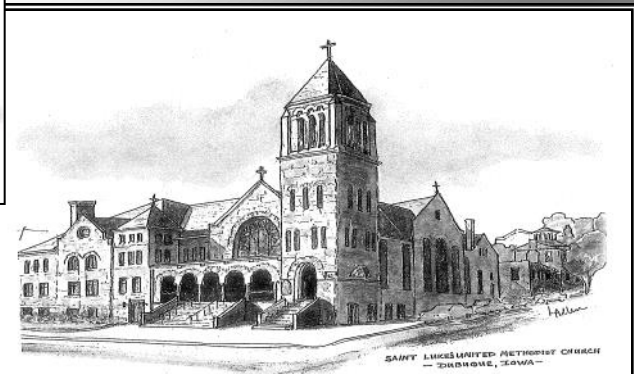


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Chuck's Chat - February 20, 2019

Friends, I am so proud of United Methodist Women! I have just learned that March will mark **150 years** for that organization. (It has been known by several names over that time.) Barb Oakland is the president to the East Central District division of UMW. She writes:

From bold beginnings, when 8 women gathered in March 1869 to consider how they could organize to send women missionaries to India to offer health care and education to women who were being denied those basic rights, to today's outreach in 100 countries plus 95 National Mission projects, we are a mighty force for good in the world! Iowa is privileged to have the support of United Methodist Women in three important ministries – Shesler Hall home for mentally challenged women, Hawthorn Hill Ministries for families in transition, and Bidwell Riverside Ministries for lower income families in Des Moines.

And our local unit of UMW is not slack in its mission and ministry! Let me turn the keyboard over to Sue Hattel, the vice-president of our local group to tell you about their work.

St Luke's UMW is concerned with: Maternal Health Care; Economic Justice; Homelessness (Almost Home); Supporting women and families who are journeying out of homelessness; Supporting Human Traffic Awareness in our community; Support Crescent Health Care Center; Jesus Fund; Food Pantry. We support the staff and families at Prescott. We are involved with Hillcrest through Busy Bees-creating quilts for residential youth (over 30 last year.) And a social activity/game night at Hillcrest with the youth. We do "Thinking of You" bags and deliveries at Christmas.

In addition, Marcia Young, the president of our unit tells me that our local unit is a Five-Star unit because:

- Paid our pledge to the district in full
- Given out Special Mission Recognition pins - money used for missions through the National UMW
- Money sent through a Gift in Memory of someone - money used for missions through the National UMW
- Purchased Gifts to Mission cards - such as new baby cards, thank you cards, etc. The money is used for mission through the National UMW.
- Contributed money through the Conference UMW askings to the three UMW National Mission Institutions in Iowa - Bidwell Riverside, Hawthorn Hill and Shesler Hall

So, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!!!"

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

Deb - breast cancer diagnosis
(Gary & Kathy Reid's friend)
Terrie Berry - recovering from broken hip
Gary Schmidt (Judy Schmidt's brother) - knee surgery
Linda Budde & Kris (her sister) - kidney transplant
(Kathy Michel's friend)
Sally Wiegand - hospitalized, infection

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Edie Bruehahn	Sally Wiegand
Mary Dempsey	Barb Boettcher
Margerie Kreassig	

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

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

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

Florence E. Reding (Judy Genz's sister)
Arline Dieterich
Evelyn Beversdorf (Margaret Johnson's daughter)

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

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



Lord, we ask your special touch of compassion for all the victims of civil discord and war, the families of soldiers, and the families of police officers. It is

in the name of your Son and our Savior that we offer our prayers. Amen.

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.



February Birthdays *March Birthdays*

10 Aaron Hunold	1 Meghan Stratton
10 Mary Jane Stotlar	2 Meredith Enabnit
10 Joshua Viertel	3 Ann Lehnhardt
11 Joseph Delaney	4 Marie Zartman
11 Sandra Fals	5 Kim Becker
11 Zachery Taylor	5 Erik McWethy
13 Peyton Blum	5 Adyson Pollard
14 Patricia Foster	6 Benjamin Sheldon
14 Sarah Sheldon	7 Annamae McTague
14 Sally Wiegand	8 Andrew Barbee
15 Ella Harkey	8 Andrea Huston
16 Sharon Kress	8 Logan Plumley
16 Jim Swenson	9 Amanda Kubik
18 Steve Olson	9 Leah Sheldon Piercy
19 Kaeden Klein	10 Ken Miller
20 John Barbee	11 Monardo Faria
21 Lisa Gevock	11 Otto Krueger
22 Carol Clark	11 Susan McGovern
22 James Gronen	12 Hayden Reuter
22 Christine Noel	13 Matthew Hull
22 Lauren Pregler	14 Mark Beard
24 Erin McGrath	14 Jace Oberman
25 Madeline Barbee	15 Claudia Beecher
25 Laurinda Brimeyer	15 Arriana Craven
27 Irv Veley	15 Cole Johnson
28 Thad Murphy	16 Greg Albert
28 Blain Nelson	16 Emily Richardson
	16 Mike Van Milligen

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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Weekend Worship

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

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

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



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

Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- Feb 24th** 7th Sunday after Epiphany (green)
 Genesis 45: 3-11,15; Psalm 37: 1-11,39-40 UM772;
 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38
- Mar 3rd** Transfiguration Sunday (white)
 Exodus 24: 29-35; Psalm 99 (UMH 819);
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)
- Mar 6th** Ash Wednesday (purple or gray)
 Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17 (UMH 785);
 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
- Mar 10th** 1st Sunday in Lent (purple)
 Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 UM810;
 Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

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 Children / Youth: Rachel Potter
 Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
 Custodian Chuck Lynch

CHURCH COUNCIL

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 Rachel Potter, Zo Landis
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 Witness & Mission
 Community Outreach John Hessler
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 Social Justice RRS & Terry Stewart
 UMW Marcia Young

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 Rhonda Kubik, Nancy Bradley,
 Dick Landis

February & March 2019 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

2/16 Mike & Cheri Loveless
 2/23 Jacobsen/Sanders
 3/2 Breese/Young
 3/9 Smokey & Susan McGovern

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

2/17 Scouts
 2/24 Dave & Rhonda Kubik
 3/3 TBD
 3/10 TBD

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

2/17 Chris Schrumpf & Scouts
 2/24 Grace & Nick Ashbrook
 3/3 TBD
 3/10 TBD

Saturday Food for the Soul

2/16 Team 9
 2/23 Team 10
 3/2 Team 11
 3/9 Team 1

8:30 Offering Collector

2/17 —
 2/24 Scott Zartman
 3/3 Susan McGovern
 3/10 Nancy Hessler

10:45 Offering Collector

2/17 Kathy McWethy
 2/24 Sharon Kress
 3/3 Keith Unangst
 3/10 Gary Reid

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

8:30 Liturgist

2/17 Scouting Sunday
 2/24 Laura Carstens
 3/3 Sue Hattel
 3/10 Nancy Hessler

10:45 Liturgist

2/17 Praise Team
 2/24 Terry Stewart
 3/3 Rev. Robert Armstrong
 3/10 Rick Larson

Chimer

2/17 David Patterson
 2/24 R.R.S. Stewart
 3/3 Heather Williams
 3/10 Ann Duchow

8:30 Projectionist

2/17 Denny Brimeyer
 2/24 Chris Kohlmann
 3/3 Denny Brimeyer
 3/10 Chris Kohlmann

10:45 Projectionist

2/17 Matthew Hull
 2/24 Paul Clark
 3/3 Matthew Hull
 3/10 Chris Kohlmann

Organist/Pianist

2/17 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 2/24 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 3/3 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 3/10 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland

Videographer

2/17 Ann Duchow
 2/24 Bobby Martin
 3/3 *Volunteer Needed!*
 3/10 John Hessler

Slides

2/17 Matthew Hull
 2/24 Chris Kohlmann
 3/3 Susan McGovern
 3/10 Chris Kohlmann

10:45 Worship Drivers

2/17 Mike Loveless
 2/24 Dan Jacobsen
 3/3 Rich Young
 3/10 Rich Young

Weather-Related Cancellations

St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather, using the following:

KCRG-9, KWVL-7, WDBQ-1490, KDTH-1370, St. Luke's Facebook pages



If you see no notifications from these outlets, you may call these people as a last resort:

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963 Dan Jacobsen 563-580-5156
 Sue Hattel 563-599-4497 Paul Clark 563-590-0158

No Wonderful Wednesday

March 27, 2019

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 p.m. Meal Served: \$5 per person; \$15 family
5:25 p.m. Joys & Concerns and Prayer
5:45 p.m. Meal clean-up (helpers needed)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Wesley Ringers (handbells) (Gr 6-12)
 In Sanctuary (David P.)
6:00-7:00 p.m. Impact in MS/HS Room (#201)
 (Rachel P.)

6:00-7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (3-yr-old to 1st grade)
6:15-6:30 p.m. Singing (3yr-1st) with Heather Williams

5:30-6:25 p.m. St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal in Downstairs Music Room (Keith R.)
6:15-7:15 p.m. JuBELLation Bell Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary (Dave P.)
6:30-6:55 p.m. Wind Ensemble -Downstairs Music Room
7:15-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Downstairs Music Room (Roxanne R.)

5:45-6:30 p.m. St. Luke's Saints—2nd to 5th Grades
 Wesley Rm (Laurinda B. & Kelley S.)
6:30-7:00 p.m. Randall Ringers (handbells)—2nd to 5th
 Upstairs Music Rm (#203) (Heather W.)

Upcoming Worship Services

- Feb 24** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Mar 3** **Transfiguration Sunday**
8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Jazz Prelude
10:45 a.m. Mardi Gras Jazz Worship
- Mar 6** **Ash Wednesday**
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- Mar 10** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion
- Mar 17** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third
Contemporary Worship Service
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

Is It Time?

Special General Conference will meet Feb. 23-26. Its purpose is to decide how The United Methodist Church is going to deal with LGBTQ+ people. Regardless of what model they create for our church, we in the local congregation need to be aware and ready to adapt.

Is It Time? is a book written to help United Methodists think through questions surrounding sexuality and the church. "Its goal is to help [us] begin a dialogue about this important subject by encouraging [our] congregation to reflect on questions about homosexuality instead of formulating answers. So they can grasp more accurately views different from their own. To follow the evidence wherever it leads. To share thoughts and feelings with others with whom they agree and disagree—all in a spirit of mutual openness." (*from the Cokesbury website*)

I am inviting you to join with others in our congregation to study the book and think together about how we will respond to the challenges facing us. Though we will begin during Lent, I am not calling this a "Lenten Study" since it may well be that groups will want to take their time and will still be working through the book after Lent ends.

Several facilitators are currently working together with me to design the best way to use the book. We intend to have several different groups at different times, to fit your schedule. I can say that at least one group will meet on Wednesday evenings during Wonderful Wednesday.

PLEASE watch for more information very soon!

God bless, Pastor Chuck

Lectionary Bible Study Thursdays at 10am - Conf Room

Meet with Pastor Chuck to discuss scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.



Sunday School Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Preschool to 1st Grade — Room 202
2nd to 5th Grades — Room 204
Middle School & High School — Room 201
Nesters (parents with children at home) — Wesley Room
Families and Faith (Adult Class) — Fellowship Hall



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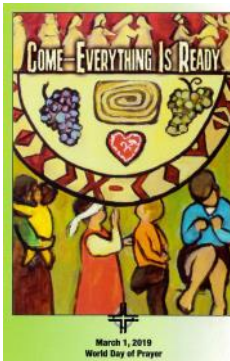
☩ March 4 — Busy Bees at 1:00 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

☩ February 21 — Kaleidoscope at 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Rachel Potter: "Summer in Tanzania." All interested are invited to Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave. Hosts: Ruth Clark & Laurinda Brimeyer. Devotions: Sue Hattel. Door entrance on porch under the canopy. Street parking.

☩ **Thank You** to our United Methodist Women members, St. Luke's congregation and the Dubuque community for supporting our UMW pumpkin and pecan pie project and our two rummage sales.

Our 2018 generated funds and pledges to mission support **women, children, and families globally** and the following local outreach ministries:

St. Luke's Jesus Fund - \$100
Dubuque Food Pantry - \$50
Almost Home (Guest House & Open Closet) - \$50
Crescent Community Health Center - \$50



World Day of Prayer

Friday March 1, 2019
St. Peter Lutheran Church
3200 Asbury Road (accessible)
9:30 a.m. Gathering/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Program

"Exploring Slovenia." Service prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia, celebrated globally in over 170 countries "Uniting Continents." Sponsored by

Dubuque Area Church Women United. Contact: 563-556-1394. Snow date: March 8th. **All are welcome!**

Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Feb 26** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor
- Mar 5** Panera Bread
- Mar 19** Starbucks at the Dodge St. Hy-Vee
- Mar 26** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor

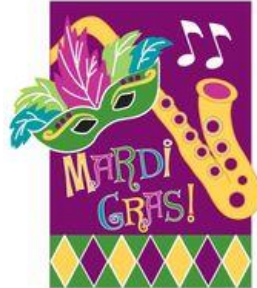


Mardi Gras Celebration Sunday March 3, 2019 at St. Luke's UMC

Believe it or not – St. Luke's Mardi Gras Celebration 2019 is just around the corner on Sunday March 3, 2019. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to this day of celebration! It's long time tradition at St. Luke's of 10:30 a.m. jazz prelude, then 10:45 a.m. jazz worship service, great music and a meal following the service.

This year we will again be blessed by chef Matt Crow preparing our lunch which includes Cajun and “non-Cajun” choices. As many hands make light work **please consider signing up for donation of:**

- Corn Bread
- Pecan Pie
- Pineapple Upside down Cake



We also need food preparation help on Saturday March 2 from 9am – noon along with **set up, serving and clean-up assistance** on Sunday morning March 3.

Sign-ups are in the South Hallway. Thank you!
Questions contact Invitation & Welcome Team co-chairs:

**Chris Kohlmann 563-599-2695 or
Lisa Viertel 563-599-2325**



Scouting Sunday

February 17th at St. Luke's UMC was Scouting Sunday. Several scouts participated as ushers, greeters, acolytes, offering collectors, and musicians. [More photos online.](#)

Greeting & Ushering

Volunteers interested in becoming Greeters and Ushers, are invited to contact Sue Hatte at: (563) 556-1394.



Greeters and ushers are scheduled for volunteers' available dates. Training provided.



Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
I give to you not as the world gives.
Don't be troubled or afraid.” — John 14:27 (CEB)

Delegates from around the world will gather to receive and act upon a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. They will seek a way forward on the issues surrounding LBGQT persons. The Iowa Annual Conference will be represented by 12 elected Clergy and Lay delegates who will vote on a series of measures that hope to united faithful United Methodist who differ on these issues, but agree on our mission as a denomination.

The Iowa Annual Conference has an informational website exclusively for Iowans at:

gc2019.iaumc.org

Go to the above website read the news and media, resources, schedule and, during the Special Session of the General Conference, to view the Livestream.

Bishop Laurie Haller offers a prayer for Iowa United Methodists and for the 2019 special General Conference of The United Methodist Church:

vimeo.com/315499885



Post General Conference Debriefing Session

**Sunday March 10, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Salem United Methodist Church
3715 33rd Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA**

Bishop Laurie Haller will be present at three locations around the conference to debrief and answer questions about the 2019 General Conference. At least one of the locations will be live-streamed. Laity and clergy are encouraged to attend whichever session is most convenient for you. There will be a Q&A about General Conference as part of this day. Sessions will also meet on Saturday, March 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at New Hope UMC in Des Moines and Sunday March 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC in Fort Dodge.

Parking Spot Available



The church parking lot has a spot 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

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Soups, crackers, chili, ravioli, tuna, mac & cheese, applesauce, salt, hand soap, toothpaste, deodorant, tissues



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.

Food pantry donations help stock the shelves each month at the Dubuque Food Pantry. It is through people like you that the Food Pantry is able to respond to emergency needs in our community. Each month the food pantry serves between 275-350 households. Thank you for making it possible for us to continue this ministry!

Tiffany Treasures Exhibit

Figge Art Museum in Davenport, IA
February 16 - May 19

The Figge Art Museum in Davenport will be featuring a Tiffany glass collection in the coming months, including: a discussion of the practice of glass art creation and preservation on Thursday, February 21, a **free family day** on



Saturday, February 23rd, and a lecture on Tiffany by a Tiffany scholar on Thursday, April 25. The exhibit runs from February 16 – May 19, 2019. On March 15th at 9:00 a.m., the Figge Art Museum will visit and tour St. Luke's and view our Tiffany Windows collection. More information can be found here: <https://figgeartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/view/louis-comfort-tiffany-treasures-from-the-driehaus-collection/19>

Pie Day & Books for Food for the Soul Kids



On January 26th, in observance of National Pie Day, St. Luke's table of invitation and hospitality at River Lights Bookstore, was laden with pies, compostable plates, napkins and forks and an invitation to walk down the block to experience the world class collection of Tiffany windows. If customers purchased a book in the bookstore, they were invited to eat a piece of pie. If they did not need to purchase a book for themselves, it was suggested that they could purchase a children's book to be given away to the children who come to Food for the Soul, our free Saturday night meal.

More than 85 pieces of pie were given and many warm memories about the pies of mothers and grandmothers was shared as pie was savored in the chairs gathered around the table. The compostable tableware prompted discussions about the planet care that is needed to save our planet and the efforts attempted at St. Luke's to do our part. Several people thought they would need to pay for the pie and were surprised it was free to them. That prompted questions about why a church was offering free pie. The questions were answered with perspectives about the need for churches to be "present" in their neighborhoods, acting as caring neighbors.

Children pondered over which slice to choose and their chattiness increased the longer they pondered. Some people showed the books they had chosen and those who chose books for children at St. Luke's gently laid them into the "offering" basket, sometimes with questions or comments about hunger and the need for free meals in our community. Some of the pie eaters walked to St. Luke's in the falling snow to be welcomed by Cheryl Vahl, Mary Armstrong and Chris Kohlmann and to receive a narrated description of Tiffany windows and to experience this sacred space. Eating pie in communion on that day was all about caring and sharing in community.

On Saturday February 9th, Sue Alborn-Yilek, a member of Food for the Soul Team 8 organized the books into age level groups and began giving away the books to the children present. The children who are gathered around the "book cart" with Sue in this photo frequently walk several blocks, unaccompanied by an adult, to attend Food for the Soul. They were eager recipients of the food and the books they were given. One of the little boys enthusiastically chose the book about an Iowa Hawkeye that had been selected and donated, on Pie Day, by Mike Alborn-Yilek, another member of Team 8. Mike was able to show this boy a photo in the book in which he appeared along with the famous Hawkeye.



When we are "church" in our neighborhoods, we have an opportunity to be witness to unconditional love, hospitality and care. We can use gentle actions rather than loud words to witness. Those who are "skitterish" about organized religion can feel love without entering the doors. Children can receive free food and free books.

If you would like to continue the donation of free children's books to be given at Food for the Soul, you can leave them in the blue tote in the hallway. Please give new or "like new" books only. Right now the greatest need is board books for infants, picture books with brief narrative for preschoolers and chapter books for mid to upper elementary.

— Submitted by Mary Purdy

The Potter's Wheel



I have been asked to give a presentation on my summer in Tanzania at Kaleidoscope on Thursday, February 21. I know how scheduling goes, so I am sure there will be people who won't be able to make it. I decided to give a little preview of what I am going to talk about.

Four days after I graduated college, I packed my bags and flew to Tanzania for 90 days. I went through an organization called STEMM which stands for Siouxland Tanzania Education Medical Ministries located in Sioux City. The STEMM campus in Tanzania located on 100 acres of rural land with 80 acres being used for farm land.

During my stay in Tanzania I was able to teach Bible stories at the local Christian elementary school. All private schools are taught in English, so there was no language barrier. Their knowledge of the Bible was amazing. I also spent time doing general marketing and PR for STEMM as an organization. Another project I was part of was the lunch program STEMM has started at 6 local government schools. The children at these schools were not getting fed lunch. Attendance was low because they might be able to find food at home if they stayed there. In Tanzania all students must pass a national exam to move on to the next grade, and

these students were not doing well because they were missing so much school. Through the lunch program these children are now fed a hot meal every day at school. On average between all 6 schools the attendance has increased by 21% and the passing rate of the nation exams have increased 20%.

STEMM campus is also home to 24 orphan children. I was able to spend time everyday with the kids. When they got home from school, they would do their homework and then we would have play time. The kids taught me how to play soccer, but I'm still not near as good as they are. I also helped them with their bedtime prayers. During prayer time we would sing worship songs typically in Swahili, memorize Bible verses, and then have a closing prayer.

This trip was life changing to say the least. If you ever have the opportunity to go on a mission trip in America or internationally, I hope you will take the opportunity!

~Rachel Potter, Children's and Youth Director

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Service
Requested

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