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BI-WEEKLY
THE Flame
CATCH THE FIRE!

September Mission Challenge

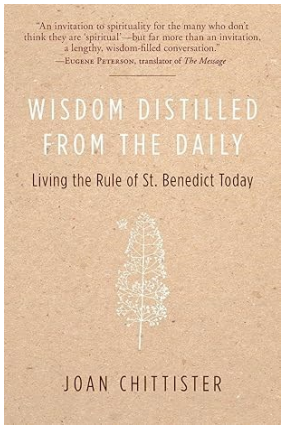
As kids head back to school, they become very active. And what do active kids need? Good Food! Let's help out by filling the grocery cart with healthy options for the Salvation Food Pantry.

NOW Missions

Chili Cookoff and BINGO Night

Mark your calendars for a chili cookoff and BINGO night on Saturday, October 18 at 6 pm. Sign up at the servants' counter and indicate what you are bringing along with how many of your family are attending. All ages are welcome. Table service and drinks will be provided.

You will be voting for your favorite chili and that money will be donated to Midwest Mission to help with the purchase of the Jefferson, Iowa site. Also, we are asking you to bring food donations for the Salvation Army food pantry. Let's fill the grocery cart!!!



New Monday Night Book Study

We will be starting a new Monday night book study in early October. There will be an in-person study at 5:30 pm in Sam's Place and an online study via zoom at 6:30 pm. We will be reading the book "Wisdom Distilled From the Daily" by Joan Chittister. Books are $10. You can sign up at the servant's counter if you are interested in joining this study.

Magnolia Tree Thank You

I would like to thank my St Luke family for the beautiful magnolia tree planted recently in memory of my son, Jim. Every Mother's Day he would purchase me a new tree and planted it in the perfect area of our home.

Jean Schnell

"He that plants a tree loves others beside himself."
- Thomas Fuller

Personal Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission

Following natural disasters, Midwest Mission often has requests for personal dignity kits. During many (if not all) of our trips to Midwest Mission, we have spent time checking and putting together Personal Dignity kits. Please help us to gather supplies that can be used to create these kits. Each Kit includes:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 bar of soap (3 – 4 oz)
- 1 shampoo (12-19 oz)
- 1 deodorant (2-3 oz)
- 1 lotion (8-10 oz)
- 1 one gallon resealable plastic bag

You can drop your donated items off at our Mission Table. We will, collect, count and box the items for delivery when we travel to Midwest Mission in February. Please pay special attention to the item size ranges. And thank you in advance for your donations.

Corinne Kleppe 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 October 7. We will be having goulash, garlic bread, corn, orange Jello salad and Rice Krispy treats 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 servants' counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, October 5. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker.

October 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 11th year of giving every St Nick recipient a book!

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.) Come ready to peruse on Sunday, October 5th!

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.

Mission Coalition is Collecting Hy-Vee Receipts for the Pregnancy Center

Do you save your Newton Hy-Vee receipts? We hope so because Newton Hy-Vee wants to continue giving back to the community this time through the Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa.

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 church office. Please note this is for the Newton location only.

Continue collecting those Hy-Vee receipts as they need to make it to $100,000 to reach their goal!

Sunday School Mission Offering
September 14 - November 16
Old Mutare Hospital (#3022277)

As fall Sunday School begins, we are turning our focus for the Sunday School Mission offerings (2nd – 5th Sundays) to Old Mutare Hospital in Zimbabwe.

Old Mutare is a 70 bed hospital serving a population of 15,000 people. There is an active maternity unit, an outreach program, an ambulance, a feeding program for pregnant women in the Waiting Mothers shelter and so much more. Please consider giving to the Old Mutare Hospital. If you are not planning to attend Sunday School, or you would like to donate as part of your monthly giving, you are welcome to put "Old Mutare Hospital" on the memo line of your check.

As always, the first Sunday of each month the Sunday school offering goes towards administrative costs for Sunday School materials.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW Missions

October Diaper Sewing Days

We will be sewing flannel diapers for Midwest Mission in Fellowship Hall Thursday October 16 and Friday October 17 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.

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Daryl and Diana Pals and family on the passing of Diana's mother, Mildred Kelley.

Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, September 25 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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Sept. 21	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	Peg Kimberley
Reader	Leslie Maach
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Sept. 28	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Mike & Michelle O'Brien
Greeters (2)	Carolyn Cook
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Caleb Leonard
Camera	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Michelle O'Brien
Oct. 5	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	
Oct. 12	**9:30 AM**
Ushers (2)	Peg Kimberley
Greeters (2)	Amy Ryan
Reader	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Kathy Trotter
Coffee Time	

Worship Assistants

For 2025 we are continuing with our 3 months at a time sign-ups. This worked very well last year in getting more volunteer positions filled. We have had a wonderful response of volunteers so far for 2025 and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. There are still positions open so 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!

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 Facebook page and 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.

Sweet little sheep treats

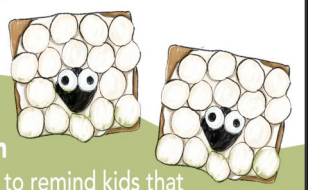
Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!



Lesson tie-in

Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

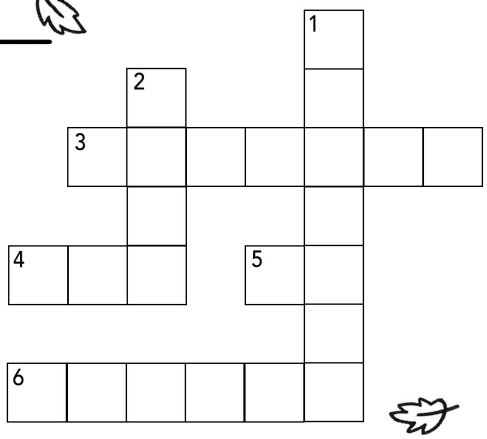
"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

John 10:11, KJV

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST, YIELDS, US, LAND



ACROSS
3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

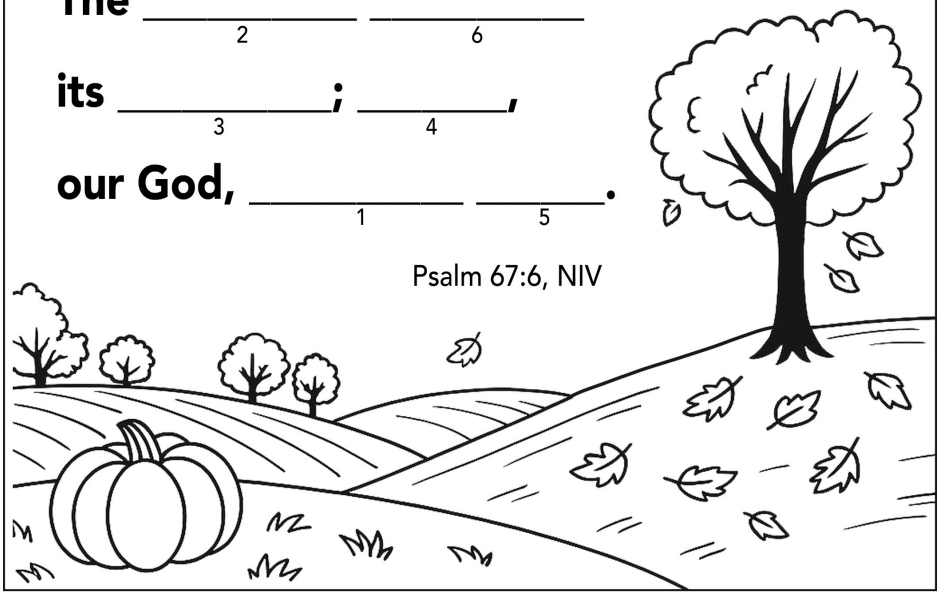
DOWN
1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.

The _____ _____
2 6

its _____; _____,
3 4

our God, _____ _____.
1 5

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV