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

College student SPOTLIGHT November

Care Packages for our St Luke College Students

Our St Luke family includes several college students who are working hard 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 as well as a card to sign. All items are due on the last Sunday of the month and will be sent to the students that week. There is also a box for monetary donations if you would like to contribute to the cost of postage, etc. for the College Ministry program. Thank you St Luke family for supporting our college students!

Abby Jennings

Simpson College – Class of 2025
Major: Biology

SHE IS: QUIRKY, FUN & KIND

HER FAVS: To Do: Crochet, listening to music, watch TV
Music: Boygenius, Phoebe Bridgers, Julien Baker, Lucy Dacus, Noah Kahan, Hozier
Colors: Dark Green

QUOTE: THE EARTH DOES NOT BELONG TO MAN, MAN BELONGS TO THE EARTH. ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED LIKE THE BLOOD THAT UNITES ONE FAMILY. MAN DID NOT WEAVE THE WEB OF LIFE, HE IS MERELY A STRAND IN IT. WHATEVER HE DOES TO THE WEB, HE DOES TO HIMSELF. THE EARTH IS SACRED AND MEN AND ANIMALS ARE BUT ONE PART OF IT. TREAT THE EARTH WITH RESPECT SO THAT IT LASTS FOR CENTURIES TO COME AND IS A PLACE OF WONDER AND BEAUTY FOR OUR CHILDREN. - CHIEF SEATTLE

McKenna Evans

Luther College – Class of 2028
Major: Psychology / Neuroscience

SHE IS: Kind, Positive, Good Sense of Humor

HER FAVS: To Do: Show Choir, singing, acting, reading
Music: Taylor Swift
Colors: Lavender and Forest Green

FAV BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:38-39

Christ's Foundry / La Fundicion de Cristo
A United Methodist Mission Church

For the past several years we have been highlighting this Mission congregation located in Dallas Texas. Why? Originally it was because their pastor, Rev. Amy D Spaur, grew up here at St Luke in Newton. Her Mom, Marianne, is one of our own. Now, many of us feel the connection to this congregation and we enjoy hearing ways in which our congregation is able to help Christ's Foundry UMC, through our donations and through our prayers.

At the end of July 2024, Christ's Foundry welcomed more than 400 people through their doors for a FREE family -friendly event with games, food, face painting and lots of fun. They distributed backpacks and school supplies to more than 150 children at this event. The church partners with a group called Project Transformation to provide an after school program for the community. This year as a part of this support, we were sent a list of some of the students taking part in this after school program. The goal… to pray along with the Christ's Foundry UMC for these children by name. (There are still names available, if you would like to join in, please let Corinne know).

LA FUNDICIÓN DE CRISTO
CHRIST'S FOUNDRY
MISIÓN METODISTA UNIDA

As in past years, we will be collecting funds for Christ's Foundry/La Fundicion de Cristo as 2024 comes to an end. Our Sunday School offerings (2nd - 5th Sundays) in November and December will go toward this missionary church. You are also able to donate by putting "Christ's Foundry" on the memo line of your check and placing it in the offering plate. Watch the December newsletter as well, for more information about this worthy mission.

Corinne, NOW Missions

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 3. We will be having ham loaf, cornbread, cooked broccoli and cauliflower with cheese sauce, apple 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 1. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.

Wheelchairs for Congo
Advance Special 0388

We received an email from Kiboko Kiboko, pastor at Storm Lake UMC, inviting us to "join God as He is restoring paraplegic people and those who cannot walk in the Democratic Republic of Congo. You can change the world. Together we can offer hope to many people. The Connectional Ministries in our conference approved "A Special Advance number" to support this ministry. Our goal is to ship 250 wheelchairs next spring. The cost of shipping is around $55,000. I am sharing a link for you to share with your congregants" For more information on this ministry – website:

https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/18379086

If you would like to give toward this ministry, please put Advance Special 0388 – wheelchairs, on your memo line and place your check in the offering plate.

Corinne, NOW Missions

United Methodist Student Day Offering
Sunday, November 24

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?

Mission Coalition Thank You

We want to thank everyone so much for all of the donations of grocery sacks we are using to make our plarn sleeping mats. As of right now we have an over abundance of grocery sacks so we won't need anymore until we can get more mats made.

Also we would like to say thank you for all of the donations of Hy-Vee receipts for Discover Hope. We will be accepting receipts until January 17, 2025. Hy-vee has already given Discover Hope $1000 for the first round of $100,000 worth of Hy-Vee receipts and we are hoping to help get them another $1000 by January. So keeping bringing those Hy-Vee receipts!

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 14 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.com.

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 the week before Thanksgiving.

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

Weather Cancellation Policy

If school is cancelled/dismissed early due to weather, then St. Luke activities are cancelled that day/evening as well. Sunday Worship is rarely cancelled. Check our Facebook page and watch for text messages for announcements. If the weather and road conditions are questionable, use your best judgement and be safe.

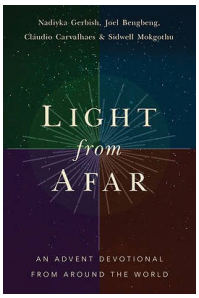
"Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

—Teresa of Avila

Christmas Decorating Day at St Luke Sunday, November 24

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 24 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!

Advent Study



We will be doing an Advent Study starting December 2. This study will have both in-person and zoom options. It will be on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm for the in-person option and the normal 6:30 pm time for the zoom study. We will be reading the devotional "Light from Afar" by Nadiyka Gerbish, Joel Bengbeng, Claudio Carvalhaes & Sidwell Mokgothu. Books are $14. Sign up at the servant's counter if you are interested in joining this study or if you would like a book to read this devotional on your own.

November/December Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, November 21 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.

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!

October Bingo Potluck

On Saturday, October 26 we had a Potluck Bingo Night in the St Luke Fellowship Hall. We had a wonderful turnout, great food, fun and fellowship! A big thank you to Rusty and Kerri Deppe for leading the Bingo portion of the evening. Here are a few photos of all the fun.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
November 17	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	Barb Swihart
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
November 24	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Dennis & Pam Smith
Greeters (2)	Joel & Karin Mills
Reader	Dennis Smith
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
December 1	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	David Spiker
Greeters (2)	Carolyn Cook & Allen Barr/ Amy Ryan
Reader	Rose Evans
Acolyte	Teagan McIntyre
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberley
December 8	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Mike & Michelle O'Brien
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	Teagan McIntyre
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien

Worship Assistants

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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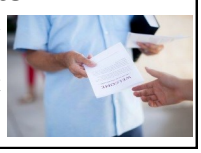
Worship Assistants

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



GOD ROCKS!

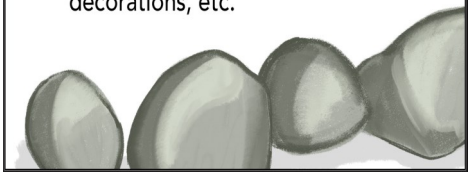
Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

WORD LIST

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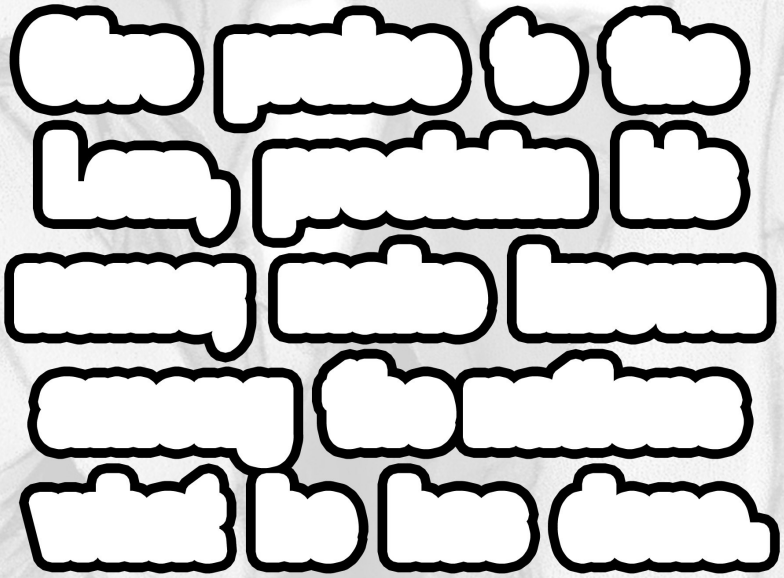

1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

Answer: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV