

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

New Year - New Roof!

Our St Luke building has gotten a facelift to start the year! On January 1 the roofing crew arrived and started on our long awaited new metal roof. The crew worked fast and got it done before the anticipated snow. Here are some pictures of the progress and the final stunning result!

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



WORSHIP-IN-SERVICE

Food Insecurity Event

Sunday, January 28

January WORSHIP-IN-SERVICE Event

We hope you can join us on January 28 for our upcoming WORSHIP-IN-SERVICE Food Insecurity Event. This is an opportunity to share God's love through acts of service as an act of worship.

On the morning of January 28, our worship will be packing meals for Jasper County Hunger Relief and turning some of those meals into burritos that will be given to the food insecure in Newton throughout the winter. This is an opportunity for us to really dig into something that affects our community and to do something about it. For your part, **GIVE** for the ingredients of the meal packets we will pack (we need to raise \$1800 for the ingredients), **PACK** the ingredients during worship on January 28 or **COOK** the burritos for the community, and **PRAY** that God will lead us to the next ministry in our community to address the issue of food and housing insecurity.

Thank you for all you do, and for your participating in this exciting ministry opportunity at St Luke UMC. Please mark your gifts "Worship-In-Service" and put them in the offering.

"It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live."

—Ethel Percy Andrus





**Potluck Dinner
White Elephant
Gift Exchange Event
To Be Held
Saturday evening,
January 20th**

A St. Luke potluck/white elephant gift/candlelight dinner will be held Saturday evening, January 20th, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Adults of ALL ages are invited to attend! Please bring food items for potluck supper and one wrapped white elephant gift **per participating person**. Break your winter blahs!

**Sunday School Offering
January and February 2024**

For the first two months of 2024 we will be designating the Sunday School offerings for the 2nd through 4th Sundays to the St Luke Food Insecurity events. For the past few years we have held a Mission in Worship meal packing/burrito making event in January and a burrito event in the fall. (Please see the separate article about the January event and the costs involved.) The Sunday School offering in January and February will help with the cost of supplies for these events.



As always, if you would like to contribute to this mission and you do not attend Sunday School, please put "Food Insecurity Events" or "Mission in Worship" in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW missions



Weather Cancellation Policy

If school is cancelled/dismissed early due to weather, then St. Luke activities are cancelled that day/evening as well. Sunday Worship is rarely cancelled. Check our Facebook page for announcements. If the weather and road conditions are questionable, use your best judgement and be safe. Our services are also live streamed on our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel if you are unable to make to church and would like to watch the service online.



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 6. We will be having Reuben casserole, a relish tray, rolls and red hots applesauce. 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, February 4. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.



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.



Diaper Sewing Days

Our next Diaper Sewing Days are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday January 16 & 17 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your sewing machine, light colored thread, basic sewing tools, and your own sack lunch. No sewing skills required! We also have jobs such as fabric cutting, pinning, and pressing, or just come for the fellowship. These diapers will go to Midwest Missions on our next trip. If you have any questions please contact Karen Clark.



Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, January 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.



Worship-In-Service Burrito Prep Day

We will be preparing the burrito filling for our Worship-In-Service event in advance at St Luke on Saturday, January 27 from 9 am - 12 pm. We are in need of 6-8 volunteers to help with this. If you are interested in helping please sign up at the servant's counter. If you have any questions please contact Peg Ehler.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Jan. 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Roy & Pat Patty
Reader	Pat Patty
Acolyte	Camryn Lemons
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	Megan DeJong
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley
Jan. 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Russ & Lori Leix
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Payton & Brenna Figland
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Kaldenbergs
Feb. 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Joel & Karin Mills
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	Dennis Smith
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart
Feb. 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Ryan
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Nathan Figland
Acolyte	Payton & Brenna Figland
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Amy Ryan

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 March 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.



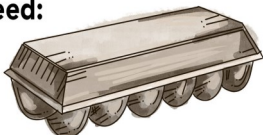
New INSIDE



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush











What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.

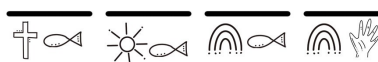


Puzzle!

Use the grid to discover what James 5:13-18 advises when challenges loom.

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	C	H	N	R	W
	E	I	O	S	Y
					

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Answers: Pray in faith. Pray for each other. Pray earnestly.