

St Luke UMC

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December 15, 2022



THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
Saturday, Dec. 24 | 7 & 11 pm

Christmas Day
Worship Service
Sunday, Dec. 25 | 9:30 am

Jasper County – Salvation Army Food & Supply Drive Advent/Christmas 2022

We are continuing to collect different focus items each week of Advent and Christmastide this year. We are so thankful to those that have already donated items during the first half of our food and supply drive. Please continue to bring these items with you on Sunday Mornings.

- **4th Sunday of Advent – December 18**
Focus items: Canned Goods (ie: fruits, vegetables, soups, etc)
- **Christmas/New Years – December 25 / January 1**
Focus items: Jarred Foods (ie: pasta sauces, pickles, olives, oils, etc)



Let's continue to flood the Salvation Army Food pantry with an offering of Love and Support as they end one year and begin a new one.

Corinne, NOW Missions



Merry Christmas

A Prayer for Christmas

The internet reveals little about Wilda English — only that she lived from 1916 to 1997 and once resided in California. No details exist about her family, work or interests. Just this prayer, widely shared online. And it is no small thing. Indeed, the prayer tells much about her faith.

God bless Wilda English for sharing these words with the world. May they continue to inspire many!

God grant you the light in
Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is love;
the radiance of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christ-
mas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.



Poinsettias

Poinsettias are welcome during Advent Season to decorate the Altar. If given in honor or memory, please write your name and theirs in an email or note and send to the church office. If you order the flowers to be delivered, have the florist call ahead before delivering to be sure someone is available to receive them. You are also welcome to bring them on Sunday morning.



JOIN US FOR A

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | 6 PM

St Luke Fellowship Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The second chili cook off is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st. We will vote for our favorite chili with cash. The proceeds will go for ingredients to make burritos on January 29th. More details to follow in the January newsletter. Just mark your calendar to attend this fun event. If you have ideas for entertainment after voting and eating get your ideas to Barb Kaldenberg.

The SPRC invites St Luke to Continue Our Tradition

If you would like to give a Love Gift for our pastor and staff you can put it in one of the gift boxes at the church or mail it to: St Luke UMC, 501 E. 19th St. N., Newton, IA 50208 through the month of December. Please be sure and put it to the attention of "Love Gift." Thank you!

Lori Leix



Discover Hope Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you for everything that was donated for the December Discover Hope meal. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our St Luke family and we can't thank everyone enough. The meal that we provided for December was meatballs, cabbage slaw, quick bread and apple crisp for dessert. A big thank you also to everyone that came and helped with preparing the food and those that helped to serve the meal at Discover Hope.



Peg Ehler, Jan Lewis & Joyce Stonehocker



Christmas Crackups



What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?
Cookie sheets.

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?
Ornamints.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Dec. 18	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Joel Mills
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—7 PM
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—11 PM
Greeters (2)	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	

Dec. 25	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Peg Kimberly

Jan. 1	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	

Worship Assistants For December & January

We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the months of December and January. If you would like to volunteer 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 still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank 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.



Children's Christmas Program

A big thank you to Peg Ehler, Lisa Marston, Wendy Jennings and Pastor Chad for another successful Children's Christmas Program this year. We appreciate all you do for St Luke! The children did a great job and we had some wonderful young speakers. If you missed the program you can watch it on our St Luke United Methodist Church YouTube channel listed under our 12.11.22 service.



Puzzle!

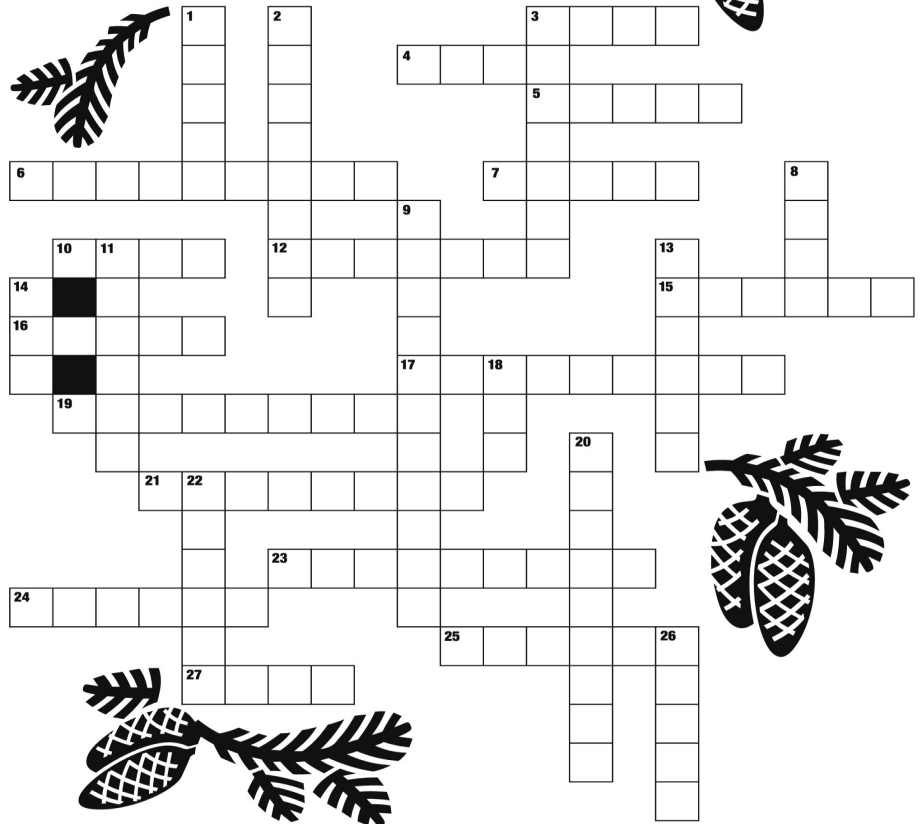
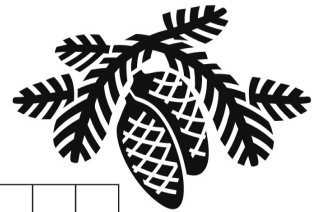
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star