

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

College student SPOTLIGHT October

Care Packages for our St Luke College Students

Our St Luke family includes several college students who are working hard (hopefully) on their studies and we would like to support and encourage them! There is an area outside the sanctuary that displays a poster of all of our students and a Student Spotlight table that will highlight two students each month. There are ideas for goodies to bring for a care package and bins underneath to place items. There is also a poster to sign. All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week.

Zoe Smith

Senior at Iowa State University,
Majoring in Instrumental Music Education.

She enjoys hiking and walking on campus,
knitting, relaxing with her cats and listening to
Taylor Swift.

You can find her at a cute coffee shop
doing homework.



Class
of
2024



Class
of
2023

Nathan Jennings

Senior at University of Iowa,
Majoring in Accounting.

He loves card games, sports trivia, playing disc
golf and hanging out with friends. He also enjoys
listening to Noah Kahan, Bakar and
Maggie Rogers.

His superpower: Predicting what commentators
say before they say it.

Days For Girls

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



Mission Coalition Bake Sale

Mission Coalition will be having a bake sale on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am - 2 pm in the McCann Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The bake sale is held in conjunction with the McCann Flea Market. They are in need of baked goods donations. If you would like to donate any type of baked goods (breads, pies, cookies, candy etc.) please bring them directly to the bake sale between 7:30 and 8:30 am on October 21. Contact Joyce Stonehocker with any questions.



Diaper Sewing Days October 17 & 18 | 9 am

We will be sewing flannel diapers for Midwest Missions in Fellowship Hall Tuesday October 17 and Wednesday October 18 at 9 AM. Please bring a sack lunch. 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. We plan to work until mid afternoon or until we are tired. 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. See Karen Clark if you have questions.



All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 5

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year. Please send a photo with the person's name and dates to the church office by October 22 in order for your family member to be recognized.



FALL event

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday, November 4th

TIME: Let's gather at 5 PM with plans to eat at 5:30 pm.

WHERE: St. Luke Fellowship Hall

FOOD: Bratwurst, buns and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish - appetizers, salad, vegetables, chips, or drinks to share. We will be grilling and roasting marshmallows outside.

ACTIVITIES: We plan to play Guesstures. Bring any other group game that you have and like.

WHO: Everyone!
All ages are invited.



Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that donated to our October meal for Discover Hope, as well as everyone that helped to prepare and serve the meal. We served goulash, garlic bread, fruit cups and dessert bars for around 30 people and had leftovers for lunch. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family.



Joyce Stonehocker and Jan Lewis



Jasper County Take Away Hunger

The next packaging event for Jasper County Take Away Hunger will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Lynnville Friends Church. We would like to organize a team of 12 volunteers to package meals at the event. They ask for a donation of \$35 per person to help cover the cost of the food packaged. If you are interested in volunteering or making a monetary donation to help cover the cost for our volunteers, please sign up at the servant's counter or contact Peg Ehler by October 29.

Burrito Making Event

Sunday, October 29 - Right After Worship



Help us make and package burritos for the homeless.



Join us after worship on Sunday, October 29 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making and packaging burritos to give out to the homeless. This is our continuing St Luke community service for those with food deficits. The goal is to make 500 burritos to distribute. We are needing about 50 volunteers to make this happen. If you are willing, join us after worship and help us make this happen. Contact Peg Ehler with any questions.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Each year The Salvation Army of Jasper County located in Newton serves approximately 300 people in the community. The individuals and families they assist count on them to provide food boxes, back to school supplies and Christmas toy shop and so much more.

Starting November 17 The Salvation Army's red kettles will be located outside a variety of stores and businesses throughout the area. Volunteers stand near the kettle and ring a little bell to capture the attention of people passing by. Many people see them and put money in the kettle or donate to The Salvation Army using their phone.



This year The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringer volunteers. Volunteers can pick the day, time and location where they will be stationed. They can even check back later to see how much money they raised during their shift! Individual registration is quick, easy and available online at www.registertoring.org

MIDWEST
disaster relief • education



MISSION
health • micro business



Volunteer Day

Midwest Mission—Jefferson, IA

Sign up at the servant's counter if you are interested in volunteering at the new Jefferson, Iowa location on Tuesday, October 24.

We have room for one more person!

Mission Highlight

Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice

Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (formerly known as Justice for our Neighbors) is a statewide membership based legal service and advocacy organization. They are driven and led by immigrant and refugee voices and united with allies. Immigrants and refugees are a powerful and resilient community and Iowa MMJ will work for the liberation of all people and to dismantle the systemic barriers our communities face. If you would like to know more about Iowa MMJ, please check out their website: iowammj.org.



If you would like to support this mission, please put Iowa MMJ on the memo line of your check and place the check in the offering during worship.

Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Newton. Rev. Ron Carlson, District Superintendent, will preside over this joint Church Conference as several churches come together to conduct the business of the United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend.



October Book & Puzzle Sale

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is sponsoring a Book/Puzzle Sale to raise money for Missions. During the month of October, 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.)



Thank You!

Special Thanks to ALL who said prayers, sent texts, called, giving wheelchair, sharing bread/food, and visits. Your gifts of kindness and blessings have meant so much to us during our healing process the last 4 months. Thank you for caring and your friendship.

Russ and Lori Leix



New Online Church Directory

We are excited to announce we are updating our St Luke church directory and this time it will be available online. You will now have access to our directory on your computer or your mobile device. A printed copy of the directory will also be available per request once it is completed.

The first step in creating our directory is getting updated information from all of our church members. If you have not yet filled out an updated church directory information form you can pick one up at the church or contact the church office. We would like everyone to fill one out so that all of our information is up to date.

Once you have submitted your information to us you will need to start thinking about your photo. There are a few options on how to get your picture in the directory. One option is to have your photo taken here at the church on Sunday mornings or anytime during our office hours of 9 am to noon Monday through Thursday. The other options are to email a photo to the church office at worship@stlukenewton.com or upload your own photo directly into the church directory. Feel free to call or stop by the church office with any questions you may have. If you do choose to upload your own photo you will have to create an account before you will be able to do that. For those using your own photo here are some guidelines to follow: make sure it is a photo of only those listed in the directory, please make sure the photo is church appropriate and that the photo is a head shot close enough that we can clearly identify you and see your beautiful faces with no sunglasses on.

Once we have all your information added to the directory we will help you download the app, create an account and log in. Instant Church Directory - the program we are using to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices.

To view the directory online, go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." You will use your email address listed in the directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. You will also be asked to create a password. If your email address isn't listed in the directory yet, let the church office know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device automatically. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app. You will also be able to update your information or photo at any time. Please note any changes or photos uploaded will have to be approved by the church office before they will show in the directory.

We are hoping to get this completed by the end of October. If you have any questions or need help you can contact Pastor Chad or the church office. We hope you enjoy our new online directory!

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory**  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Oct. 22	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Russ Leix
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Lori Leix

Oct. 29	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley & Nancy Ryan
Reader	Karin Mills
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	Amy Ryan

Nov. 5	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Peg Kimberley
Greeters (2)	Rose Evans
Reader	Pat Patty
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Pat Patty

Nov. 12	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Rose Evans
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley

Worship Assistants

For 2023 we are doing something new with our worship assistant sign up. We would like to see more of our volunteer positions filled so we are passing around signup sheets for 3 months at a time. We have had another wonderful response with our October-December volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through December 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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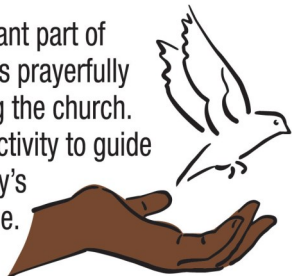
Worship Assistants

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



MISSIONARY- MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — — — — — — — .

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers