

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

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 are also notecards to write them a message, or bring your own note! All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week.

November Student Spotlight:



Student
SPOTLIGHT

Nathan Jennings

Nathan Jennings is a junior at University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. He is majoring in Accounting. He enjoys soccer, the St Louis Cardinals, Hawkeye sports, disc golf and the Green Bay Packers.

Jacob Murphy

Jacob Murphy is a junior at University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. He is majoring in Engineering. He enjoys disc golf, playing games, Hawkeye football, soccer and coin collecting.

Student
SPOTLIGHT



Coming next month: We will be sending all of our college students warm wishes for finals. Stay tuned!

Advent / Christmas Offerings 2021

This year the NOW Committee has chosen two ways for us to give during the Advent/Christmas season. We will receive a financial offering for La Fundacion de Cristo/ Christ's Foundry church in Dallas, Texas. This is a Missionary congregation in the North Texas Conference, led by Rev. Amy Spaur. The December 1 newsletter will tell you more about this missionary congregation.



IN-KIND DONATIONS



Our other focus will be an "In Kind" or material donation type of offering for the Jasper County Salvation Army Food Pantry. Each week of Advent & Christmastide we will have a focus item or items, that we encourage you to bring with you to worship. Since Advent begins on the last Sunday in November this year, we will begin these offerings on Sunday November 28th. Our 1st Sunday of Advent focus items are paper products. That includes: facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning wipes.

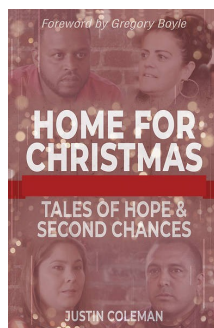
Please watch the December 1 newsletter for the full list of in kind offerings as well as more information on Christ's Foundry UMC in Dallas, Texas. Let's make this a blessed season for both of these missions.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW Missions



Christmas Decorating Day at St Luke Sunday, November 21

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 21 to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. This will be a time of Fellowship, Fun and Festive Decorating. Hope to see you there!



Advent Study

We will be doing an Advent Study via zoom starting November 29. It will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. We will be reading the book "Home for Christmas" by Justin Coleman. Books are \$15. Let us know if you are interested in joining us.

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 December 7, 2021. We will be serving ham, candied sweet potatoes, buttered corn, tomato/cucumber/apple salad, pie and ice cream for our December meal. If you would like to sign-up to provide food or monetary donations there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by December 5th. Please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Peg Ehler with any questions.



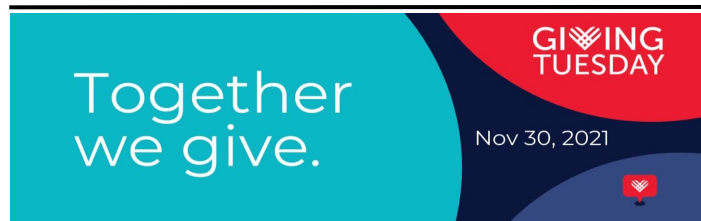
United Methodist Student Day Offering Sunday, November 28

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.



What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. Together, we're raising up gifted Christian leaders. Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?



Giving Tuesday

Black Friday. Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday. On November 30, you are invited to come together with thousands of United Methodists to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC Giving Tuesday. Connect your passion with God's mission as you give to a world in need through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service. There are so many different ways to express generosity on Giving Tuesday and every day! It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. To give your support on #GivingTuesday, go to: www.umcmmission.org/give.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Nov. 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
Counters (2)	Barb Kaldenberg

Nov. 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Reader	Dennis Smith
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	

Dec. 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Kathy Trotter
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Dec. 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

Worship Assistants For November & December

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of November & December. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheets on the



coffee 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. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. 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.



PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

KEY

THANK YOU, LORD



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ACTS 14:17, NIV

Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV