

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame

CATCH THE FIRE!

MAUNDY
Thursday
SERVICE

Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 PM

Join us Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 pm for a Maundy Thursday Worship Service. We ask that you please wear a mask and continue to properly social distance. We will also be live streaming the service for those unable to attend. Hope to see you there!

Join us on
Easter
Sunday!

Sunday, April 4th at 9:30 AM
Live Streaming Available

"Never yet was a springtime, when the buds forgot to bloom."

—Margaret Elizabeth Sangster



Lenten/Easter Offering

Local and Global... St Luke aims to help those in need. The NOW Committee strives each year to find ways to give to programs and missions both near and far that work toward the good of many. While we don't expect everyone to give to every mission/project we present, we hope that you will be drawn to at least some of these opportunities to share with the world.

This year our Lenten/Easter offering will be divided in 3 ways. Two thirds will remain local and One third will be global.

Discover Hope 517 is a local, faith based recovery community in Newton. Their mission is to provide recovery and restoration for those struggling with addiction. St Luke already serves this mission throughout the year through the meal program. This offering will be donated to the program for use where they most need the assistance. For more information on Discover Hope 517, see their website: discoverhope517.org

Neighbor Helping Neighbor is a local group that offers free laundry nights as well as 2 free clothing giveaways each year. A recent article in the Newton paper notes the need for socks and underwear for these giveaways. This offering will be donated to the program for use where they most need the assistance. For more information on Neighbor Helping Neighbor – Newton, check out their Facebook page.

"Church World Service Blankets (are) more than a donation and more than a blanket; it is an expression of God's Love." (from CWS 2020 brochure).



The Church World Service money donated becomes blankets which are donated to persons impacted by tornados, hurricanes, and winter storms. For every \$10 raised, a blanket is donated to someone in need. To learn more about Church World Service and its impact on the world, check out their website: cwsblankets.org

NOW Missions



St Luke News

Our sympathies and prayers to Deb Miller and family on the passing of Deb's mother.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at St Luke UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation of the sewing machines, school supplies and diapers to Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these". "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director



General Conference Postponed to 2022

Meeting on February 20, the Commission on the General Conference made a decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference until August 29 – September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis, Minn. as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the safety of mass gatherings and travel. The General Conference had been previously postponed to August 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the further postponement of the 2020 General Conference, the Council of Bishops (COB) is calling a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church (UMC) to be convened online on May 8, 2021.

Church Kitchen Door Update

We have recently updated the lock on the church kitchen door. If you currently have a key, it will still work in the main front door. Please contact the church office with questions or if you would like to request a 4 digit code. Thank you.



Holy Week

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship at St Luke

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm Worship at St Luke

Friday, April 2: Good Friday

(No Service)

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday

9:30 am Worship at St Luke



Holy Week



Easter Lilies Welcome

If you would like to share an Easter lily to decorate the altar for Easter in honor or memory of someone, please write your name and theirs in an email or note and send it to the church office or Pastor Chad. If you order the lilies to be delivered, have the florist call ahead before delivering to be sure someone is available at the church to receive them.



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 April 6, 2021.



We will be serving beef & noodles with mashed potatoes, cabbage patch salad, deviled eggs, and apple sauce with redhots for our April meal.



If you would like to sign-up to provide food or monetary donations there will be a sign-up sheet on the Coffee Counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by April 4th. Please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Peg Ehler with any questions.

Discover Hope also has an ongoing wish list. The requests for this month are: paper towels, Kleenex and jars of mayonnaise. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who donated items from last months wish list and for all the clean and empty food containers donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Building Update

We have worked our way through several of the items on the Trustees long term maintenance plan for the St Luke Building and Parsonage. So far, we have put a new roof on the main building and insulated the sanctuary. We have repurposed the old breezeway entry into storage. We have replaced the ceiling in the kitchen. We replaced the windows. In the parsonage, we have remodeled the kitchen and replaced the living room floor. We have done good work.

It is time for the next phase. The Trustees have already begun the work to replace the ceilings in the rest of the classrooms. In this process, the ceiling tiles will be replaced with sheet rock tiles, which are more durable, can be cleaned and painted. We will also replace the lights with LED fixtures and install proper air diffusers.

Each of the classrooms will cost around \$500 to complete all the work. The exception to this is the choir room, which is a double classroom and will be around \$1000. Including the hallway and bathrooms, the entire project will cost just under \$4000.

Please consider sponsoring a classroom, either by yourself or with others, so that we can protect and enhance our ability to do ministry in our building. And feel free to wander down the hall and see the progress as it happens.



“HOSANNA!

BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD

— THE KING OF ISRAEL!
JOHN 12:13, NRSV

Laud & Honor on Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday anthem “All Glory Laud and Honor” is one of Christendom’s oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin — *Gloria, laus et honor* — and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer “because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor.”

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String



What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

MMDC Trip—February 2021

Here are some pictures from the recent trip our St Luke team took to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The trip was a little different this year as it was a Covid style social distancing mission trip. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who made diapers, donated items and especially to our volunteers for serving and supporting Midwest Mission. You can continue to help and support MMDC by sewing diapers, planning to go on one of our 2022 trips or giving financially.



**MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER**
midwestmission.org

**** TENTATIVE ****

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
March 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

March 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg, Jenna McIntyre
Counters (2)	Rose Evans, Barb Kaldenberg

April 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Jeff & Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Counters (2)	

April 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Counters (2)	

April 18	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection (1)	
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

Worship Assistants

For March & April

We are continuing with our worship assistant sign-up. We want our church family to feel as safe and comfortable as possible worshipping indoors so we are asking for volunteers at this time.



If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: worship@stlukenewton.com, use the sign-up sheet on the Coffee Counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We appreciate everyone who has so willingly volunteered to help during this time. If this works well we may continue with a sign-up and will add or adjust positions as needed. Thank you!

Cultivating Kindness

Kind hearts are the gardens.

Kind thoughts are the roots.

Kind words are the flowers.

Kind deeds are the fruits.



**Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.**

**Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.**

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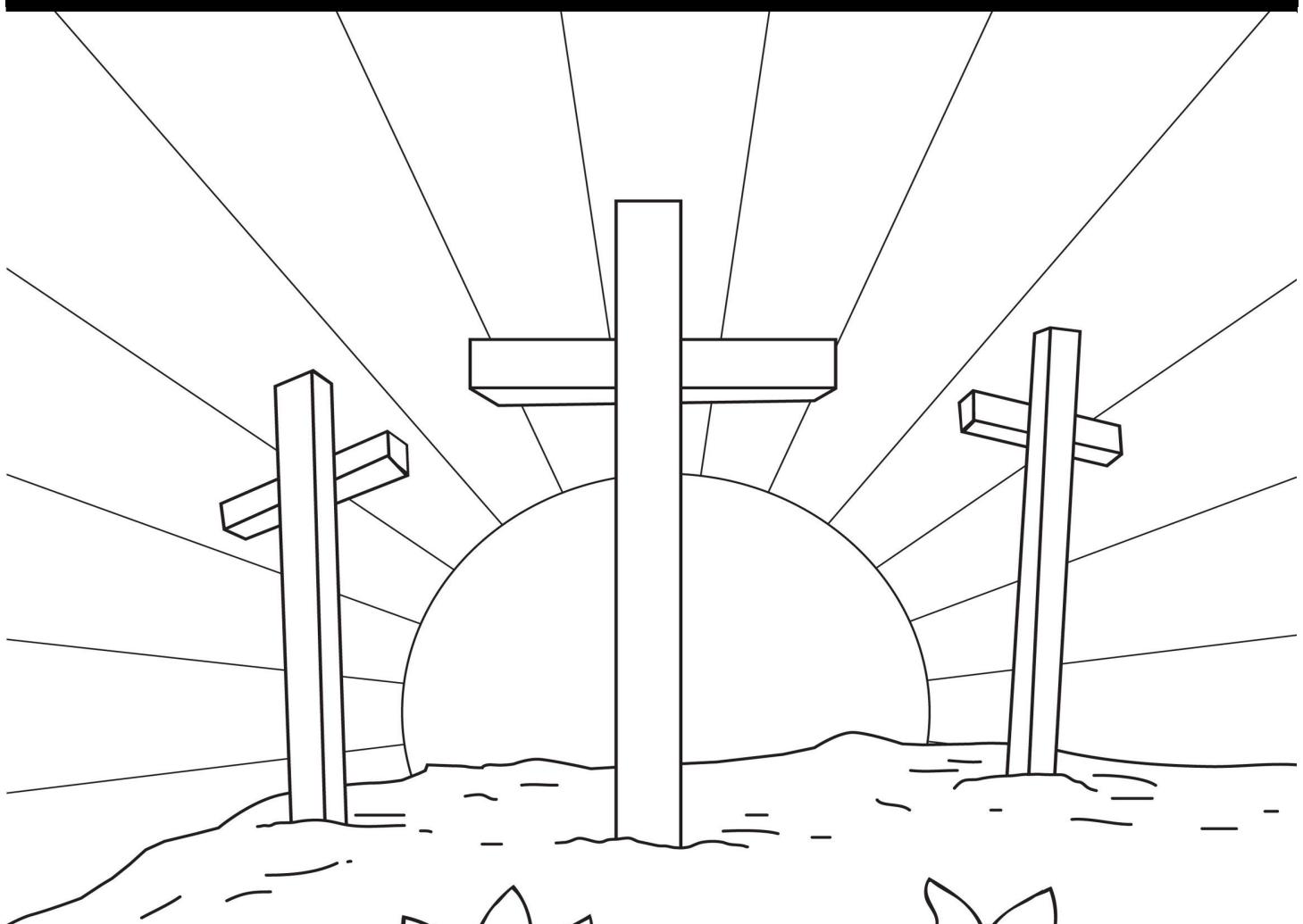
Prayer: prayer@stlukenewton.com

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.



COLORING PAGE



Jesus
Is Risen