can leave them labeled in the church kitchen and Peg Ehler will deliver them.

Joyce Stonehocker and Peg Ehler

We would also like to give a big thank you to Joyce

Stonehocker and Bill and Peg Ehler for all of their help with donations, preparation, cooking and the delivering of the Discover Hope meals. We greatly



appreciate all you do to make this meal possible!

Our sympathies to Daryl and Diana Pals and family on the passing of Diana's brother-in-law Randy Jones. Prayers of comfort and peace to all.

## GOD WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH THE STORM

### + Christian Symbols + Ashes

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm



branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In Old Testament days, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the

ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. The speaking of Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

### Weather Cancellation Policy

If school is cancelled/dismissed early due to weather, then St. Luke activities are cancelled that day/evening as well. Sunday Worship is rarely cancelled. Check our Facebook page or listen to the radio for announcements. If the weather and road conditions are questionable, use your best judgement and be safe.

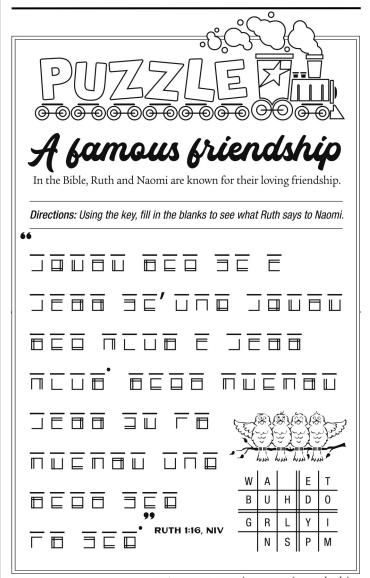


#### The Power of Love

By comparing love to everything from oxygen and fire to wind and war, songs and poetry emphasize its immense power — for good or for ill. Christian author Pat-

rick Morley uses metaphors that focus on love's practicality in everyday life: "Love is the glue that holds us together and the oil that keeps us from rubbing each other the wrong way." He also calls love "the WD-40 of relationships" because it "can seep into tight places where logic, threats and even promises just can't seem to penetrate."

St. Augustine, who predated WD-40 by centuries, knew that love not only eases friction in personal interactions but, with God's help, can change hearts and lives. "Love all [people], even your enemies," he advises. "Love them, not because they are your brothers, but that they may become your brothers. Thus you will ever burn with fraternal love, both for him who is already your brother and for your enemy, that he may by loving become your brother."



Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, MIV

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Feb. 21	9:30 AM	
Ushers (2)	Barb & Mike Kaldenberg	
Greeters (2)	Ann & Caleb Leonard	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis	
Projection (1)	Ben Leonard	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark	
Counters (2)		

Feb. 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg, Jenna McIntyre
Counters (2)	Rose Evans, Barb Kaldenberg

March 7	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	

March 14	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	

March 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

### **Worship Assistants** For February & March

We are continuing with our worship assistant sign-up. We want our church family to feel as safe and comfortable as possible worshipping indoors so we are asking for volunteers at this

time.



If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheet on the Coffee Counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/document/ d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhX QL7s/edit?usp=sharing

We appreciate everyone who has so willingly volunteered to help during this time. If this works well we may continue with a sign-up and will add or adjust positions as needed. Thank you!



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### **Worship Assistants**

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



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