

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY flame CATCH THE FIRE!

Celebrating Our St Luke Graduates

Congratulations to our 2023 St Luke graduates! We plan to recognize their accomplishments during our Sunday morning worship on May 21 at 9:30 am.



Jiayi (Maria) Zhang

Jiayi (Maria) Zhang is the daughter of Xin Wei and Pat Vasquez. She is a 2023 graduate of Newton Senior High School. During high school Maria was involved with band and participated in the WGI Indoor Wind Ensemble as the center marimba for her school. She has a 4.0 GPA and was in the National Honors Society. She received the Newton Noon Kiwanis Arion Award for outstanding musical achievement, was a 2023 WGI Percussion open-class Finalist, was a Iowa Bar Association "Know Your Constitution" Competition Finalist and a 2022 State Solo and Ensemble Division 1 soloist. After graduation Maria plans to pursue her undergraduate education specifying in applied mathematics and economics at Grinnell College.



Ava Renee Smith

Ava Renee Smith is the daughter of Eric Smith and Amy and Stephen Wright, and granddaughter of Dennis & Pam Smith. She is a 2023 graduate of Ankeny Centennial High School. During high school Ava was involved in Student Council, Student Ambassadors, PEOPLE P.E. and Circle of Friends. She also played basketball and ran track. She received the Spirit of the Jaguar Award her sophomore year and also received the Liberal Arts and Sciences Excellence Scholarship for Iowa State next year. Ava loves to be outdoors and enjoys hiking. Her favorite local spot is White Rock Conservancy. After graduation Ava plans to attend Iowa State University and major in psychology.





Aniston Hope Chambers

Aniston Hope Chambers is the daughter of Brooke Chambers and Mike Wood and Scott and Monica Chambers, and granddaughter of Dick and Bette Couch and Randy and Sheryl Chambers. She is a 2023 graduate of Newton Senior High School. During high school she served on the Student Council. Aniston donates blood to help save lives every chance she can. Her grandpa is the number one person in her life. After graduation Aniston plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in psychology.

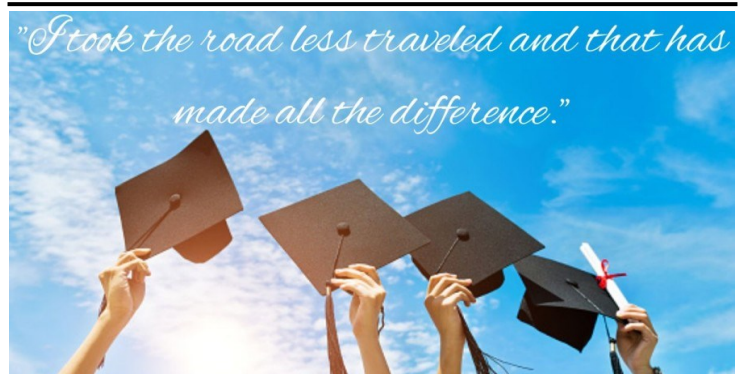


Marin Elizabeth Pettigrew

Marin Pettigrew is the daughter of Larry Pettigrew and Elizabeth Bailey Powell and granddaughter of Jr and Gloria Simpson and Larry G. Pettigrew. She is a 2023 graduate of Newton Senior High School. During high school Marin played soccer, volleyball and golf. She was on the Student Council all 4 years and was President last year. She was a Homecoming Queen candidate, a Dollars for Scholars Recipient, received the Governor's Scholar Award and is also Valedictorian. Marin was baptized at St Luke United Methodist Church. After graduation Marin plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in anthropology.


2023
class of

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Our St Luke College Graduates



Jacob Murphy

Jacob Murphy is the son of Amy Murphy and Jeff Murphy. He is graduating from the University of Iowa on May 14 with a degree in Civil Engineering. On May 17 he will begin an internship with a structural civil engineering company. Jacob will also be attending graduate school for one year to get his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering.



Emma Phipps

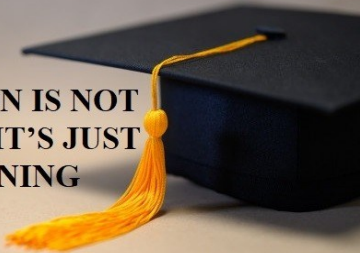
Emma Phipps is the granddaughter of Jack and Kathy Trotter. She is graduating from the University of Iowa in May with a degree in Sport and Recreation Management with a focus in Communications and Public Relations. Emma plans to continue working with nonprofits that help the youth in their communities to use sports/physical activities to learn valuable life lessons and skills.

Beginning ... and Beginning Again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

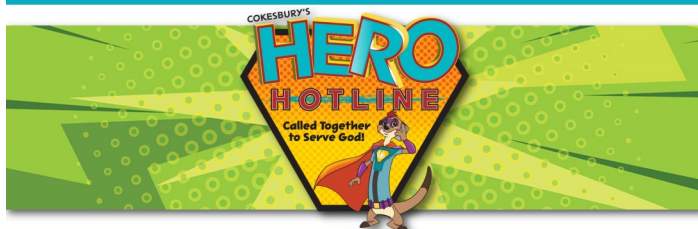
“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!



**GRADUATION IS NOT
THE END.... IT'S JUST
A BEGINNING**

St Luke United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School 2023



June 26 - 30 | 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 26 - 30 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. This year's theme is a really fun one - Hero Hotline... Called Together to Serve 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/XjYuKyCWxDLZCwfd6>

This year we need your help with decorations. 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.

We are also still in need of volunteers. If you are able to volunteer in any capacity please contact Ann Leonard at 641-521-2463 or annericleonard@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.

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 6. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs, corn, chips, fresh fruit salad and cookies for our June meal. 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, June 4. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.



Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, May 25 from 9 am-2 pm at the First 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.



Thank You From Mission Coalition

Mission Coalition would like to give a big thank you to everyone that helped to make our pie sale a huge success! Thank you to those that donated pies, helped with the pie sale and for everyone that came out and bought a delicious pie. We raised \$1,200 and will be giving the money to the laundry service in Newton. Thank you again St Luke from Mission Coalition. We are truly grateful for your generosity.



SUNDAY, JUNE 11 Outdoor Worship Service & Potluck

WORSHIP 9:30 AM — POTLUCK 11 AM

Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck

On Sunday, June 11th we will be worshipping outside on the west side of the church. We will follow the worship service with a potluck at 11 AM.

Sunday school will be slightly shortened to 10:15-10:30 to 11 AM. A sign-up sheet for contributions to the potluck will be on the servant's counter later in May. Please indicate how many persons from your family can attend and what you would like to bring: either main dish, salad, or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

There is no need to bring table service, we will use the church silverware and paper products for the plates and cups. In the event of inclement weather, worship will be in the sanctuary, but we will still have a potluck in fellowship hall.

Diaper Sewing Days

Our next Diaper Sewing Days are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday May 30 & 31 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 trip next February. If you have any questions please contact Karen Clark.



"Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."

—Unknown



UMCOR Thank You



Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms - sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary



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. The Call to Order and Episcopal Address will be at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 2. Clergy Session will be earlier that morning at a time and location to be determined and Laity Session will be at 7:00 p.m that evening at the RecPlex.

A special called annual conference for the focused work of disaffiliation is scheduled on November 18, 2023.

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



Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the information table in Sam's Place.



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.



2023 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!



Vacation Bible School Registration Form



3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, June 26 - 30, 2023
9:00—11:30 am

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No registration fee,
but **donations** for
curriculum & supplies
are gratefully accepted.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Sex: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Allergies/Other needed information: _____ (Or will attend Kindergarten in Fall 2023 _____)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: (____) _____ Secondary phone: (____) _____

Home church: _____ City: _____

Emergency Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name #2: _____ Relationship: _____



Phone: _____

I do NOT want my child's photo, individually or in a group, posted on the church Facebook page or any other online sites.

Parents & others are invited to watch the opening skit at 9:00-9:10 am each morning in sanctuary.

Mission Offering
Received daily for Mission Projects.



 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. 
-Proverbs 22:6-

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
May 21	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Leonard Family
Reader	Mary Onstot
Acolyte	Payton Figland & Nathan Figland
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Camera	
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley

May 28	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Peg Ehler
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Peg Ehler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg

June 4	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	Nathan Figland
Acolyte	Payton Figland
Keyboard	
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart

June 11	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Jeff Carter
Acolyte	
Keyboard	
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien

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.

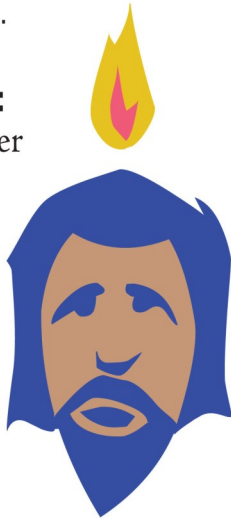


Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue

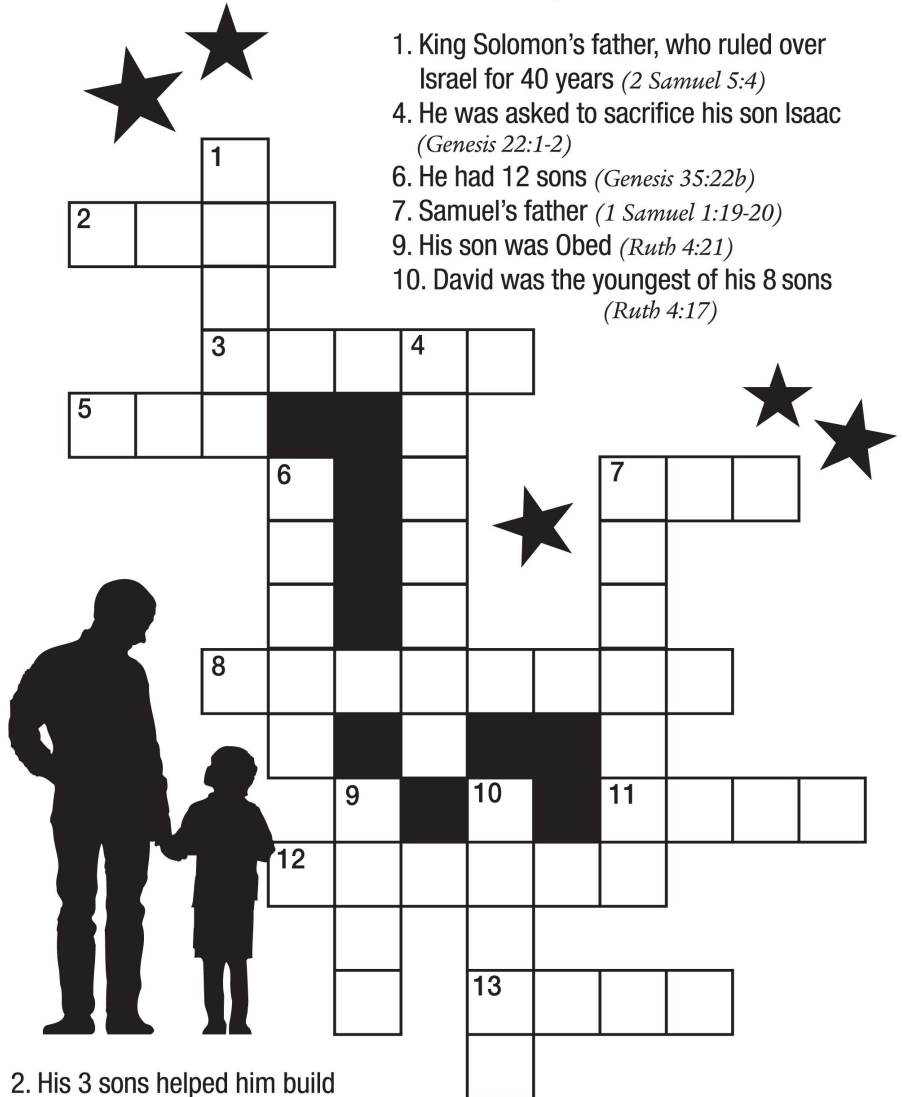


What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.
Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (*2 Samuel 5:4*)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (*Genesis 22:1-2*)
6. He had 12 sons (*Genesis 35:22b*)
7. Samuel's father (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*)
9. His son was Obed (*Ruth 4:21*)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (*Ruth 4:17*)

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (*Genesis 6:10*)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (*Genesis 27:30*)
5. The Father of our Lord (*Ephesians 1:3*)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (*1 Samuel 2:12*)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (*2 Samuel 9:6*)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (*Genesis 4:25*)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (*Matthew 1:20-21*)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (*2 Samuel 9:6*)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul, 9. Boaz, 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli,