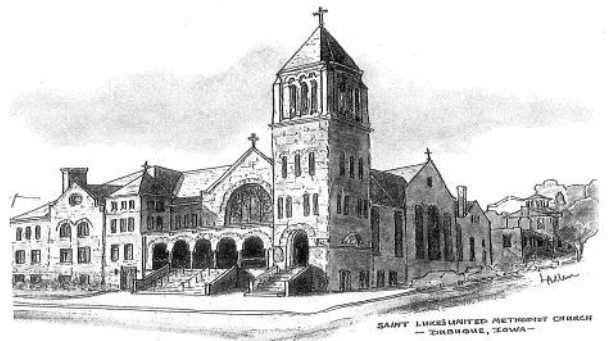


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12:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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A Word from the Pastor

Khesed

Lately, as I read the Psalms, I keep stumbling across the words, “Steadfast Love.” Some translations render this as, “Loving Kindness” which is a bit too distant and polite. In Hebrew, this word is *Khesed* (pronounced Hessed with a little phlegm in the H). *Khesed* is a kind of love that is hard for our human brains to comprehend. It's the unwavering, unconditional love of God for us. In the Hebrew scriptures, this kind of love is mentioned about 250 times in the Hebrew Bible.

As a community in the midst of transition, the word of steadfast love, *khesed*, feels like an important one to remember. Life is relentlessly unpredictable, yet we have a steady God, whose love is not affected by the winds that change our lives. As we get to know one another, I hope that we find common ground in the trust of a God of *khesed* whose faithfulness never leaves us, and whose love is beyond our comprehension.

In the weeks to come, how can you attest to that great *khesed*? How can your everyday living demonstrate that you trust in God's steadfast love?

May God strengthen each of us to live fully as God's beloved.

Peace,

Pastor Stephanie

Pastor Stephanie



Our Caring Community

Lord, as we continue life's journey, we pray for all who are challenged by health concerns and ongoing illness. We know that the awesome God we worship hears the prayers of our lips as well as the prayers of our hearts. We pray for people who are currently dealing with a recent illness, surgery, injury, medical or other concern:

Parker & McKenzie Roe - father passed away
Peggy Unangst - had hip surgery
Jeanette Rieder (Lori Boughton's aunt) - breast cancer

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Edie Bruehahn **Sally Wiegand**
Barb Boettcher

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

Jon Romaine **Judy McKahin**
Cheri Loveless **True Mills**
Ron Liskey **Susan Funke**
Peggy Lemke **Johnny**
Brett Cooper **Bonnie Jorgensen**
Jeanne Patterson

Prayers of consolation for those who recently lost loved ones to the families and friends of:

Mary Dempsey
Bob Ortberg (Kera Ortberg's father)
Helen Stephenson (Coni. S's children's grandmother)
Eleanor Ray (Amy Schadle's mother)

Prayers of joy for new born family of St. Luke's:

Teagan McGovern
 (Smokey & Susan McGovern's grandchild)

We also offer prayers of comfort and support for those who struggle with brain health, disabilities, or other impairments that make life difficult to support oneself.

Our prayers also turn to prayers for Peace and Justice around the world. We especially remember all those who currently serve in our country's armed forces.

Lord, we ask your special touch of compassion for all the victims of civil discord and war, the families of soldiers, and the families of police officers. It is in the name of your Son and our Savior that we offer our prayers. Amen.



Prayer requests / updates can be sent to:
563-582-4543 | dbqstluke@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to our church family and friends with birthdays this month! May the celebration of life on your birthday be filled with many blessings from our Lord.



July Birthdays

- 15 Mary Beecher
- 15 Ellen Brown
- 15 Alexa Noel
- 16 Owen Hull
- 16 Linda Vandermeulen
- 17 John Beecher
- 17 Alaina Gevock
- 17 Macala Stechman
- 20 Betty Phillips
- 21 Marley Liskey
- 22 Donald Tschiggfrie
- 22 Marcia Young
- 24 Lorie Foley
- 24 Derek Lester
- 24 Jared Lester
- 26 Clara Burchett
- 26 Christopher Craven
- 26 Steve Dewitt
- 27 Ronald Francois
- 28 Becca Johnson
- 28 Dean Olson
- 29 Brent Hunold
- 30 Stacy Stechman
- 31 Paul Clark
- 31 Chase Kreimeyer
- 31 Chris Stechman

August Birthdays

- 1 Rhonda Kubik
- 1 Lisa Viertel
- 2 Maura Lawler
- 2 Cheri Vahl
- 4 Landon Schmitt
- 5 Mike Basten
- 5 Marissa Ede
- 6 Kenaniah Stechman
- 6 Vicki Tilson
- 9 James Gabel
- 10 Becky Doty
- 11 Larry Loeppke
- 13 Emilie Flanigan
- 13 Amy Schmitt
- 15 Jodi Johnson
- 15 Jane Manders
- 16 Margaret Johnson
- 17 Heather Demaio
- 17 Robert Glab
- 18 Julia Manders
- 18 Heather Williams
- 20 Cole Beecher
- 20 Madeline Roling
- 21 Jackson Glaser
- 21 Jeanne Updegraff



Emergency Medical Information Cards

In the event of a personal emergency taking place at church, we recommend you have information at St. Luke's that is readily available for EMTs when they are called. You can fill out a 5x7 card stored in the church office and copies can be given to EMTs if the occasion arises. Stop by the church office to fill one out.

Margie Breese, Care and Compassion

We request that **if you become hospitalized, please let the church office know.** Also, please designate St. Luke's as your church when filling out hospital admittance information. If you would like a prayer request, please let us know.



VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The MISSION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is to feed souls, grow faith in God and make a difference in the lives of our congregation, our neighbors and our world.

The VISION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is: Welcoming ALL... Caring... Serving... Growing



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Reoccurring Meetings	Meeting Name and Time
2nd Monday	6:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration
1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
3rd Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Finance
1st Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Trustees
2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m. SP/PRC
3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m. UMW Kaleidoscope
4th Thursday	6:30 p.m. Church Council OR Council on Ministries
Qtrly 3rd Tues	4:30 p.m. Care & Compassion

Weekend Worship

Fall-Spring Worship Services Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Communion 1st Sundays
Summer Worship Services Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Food for the Soul Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Parking: Street metered parking (Mon.-Fri.)
 Free lot parking/street metered parking (Sat.)
 Free Handicap & street parking (Sun.)

Do you have a name change or a new address, phone number, or email address? If so, please remember to inform the St. Luke's office at dbqstluke@gmail.com or by calling 563-582-4543. **Thank You!**



Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- Jul 28th** 7th Sunday after Pentecost (green)
 Hosea 1: 2-10; Psalm 85 (UMH 806);
 Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19); Luke 11: 1-13
- Aug 4th** 8th Sunday after Pentecost (green)
 Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 (UMH 830);
 Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21
- Aug 11th** 9th Sunday after Pentecost (green)
 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783);
 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40
- Aug 18th** 10th Sunday after Pentecost (green)
 Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801);
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Stephanie Schlimm
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 Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
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 Spiritual Growth & Discipleship Zo Landis
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 Social Justice RRS & Terry Stewart
 UMW Marcia Young

At-Large: Coni Stephenson, Kathy Reid, Rhonda Kubik, Nancy Bradley, Dick Landis

July & August 2019 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

7/20 Breese/Young
7/27 McGovern
8/3 Hull family
8/10 Loveless

10:00 Greeters/Ushers

7/21 Margie Breese, Sue Hattel
7/28 Joe & Kathy Lomax
8/4 TBD
8/11 TBD

10:00 Liturgist

7/21 Carol Clark
7/28 Mary Thomas Armstrong
8/4 Cheri Loveless
8/11 Mountain T.O.P.

Saturday Food for the Soul

7/20 Team 10
7/27 Team 11
8/3 Team 1
8/10 Team 2

10:00 Offering Collector

7/21 Ruth Veley
7/28 Kristen Cadman
8/4 Kathy McWethy
8/11 Susan McGovern

10:00 Projectionist

7/21 Matthew Hull
7/28 Paul Clark
8/4 Denny Brimeyer
8/11 Chris Kohlmann

(For changes in the Food for the Soul schedule, contact Marcia 588-4877 and notify the office.)

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7/21 R.R.S. Stewart
7/28 David Patterson
8/4 R.R.S. Stewart
8/11 Heather Williams

Slides

7/21 Matthew Hull
7/28 Paul Clark
8/4 Susan McGovern
8/11 Chris Kohlmann

10:00 Worship Drivers

7/21 Rich Young
7/28 Mark Tilson
8/4 Mike Loveless
8/11 Mark Tilson

Organist/Pianist

7/21 Barland
7/28 Barland
8/4 Barland
8/11 Williams

Summer Early Bulletin Deadlines:

Normal: Thursdays (for the following Sunday)
Exception: Tuesday August 20 (for August 25 bulletin)

Earth Reflection

"Love all of God's creations, the whole of it, and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light! Love the animals. Love the plants; love everything. If you love everything, you will soon perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love." — Quote from Fyodor Dostoevsky, 1821-1881, Russian novelist, journalist, philosopher

Food Pantry Needs

Crackers, hamburger helper, canned meats, peanut butter, potatoes of any kind, sugar, mac & cheese, tuna, vegetable oil; Deodorant, bar soap, facial tissues, laundry soap, dish soap

Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.



Upcoming Worship Services

Aug 4 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion with Rev. Robert Armstrong

Aug 11 10:00 a.m. Mountain T.O.P. Worship Service

Aug 18 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Aug 25 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at the Dubuque Arboretum
SAVE the DATE

Sep 1 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Autumn Return to Two Services

Sep 8 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room



St. Luke's UMC
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Busy Bees

Monday, August 5th, 2019 — 1:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Fellowship Hall

Hostess: Pat Hefel. Willing hands & caring hearts needed. Devotions, dessert, and tying of quilts for Hillcrest residential youth and St. John's Almost Home Men's Shelter. Guests are always welcome!

Summer Mission U

Summer Mission U is in session July 21-23 at Marshalltown. Over 140 laity and clergy are registered. Studies include:

- 1) Spiritual Growth: *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*;
- 2) *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*;
- 3) Social Issue: *What About Our Money*.

Fall Mission U to be held October 18-20 also at Iowa Valley Continuing Education Center.



Children's & Youth Family Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Dinner: 5:00pm — Meeting: 6:00pm

Bring the whole family! Join us for a meeting with Pastor Stephanie and Youth Director David Ploenzke including children, youth, and parents. We hope to engage in fellowship as well as come to understand what the children, youth, and parents of St. Luke's are excited about in their walk with God. Please join us!!

Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room



Join Pastor Stephanie to take a closer look at the scriptures for the week.

Donate to the Jesus Fund



This ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing vouchers to Eagle's grocery. On July 22nd alone, there were more requests in **one day** than in the full month of April.

Donations can be given in envelopes put into the offering plate labeled "Jesus Fund." Your help keeps the Jesus Fund ministry functioning to add that extra little bit of food security people need.

Terrific Tuesdays

(9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

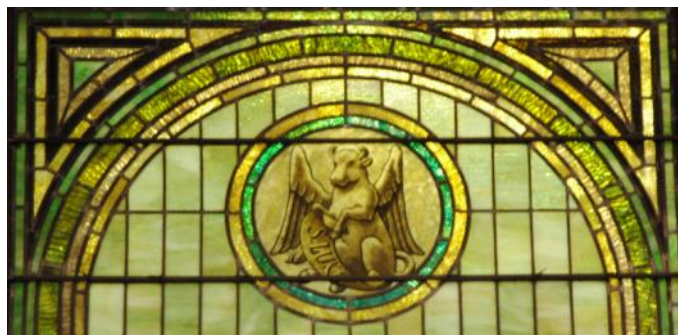
- Jul 30** One Mean Bean
- Aug 6** Panera Bread
- Aug 13** Convivium Urban Farmstead
- Aug 20** Starbucks at Dodge Hy-Vee
- Aug 27** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor



Underwear for Kids Donations needed!



There is ongoing need for **new children's underwear** both at the St. John's Open Closet and in the schools. **Please help by purchasing children's underwear sizes 3-14** for all genders. Bring it to the church and put it in the **blue tote in the South Hall**. It will be delivered to St. John's for their Open Closet free clothing giveaway and when they receive calls from schools. If you make donations by **August 18th**, students can receive these important donations before their first day of school.



Windows of Opportunities Volunteers Needed!

- ✦ **Videographers** to video worship services during 10:00 a.m. summer services and 8:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. services September through May. Training provided. Scheduled on available dates. Contact Paul Clark with questions.
- ✦ **Greeters & Ushers** during 10:00 a.m. summer worship services. Contact Sue Hattel at 556-1394.
- ✦ **Paid Position – First Service Organist/Pianist** from September through May, and pianist for Wednesday evening choirs. Contact Susan McGovern, SPPRC, and stop by the church office for an application.
- ✦ **Paid Position – Second Service Choir Director** from September through May, including leading Word on the Third's contemporary music service. Contact Susan McGovern, SPPRC, and stop by the church office for an application.
- ✦ **Paid Position – Nursery Assistant** to help in the nursery. We are looking for someone with a heart for children to serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings, as well as Wednesday evenings during the school year. Contact Susan McGovern, SPPRC, and stop by the church office for an application.

Dubuque for Refugee Children

We are all concerned by the treatment of refugee children in government buildings in Texas. What can you do on a local level? Dubuque for Refugee Children (D4RC) assists and empowers unaccompanied immigrant minors with their legal, educational, medical/dental and transportation needs in their quest to achieve secure, peaceful and sustainable lives.

D4RC is currently working with 50 young people between the ages of 5 and 21. If you are interested in being a guardian, driver, interpreter or donating, you can talk to R.R.S. or Terry Stewart, Judy Schmidt or Dick Landis. D4RC meets in the Wesley Room (next meeting is Monday 15 July at 4pm) or you can visit:

www.facebook.com/DforRC



THANK YOU for the Snacks for Habitat Workers!

Nourishing snacks needed for Habitat for Humanity were provided by St. Luke's for Habitat's recent renovation at 1100 Roosevelt road. St. Luke's has been in a covenant relationship with Dubuque & Jackson Counties Habitat for Humanity for many years, including financial support from St. Luke's as well as meals for at least four builds.

This past week, the local Habitat for Humanity began renovation of a duplex at 1100 Roosevelt Road, off Peru Road, into a single family home. Completion is projected for November. The future owners will be a single mother, Tricia with four school age children. They have been waiting for 2 years for this and are so excited!



Starting on July 22nd, volunteers began removing walls. Alongside Tricia, volunteers from Flexsteel, John Deere, Dutrac, and other teams pitched in. St. Luke's provided snacks July 24-27 with generous donations from several people.

Blessings to all as we team together on remodeling this duplex into a home for this family in need.

Praise be to God. Amen.

— Al & Sue Hattel, St. Luke's Habitat Liaisons



Join the Dubuque Chorale

No auditions required!

Do you enjoy choral singing? The Dubuque Chorale is beginning rehearsals for our 2019-20 season! Our first rehearsal begins at **7:00 p.m. on August 22** at Grandview United Methodist Church, 3342 John Wesley Dr, Dubuque, IA. No auditions are required -- just come and give us a try! If you have questions, check our website at dubuquechorale.org or call Mary Beth Ferring at: 580-6229.



Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir

Do you know a young person who likes to sing? The

Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir is holding voice placement interviews for their upcoming season on **August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave, Dubuque IA. Children who live in Dubuque or the surrounding areas and who will be in grades 3-6 in the 2019-20 academic year are welcome to join. To schedule an interview, please text/call Mary Beth Ferring 580-6229.

Spare Room for Seminary Student?

Needed: August 3rd through 19th

Do you have a spare room or know of an economical place to stay in August? Heidi Farmer, a fellow United Methodist from Pella, IA, begins classes at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary this August and needs of a room or low-cost option to stay during the Opening Semester Intensive from August 3 to 16, 2019.

Contact Heidi at: heidifarmer@live.com
or 920-547-0255

Volunteer Readers Needed

St. Mark Youth Enrichment

Now through August 2nd

Mondays or Wednesdays - 9:00 to 9:15 a.m.

Ron Paar from St. Mark Youth Enrichment center is coordinating volunteer readers this summer to read for children Mon & Wed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.



Contact Ron at:
rpaar@smcedbq.org
or 563-582-6211 ext 103



During worship on June 30 **Margie Breese** and **Margie Brown** were recognized with special **Mission Recognitions**. Each was presented with a certificate and an oval lapel pin with a cross.

A financial gift has been sent in each name to the Women's Division of United Methodist Women to support mission work to benefit women, children, youth and families globally.



✝ **Margie Breese** gives generously of her time and talents at St. Luke's and in the community. A retired speech pathologist, she continues to substitute teach in Western Dubuque schools. She is a co-leader of a St. Luke's Food for the Soul meal team, does Saturday Morning Bread Runs to HyVee, coordinates St. Luke's Care & Compassion Ministry, sings in St. Luke's Singers, is a greeter/usher, and decorates the church seasonally.



✝ **Margie Brown** also gives generously of her time and talents at St. Luke's and throughout the community. She is a familiar face and pair of hands volunteering at Saturday night Food for the Soul meal. Being a talented sewer, she creates cloth tote bags for the dinner guests' personal use. She crochets prayer shawls providing comfort to members of our congregation and community persons through St. Luke's Prayer Shawl Ministry. She is a faithful visitor to a home bound member of our congregation who also knits prayer shawls. She volunteers where ever needed... at church and helping family and neighborhood friends.

Margie and Margie are "difference makers" serving others.

— *St. Luke's United Methodist Women*

Thank You for the Flood Kits!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at St. Luke's UMC:

Thank you for your generous donation of the cleaning kits to Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these". "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me.'" - Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director

P.S. Please keep Midwest Mission in your prayers as we are praying for you. We pray over each organization and donor before the letter leaves.



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