

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

Fill the Grocery Cart for the Jasper County Salvation Army Food Pantry Advent/Christmas 2023

It is time once again to fill the St Luke Grocery Cart. We will be focusing on items each week of Advent and Christmastide again this year. Please bring these items with you on Sunday Mornings during this Season of giving. In an effort to spread out our giving we have assigned a different category to each week, however you are welcome to bring your offerings for the grocery cart at any time. Let's share the joy of the holiday season by sharing our bounty with those in need.

- 1st Sunday of Advent - November 26th
Focus items: Canned foods.
(ie: soups, veggies, fruit, etc.)
- 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 3rd
Focus items: Boxed foods
(ie: cereals, pastas, mixes, crackers, etc.)
- 3rd Sunday of Advent - December 10th
Focus items: Jelly / Honey / Peanut butter
- 4th Sunday of Advent - December 17th
Focus items: Jarred foods
(ie: pasta sauces, olives, pickles, oils, etc.)
- 1st/2nd Week of Christmastide - December 24th/31st
Focus items: Paper Products
(ie: facial tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, etc.)
- 3rd Week of Christmastide - January 7th
Focus items: Cleaning Supplies
(ie: dish soap, Clorox wipes, diaper wipes, cleaning sprays, etc.)



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Let's give a portion of our bounty to those in need by filling our grocery cart each week during the Advent and Christmas Season. We are the hands and feet of Christ in this world. God Bless you all and those with whom we share our bounty.

Corinne Kleppe , NOW Missions



November/December College Ministry Project

Their stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that a St Luke care package would soon arrive there!

To encourage our hard-working collegiate members during their busy December schedules, we will be sending a fun "good luck with finals" surprise. Check out the College Ministry table for item cards to take and bring the item listed by Nov 26. If you aren't able to get an item card, we can use donations for postage! Write on your check or envelope, "College Ministry". Thank you!





Christmas Decorating Day at St Luke Sunday, November 19

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 19 to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. This will be a time of Fellowship, Fun and Festive Decorating. Hope to see you there!

November/December Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, November 30 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.



United Methodist Student Day Offering Sunday, November 26

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.



What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. Together, we're raising up gifted Christian leaders. Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?

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 December 5. We will be having turkey, dressing, broccoli and cauliflower with cheese sauce, rolls, cranberry salad and Christmas 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, December 3. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.



Giving Tuesday

Black Friday. Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday. On November 28, you are invited to come together with thousands of United Methodists to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC Giving Tuesday. Connect your passion with God's mission as you give to a world in need through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service. There are so many different ways to express generosity on Giving Tuesday and every day! It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. To give your support on #GivingTuesday, go to:

www.umcmmission.org/give.



St. Nick's Christmas Club

Spreading Christmas cheer in
Jasper County, Iowa, since 1987

St. Nick's Christmas Club

HOHOHO -- St. Nick's Christmas Club is in full swing!

We are hoping to have the St. Luke adoption book available by Sunday, November 19.

Feel free to contact Lori Leix with any questions - 641-521-9695.



Food Insecurity Burrito Making Event October 2023

On Sunday, October 29 our St Luke family made 552 burritos to give out to the food insecure in our community. A big thank you to Peg Ehler and Peg Kimberley for organizing this event and to all of our wonderful volunteers for making it such a huge success. We couldn't do this without our St Luke family. We appreciate each and every one of you! Here are some pictures from our burrito making event at St Luke.



Burrito Event Thank You!

We can't express our gratitude for all that you organize throughout your church. Through God & your church we delivered 478 burritos to people in need. God Bless You All!!

Love,
Trista Martin, Lori Ward & Kim Carr

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

Ascending Thanks

Thy mighty hand o'er all the land
hath still been open to bestow
those blessings which our wants demand
from heaven, whence all blessings flow.

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,
looked down on us with holy care,
and from thy storehouse in the sky
hast scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise
to thee, O Father, good and kind;
to thee we consecrate our days;
be thine the temple of each mind.

With incense sweet our thanks ascend;
before thy works our powers fall;
though we should strive years without end,
we could not thank thee for them all.

—Excerpts from “A Thanksgiving Poem,”
Paul Laurence Dunbar

Take Time to Recharge

“Then Jesus said, ‘Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.’ He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat” (Mark 6:31, NLT). Can you relate? Especially during the holidays, we’re “coming and going” so much that we often run out of steam.

As an introvert, I learned an important lesson while navigating a busy graduation season for my son. I was happy to host a celebration for family and friends, but about 20 minutes into the party, fatigue clouded my spirit. My social battery was empty and desperately needed charging.

I sought out my cousin — who “gets” me — and admitted I needed a break. He kindly replied, “Then go into another room and just be. We’ve got things covered.” I was heard and assured that it was okay to press pause. Even Jesus and his disciples sought privacy and rest.

In what ways do you need a break today? Even if you’re an extrovert, how can you care for your whole self during the holiday rush? Pay attention and give yourself permission to proactively recharge your battery.

—Janna Firestone

New St Luke Member

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest member – Amy Ryan, who was received into membership on Sunday, November 12. Welcome to the St Luke family Amy!



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

Food Donation Thank You!

Thank you St Luke family for continuing to fill our shopping cart for the food insecure in our community. The Salvation Army is extremely grateful for all of your food donations and The Pregnancy Center of Newton was very thankful for the recent donation of baby food. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke.



Grocery Sacks Needed

We are in need of plastic grocery sack donations. They will be used to make plarn (plastic yarn) to weave sleeping mats for the homeless. If you have any extra plastic grocery sacks you would like to donate please bring them to Joyce Stonehocker or put them in the donation box at the church.



Church Directory Reminder

If you have not yet filled out a church directory information form, please get those returned as soon as possible so you can be included in our directory. You can pick up a printed form at the church or contact the church office. Also if you have not yet had your photo taken or submitted a photo, please get your photo taken, uploaded or to us as soon as you can. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Chad or the church office.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nov. 19	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley & Nancy Ryan
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Kathy Trotter

Nov. 26	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Brad & Jenni Patty
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker & Jan Lewis
Reader	Kathy Trotter
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	Wendy Jennings
Care Core	Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Karen Clark

Dec. 3	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Amy Murphy
Greeters (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien

Dec. 10	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Kleo O'Brien
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	Jan Lewis
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	Wendy Jennings
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart

Worship Assistants

For 2023 we tried something new with our worship assistant sign up. We wanted to see more of our volunteer positions filled so we passed around sign-up sheets for 3 months at a time. We had a wonderful response for 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 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. 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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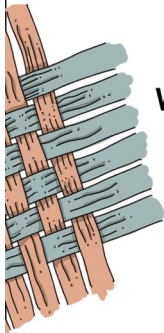
Worship Assistants

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





Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



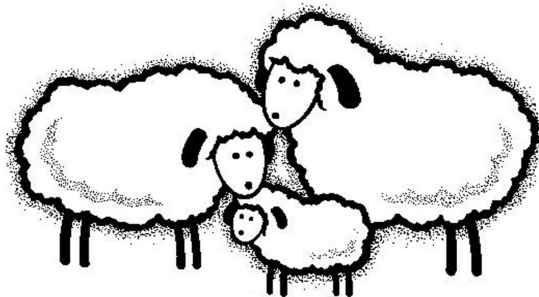
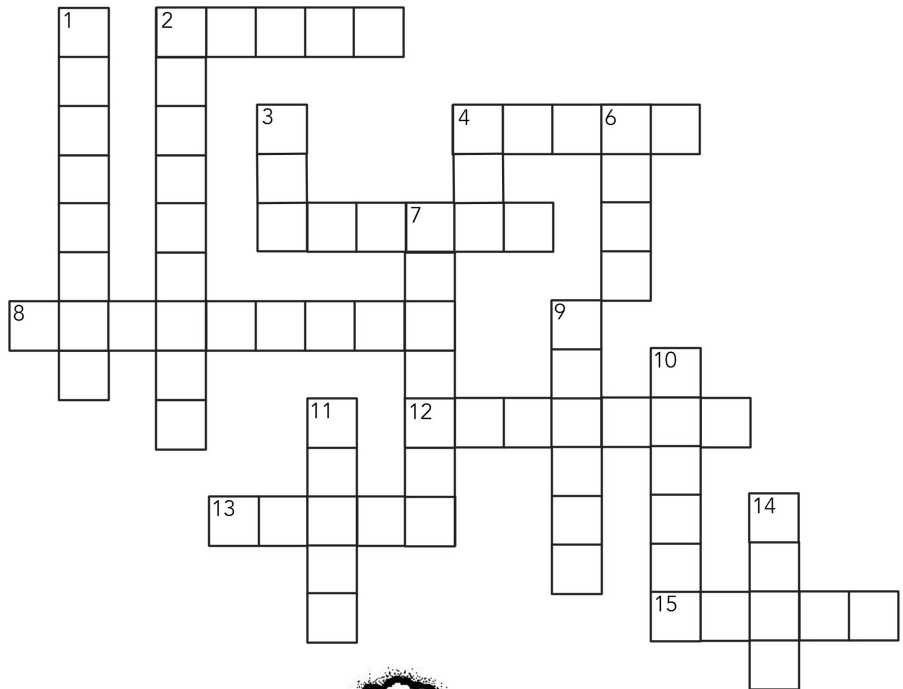
What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

Puzzle!



ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen