

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

St Luke UMC
VBS 2023

Save the date!

JUNE 26-30



Calling VBS Volunteers!

Warmer weather is just around the corner which means we need to start planning for VBS! Mark your calendar for June 26-30 during which St Luke will host kids to celebrate and learn about God. This year's theme is a really fun one - Hero Hotline... Called Together to Serve God!

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity (teacher, recreation leader, snack leader, etc.), please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annericleonard@gmail.com.

We need your help with decorations this year. If you could please save and bring to the church any brown packing paper that may come in your shipping boxes we would really appreciate it. Thank you!

Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that donated to our April meal for Discover Hope, as well as everyone that helped to prepare and serve the meal. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family. Pictured below are some of our wonderful volunteers that helped to serve our April meal.

Joyce Stonehocker and Jan Lewis



2023 Graduates

We are gathering names for any graduate (high school or college) of our St Luke family. Please call or email the office and give us the name of your graduate ASAP, to be sure they are included. We would also like to include a photo of the graduate if at all possible. Thank you.

Class of 
2023

Smart Cookie Packing Day

We will be packing all the cookies ordered for the Smart Cookie Fundraiser on Saturday, April 29 starting at 9 am in the St Luke Fellowship Hall. We are in need of helpers for packing boxes. If you would like to volunteer to donate cookies and/or help pack boxes there is a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. Any questions contact Wendy Jennings. Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry.



Annual Conference 2023

The 2023 Iowa Annual Conference will be held June 2-4, 2023 at the [RecPlex](#) in West Des Moines and offered as a hybrid experience for those choosing to join remotely.

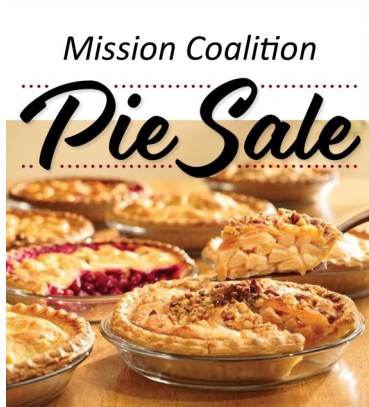
- Clergy Session will be at 9:00 AM Friday, June 2
- Call to Order and Episcopal Address will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 2
- Laity Session will be at 7:00 PM Friday, June 2

For more information visit the AC2023 Information Site: <https://www.iaumc.org/ac2023>.



St Luke News

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to Corinne Kleppe and family on the loss of her father, Arnold Kleppe.



St Luke
United Methodist
Church
Fellowship Hall

SIGN UP AT THE SERVANT'S
COUNTER TO DONATE PIES

Mission Coalition Pie Sale

Mission Coalition is having a pie sale in the St Luke Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 29 from 9 am - 12 pm. Sign up at the servant's counter to donate a pie. If you are donating a pie, please bring your pie(s) to Sam's Place at St Luke on Saturday, April 29 between 8 and 9 am. Contact Joyce Stonehocker with any questions.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, April 27 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.



Camp Season Is Coming Soon

It's time to start planning and signing up for camp at one of the beautiful Iowa United Methodist Camps. Catalogs are available at the church or you can go online to check out what's available at www.iaumc.org/camps. Get ready for your adventure of a lifetime.

Smart Cookie Fundraiser

Do you have a student in your life who is a smart cookie? Our student ministry is hosting a fundraiser to



encourage your favorite students and raise money to support those studying at Africa University. \$20 sends a box of 2 dozen homemade, made-from-scratch cookies delivered to your favorite people of any age. Four kinds of cookies to choose from. You can



place your orders through April 23 with a paper form at the church, scan the QR code, or find the online order form found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_Fuz0RLQB-IDZmNtHwrjKxRap1PzAVzOZASDvLIIxNfFia8A/viewform.

Contact Wendy Jennings with any questions.



Jasper County Take Away Hunger

The next packaging event for Jasper County Take Away Hunger will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We would like to organize a team of 12 volunteers to package meals at the event. They ask for a donation of \$35



per person to help cover the cost of the food packaged. If you are interested in volunteering or making a monetary donation to help cover the cost for our volunteers, please sign up at the servant's counter or contact Peg Ehler at 641-417-9979 no later than April 23.



Service for Vernon and Esther Klosterboer



Friday, April 21, 2023
10:30 Service with
Burial Ceremony
in Rose Hill Cemetery
Lunch to follow at the church.

Bethany Presbyterian Church
315 G Avenue
Grundy Center, IA

"The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's, smile at someone and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises."

—Leo Buscaglia



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 23	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Peg Kimberley
Greeters (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg

April 30	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Peg Ehler
Greeters (2)	Amy Onstot
Reader	Russ Leix
Acolyte	Payton Figland & Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	Lemons Family

May 7	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley
Reader	Nathan Figland
Acolyte	Payton Figland
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Megan DeJong

May 14	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	Wendy Jennings
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart

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 April-June volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through June 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, 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.



Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



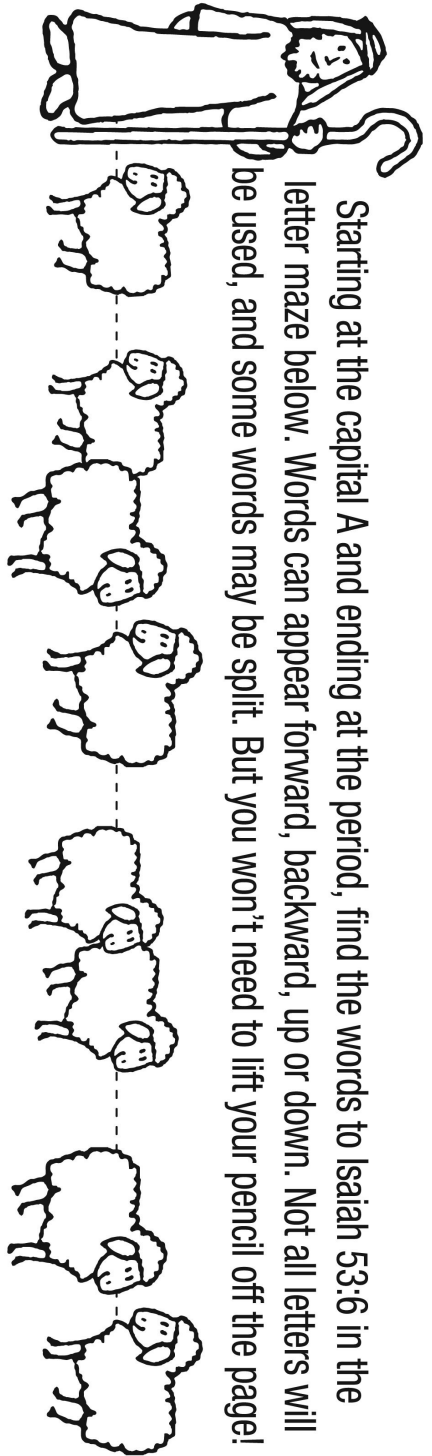
What you need:

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

What you do:

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!

Puzzle!



Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

AllwelikeshelieveIraywecommandsodtherighteousnessof
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 rightasisepraisedwiftoaputownwayapohumcornersfo
 heavenouerisagoneadogivisicaruoogercorlaidoireasonsus
 returncaphaventrustedeallturnedresspossesnhtruths.Ila

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV