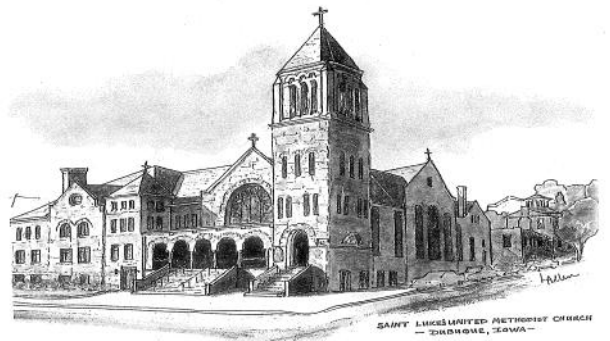


# The Chimes

## Newsletter

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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 — September 7, 2016

Dear friends, today I'd like to offer some advice for families who face the death of a loved one. At some point, every family experiences the death of a loved one. There is a very good reason even non-religious families turn to a church at the time of death. The apostle Paul said it this way: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." (1 Thessalonians 4:13) Christian faith is founded first upon the conviction that when we put our trust in the love of God, as it is given to us through Jesus, we die to death and live to eternal life. For that reason, we can often celebrate at a funeral, as we did, for example, at Helen Johnston's memorial service.

My first bit of advice: *Don't be afraid of death!* Don't be afraid of talking about it with your loved ones. Don't shy from asking questions when someone is nearing death. Don't pretend everything is going to be just the same. I am *not* saying that we shouldn't grieve, mourn, or get angry when someone we love dies. Those are all normal and healthy. But we can experience those emotions without fear of death itself. And it may be that it falls to the person who is dying to open the conversation. When you come to that point in your own life, I suggest you give your friends and family the great gift of speaking openly with them about what you are experiencing, and yes, even your fears (though I just got done saying, "don't be afraid.")

My second bit of advice is to the family: Don't try to get through this on your own. Please call me and let me know what's happening! Call the church office at (563) 582-4543; or my cell phone at (712) 420-5963. Call when someone you love is sick, so I can visit them immediately. Call when they are near death, so I can be with them and you during this time. Call if someone has died – call at 3:00 a.m., if that's when it's happening. (Best to call my cell phone at that point.)

My third bit of advice is to rely upon the professionals who make it their life's mission to help families at one of the most difficult times of their lives. Call one of the excellent funeral homes in our town. They will help with the mountain of confusing, overwhelming situations, details, technical aspects, paperwork, notifications and so on that most family members won't even have a clue about, much less know how to tackle. Yes, there is financial cost involved in getting help, but believe me, they are worth every penny at that moment when your brain is so foggy from grief and fatigue that you can hardly remember your own name.

Our local funeral homes include:

Egelhof, Siegert, & Casper . . . . .	563-556-0776
Behr's Funeral Home . . . . .	563-582-3297
Haudenshield Funeral Home & Cremation . . . . .	608-744-2400
Hoffmann Schneider . . . . .	563-552-0655
Leonard Funeral Home & Crematory . . . . .	563-556-6788
Miller Funeral Home . . . . .	815-747-3194
James L Schneider, Funeral Director . . . . .	563-552-0655

May it be many years before you need to even think about all this!

*Shalom, Chuck*

## Our Caring Community

Lord, as we continue life's journey, we pray for all who are challenged by health concerns, ongoing illness, or disability.

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 or injury: **Carol Pins, Robin O'Connor's daughter-in-law Amy, Margie Breese's neighbors Mark & Donna Hoeger, Kathy Michel's friend Bonnie Crispin, Johnny, Bonnie Sanders's friend Dee Maahs, and Bruce Redding's sister Donna Moss.**

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

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

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

<b>Edie Bruehahn</b>	<b>Sharon Clark</b>
<b>George Sinn</b>	<b>Bonnie Jorgensen</b>
<b>Marjorie Tayloe</b>	<b>Marlin Jorgensen</b>
<b>Ardeth Kirschbaum</b>	<b>Ron Liskey</b>
<b>Judy McKahin</b>	<b>Jeanne Patterson</b>
<b>Kathy Reid</b>	<b>Donna Atkinson</b>
<b>Loretta Bahl</b>	<b>Bruce Liebold</b>
<b>John Duggan</b>	<b>Dianne Fritsch</b>
<b>Eve Hickey</b>	<b>Angela Osterkamp</b>
<b>A. J. Osterkamp</b>	<b>Bill Brown</b>
<b>Mary K. Benefiel</b>	<b>Rick Blasen</b>
<b>Dee Maahs</b>	<b>Anna Jane Redding</b>
<b>Donna Moss</b>	<b>Jane Thomas</b>
<b>Cindie Thomas</b>	<b>Anne Jones</b>
<b>Evelyn Cooper</b>	<b>Brett Cooper</b>
<b>Coni's Diane</b>	

Prayers of consolation for recently lost loved ones to the families of: **Annie Van Etten, Marie Jannette, Julie Steffen-Kutsch (Laurinda Brimeyer's friend), Rev. Robert Soka (Ruth Clark's brother-in-law), Helen Johnston, Joann Sloan (Grace Ashbrook's step-grandmother), and Emmett and Gail Bear.**

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.



**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.

	<i>September</i>
1	Sara Albert
1	Rowyn Olson
1	Art Sunleaf
4	Steven Jacobson
4	Caleb Peil-Vannatta
4	Arthur Wiegand
5	Nancy Hessler
6	Richard Young
7	Marlin Jorgensen
7	Lila Menke
8	Aidan Lawler
10	Karen Jubeck
11	Jody Ludowitz
12	Mary Fagen
12	Eleanor Ray
12	Gabrielle Zartman
14	Robert Hinrichs
14	Jennifer Pregler
15	Dale Nederhoff
15	Judy Nemmers
16	Keith Cook
16	Shelbie Ede
16	Jared Gevock

	<i>September</i>
17	Mark Hinrichs
17	Erick Kephart
18	Aidin Bettcher
18	Barbara Bonnett
19	Judy Ellerie
19	Stacie Hinrichs
19	Addison Nauman
19	Cyndie Nelson
20	Kay Martin
20	Annette Olson
20	Randy Schmitt
20	Gene Sliter
21	David Bonnett
21	Kristen Smith
23	Chris Huston
23	Callie Kehoe
23	Chad Leitch
26	Paula Martens
29	Susan Peil
29	Griffin Plumley
30	Joe Nemmers
30	Betty Quade

### Online Chimes Archives & Online Church Calendar



The church website now has an online archive of the Chimes newsletters as well as an online calendar!

[www.stlukesumcdbq.com](http://www.stlukesumcdbq.com)

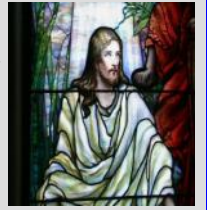
**Please check** the prayer request list in *The Chimes* and bulletin to see if there are any outdated prayer requests. Send updates or prayer requests to:

**563-582-4543 | [dbqstluke@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com)**

*We would like to 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.*

**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 at 5:30 p.m.*  
*Saturday Night Praise*              *Saturday at 6:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday Worship Services*           *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](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com) or by calling 563-582-4543. **Thank You!**

**Reoccurring Meetings**

**Meeting Name and Time**

<b>1st Tuesday</b>	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	7:15 p.m. Celebration & Worship
<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m. Finance
<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	4:15 p.m. Care & Compassion
<b>1st Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Trustees
<b>2nd Thursday</b>	6:30 p.m. SPPRC
<b>3rd Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. Kaleidoscope
<b>4th Thursday</b>	6:30 p.m. Church Council <b>OR</b> Council on Ministries

**Official UMC Lectionary Texts**

<b>Sept. 11th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</b> Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14: 1-7; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10
<b>Sept. 18th</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</b> Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1; Psalm 79: 1-9; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13
<b>Sept. 25th</b>	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</b> Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-31

**STAFF**

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

Treasurer . . . . . Amy Schadle  
 Historian . . . . . Betty Phillips  
 Financial Secretary . . . . . Carol Clark  
 Membership Secretary . . . . . Admin Asst

Worship/Celebration . . . . . Sue Hattel  
 Care & Compassion . . . . . Marcia Dubbels  
 Spiritual Growth & Discipleship . . . . .  
    Nancy Hessler  
 Stewardship . . . . . Dan Jacobsen  
 Witness & Service

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chair . . . . . Cheri Loveless

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

Community Outreach . . . . . Jennifer Crow  
 Conference & Global. . . . . Otto Krueger  
 Social Justice . . . . . RRS & Terry Stewart  
 UMW . . . . . Marcia Young  
 At-Large . . . . . Steven & Kathy Lamb,  
    Nancy Bradley, Gary Reid,  
    Matt Crow, Vicki Tilson

**Officers:**

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

**Council on Ministries**

**Facilitators:**

Invitation/Welcome . . . . . Lisa Viertel &  
    Chris Kohlmann

## Month of September 2016 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run Driver

9/10/16 Breese/Young  
 9/17/16 Schrupf/Rusch  
 9/24/16 Cheri & Mike Loveless  
 10/1/16 Jacobsen/Sanders

### 8:30 a.m. Greeters

9/11/16 McGovern  
 9/18/16 Bonnett/Phillips/Breese  
 9/25/16 Albert Family  
 10/2/16 TBD

### 10:45 a.m. Greeters

9/11/16 Watters/Patterson/Conklin  
 9/18/16 Watters/Duchow  
 9/25/16 Duchow  
 10/2/16 TBD

### Saturday Food for the Soul

9/10/16 Team 9  
 9/17/16 Team 10  
 9/24/16 Team 11  
 10/1/16 Team 1

### 8:30 a.m. Ushers

9/11/16 McGovern  
 9/18/16 Bonnett/Breese  
 9/25/16 Albert Family  
 10/2/16 TBD

### 10:45 a.m. Ushers

9/11/16 Watters/Patterson/Conklin  
 9/18/16 Watters/Duchow  
 9/25/16 Duchow  
 10/2/16 TBD

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

### 8:30 a.m. Offering Depositor

9/11/16 Dan Jacobsen  
 9/18/16 Sue Lane  
 9/25/16 Susan McGovern  
 10/2/16 Erick Kephart

### 10:45 a.m. Offering Depositor

9/11/16 Mike Loveless  
 9/18/16 Dick Landis  
 9/25/16 Ric Jones  
 10/2/16 Cheri Loveless

### Chimer

9/11/16 Heather Williams  
 9/18/16 Larry Loeppke  
 9/25/16 R.R.S. Stewart  
 10/2/16 Heather Williams

### 8:30 a.m. Liturgist

9/11/16 Nancy Hessler  
 9/18/16 Sara Albert  
 9/25/16 Jon Romaine  
 10/2/16 Sue Lane

### 10:45 a.m. Liturgist

9/11/16 Keith Cook  
 9/18/16 Word on the Third  
 9/25/16 Dianne Dueland  
 10/2/16 Chris Becker

### Organist

9/11/16 Chuck Barland  
 9/18/16 Jeremy Mims  
 9/25/16 Chuck Barland  
 10/2/16 Chuck Barland

### 8:30 a.m. Projectionist

9/11/16 Chris Kohlmann  
 9/18/16 Denny Brimeyer  
 9/25/16 Chris Kohlmann  
 10/2/16 Denny Brimeyer

### 10:45 a.m. Projectionist

9/11/16 Matt Hull  
 9/18/16 Paul Clark  
 9/25/16 Matt Hull  
 10/2/16 Paul Clark

### Acolyte

9/11/16 Sara Albert  
 9/18/16 Sara Albert  
 9/25/16 Sara Albert  
 10/2/16 Sara Albert

### Slides

9/11/16 Paul Clark  
 9/18/16 Matt Hull  
 9/25/16 Chris Kohlmann  
 10/2/16 Craig Allen

### Worship Driver

9/11/16 Rich Young  
 9/18/16 Otto Krueger  
 9/25/16 Chris Becker  
 10/2/16 TBD

### Videographer

9/11/16 Greg Albert  
 9/18/16 Ron Liskey  
 9/25/16 Bobby Martin  
 10/2/16 John Hessler



*Check out the table  
 in the South Hall for  
 opportunities to volunteer!*

### *Online Calendar*

The church calendar is now available online! Check it out! Omissions or additions can be submitted to Ora at:

**dbqstluke@gmail.com**  
**563-582-4543**

**C**heck St. Luke's website for the latest bulletins, issues of *The Chimes*, online calendar, contact information, and even listen to a sermon you missed! If you have something that you would like to see on our website, please call the office at 563-582-4543.

**www.stlukesumcdbq.com**



**In Memory of  
Catherine Van Etten**

Annie Van Etten passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2016. A memorial service was held September 6, 2016 at St. Luke's UMC.

**In Memory of  
Marie Jannette**

**Funeral held on  
Friday August 26, 2016  
At St. Luke's UMC**



**Sunday School  
Starting September 11th  
Meet at 9:30am in the Sanctuary**

All adults are invited to Fellowship Hall on September 11 at 9:30, to learn about the several adult Sunday school opportunities that we will be offering this year. Each class will give a short presentation of what they will be studying. There will be time for each class to meet together following the presentations. If you've been interested in Sunday school and wondered what it was about, this would be the time to get your questions answered. Hope to see you there."

**International Day of Peace Festival  
Rohina Malik's "Unveiled"**

**Wednesday September 21st at 7pm  
Loras College's Hoffman Hall Theater**

Rohina Malik returns for a repeat performance of her one woman play. Born in London, this Chicago playwright and solo performance artist presents an insightful and entertaining look inside the world of Muslim women, 15 years post 9/11.

[www.dbqdayofpeace.org](http://www.dbqdayofpeace.org)

**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

**Getting to Know Each Other**

**Small Group Meetings with Pastor Chuck  
Thursday September 15th — 6:30pm-7:30pm  
At the home of Susan & Smokey McGovern**

The SPPRC Committee is facilitating small group meetings to get to know Pastor Chuck. Meetings are 1 to 1.5 hours with a light refreshment.

To schedule, call the McGoverns at **588-8044**.



**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.

**Promises to Keep...  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
Starting September 11th**



If...

- You want to know more about the denomination
- Your family has more than one denomination
- You're thinking of becoming a member
- You just want to refresh your knowledge about the United Methodist Church...

**Then this is the place for you!**

We'll meet Sundays 9:30-10:30 in the Parlor. We'll offer "joining of the church" in April. Folks who would like to join St. Luke's should participate in this class.

**2017 Mountain T.O.P. Meeting  
Sunday Sept. 18th at Noon  
Fellowship Hall, St. Luke's UMC**



Any and all interested youth and a parent are strongly encouraged to attend. Youth must have completed 7th grade or be 13 by June 1st, 2017. Informational material will be available. Direct questions to Dan Jacobsen:

**319-480-0921 cell | [djacobsen@yo-ho.com](mailto:djacobsen@yo-ho.com)**

**Share Your Gifts in Worship**

Singers, instrumentalists, handbell and handchime ringers, liturgists, greeters, ushers, acolytes, videographers, projectionists, technology assistants, nursery help, meal assistants, and more...

**Visit the display in the South Hallway!**



**Wonderful Wednesdays  
begin September 14th!**



**Seniors Out & About  
Stella's in Stockton  
Tuesday October 11**

Shopping in Stockton, Illinois and lunch at Stella's Restaurant.

Leave Woodlands: **10:15 AM**

Cost: **\$5.00** (transportation only)

**Order off the Menu**

Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, October 4**

RSVP **Marcia Dubbels** at **582-6634**

Turn in sign up note at St. Luke's, or sign up on sheet at Woodlands.



**Volunteer to Help the Homeless**



Needed:

- Registration Host: Shifts 6-10pm & 7-11pm
- Assistant Guest House Manager: Flex Shifts
- Overnight Host: Shifts 11pm-7am (-8am Sun)

Training provided. Flyers downstairs. Apply or get info by sending your name & phone number to:

**563-495-1353 | [guesthouse@almosthomedbq.org](mailto:guesthouse@almosthomedbq.org)**

**Dubuque Comm. School District  
Special School PPEL Election**

**Tuesday, Sept 13, 2016 — 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Samples and voting locations can be found at:  
[dubuquecounty.org/elections/sample-ballots-2](http://dubuquecounty.org/elections/sample-ballots-2)

**Helping Hand Request  
Andrew Connolly 10th Anniversary  
Make a Difference Day**

Volunteer to assist senior citizens, handicapped, veterans and others with a helping hand. Services may include light duty chores around the home, yard work projects, socializing and playing games with homebound seniors, simple repairs, and weatherization activities such as new furnace filters, applying window plastic or caulking.

[www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday/](http://www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday/)  
Operation New View | 1473 Central Ave.  
563-556-5130 ext. 14

**Registration Deadline: September 15, 2016**

**Afternoon of Praise Music Festival  
Wesley UMC, 1 Wesley Way, East Dubuque, IL  
Sunday September 18th—Noon to 5:00pm**

Celebrate Faith with Family and Friends. Join us at Wesley UMC for an uplifting afternoon of food, music, carnival games, activities, prizes, and local musicians. Free event. Bring lawn chairs.



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

**Sept. 9 Church Women United (CWU)** will gather at 9:30 am at Summit Congregational UCC at 2885 JFK Road for **Human Rights Celebration**. 10:00 a.m. Program: "Experiencing Blessings at the Table." Worship & Program: **Circles Initiative of Dubuque**, Susan Taylor, speaker. All are welcome to the ecumenical event!

**Sept. 12 Busy Bees** at 1:00 pm at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Devotions, dessert and tying of quilts. Hostess: Lila Menke. Bring your willing hands. Fellowship and fun creating quilts for Hillcrest residential youth! Questions contact: Marcia Dubbels at 563-582-6634.

**Sept. 15 Kaleidoscope Fellowship** at 7:00 pm at home of Carol Clark. Save the date! New members and guests are always welcome. Questions contact: Laurinda Brimeyer 563-557-7341.

**UMW Rummage Sale  
October 7th  
8:00am to 11:30am  
Bag Sale 11:30am to 1:00pm**



UMW's annual rummage sale is October 7th from 8:00am to 11:30am. A bag sale follows from 11:30am to 1:00pm, with all you can fit in a provided bag for \$3. Proceeds go to mission work in Dubuque and overseas. Thank you for your support.

Items for the sale (no furniture please) may be brought to the church any time now and placed in the closet in Fellowship Hall on the east side. Please do not leave anything in the hallway.

Volunteers are needed for sorting October 6th at 8:30am. We also need workers October 7th, especially at 1:00pm clean up. A sign up sheet can be found in the South Hallway.

**Nursery Help Needed!**



Our nursery needs help! Nursery helpers are needed both Sundays and Wonderful Wednesdays. Teens can get community service hours. Help foster the future of our church!

**Contact Mark Beard:  
563-663-4599 or [dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com)**

## *Celebrating 19 Years of Saturday Night Praise*

In September of 2016, we celebrate our 19<sup>th</sup> year of service and ministry through Food for the Soul and Saturday Night Praise. Just think of the number of hours our church family has given to nourish and support our downtown neighbors!

We have evolved through the years to provide a welcoming presence to all on Saturday nights. We have met first aid needs; we have found beds, stoves and appliances for those in need; we have provided laundry soap and personal hygiene items; and many other things. We have made phone calls on behalf of guests as we try to lighten their burdens.

Steve, Kathy, and others have provided a time and place to worship with us, to pray with us, counsel with us, and provide Christian love through the Praise Service. We have had the privilege to give hope and offer Christ's grace to all who worship with us. We are their idea of church and Christian family; St. Luke's is their community. We have attended their funerals and provided services when no other church family would step forward. We have attended weddings and baptisms and we have stood with them at the graves of stillborn babies, like the twins that died this last month. St. Luke's has been with our neighbors during these difficult times. We have been Christ in the final days of life for many of our downtown neighbors.

May we continue to make a difference in our neighborhood, community, and in the lives of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love — Kathy and Steven Lamb

### **Upcoming Dates**

**Sept 11th is Kickoff Sunday!** Sunday worship services go back to 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. and Promises to Keep..., a class on the meaning of membership in the UMC, at 9:30 a.m.

**September 14th—Wonderful Wednesdays** begin!

**September 18th**—8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third



### ***Pork Chop Dinner*** **Center Grove UMC Dubuque** **Friday September 16th** **4:30pm — 8:00pm**

Grilled Iowa pork chops, potatoes, corn, applesauce, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, lemonade, coffee, and hot dogs for the kids. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$4 for children (6-12). Carry out available. Come celebrate with our sister church.

## *Celebrating 19 Years of Food for the Soul*

September is Hunger Action Month, designed to inspire action and raise awareness of 48 million food insecure Americans (15 million children). St. Luke's September action began in 1997 when Steve and Kathy Lamb, along with Rev. Laurice Streffler, established a free meal at St. Luke's, Food for the Soul, and a Saturday night Praise service, which have been consistent every Saturday since.

Numbers at Food for the Soul has gradually increased, and support has been enhanced through grant funds. Emphasis is placed on providing as much nourishment as is possible to ameliorate food insecurity the remainder of the week. Attendance in the last five years has been 4,500-5,000 per year (not including seconds or take home food).

Hy-Vee donations of baked goods provide desserts and take home bread. A church garden, started in 2010, provides fresh fruits and vegetables for the meal and to take home. Peanut butter sandwiches are available to take home for increased food security. Donations from the Elks Club to St. Luke's account at St. Stephen's Food Bank allows purchase of additional food. Coats, emergency shelter and tote bags of non-perishable food can be offered to those who need it.

Another change over the years is the number of community partners who volunteer to help. Church groups, community organizations and university students volunteer their time and donate food.

We will never know the impact our Food for the Soul ministry has had on hunger in Dubuque, but we do know hunger and food insecurity are still with us. Every day, we have neighbors in our community who don't have enough to eat. Hunger has long term, negative effects, which impact our society. We are thankful for the vision and action to start this ministry and thankful for the people who have kept it going for 19 years.  
— Mary Purdy

**Additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed.** If you would like to volunteer for Food for the Soul, please call or email Marcia Young.

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### ***Terrific Tuesdays***

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

**September 20** AJ's Café at Hartig's (University)

**September 27** 8:30 am Breakfast @ Village Inn  
10:00 am Sit & Knit, Parlor



## *From Mark's Desk*

This is the time of year when we have two services and our Sunday school ministry starts. This year we are excited to use the new program, “*Dig In – The Life of Jesus*”. This program will take our youth back to the beginning of Jesus' life and conclude with the Great Commission, where Jesus instructed his friends and us to share HIS story to all that we meet. We have already heard these stories before, but now we will Dig In – deeper than ever before to reinforce God’s message of grace and his love for all people. There will be music, short videos, crafts and surprises! We will have 3 separate classes: pre-k through 1st grade, 2nd grade through 5th grade and 6th grade through high school. Pre-k through 5th grade will first meet together for an opening song or a DVD short film that will introduce the message for the day. They will then go to their own classroom.

The 6th grade through high school youth will meet with me in the high school room for “The Gospel Journey”. This is an engaging DVD based program that talks about different religions around the setting of team building in the Colorado Mountains. Check out YouTube - Gospel Journey Adventure—Preview 2 or <https://youtu.be/ZQ8R5q61VGI> for more information on this program. All classes are in the education and music hall on the floor above the South Hall (Sanctuary-level). Classes will begin at 9:40 am and end at 10:30 am. A big thanks to all of the teachers that will be training our youth. We are still looking for teachers to help this great Ministry Team. Contact me for more information.

*On God's Belay*

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