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12:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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Chuck's Chat — March 8, 2017

Dear friends, when I first arrived as your pastor at the end of June, the congregation had recently participated in a survey called the *Church Assessment Tool* (CAT). This was designed to help us focus on strengths and areas of needed growth in the church, to help us design objectives to enhance the strengths and begin turning weaknesses into strengths. It has been several months and you have not heard much about that process. I'd like to give an update.

A small group, including: Debi Hull, Grace Ashbrook, Joe Lomax, Mark Tilson, Nancy Hessler, and I has been meeting. At a previous meeting, we re-read the information that came from the survey, and noted many important items that might need to be addressed within the church. At last night's meeting (3-1-17), we lifted up three objectives we felt we could both recommend to the church and begin addressing as a committee. They are:

- Get feedback from people under 45 years of age. In the original CAT survey, this group was very under-represented, but the committee believes that their voice is crucial to the health of our church. We are working on two complementary ways of hearing from this group: First, by creating a "SurveyMonkey" online survey that does not replicate the entire CAT, but that does ask for information that will enhance the survey's information; and Second, by giving a series of opportunities for one-on-one and/or small group settings where folks in this age group can talk and discuss the questions. The first strategy is going to be aimed at simplicity, ease of use, and respect for the busy lives of young folks, while the second strategy will be aimed at breaking down what might otherwise be a wall of anonymity and separation.
- Re-engage with Nancy Sayer (or one of her colleagues) to help us further interpret the CAT and the new data from the under-45 group, and develop objectives and strategies for meeting them for the whole congregation. There is already some funding available for this, since when I was appointed here it was with the understanding that my "virtual" salary would be \$3,000 more than my "actual" salary, and that difference would be used for ongoing consultation with Nancy.
- Work to open up the congregation's decision-making process. One of the key findings of the CAT was that a significant number of the respondents feel our decision-making is opaque and/or dominated by too few individuals. As pastor, I want to be clear about this. I believe there are two different aspects to this finding: First, we really do need to find ways to provide more voice for members who are not currently in leadership; and second, we need to deal with the *perception* that too few people are in control. Ways that the committee will suggest include finding multiple ways to inform the congregation about what each group, committee or board does in the church, and whom to contact if you have a concern in that area; and having a short time each Sunday during announcements in which the chair or representative of a group tells about their group, and introduces the members of that group so that people can connect names and faces with that work group.

These are only very preliminary responses to the CAT survey, and as we work, the committee is well aware that we are an *ad hoc* group, working on behalf of the Church Council and of the congregation. We invite your prayers and input as we strive to move forward to strengthen our congregation. *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:

Lauren and her family (friend of Sharon Kress)
Bonnie Jorgensen
Evelyn Cooper (Coni Stephenson's aunt)
Sam Griffin (Ron Liskey's Father-in-Law)
Edie Bruehahn
Dave McDonough
Dave Bryant

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Betty Farcas	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
Jeanne Patterson	

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

Parn Swinson (Sue Hattel's uncle)
Martha Laaker

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.



March Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Meghan Stratton | 16 Emily Richardson |
| 2 Meredith Enabnit | 16 Michael Van Milligen |
| 3 Ann Lehnhardt | 17 Calli Tilson |
| 4 Marie Zartman | 19 Debbie Tschiggfrie |
| 5 Kim Becker | 20 Sue Lane |
| 5 Erik McWethy | 20 Romayne Schmitt |
| 5 Adyson Pollard | 21 Chuck Barland |
| 6 Benjamin Sheldon | 21 Joan Hanson |
| 7 Annamae McTague | 21 Grace Romaine |
| 8 Andrew Barbee | 21 Nancy Van Milligen |
| 8 Andrea Huston | 22 Ladona Meineker |
| 8 Logan Plumley | 24 Debby Mackey |
| 9 Amanda Kubik | 24 Wolfgang Stechman |
| 9 Leah Sheldon Piercy | 24 Coni Stephenson |
| 10 Ken Miller | 25 Ronald Dueland |
| 11 Monardo Faria | 25 Jolene Miller |
| 11 Otto Krueger | 25 Samuel Stephenson |
| 11 Susan McGovern | 26 Tanner Lester |
| 12 Hayden Reuter | 26 Gabriella Roling |
| 13 Matt Hull | 27 Peanut Butler |
| 14 Mark Beard | 27 Dave Kubik |
| 14 Jace Oberman | 27 Terri Viner |
| 15 Claudia Beecher | 29 Lester Bettcher |
| 15 Arriana Craven | 29 Aliyah Blum |
| 15 Cole Johnson | 29 Alyssa Blum |
| 16 Greg Albert | 29 Isaac Wright |

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	6:30 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

Mar 12th	2nd Sunday in Lent (purple) Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121 (UM 844); Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17
Mar 19th	3rd Sunday in Lent (purple) Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95 (UM 814); Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42
Mar 26th	4th Sunday in Lent (purple) One Great Hour of Sharing 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23 (UM 134/754); Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41
Apr 2nd	5th Sunday in Lent (purple) Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130 (UM 848); Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton
Children / Youth Jessica DuBord (interim)
Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
Custodian Caprice Jones

Historian Betty Phillips
Financial Secretary Carol Clark
Membership Secretary Admin Asst

Worship & Celebration Sue Hattel
Care & Compassion Marcia Dubbels
Spiritual Growth & Dscplshp. Nancy Hessler
Stewardship (vacant)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair Nancy Hessler

Administrative Committee (Chairs):

Lay Leadership/Nominations Pastor
Finance Rich Young
Board of Trustees Mike Loveless
SPPRC Dave Kubik

Witness & Service

Community Outreach Jennifer Crow
Conference & Global (vacant)
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

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 March 2017 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

3/4/17 Rusch/Young
 3/11/17 Loveless
 3/18/17 Jacobsen/Sanders
 3/25/17 McGovern

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

3/5/17 Deb & Sara Albert
 3/12/17 Joe & Kathy Lomax
 3/19/17 Elizabeth & Andrew Hefel
 3/26/17 Phillips/Breese/Hattel

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

3/5/17 Reid/Dubbels/Michel
 3/12/17 Reid/Watters
 3/19/17 Reid/Young
 3/26/17 Reid/Conklin/Dubbels/Michel

Saturday Food for the Soul

3/4/17 Team 11
 3/11/17 Team 1
 3/18/17 Team 2
 3/25/17 Team 3

8:30 Offering Depositor

3/5/17 Sue Lane
 3/12/17 Susan McGovern
 3/19/17 Erick Kephart
 3/26/17 Scott Zartman

10:45 Offering Depositor

3/5/17 Sue Hattel
 3/12/17 Kathy McWethy
 3/19/17 Sharon Kress
 3/26/17 Mike Loveless

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

8:30 Liturgist

3/5/17 Nancy Hessler
 3/12/17 Susan McGovern
 3/19/17 Sue Lane
 3/26/17 Lynn Kerker

10:45 Liturgist

3/5/17 Mary Armstrong
 3/12/17 Dan Jacobsen
 3/19/17 WOT
 3/26/17 Chris Becker

Chimer

3/5/17 Heather Williams
 3/12/17 Larry Loepke
 3/19/17 R.R.S. Stewart
 3/26/17 Heather Williams

8:30 Projectionist

3/5/17 Denny Brimeyer
 3/12/17 Chris Kohlmann
 3/19/17 Denny Brimeyer
 3/26/17 Chris Kohlmann

10:45 Projectionist

3/5/17 Matthew Hull
 3/12/17 Paul Clark
 3/19/17 Matthew Hull
 3/26/17 Paul Clark

Organist/Pianist

3/5/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland
 3/12/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland
 3/19/17 Dr. Jeremy Mims
 3/26/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland

Videographer

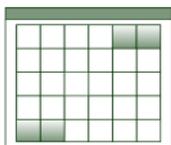
3/5/17 John Hessler
 3/12/17 Greg Albert
 3/19/17 Ron Liskey
 3/26/17 Bobby Martin

Slides

3/5/17 Craig Allen
 3/12/17 Chris Kohlmann
 3/19/17 Matthew Hull
 3/26/17 Paul Clark

10:45 Worship Drivers

3/5/17 Rich Young
 3/12/17 Mike Loveless
 3/19/17 Chris Becker
 3/26/17 Dan Jacobsen



Online Calendar

www.stlukesumcdbq.com/calendar

Omissions or additions can be submitted to Ora at:

dbqstluke@gmail.com
 563-582-4543



Fabulous Fridays 2017 *Helen Johnston Memorial Season* **Fridays 12:05 - 12:35 p.m.**

Beginning in 1992, this informal concert series has featured over 100 local and nationally recognized artists, including St. Luke's own. Join us afterwards for free coffee and desserts. Free concert, but donations are accepted for people in need. Street parking available. Accessible entry in alley.

Remaining Performances for 2017:

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

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

Mar 12 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
Mar 19 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Mar 19 10:45 a.m. **Word on the Third** Contemporary
Mar 26 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
Apr 2 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
Apr 9 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. **Palm Sunday** Services

Every Saturday: 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise



Window on St. Luke's

Share one or more ways you see God acting in and through St. Luke's:

"Through the most beautiful gifts of sharing their talents of musical ability I have ever seen in any church in my lifetime. The music here carries the Spirit of God to everyone it touches and to the streets even after Food for the Soul."

Each issue of the Chimes, we'll share St. Luke's responses. If you would like to share a response, you can submit a response to the Church Office at:

dbqstluke@gmail.com or call 563-582-4543

No Wonderful Wednesday Wednesday, March 15th, 2017

There are no Wonderful Wednesday meals or activities March 15th. Adult rehearsals may still take place, but consult your music director to be sure.

Fabulous Friday Dessert Sign-up



We still need people to sign-up for the month of **March** for desserts. Please sign up to provide desserts on the **sign up sheet available in the South Hall.**



Help with Windows Tours

In 2017 there will be an additional boat coming to visit June through October. Betty has the names of the members interested in helping in 2017, but we will need additional members. If interested, give Betty Phillips your name, and she will contact you in the spring. Specific dates to be determined, though most tend to be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. This is an opportunity to serve St. Luke's and appreciate the beauty of what we have.

You do not have to learn or know everything about the church history to help out. We also need people to help handle donations and sell gift items at the back of the Sanctuary during tours. These donations help us restore the windows!

Betty Phillips, Historian: 563-588-1782

Easter Lilies

Deadline: April 9, 2017



Beautiful white lilies may now be ordered in honor of or in memory of a loved one for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The gold foiled pots with white bows, each with 5-7 blossoms will be ordered from Whites Florist for \$15 (tax and delivery included). Orders must be made by **April 9th, 2017.**

A sign-up sheet may be found in the South Hallway or contact the Church Office at dbqstluke@gmail.com or call 563-582-4543



Terrific Tuesdays

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

Mar 21 Molly's Silver Screen Canteen

Mar 28 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn

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

Apr 4 Panera Bread

Apr 18 AJ's Café at Hartig's on University



March 16 — Kaleidoscope will be meeting at the home of Lynn Kerker, 1090 Hiawatha Dr. East Dubuque, on **Thursday March 16 at 7:00 p.m.** Sue Lane is the co-hostess, and Carol Clark has devotions. The program will be about "**Classy Collections.**" It will be a "show and tell" night, so bring examples of something you collect or something that is special to you. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? Call Laurinda at 557-7341.

April 3 — Busy Bees at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Hostess: Pat Hefel. Devotions, desserts, and tying of quilts for Hillcrest residential youth! Willing hands are always welcome to enjoy the fun!

April 20 — Activity Night with Hillcrest Youth from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Games and refreshments in Hadley Chapel Community Room on Hillcrest Campus (enter on Wilbricht Street). **Volunteers, both men & women** are invited! Questions: Marcia Dubbels: 582-6634.

April 21 — Spring Rummage Sale

Donations of clean, usable items are needed!

Wed, April 19th Rummage Sale Setup 5:45 p.m.

Thu, April 20th Rummage Sale Sorting 8:30 a.m.

Fri, April 21st **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Sale**
11:30 a.m. Bag Sale

Donate to the Food Pantry

Food items: boxed or canned potatoes, canned fruit, soups, tuna, pasta, peanut butter/jelly. **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.



Missed a Sermon or Service?

Sermons can be found on the St. Luke's website. If you missed the service or want to hear the scriptures and the message again, just go to the St. Luke's website:



www.stlukesumcdbq.com

Then, click on the "Sermons" page.

We also offer a DVD ministry for those who cannot attend on Sunday morning. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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.**

"You Are Welcome Here" By Marty Parks

Come you wounded, weakened and weary, you are welcome here
Come discouraged, come brokenhearted, you are welcome here.
This is a refuge for grace. This is a harbor of mercy.
So come you wounded, weakened and weary,
You are welcome here, you are welcome here.
Come, you wand'rer, spent from the journey, you are welcome here.
Come with every burden you carry, you are welcome here.
This is a refuge for grace, this is a harbor of mercy.
So come, you wand'rer, spent from the journey,
you are welcome here, you are welcome here.
Come, enter love's embrace; receive amazing grace;
Here in this place, here in the place.
Come, you hungry; come, all you thirsty,
you are welcome here.
Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness,
You are welcome here, you are welcome here,
You are welcome here.



Red Basket Project

The response to the Red Basket Program has been supportive and used widely, including at St. Luke's during Food for the Soul. Donations may be placed in the red basket on the table in the South Hall. We're dependent on your donations. 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, or Super; **Pantiliners:** Always Thin Pantiliners, any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliner, or any brand heavy absorbency pantiliners.



Green Thoughts

(from St. Luke's Green Team)

The average American throws away 182 pounds of plastic per year. Consider giving up disposable plastic bags as your Lenten discipline, and bringing cloth bags to the grocery store. Try it. Small conservation steps add up.



"Adam and Eve made decisions on the basis of what pleased them, but in doing so they inflicted deadly consequences upon humankind. Jesus was tempted to make decisions that would bring him comfort, prestige and power. However, he refused, and so he became the source of our life and our salvation. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our decisions and their consequences – past, present, and to come. "

From: Catholic Climate Covenant: Care For Creation, Care For the Poor. See: Genesis 3: 1-7.

Sunday, March 5th, the St. Luke's Singers shared a beautiful anthem at the 8:30 service titled, "You Are Welcome Here," an extremely touching piece with such a meaningful message that I received a request for the words so, as this person said, "I can make it my daily prayer!" It's a message that the church needs to share and the world needs to hear (right).

Marty Parks hails from Tennessee and has degrees in music and theology and besides composing, served as music director and worship pastor, "There's nothing like walking through life with the people of God" he exclaims. I believe he says it best, "I've learned that grace isn't described so much as it is demonstrated."
— Marty Parks

May these words touch your heart and light your path this Lenten Season — Keith Rippe and the St. Luke's Singers

Social Principles: The Natural World

(For the next few months, at the recommendation of the St. Luke's Green Team, the Chimes will share official statements of the United Methodist Church regarding the natural world and our responsibility to it. These policy statements are in the 2016 edition of The Book of Resolutions, which contains the text of all resolutions or pronouncements on issues approved by the General Conference currently in force. These documents represent the official position of the UMC.)

Introduction

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. Economic, political, social, and technological developments have increased our human numbers, and lengthened and enriched our lives. However, these developments have led to regional defoliation, dramatic extinction of species, massive human suffering, overpopulation, and misuse and overconsumption of natural and nonrenewable resources, particularly by industrialized societies. This continued course of action jeopardizes the natural heritage that God has entrusted to all generations. Therefore, let us recognize the responsibility of the church and its members to place a high priority on changes in economic political, social, and technological lifestyles to support a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world leading to a higher quality of life for all of God's creation.

(Next issue: Water, air, soil, minerals, plants)



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**.



Lectionary Bible Study Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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

Green Team Training Report

February 19th, the Green Team Training was presented by the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (IIPL), the first event this new chapter, the first chapter in the State of Iowa!

Congregations included: First Congregational UCC, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Holy Spirit Parish, Church of the Resurrection, St. Luke's UMC, St. John's Lutheran, St. Joseph the Worker, St. Joseph Key West, Sisters of Charity, Sisters of the Presentation BVM, Sisters of St. Francis, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, and Westminster Presbyterian.

The days activities included:

- Signing the Chapter Agreement
- Welcome from Mayor Roy Buol
- Prayer of Invocation by Joan Lickteig
- The *why* of our work: *Why* do we care about the creation? Sometimes being 'too otherworldly' people of faith forget we are *in* the creation. (Followed by break.)
- Working with congregations; panelists: Judy Giesen (Church of the Resurrection), Mary Purdy (St. Luke's UMC), Jade Angelica (UU Fellowship Dubuque), and Cori Burbach (Sustainable Dubuque).
- Congregational Assessment by Carrie Lohrmann, trained Climate Reality Leader available to speak on climate change from a faith perspective.
- Green Team faith statements and plans



Green Team Lenten Suggestion: Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB)



Following up on the February 19th Green Team Training, here are some suggestions for lent: along with embracing prayer, almsgiving and fasting, **give up single use plastic bags**. In Dubuque, this issue has recently been re-introduced for city council consideration, and is being reviewed in the Iowa legislature. While awaiting further state and city discussions, parishioners might wonder: "What's the fuss about those bags?"

- A continual litter problem, it takes 15 to 1000 years for plastic bags to break down in landfills.
- One million seabirds and marine mammals die each year by ingesting plastic bag pieces.

Concerned that you'll forget to **Bring Your Own Bag**?

- Tie a green ribbon on your keychain as a reminder.
- Have a point person (kids are great at this) to remind you to tote in your totes.
- Store your cloth bags in your back seat, not your trunk. They are easier to notice for BYOB.
- In the store, if you suddenly realize you left your totes in the car, go back to retrieve! Green Teamers suggest if you've had to return to your car to retrieve your bags at least twice, the habit sticks with you forever.

Good green luck this Lenten season!



July 8, 2016: St. Luke's blesses youth before they depart for a mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. in Tennessee. The **next Mountain T.O.P. Meeting is March 12th, 2017 at 11:45 a.m.** at St. Luke's.

Return
Service
Requested

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If you wish NOT to receive the Chimes, please contact the church office at 563-582-4543 to discontinue.
To receive your Chimes via email, send a message to dbqsluke@gmail.com. If you know someone who would like to receive The Chimes, please contact the church office.