St Luke UMC
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BI-WEEKLY
THE Flame
CATCH THE FIRE!

Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor Missionary Visit
Saturday August 24th – 3:00 to 4:30 pm
St Luke United Methodist Church

For the last few years we have been supporting global missionaries, Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor. Emmanuel is a medical doctor with Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. Florence serves as a mid-wife and Nurse with the Mutabara Mission hospital. This summer, we have the opportunity to hear in person their wonderful stories of mission.

Please join us on Saturday afternoon, August 24th for an informal gathering and time of fellowship. We will hear, in person, from Dr Emmanuel and Florence. Treats will be provided.

Corinne, NOW Missions

Sunday School Teaching Opportunity

We are looking for Sunday School teachers to join a teaching team for our elementary aged students starting this fall. If you have any interest in this opportunity please contact the church office.

Tailgate Party

Calling all Iowa and Iowa State football fans. The big game is Saturday, September 7 at 2:30 pm.

Let's have a tailgate party at St Luke United Methodist Church. Wear your team's colors and watch the game in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and what you want to drink.

Event sponsored by N.O.W. committee. All ages welcome.

College Ministry Info

Attention college students and families:

I know you don't want to think about this yet, but the next school year is fast-approaching. Our College Ministry wants to make sure that we can stay connected. If you have or are a college student, please let us know if you would like to be included in this ministry. We will need each college student's name, campus contact information and their email address to get information from them. Have a great year!

September Book & Puzzle Sale

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is sponsoring a Book/Puzzle Sale to raise money for Books for St Nicks Christmas Program and for Missions. This will be our 10th year of giving every St Nick recipient a book!

During the month of September, there will be tables of books and puzzles displayed in Fellowship Hall. For a small amount of money, you can own some new-to-you books and puzzles for the upcoming winter months! We are accepting freewill offerings but would like to suggest paperbacks for $.50, hardbacks and puzzles for $1. (Again, any amount over that will be greatly appreciated.) Come ready to peruse on Sunday, September 1st!

Mat Mondays

In Newton, Iowa, the **Looms of Love** programs is making a delightful difference!

This heartwarming resourcefulness program involves the entire community. Coming together to create **sleeping mats** for those who find themselves homeless. Volunteers process plastic shopping bags into these durable mats, providing comfort and warmth to those in need. It's like a cozy hug wrapped in recycled love! And guess what?

You can join the mission coalition on Mondays from 1pm- 3pm at the First Christian Church in Newton, where we work on creating these mats. Your contribution could make a significant impact!

Let's weave some kindness together!

Neighbor Helping Neighbor is Collecting Empty Laundry Detergent Jugs

Neighbor Helping Neighbor is collecting empty laundry detergent jugs to refill with homemade laundry detergent. If you have any you would like to donate you can put them in the donation box at the church or take them to First Lutheran Church.

St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, August 22 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.

MISSION HIGHLIGHT
Women At the Well UMC

For years, even before there was an official United Methodist church, St Luke participated in offering worship opportunities at the women's correctional facility in Mitchellville Iowa. While the guidelines have changed, the mission of Women At the Well has not changed.

Women at the Well offers faith based reentry teams, worship, prayer and more. If you would like to learn more about Women at the Well, check out their website at womenatthewellumc.org. If you would like to support this mission by donation, please write "Women At the Well" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate.

Corinne Kleppe, Now Missions

Discover Hope Meal Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that donated to our August meal for Discover Hope, as well as everyone that helped to prepare and serve the meal. We served beef burgers, corn, watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, chips and cookies for dessert. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family!

Joyce Stonehocker and Jan Lewis

On August 6 the following members of St. Luke served supper at the Discover Hope Ministry: Peg Kimberley, Amy Ryan, Rose Evans, Peg Ehler, Carolyn Cook, and Bruce March.

Also a big behind the scenes thank you to Joyce Stonehocker, Jan Lewis, Ina Heideman and Jean Schnell for preparing the meal.

Our next opportunity for providing food will be October 1. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Servant's Counter to volunteer to contribute food or serve!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
August 18	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Karin Mills
Camera	Joel Mills
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Peg Ehler
August 25	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	David Spiker
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	Camryn Lemons
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
September 1	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Mike & Michelle O'Brien
Greeters (2)	Ann Leonard
Reader	Ann Leonard
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien
September 8	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Ann Leonard
Greeters (2)	Carolyn Cook
Reader	Jenni Patty
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Hiap Thongvanh

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!

Confirmation Class Starting This Fall

We will be starting confirmation class this fall with more information to come. Please contact the church office or let Pastor Mark know if you are interested.

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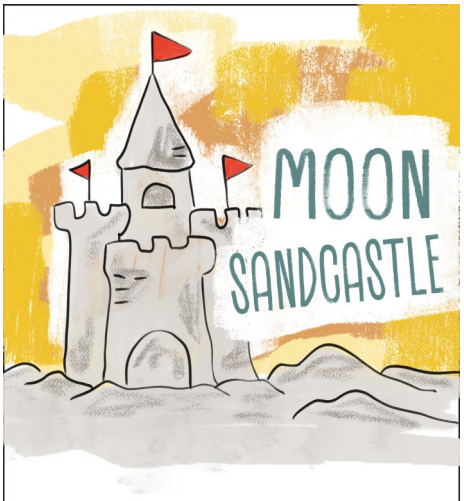
Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil

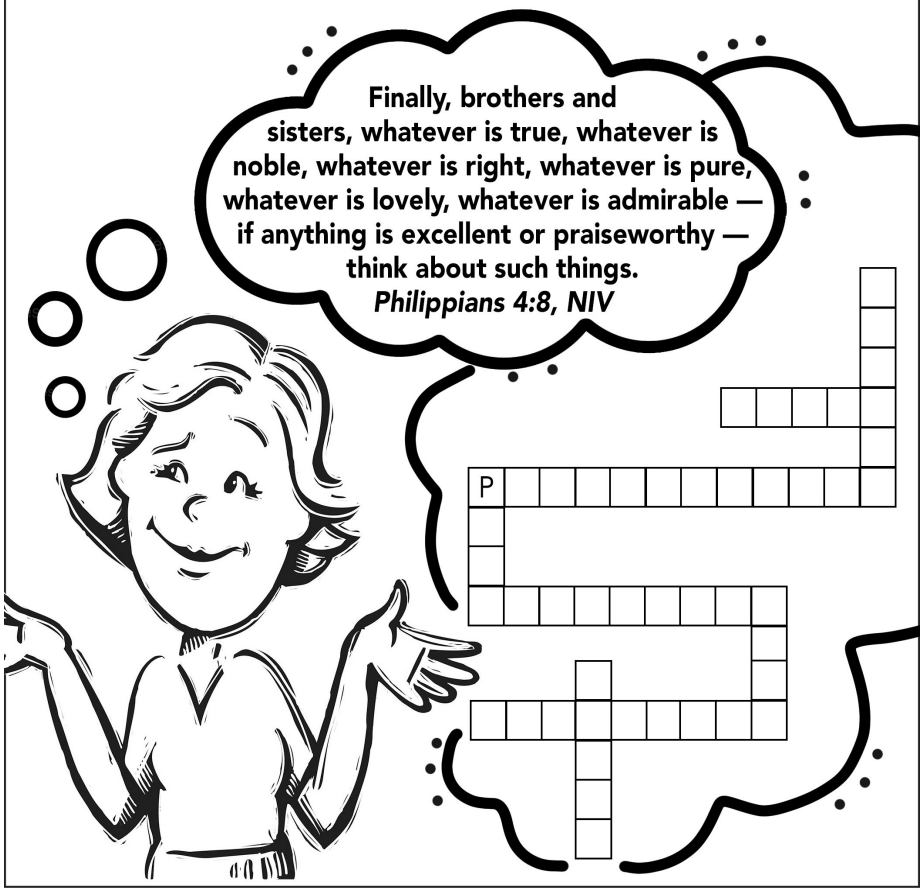
What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

Puzzle!

Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2. Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
correct	excellent
commendable	lovely
extremely good	noble
having high moral principles	admirable
deserving respect	pure
pleasant	praiseworthy
real	true
wholesome	right



Match Answers: correct - right, commendable - praiseworthy, extremely good - excellent, having high moral principles - noble, deserving respect - admirable, pleasant - lovely, real - true, wholesome - pure; Horizontal Answers (top to bottom): noble, praiseworthy, excellent, admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure, right, true, lovely