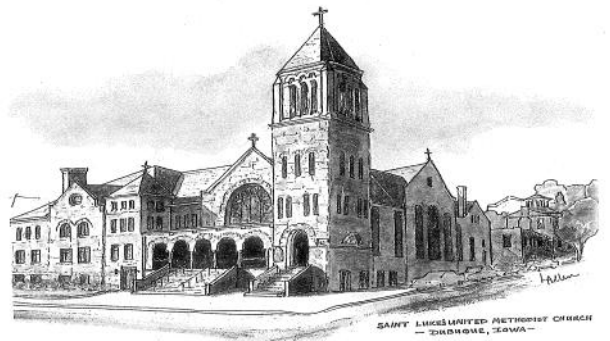


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Chuck's Chat — November 29, 2017

Those of you who were in the first service on Sunday, Nov. 26 witnessed a live illustration of what the sermon was about. A young man came in a little late, and sat by himself toward the front. It appeared at this was a “hard living” person, and in speaking with him after the service it was clear that he had been drinking, and it was fairly clear that he has some mental health concerns.

I was struck by how closely he resembled our western image of Jesus: long, “dirty blond” hair, slim build, etc. (The sermon focused upon our practicing seeing Jesus within the people we meet.)

The young man had a hood over his head, and was wearing a backpack. After the service I was asked whether our church has a policy for dealing with such incidents. The concern was “what’s in the backpack?”

The plain answer is, “no, we don’t.” There has been discussion about ways to enhance safety and security here at St. Luke’s, but it hasn’t gone past the talking stage. While I didn’t write this to focus on that question, I do recognize that it is a real concern.

It’s interesting to me to witness what it means to be a “downtown” church. It means that for good or bad, the people who live downtown sometimes are drawn into the building. For my own part, I see this as *good*. In fact, the Iowa Annual Conference has set a goal that by 2020, every church in the state will have a “Discipleship Pathway.” That is a thought-out plan with specific strategies for “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

While it would be comfortable if we could pull people “like us” in from up the hill, the reality is that God has set St. Luke’s in a most strategic location! We are mid-way between the young urban professionals and hipsters of the Millwork District and the economically challenged—racially diverse Near North End. It makes me think about how most human bodies have two arms – one to reach left and one to reach right. As the Body of Christ, St. Luke’s is positioned to reach North and South.

I invite you to consider what it would mean if we were to start really inviting and welcoming our nearby neighbors. There might be a time of discomfort. We might have to learn new ways of hospitality. We might even need to work hard at seeing Jesus in other people. BUT we are up to all these tasks! Please join me in praying both for our congregation and for our community – that here at St. Luke’s many people may come to know the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

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:

Verla Perry (Vicki Tilson's mother) - health issues
Kirsten (Margie Brown's niece - high risk pregnancy)
Julie (Margie Brown's sister) - health issue
Marcia Dubbels - recovering from wrist surgery
Logan Kubik (daughter of Heather & Rob Kubik)
Frank & Robin O'Connor - injuries, car accident
Cammie Braswell - ICU in TX (Mary Armstrong's)
Cathy Cahill - cancer (Denny Brimeyer's sister)

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Betty Farcas	Edie Bruehahn
Sally Wiegand	Mary Dempsey
Barb Boettcher	Margerie Kreassig
Romayne Schmitt	

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

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

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

Linda Vogel (former St. Luke's member)

Prayers of joy for newborn children:

Logan Lynn Kubik (Daughter: Rob & Heather Kubik)

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.



November Birthdays *December Birthdays*

9 Owen Lawler	2 Jack Foley
10 Frank Duchow	2 Kevin McTague
10 Dana Plumley	2 Mark Tilson
13 Morgan Lansing	3 Joanne Burgus
14 Jenni McCann	4 Sheree Miller
18 Lucas Doty	5 Matt Lungwitz
19 Jessica Fuller	6 Mary Armstrong
20 Caley Johnson	6 Jordan Oberman
20 Jackie Reuter	7 Brody Ashbrook
21 Greg Johnson	8 Sue Bettcher
21 Megan McWethy	8 Diane Dueland
23 Marilyn Conklin	10 Julie Dewitt
24 Lisa Barbee	10 Claire Funke
24 James Gabel	10 Kirby Snitker
25 Arline Dieterich	11 Kaylee Huseman
25 Jeanne Patterson	11 Brooklyn Nelson
26 Chris Schrupf	11 Reed Snitker
27 Ryan Cue	12 Celeste Hefel
28 Molly Foley	12 Gretchen Thompson
28 Katherine Funke	13 Benjamin Carlock
28 Kathy Lamb	14 Patricia Gallogly
29 Colleen Farnum	14 Ethan Lester
29 Mary Jacobsen	15 Lori Boughton
30 Grace Ashbrook	18 Holden Ashbrook
30 Blake Nelson	18 Mike Loveless
30 Jennifer Wilson	18 Paige Oberman

Emergency Medical Information Cards



In the event of a personal emergency taking place at church, we recommend you have information at St. Luke's that is readily available for EMTs when they are called. You can fill out a 5x7 card stored in the church office and copies can be given to EMTs if the occasion arises. Stop by the church office to fill one out.

Margie Breese, Care and Compassion



We request that **if you become hospitalized, please let the church office know.** Also, please designate St. Luke's as your church when filling out hospital admittance information. If you would like a prayer request, please let us know.

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The MISSION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is to feed souls, grow faith in God and make a difference in the lives of our congregation, our neighbors and our world.

The VISION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is: Welcoming ALL... Caring... Serving... Growing



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Weekend Worship

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.
(Communion 1st Sundays) 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

- Dec 3rd** 1st Sunday of Advent (purple)
 Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 (UM801);
 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37
- Dec 10th** 2nd Sunday of Advent (purple)
 Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (UM 806);
 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8
- Dec 17th** 3rd Sunday of Advent (purple)
 Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 (UM 847);
 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28
- Dec 24th** 4th Sunday of Advent (purple)
 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 46b-55;
 Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

STAFF

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 Historian Betty Phillips
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 Conference Global and Social Justice . .
 RRS & Terry Stewart
 Neighborhood Outreach . . John Hessler
 UMW Marcia Young

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 SPPRC. Dave Kubik

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 Lay Leader Mark Tilson
 Lay Members of the Annual Conference:
 Sue Hattel, Nancy Bradley

Council on Ministries

Facilitators:
 Invitation & Welcome . . . Lisa Viertel &
 Chris Kohlmann

Month of December 2017 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

12/2/17 Mcgovern
 12/9/17 Hull family
 12/16/17 Breese/Young
 12/23/17 Rusch/Young
 12/30/17 Loveless

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

12/3 Reddings
 12/10 Bettchers
 12/17 Joe. L. & Smokey M.
 12/24 10am TBD
 12/31 10am TBD

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

12/3 Reid/Stephenson/Folsom
 12/10 Reid/Watters
 12/17 TBD

Saturday Food for the Soul

12/2/17 Team 1
 12/9/17 Team 2
 12/16/17 Team 3
 12/23/17 Team 4
 12/30/17 Team 5

8:30 Offering Depositor

12/3 Susan McGovern
 12/10 Rich Young
 12/17 Scott Zartman
 12/24 10am Sue Lane
 12/31 10am Nancy Hessler

10:45 Offering Depositor

12/3 Mike Loveless
 12/10 Mark Tilson
 12/17 Sharon Kress

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

8:30 Liturgist

12/3 Susan McGovern
 12/10 Otto Krueger
 12/17 Cantata
 12/24 10am Nancy Hessler
 12/31 10am Carol Clark

10:45 Liturgist

12/3 Dan Jacobsen
 12/10 Rev. Dianne Christopher
 12/17 Chris Becker

Chimer

12/3 Heather Williams
 12/10 Larry Loeppeke
 12/17 R.R.S. Stewart
 12/24 10am Larry Loeppeke
 12/31 10am Williams/Cain

8:30 Projectionist

12/3 Denny Brimeyer
 12/10 Chris Kohlmann
 12/17 Denny Brimeyer
 12/24 10am TBD
 12/31 10am Chris Kohlmann

10:45 Projectionist

12/3 Matthew Hull
 12/10 Paul Clark
 12/17 Matthew Hull

Organist/Pianist

12/3 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 12/10 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 12/17 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 12/24 10am Dr. Chuck Barland
 12/31 10am Dr. Chuck Barland

Videographer

12/3 John Hessler
 12/10 Greg Albert
 12/17 TBD
 12/24 10am Bobby Martin
 12/31 10am Bobby Martin

Slides

12/3 Susan McGovern
 12/10 Chris Kohlmann
 12/17 Matthew Hull
 12/24 10am TBD
 12/31 10am Paul Clark

10:45 Worship Drivers

12/3 Dan Jacobsen
 12/10 Otto Krueger
 12/17 Chris Becker
 12/24 10am Mark Tilson
 12/31 10am Rich Young

Christmas Eve — Candlelight & Communion Services

	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>10:45 pm</u>
Ushers/Greeters	TBD	TBD	TBD
Offering Depositor	TBD	TBD	TBD
Liturgist	Terry Stewart	Nancy Bradley	Armstrongs
Communion	TBD	TBD	TBD
Slides	TBD	TBD	TBD
Projectionist	TBD	TBD	TBD
Videographer	TBD	TBD	TBD
Organist	Dr. Chuck Barland	TBD	Dr. Chuck Barland
Chimer	DeLano Cain	Heather Williams	R.R.S. Stewart



Upcoming Worship Services

Dec 3 1st Sunday of Advent
8:20 & 10:35 a.m. Worship with Communion

Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:20 a.m. Worship Service
10:35 a.m. Worship Service with
Children's Christmas Program

Dec 17 3rd Sunday of Advent
8:20 a.m. Worship Service with
Christmas Cantata
10:35 a.m. Worship Service with
Handbells and Choir

Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent
9:50 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Eve Special Worship Services

2:00 p.m. Candlelight with Communion
7:00 p.m. Candlelight with Communion
10:45 p.m. Candlelight with Communion

Dec 31 Epiphany Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Every Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise
with Communion every first Sunday

Wonderful Wednesdays Schedule

5:00-5:45 pm Meal in the Fellowship Hall

Adult Music Rehearsals

5:30-6:25 pm St. Luke's Singers - Music Room
6:15-7:15 pm JuBELLation Ringers - Sanctuary
6:30-6:55 pm Wind Ensemble - Music Room
7:15-8:15 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Youth Activities / Rehearsals

5:15-8:30 pm Nursery available
6:00-7:00 pm Joyful Noise - Nursery & Room 102
6:15-6:30 pm Joyful Noise Singing - Room 203
5:45-6:30 pm St. Luke's Saints - Wesley Room
6:30-7:00 pm Randall Ringers - Room 203
5:30-6:00 pm Wesley Ringers - Sanctuary
6:00-7:00 pm High School Group - Room 201
6:30-7:45 pm Confirmation - Conference Room

NO Wonderful Wednesday meal or children's activities:
December 27, February 14, and March 28

Terrific Tuesdays

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

Dec 5 Cookie Exchange at St. Luke's
Dec 12 TBD
Jan 2 TBD
Jan 16 Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee



December 3 — Congregation invited to **THINKING of YOU** activities at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to write personal Christmas **cards** to homebound and preparation of "thinking of you" **gift bags** for December visits and delivery.

December 4 — **Busy Bees Christmas Dessert** at 1:00pm at Bethany Home 1005 Lincoln Ave. Hostess: Ruth Clark. Devotions and tying of quilts for Hillcrest youth. New members welcome.

December 7 — **ALL** are invited at 7:00 pm to St. Luke's parlor. Enjoy appetizers and/or sweets (bring favorites to share if you wish. Program: **Advent to Christmas Reflections** "Emmanuel: God's Gift."

2017 UMW Pledge: Mail or drop off to Treasurer Ruth Veley c/o St. Luke's 1199 Main St., Dubuque, IA 52001

Terrific Tuesday Cookie Exchange



Everyone who is interested is invited to join the Terrific Tuesday group for their annual cookie exchange on December 5 at 9:30 in the church kitchen.

Please bring 4 dozen of the same kind of cookie to trade. Remember to bring an extra container to put your new cookies into. You'll go home with a yummy variety of Christmas treats and have a jump on your holiday baking. Please join us! Questions? Call Laurinda (557-7341).

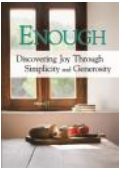
Dubuque Food Pantry annual Christmas Basket Give Away Donate before December 13th

Each year the Food Pantry gives out hundreds of food baskets to needy families. St. Luke's will be assisting in this project in two ways:



1. Donate a ham that ranges in size from 3 lbs. to 5 lbs. and bring to the church before December 13th. Use the **sign-up sheet in the South Hall** to add your name, information, and note on the sheet which fridge it's in.

2. Donate non-perishable items before December 13th. Bring non-perishable items (stuffing mix, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, ramen noodles, brownie or cake mixes) to the church and put in the **Food Pantry Grocery Cart located in the front hallway.**



Estimate of Giving

There is still time to return your **Estimate of Giving**. If you need a fresh blank form, please let us know and we'll send you one.

Order Your Poinsettias! Sign up by December 3rd



On December 17th, we'll fill the front of the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. The poinsettias 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 **Sunday December 3rd**. Poinsettias will be purchased from our neighbor, White's Florist.

Prescott Elementary Soup Luncheon "Giving Together"

Tuesday December 19th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Snow Date: Wednesday, December 20
1151 White Street, Dubuque, IA 52001
Recommended Donation: \$15.00



Join us for a soup lunch, silent auction, student artwork, and performances! Proceeds benefit Expeditionary Learning and arts programming at Prescott Elementary, including the all-school musical, fieldwork, guest experts, and beyond-the-school-day programs. For more information call the Prescott School Office at (563) 552-4200.

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



Parking Spots Available

The church parking lot has multiple and recently expanded spots available for rent at \$35 per month. Rental is for weekdays 8am to 5pm. Please spread the word! If someone you know would like to rent a spot, have them note their license plate information; make, model, color of their car; and contact information. Then contact the church office at:

563-582-4543 or dbqstluke@gmail.com

St. Luke's Advent Celebration

Sunday December 3rd

Following the 10:45 Worship Service

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a Soup Lunch and a Celebration of Advent! Chili and other soups are on the menu along with some very tasty treats. **ALL ARE INVITED!** Families, singles, young and the young at heart! We will have activities including a telling of Advent season stories, cookie decorating, crafts and more! New this year will be "*The Most Interesting Christmas Sweater*"



contest. You are invited to wear your most colorful, out of this world Christmas sweater and win "fabulous" prizes! Hosted by Invitation & Welcome and friends.

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Hot chocolate, potatoes, graham crackers, canned fruit, oil, toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue, garden produce



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart



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.

UMCOR - Thank You!



As recent hurricanes have hit the United States and the Caribbean, we're grateful that your congregation is partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thank you for your gift on October 18, 2017 of \$1,380 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church. You can learn more about UMCOR's disaster response, global health, and development work by visiting www.umcor.org Again, thank you for your generous support and thoughts and prayers during this time.

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.



Blood Drive — Thank You!

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center would like to thank St. Luke's UMC for our outstanding blood drives in 2017. This year St. Luke's provided 62 units of blood, impacting up to 248 patients' lives. St. Luke's blood drives also earned \$562 in grant funds for Prescott Elementary.

We never know who will need blood next, but your congregation is a shining example of the civically minded institutions we need to complete our mission. Simply put: what you do saves lives. Thank you for your partnership and all you do to make saving lives possible.

— Amanda Hess, Director, Donor Relations, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

Donate to the Jesus Fund

Due to overwhelming demand, our "Jesus Fund" is regularly **out of funds** on a regular basis. This ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing them vouchers to Eagle's. Donations can be given in envelopes labeled "Jesus Fund." Your help insures that extra little bit of food security people need.



Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00pm
Wartburg Seminary's Loehe Chapel
333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA



You're invited to advent lessons and carols with a reception and caroling following from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Starlight Carols

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 7:30pm
Emmaus Bible College, Marble Chapel
2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA



The Emmaus Bible College Music Department will present *Starlight Carols*, a choral concert celebrating the Christmas season, on Sunday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Marble Chapel. Admission is free. We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for this special evening!

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.

Emmaus Reunion

Thursday December 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Grace Point Church, 3100 Windsor Ave.



We meet the first Thursday of each month. Please reunite with your Emmaus Community and welcome our new candidates. The reunion will be a time of prayer, fellowship, and celebration of God's love for us, and the spirit of Christ in ourselves and in one another.

DACU - Thank You!

Thank you for your November 15, 2017 donation of \$150 for the continuing work of Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU). DACU is supported by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institutions, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization. Your continued support of DACU's mission in the Dubuque Community is deeply appreciated. On behalf of the DACU Board of Directors, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

DACU Mission Statement

We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents and resources.

New Food for the Soul Host

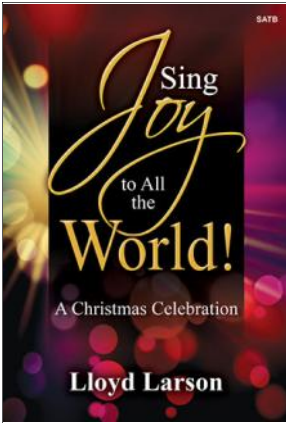
Meet our newest Food for the Soul host, Monica Kehren. She arrived in the US from Brazil in 1996. In 2005, she became an American citizen. After living in New York and Maryland, Monica and her husband moved to Dubuque 11 years ago.



Monica has been volunteering at Food for the Soul, mentored by host, Nancy Hessler. She is quickly learning the tasks of a host but more importantly, she exudes warmth and hospitality to our guests and is already learning their names and stories. We are thrilled to have Monica on our St. Luke's staff and thrilled for Nancy and her to share this role so they can alternate on Saturday nights. If you are fortunate to be present when Monica is acting host, please introduce yourself and welcome her.

Margie Brown, a St. Luke's parishioner is a faithful volunteer at Food for the Soul. She is also a presence of hospitality in our dining room and pitches in to help the hostess and also the serving teams. Each of these women are valuable assets to our food ministry. Thank you to each of you.

— Mary Purdy & Marcia Young



Save The Date! A GIFT OF JOY AWAITS YOU!!

The St. Luke's Singers & Friends Are Pleased To Present....

Sing Joy To All The World!

A Christmas Celebration By Lloyd Larson

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:30 am Worship Service, St. Luke's United Methodist Church

So....Are you prepared?..... As the seasons change, leaves fall, chilling temperatures...All reminders that the season of Christmas is just around the corner and how fortunate we have the season of Advent to prepare...Prepare ourselves to receive this incredible gift of Joy!

The St. Luke's Singers & Friends would like to share through song an uplifting Christmas Cantata celebrating this gift of joy, "Sing Joy To All The World!" "Sing Joy To All The World!" a Christmas Celebration of songs that celebrate the promise that joy comes to those who wait; following such long darkness the breaking of dawn brings us all incredible everlasting joy! The Cantata shares many familiar carols & original melodies ranging from contemplative to celebratory.

St. Luke's Singers & Friends invite all singers to come sing with us!

Rehearsals are Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Music Room, lower level: **Nov. 29th; Dec. 6th & 13th**

Two additional rehearsals will be Sunday December 10th at 1 pm in the Music Room and Saturday December 16th at 9 am in the Sanctuary. Music books and a listening CD are available. Interested? Thinking about it or have questions, please contact Keith Rippe, Director at: (563) 599-0528 or kr725@mchsi.com

As recipients of this incredible joy we are called to share the "Good News" with everyone! We ask each of you to invite and bring guests to St. Luke's on December 17th as ALL ARE WELCOME! This is a wonderful way to invite others to "step inside" St. Luke's at 12th & Main and to share the gift of incredible Joy this Christmas Season with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

We look forward to sharing this Christmas Celebration with you..."Joy To All The World!"

St. Luke's Singers & Friends

Keith Rippe, Director

Sylvia Ward, Accompanist

Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators



Address
Service
Requested

*St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001*



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.