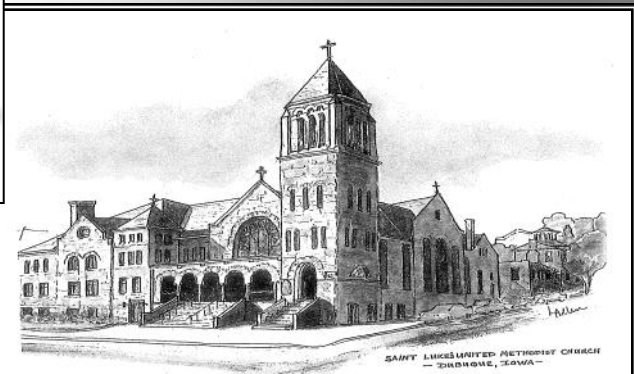


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Chuck's Chat — September 20, 2017

On Sunday, I referred to “spiritual physics.” I came up with the phrase almost on the spur of the moment, as a way of addressing the reality of life in the reign (kingdom) of God. Since I was pretty sure that I wasn't the first to use the phrase, I googled it to prepare for this article. Sure enough, others have used it before me. In fact, it is the foundation of at least one “new age” religious movement.

I want to be clear that I am not advocating any such approach to “spirituality” in which a person can manipulate the physical world or manipulate “God” through any physical, mental or even spiritual action on our part. Rather, I think of it as “the way that God has created all of reality.”

But, although we cannot “manipulate” God, we can “cooperate” with God. It is a mysterious truth that when we cooperate with God, we often can see results in our physical lives. Such cooperation can take different forms, such as repentance (turning away from ways of living that separate us from God's love), prayer (communication with God – often involving opening ourselves to God's energy) and active love (acting towards other people as we understand God to be directing us).

None of these or other “spiritual practices” would have much meaning if we did not encounter energy in them. Energy takes many forms. But one of the most common is the electromagnetic spectrum – everything from heat through visible light through to radio waves, microwaves and particle radiation (such as Gamma rays.) We interact with all these various forms of light every instant of our lives. We cook with heat, we read using light, we discover broken bones with X-rays, we see the power of nuclear radiation for good and ill.

And here's where I get excited! The Bible says very explicitly that “God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5b) I find that helpful in considering how “spiritual physics” might actually work in the real world. For example: Lay a sheet of paper out on the sidewalk on a sunny day. It can stay there all day and nothing will change, except it will get a little warm. Now, take a magnifying glass out, and focus the very same rays of the sun on a spot on the paper, and it will burst into flame. The Sun didn't change. The paper didn't change. The only thing that changed was “focus.” The magnifying glass had no ability to set the paper on fire. Its only ability was to focus the energy already falling on the paper. I believe that prayer can work in a similar way, focusing God's love.

That may also explain why answers to prayer aren't automatic. Perhaps clouds have come between the power source and the need; perhaps the focus is a little off; perhaps the magnifying glass isn't strong enough; perhaps the paper burns at a higher temperature than can be achieved by the focusing glass. Perhaps the paper

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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:

- Katrina Gautsche** (Shannon Beard's niece)
- Robert Fisher** - gallbladder (Bonnie Sanders's father)
- Shirley Will** - sudden illness (Pastor Chuck's friend)
- Larry Loeppeke** - recovering from shoulder surgery
- Sharon West** - stroke (Mark Tilson's friend's sister)
- Robert & Ryan** - custody issues (Lamb's grandsons)
- Savannah** - emergency c-section, infection
(Judy Schmidt's brother's step-daughter)
- Irv Veley** - mother died
- Coni Stephenson's friends:
 - Gayla & John Roarig** - mother is passing
 - Beth Fales** - colon cancer (in her 50s)
 - Tyler Hedley** - stationed in Afghanistan
- Terrie Berry** - recovering from hip replacement
- Carol Clark** - recovering from open heart surgery

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty Farcas Sally Wiegand Barb Boettcher Romayne Schmitt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edie Bruehahn Mary Dempsey Margerie Kreassig |
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Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> True Mills Susan Funke Johnny Bonnie Jorgensen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron Liskey Peggy Lemke Brett Cooper Jeanne Patterson |
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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.



September Birthdays October Birthdays

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Dale Nederhoff 15 Judy Nemmers 16 Keith Cook 16 Shelbie Ede 16 Jared Gevock 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 Randy Schmitt 20 Gene Sliter 21 David Bonnett 21 Kristen Smith 23 Chris Huston 23 Callie Kehoe 23 Chad Leitch 29 Susan Peil 29 Griffin Plumley 30 Joe Nemmers 30 Betty Quade 30 Chuck Layton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Benjamin Beau 1 Penny Biedermann 1 Tony Blum 1 Sue Jones 1 Ruth Veley 2 Brittany Blum 2 Kinzey Johnson 2 Jeffrey Kartman 3 Barbara Boettcher 5 Benjamin Jacobson 5 Chris Kohlmann 5 Paula Pike 6 Janet Efferding 6 Brooklyn Goerd 6 Annika Sunleaf 7 Alexis Wand 8 Nadia Loeppeke 9 Dwight Vogel 10 Sally Basten 10 Amanda McTague 10 Andrew Theisen 11 Rose Hall 11 Joseph Lewis 11 Breanna Nelson 13 Nick Ashbrook |
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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.

Month of September 2017 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

9/2/17 McGovern
9/9/17 Jacobsen/Sanders
9/16/17 Hull family
9/23/17 Breese/Rusch
9/30/17 Marcia Young

Saturday Food for the Soul

9/2/17 Team 3
9/9/17 Team 2
9/16/17 Team 1
9/23/17 Team 4
9/30/17 Team 5

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

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9/3/17 R.R.S. Stewart
9/10/17 R.R.S. Stewart
9/17/17 Heather Williams
9/24/17 Heather Williams

8:30 Organist/Pianist

9/3/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
9/10/17 Kristen Eby
9/17/17 Silvia Ward
9/24/17 Silvia Ward

10:45 Organist/Pianist

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
9/17/17 WOT
9/24/17 Dr. Chuck Barland

10:45 Worship Drivers

9/3/17 Dan Jacobsen
9/10/17 Otto Krueger
9/17/17 Dan Jacobsen
9/24/17 Chris Becker

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

9/3/17 Les & Sue Bettcher
9/10/17 Albert family
9/17/17 Les & Sue Bettcher
9/24/17 Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding

8:30 Offering Depositor

9/3/17 Scott Zartman
9/10/17 Rich Young
9/17/17 Erick Kephart
9/24/17 Mike Loveless

8:30 Liturgist

9/3/17 Terry Stewart
9/10/17 Sue Hattel
9/17/17 Susan McGovern
9/24/17 Sue Lane

8:30 Projectionist

9/3/17 Paul Clark
9/10/17 Chris Kohlmann
9/17/17 Denny Brimeyer
9/24/17 Chris Kohlmann

Videographer

9/3/17 John Hessler
9/10/17 Bobby Martin
9/17/17 John Hessler
9/24/17 Greg Albert

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Reid/Watters
9/17/17 Reid/Stephenson/Kerker
9/24/17 Gary Reid & Cindy Folsom

10:45 Offering Depositor

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 —
9/17/17 Dick Landis
9/24/17 Kathy McWethy

10:45 Liturgist

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Dan Jacobsen
9/17/17 Rev. Dianne Christopher
9/24/17 Rev. Robert Armstrong

10:45 Projectionist

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Paul Clark
9/17/17 Matthew Hull
9/24/17 Paul Clark

Slides

9/3/17 Chris Kohlmann
9/10/17 Paul Clark
9/17/17 Matthew Hull
9/24/17 Chris Kohlmann

Prescott Elementary

View the Prescott Newsletter at:

prescott.dbqschools.org/parents/quick-links/school-newsletter/

More information on mentoring will come in the following weeks.

Chuck's Chat (continued from page 1)

is damp. In only two of those possibilities is the holder of the glass even remotely responsible for the negative outcome. In fact, to use the analogy, if the paper was damp, perhaps the focus dried out the paper in that spot so that if someone else were to focus there, the outcome would be completed.

Likewise, in other areas of spiritual physics, even though I can't cause an outcome, I can cooperate with God. What if I'm angry with someone. Let's say they've hurt me and all I can think of is revenge. This anger can be like a cloud between God and me. I can start to lose the energy of God's love and become like a piece of wood that has been taken from a fire, its own little fire dying out. But then, let's say that I ask God to help me forgive. Even though I don't "feel" forgiving, I say, "I forgive." I keep saying it, knowing that in God's spiritual physics, I am cooperating with God's will. Eventually, I find that I no longer hate. I'm no longer angry. I'm no longer cut off from the warmth of God's energy shining on me.

Friends, I invite you never to underestimate the power that surrounds us every instant in God's spiritual realm. And I invite you to align yourself with that power as you practice spiritual physics.

Shalom, Chuck

Upcoming Worship Dates

School Year Schedule:

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Sep 24 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Sep 30 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets (portico)

Oct 1 World Communion Sunday

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Oct 8 Children's Sabbath

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Oct 15 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Word on the Third Contemporary

Every Saturday: 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise
with Communion 1st Sundays



CROP Walk 2017

Sunday October 1st at 12:30pm (reg.)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Lunch at Noon, Walk at 1pm

In 2016, Dubuque Crop Walk raised \$15,562.02. We deeply appreciate the 25 St. Luker's who contributed so that we gave over \$600. They are good examples of compassion, making a difference to stop world hunger.

This year teams are asked to wear their favorite sports memorabilia in honor of longtime CROP Walk Organizer Maryann Caudill LoGuidice, the Ultimate Sports Fan. Also new this year, there will be a scavenger hunt or quiz with answers along the route. **A place for sign-up and donations is available on the ministries table in the South Hall.**



Mountain Views Tuesday, Oct 10th

Lunch at the **Sunset Grille**,
Chestnut Mountain
Galena, IL

Reservation Deadline: **Tuesday, October 3rd**

Cost: **\$5** (transit), **order off the menu**

We leave **Woodlands** at **11:00 a.m.**

RSVP to: **Shirley H (Woodlands): 937-409-5336**

Drivers Needed for SOA!

We need drivers for Seniors Out & About (SOA). Drivers will be reimbursed the full amount of gas they use. Contact **Laurinda Brimeyer** at: **563-543-5341** for more info. Thank you!



September 21 Kaleidoscope at 7:00 pm in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Evening to create "Thinking of You" items for December delivery. Devotions and dessert hosted by Laurinda Brimeyer and Betty Martin. All women are invited.

September 21 International Day of PEACE

October 2 Busy Bees at 1:00 pm in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Devotions, dessert and tying of quilts for residential youth at Hillcrest Family Services. Host: Lila Menke. All willing hands are gratefully welcome!

October 3 2018 Program Planning meeting at 6:30 pm - St. Luke's Conference Room

October 5 Rummage Sale "sorting" begins at 8:30 am.

October 6 Rummage Sale - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm; 1:30 pm: Clean up - Volunteers needed!!

THANK YOU to Sister Pat Conlan RSM and Suzie Wright, Director of SET FREE DUBUQUE for area update shared on human trafficking at St. Luke's on September 7th.

** Beverage tabs are collected on the shelf in the South Hallway. Thank you!



Ringers Needed!

The JuBELLation Ringers are in immediate need of 2-4 musicians to join our ranks. We are entering our 40th year of music ministry at St. Luke's and invite you to become a part of our journey. If you can read music and are able to commit to weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings (6:15-7:15 p.m.) and one Sunday a month, please contact me promptly via e-mail or phone at:

dpatterson2000@mchsi.com or **563-557-7529**

David Patterson, Ring Leader

Red Basket Project

Support the Red Basket Project with donations labeled "Red Basket" or donate any of the following in the red basket in the South Hallway:



Tampons: Junior, Regular, or Super;

Pantiliners: Always Thin Pantiliners, any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliner, or any brand heavy absorbency pantiliners.

Terrific Tuesdays

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



- Sep 26** 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor
- Oct 3** Caribou Coffee (Dodge & Wacker)
- Oct 17** Panera Bread
- Oct 24** 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor



Call for Recording Volunteers

St. Luke's provides DVDs for those who cannot attend worship services. Volunteers record services using a video camera and prepare DVDs for distribution. Currently we need two or more people to do this. In addition, we need two people who can come into church to put sermons on the website. If you are interested in becoming one of our videographers or helping with the web page, please contact Bobby Martin at flaggtx@juno.com. Job descriptions are available in the office.

Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



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



Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

On Sunday, October 1, 2017 we will begin a church wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Over a period of 5 weeks, we will look at some of the financial challenges facing us as a nation and examine our own spending, saving, and giving habits. In addition to exploring biblical principles of financial management, we will learn ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that will allow us to experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. At the end of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving for the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments on Sunday November 5 and Sunday November 11, 2017.

Visit our website, www.stlukesumcdbq.org for more information, including details about small-group study opportunities during this time.

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Potatoes any kind, sugar, mac & cheese, tuna, cooking oil, laundry soap, dish soap, garden produce



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.

Friday Meal Help Needed Epworth UMC



The Epworth Friday Community meal is in need of volunteers. The number attending our meals has increased greatly over the last two years. However our volunteer staff has not been able to keep up.

Ways you can help serve:

- Prep crew on Thursdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Cooking, serving, cleanup Fridays 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

If you have an hour or more a month it would be greatly beneficial. **Contact: Rod Gavin at 563-451-3134 or**



The Rummage Sale is Coming!

The annual UMW Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday, October 6, from 8:00-11:30. The Bag Sale will be 11:30-1:00, with all you can fit in a provided bag for \$3. Proceeds from this sale go to mission work here in Dubuque and overseas. Thank you for your support.

Items (no furniture, please!) for the sale 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 on October 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We also need workers the day of the sale, especially at 1:00 p.m. for clean up. A sign up sheet can be found in the South Hallway.

Four Seasons Festival

Saturday, September 30 — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Immanuel Congregational UCC
1795 Jackson St., Dubuque

Crafts. Country store and boutique.
All you can eat soup, salad, and dessert bar
from 11am to 1pm. Tickets: \$8.00 (adults),
\$3.00 (kids 5-12), 4 and under free.



Positions at St. Luke's!

Fulfillment opportunities are now available at St. Luke's! If someone you know is interested in a position, please contact us.



Food For the Soul Host

This opportunity will allow you to help the neediest in our community. FFTS hosts provide management and supervision for this free Saturday evening meal. This position also provides support to the individual teams that provide the free meal. (Typically this takes about 3 hours, and you would be needed every 3rd Saturday).

2017 International Day of Peace Festival — Dubuque Events



September 21st, the UN International Day of Peace, a 36 year tradition, marks progress toward peace in the world. Dubuque's festival spans 2 weeks around the date.

Our 2017 keynote speaker, Jim Bear Jacobs, will explore what it means to be American, how race enters into that discussion and indigenous perspectives.

Jim Bear Jacobs, "Who is an American?"
Thursday, September 21 — 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Alumni Campus Center, Loras College

100 Thousand Poets for Change
Friday, September 22 — 7:00 - 9:00 pm
The Smokestack, 62 E 7th Street
Local poets/musicians scheduled for 10 minutes each.

Historic District Coffeehouse
Saturday, September 23 — 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1699 Iowa Street
Open mic music performances centered on peace.
Contact Bruce Schmidt (608-348-5099) or
Art Roche (563-581-6521) to perform.

Dr. James Martin-Schramm on "Joyful Stewardship"
Sunday, September 24 — 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Sisters of the Presentation, Carter Road
Speaking on faith-based stewardship of
energy and climate change policy.
More at: <https://youtu.be/UHr2EMpqHuc>

Coalition for Nonviolence: "Concert Across America"
Sunday, September 24 — 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Blades Hall, University of Dubuque
Event including 3 singing groups and 2 speakers
sponsored by supporters of effective gun control.



Welcome Roxanne Rollefson Chancel Choir Director

Roxanne holds a Masters of Music Education from UW - Eau Claire, and had her undergraduate studies at Concordia College, with whose choir she was featured soloist in many major performing halls around the country. She is an accomplished soloist, including with the Dubuque Chorale and under many well known choral conductors. She has been an active choral educator, vocal teacher, and adjudicator with the Wisconsin State Music Association, Wisconsin Choral Director's Association, and taught for many years in Potosi all ages K-12, as well as directing various honor choirs and other organizations' choirs.

She lives in Dickeyville, WI with her husband Dick. They each have 2 children, going on 6 grandchildren (in Oct), and 4 great-grandchildren.

Immigration Simulation
Monday, September 25 — 6:00 - 9:00 pm
University of Dubuque
Hands-on activity to explore challenges of immigrants.

A Portrait of Wendell Berry
Tuesday, September 26 — 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Sinsinawa Mound, 585 Sinsinawa Road, Sinsinawa, WI
Film on the changing landscape of agrarian rural life.

Decolonizing Together: A Discussion
Wednesday, September 27 — 7:00 - 9:00 pm
St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm
2752 Clay Hollow Rd., Cuba City, Wisconsin
Discussion on the legacy of colonization of the continent.
Call 608-568-3630 for more information.

Dubuque One Acts
Thurs, Sept. 28 - Sat, Sept. 30 — 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Mindframe Theaters, Dubuque, \$15
3 live one-act plays each night, including "Grind City."

Hike to Help Refugees
Saturday, September 30 — 12:00 - 2:00 pm
More information at: iowauna.org/events-calendar

This Is How we BBQ in DBQ
Saturday, September 30 — 2:00 - 6:00 pm
Kehl Center, Clarke University
More info at: www.bbqindbq.org


Interdenominational Vespers Service
Sunday, October 1 — 7:00 pm
Divine Word College, 102 Jacoby Dr. W, Epworth
Full events schedule at: www.dbqdayofpeace.org



Welcome Sylvia Ward Pianist/Organist

I was born in Greenville, SC, and grew up accompanying school and church choirs since my father was a choral director in both the secular and sacred settings. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance, and have taught many students over the years in private lessons. I've played for many weddings and funerals, accompanied instrumentalists for recitals and in church settings, and love playing in ensembles. I'm thankful for the gift of music the Lord has seen fit to bless me with, and am thankful whenever I have the opportunity to lift Him up with my music.

My husband Allen and I have been married for 38 years, have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren, currently living in Atlanta, GA. In my free time, I enjoy gardening and reading."



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Contact Mark Beard for more information.

More information at www.dare2sharelive.org

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