

St Luke UMC

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THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

Celebrating Our St Luke Graduates

Congratulations to our 2024 St Luke graduates! We plan to recognize their accomplishments during our Sunday morning worship on May 19 at 9:30 am.

Congratulations!



McKenna Evans

McKenna Evans is the daughter of Reid and Liz Evans and granddaughter of Rose Evans. She is a 2024 graduate of Pella High School. During high school McKenna was involved with show choir and theatre and was in the National Honor Society. She volunteered at St Luke during Vacation Bible School and was a counselor at the Summer Games for Grinnell College. After graduation McKenna plans to attend Luther College and major in neuroscience and psychology.

Our St Luke College Graduates



Jacob Murphy

Jacob Murphy is the son of Amy Murphy and Jeff Murphy. He is graduating from the University of Iowa with his Master's Degree in Structural Engineering.



Zoe Smith

Zoe Smith is the granddaughter of Dennis and Pam Smith. She is graduating from Iowa State University in May with a major in Music Education.

Our St Luke College Graduates



Kloe Pettigrew

Kloe Pettigrew is the granddaughter of Jr and Gloria Simpson. She is graduating from Indiana State University in May. Kloe will be attending Des Moines University for physical therapy. She played D1 soccer all 4 years.



VBS Registration is Now Open!

Summer is just around the corner which means it's almost time for St Luke VBS! Mark your calendar for June 24 - 28 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. This year's theme is a really fun one - Camp Firelight... A Summer Camp Adventure with God!

Registration is now open. Check our St Luke Newton Facebook page for details or you can use the following link to register online.

<https://forms.gle/d2eFg8aKesArP3Sa8>

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled week of VBS! Spread the word and invite your family, friends or anyone you know with kids ages 3 years old through 6th grade completed.

Thank you

To Family of St Luke,

I just want to express how thankful I am for the very sweet and encouraging gifts you guys have sent! It truly means so so much to me!

With gratitude,
Aniston Chambers

*Thank
you*

Disaster Ministries Update

Dear friends,

Friday night, April 26, 2024, as many as 78 tornados (per USGS and Local Emergency Management) raced across eastern Nebraska and western and central Iowa leaving devastation in their wake.

Like many of you, my first instinct is to pack the car and help, but please don't.

In the coming days (and weeks), we will have information and opportunities for you to help. All available resources, including housing, floor space, and Sunday school rooms, are being used to house and help survivors.

We will be in the way at this time.

YOU CAN HELP

- **PRAY.** Pray for those affected, those grieving, those in the shelter, and those responding.
- **DONATE.** Make a financial gift to Iowa Disaster Response, Special Advance #223.
- **REACH OUT.** Do you know someone who was affected by this disaster? Call them, send them a note or text. Knowing that others care and are praying makes a huge difference. It's the best of who we are as a connectional church.
- **MAKE KITS.** Clean up buckets and hygiene kits are necessary during before, during and after a disaster. For instructions, go to <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/> or www.midwestmission.org/kits for information on how to make clean-up buckets and other kits.
- **GET TRAINED.** You can receive training and organize a team so that when the time is right, you can go and help. Early Response Training (ERT) and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Training will help to prepare you for volunteering. Contact Pastor Catie Newman at 712-899-4067 or disaster.response@iaumc.org to schedule ERT or Spiritual Care Training, or contact Pastor Derrick Okine for UMVIM Training.

Thank you!

Pastor Catie Newman,
Disaster Response Coordinator
Iowa Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 16th

PLEASE JOIN US AT 11:15 AM FOR A

Celebration of Ministry Lasagna Potluck



HONORING

Pastor Chad and Wendy

Sign up at the Servants' Counter

Celebration of Ministry Lasagna Potluck

Join us on June 16 for Pastor Chad's last Sunday here at St Luke. We will be having a cake reception immediately after service and a lasagna potluck dinner at approximately 11:15 am to celebrate his ministry with us. Please sign up at the servants' counter to bring a pan of lasagna, a salad, garlic bread or a dessert. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided. We hope you can join us for this time of fellowship as we say farewell to Pastor Chad, Wendy and family. A Farewell Love Gift is also being collected and it is the gold box located just outside the sanctuary.

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS FOR DH!



For every \$100,000.00 in receipts from Hy-Vee, they will donate **\$1,000** to Discover Hope!



Mission Coalition is Collecting Hy-Vee Receipts for Discover Hope

Do you save your Hy-Vee receipts? We hope so because Newton Hy-Vee wants to give back to the community through DH!

Bring your Newton Hy-Vee receipts dated January 17, 2024, through January 17, 2025, and if they make it to \$100,000.00, Hy-Vee will donate \$1000 to Discover Hope 517!

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 office or you can also bring receipts directly to Discover Hope.

So start saving those receipts **STARTING TODAY!**

St. Luke Celebrates Our Smart Cookies

Our college students are near the end of their semester and no one is probably more glad than they are, but we are here to cheer them on! Our St. Luke College Ministry team sent a giant chocolate chip cookie to each of our students with a note of encouragement. We hope they had a great school year. College students: we would love to see you over the summer and hear about your adventures!



Camp Season Is Coming Soon

It's time to start planning and signing up for camp at one of the beautiful Iowa United Methodist Camps. Catalogs are available at the church or you can go online to check out what's available at www.iaumc.org/camps. Get ready for your adventure of a lifetime.



Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, May 23 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.



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

3 Years through 6th Grade completed

Monday-Friday, June 24 - 28, 2024

9:00—11:30 am



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No registration fee,
but **donations** for
curriculum & supplies
are gratefully accepted.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: _____/_____/_____ Sex: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Allergies/Other needed information: _____ (Or will attend Kindergarten in Fall 2024 _____)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: (_____) _____ Secondary phone: (_____) _____

Home church: _____ City: _____

Emergency Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

I do NOT want my child's photo, individually or in a group, posted on the church Facebook page or any other online sites.

Parents & others are invited to watch the opening skit at 9:00-9:10 am each morning in sanctuary.

Mission Offering
Received daily for Mission Projects.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.

-Proverbs 22:6-



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
May 19	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Barb Kaldenberg
Greeters (2)	Joyce Stonehocker
Reader	Gloria Simpson
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Wendy Jennings
May 26	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Mike & Kleo O'Brien
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Barb Kaldenberg
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Karen Clark
Coffee Time	Barb Kaldenberg
June 2	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	David Spiker
Greeters (2)	Jeff Carter
Reader	Pat Patty
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Lori Leix
June 9	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	Michelle O'Brien

Worship Assistants

For 2024 we are going to continue with passing sign up sheets around for 3 months at a time. This worked very well last year in getting more volunteer positions filled. We have had a wonderful response of volunteers for our first 3 months of 2024 and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through June 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/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/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 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.



a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Blooms that have petals

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Spring precipitation

16	17	18	19
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Puffy and white in the sky

20	21	22	23	24	25
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Soil

26	27	28	29
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Lawn

30	31	32	33	34
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Must be weeded and tended

35	36	37	38	39	40
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Tiptoe through these

41	42	43	44	45	46
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Baby sheep

47	48	49	50	51
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We need food and this

52	53	54	55	56
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God made this from nothing

57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
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A sign of God's promise

65	66	67	68	69	70	71
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These, in April, bring May flowers

72	73	74	75	76	77	78
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	1	10	13	15	25	39	38		2	7	13		5	22	23		12	73	11
17	31	39		45	22	63	7		9	70	56		5	22	23	58	46		
	27	15		61	73	13		4	18	19	30	26	22	49		22	9		
30	63	26		1	47	55	72	78	39	26		60	77	59		5	74	23	
	12	73	70		73	23	40	35	13	56		64	70	75		9	11	65	
5	63	23		75	18	10	47		1	76		72	48	61	27	34	9	44	13
26		1	43	55	72	78	76	24		2	7	13		5	22	23		75	73
22		12	59	39	45		64	63	52		9	22	58		5	70	42		
52	44	10	47		10	2	23	35	73										

Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers. "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."