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THE BI-WEEKLY flame CATCH THE FIRE!



Vacation Bible School 2022

What a great week! Over 50 chefs and 25 volunteers got on a roll with God and cooked up some fun. Throughout the week our chefs made 9 blankets and filled and decorated 62 snack bags to

hand out to the homeless. We celebrated the end of the week with a visit from two different food trucks: the Sea Turtle Ice Cream Truck and KIKIS TAKO Truck. We also had some great music and surpassed our goal of \$300 to make burritos for the homeless in Newton.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11



More VBS photos on pages 3 & 4.



Time for a Break



Can you believe it's been 5 years already? I arrived at St Luke in June of 2017 and have had a great time with you all doing the work God has called us to do. I am excited

about what is yet to come, especially our focus on those who are on the margins in our community, including those who are food insecure and housing insecure.



Even though it seems like yesterday, a lot has happened in the last five years. We have taken on some renovations. We have held 4 Bible Schools. We have worked our way through a difficult 2 years of pandemic ups and downs. We have upped our live-streaming capabilities and learned how to think about those beyond our walls.

In consultation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I have decided that it is time for a break. Pastors in the United Methodist Church are encouraged to take a break from ministry every four years. This break is designed to provide the opportunity to rest and to recharge for continued ministry. Unfortunately, in many cases, this happens either when the pastor is on the verge of burnout or when it has already happened. I do not feel

like burnout is coming, and I don't want to wait until that happens.

So, I am taking August away. I want to thank Dale Dorrell, Jeff Carter, and Dennis Smith for leading worship while I'm away. I will arrange for area United Methodist pastors to provide pastoral care coverage and Jennifer will have contact information for them. You will be in good hands.

I plan to spend a bit of time traveling with Wendy around Lake Superior. I plan to spend a couple of days doing long-range planning for the next 12-18 months. I plan to be unplanned.

Thank you for all you do for your church and for God's world. I'll see you in September.

Chad

Discover Hope Supper Club

St. Luke has committed to providing the evening meal for Discover Hope the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next meal will be on August 2, 2021. We will be serving baked potatoes with hamburger, cheese, black olives, sour cream, butter, broccoli, applesauce and cookies for dessert for our August meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, July 31. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



KIT COLLECTIONS

As the local school supply lists and items begin appearing in stores, it is time to think about the student kit supplies for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. In July we will begin collecting the following items:

- UN-sharpened pencils
- Boxes of 24 crayons
- Boxes of 12 colored pencils
- Erasers (2 ½ to 3 inch)
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners

We will highlight the remainder of the student kit in August. Please put your donations in the “Ingathering Box” on the Mission Table.

If you are interested in the complete student kit list; or any of the other kits for Midwest Mission, please see the Mission table at St Luke. A stack of kit lists will be available for you to pick up a copy to take with you. I will be highlighting different kits in the upcoming newsletters. Any supplies or completed kits we collect will be delivered to MMDC when we send a team to work there next Winter.

Thank you in advance,
Corinne – Mission chair



“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”
—Douglas Pagels



THANK YOU

Vacation Bible School VOLUNTEERS

To the over 25 VBS volunteers—THANK YOU! As a result of you donating your time and talents, we were able to have fun, be creative, and share the word of God with over 50 kids. Those who played a vital role in VBS 2022 are:

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| Ann Leonard | Joyce Stonehocker |
| Peg Ehler | Kathy Trotter |
| Pastor Chad | Pat Patty |
| Jennifer Etter | Barb Swihart |
| Amy Murphy | Bill Ehler |
| Angie Plumb | Brad Patty |
| Lisa Marston | Michelle O'Brien |
| Leslie Maach | Kleo O'Brien |
| Karen Clark | Sienna Lewis |
| Barb Kaldenberg | Roux Lewis |
| Jenni Patty | Isabelle Edge |
| Rose Evans | McKenna Evans |
| Lisa Pageler | Mackynna Sims |

I am thankful for each and every one of you! (I'm also ready to sign you all up for VBS 2023. 😊)

Ann Leonard



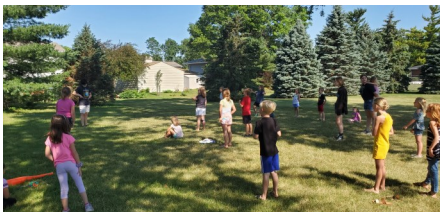


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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
July 17	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Kathy Trotter
Counters (2)	

July 24	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

July 31	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Gabe Swersie
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

August 7	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Worship Assistants For July & August

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of July & August. 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 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.



SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

Puzzle!

Find the missing letter in each alphabet below. Then read the words from top to bottom to discover Israel's promise from Joshua 24:24, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	_____
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFDCBA	_____
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	_____
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA	_____
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	_____
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA	_____
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ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFDCBA	_____
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZ	_____
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIGFEDCBA	_____
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	_____
ZYXWVUTSRQPONLJKJIHGFEDCBA	_____

Answer: We will serve the Lord ... and obey him. Joshua 24:24, NIV