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THE Flame
CATCH THE FIRE!

Personal Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission

Following disasters, much like the tornados and floods that have plagued Iowa this year, Midwest Mission is often called on to provide cleaning kits but also Personal Dignity Kits are often in demand. A personal dignity kit provides persons with hygiene essentials. During the months of October and November we will be collecting items that will eventually be used to complete these kits. Any items that are collected can be placed on the Mission table and they will be checked/ counted and boxed for delivery to Midwest Mission.

Personal Dignity Kits include the following items:

- 1 Bathroom Hand towel
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Adult toothbrush (Must be in a SINGLE package)
- 1 bar of Soap (3-4 ounces)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (12-19 ounces)
- 1 Deodorant (2-3 ounces) – can be stick or roll on
- 1 lotion (8-10 ounces)
- 1 gallon resealable plastic bags

Please pay attention to the sizes listed, these sizes can be easily packaged into the 1 gallon plastic bag… any bigger and the bag cannot be sealed.

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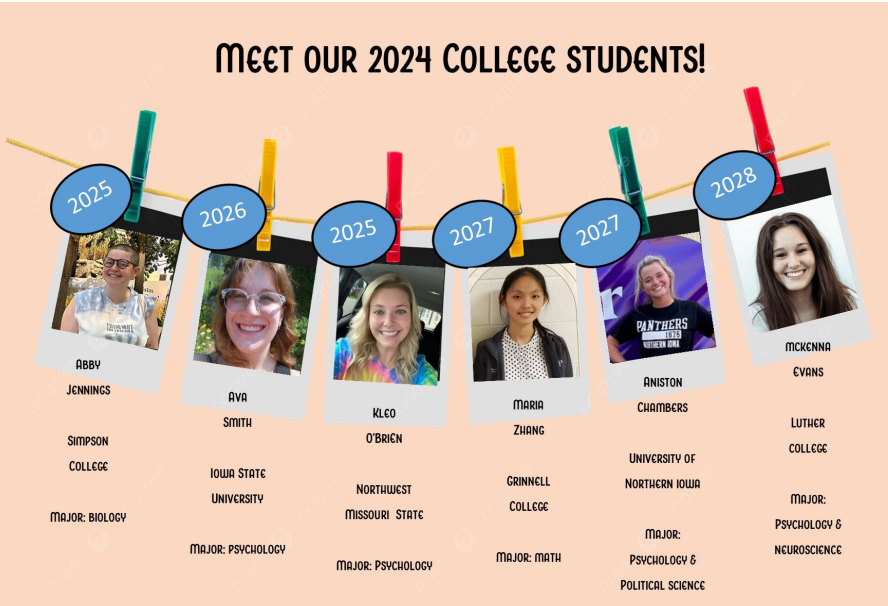

Christ's Foundry Prayer Mission

I received a letter in the mail from Rev. Amy Spaur, lead pastor at La Fundicion De Christo /Christ's Foundry in Dallas Texas (aka… St Luke family member!). She was sharing some information about their support of children and youth, and I will share more of that in the coming months. She did have one request that I would like to address right now. They are looking for prayer partners. People who are willing to pray for specific children during this school year. She sent me a list of 119 children to pray for.

I am looking for persons who are willing to take on the task to pray for one or more of these children this school year. If you are interested and willing to take part in this support ministry, please let me know — at corinne.kleppe@grinnellmutual.com or let me know next time I see you at worship. Let me know the number of children you wish to pray for this school year, and I will give you some names. I am hoping we can get all 119 children spoken for quickly as the school year is starting.

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LA FUNDICIÓN DE CRISTO
CHRIST'S FOUNDRY
MISIÓN METODISTA UNIDA

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!

Get to Know Pastor Mark
Cottage Meetings

Starting in late September we will be having informal in-home cottage meetings to get to know Pastor Mark better. We will have several dates and times available to choose from but would like to limit each session to no more than 10 people. If you are interested in attending one of these sessions please sign up at the servant's counter and choose the one that best fits your schedule.

St Luke News

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to Margaret Gullet and family on the passing of her son Larry Gullett.

Burrito Making Event

Join us on September 29 right after worship in Fellowship Hall to make and package burritos for Discover Hope and the food insecure. This is an opportunity to really dig into something that affects our community and do something about it. All are welcome to stay and participate in this exciting ministry opportunity at St Luke.

Diaper Sewing Days
September 17 & 18 | 9 am - 3 pm

We will be sewing diapers for Midwest Missions Distribution Center Tuesday September 17 and Wednesday September 18, 9 AM - 3 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch for yourself. There will be a job for anyone interested in helping. You can sew, cut, pin, iron, count and pack. If you are one who sews please bring your sewing machine and basic supplies. Come for any part of either day that works for you. This is a great time for fellowship as well as working for a needed mission project. Contact Karen Clark if you have 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 October 1. We will be having Burritos, Cabbage Salad, Sweet Bread and Cookies for dessert. 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, September 29. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, September 26 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 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.

Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor Missionary Visit

St Luke had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor on Saturday August 24. For many years the Mefors served at Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, however, for the past year they have been serving Old Mutare Hospital, which is farther north in Zimbabwe. The Mefor's work includes improving resources and programs for pregnant women and other patients at Old Mutare Hospital.

Old Mutare Hospital is a 70 bed hospital serving a population of 15,000 people. Emmanuel, who will be retiring in December this year, is a doctor/surgeon/hospital administrator. He has been working to upgrade the infrastructure at Old Mutare Hospital, including paving the pathways between buildings and creating a cover over these walkways to keep patients safe during transport from one building to another. Florence's work with the "Waiting Mother's shelter" includes housing, beds, meals, and classes which will help these young mothers once they deliver their babies and return home. She also takes part in outreach medicine with other nurse/midwives, taking vaccinations to the villages.

United Women in Faith August Potluck

On Wednesday, August 28 the United Women in Faith held a potluck meeting near Rock Creek State Park. Campers were invited to come and share stories from camp. It was a beautiful evening with a wonderful turnout. Here are a few photos of our campers sharing their camp stories.

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.

FALL FILL THE GROCERY CART CHALLENGE

We often have items in our grocery cart at St Luke and Joyce and Jan load them up each week and deliver them to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Sometimes the cart is full… other times there is only one bag of items in the cart. So this is your mid September challenge!

I Challenge you to take $20 to the grocery store and purchase food items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. How many items can you purchase for $20? Last year I believe someone purchase 18 items… can you match this? Can you beat that number? The challenge is on!

Corinne, NOW Missions

Sunday, October 6
Guest Speaker
Katherine Yarnell

WORKSHOP
Lunch and Learn
Smart Ways to Give

On Sunday, October 6 we will be welcoming guest speaker Katherine Yarnell to St Luke. After worship we invite you to stay and join us for a lunch and learn workshop on smart ways to give. Come away with a list of resources to help you make tax savvy gifts!

Katharine Yarnell, Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, has over 15 years of experience with Financial Stewardship and Estate Planning. She served a rural congregation in Kansas for 10 years, and as Field Outreach Minister of the North Central District for five years. She has her M.Div. D. Min. CFRE FCEP and AIF®

For more information,
Call 515-974-8928
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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!

Iowa/Iowa State Tailgate Party

On Saturday, September 7 St Luke hosted an Iowa vs. Iowa State Tailgate Party in Fellowship Hall. It was a good time of fun and fellowship. Here are a few photos from this fun gathering.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Sept. 22	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Hiap Thongvanh
Reader	Jeff Carter
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart
Sept. 29	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Brad & Jenni Patty
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Karen Clark
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Jenni Patty
Coffee Time	Jenni Patty
October 6	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Amy Ryan
Greeters (2)	Carolyn Cook / Bruce & Leslie Maach
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Karin Mills
Camera	Joel Mills
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
October 13	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Bruce & Leslie Maach
Greeters (2)	Lemons Family
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	Teagan McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Bruce & Leslie 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 December 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!

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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.

the gift of GRACE

Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.

What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

What you do:

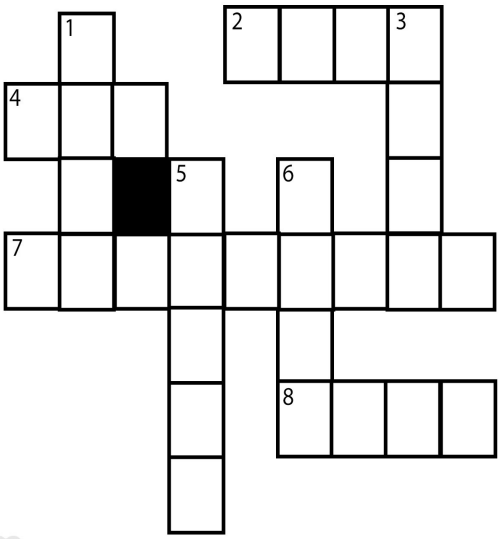
1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
5. Explain GRACE to someone. For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense.

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

WORDS

EARTH, CREATURES,
MADE, THEM,
FULL, HOW,
LORD, YOUR



ACROSS

2. Rhymes with gem.
4. Rhymes with cow.
7. Rhymes with features.
8. Rhymes with cord.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with pour.
3. Rhymes with fade.
5. Rhymes with worth.
6. Rhymes with pull.

_____ many are _____ works, _____!
4 1 8

In wisdom you _____ _____ all;
3 2

the _____ is _____ of your _____.
5 6 7

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answer: How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24, NIV