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BI-WEEKLY

CATCH THE FIRE!

Vacation Bible School 2024

During Vacation Bible School, join first-time camp Counselor Doug and Lumen, "Lu," the lightning bug puppet, for a summer adventure at Camp Firelight. Campers accompany Counselor Doug and Lu during each assembly session and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Doug face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu, the Lightning Bug, and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Doug and the Campers explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Bible Figures trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do great things in God's name. As the Campers experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives. This unique Vacation Bible School program invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. Camp Callout (Theme Verse): "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

Join us June 24 - 28 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am for a fun filled week of *Camp Firelight* VBS! Registration forms can be found in the center of this newsletter, on the church information table or online. Check our St Luke Newton Facebook page for details or you can use the following link to register online.

https://forms.gle/xETD9iFVifJfPwew6

Welcome to the Johnson family!

Mark, Alexis, Maggie, and Nehemiah Johnson will be moving into the parsonage on Sunday, June 23rd.

Mark will be in Church beginning Sunday, July 7th. He will officially lead worship on Sunday, July 14th. Also, Alexis has been appointed pastor at Oakwood United Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill. They have two children. Maggie is 9 and will be in 5th grade and Nehemiah is 7 and will be in 2nd grade.

Children, too, are leaving their friends so we will have a welcoming love gift basket for the children. It will be in the Narthex if you would like to give them a fun gift, i.e. bubbles, sidewalk chalk, books, etc. Surprise them!!

The welcome cake reception will be on Sunday, July 14th after service. Further upcoming plans to meet and greet the Johnson family will be announced later once they get settled.

Prayers for the family and their transition as they begin their new journey at St. Luke. Looking forward to giving you all hugs!

Help Pastor Mark Get to Know You!

We would like to assist Pastor Mark in getting a "jump start" in getting to know our church members and friends. We have made a questionnaire for each of you to fill out so he can learn more about you. Forms will be on the college table and there is a basket by the office where you can drop off your filled out form. Please return these by June 23 if possible.

Mission Coalition is Collecting Hy-Vee Receipts for Discover Hope

Do you save your Hy-Vee receipts? We hope so because Newton Hy-Vee wants to give back to the community through DH!

Bring your Newton Hy-Vee receipts dated January 17, 2024, through January 17, 2025, and if they make it to $100,000.00, Hy-Vee will donate $1000 to Discover Hope 517!

This includes catering, floral deliveries, prescription purchases, filling up at the fuel pump - anything!

You can drop off receipts at St Luke by putting them in the Hy-Vee receipt container outside the office or you can also bring receipts directly to Discover Hope.

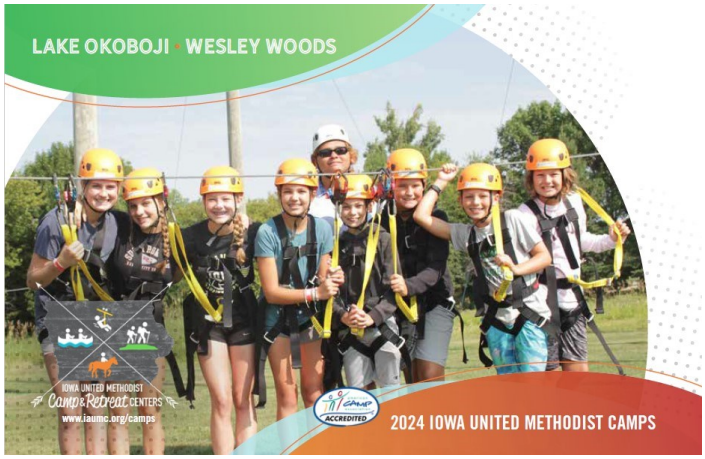
So start saving those receipts STARTING TODAY!

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 July 2. We will be having Flying Farmer Chicken Salad, Shoestring Potoatoes, Deviled Eggs, Fresh Fruit and Rice Krispy Bars. 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 30. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.

Days For Girls

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



2024 Summer Camp Registration Is Open!

It's time to start 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 your adventure of a lifetime!

St Luke News

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to Bill Ponder and family on the passing of his wife, Barbara Ponder.

UWF Collecting Socks & Underwear

St. Luke United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) will be collecting underwear and socks for Jasper County school children during June and July.

Our plan is to deliver these needed articles of clothing to the Salvation Army early in August for their school clothes and supplies give away.

There will be a wicker container in the gathering space for the summer months. Please drop in your donations and it will be delivered.

Summer Special Music

It's been a few years since we pushed for special music throughout the summer months. I don't know about you, but I miss special music during worship when the Choir and Praise Team take a break for the summer. This year, we are asking you to sign up to share some music with St Luke during the summer months. We may not have special music every Sunday, but hopefully we will have it at least a few Sundays this summer. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the Servant's counter for the end of June through the end of August. We hope you will share your talents with us sometime this summer.

Special Music this Summer

Corinne Kleppe & Amy Onstot

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
June 23	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Joel Mills
Camera	Karin Mills
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
June 30	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Carolyn Cook
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Joel Mills
Camera	Karin Mills
Care Core	Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	
July 7	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Amy Ryan
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart
July 14	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Peg Ehler
Greeters (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Leslie & Bruce Maach

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 2024 and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through September 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.

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

3 Years through 6th Grade completed
Monday-Friday, June 24 - 28, 2024
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 2024_____)

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_____

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 of 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-