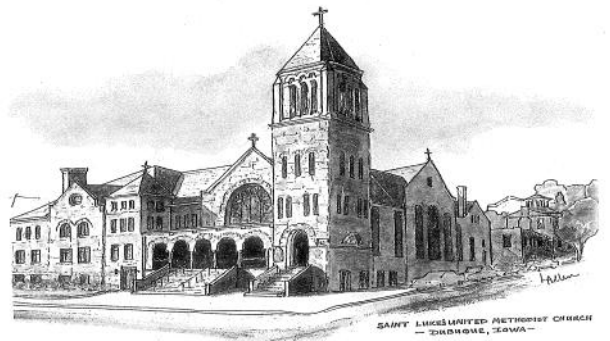


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Chuck's Chat — December 29, 2016

A secret in plain sight! That's what I found just now in the sanctuary. I want to tell you all what I found, but I also don't want to take away your joy and wonder at finding it for yourself. So I'm just going to say, "look with fresh eyes at some of the things in our worship space and you might find a blessing.

Life in the spirit can be like that. A person can say, "there's something so wonderful that I want you to experience! But I can only point you in the right direction. You have to find it for yourself." Soon, the new year will be here, and with it all sorts of expectation and hope. It may be that you hope for a new, deeper, more durable and rich relationship with God. In a sense, my advice is the same as for finding the secret in plain sight in the church: Go with open eyes and look afresh at what you've always seen.

Go with fresh eyes to the Bible. Look again at Isaiah 30:18-20.
¹⁸Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for God. ¹⁹Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. God will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; hearing it, God will answer you. ²⁰Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher.

Go with fresh eyes to your life. What is your Teacher trying to help you learn about life in the spirit when you are blessed with good things? What can you learn when problems or pain come? If nothing else, we can learn that the same God who loves us in good times also loves us in bad. That is *really* a secret to most people. How hard it is to bless God for pain or adversity! Yet, if we trust that God is the same yesterday, today and forever, then the same God who loves us on a warm sunny day is the God who loves us in the grip of the tornado.

Go with fresh eyes to the world. For all the pain and trouble of this old world, God loves us still. God loves the oppressor enough to see them give up oppressing, and the oppressed enough to proclaim justice and mercy for them. Remember how Jesus met Zacchaeus man-to-man and called him from a life of oppressing to a life of loving service! God loves those blessed with wealth, as well as those living in poverty. God loves the wealthy ones enough to offer them great opportunities to feel the joy of helping their fellow humans. God loves the poor enough to lift them up and place them in the path of folks with resources.

Go with fresh eyes to the little things. Learn to see God in the well-washed pot, in the well-written thank-you note, in the grace to let the other person get in front of you in line. Morning by morning, greet God in this way: "Good morning, Lord! Open my eyes to see you at work today!"

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: Nicole Beau's friend Debbie's friends **Dorothy Gantz** and **Tammy, Ardeth Kirschbaum**, Laurinda Brimeyer's mother **Marian Thomas**, Mark Tilson's brother-in-law **Kurt Rogness**, and Sarah Redding's friend **JoElla McCalister**.

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: **Jensen Ashbrook**

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

Laurel & Bree Sutherland (Nicole Beau's friend
Debbie's family friend's)
Bill Brown (Edna Mahan's nephew)

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 *January Birthdays*

18 Holden Ashbrook	1 Kevin Kienzle
18 Mike Loveless	1 Kim Klinkhammer
18 Paige Oberman	2 Rev. Dianne Christopher
19 Andrea Duschen	2 Niall Meloy
20 Chason Craven	2 Bryce Sheldon
21 Breanna Gabel	3 Scott Sheldon
21 Douglas Olson	4 Gloria Herr
22 Shirley Moody	4 Cayleigh Peil
23 David Viertel	5 Mike Gacioch
24 Caprice Jones	5 Lynn Kerker
25 Nathaniel Dvorak	6 Mike Burton
25 Katherine Herman	6 Darren Ziskovsky
25 Trint Huseman	8 Dennis Brimeyer
25 Jensen Ashbrook	8 Rebecca Carr
26 Danica Ludowitz	8 Maja Sunleaf
26 Kelli Miller	8 John Vandermeulen
27 James Appel	9 Miles Gacioch
27 John Hefel	9 Elizabeth Hefel
28 Chris McCarron	9 Bonnie Jorgensen
28 Susan Walgamuth	10 Matt Crow
29 Aiden Artist	11 Andrew Sanders
30 Ryan Neuendorf	11 Breann Streckwald
31 Maxwell Enabnit	13 Andrew Crow
31 Ed Glaser	15 Nancy Bradley
31 Kathryn Lomax	16 Carl Plumley Jr.
31 Kirstie Steging	17 Ruth Jones

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.

Month of January 2016 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

12/31/16 McGovern
 1/7/17 Hull Family
 1/14/17 Breese/Young
 1/21/16 Rusch/Young
 1/28/16 Loveless

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

1/1/17 (10am) Gary & Kathy Reid
 1/8/17 Deb and Sara Albert
 1/15/17 McGovern
 1/22/17 Redding
 1/29/17 Sue Hattel, Betty Phillips

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

1/8/17 Loveless/Stephenson
 1/15/17 Loveless/Schadle
 1/22/17 Murphy Family
 1/29/17 TBD

Saturday Food for the Soul

12/31/16 Team 2
 1/7/17 Team 3
 1/14/17 Team 4
 1/21/16 Team 5
 1/28/16 Team 6

8:30 Offering Depositor

1/1/17 (10am) Scott Zartman
 1/8/17 Sue Lane
 1/15/17 Susan McGovern
 1/22/17 Erick Kephart
 1/29/17 Scott Zartman

10:45 Offering Depositor

1/8/17 Dick Landis
 1/15/17 Mark Tilson
 1/22/17 Nancy Hessler
 1/29/17 Kathy McWethy

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

8:30 Liturgist

1/1/17 (10am) Dan Jacobsen
 1/8/17 Otto Krueger
 1/15/17 Sue Lane
 1/22/17 Deb Albert
 1/29/17 Nancy Hessler

10:45 Liturgist

1/8/17 Nancy Bradley
 1/15/17 WOT
 1/22/17 Craig Allen
 1/29/17 Rev. Robert Armstrong

Chimer

1/1/17 (10am) Larry Loepke
 1/8/17 R.R.S. Stewart
 1/15/17 R.R.S. Stewart
 1/22/17 Heather Williams
 1/29/17 Heather Williams

8:30 Projectionist

1/1/17 (10am) Denny Brimeyer
 1/8/17 Chris Kohlmann
 1/15/17 Denny Brimeyer
 1/22/17 Chris Kohlmann
 1/29/17 Denny Brimeyer

10:45 Projectionist

1/8/17 Paul Clark
 1/15/17 Matthew Hull
 1/22/17 Paul Clark
 1/29/17 Paul Clark

Organist/Pianist

1/1/17 (10am) Dr. Chuck Barland
 1/8/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
 1/15/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland
 1/22/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland
 1/29/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland

Videographer

1/1/17 (10am) John Hessler
 1/8/17 Greg Albert
 1/15/17 Ron Liskey
 1/22/17 Bobby Martin
 1/29/17 Bobby Martin

Slides

1/1/17 (10am) Craig Allen
 1/8/17 Chris Kohlmann
 1/15/17 Matthew Hull
 1/22/17 Paul Clark
 1/29/17 Paul Clark



10:45 Worship Drivers

1/1/17 (10am) Mark Tilson
 1/8/17 Otto Krueger
 1/15/17 Chris Becker
 1/22/17 Mike Loveless
 1/29/17 Dan Jacobsen

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

Update Your Information

Please remember to update your contact information with the church if you change your email, phone, or address: dbqstluke@gmail.com or **563-582-4543**

Upcoming Worship Dates

- Jan 1** 10:00 a.m. New Years Day Sunday Worship
Jan 8 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
Jan 15 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Jan 15 10:45 a.m. Word on the Third Contemporary
Jan 22 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Every Saturday: 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise



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.

Undecorating After Epiphany Saturday January 7th at 9:00 a.m. St. Luke's Sanctuary & Church

Beginning at 9am on Saturday, Jan 7th, volunteers are invited to "undecorate" the sanctuary and church by assisting with the Christmas decorations. Willing hands make light work! — Sue Hattel, Worship & Celebration



2017 Offering Envelopes Are In!

If you either ordered offering envelopes this year or had them last year, new envelopes for 2017 can be found on the **back table in the Sanctuary**. There are blank sets available on the back table as well.

If you do not pick up the envelopes, it will be assumed you do not need them ordered next year. For more information, please contact Ora at the office at: **582-4543**. Thanks!

Thank You from Edie Bruehahn

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards you sent through the holidays to let me know you were thinking of me. Thank you very much. — Edie Bruehahn



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



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; Marcia 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



Fabulous Friday Dessert Sign-up

Fabulous Fridays begin January 13th, and we need folks to help make desserts. Ideally we will have a minimum of four desserts for each Friday. After each concert ends at 12:30 p.m. folks will gather downstairs in the Dining Room and Fellowship Hall. To help out by providing desserts, please sign up on the **sign up sheet available in the South Hall.**

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials/Honors



Margie Breese in Memory of
John & Alyce Breese
Margie Breese in Memory of
Alan Breese
Betty Phillips in Memory of C. L. Phillips
Peggy & Keith Unangst in Memory of Jason Garrett
Julie Borgwardt in Memory of Bob & Lolita Steele
Dave Bonnett
Cheryl Vahl in Memory of Bill & Ruth Vahl
Lori Boughton in Memory of Roy & Betty Rieder
Dale Nederhoff in Memory of Shirley Nederhoff
James & Beth Gabel in Memory of
Patricia & Virgil Brown
Beth Gabel in Memory of Brent Brown
Don & Char Schmitt in Memory of
Ralph & Marcella Baal and Marie Jannette
Gary & Kathy Reid in Memory of Ralph & Eileen Kuehl
and C. Freaman & Blanche Reid
Sue Lane & Bubs Atchison in Memory of
Fieldon & Christina Atchison
Laura Carstens in Honor of Betty Farcas
Deb Albert in Memory of
Glenn Schreiner & Kenneth Albert
Marilyn Conklin in Memory of Eugene Conklin
Marilyn Conklin in Memory of John Perry Conklin
Robin O'Connor in Memory of Parents
Robin O'Connor in Memory of Grandparents
Robin O'Connor in Honor of My Family
Alan Hattel in Memory of My Family
Sue Hattel in Memory of My Family
Alan & Sue Hattel in Memory of John L. Duggan
Chris Kohlmann & Keith Rippe
in Honor of
St. Luke's Singers & Friends
Chris Kohlmann & Keith Rippe
in Memory of



Evening "OUT to EAT"
January 19th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Morocco Supper Club, 1413 Rockdale Road

All women are invited to an evening of fellowship, good food and fun. Evening hostess is Ruth Veley and Kaleidescope. **SAVE the DATE!!!**

"THANK YOU" to St. Luker's for their 24 visits delivering Christmas greetings from our St. Luke's congregation and "Thinking of You" bags created by United Methodist Women. Christmas card greetings were also mailed to approximately 10 persons during December. Our **"special visits and greetings"** connect our congregation with individuals unable to attend St. Luke's on a regular basis.



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. Picking up a paper copy instead of receiving by mail can save the church \$12.50 annually per recipient.

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!

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.**

Dubuque Rescue Mission & St. John's Clothes Closet Need Our Help



Please take any gently used or new clothing directly to The Dubuque Rescue Mission or St. John's Lutheran Church Clothes Closet rather than bringing it to St. Luke's. These are the sites people know to go for clothing needs.

Dubuque Rescue Mission needs clean, new or gently used men's coats, hats, gloves, socks, shoes, boots, or other cold weather gear and new underwear for their residents. If you have those items for the men who live at the Mission, take them to the Dubuque Rescue Mission store on Main Street. Designate that you want it to go to the residents and not into the resale shop. You can receive a donation receipt. The Rescue Mission can also always use laundry detergent, men's toiletries including shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, etc. and new twin bed sheets and blankets.

St. John's Church Open Closet needs clean, new or gently used winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarfs, boots and shoes for men, women and children, as well as sheets, blankets, pillowcases and towels and children's books in **very good** condition. They can accept only NEW underwear and socks still in their packages. Take them to the grey, alley door behind the north side of the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings 8-11 a.m. or on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month 9-11 a.m. or by appointment. Ring the doorbell for assistance. Call **563-495-0885** for questions. You can receive a donation receipt. These items are given away during the Open Closet hours 9-11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Read further about their programs on their website at: www.almosthomedbq.org/programs.html



Red Basket Project

The response to the Red Basket Program is supportive with need verified by the number of packs of menstrual supplies taken during our Saturday night Food for the Soul program.

Some donations have been placed in the red basket on the table in the hallway. We will be dependent on donations. If you would like to support this project, either leave cash or a check in the office labeled for the Red Basket Project or donate any of the following products:

Tampons: Junior, Regular, Super

Pantiliners: Always Thin Pantliners, any brand medium or heavy absorbancy pantliner, any brand heavy absorbancy pantliner

The best prices are at Dollar Tree

Elks Club & Dubuque Food Bank Donations



We were thrilled to learn that we have received donations from two sources to support our food ministries.

The Dubuque Elks Lodge donated \$800 to the St. Luke's account at St. Stephen's Food Bank. They have donated to our food efforts for several years, and it is very appreciated. If you know an Elk's Lodge member, please thank them and assure them how much good their donation does. Each week that one of the Food for the Soul coordinators goes to the Food Bank, they "shop" for items that would provide nutritious food for our guests to take home. Thousands of pounds of fresh produce and canned and boxed foods have been purchased.



Our guests have had access to such foods as blueberries, strawberries, oranges, clementines, apples, carrots, avocados, greens, potatoes, cucumbers, peppers, squash, cereals, canned fruits, vegetables, soups and beans and more and even energy efficient light bulbs donated by Alliant Energy. The Elks Lodge is making a significant difference in food access for the population of people who come to the free meal. Their comments make it apparent they recognize that St. Luke's makes a difference in the foods they have available.

The Dubuque Food Pantry is dividing some funding up among the community providers of free meals. It is an effort to make food more accessible than it can otherwise be when it is just inside the Food Pantry. St. Luke's received \$700 in this rotation of recipient selection and can apply again for the next application period in the first quarter of the new year. How this money will be used to enhance our food program will soon be determined.

We are thankful to both of these organizations for helping us address the needs for food in our community.

Donate to the Food Pantry

Food items: soups, tuna, pasta, peanut butter/jelly, canned meats, canned potatoes. **Baby items:** formula, diapers, lotion/powder. **Other items:** Dish/laundry soaps, paper products, personal hygiene products.

Place items in the shopping cart in the South Hall.



From Mark's Desk

Greetings,

Wonderful Wednesday is back! It is time to gather together to celebrate all that God has giving us. There is something for everyone. Here are the events for our youth groups.

Joyful Noise 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. — Children from ages 3 to 1st graders will meet with Anezka Lungwitz. Each youth will build their own Ark. Each week they will add many thing to the Ark. Noah, animals, pictures of their family, and some surprises. All this as they learn about the story of the Noah and the Ark. Meet in the classroom next to the Nursery.

St. Luke's Saints 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. — Children from 2nd grade to 5th grade will meet with Laurinda Brimeyer and Kelley Schrempf. Each week the youth will learn about the Bible in a fun and engaging way. Meet in the Wesley room

Randall Ringers 6:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Children from 2nd grade to 5th grade will meet with Heather Williams. Each week they will meet around the piano to learn some new songs. Meet in the Upstairs Music Room

Wesley Ringers 5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Youth from 6th grade to 12 grade will meet with Dave Patterson for Bells Rehearsal. Meet in the Sanctuary.

The Gospel Journey 6:15p.m.- 7:00p.m. Youth from 6th grade to 12th grade will meet with me as we talk about the Gospel and watch different videos. Meet in the High School room.

There are many other Adult groups that meet on Wednesday night, check out our website, or the Chimes

Blessings to All,
Mark



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