

# St Luke UMC

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# THE BI-WEEKLY **Flame** CATCH THE FIRE!



## Vacation Bible School 2023

What a great week! Over 50 Heroes and 30 volunteers answered the call to serve God together and have some fun. Throughout the week our Heroes collected items such as hair brushes, water bottles and stuffed animals to donate to the Care Bags Foundation. We celebrated the end of the week with a special treat from the Sea Turtle Ice Cream Truck.

We also had some great music and presented Annie Foskett from the Care Bags Foundation with over \$300 and all of our collected items from the week. Make sure and mark your calendar for next year's VBS - June 24-28, 2024.

*Strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.*

Romans 14:19



More VBS photos on pages 3 & 4.

## 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 1. We will be having a potato bar with ham, cheese, olives, salsa, onions and sour cream with a melon bowl and sugar wafers for dessert. If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve the meal 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 30. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.



## Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, July 27 from 9 am-2 pm at the First 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](http://www.daysforgirls.org).



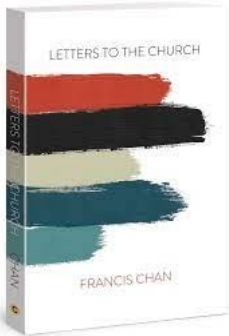
## Collection of Socks and Underwear For The Salvation Army

The United Methodist Women now United Women in Faith have been collecting socks and underwear for distribution through the Salvation Army for many years. We are changing the collection period to June and July so we can get our contributions to the Salvation Army prior to their distribution to families in August. A collection box is located in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Monday Night Zoom Study Group NEW Book Starting July 31

We will be starting a new book for our Monday Night Zoom Study Group beginning July 31 at 6:30 pm. We will be reading "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan. Books are \$13. If you are interested in joining this study, please contact Pastor Chad.



## St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.



# THANK YOU

## Vacation Bible School VOLUNTEERS

To the over 30 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 2023 are:

Ann Leonard  
Peg Ehler  
Pastor Chad  
Jennifer Etter  
Amy Murphy  
Lisa Marston  
Leslie Maach  
Barb Swihart  
Jenni Patty  
Karen Clark  
Barb Kaldenberg  
Rose Evans  
Lisa Pageler  
Katie Jones  
Brad Patty  
Bill Ehler  
Kathy Trotter

Joyce Stonehocker  
Pat Patty  
Gloria Simpson  
Karen Dorrell  
Dale Dorrell  
Michelle O'Brien  
Kleo O'Brien  
Ethan Pageler  
Brayden Etter  
Sienna Lewis  
Max Lewis  
Emma Stonehocker  
Iris Granata  
Janelle Lewis  
Gavin Stoner  
Philip Burnham  
Chloe DeRaad

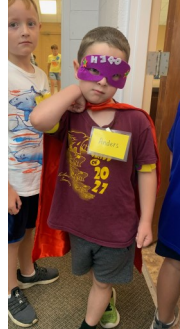
I am thankful for each and every one of you! (I'm also ready to sign you all up for VBS 2024. 😊)

Ann Leonard





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2023



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
July 23	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	Mary Onstot
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	

July 30	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Pam Andrews & Rose Evans
Greeters (2)	Brad & Jenni Patty
Reader	Jenni Patty
Acolyte	Payton & Brenna Figland
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien

Aug 6	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Russ & Lori Leix
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Russ Leix
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart

Aug 13	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Amy Onstot

## Worship Assistants

For 2023 we are excited to try something new with our worship assistant sign up. We would like to see more of our volunteer positions filled so we have decided to try passing around sign up sheets for 3 months at a time. We have had another wonderful response with our July-September volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through September but there are still a few spots open. If you would like to volunteer or see what positions are available you can email the church office at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto: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. 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.



# A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



## What you need:

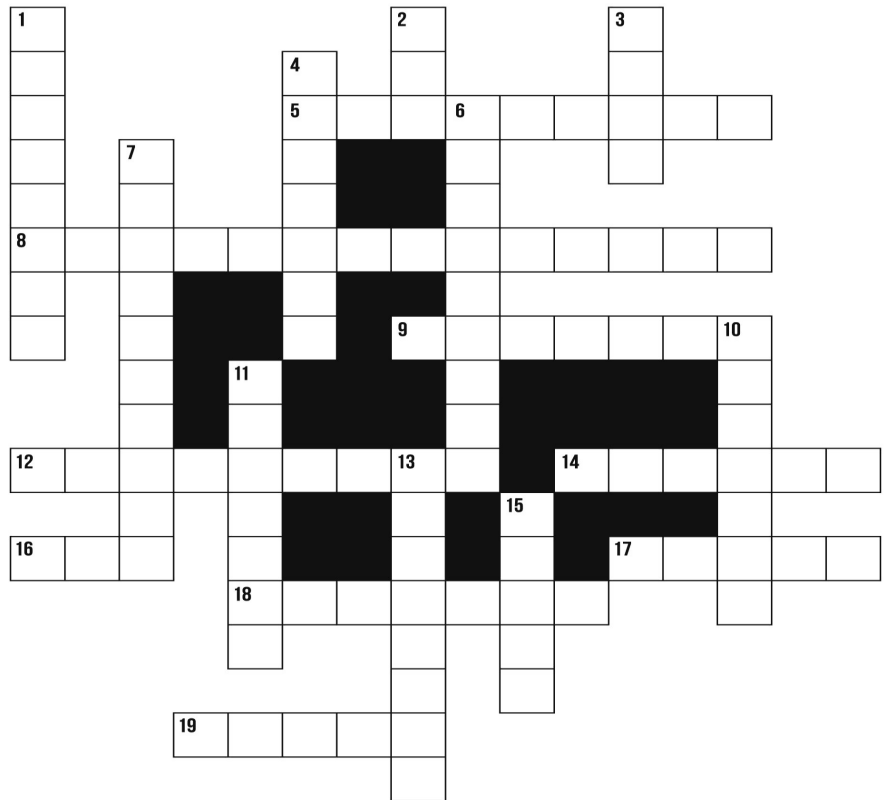
- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

## What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

# Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God.” Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God’s created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm                             | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist                       | 13. the degree of moisture in the air                    |
| 3. frozen rain pellets                         | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam          |
| 4. an area’s normal weather conditions         | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere              |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky   | 16. frozen water   |
| 6. violent tropical storm                      | 17. deluge   |
| 7. shaking of the earth’s crust                | 18. when day and night are of equal length               |
| 8. northern lights                             | 19. frozen dew or vapor                                  |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon |  |
| 10. wearing away of the soil                   |  |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice                 |  |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost