

# St Luke UMC

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# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

JOIN US FOR A



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | 6 PM**

## Calling All Cooks at St. Luke

Join us for a chili cookoff on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome. Each family can bring either a crockpot of chili or a side to share. Ideas would be: corn bread, salad, dessert or crackers. There is a sign up sheet located on the servant's counter. We will vote on our favorite chili by monetary contributions. The money will be used to buy ingredients for the burritos which we are making Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. After dinner we will be playing a game which we all can play as teams like charades or Pictionary. We are hoping to have a great turnout for our return of socials at St. Luke. Hope to see you there!



5th Sunday

**WORSHIP-IN-SERVICE**

**Food Insecurity Event**

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

## January WORSHIP-IN-SERVICE Event

Be ready to bring your \$30 and join us on January 29 for our WORSHIP-IN-SERVICE Food Insecurity Event. On the morning of January 29, our worship will be packing meals for Take Away Hunger and turning some of those meals into burritos that Robyn Taylor will take to the homeless in Newton throughout the winter.

We thank you for all you do, and for your participating in this exciting ministry opportunity at St Luke UMC.

## Fill the Moolah Tube For Heifer International

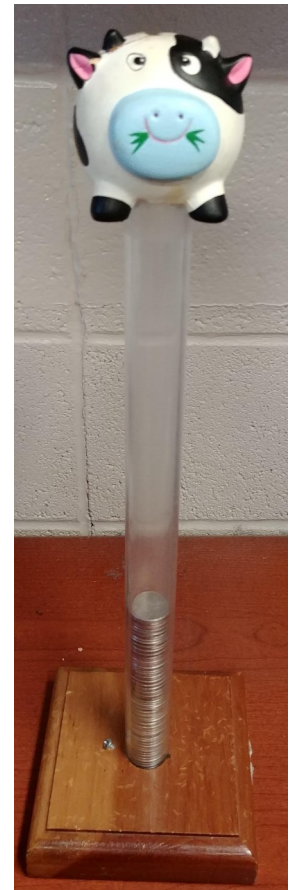
**THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT!**

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.



Dan West founded Heifer International in 1944 with the “teach a man to fish” philosophy. That philosophy still inspires their work to end world hunger and poverty throughout the world once and for all.

For more information about Heifer International, visit their website at: [www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org).



## St Luke News

Thank you all for the many cards we received for our 50th wedding anniversary. We were surprised and pleased to be remembered, and we have enjoyed reading them. Thanks again, for making our day so special!

Pam and Alan Andrews

## Calling VBS Volunteers!

We want you! To help us spread the word of God to local youth during Vacation Bible School which is June 26-30. We need volunteers in the areas of: classroom teachers, crafts, snacks, recreation, music, and drama. If you are able to help, please contact Ann Leonard at [annericleonard@gmail.com](mailto:annericleonard@gmail.com) or call/text her at 641-521-2463.



## February 2023 MMDC Trip

Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) is located in central Illinois. It is packed full of a wide variety of mission projects and is powered by volunteers. St. Luke will be sending a team of volunteers February 5-8, 2023 and you could be one of those workers. In the past some of our team has worked in the wood shop area, making school desks from discarded gym bleachers. Some of us have assembled kits such as layette kits the go to new mothers and hold clothing and diapers for newborn babies. We have assembled cleaning buckets, a 5 gallon bucket filled with cleaning supplies that aid those in areas hit with floods and storms. We have even had a person work in the sewing machine shop helping to clean and repair sewing machines that are donated to help support families. These projects and so many more are sent near the center and around the world to those in need. Christ is at the center of these projects and the stories that can be told of networking to make it all happen are miraculous. We stay in a dorm on site and eat meals together which we prepare in the dorm kitchen. We enjoy fellowship as we eat, worship, and play games. If you are interested please talk to Karen Clark at church or at 641-831-4526 or [skclark1978@gmail.com](mailto:skclark1978@gmail.com).



## 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 February 7. We will be serving chicken alfredo; apple, cucumber and tomato salad; garlic French bread and cookies for our February 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, February 5. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



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HOW CAN WE  
PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your request.

## Pursue Jesus — And Your Passions

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

—Janna Firestone



"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

—Sally Koch

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Jan. 22	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg

Jan. 29	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Worship-In-Service Day
Greeters (2)	Worship-In-Service Day
Reader	Worship-In-Service Day
Acolyte	Worship-In-Service Day
Keyboard	Worship-In-Service Day
Projection	Worship-In-Service Day
Camera	Worship-In-Service Day
Care Core	Worship-In-Service Day
Coffee Time	Worship-In-Service Day

Feb. 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Karen Clark & Carolyn Cook
Greeters (2)	Brad & Jenni Patty
Reader	Emily McConkey
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Pat Patty

Feb. 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Carolyn Cook
Reader	Ann Leonard
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Karen Clark

## 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 position filled so we have decided to start passing around sign up sheets for 3 months at a time. We had a wonderful response for our January-March volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through March 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.



# TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

## What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



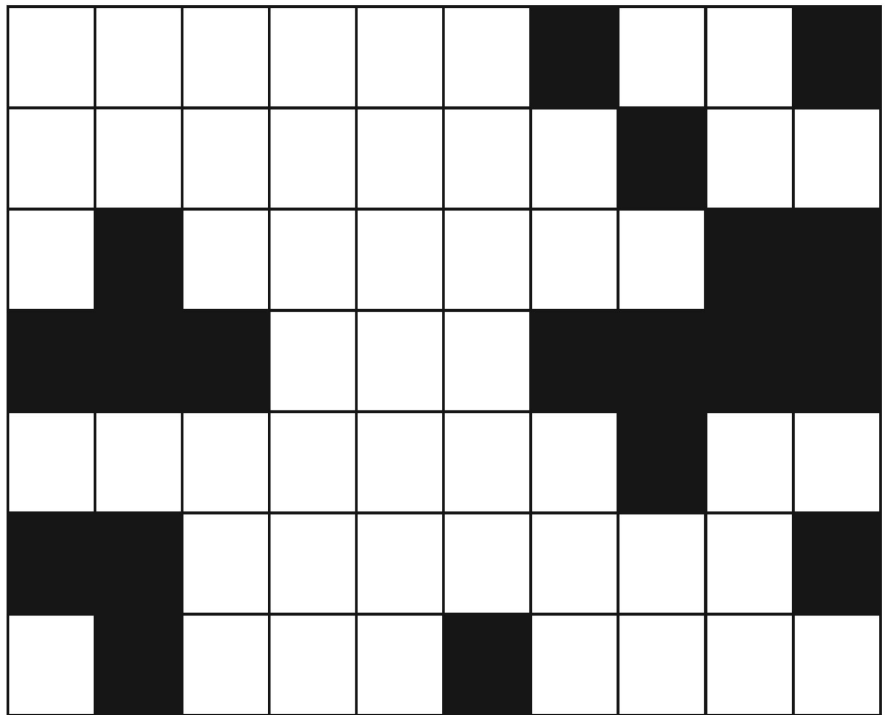
## What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
  - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
  - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
  - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
  - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
  - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
  - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story – and the snack – with a friend!

# Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.

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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1