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September 3, 2017

14th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

St. Luke's — Celebrating 184 Years

1833-2017



St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision

Welcoming ALL . . .

Caring . . . Serving . . . Growing

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to an usher.

* Asterisk denotes the invitation to stand if able. **Bold text** to be read by the people.

9:15 Hymn Sing [Congregational hymn requests] UMH/TFWS

Closing Song “Open Doors” Inside back cover UMH

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Prelude Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

Lighting of the Candles: *Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship*

Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions

*** Called to Worship**

* Hymn “We Are Standing on Holy Ground” TFWS 2272

* Opening Prayer (*read responsively*)

Strong but gentle God, you have called us to gather here on this holy ground.

**We come from the life you’ve given us. Some come with joy!
Others carry sorrow with them. Some are afraid, lonely, or hurting.**

Some of us are confused about how so much pain can exist in a world you’ve created.

**Here we are, each of us a bundle of hopes and fears,
joys and sorrows, frustrations and faith.
We come to worship you!**

* Hymn “We Are Standing on Holy Ground” TFWS 2272

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Called to Community

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233

Children’s Time Pastor Chuck Layton

“Jesus Loves Me” (chorus only) UMH 191

Called to Share

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

Offertory

Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

*Offering Response

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Called to Reflection

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-5

Psalter Reading:

Psalm 130 with sung response

UMH 848

New Testament Reading:

Romans 12:9-16

And all God's people said:

Thanks be to God!

Message

“On Holy Ground”

Pastor Chuck Layton

Called to Communion

Invitation

Confession and Pardon:

Today, we confess, not our sins so much as our feelings.

We feel inadequate for the tasks you give us. When we look at flooding in Bangladesh with over a thousand dead, in Texas and Louisiana with many dead and homeless, the fires in Oregon with houses burned—we shrink away. Who are we to be helpful in the face of such need.

We feel small and ignored when our leaders make changes that affect us without our consent.

We feel baffled when “the rules” change in the middle of our work or family or community life. Every time some group begins to demand their rights and share of the pie, we feel as though our rights, our shares get smaller.

We feel like Moses when you stopped him at the burning bush, and commissioned him to be God's instrument of salvation for an entire race of people: “Who am I? I don't have the skills necessary! Please find someone else!”

God of both power and love, we want so much to be the people you call us to be. For those times when our feelings get in the way, please forgive and help us.

Amen.

[All pray in silence]

Words of Assurance

God declares, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Know with confidence that, by God’s grace, you are forgiven and renewed.

As we prepare to share the Lord’s Supper, please ask someone near you how you might pray for them as the two of you approach the table. After you have received communion, the two of you may either kneel together at the altar rail, or be seated together in the front rows of pews to pray together; or you might return to your seats and then pray together.

We will use the musical setting at 2257- a, b, c, d in TFWS

(To be sung as people come to receive communion)

Communion Hymns	“Time Now to Gather”	TFWS 2265
	“Come, Share the lord”	TFWS 2269

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World

* Sending Hymn	“May You Run and Not Be Weary”	TFWS 2281
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*** Benediction**

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Postlude and Music from the Tower Chime *(please be seated)*

Postlude Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

Note: *Please feel free to use language in worship that is inclusive and affirms a diverse imagery for God.*

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Upcoming Events for September 3 - 10

Sunday, September 3

9:15 am Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
9:30 am Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee & Conversations in the South Hallway — Hosts: Youth

Monday, September 4 — Labor Day

No Events Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

9:30 am Terrific Tuesday at One Mean Bean
5:30 pm Invitation & Welcome Meeting in the Conference Room
7:00 pm Anna Bineta Diouf Concert in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 6

5:30 - 6:25 pm St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal in the Music Room
6:15 - 7:15 pm JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting in the Conference Room
7:15 - 8:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room

Thursday, September 7

10:00 am Bible Study in the Parlor
7:00 pm Update on Area Human Trafficking in the Sanctuary

Friday, September 8

7:00 am Men's Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 9

6:30 am Bread Run — Dan Jacobsen & Steve Sanders
2:00 pm Duschen-Kluesner Wedding in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 2
6:00 pm Saturday Night Praise in the Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, September 10 — Rally Sunday

8:30 am Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
9:30-10:45 am Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall
10:45 am Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12:00 pm (Noon) Mountain T.O.P. 2018 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



Those in Uniform & Their Families
Our Homebound & Those At Care Centers
 Savannah - emergency c-section, infection
 Irv Veley - mother died

Friends of Coni Stephenson

Gayla & John Roarig family - mother passing
Beth Fales - colon cancer (in her 50s)
Tyler Hedley - shipping off to Afghanistan
Terrie Berry - recovering from hip replacement
Carol Clark - recovering from heart surgery
Ron Liskey - continuous back pain
Family of Arnie Van Etten - passed away
Susan Funke - rehab in Ankeny

Prayer requests email: dbqstluke@gmail.com
 Prayer listings are listed for two weeks.

Upcoming Worship Services

Fall Schedule Begins - Sept 10th - May 20th
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Sep 10 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
Sep 17 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

Every Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise

St. Luke's United Methodist Church presents:

L'Histoire de la romance russe

(A History of the Russian Romance)

Anna Bineta Diouf, mezzo-soprano

Oleg Timofeyev, Russian seven-string guitar



Tues, Sept. 5, 7pm
St. Luke's UMC

This is a varied program of rare and well-known

Russian Romantic songs for voice and guitar. The performers will tell you everything about this fascinating repertoire. Don't miss this opportunity! Bring family and friends! Suggested free-will donation: \$12 (\$10 students and seniors).

The Time for Singing Has Come!

St. Luke's Singers Family Choir

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:25 p.m.

Sing: Sundays at the 8:30 a.m. services
Choir Room, Lower Level at St. Luke's



Beginning September 6th!



If you've been blessed with the gift of voice, join us and sing God's praises at 8:30 a.m. Worship Services Sunday mornings!

St. Luke's Singers Family Choir sings three Sundays a month (usually enjoying third Sundays off), and we share special music for Christmas and Easter. We are a welcoming group and like our name, we are a "family" that enjoys coming together as a community through music.

Have questions? ... Uncertain? ... Not a problem! Give it a try and experience the joy of singing! We look forward to seeing you at our **first rehearsal, Wednesday, September 6th!** Blessings, Keith Rippe, Director, St. Luke's Singers Family Choir

Questions? Ask any Choir member or contact Keith via email or phone: **Cell: 563-599-0528**
Email: kr725@mchsi.com

Chancel Choir



Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15pm
Beginning September 6th



Under our new director, Roxanne Rollefson, Chancel Choir will meet for our first rehearsal this Wednesday. Come join us in song, meet our new director, and welcome her to our always musical St. Luke's family!

Youth Coordinator Fund



In line with Chuck's Chat earlier this month, you have the opportunity to give to the Youth Coordinator fund. You'll find envelopes for that purpose on the back table in the sanctuary. Please consider helping us fund this vital ministry of the church.



United Methodist Women Faith. Hope. Love in Action...

September 7 — St. Luke's Sanctuary at 7:00 pm — Update on Area Human Trafficking, (see below).

September 8 — Kindling New Fires of Hope. Church Women United Human Rights Celebration, (see below).

September 11 (note date change) — Busy Bees at 1:00 pm in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Devotions, dessert and tying of quilts. Hostess: Janet Efferding. Guests welcome. New leader is Kathy Michel (583-5679). Meets 1st Mondays.

Update on Area Human Trafficking

Thursday, September 7th — 7:00 pm
St. Luke's UMC — Sanctuary

Speaker: Sister Patricia Conlan RSM, D. Min. (SMA) has ministered trafficking victims since 2003. Member of Set Free Dubuque since 2013 and Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking (IA/IL/WI) since 2014. Sister collaborates with schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement and Friends of Cedar Valley to end Human Trafficking through education and advocacy. Hosted by St. Luke's UMW. **All are invited!**

Kindling New Fires of Hope

Friday, September 8th

9:30am Gathering. 10am Worship & Program
Dubuque Arboretum Porch (at Visitor Center)

Join Church Women United as they host a human rights celebration and program "Kindling New Fires of HOPE." Featuring speaker MFC Director Dr. Farris Muhammad, with special music by Paula Welter, flute. Beverage tab donations accepted. Accessible entry All are welcome!

Drivers Needed for SOA!

We need drivers for Seniors Out & About (SOA) Contact **Laurinda Brimeyer** at: **563-543-5341**.

Mountain T.O.P. Meeting for 2018

Sunday Sept. 10th at Noon
St. Luke's Fellowship Hall



We need to know who is interested in going to Mountain T.O.P. next summer. Any interested youth (bring a parent) and adults. Youth are encouraged to invite any interested friends! Contact Dan Jacobsen with any comments or questions:

319-480-0921 cell | djacobsen@yo-ho.com



Going Down River Monday Sept 18th



Lunch at the Off Shore Restaurant & **Tour** of the State Park in Bellevue, IA.

Reservation Deadline: **Monday, September 11th**
Cost: **\$5** (transit), **order off the menu**
We leave **Woodlands** at **11:00 a.m.**
RSVP to: **Shirley H (Woodlands): 937-409-5336**

Positions at St. Luke's!

Fulfillment opportunities are now available at St. Luke's! If someone you know is interested in a position, please contact us.



First Service Organist

8:30 service during the school year, 9:30 service during summer. If you are a good pianist, our Head Organist (Dr. Charles Barland) can help you learn to play our beautiful pipe organ.

Food For the Soul Host

This opportunity will allow you to help the neediest in our community. FFTS hosts provide management and supervision for this free Saturday evening meal. This position also provides support to the individual teams that provide the free meal. (Typically this takes about 3 hours, and you would be needed every 3rd Saturday).

Terrific Tuesdays
(All at 9:30 a.m. unless noted)



- Sep 5 One Mean Bean
- Sep 19 Jitterz Coffee & Café
- Sep 26 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00am Sit & Knit in the Parlor
- Oct 3 Caribou Coffee (Dodge & Wacker)

Thanks From Kathy Lomax

Thanks to the many members and friends of St. Luke's who sent memorial donations, kind expressions of sympathy and condolences in the lovely cards, consoling words and heartfelt messages upon the death of my dear mother. She was a very religious person, the third generation of the founders of Emmanuel Baptist Church where her funeral was held.

I was truly blessed by all of the many cards. Memorials have been donated to the Raymond and Fannie Byrd scholarship of the Back to Beloit African American Homecoming. Thank you for remembering me during my time of bereavement.

Yours in Christ, Kathy Lomax

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Crackers, hamburger helper, canned meat, peanut butter, deodorant, bar soap, facial tissues, produce



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.

Dare2Share Live!

Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 2017

11:00am - 6:30pm

Doors open at 10:00am

St. Luke's UMC - Sanctuary

Tickets: \$20 each

One day of outreach to the community, connected with 70+ locations nationwide! **Contact Mark Beard for more information.**

More information at www.dare2sharelive.org

75th Anniversary Celebration for Dale & LaJeune Williams

Sunday, September 10, 2017, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Fireside Room in Maplecrest at The Village
1203 North E Street, Indianola, IA 50125
Hosted by the Wilson and Dickey families

Rev. Dale Williams was pastor at St. Luke's 1970-1973. Dale & Lajuene are 99 & 98 years old. Those who remember them are welcome to attend the reception and/or send cards/letters. They look forward to hearing from old friends!

Their home address is: Rev. Dale and LaJeune Williams, 707 Robin Glen #216, Indianola IA 50125. **Send RSVP or questions to:** Lynanne Wilson, 309 Parkwood Place, Charlottesville, VA 22901; 434-249-2194; lyncello@hotmail.com

2017 International Day of Peace

Since 1981, the UN International Day of Peace has marked humanity's progress toward peace, and is recognized around the world Sept. 21st. Dubuque's festival spans 2 weeks around the date.

Our 2017 keynote speaker, Jim Bear Jacobs, will explore current and historical views of what it is to be an American, an immigrant and/or a refugee, the ways that race enters into the discussion, and the need to take into account indigenous perspectives on these issues. For a list of events visit:

www.dbqdayofpeace.org

Reusable Bags Available!

St. Luke's Green Team, as part of the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (IIPL) will be handing out special locally printed, non-toxic reusable bags. St. Luke's has received 80 bags to give away. Half will be given out at Food for the Soul. The other half will be handed out by Green Team members in the South Hall before and after Sunday services. We are asking donations for these bags to offset the free ones.

Questions: contact Social Justice Co-Chairs RRS & Terry Stewart or Mary Armstrong, Dubuque IIPL facilitator.



UMCOR Responds to Hurricane Harvey

Dear Friends of UMCOR,

By now, we have all seen the horrific images of Hurricane Harvey's destructive path through Houston, Southeast Texas, and Southwest Louisiana, producing record-shattering rains and flooding in some communities.

Before Harvey made landfall, UMCOR was working with United Methodist Church conferences to ready resources and volunteers for the relief and recovery efforts. UMC volunteers from these conferences are UMCOR's feet on the ground, and they are actively responding to this ongoing and developing disaster.

The people of Houston and other affected communities need your help today! A catastrophe of this size and magnitude will require UMCOR to be there for the long-term as UMC conferences address the urgent needs of those affected. UMCOR will be with them every step of the way.

Please pray for the millions of people affected by this disaster. And make a gift so we can provide the help they need to rebuild their lives.

Blessings,

Catherine G. Earl, MSW, UMCOR Director of Disaster Response and U.S. Partnerships

P.S. Your gift today will be immediately put to work through UMCOR to help those who are currently facing crises in their lives. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Special offering envelopes are available in this bulletin.

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>September 3, 2017</u> 9:30 a.m.	
Greeters/Ushers	Les & Sue Bettcher	
Acolyte	Sara Albert	
Children's Time	Pastor Chuck Layton	
Offering Depositor	Scott Zartman	
Liturgist	Terry Stewart	
Communion Steward	Deb Albert	
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Chuck Barland	
Chimer	R.R.S. Stewart	
Hymn Sing	Pastor Chuck Layton	
Slides	Paul Clark	
Projectionist	Paul Clark	
Videographer	John Hessler	
Worship Driver	Dan Jacobsen	
Coffee & Conversation	Youth	
	Saturday, September 2	Saturday, September 9
Bread Run	Smokey & Susan McGovern	Dan Jacobsen & Steve Sanders
Food for the Soul	Team 3	Team 2

Music Directors

St. Luke's Singers — Keith Rippe Chancel Choir — Roxanne Rollefson Bell Choir Director — David Patterson	Children's Music — Heather Williams Chimers — Larry Loepke Word on the Third — Praise Team Wind Ensemble Lead Organist: Dr. Chuck Barland
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