

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY
Flame
CATCH THE FIRE!

College
student
SPOTLIGHT
April

Care Packages for our St Luke College Students

Our St Luke family includes several college students who are working hard (hopefully) on their studies and we would like to support and encourage them! There is an area outside the sanctuary that displays a poster of all of our students and a Student Spotlight table that will highlight two students each month. There are ideas for goodies to bring for a care package and bins underneath to place items. There is also a poster to sign. All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week.

Angel Gallagher

Junior at University of Northern Iowa,
Majoring in Elementary Education

She loves to go on walks, read, spend time with family and friends, watch Netflix and hang out at her Grandma's house and pool. You can find her listening to Boygenius, Julien Baker, Lucy Dacus, Noah Kahan and Taylor Swift.

Her superpower: Procrastination



**Class
of
2025**



Maria Zheng

Freshman at Grinnell College,
Majoring in Math

She enjoys reading romance novels, going to the beach and Jordan Creek Mall.

Smart ~ Talented ~ Hardworking

**Class
of
2027**



Calling VBS Volunteers!

Warmer weather is just around the corner which means we need to start planning for VBS! Mark your calendar for June 26-30 during which St Luke will host kids to celebrate and learn about God. This year's theme is a really fun one - Camp Firelight... A Summer Camp Adventure 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.

Mission Coalition

Bake Sale



Saturday
April 20th
9 am - 12 pm

ST LUKE
United Methodist Church

BRING ANY DONATIONS
DIRECTLY TO BAKE SALE BETWEEN
7:30 - 8:30 AM ON APRIL 20

Mission Coalition Bake Sale

Mission Coalition is having a bake sale in the St Luke Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 20 from 9 am - 12 pm. St Luke is responsible for bringing double crusted pies. Sign up at the servant's counter if you would like to donate a pie. Please bring any pies to St Luke on Saturday, April 20 between 7:30 and 8:30 am. Contact Joyce Stonehocker with any questions.



Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, April 25 from 9 am - 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans. If you would like more information about Days for Girls you can visit their website at www.daysforgirls.org.



Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you for everything that was donated for the April Discover Hope meal. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family and we can't thank everyone enough. The meal that we provided for February was spaghetti and meatballs, tomato cucumber and apple salad, corn and fruit bread. A big thank you to those that came and helped with preparing the food and all those that came and helped serve the meal at Discover Hope. We couldn't do this without all the help from our St Luke family. Thank you!

Jan Lewis & Joyce Stonehocker

2024 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.



Earth Day at the Newton Arboretum

The Newton Arboretum will be open from 9 am to 6 pm on April 22 for Earth Day. This year's theme is Planet vs. Plastic. They will be collecting plastic bags and plastic bottles. There will be a loom set up and bag cutting available to show how to weave plarn (plastic yarn) mats. Come out and join the fun and learn how to recycle plastic.





HOW CAN WE

PRAY FOR

YOU?

prayer@stlukenewton.com

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."

—Algernon C. Swinburne



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, June 16
 A Celebration of Ministry and
 Pastor Chad's Last Sunday
 More Details to Come!

When It Rains

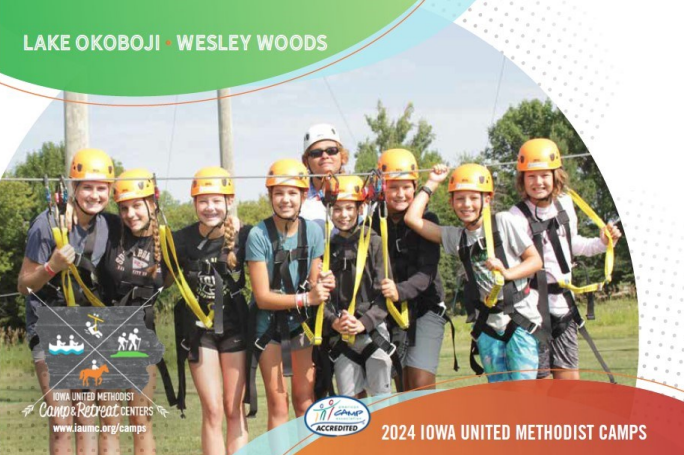
The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.

When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.



Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a downpour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

—Janna Firestone



LAKE OKOBOJI WESLEY WOODS

2024 IOWA UNITED METHODIST CAMPS

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.

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS FOR DH!



For every \$100,000.00 in receipts from Hy-Vee, they will donate \$1,000 to Discover Hope!



Mission Coalition is Collecting Hy-Vee Receipts for Discover Hope

Do you save your Hy-Vee receipts? We hope so because Newton Hy-Vee wants to give back to the community through DH!

Bring your Newton Hy-Vee receipts dated January 17, 2024, through January 17, 2025, and if they make it to \$100,000.00, Hy-Vee will donate \$1000 to Discover Hope 517!

This includes catering, floral deliveries, prescription purchases, filling up at the fuel pump - anything!

You can drop off receipts at St Luke by putting them in the Hy-Vee receipt container outside the office or you can also bring receipts directly to Discover Hope.

So start saving those receipts STARTING TODAY!

Volunteers Needed For Summer Weekly Plant Watering

We are looking for weekly volunteers to come out and water the plants around the church grounds this summer. If you are interested please sign up at the servant's counter as soon as possible so we can get the summer schedules made. Contact Lori Leix with any questions.



Grocery Sacks Needed

We are in need of plastic grocery sack donations. They will be used to make plarn (plastic yarn) to weave sleeping mats for the homeless. If you have any extra plastic grocery sacks you would like to donate please bring them to Joyce Stonehocker or put them in the donation box at the church.



COLORING PAGE



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
April 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley
Reader	Pat Patty
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Camera	Megan DeJong
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley
April 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
May 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Russ & Lori Leix
Greeters (2)	Russ & Lori Leix
Reader	Russ Leix
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Pat Patty
May 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	David Spiker
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley
Reader	Jeff Carter
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Megan DeJong
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley

Worship Assistants

For 2024 we are going to continue with passing sign up sheets around for 3 months at a time. This worked very well last year in getting more volunteer positions filled. We have had a wonderful response of volunteers for our first 3 months of 2024 and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through June but there are still some spots open. If you would like to volunteer or see what positions are available 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 online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:



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

We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help on Sunday mornings. Thank you St Luke Family!

Online Worship

If your schedule keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services or watch past services by visiting our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office and we will be happy to help 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.

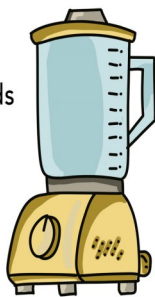


SOMETHING OLD, Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



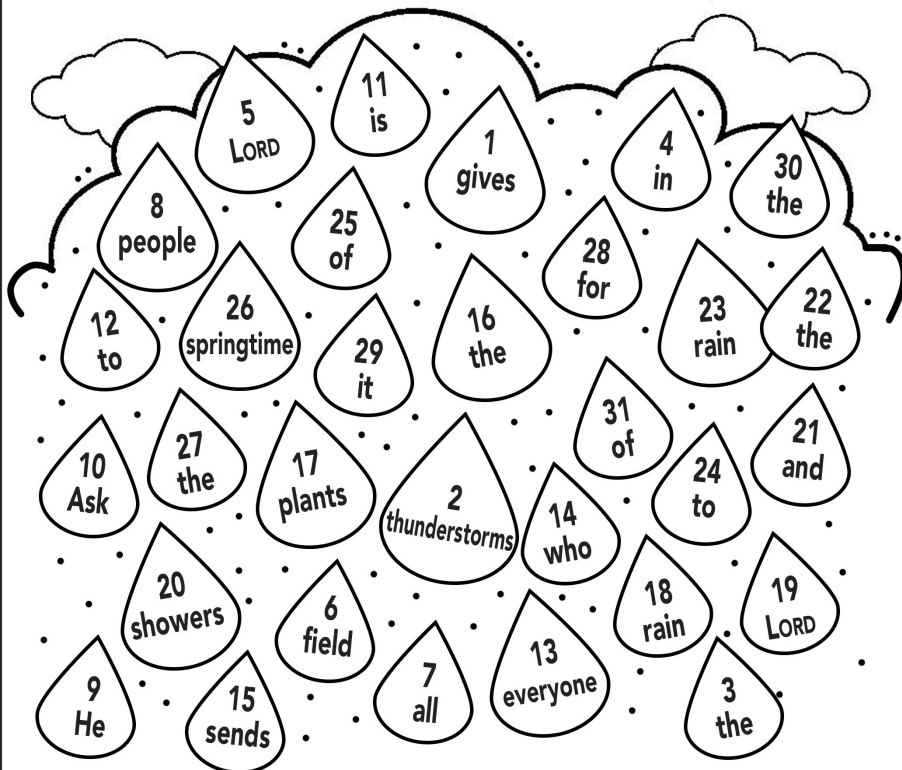
What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



_____ 10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18

_____ 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 ;

_____ 29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15

_____ 27 _____ 2 .

_____ 9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23

_____ 12 _____ 7 _____ 8 / _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25

_____ 30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV