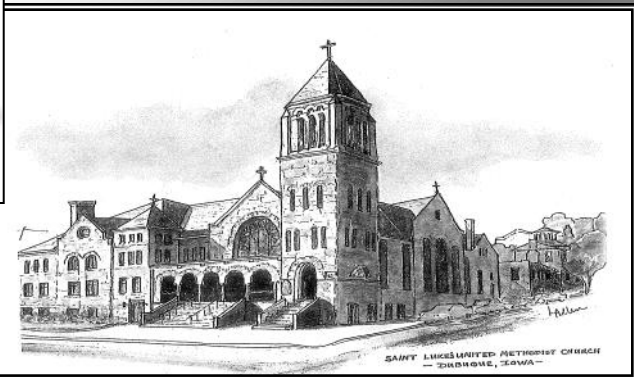


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### Office Hours

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

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## *Chuck's Chat — November 30, 2016*

Let's look at the next section of the Sermon on the Mount, as we think about how Jesus tries to form us as his followers. Matthew writes:

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-20)

This is a problematic passage. In other ways, Jesus made clear that it wasn't every stroke of the letter of the law that would save. Rather, it was adhering first and foremost to the two "greatest commandments": Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength, and Love your neighbor as yourself." And even here, Jesus does NOT say that disobeying some of the "little" things in the Law of Moses will disqualify a person from heaven. Rather, he speaks of degrees: "Least" and "Great" in the kingdom of heaven. But here, he DOES make it clear that devotion and adherence to the commands of God are important – even essential to being a citizen of God's realm.

So, how do we navigate this? I'd suggest that Jesus himself gives us a model to follow. In many situations, Jesus fully understood the letter ("jot and tittle") of the law, and made a conscious decision to ignore, bypass, or even break the statute for the sake of three over-arching principles. The late Bishop Rueben Job formulated them for us this way: "Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God."

If any cue I get from the Bible draws me away from these three principles – which, by the way can also be summed up with "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself" – then I'm not understanding correctly what the Bible is asking of me. An extreme example of this might be Psalm 137: 8-9, which says:

<sup>8</sup> O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! <sup>9</sup> Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

I can imagine someone reading that, and in anger or pain, finding license to strike out violently at others. This is an obvious example of how the literal sense of the scripture could be used to go exactly contrary to the larger teaching of Jesus.

So, fellow followers of Jesus, Let us take the Scripture with absolute seriousness, but let us read it with the intent of loving God and neighbor with all we have, and of doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God.

*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: Bonnie Sander's mother **Rayma Fisher**, **Lynn Kerker**, Darren Ziskovsky's father **Dwane Ziskovsky**, **Ora Uzel**, Coni Stephenson's grand nephew **Cade Cullen**, Alicia Ziskovsky's cousin **Chuck Brinkman**, and Becca Johnson's nephew **Jim Peterson**.

### Prayers for people in Care Centers:

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

### Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

<b>Peggy Lemke</b>	<b>Anna Jane Redding</b>
<b>Johnny</b>	<b>Mary K. Benefiel</b>
<b>Bill Brown</b>	<b>Brett Cooper</b>
<b>Jane Thomas</b>	<b>Cindie Thomas</b>
<b>Kaye Running</b>	<b>Bonnie Jorgensen</b>
<b>Marjorie Tayloe</b>	<b>Ardeth Kirschbaum</b>
<b>Jeanne Patterson</b>	

Prayers of consolation for recently lost loved ones to the families of: **Marjo Gleeson** (Albert family friend), **Don Kirschbaum**, **Patricia Shannon**, **Edie Pickens** (Darren Ziskovsky's grandpa's wife), **Lois Larson** (Dale Nederhoff's sister and Lisa Viertel's aunt), **Ray Grimes**, and **John Duggan**.

Our prayers also turn to prayers for Peace and Justice around the world. We especially remember all who are currently serving 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      | 15 Lori Boughton    |
| 2 Jack Foley         | 18 Holden Ashbrook  |
| 2 Kevin McTague      | 18 Mike Loveless    |
| 2 Mark Tilson        | 18 Paige Oberman    |
| 3 Joanne Burgus      | 19 Andrea Duschen   |
| 4 Sheree Miller      | 20 Chason Craven    |
| 5 Matt Lungwitz      | 21 Breanna Gabel    |
| 6 Mary Armstrong     | 21 Douglas Olson    |
| 6 Jordan Oberman     | 22 Shirley Moody    |
| 7 Brody Ashbrook     | 23 David Viertel    |
| 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 | 31 Maxwell Enabnit  |
| 13 Benjamin Carlock  | 31 Ed Glaser        |
| 14 Patricia Gallogly | 31 Kathryn Lomax    |
| 14 Ethan Lester      | 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 admission 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. 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)**  
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 8-19 (UM795)  
Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12
- Dec. 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)**  
Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 1: 46b-55 (UM199)  
James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11
- 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

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Historian . . . . . Betty Phillips  
Financial Secretary . . . . . Carol Clark  
Membership Secretary . . . . . Admin Asst

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Care & Compassion . . . . . Marcia Dubbels  
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UMW . . . . . Marcia Young  
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Nancy Bradley, Gary Reid,  
Matt Crow, Vicki Tilson

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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.)**

### Chimer

12/4/16 Larry Loeppke  
 12/11/16 Heather Williams  
 12/18/16 R.R.S. Stewart  
 12/24/16<sup>1&2</sup> Heather Williams  
 12/24/16<sup>3</sup> R.R.S. Stewart  
 12/25/16 Heather Williams  
 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 Jim & Garrett Gross  
 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 TBD  
 12/24 7:00p TBD  
 12/24 10:45p TBD  
 12/25 10:00a TBD  
 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 Keith Cook  
 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 TBD  
 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

11/27 8:30a Les & Sue Bettcher  
 11/27 10:45a Beau Family  
 12/4 8:30a Lane/Carr  
 12/4 10:45a Beard  
 12/11 8:30a Gross Family  
 12/11 10:45a Crow Family  
 12/18 8:30a Basten Family  
 12/18 10:45a Schrupf Family

### 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 11** 8:30 & 10: 45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services  
with **Communion**

\***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

## Dubuque Food Pantry annual "Christmas Basket Give Away"

Last year the Food Pantry gave 500 food baskets to needy families. This year St. Luke's will assist in two ways:



1. We have pledged 25 hams to the Food Pantry by December 12<sup>th</sup>. We need your donation of a ham that ranges in size from 3 lbs. to 5 lbs. Please sign up on the **sign-up sheet in the South Hall** and bring your ham to church anytime before December 12<sup>th</sup> and store in a fridge (note which fridge on the sign up sheet).

2. We will provide non-perishable items by December 2. Bring non-perishable items, (stuffing mix, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, ramen noodles, brownie or cake mixes) to the church and put into the **Food Pantry Grocery Cart located by the front door**.

Monetary donations are accepted too. Label your offering envelope as "**Christmas Baskets**" and place in the offering tray on Sunday.



### *Donate to the Jesus Fund*

Our "Jesus Fund" Ministry helps people in need pay for groceries at Eagles grocery. Donations can be given in offering envelopes in the offering plate, labeled as "Jesus Fund."



### *Terrific Tuesdays*

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

**Dec 6** Cookie Exchange in the Fellowship Hall

**Dec 13** Starbucks at Locust Hy-Vee

**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



**Dec 1** "Christmas Stories, Scriptures & Songs" at 7:00 p.m. in St. Luke's parlor. Let us prepare our hearts for Christmas! If you wish, bring one of your favorite Christmas treats. Pastor Chuck will be our Christmas storyteller. **All women are welcome!**

**Dec 4** St. Luker's are invited to gather 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to write **Christmas greetings** and prepare **THINKING of YOU** bags for December delivery to homebound. Thank you for caring!

**Dec 5** **Busy Bees** will meet at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave. at 1:00 p.m. Christmas dessert, devotion and tying of quilts! New members are always welcome! Hostess: Ruth Clark. Questions? Contact Marcia Dubbels: 563-582-6634

**2016 Pledges to Mission** may be left in the office. Address your envelope to: Ruth Veley, UMW Treasurer.

### **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.



### **Order Your Poinsettias!**

**Sign up by Noon December 5th**

For our December 18th Christmas Music service we'll be filling the front of the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. The poinsettias this year will be red flowers with gold foil and white bows. Poinsettias can be purchased for **\$16 each**. To order your poinsettias, **sign up on the sheet in the South Hall**. The deadline for ordering is **Noon on Monday December 5th**. Poinsettias will be purchased from White's Florist (supplied by Cushman's Greenhouse, Belmont, WI).

### **Christmas Cookie Exchange**

**Tuesday, December 6th  
9:30 a.m.**

**St. Luke's Kitchen**



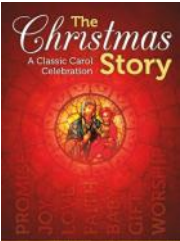
Everyone is invited to join the Terrific Tuesday group for our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, which will be Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30 in the church kitchen. Please bring 4 dozen of the same kind of cookie to share. Remember to bring an empty container to put your cookies in. Questions? Call Laurinda: 557-7341. All are welcome to get a jump on your holiday baking!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### December 18, 2016 — Worship Services Christmas Music Programs

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

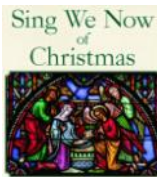
**St. Luke's Chancel Choir Presents:**

#### **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.



### Parents' Afternoon Out

**Sunday, December 11th &  
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**



## St. Luke's / Prescott Elementary Blood Drive Results

Monday November 14th we had our most recent St. Luke's / Prescott blood drive which was very successful due to 36 folks from our congregation and Prescott donating their blood to help save a life! I just wanted to say thank you to all who supported our cause! I want you to know that each donation of blood can help up to 4 individuals. When I look back at records here's what I found:

Our first drive was November 10, 2014 where we collected 29 units, followed by 26 units Apr. 2015, 27 units Nov. 2015, 27 units Apr. 2016, and 36 units in our fifth blood drive November 14, 2016. Our five drives have produced a total of 580 blood products for patients in need! Awesome job!

We also had 34 student helpers and 6 teachers or teaching assistants who came, helped, and observed the whole process! What a statement this sends to our kids and how our modeling of caring for others will change how they see the world! Thank you Prescott partners! Our efforts also earned a check of \$286.00 for Prescott Elementary.

If you haven't experienced the feeling of giving please join us for our drive next spring Monday May the 8th!

Sincerely, Mike Loveless (Drive Chairperson)



### *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!



## UMW — 2017 Prayer Partners

Be a prayer partner! Becoming a prayer partner gives you the opportunity to be in a supportive community with another member of St. Luke's. Anyone may be a Prayer Partner. United Methodist Women are equal opportunity pray-ers!

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

If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for 2017, please fill out the forms found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and leave the form in the church office. Any questions, please call **Marcia Young 563-580-9650**.

### Fabulous Fridays Music Series 2017

#### Helen Johnston Memorial Season

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

Fabulous Friday 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. 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



**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!



### Donate by Receiving the Chimes by Email

St. Luke's Finance Committee has determined **the Chimes newsletter costs approximately \$22 annually for each recipient who receives a print copy**. We found we could significantly cut expenses if we reduce the number of issues distributed by standard mail and email them instead. Email carries the advantage of being in color and fully up to date at the time of distribution.

**Paper copies will still be 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 at the website: [www.stlukesumcdbq.com](http://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.

Please send your email to: [dbqstluke@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com) and tell us you would like to **receive your Chimes newsletter via email instead of regular mail**. Thanks!

### 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.

### Free Women's Diagnostic Services

Through the *Care for Yourself* program, the following services are available: mammogram, clinical breast exam, pap test, pelvic exam, limited diagnostic tests, and assistance with making appointments. Requirements: 40+ years old, 250% of the poverty level or below. Call:

**1-800-862-6133 or 563-556-6200**

## *From Mark's Desk*



Greetings,

Thank you for your support of our first fundraiser for the Dare2Share Student Conference "Unshakeable". This event will be held in March of 2017. The HuHot event raised a total of \$286.66. These funds will help the youth that had attended this event to offset their total cost of \$130.00. The staff of HuHot said this was one of the biggest fundraisers for a Monday night they have had in a long time. We have 8 people signed up so far for the conference. We have extended the dead line to sign up until Wednesday, December 14. Or until the event becomes sold out. All we need at this time is a \$20.00 deposit. Watch for future fundraisers coming soon.

This time of the year there are so many events happening that I thought it would be a good idea to remind you of some of the events that our Youth and Family Ministry will be providing in the near future. These events are for all people of St. Luke's as part of our F.R.O.G. - Cross + Generational Family Ministries.

**Sunday, December 4 — Children Christmas Play** — during the 10:45 a.m. service. After the service we will meet for crafts, soup and fellowship activities in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, December 11 and December 18 — Parents Afternoon Out** (including grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc.) — We will provide a safe place for your kids. We will have staff, food, and enjoyable fun for all ages.

**Sunday, December 11 – "Reflections in the Park"** – "Hillcrest Lights Festival at Murphy Park. Meet at 5:30 p.m. and bring \$3.00 for donation. Van leaves at 5:45 p.m.\*\*

**Saturday, December 17 — "The Live Nativity"** — St. Peter Lutheran Church. We will meet at 6:00pm and leave at 6:15pm. Wear warm clothing. \*\*

\*\* Come early, but don't worry if the van is filled. We will all travel together.

*On God's Belay, Mark*

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