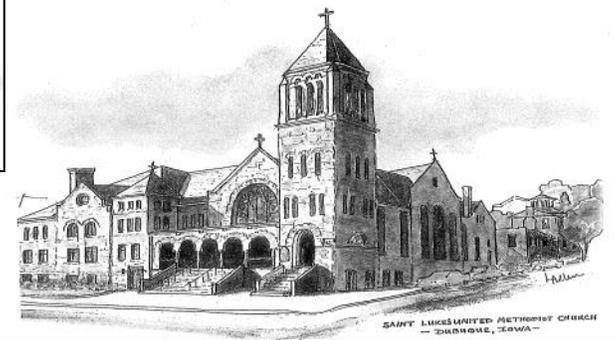


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Chuck's Chat - August 22, 2018

¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up;

(James 5:14-15)

There was a time when some olive oil, a bandage, and a prayer was pretty close to the best medical care available. And James saw that it was one of the responsibilities of the church to offer such care. For many centuries, this was still close to the "standard of care" as physicians attacked illnesses and injuries with leeches and laxatives. Beginning in the late 18th Century, the scientific method began to give doctors tools to effectively fight diseases and injuries. Giant leaps forward included inoculation for smallpox, general anesthesia (ether), penicillin, and so on. There was a time when it seemed that very soon every major health concern would be conquered by the scientific method.

Television gave us Dr. Kildare, Marcus Wellby, House, Doogie Houser, St. Elsewhere, and many other miracle workers. Week after week, seemingly incurable problems were solved in under an hour. Since 1981, we have seen AIDS go from a death sentence to a manageable disease. For many, the idea of prayer as a part of health care smacks of bones and rattles. And yet, there IS power in prayer. If we operate from the premise that there is a creator God, who is not distant but rather cares about us, and if we think of this God in terms of energy – admittedly, *spiritual* energy, but energy nonetheless – then why should it be such a stretch to believe that opening ourselves to that God's love might help us in times of need?

Friends, it is perfectly reasonable and prudent to ask for prayer when you are sick! And as your pastor, I count it as an honor and duty to come to you and pray with you when you are sick or in the hospital. Please call me! I stand ready to fulfill the Bible's mandate that the elders of the church should pray for those who are sick. (I will leave dispensing medicine to the doctors, however...)

*Shalom (which means "health and wholeness and peace"),
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 with thanks for:

Greg Albert - successful recovery from surgery

Linda McCarthy (Coni S's sister-in-law) successful recovery from surgery.

We pray for people who are currently dealing with a recent illness, surgery, injury, medical or other concern:

Jim McCarthy - fell, compression fracture of his back
(Coni Stephenson's brother)

Beth Kistler - health issues
(Laurinda Brimeyer's cousin's wife)

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

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

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

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

Prayers of consolation for those who recently lost loved ones to the families and friends of:

Our prayers also turn to prayers for Peace and Justice around the world. We especially remember all those who currently serve in our country's armed forces. 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.



August Birthdays

- 19 Roxanne Rollefson
- 20 Cole Beecher
- 20 Madeline Roling
- 21 Jackson Glaser
- 21 Jeanne Updegraff
- 22 Debi Hull
- 22 Joshua Manders
- 22 Charlene Metsker
- 22 Odin Stechman
- 22 Sheena Streckwald
- 22 Vinny Williams
- 24 Greg Foley
- 24 Matilda Gacioc
- 24 Evalee Klein
- 24 Collin Lawler
- 24 Rex Piercy
- 25 Ashley Duschen
- 27 Jaydn Basten
- 27 Aubrey Kehoe
- 27 Kinnick Kehoe
- 28 Lisa Rusch
- 28 Lisa York
- 29 Franklin Miller Jr
- 29 Olivia Schmitt
- 29 Kelley Schrupf
- 30 Adam McWethy
- 31 Bubs Atchison
- 31 Steven Moody

September Birthdays

- 1 Sara Albert
- 1 Rowyn Olson
- 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
- 11 Jody Ludowitz
- 12 Eleanor Ray
- 12 Gabrielle Zartman
- 14 Robert Hinrichs
- 14 Jennifer Pregler
- 15 Dale Nederhoff
- 16 Keith Cook
- 16 Shelbie Ede
- 16 Jared Gevock
- 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

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 August 2018 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

8/4 Loveless
8/11 Jacobsen/Sanders
8/18 Breese/Young
8/25 McGovern
9/1 Hull family

Saturday Food for the Soul

8/4 Team 2
8/11 Team 3
8/18 Team 5
8/25 Team 11
9/1 Team 6

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

Worship Drivers

8/5 Mike Loveless
8/12 Dan Jacobsen
8/19 Mark Tilson
8/26 Rich Young
9/2 Mike Loveless

Greeters/Ushers

8/5 Kirby, Linda, Reed Snitker
8/12 M. Breese, Betty Phillips
Sue Hattel
8/19 TBD
8/26 TBD
9/2 TBD

Offering Depositor

8/5 Sue Hattel
8/12 Sharon Kress
8/19 Nancy Hessler
8/26 Mark Tilson
9/2 Scott Zartman

Liturgist

8/5 Rev. Robert Armstrong
8/12 Susan McGovern
8/19 Otto Krueger
8/26 Chris Becker
9/2 Nancy Hessler

Hospitality

8/5 Worship & Celebration
8/12 ComOut, C&Gbl, SocJstc
8/19 Invitation & Welcome
8/26 UMW
9/2 Youth

Organist/Pianist

8/5 Sylvia Ward
8/12 Sylvia Ward
8/19 Sylvia Ward
8/26 Dr. Charles Barland
9/2 TBD

Chimer

8/5 R.R.S. Stewart
8/12 Heather Williams
8/19 Arboretum Service
8/26 David Patterson
9/2 R.R.S. Stewart



Slides

8/5 Susan McGovern
8/12 Chris Kohlmann
8/19 Arboretum Service
8/26 Paul Clark
9/2 Susan McGovern

Projectionist

8/5 Denny Brimeyer
8/12 Chris Kohlmann
8/19 Arboretum Service
8/26 Paul Clark
9/2 Denny Brimeyer

Videographer

8/5 Mark Beard
8/12 John Hessler
8/19 Arboretum Service
8/26 Bobby Martin
9/2 Mark Beard



Upcoming Worship Services

Summer Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation in the South Hall
9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Aug 26 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Sep 2 10:00 a.m. Worship Service **with Communion**

Return to Two Worship Services

Sep 9 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Sep 16 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third Contemporary

Sep 23 **Celebration of the Bells Sunday**
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

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

Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room
with Communion every first Saturday



Terrific Tuesdays

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

Aug 28 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in St. Luke's Parlor
Sept 4 Inspire Café

Windows of Opportunity

- Rides to Worship needs more drivers. Contact Mark Tilson (580-9793) or Dan Jacobsen (563-580-5156 cell)
- Create name tag plates for members as needed. Plate maker and training provided.



Donations Appreciated

Anezka is looking for games and toys to replace ones that are worn out or broken for the youth programs at St. Luke's. So if you have any of these that you feel you are ready to donate or give away—St. Luke's would love to have them!

Thank you so much!



- ✠ August 27 - Program planning meeting for 2019 @ 6:00p.m.
- ✠ September 6 – UMW hosts 7:00 p.m. Program: “The Sacred Space of Understanding the Homeless” and 6:30p.m. showing of documentary film “Ghost People.”
- ✠ September 7 – Human Rights Celebration “Marshallese Islanders in Dubuque: A Journey to Health” @ the Arboretum Porch from 9:30/10:00 to 11:10a.m.
- ✠ September 10 – Busy Bees in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Parking Spot Available



The church parking lot has a spot available for rent at \$35 per month. Rental is for weekdays 8a.m. to 5p.m. 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

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.

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter, Bar Soap, Kleenex, Deodorant, Canned Meats



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.

Human Rights Celebration . . .

Hosted by

Dubuque Area Church Women United

Friday, September 7, 2018

Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

3800 Arboretum Drive Visitor Center—Porch

9:30 a.m. Gathering

10:00 a.m. Program and Service

“Pacific Islanders in Dubuque: A Journey to Health”

Guest Speakers:

Irene Maun—Community Health Worker
Dubuque Pacific Islander Health Project
Crescent Community Health Center

Art Roche—Dubuque Pacific Islander
Health Advisory Committee

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Community Conversation . . .

**“The Sacred Space of Understanding
The Homeless”**

Thursday, September 6, 2018

@ St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

1199 Main (accessible alley entrance)

Hosted by United Methodist Women

6:30pm: Local film documentary “Ghost People”

7:00pm: Guest Speaker—Gwen Kirchhoff

Donations accepted:

deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving crème, plastic razors, regular size bar of soap

ALL ARE INVITED

It’s Time to be *Singing Again!*

Hard to believe how quickly the summer has flown by! With August moving along and September just around the corner, it is time to start singing again!

St. Luke’s Singers

First Rehearsal: Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018

5:30-6:30p.m.

Music Room Lower Level St. Luke’s

Welcoming back all our current singers and also if you are new to St. Luke’s and attend the 8:30a.m. Sunday service, please know you are invited and welcome to join us!

The St. Luke’s Singers aka “Family Choir” sings on an average of three Sundays a month as well as prepare a Christmas Cantata as a gift to the community.

I look forward to seeing the many familiar faces as well as the possibility of new faces this choir season!

Feel free to call or send an email to:

Keith Rippe, Director

563-599-0528

kr725@mchsi.com

Glass Recycling



St. Luke’s members are encouraged to put clean glass (no lids) in the box provided in the South Hallway. Glass will be taken to another city with recycling by those already headed there.

Please make sure to remove any plastic or metal parts, recycle the lids separately, place broken glass inside other glass containers, and do not leave any plastic bags.



Donate to the Jesus Fund

This ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing them vouchers to Eagle’s grocery, especially when government food benefits don’t stretch to the end of the month.

Donations can be given in envelopes put into the offering plate labeled “Jesus Fund.” Your help keeps the Jesus Fund ministry functioning to add that extra little bit of food security people need.

Dubuque Senior Center

Open Monday through Friday

10:30p.m. to 12:30p.m.

St. Matthews Church, 1780 White St.

(Enter through the alley behind St. Matthews)



The Dubuque Senior Center serves a hot lunch every day. It is recommended you reserve your meal in advance by calling before noon the previous day. Patrons over 60 may leave a donation;

while those under 60 are required to pay \$8.28. For more information call:

Colleen at 563-543-7065

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00a.m. Registration, 9:00a.m. Ceremony, 9:30a.m. Walk
Medline/Bergfeld Recreation Area, 7900 Chavenelle Road,
Dubuque, IA 52002

Route length: 1 or 2.5 miles

John Tippe, a former St. Luke’s member, is raising money for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on September 8th. Donations can be made to John Tippe at: 30 N Booth St., Dubuque, IA 52001. Make check out to Alzheimer’s Association (memo: “John Tippe”). For more information, contact John Tippe at: 563-583-7372

General donations can be made to the Dubuque Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, 2728 Asbury Rd, Suite 515, Dubuque, IA 52001.

DACU Annual Potluck Picnic & Social

Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Time: 6:00-8:00p.m.

Location: Visitors' Center Porch
Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive

**Please bring a dish to share
that will feed your party plus 8 others and your
own table service.**

Water and "emergency" paper goods will be provided.

Come early and enjoy the gardens!!

Remember, donations of non-perishable items for the Food Pantry are always welcome! So are newcomers and guests, why not bring a friend!

Dubuque International Day of Peace

September 21, 2018 is designated worldwide as the "International Day of Peace". Locally the theme is "The War to End All Wars", reflecting on the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day. Keynote speaker will be Paul Engler, native Iowan and co-author of the book *This is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt is Shaping the 21st Century*. He will speak at Loras College Alumni campus Center on Friday September 21, at 7:00p.m. Free and open to all! More info in the August and September Newsletters! DACU is a co-sponsor of this event.

For more information, go to the website:

www.dbqdayofpeace.org

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Do you know of someone in need?

Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line. Remember, P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations only. Potential clients cannot call directly.

PIN is grateful for all donations; right now most assists are for utilities. A special thank you to the Board of the Rescue Mission, the Church of the Resurrection, St. Joseph the Worker Church, Mosaic Lodge No. 125 AF & AM and the Sinsinawa Dominicans for their generous donations! If your organization would like a speaker or brochures to share with your members, contact P.I.N. president Tom Stovall at tomstov@aol.com

Please send donations to: PIN, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001

Summer Greetings!

The Lunches to Go project has been a great success. Thanks to all who helped this summer!

Right now, we could use **donations of potato mixes, tuna, and jelly!** And if you are a gardener, remember that the Pantry will gratefully receive and extra produce you want to share, all summer!

Blessings!

Theresa Caldwell, Manager
583-4440

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. and Tues. 8:00a.m. to Noon

The Dubuque Chorale

presents

SONGfest 2018

September 29 @ 7:30p.m.

University of Dubuque's Heritage Center

ADMISSION \$15.00



The Dubuque Chorale begins its 2018/19 season in collaboration with other area choirs for a celebration of choral music.

Purchase your tickets by calling the Heritage Center Box Office between 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. at 563-585-7469 or visit the website: dubuquechorale.org

Think GREEN at the Farmers' Market

Every Saturday 7am to Noon - May-Oct

Iowa Street from 11th Street to City Hall

Think about garden fresh, locally grown veggies! The Saturday downtown farmers' market is located near City Hall and surrounding blocks, just a block from the church. Produce comes from local farms. Remember to bring your cloth totes to eliminate plastic bags!

Think LOCAL at the Night Market

July 12th, August 9th, Sept. 13th, Oct. 11th

Every second Thursday Apr-Oct — 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jackson St. between 7th and 9th Streets

Garden fresh, locally grown veggies! Local artists and food vendors. Live music and fun for the family! The Night Market in the Millwork District is a new growing tradition worth checking out if you missed your Saturday morning run to the Farmers' Market. Don't forget to bring cloth totes!

THE WITNESS OF HOPE (“Barton Randle”) (August 19, 2018)

(185th Anniversary of St. Luke's UMC) (II Corinthians 4:7-17)

I want to thank you all for your kind invitation to me to speak today. Dubuque has a special place in my heart, and it is good to know that after all these many years there are still those who care about anything an old missionary preacher like me would have to say.



But in reality, what I have to say means little; we are here today to consider the Holy Scriptures, to hear the voice of God giving sense to our thoughts and power to our limbs. The words of the Apostle Paul, written to the Corinthians so many years ago and so many miles away, are speaking to us here in Dubuque this very day, and I hope that you will all be listening for the way in which the God who spoke to Paul is also giving *us* a vital message.

I am reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, beginning with the seventh verse.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

It is so easy to give up hope. Even with the promises of God fairly shouting out at us from the pages of the Bible, we fall into despair at the first difficulty. Even with the witness of hundreds of years of history, in which our forbears suffered as we suffer and yet, by the power of God, prevailed, we nevertheless take every bump in the road as an impassible mountain, every setback as a final defeat. Even though we have experienced in our own hearts and lives the countless miracles of God's grace, we give in to those demonic forces which have us convinced that the age of miracles is over, that God no longer cares for us, that, all evidence to the contrary, there is no way forward for us as the people of God. We ignore the Bible, we ignore our history, we ignore our own experience. Instead, we listen to the voice of despair, that satanic word which whispers to us with every defeat, “All is lost. Give up. There is no longer any hope for you.”

My own history—and yours—would be much different if I had listened to that voice.

It was a long time ago, and I was but a young man of 38 when I first preached a sermon on Dubuque soil. 38 did not feel young at the time, for I was often in ill health. I could have given up; no one would have blamed me. But I determined that as long as God was willing to give me work to do, I would be willing to

undertake it.

I was appointed to this region as a missionary from the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John T. Mitchell and I were assigned to the wild frontier towns of Galena and Dubuque, and on Saturday, November 6, 1833, I preached what was, as far as I know, the first sermon heard in what would become the Iowa Territory.

I preached that sermon in Bell's tavern on Main Street. You might think such an establishment a strange place to plant the seed of God's Word, but John and I went there precisely because it seemed to us that it would be in just such a place that we might find some sinners—and indeed we did. They heard us gladly—some being hungry for the Good News, some being hungry for any new entertainment—and the next day, on the evening of the Lord's Day, John Mitchell preached in the same place.

We made a good team, John and I, but because of the difficulty of crossing the Mississippi River (there being, of course, no bridge at the time) we decided to divide our labors: John returned to Galena, while I took on this ministry on the western side of the river. It was not my first mission, nor would it be my last, but it is one that remains strong in my memory. Because from that first sermon grew the first church in Iowa.

I take no credit for this fact; it was not the power of my words, but the power of God that was at work here. But I did have much work to do. I took a room at the tavern and continued to preach there from time to time. Later I found a place to preach over a grocery store. It was little improvement; our worship and song had to compete with the sounds of fighting and drunkenness beneath. I might have given up then; no one would have blamed me. But I persevered, riding throughout the countryside and preaching to any who would listen—and to many who would not.

You see, the evil and the wickedness for which this part of the country was known was not caused by unusually wicked people but by the absence of any sort of religious influence. How could I fill that void? I knew what the Apostle Paul said to the Romans in Chapter 10:

For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But then Paul goes on, as Paul is wont to do: But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

Well, in the foolish wisdom of God, I was sent, for faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. And once the Word of God—again, God's Word and not my own—was heard in these parts, it swept in like a cooling breeze, and then like a mighty wind, cleansing the village of Dubuque and filling the emptiness which had heretofore plagued its citizens. By May of 1834, a Methodist Society was fully organized. We took subscriptions for the construction of a church building, and within a week we had raised \$225, which was sufficient to build a fine log cabin, 20 x 26, with a basement and a shingled roof. In a few weeks, a site was chosen—the corner of 6th and Locust streets—and it was built in one month. One of the locals, embarrassed perhaps by the church's humble beginnings at Bell's Tavern, was at pains to point out that the church building had been built without the presence of any spirits whatsoever. But you know as well as I that *that* was not true, for the Holy Spirit of God was present in every log and every shingle, in every thrust of the shovel and every swing of the hammer. We held a two-day meeting, recorded 12 members, and dedicated the building—fully paid for—to the service of God.

I preached my last sermon in that church in August of 1834 and went on to my next appointment at Alton, Illinois. For my year of labor here I was paid the sum of \$100. (I hope the church is still similarly generous with its pastors; remember what the Bible says: *The laborer deserves his wages.*

I was succeeded here by the Rev. Nicholas Bastion, under whose ministry the membership more than tripled, and by whose wise permission the new church building was used not only for worship, but also for class meetings and prayer meetings, for Sunday School, for a day school, for other Christian denominations as the need arose, and even for the headquarters of the court of the Wisconsin Territory. I understand that the meeting at

which the town of Dubuque was incorporated was held at that small, but busy little log church.

As for me, my health did not improve, and after a year at Alton I was placed on the list of superannuated list of worn-out pastors. "Superannuated" is a nice word for "old and worn out." They retired me! But I came back again and again to receive an appointment whenever I was able, though it was always difficult, especially after that time I was struck by lightning. I confess, I came close to giving up then; no one would have blamed me. But, thanks be to God, I stumbled and wheezed my way into my eighties, never willing to give up the work of God as long as I had a horse to ride and a voice to sing my Savior's praise.

And neither should you. You have gone through all these many years of good times and bad. Sometimes your pews have been full to overflowing, sometimes nearly empty. Sometimes the money has come in easily, and sometimes meeting the budget is like getting blood from a stone. Sometimes the members of this congregation have been seen as leaders of the community, and sometimes you have been treated like the outsiders, the do-gooders, the fools of Christ. But remember the witness our Lord, who began his ministry with just 12 disciples. Remember the witness of your forbears in the faith, who began this church with just 12 members. Remember that we are, all of us, always on a journey to the cross, but also remember that we are always on a journey out of the empty tomb. If we suffer and sacrifice, if we bear in our bodies the death of Christ, then we are tempted to become discouraged—but only if we forget that we also bear in our bodies the *life* of Christ: and if we are filled with the new life, that resurrection life, that eternal life, then how can we ever know defeat?

Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory in Jesus Christ! Amen and amen!

Andrea (and Larry's) Adventuring....

It was 2008 when I last wrote in the Chimes under this title. That was the year that I ended my job as the Director of Discipleship Ministry at St. Luke's. I will always treasure the time that you allowed me to participate in your lives through the church. Larry and I moved to Dubuque from Kansas City, Missouri, in 1989 immediately after we were married. Jim Purdy came to us at the end of our first service at St. Luke's and asked us to lunch. Judy Tabarel, choir director at the time, asked us to join the choir. We never visited another church and were immediately taken into the loving arms of this place and people. What an amazing journey it has been through times of joy as well as grief. In our time here, we were given the opportunity to help with about every committee, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, perform solos and duets, start new programs, chime and cook meals but most importantly, laugh, love and cry together. How grateful we are to have found you and to have had the opportunity to be in service together.

Another adventure... On September 2, we will leave for Alicante, Spain. We have a year residency visa with options to renew. Alicante is located on the Mediterranean Sea south of Valencia. No, we don't speak Spanish, but we plan to learn. Health care is good, food is fresh and there is a diverse population of people living there. Public transportation usually works well, so we plan to go without

a car. We began considering this possibility two years ago. After two extended visits, much consideration and some trepidation, we are finally taking the leap across the pond. We plan to return for visits when Larry comes back for board meetings in Chicago twice yearly. So, you will still see us around. There are too many beloved people here for us to ever stay away too long.

Our children are in Connecticut, Colorado and Spain. Nadia recently moved to take a job through the Spanish government in the northern town of Lanciego working as a native English speaker in a trilingual school (Basque, Spanish and English). She may stay an additional year or continue to pursue her desire to travel and learn languages with a stay in China before graduate school. We will be living about 400 miles apart.

Our contact information will remain the same and is available through the church office. If we decide to write about our adventures, we will let you know. Nadia already blogs if you wish to follow her at www.booksfoodtravel.com.

We are grateful for your love and good wishes and welcome questions and continued contact.

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