

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

Vacation Bible School



June 27 - July 1

Calling VBS Volunteers!

Warmer weather is just around the corner which means we need to start planning for VBS! Mark your calendar for June 27-July 1 during which St. Luke will host kids to celebrate and learn about God. This year's theme is a really fun one - Food Truck Party ...on a Roll with God.

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity (teacher, recreation leader, snack leader, etc), please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annericleonard@gmail.com.

How Can We

Pray For You?

Message us your request.
prayer@stlukenewton.com

Smart Cookie Baking Day

We will be baking and packing all the cookies ordered for the Smart Cookie Fund-raiser on Saturday, April 23 starting at 8 am. We are in need of helpers for baking and packing boxes. If you would like to volunteer to help there is a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry.



2022 Graduates

We are gathering names for any graduate (high school or college) of our St Luke family. Please call or email the office and give us the name of your graduate ASAP, to be sure they are included. We would also like to include a photo of the graduate if at all possible. Thank you.



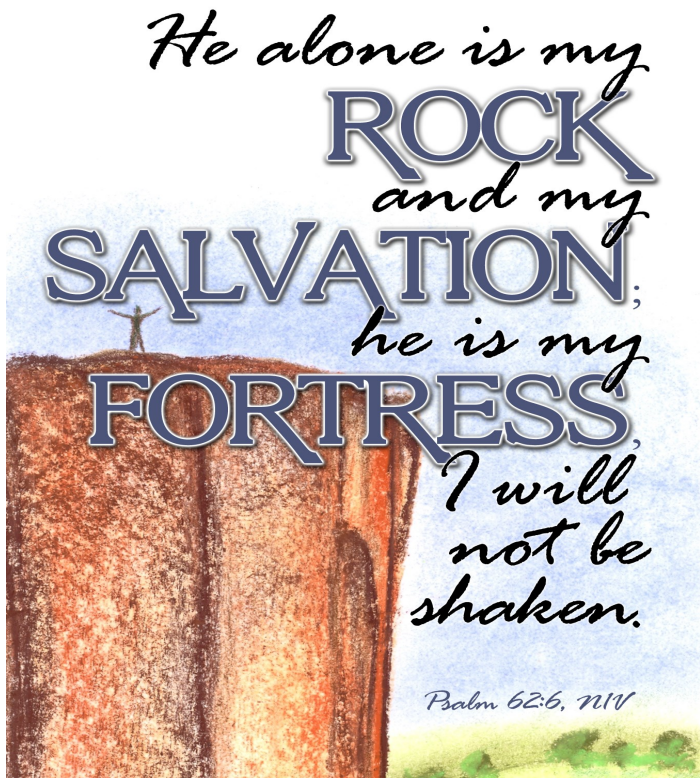
Why Christ Calls Us to Worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an "average" Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: "Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons."

He continues: "The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don't really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?"

—from *The Wired Word*



Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that donated to our April meal for Discover Hope as well as everyone that helped to serve the meal. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family.

Joyce Stonehocker and Peg Ehler



Sunday Afternoon Movie

Thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed our Sunday afternoon movie on April 10. We had a wonderful turnout and enjoyed a great time of fellowship together with some delicious fresh popcorn!



Mowers Wanted

Do you like to mow? St. Luke has an opportunity for you to help keep our lawn looking good. St Luke even has 2 riding mowers available to use. If you have questions, please contact Joel Mills.



St Luke
United Methodist
Church
Fellowship Hall

501 E. 19th St. N., Newton, IA

Mission Coalition Pie Sale

Mission Coalition is having a pie sale in the St Luke Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 7 from 9 am—1 pm. They have asked St Luke to provide 12 double crusted pies for this fundraiser. There is a sign-up sheet located on the servants counter. Please bring your pie(s) to the St Luke Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 7 between 8 and 8:30 am. Contact Joyce Stonehocker with any questions.



Camp Season Is Coming Soon

It's time to start planning and signing up for camp at one of the beautiful Iowa United Methodist Camps. Catalogs are available at the church or you can go online to check out what's available at www.iaumc.org/camps. Get ready for your adventure of a lifetime.

United Methodist Women is Now United Women in Faith

NEW YORK, N.Y., Mar. 2, 2022: United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
April 17	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Jan Lewis, Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Rose Hartschen
Counters (2)	

April 24	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Ann, Ben & Caleb Leonard
Reader	Pam Smith
Acolyte	Nathan Figland
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

May 1	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

May 8	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Worship Assistants For April & May

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of April & May. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the servant's counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:



<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. 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.



