

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

St Luke United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School 2022



June 27 - July 1 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am

St Luke VBS Registration is Now Open!

Summer is just around the corner which means it's almost time for St Luke VBS! Mark your calendar for June 27-July 1 from 9-11:30 am. This year's theme is a really fun one - Food Truck Party ...on a Roll with God.

Registration is now open. Check our St Luke Newton Facebook page for details or you can use the following link to register online. <https://forms.gle/CD3DRZCjrvCMiY179>

This year we need your help. One of our crafts this year is for the kids to put different snack items in small paper bags to hand out to the homeless. If you would like to donate any of the following food items for this project or give a monetary donation we would be extremely grateful. Here is a list of the food items we need.

- Pudding or jello cups
- Fruit or applesauce cups
- Small packages of crackers
- Tuna packets
- Ramen noodles
- Granola bars
- Pop tarts
- Single serve cereal
- Single serve chips

We are also still in need of volunteers. If you are able to volunteer in any capacity (recreation leader, crafts, classroom helpers etc), please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annerleonard@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled week of VBS! Spread the word and invite your family, friends or anyone you know with kids ages 3 years old through 6th grade completed.

Join Us!

Wednesday, May 25

Potluck at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Hear stories of Africa University from
Larry & Jane Kies at 7 pm in the sanctuary.



Visiting Missionaries Larry and Jane Kies

Larry and Jane Kies will be visiting St Luke United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 25. We will be having a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. Following dinner Larry & Jane will be giving a presentation on the latest at Africa University in Zimbabwe, South Africa at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

An Iowan, Larry retired in 2021 and Jane will retire in September 2022. As agricultural and educational missionaries, the Kies have faithfully served at Africa University for 21 years, and other locations before that.



We hope you can join us for an evening of food, fellowship and this wonderful opportunity to hear directly from our missionaries.

"Courage is fueled by the motivation to take the first step into the unknown."

—Cheryl Nielsen



2022 Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!

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. Register today for an adventure of a lifetime!

Can/Bottle Redemption Report



The redemption container in the northwest corner of our parking lot has been emptied 6 times since January 1. You have contributed many containers for a total of \$147.65 towards our apportionments. That averages over \$1 per day. Thank you for donating and depositing your donations unbagged.

Roy and Pat Patty

St Luke News

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Dwight Huggins and family on the loss of his wife Jacqueline Huggins.

Hold in prayer Bill & Barb Ponder and family on the loss of Barb's daughter Mari Jo DeGrado.

Volunteers Needed For Summer Weekly Plant Watering

We are looking for weekly volunteers to come out and water the plants around the church grounds this summer. If you are interested please sign up at the servant's counter as soon as possible so we can get the summer schedule made. Contact Lori Leix with any questions.



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 June 7, 2021. We will be serving tangy meatballs, broccoli/cauliflower salad, deviled eggs, rolls and brownies for our June 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, June 5. Any questions please contact Peg Ehler or Joyce Stonehocker.



Thank You From Mission Coalition

Mission Coalition would like to give a big thank you to everyone that helped to make the Mission Coalition Pie Sale a huge success. Whether you donated a pie, helped with the pie sale or just came out and purchased a pie, we can't thank you enough! With all the funds raised we will be able to give close to \$700 to The Salvation Army. Thank you everyone. We are truly grateful for your generosity.



Diaper Sewing Update

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped with diaper sewing this month. We were able to produce 101 finished diapers with many others partially completed in those two days in May. We also have a total of 436 diapers completed since we last delivered diapers to MMDC in January.



Smart Cookie Fundraiser Update

"These cookies are about to get annihilated": a direct quote from one recipient after receiving their cookie box. On behalf of our hometown smart cookie students and the ones at Africa University, **thank you!** After supply and postage expenses, we were able to donate over \$700 to student scholarships with our Smart Cookie fundraiser. There was also the added benefit of sending a surprise and encouragement to our hardworking students (and a few teachers!) Many thanks to those who participated; whether it was helping to advertise, ordering, donating money, making dough, baking, or assembling and packing boxes. Our small event made a big impact!



Thank You

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
May 22	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	Nathan Figland
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

May 29	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Emily McConkey
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Peg Ehler
Care Core	Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Rose Hartschen
Counters (2)	

June 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Hiap Thongvanh
Counters (2)	

June 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Bruce & Leslie Maach
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

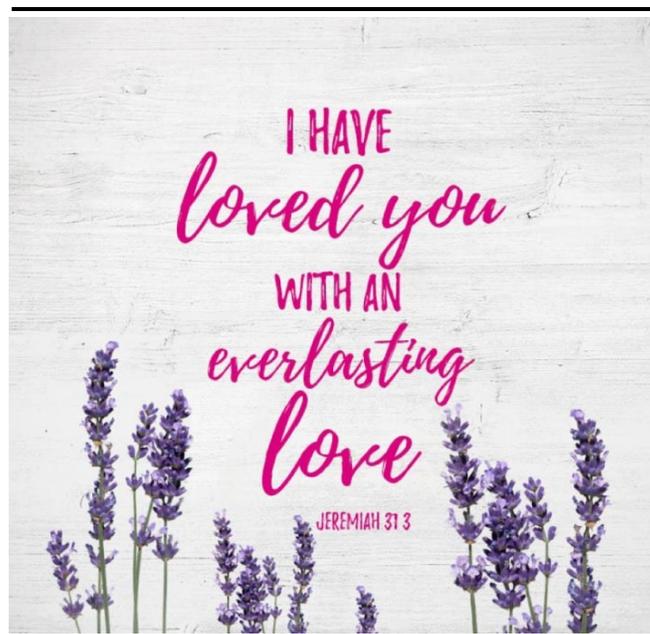
Worship Assistants For May & June

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of May & June. If you would like to volunteer 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 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. 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.



Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.



What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

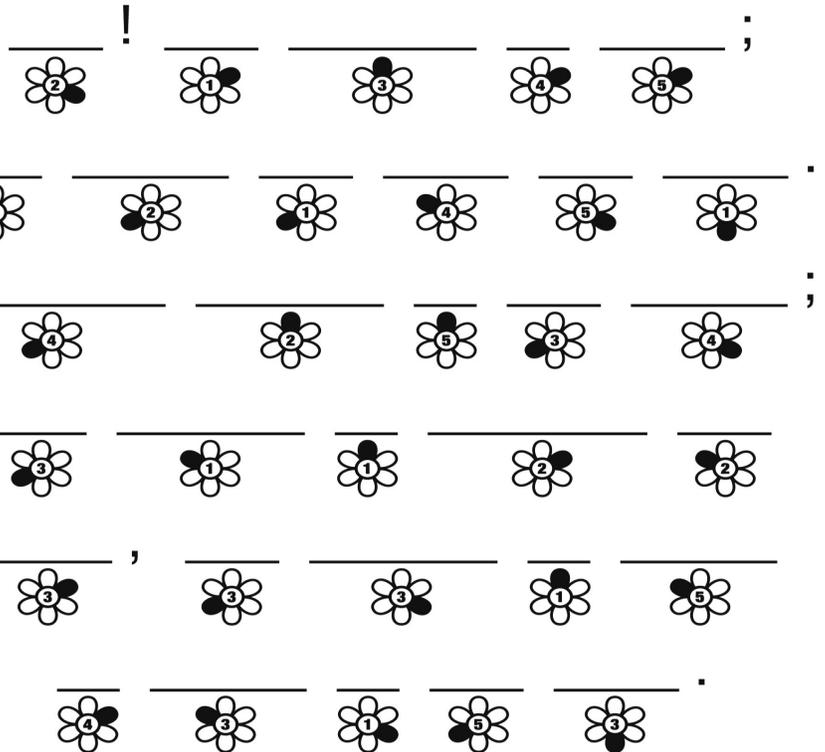
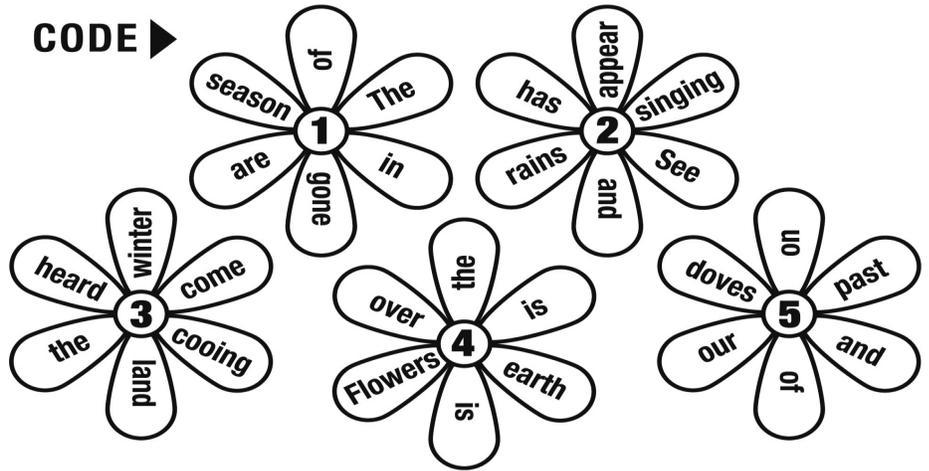
What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ▶



SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV