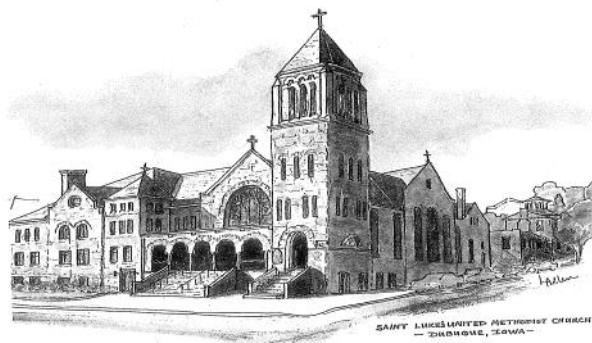


# The Chimes

## Newsletter

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### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.  
12:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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## Chuck's Chat — December 13, 2017

A blessed Advent and a very merry Christmas to all of you!

Our lives are so precious! And isn't it amazing that God has created us as both spirit and body? I recently read that our instinct for tapping into the realm of the spirit goes back even further than our DNA. That is, even Neanderthals knew the impulse to worship that which was beyond them – spirit.

So it isn't hard to understand why we turn to the spiritual realm when our bodies become ill or injured. Even apart from our particular Judeo-Christian understandings of God as Creator, Jesus as the Great Physician, and the Holy Spirit as the loving life of God active in and among us, it isn't at all surprising that we humans turn to the holy when we have need.

What is interesting, however, is that we believe that our prayers can have an effect on someone else's health. I don't want to re-argue the case for intercessory prayer; rather, I want to call us to a season of *doing* it. There are so many of our friends, family, and acquaintances who are sick or injured. I personally know of folks who have had back surgery, several different kinds of cancer, strokes, genetic difficulties, and addictions. And that doesn't even count those who have broken bones, worn-out joints, who have been in car accidents, or had infections.

How good it is that there are folks called to be doctors, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics and so on. I believe that God deeply loves all who give their lives to helping other people heal. I also believe absolutely that the healing itself is a gift from God's spirit to our lives. This takes nothing away from the medical arts. Rather, it completes them.

I also believe that God has given us a high calling to serve as lenses that focus God's healing power on people. God chooses to let us cooperate in that miracle. I would never make a case that someone fails to get better because I didn't pray for them. But I will say without hesitation that prayer can be a key element in the overall recovery of a person. This is a paradox, I know. I'm okay with that.

So, I invite you to think about someone whom you know needs healing. Here is one possible way to pray for them:

First, find a calm, quiet place where you can pray. Then thank God for God's presence and healing light. Envision yourself flooded by that light. Next, visualize the person for whom you are praying. Let that healing light surround them. Invite God to fill them with it, just as honey flows into a crystal pitcher. See that healing power touching every part of them – body, soul and spirit – especially those places that are injured. Rest in that vision for a time. Then, thank God for what God is doing for that person. Amen!

*Shalom, Chuck*

## 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 the people who are currently dealing with a recent illness, surgery, injury, or medical concern:

- Cynthia Rowland** (Amy Schadle's sister) - surgery
- Robert Fisher** (Bonnie Sander's father) - hip surgery
- Eugene Ridanpaa** (from Coni Stephenson) - cancer
- Verla Perry** (Vicki Tilson's mother) - health issues
- Kirsten** (Margie Brown's niece) - high risk pregnancy
- Julie** (Margie Brown's sister) - health issue

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

- |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Betty Farcas</b></li> <li><b>Sally Wiegand</b></li> <li><b>Barb Boettcher</b></li> <li><b>Romayne Schmitt</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Edie Bruehahn</b></li> <li><b>Mary Dempsey</b></li> <li><b>Margerie Kreassig</b></li> </ul> |
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Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

- |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cheri Loveless</b></li> <li><b>Ron Liskey</b></li> <li><b>Peggy Lemke</b></li> <li><b>Brett Cooper</b></li> <li><b>Jeanne Patterson</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True Mills</b></li> <li><b>Susan Funke</b></li> <li><b>Johnny</b></li> <li><b>Bonnie Jorgensen</b></li> </ul> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Prayers of consolation for recently lost loved ones to the families of:

- Beverly Puccio** (Food for the Soul regular)

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.



**Please check** the prayer request lists if there are any outdated prayer requests. Send updates or prayer requests 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.



### *December Birthdays*

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Jack Foley         | 18 Paige Oberman    |
| 2 Kevin McTague      | 19 Andrea Duschen   |
| 2 Mark Tilson        | 19 Lillian Tharp    |
| 3 Joanne Burgus      | 20 Chason Craven    |
| 4 Sheree Miller      | 21 Breanna Gabel    |
| 5 Matt Lungwitz      | 21 Douglas Olson    |
| 6 Mary Armstrong     | 22 Shirley Moody    |
| 6 Jordan Oberman     | 23 David Viertel    |
| 7 Brody Ashbrook     | 25 Jensen Ashbrook  |
| 8 Sue Bettcher       | 25 Nathaniel Dvorak |
| 8 Diane Dueland      | 25 Katherine Herman |
| 10 Julie Dewitt      | 25 Trint Huseman    |
| 10 Claire Funke      | 26 Danica Ludowitz  |
| 10 Kirby Snitker     | 26 Kelli Miller     |
| 11 Kaylee Huseman    | 27 James Appel      |
| 11 Brooklyn Nelson   | 27 John Hefel       |
| 11 Reed Snitker      | 28 Chris McCarron   |
| 12 Celeste Hefel     | 28 Susan Walgamuth  |
| 12 Gretchen Thompson | 29 Aiden Artist     |
| 13 Benjamin Carlock  | 30 Ryan Neuendorf   |
| 14 Patricia Gallogly | 31 Maxwell Enabnit  |
| 14 Ethan Lester      | 31 Ed Glaser        |
| 15 Lori Boughton     | 31 Kathryn Lomax    |
| 18 Holden Ashbrook   | 31 Kirstie Steging  |
| 18 Mike Loveless     |                     |

### **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
<b>1st Tuesday</b>	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration
<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance
<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	4:15 p.m. Care & Compassion
<b>1st Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Trustees
<b>2nd Thursday</b>	6:30 p.m. SPPRC
<b>3rd Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. Kaleidoscope
<b>4th Thursday</b>	6:30 p.m. Church Council <b>OR</b> Council on Ministries

### Weekend Worship

<i>Food for the Soul</i>	<i>Saturday at 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday Night Praise</i>	<i>Saturday at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday Worship Services</i>	<i>Sunday at 8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>(Communion 1st Sundays)</i>	<i>Sunday at 10:45 a.m.</i>

**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](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com) or by calling 563-582-4543. **Thank You!**

### Official UMC Lectionary Texts

**Dec 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent (purple)**  
 Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 (UM 847);  
 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent (purple)**  
 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 46b-55;  
 Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

**Dec 24th Christmas Eve (white)**  
 Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96 (UM 815);  
 Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20

**Dec 31st Epiphany of the Lord (white)**  
 Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 (UM 795);  
 Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

### STAFF

Pastor . . . . . Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton  
 Children / Youth: Anezka Lungwitz (int.)  
 Administrative Assistant . . . . . Ora Uzel  
 Custodian. . . . . Caprice Jones

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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 Invitation & Welcome . . . . Lisa Viertel &  
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Worship & Celebration . . . . Sue Hattel  
 Care & Compassion . . . . Deb Albert &  
 Margie Breese  
 Spiritual Growth & Disc . . . . (vacant)  
 Stewardship . . . . . (vacant)  
 Witness & Service  
 Community Outreach . . . Jennifer Crow  
 Conference Global and Social Justice . .  
 . . . . . RRS & Terry Stewart  
 Neighborhood Outreach . . John Hessler  
 UMW . . . . . Marcia Young  
 At-Large: Matt Crow, Chris Becker, Gary  
 Reid, Lesley Stephens, Steven & Kathy  
 Lamb, Nancy Bradley, Vicki Tilson,  
 Rhonda Kubik

## Month of December 2017 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run

12/2/17 Mcgovern  
 12/9/17 Hull family  
 12/16/17 Breese/Young  
 12/23/17 Rusch/Young  
 12/30/17 Loveless

### 8:30 Greeters/Ushers

12/3 Reddings  
 12/10 Bettchers  
 12/17 Joe. L. & Smokey M.  
 12/24 10am TBD  
 12/31 10am TBD

### 10:45 Greeters/Ushers

12/3 Reid/Stephenson/Folsom  
 12/10 Reid/Watters  
 12/17 Gary Reid, Cheri Vahl

### Saturday Food for the Soul

12/2/17 Team 1  
 12/9/17 Team 2  
 12/16/17 Team 3  
 12/23/17 Team 4  
 12/30/17 Team 5

### 8:30 Offering Depositor

12/3 Susan McGovern  
 12/10 Rich Young  
 12/17 Scott Zartman  
 12/24 10am Sue Lane  
 12/31 10am Nancy Hessler

### 10:45 Offering Depositor

12/3 Mike Loveless  
 12/10 Mark Tilson  
 12/17 Sharon Kress

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

### 8:30 Liturgist

12/3 Susan McGovern  
 12/10 Otto Krueger  
 12/17 Cantata  
 12/24 10am Nancy Hessler  
 12/31 10am Carol Clark

### 10:45 Liturgist

12/3 Dan Jacobsen  
 12/10 Rev. Dianne Christopher  
 12/17 Chris Becker

### Chimer

12/3 Heather Williams  
 12/10 Larry Loeppeke  
 12/17 Stewart/Loeppeke  
 12/24 10am Larry Loeppeke  
 12/31 10am Williams

### 8:30 Projectionist

12/3 Denny Brimeyer  
 12/10 Chris Kohlmann  
 12/17 Denny Brimeyer  
 12/24 10am Paul Clark  
 12/31 10am Paul Clark

### 10:45 Projectionist

12/3 Matthew Hull  
 12/10 Paul Clark  
 12/17 Matthew Hull

### Organist/Pianist

12/3 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland  
 12/10 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland  
 12/17 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland  
 12/24 10am Dr. Chuck Barland  
 12/31 10am Dr. Chuck Barland

### Videographer

12/3 John Hessler  
 12/10 Greg Albert  
 12/17 Bobby Martin  
 12/24 10am Bobby Martin  
 12/31 10am Bobby Martin

### Slides

12/3 Susan McGovern  
 12/10 Chris Kohlmann  
 12/17 Matthew Hull  
 12/24 10am Paul Clark  
 12/31 10am Paul Clark

### 10:45 Worship Drivers

12/3 Dan Jacobsen  
 12/10 Otto Krueger  
 12/17 Chris Becker  
 12/24 10am Mark Tilson  
 12/31 10am Rich Young

## Christmas Eve — Candlelight & Communion Services

	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>10:45 pm</u>
Ushers/Greeters	TBD	TBD	TBD
Offering Depositor	TBD	TBD	TBD
Liturgist	Terry Stewart	Nancy Bradley	Armstrongs
Communion	TBD	TBD	TBD
Slides	Chris Kohlmann	Chris Kohlmann	Chris Kohlmann
Projectionist	Denny Brimeyer	Paul Clark	Chris Kohlmann
Videographer	—	Bobby Martin	—
Organist	Dr. Chuck Barland	TBD	Dr. Chuck Barland
Chimer	TBD	Heather Williams	R.R.S. Stewart



## Upcoming Worship Services

- Dec. 17 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
8:20 a.m. Worship Service with Christmas Cantata  
10:35 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir & JuBELLation Ringers
- Dec. 24 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**9:50 a.m.** Worship Service
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Special Worship Services**  
2:00 p.m. Candlelight with Communion  
7:00 p.m. Candlelight with Communion  
10:45 p.m. Candlelight with Communion
- Dec. 31 Epiphany Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship Service
- Jan. 7 Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Services with Communion
- Every Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise with Communion every first Sunday

## Upcoming Wonderful Wednesdays

- Dec. 13** All regular activities and meal  
**Dec. 20** No Wonderful Wednesday  
**Dec. 27** No Wonderful Wednesday  
**Jan. 3** Wonderful Wednesdays resume  
No Chancel Choir rehearsal



## Lectionary Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Meet with Pastor Chuck Thurs at 10am in the Parlor to discuss scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

## Wonderful Wednesdays Schedule

- 5:00-5:45 pm Meal in the Fellowship Hall
- Adult Music Rehearsals**
- 5:30-6:25 pm St. Luke's Singers - Music Room  
6:15-7:15 pm JuBELLation Ringers - Sanctuary  
6:30-6:55 pm Wind Ensemble - Music Room  
7:15-8:15 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room
- Youth Activities / Rehearsals**
- 5:15-8:30 pm Nursery available  
6:00-7:00 pm Joyful Noise - Nursery & Room 102  
6:15-6:30 pm Joyful Noise Singing - Room 203  
5:45-6:30 pm St. Luke's Saints - Wesley Room  
6:30-7:00 pm Randall Ringers - Room 203  
5:30-6:00 pm Wesley Ringers - Sanctuary  
6:00-7:00 pm High School Group - Room 201  
6:30-7:45 pm Confirmation - Conference Room

**NO** Wonderful Wednesday meal or activities:  
**Dec. 20th, Dec. 27th**, Feb. 14th, and Mar. 28th

## Prescott Elementary Soup Luncheon "Giving Together"

**Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Snow Date: Wednesday, December 20**  
**1151 White Street, Dubuque, IA 52001**  
**Recommended Donation: \$15.00**



Join us for a soup lunch, silent auction, student artwork, and performances! Proceeds benefit Expeditionary Learning and arts programming at Prescott Elementary, including the all-school musical, fieldwork, guest experts, and beyond-the-school-day programs. For more information call the Prescott School Office at (563) 552-4200.

## Alternative Advent Market

Social Justice will have a table for Dubuque for Refugee Children in the south hallway as part of the Alternative Advent market between the two services and for about 15 minutes after the second service. The table will have beautiful shawls, scarves, and headbands from Limitless Horizons, an organization that works with the women of the Ixil area of Guatemala, marketing their hand-woven goods worldwide, allowing them an opportunity to earn a livable wage through their art.



## Easy Home Composting

We try to compost all our food scraps at St. Luke's, but did you know you can compost at home? If not, please take a look at the display from Iowa Interfaith Power & Light in the South Hallway on how you can sign-up to compost with the City of Dubuque. If you have any questions, find a Green Team member: Mary Armstrong, Rev. Robert Armstrong, Jennifer Crow, Sue Hattel, Mary Purdy, R.R.S. Stewart, Terry Stewart & Marcia Young.

## Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Hot chocolate, potatoes, graham crackers, canned fruit, oil, toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue, garden produce

Items can go in the  
South Hall shopping cart



## Giving Tree



In the sanctuary is the "Giving Tree" for Prescott school. We're collecting, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and underwear for children 11 yrs of age & younger. Donations can be left on or around the tree, they will be collected & delivered to Prescott school for disbursement upon need.



## Congratulations Graduates!

Two members of the St. Luke's family will graduate from college this month:

Jessica DuBord completed her student teaching at Sageville Elementary School this semester. She is getting her degree from Clarke University in Elementary Education with special education and reading endorsements. Congratulations Jessica!

John W. Hefel, son of Wayne and Celeste Hefel will graduate with the degree of Masters in Science in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville December 16th. John is a Test Lab Supervisor at John Deere PEC Waterloo. Congratulations John!

Thirteen "We Care Packages" were sent to St. Luke's members who are at college now to let them know we are thinking of them this time of year. Please include these students in your prayers as they prepare for their finals.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this special ministry!  
~ The College Outreach Committee



## Collaborative Farm Grants

### [Collaborative Farm Applications](#)

Sinsinawa Mound (located just past the bridge in Wisconsin) will provide beginning farmers with land, equipment, and educational resources necessary to kickstart a vegetable farming business. This is an amazing opportunity. Please help spread the word! Applications and business plans are due January 1. Support for business plan development is also available.

~ Ashley Neises, Sinsinawa Mound, Lead Gardener and Farm Site Manager

To find out more and access the application form go to:

[https://www.sinsinawa.org/about-us/sinsinawa\\_mound/collaborative-farm.html](https://www.sinsinawa.org/about-us/sinsinawa_mound/collaborative-farm.html)

Electronic version: click on the links for more info.



## Ringers Needed!

The JuBELLation Ringers are in immediate need of 2-4 musicians to join our ranks. We are entering our 40th year of music ministry at

St. Luke's and invite you to become a part of our journey. If you can read music and are able to commit to weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings (6:15-7:15 p.m.) and one Sunday a month, please contact me promptly via e-mail or phone at:

[dpatterson2000@mchsi.com](mailto:dpatterson2000@mchsi.com) or 563-557-7529  
David Patterson, Ring Leader

## Donate to the Jesus Fund



Due to overwhelming demand, our "Jesus Fund" is often in need of funds. This ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing them vouchers to Eagle's grocery, especially when government food benefits don't stretch to the end of the month.

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.

Also thanks for the recent outpouring of support for the Jesus Fund, insuring that Christmas dinner will be possible for local families.



During December, members of our congregation are making visits and delivering **Thinking of You** greetings on behalf of United Methodist Women and our St. Luke's church family. "Thank you" to all who gathered in the Fellowship Hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to write cards and prepare deliveries. May these visits share the love of Jesus through our friendships at St. Luke's. Merry Christmas!!

SAVE the DATE! **January 18, 2018** — Evening "OUT TO EAT!"

## 2018 Prayer Partners

Would you like to have or be a prayer partner for 2018? Becoming a prayer partner gives you the opportunity to be in a supportive community with another member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Anyone may be a prayer partner. United Methodist Women are equal opportunity pray-ers!



In addition to daily prayer, a card may be sent as a remembrance on a birthday or other special occasion. The identity of prayer partners are usually revealed during December.

If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for 2018, please fill out the forms found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and leave the form in the church office. Any questions, please call Marcia Young 580-9650.

## Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Jan 2** Molly's Silver Screen Canteen
- Jan 16** Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee
- Jan 23** 8:30 am Breakfast at Village Inn  
10:00 am Sit & Knit in St. Luke's Parlor



## DACU - Thank You!

Thank you for your November 15, 2017 donation of \$150 for the continuing work of Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU). DACU is supported by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institutions, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization. Your continued support of DACU's mission in the Dubuque Community is deeply appreciated. On behalf of the DACU Board of Directors, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

### DACU Mission Statement

We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents and resources.



## UMCOR - Thank You!

As recent hurricanes have hit the United States and the Caribbean, we're grateful that your congregation is partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thank you for your gift on October 18, 2017 of \$1,380 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church. You can learn more about UMCOR's disaster response, global health, and development work by visiting [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) Again, thank you for your generous support and thoughts and prayers during this time.

## Call for Technology Volunteers

We need volunteers to make this ministry work. Volunteers are needed to record a service once a month and to make the DVDs for this ministry. The church provides the equipment and the training. **Please contact Bobby Martin or the church office.**

If you would like to volunteer to run the audio and projector during the service, **please contact Paul Clark or the church office.**



## Parking Spots Available

The church parking lot has multiple and recently expanded spots available for rent at \$35 per month. Rental is for weekdays 8am to 5pm. Please spread the word! If someone you know would like to rent a spot, have them note their license plate information; make, model, color of their car; and contact information. Then contact the church office at:

**563-582-4543 or [dbqstluke@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com)**



## Blood Drive — Thank You!

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center would like to thank St. Luke's UMC for our outstanding blood drives in 2017. This year St. Luke's provided 62 units of blood, impacting up to 248 patients' lives. St. Luke's blood drives also earned \$562 in grant funds for Prescott Elementary.

We never know who will need blood next, but your congregation is a shining example of the civically minded institutions we need to complete our mission. Simply put: what you do saves lives. Thank you for your partnership and all you do to make saving lives possible.

— Amanda Hess, Director, Donor Relations,  
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

## Red Basket Project



Support the Red Basket Project with donations labeled "Red Basket" or donate any of the following in the red basket in the South Hallway:

**Tampons:** Junior, Regular, or Super;

**Pantiliners:** Always Thin Pantiliners, any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliner, or any brand heavy absorbency pantiliners.

## Dubuque's Memory Café

**December 14, 2017 - 10am to Noon**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

**1755 Delhi Street, Dubuque**



Discover a safe, supportive, and engaging environment designed specifically for individuals with memory loss from Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their caregivers. Join us in a friendly place where people can interact, enjoy social time, find support, share and celebrate without feeling misunderstood. A Place for Friendship: Dubuque's Memory Café is that place.

There is no fee to attend and pre-registration is not required. For more information or with questions about the program contact Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica at [jadeangelica@gmail.com](mailto:jadeangelica@gmail.com) or **563-582-4724**

## Dubuque Senior Center

**Open Monday through Friday - 10:30pm to 12:30pm**

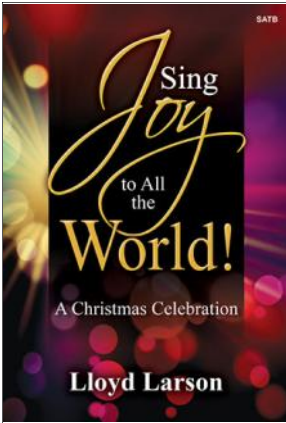
**St. Matthews Church, 1780 White St.**

**Enter through the alley behind St. Matthews**



The Dubuque Senior Center serves a hot lunch every day. It is recommended you reserve your meal in advance by calling before noon the previous day. Patrons over 60 may leave a donation; while those under 60 are required to pay \$8.28. For more information call:

**Colleen at 563-543-7065**



**Save The Date! A GIFT OF JOY AWAITS YOU!!**

The St. Luke's Singers & Friends Are Pleased To Present....

**Sing Joy To All The World!**

A Christmas Celebration By Lloyd Larson

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

8:30 am Worship Service, St. Luke's United Methodist Church

So....Are you prepared?..... As the seasons change, leaves fall, chilling temperatures...All reminders that the season of Christmas is just around the corner and how fortunate we have the season of Advent to prepare...Prepare ourselves to receive this incredible gift of Joy!

The St. Luke's Singers & Friends would like to share through song an uplifting Christmas Cantata celebrating this gift of joy, "Sing Joy To All The World!" "Sing Joy To All The World!" a Christmas Celebration of songs that celebrate the promise that joy comes to those who wait; following such long darkness the breaking of dawn brings us all incredible everlasting joy! The Cantata shares many familiar carols & original melodies ranging from contemplative to celebratory.

**St. Luke's Singers & Friends invite all singers to come sing with us!**

Rehearsals are Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Music Room, lower level: **Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>; Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

Two additional rehearsals will be Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Music Room and Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Sanctuary. Music books and a listening CD are available. Interested? Thinking about it or have questions, please contact Keith Rippe, Director at: (563) 599-0528 or kr725@mchsi.com

As recipients of this incredible joy we are called to share the "Good News" with everyone! We ask each of you to invite and bring guests to St. Luke's on December 17th as ALL ARE WELCOME! This is a wonderful way to invite others to "step inside" St. Luke's at 12<sup>th</sup> & Main and to share the gift of incredible Joy this Christmas Season with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

We look forward to sharing this Christmas Celebration with you..."Joy To All The World!"

St. Luke's Singers & Friends

Keith Rippe, Director

Sylvia Ward, Accompanist

Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators



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