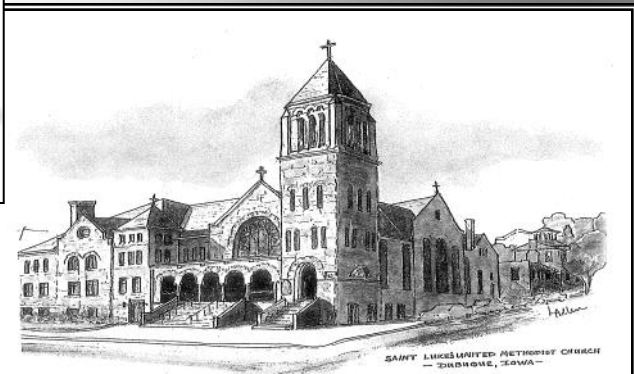


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Chuck's Chat — December 14, 2016

A universal human trait is to get angry. Even Jesus, who was probably the most self-controlled human being to walk the face of the earth, did occasionally get angry. But as a guide to discipleship, Jesus didn't advocate us letting our anger take charge of us. In today's section of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins with the most drastic fruit of anger—murder—and then prohibits even seemingly mild angry outbursts, such as calling someone a fool. Let's look at his teaching:

Matthew 5:21-26

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

I want to point out two very simple facts about this scripture. First, Jesus doesn't say that when I'm angry with someone, I've necessarily misjudged the situation. It could be that the person really is a terrible human being, and I have every right to be angry. Second, and much more important, that doesn't matter. Jesus points out that there are very serious consequences to giving in to anger.

Letting fly with angry words or actions feels good. It feels cleansing and empowering. But all it really accomplishes, according to Jesus, is to pile more grief onto the angry person. An angry word can destroy a friendship. It can close off a business deal. It can alienate parent and child. It can back you into a corner so that you either have to do something you really don't want to do, or look like a fool. Anger at someone weaker than you simply lets everyone know you are a bully. Anger at someone stronger shows your lack of judgment.

When I begin to get angry at someone, I try to remind myself that everyone is just getting through life the best way they know how. Or I remind myself of the times that I've done exactly the same thing that has angered me. And if all else fails, and I have the presence of mind to do it, I think of Jesus watching me as I respond. I'm certain that at times I've seen a tear in his eye when he heard how I spoke to someone.

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: **Mark Tilson's brother-in-law Kurt Rogness, Sarah Redding's friend JoElla McCalister, and Bonnie Sander's mother Rayma Fisher.**

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Marian Thomas	Carol Pins
Jon Hardenbergh	Edie Bruehahn
Sally Wiegand	Mary Dempsey
Barb Boettcher	Margerie Kreassig
Romayne Schmitt	

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

Peggy Lemke	Anna Jane Redding
Johnny	Mary K. Benefiel
Brett Cooper	Kaye Running
Bonnie Jorgensen	Marjorie Tayloe
Ardeth Kirschbaum	Jeanne Patterson

Prayers of joy for the birth of: **Fiona Hensch**

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

Donald J. Ward
Bill Brown (Edna Mahan's nephew)
Marjo Gleeson (Albert family friend)
Don Kirschbaum
Patricia Shannon
Edie Pickens (Darren Ziskovsky's grandpa's wife)

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Nathan Ehlers | 18 Holden Ashbrook |
| 2 Jack Foley | 18 Mike Loveless |
| 2 Kevin McTague | 18 Paige Oberman |
| 2 Mark Tilson | 19 Andrea Duschon |
| 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 | 24 Caprice Jones |
| 8 Sue Bettcher | 25 Nathaniel Dvorak |
| 8 Diane Dueland | 25 Katherine Herman |
| 8 Gregory Gross | 25 Trint Huseman |
| 10 Julie Dewitt | 26 Danica Ludowitz |
| 10 Claire Funke | 26 Kelli Miller |
| 10 Kirby Snitker | 27 James Appel |
| 11 Kaylee Huseman | 27 John Hefel |
| 11 Brooklyn Nelson | 28 Chris McCarron |
| 11 Reed Snitker | 28 Susan Walgamuth |
| 12 Celeste Hefel | 29 Aiden Artist |
| 12 Gretchen Thompson | 30 Ryan Neuendorf |
| 13 Benjamin Carlock | 31 Maxwell Enabnit |
| 14 Patricia Gallogly | 31 Ed Glaser |
| 14 Ethan Lester | 31 Kathryn Lomax |
| 15 Lori Boughton | 31 Kirstie Steging |

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.

Marcia Dubbels Chair, Care and Compassion

Margie Breese Member, 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 AND 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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Weekend Worship

Food for the Soul
Saturday Night Praise
Sunday Worship Services

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday at 10:45 a.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!**

Reoccurring Meetings	Meeting Name and Time
1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration
3rd Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Finance
3rd Tuesday	4:15 p.m. Care & Compassion
1st Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Trustees
2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m. SPPRC
3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m. Kaleidoscope
4th Thursday	6:30 p.m. Church Council OR Council on Ministries

Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- Dec. 18th 4th Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)**
Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19 (UM801)
Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve (white)**
Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96 (UM815)
Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day (white)**
Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98 (UM818)
Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12); John 1: 1-14

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton
Children's/Youth Ministry Mark Beard
Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
Custodian. Caprice Jones

Historian Betty Phillips
Financial Secretary Carol Clark
Membership Secretary Admin Asst

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Care & Compassion Marcia Dubbels
Spiritual Growth & Discipleship
. Nancy Hessler
Stewardship Dan Jacobsen
Witness & Service
Community Outreach Jennifer Crow
Conference & Global. Otto Krueger
Social Justice RRS & Terry Stewart
UMW Marcia Young
At-Large Steven & Kathy Lamb,
Nancy Bradley, Gary Reid,
Matt Crow, Vicki Tilson

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair Cheri Loveless

Administrative Committee (Chairs):

Lay Leadership/Nominations Pastor
Finance Erick Kephart
Board of Trustees Mike Loveless (interim)
SPPRC. Susan McGovern

Officers:

Recording Secretary. Kristen Smith
Lay Leader Mark Tilson
Lay Members of Annl Conf Sue Hattel
Treasurer Amy Schadle

Council on Ministries

Facilitators:

Invitation/Welcome Lisa Viertel &
Chris Kohlmann

Month of December 2016 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

12/3/16 Jacobsen/Sanders
 12/10/16 Young/Rusch
 12/17/16 Loveless
 12/24/16 Jacobsen/Sanders
 12/31/16 McGovern

Saturday Food for the Soul

12/3/16 Team 9
 12/10/16 Team 10
 12/17/16 Team 11
 12/24/16 Team 1
 12/31/16 Team 2

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

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12/4/16 Larry Loeppke
 12/11/16 Heather Williams
 12/18/16 R.R.S. Stewart
 12/24/16^{1&2} Heather Williams
 12/24/16³ R.R.S. Stewart
 12/25/16 Julie Gross
 1/1/17 Heather Williams

Organist/Pianist

12/4 8:30 Dr. Chuck Barland
 12/4 10:45 Mims/Barland
 12/11 Both Dr. Chuck Barland
 12/18 8:30 Dr. Chuck Barland
 12/18 10:45 Mims/Barland
 12/24 All Dr. Chuck Barland
 12/25 10:00 Dr. Chuck Barland
 1/1 10:00 Dr. Chuck Barland

Communion Steward

12/11 8:30a Deb Albert
 12/11 10:45a Lori Boughton
 12/24 2:00p Deb Albert
 12/24 7:00p Setup/Takedown
 12/24 10:45p Lori Boughton
 12/25 10:00a Lori Boughton
 1/1 10:00a Deb Albert

Greeters/Ushers

12/4 8:30a Deb & Sara Albert
 12/4 10:45a Schadle/Murphy
 12/11 8:30a Gross Family
 12/11 10:45a Foley/Michel
 12/18 8:30a Lomax/Sanders
 12/18 10:45a Becker/Conklin/Hessler
 12/24 2:00p Michael & Lisa Rusch
 12/24 7:00p Conklin/Reid
 12/24 10:45p Foley Family
 12/25 10:00a Martin/Hessler
 1/1 10:00a Martin/Hessler

Offering Depositor

12/4 8:30a Scott Zartman
 12/4 10:45a Mike Loveless
 12/11 8:30a Sue Lane
 12/11 10:45a Dick Landis
 12/18 8:30a Susan McGovern
 12/18 10:45a Cheri Loveless
 12/24 2:00p Margie Breese
 12/24 7:00p TBD
 12/24 10:45p TBD
 12/25 10:00a Sue Lane
 1/1 10:00a TBD

Liturgist

12/4 8:30a Nancy Hessler
 12/4 10:45a Mary Armstrong
 12/11 8:30a Susan McGovern
 12/11 10:45a Robert Armstrong
 12/18 8:30a Sue Lane
 12/18 10:45a Mark Tilson
 12/24 2:00p Jon Romaine
 12/24 7:00p Carol Clark
 12/24 10:45p Robert Armstrong
 12/25 10:00a Terry Stewart
 1/1 10:00a Cheri Loveless

Projectionist

12/4 8:30a Denny Brimeyer
 12/4 10:45a Matthew Hull
 12/11 8:30a Chris Kohlmann
 12/11 10:45a Paul Clark
 12/18 8:30a Denny Brimeyer
 12/18 10:45a Matthew Hull
 12/24 2:00p Denny Brimeyer
 12/24 7:00p Paul Clark
 12/24 10:45p Chris Kohlmann
 12/25 10:00a Paul Clark
 1/1 10:00a Denny Brimeyer

Videographer

12/4 10:45a John Hessler
 12/11 10:45a Greg Albert
 12/18 8:30a Bobby Martin
 12/18 10:45a John Hessler
 12/24 7:00p Ron Liskey
 12/25 10:00a John Hessler
 1/1 10:00a John Hessler

Slides

12/4 Both Craig Allen
 12/11 Both Chris Kohlmann
 12/18 8:30a Chris Kohlmann
 12/18 10:45a Matthew Hull
 12/24 All Chris Kohlmann
 12/25 10:00a Paul Clark
 1/1 10:00a Craig Allen

Advent Lighters

12/4 8:30a Lomax
 12/4 10:45a Beard
 12/11 8:30a Lane/Carr
 12/11 10:45a Ashbrook Family
 12/18 8:30a Basten Family
 12/18 10:45a Tharp Family
 12/24 2:00p Gross Family
 12/24 7:00p TBD
 12/24 10:45p TBD

Weather-Related Cancellations

St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather through the following methods listed here:

KRCG TV 9

WDBQ 1490 AM

KDTH 1370 AM

St. Luke's Facebook page



If there are no notifications showing, you may call these people as a last resort:

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963

Dan Jacobsen 319-480-0921

Sue Hattel 563-599-4497

Paul Clark 563-590-0158

2016 Worship Dates

Every Saturday: 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise
(Except Christmas Eve, December 24th)

Advent Season

***Advent Hymn Sing** 10 min. before each service

***Dec 18** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service &
St. Luke's Singers' Christmas Cantata

***Dec 18** 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service &
Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata

Dec 24 2:00, 7:00 & 10:45pm Christmas Eve Services

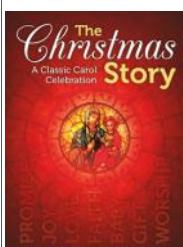
Dec 25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Sunday Worship

Jan 1 10:00 a.m. New Years Day Sunday Worship

December 18th, 2016 **During Both Worship Services** **Christmas Music Cantatas**

As the Christmas Season approaches we are called to remember the story, the story of Christmas which is filled with images of promise, joy, love, faith, worship, and... A Baby, God's great gift of salvation.

Invite your friends and guests to St. Luke's December 18th! All are welcome, and this is a great way to share the gift of the Christmas Story with family & friends!



December 18th — 8:30 a.m. Service

St. Luke's Singers Present:

The Christmas Story

A Classic Carol Celebration

By Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Keith Rippe, Director

Dr. Chuck Barland, Accompanist

Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators

"The Christmas Story" is a beautiful message that blends familiar carols with narrative that offers a refreshing perspective on the timeless story.

December 18th — 10:45 a.m. Service

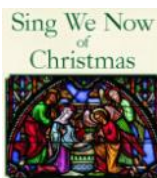
St. Luke's Chancel Choir Presents:

Sing We Now of Christmas

By Howard Helvey

Dr. Jeremy Mims, Director

Dr. Chuck Barland, Accompanist



Sing We Now of Christmas is a thoughtful and artistic service of lessons and carols. With readings and prayers, the piece offers the voices of the Old Testament prophets, the angel Gabriel, Mary, and the authors of the four gospels. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Jeremy Mims, will be joined by Dr. Chuck Barland and other instrumentalists from the area to celebrate the events surrounding the birth of Christ.



Alternative Advent Market Table

Sunday December 18th
Between and After
Worship Services
in the South Hall



Visit the Social Justice table in the South Hall this Sunday, December 18th for shawls, earrings, bracelets, headbands, and bookmarks handcrafted in Guatemala and purchased and resold by our Dubuque For Refugee Children group. The sales allow the makers to earn a livable wage through their art and help with expenses of our refugees living in Dubuque. The table will be up between services and after the second service for about 15 minutes. Pick out some nice Christmas presents and help many people in the process. Thanks!

Parents' Afternoon Out

Sunday, December 18th
12:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Enjoy the afternoon Christmas Shopping. We will provide a safe place for your kids. We will have staff, food and enjoyable fun for all ages. For example: we will have Wii games, movies, crafts, and we will have pizza and snacks. This is a free event, eligible for grandparents, aunts, etc. too! Contact Mark Beard for details:

563-663-4599 or **dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com**

**If no reservations are made with Mark
by December 16th, the event will be canceled.**

No Wonderful Wednesday **Wednesday, December 28th**

There are no Wonderful Wednesday meals or children's activities December 28th. Adult rehearsals may still take place, but consult your music director to be sure.

Hillcrest Lights Festival **REFLECTIONS: IN THE PARK**

Louis Murphy Park, Dubuque

Nov 24 - Jan 1 — 5-10pm daily

\$10.00 per vehicle at the gate

Discounted \$8 tickets available at all
DB&T and Hillcrest locations.



Terrific Tuesdays

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

Jan 3 AJ's Café at Hartig's on University Ave.

Jan 17 Molly's Silver Screen Canteen

Jan 24 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn

10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor

Jan 31 Big Apple Bagels



Build an Ark!
Joyful Noise group
Wednesday Nights
Starting January 4th
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Starting Wednesday night January 4th, we need the help of 3 year olds through 1st graders to build an ark! The following week, we'll build Noah and put each child in the boat. The 3rd week we'll add an animal. Come Wednesday nights to find out who we invite onto the boat! Please help us fill our boat. Hope to see you there!

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



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



Children's Christmas
Program DVDs Available

Would you like a keepsake DVD of the Children's Christmas Program from December 4th? DVDs are available in the office (five are available and more can be made). Such keepsakes contain long lasting digital files that can be passed on from generation to generation as witness for the Lord. Ask John Hessler if you would like a DVD.

Offering Envelopes Are In!



If you either ordered offering envelopes this year or if you had offering envelopes last year, your new envelopes for 2017 can be found on the **back table in the Sanctuary**. If you did not order this year, there are some spares in the office. For more information, contact Ora at the office at: 563-582-4543.



Organ Dedication Concert
December 18th at 2:00pm
Wesley UMC in East Dubuque

Wesley UMC will be hosting a dedication concert for our new-to-us organ. Kristine Fishler, organist at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Dubuque, and a member of Wesley UMC, will play a selection of seasonal and classic works for the organ. All are invited to attend. Refreshment and fellowship will follow the program.

Donate to the Jesus Fund



Our "Jesus Fund" Ministry helps local people in need pay for their groceries with food vouchers at Eagles grocery. Please consider donating to this ministry. Donations can be given in offering envelopes. Please label envelopes **Jesus Fund**.



Advent Celebration
Thank You!



Thank you to everyone that made the Advent Celebration a great afternoon of fun and fellowship! Special thank yous to our Chicken Noodle soup chefs Darren and Alicia Ziskovsky; Chili makers Laura Carstens, Sally Basten, Kim Sheldon, and Lisa Viertel; our bar and cookie volunteers Laurinda Brimeyer, Connie Stephenson, Brittany Drake, Craig Allen, Julie Borgwardt, and Cheryl Vahl; to Keith Rippe for the beautiful holiday table décor; Mark Beard for the wonderful story of advent and Shannon Beard, Ty and Jim Muller for helping out with crafts and cookie decorating. Most of all thank you to everyone who attended and made this a special time together!



Red Basket Project

For women on limited incomes, securing adequate supplies of feminine hygiene products for menstrual periods can be challenging or impossible. These products cannot be purchased with food benefits and are not supplied free in most public bathrooms. Two women in our community, Ann McDonough and Beth Galbreath have started the **Red Basket Project** to make these supplies available in locations frequented by women with the greatest need for free products such as the free meal sites, the Dubuque Food Pantry and the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

St. Luke's is going to participate in this project, the first church in the community to do so. The bathroom outside the Fellowship Hall, which is the bathroom used by our Food for the Soul guests, will have a red basket on the counter. In the basket will be Ziploc plastic bags stocked with supplies needed for one month. Women will be encouraged to take as many bags as they need. To support this project, we ask for donations of packages of individually wrapped regular tampons and slim pads. Put these products in the labeled red basket in the hallway outside the sanctuary or make a donation of money which you specify is for the **Red Basket Project**. You are bringing dignity to women. Thank you!

Thank You from the
Dubuque Food Pantry



Thank you so much for your donations this month. 'Tis the Season to be a blessing! And you guys sure are. It's an exciting and busy time here at the Pantry getting for Christmas. The Food Pantry will be distributing 500 Christmas Baskets on December 13 & 14, on top of our regular distribution. Because of your generosity, we will be able to be a blessing to all of our requests! We are so proud of our community and its giving spirit! Merry Christmas! — Theresa Caldwell, Manager

Thank You from John Duggan's Brother

To Members of St. Luke's,

Thank you so much for all the love & support you gave John over the past five years. John was very proud to be a member of St. Luke's. He loved every card he got in the mail. Thank you for everything. — Bob Duggan



Fabulous Fridays Music Series 2017

*Helen Johnston
Memorial Season*

**Fridays at 12:05pm
beginning Jan 13, 2017**

Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 13 for the Helen Johnston Memorial Season, our 26th year. This popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. More than 75 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts during the series' history.

Performances begin at St. Luke's at 12:05pm, lasting 30 minutes. Many in the audience bring their lunch and enjoy time together after the concert in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee and desserts are free, but baskets are available for contributions. Street parking is available. Accessible entry in the alley. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

- Jan 13** Caprice Jones, poetry; Ann Duchow, violin
- Jan 20** Dr. Sang in Han, tenor; Marsha Martin, bassoon
- Jan 27** Rebecca Christian, author;
Kate Thompson, soprano
- Feb 3** Craig Allen, vocal; Carrie Greer, vocal
- Feb 10** The Dubuque Fiddlers: Ann Duchow, director
- Feb 17** University of Dubuque Chamber Singers:
Kristen Eby, conductor
- Feb 24** Julie Gross & Sue Hattel, clarinet; Jill Heitzman, soprano; Dr. Chuck Barland, organ
- Mar 3** Clarke University Choirs and Orchestra:
Dr. Jeremy Mims, conductor
- Mar 10** Hempstead HS Penn Avenue Singers:
Teresa Slade, conductor
- Mar 17** Dr. Luke Tyler, piano;
Laura Southworth, soprano
- Mar 24** Senior HS Jazz Combo: Bill Rowley, conductor
- Mar 31** Loras College Choir: Dr. Adam Kluck, director
- Apr 7** Upper Main Street Jazz Band: Ric Jones, leader



Donate by Picking Up the Chimes in Church

St. Luke's Finance Committee has found we can significantly reduce our postage costs for producing the Chimes newsletter if more members pick up the Chimes newsletter at Church when they're here.

Paper copies are always available for pickup at the church any time after the print date (every other Wednesday). Print copies can be found on the back table in the Sanctuary and in the South Hall. The Chimes can also be viewed online in full color on the date of release at the website: www.stlukesumcdbq.com

Mailing will always be an option, especially for our homebound members and distant members without computer access. However for those who are able, we're hoping there are many who would consider this change as an in-kind offering to the church.

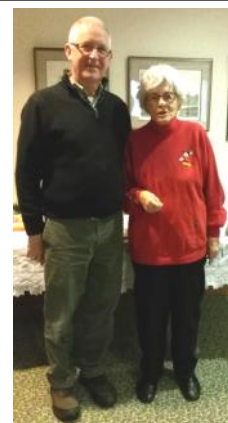
To be removed from the mailing list, contact Ora at the office at: 563-582-4543. Thanks!

CROP Walk Results



We recently received a report from the 2016 Dubuque CROP Walk organizers. They were hoping to raise over \$15,000, but came up slightly under that. Our congregation contributed \$530, from 25 St. Lukers, and we deeply appreciate their involvement. The CROP Walk makes a difference in world hunger mitigation, and is an expression of our Christian efforts for a just world. Thanks to all who helped.

— Terry & RRS Stewart, Social Justice Co-chairs



Sharing Glad Tidings of Joy!

Gary Gansemer President/CEO of Hillcrest Family Services was a special visitor at the Busy Bees' Christmas meeting on December 5th hosted at Bethany Home. He expressed appreciation to the ladies for their many years of creating beautiful twin **bed sized quilts** for residential youth living at Hillcrest. Ruth Clark and the Busy Bee members gather on Mondays at 1:00 pm from March to December to enjoy dessert and share devotions followed by tying of quilts. Each quilt is blessed to bring comfort to its recipient – having been sewn with loving stitches and willing hands!

Thank you to Busy Bees for sharing your love with others! AMEN.

From Mark's Desk

Greetings,

Last Sunday parents enjoyed the Parents Afternoon Out event to go shopping (or just to relax) before the time has come to prepare the Christmas feast. Their children had a great time playing games, watching movies on the big screen in our Sanctuary, eating pizza, and healthy snacks! We even had a big surprise! Check out our [St. Luke's UMC, Dubuque Facebook page](#) for pictures from our 1st annual Parents' Afternoon Out event. You still have time to sign up for this week Parents' Afternoon Out event on Sunday, December 18th. Please contact Mark or Anezka by Friday, December 16th if you are planning to attend. If no one signs up by then, we will cancel this event.

Family Events

Saturday, December 17 — “The Live Nativity” — St. Peter Lutheran Church. We will meet at St. Luke's UMC at 6:00pm and leave at 6:15pm. **This is for everyone of all ages.** Wear warm clothing!

Wonderful Wednesday — There will be no wonderful Wednesday on Wednesday, December 28th.

4:12 Middle and High School Youth

Wonderful Wednesday — There will be no Wonderful Wednesday and no Boy Scout meeting on December 28th.

Fundraisers for the Dare2Share Conference:

- **Monday, January 30** at Pizza Ranch 4:00 – 9:00 pm at 2020 Radford Road, Dubuque
- **Saturday, February 4** – Super Bowl Pizza (Watch for information coming soon)
- **Monday, February 27** at Pizza Ranch 4:00 – 9:00 pm at 2020 Radford Road, Dubuque

Merry Christmas!

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us,
authority rests upon his shoulders;
And he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)*

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