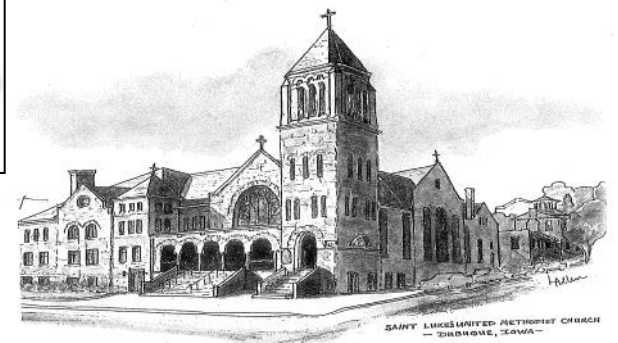


# The Chimes

## 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 - November 28, 2018*

I am constantly amazed and grateful at the people who work so hard to bring St. Luke's to life day after day and week after week. Because I would surely miss someone, and also because to write every name would take several pages, let me rather mention many (but certainly not all) of the *ways* that people serve God in the context of our congregation.

- **Worship:** music (choirs, small groups and soloists, keyboards, praise team, bell choirs, tower chime), liturgy, technology (sound, projection, video recording, lighting, heat and cooling), lighting, cleaning, straightening pew racks, and children in worship.
- **Christian education:** Sunday School, Nursery, chime and bell choirs, busy bags, adult Sunday School, Wonderful Wednesday -- classes, youth group, and meal.
- **Care for our members and friends:** rides to worship, caring visits to the less mobile, thinking of you cards, communion to the home-bound, and outreach to graduates and college students.
- **Care for our neighbors:** Food For the Soul meals (probably 100 plus people make up the teams for this one!), Jesus Fund, representation on boards of the Rescue Mission, and various organizations and shelters, Justice for Our Neighbors (helping immigrants get the legal help they need).
- **Care for our world:** the green team, which helps our congregation be gentle with the earth in so many ways.
- **Hosting:** wedding hosts, greeters and ushers, and tour guides.
- **Finances:** Finance committee, Service and Giving Work Area, collector/counters, recorders/depositors, treasurer.
- **Caring for the building, property and legal matters:** the trustees, the custodian, everyone who picks up a piece of trash and puts it in the proper bin.
- **The people on Nominations committee** who help other people find their niche of service in the church.
- **The people of Invitation and Welcome** who are so creative in helping St. Luke's be a warm, welcoming, happy place to be.
- **Our staff:** Administrative Assistant, Children/Youth Director, Custodian, Nursery, Choir and Bell Choir Directors, Organist and Pianist, Food For the Soul Host.
- **Care for the living things** both around the church and parsonage, and inside.

I know I'm forgetting some areas. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Now, here's a question: Why? Why do we put all this amazing energy and creativity and time into all these activities? Each person receives some joy or benefit from what they do, of course, but St. Luke's isn't just some perpetual-motion machine, going on day after day because no one has the heart to stop it. Oh no! We have a mission! We know that people need to be connected with God through Jesus Christ! We do all that we do so that we can share God's love with the world, and so that we can share the good news that God loves each person, is calling to each person, and is preparing salvation for each person.

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

**Susan Walgamuth** - total knee surgery  
**Lynn Kerker** - GI problems

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

<b>Edie Bruehahn</b>	<b>Sally Wiegand</b>
<b>Mary Dempsey</b>	<b>Barb Boettcher</b>
<b>Margerie Kreassig</b>	

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

<b>Jon Romaine</b>	<b>Judy McKahin</b>
<b>Cheri Loveless</b>	<b>True Mills</b>
<b>Ron Liskey</b>	<b>Susan Funke</b>
<b>Peggy Lemke</b>	<b>Johnny</b>
<b>Brett Cooper</b>	<b>Bonnie Jorgensen</b>
<b>Jeanne Patterson</b>	

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

**Janel K. Geisert** (Kevin Kienzle's sister)

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.



### *November Birthdays    December Birthdays*

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 13 Morgan Lansing   | 1 Nathan Ehlers      |
| 14 Jenni McCann     | 2 Jack Foley         |
| 18 Lucas Doty       | 2 Kevin McTague      |
| 19 Jessica Fuller   | 2 Mark Tilson        |
| 20 Caley Johnson    | 3 Joanne Burgus      |
| 20 Jackie Reuter    | 4 Sheree Miller      |
| 21 Greg Johnson     | 5 Matt Lungwitz      |
| 21 Megan McWethy    | 6 Mary Armstrong     |
| 23 Marilyn Conklin  | 6 Jordan Oberman     |
| 24 Lisa Barbee      | 7 Brody Ashbrook     |
| 24 James Gabel      | 8 Sue Bettcher       |
| 25 Arline Dieterich | 8 Diane Dueland      |
| 25 Jeanne Patterson | 10 Julie Dewitt      |
| 26 Chris Schrupf    | 10 Claire Funke      |
| 27 Ryan Cue         | 10 Kirby Snitker     |
| 28 Molly Foley      | 11 Kaylee Huseman    |
| 28 Katherine Funke  | 11 Brooklyn Nelson   |
| 28 Kathy Lamb       | 11 Reed Snitker      |
| 28 Dave McDonough   | 12 Celeste Hefel     |
| 29 Mary Jacobsen    | 13 Benjamin Carlock  |
| 30 Grace Ashbrook   | 14 Patricia Gallogly |
| 30 Blake Nelson     | 14 Ethan Lester      |
| 30 Jennifer Wilson  | 15 Lori Boughton     |

### 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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Reoccurring Meetings	Meeting Name and Time
2nd Monday	6:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration
1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
3rd Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Finance
1st Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Trustees
2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m. SP/PRC
3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m. UMW Kaleidoscope
4th Thursday	6:30 p.m. Church Council <b>OR</b> Council on Ministries
Quarterly	Care & Compassion

**Weekend Worship**

*Fall-Spring Worship Services* Sunday at 8:30 a.m. &  
*Communion 1st Sundays* 10:45 a.m.  
*Summer Worship Services* Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
*Food for the Soul* Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
*Saturday Night Praise* Saturday at 6:00 p.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!**



**Official UMC Lectionary Texts**

- Dec 2nd** 1st Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)  
 Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10 (UM 756);  
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21: 25-36
- Dec 9th** 2nd Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)  
 Malachi 3: 1-4; Luke 1: 68-79 (UM 208);  
 Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6
- Dec 16th** 3rd Sunday of Advent (purple, blue or pink)  
 Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Isaiah 12: 2-6;  
 Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18
- Dec 23rd** 4th Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)  
 Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1: 47-55 (UM 199);  
 Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

**STAFF**

Pastor . . . . . Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton  
 Children / Youth: . . . . . Rachel Potter  
 Administrative Assistant . . . . . Ora Uzel  
 Custodian . . . . . Chuck Lynch

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chair . . . . . Nancy Hessler

**Officers:**

Recording Secretary. . . . . Kristen Smith  
 Lay Leader . . . . . Mark Tilson  
 Lay Members of the Annual Conference . .  
 Sue Hattel, Amy Schadle  
 Treasurer . . . . . Amy Schadle

Historians . . . . . Betty Phillips,  
 Barbara Bishop, and R.R.S. Stewart  
 Financial Secretary . . . . . Carol Clark  
 Membership Sec. . . . . Mark & Vicki Tilson

**Administrative Committee (Chairs):**

Lay Leadership/Nominations . . . . . Pastor  
 Finance . . . . . Rich Young  
 Board of Trustees . . . . . Denny Brimeyer  
 SPPRC. . . . . Susan McGovern

**Council on Ministries**

Facilitators:  
 Invitation & Welcome . . . . .  
 . . . . . Lisa Viertel & Chris Kohlmann  
 Worship & Celebration . . . . . Sue Hattel

Care & Compassion . . . . . Margie Breese  
 Spiritual Growth & Discipleship . . . . .  
 . . . . . (vacant)  
 Service & Giving . . . . . (vacant)  
 Witness & Mission  
 Community Outreach . . . . . John Hessler  
 Conference & Global . . . . . (vacant)  
 Social Justice . . . . . RRS & Terry Stewart  
 UMW . . . . . Marcia Young

At-Large: Coni Stephenson, Chris Becker,  
 Kathy Reid, Nancy Bradley, Vicki Tilson,  
 Rhonda Kubik

## Month of December 2018 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run

12/1 Marcia Young  
 12/8 Mike & Cheri Loveless  
 12/15 Jacobsen/Sanders  
 12/22 Breese/Young  
 12/29 McGovern

### 8:30 Greeters/Ushers

12/2 Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding  
 12/9 Les & Sue Bettcher  
 12/16 Joe Lamx, Smokey McGovern  
 12/23 TBD  
 12/30 TBD

### 10:45 Greeters/Ushers

12/2 Gary & Kathy Reid  
 12/9 Gary Reid, Cindy Folsom  
 12/16 TBD  
 12/23 TBD  
 12/30 TBD

### Saturday Food for the Soul

12/1 Team 9  
 12/8 Team 10  
 12/15 Team 11  
 12/22 Team 1  
 12/29 Team 2

### 8:30 Offering Collector

12/2 Sue Hattel  
 12/9 Scott Zartman  
 12/16 Sue Lane  
 12/23 Dick Landis  
 12/30 Susan McGovern

### 10:45 Offering Collector

12/2 Kathy McWethy  
 12/9 Sharon Kress  
 12/16 Mark Tilson  
 12/23 Ruth Veley  
 12/30 Kathy McWethy

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

### 8:30 Advent Readers

12/2 Laura Carstens, Margie Breese  
 12/9 John & Nancy Hessler  
 12/16 Smokey & Susan McGovern  
 12/23 Elizabeth Hefel, A. Theisen  
 12/30 TBD

### 10:45 Advent Readers

12/2 Dan & Mary Jacobsen  
 12/9 Mike & Cheri Loveless  
 12/16 Matt & Jennifer Crow  
 12/23 Paul & Carol Clark  
 12/30 TBD

### Chimer

12/2 Ann Duchow  
 12/9 Heather Williams  
 12/16 David Patterson  
 12/23 R.R.S. Stewart  
 12/30 R.R.S. Stewart

### 8:30 Liturgist

12/2 Nancy Hessler  
 12/9 Susan McGovern  
 12/16 TBD  
 12/23 Dan Jacobsen  
 12/30 Sue Hattel

### 10:45 Liturgist

12/2 Mark Tilson  
 12/9 Cheri Loveless  
 12/16 TBD  
 12/23 Terry Stewart  
 12/30 Terry Stewart

### Organist/Pianist

12/2 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland  
 12/9 8:30 Ward 10:45 WOT  
 12/16 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland  
 12/23 8:30 Szeibel 10:45 Barland  
 12/30 8:30 Barland 10:45 Barland

### 8:30 Projectionist

12/2 Denny Brimeyer  
 12/9 Chris Kohlmann  
 12/16 Denny Brimeyer  
 12/23 Chris Kohlmann  
 12/30 Chris Kohlmann

### 10:45 Projectionist

12/2 Matthew Hull  
 12/9 Paul Clark  
 12/16 Matthew Hull  
 12/23 Paul Clark  
 12/30 Paul Clark

### 10:45 Worship Drivers

12/2 Dan Jacobsen  
 12/9 Mark Tilson  
 12/16 Rich Young  
 12/23 Mike Loveless  
 12/30 Dan Jacobsen

### Videographer

12/2 **Volunteer Needed!**  
 12/9 John Hessler 10:45  
 12/16 Ann Duchow  
 12/23 Bobby Martin  
 12/30 Bobby Martin

### Slides

12/2 Susan McGovern  
 12/9 Chris Kohlmann  
 12/16 Matthew Hull  
 12/23 Paul Clark  
 12/30 Paul Clark

## **Christmas Eve Services December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters/Ushers  
 Liturgists  
 Organist/Pianist  
 Chimer  
 Slides  
 Projectionist  
 Videographer  
 Nursery

### 2:00pm

TBD  
 Terry Stewart  
 Dr. Charles Barland  
 R.R.S. Stewart  
 Chris Kohlmann  
 Denny Brimeyer  
 —  
 Anezka Lungwitz

### 7:00pm

TBD  
 Carol Clark  
 Roxanne Rollefson  
 Heather Williams  
 Chris Kohlmann  
 Paul Clark  
 John Hessler  
 Anezka Lungwitz

### 10:45pm

TBD  
 Rev. Robert & Mary Armstrong  
 Dr. Charles Barland  
 David Patterson  
 Chris Kohlmann  
 Chris Kohlmann  
 —  
 —

## Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Advent services are preceded by a Hymn Sing.

- Dec 2 1st Sunday of Advent**  
8:20 & 10:35 a.m. Sunday Worship Services  
with Communion
- Dec 9 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
8:20 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
10:35 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
with Children's Christmas Program  
and JuBELLation Ringers
- Dec 16 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
8:20 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
with Christmas Cantata  
10:35 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- Dec 23 4th Sunday of Advent**  
8:20 & 10:35 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service  
with Communion  
7:00 & 10:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship  
with Candlelight, Carols, Communion
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**  
6:00p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

## Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

- 5:00-5:45 p.m.** Meal Served: \$5 per person; \$15 family  
**5:25 p.m.** Joys & Concerns and Prayer  
**5:45 p.m.** Meal clean-up (helpers needed)
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- 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Joyful Noise (3-yr-old to 1st grade)  
Nursery (Anezka L.)
- 6:15-6:30 p.m.** Singing (3yr - 1st)  
Classroom (#102) (Heather Williams)
- 
- 5:45-6:30 p.m.** St. Luke's Saints - 2nd to 5th Grades  
Wesley Rm (Laurinda B. & Kelley S.)
- 6:30-7:00 p.m.** Randall Ringers (handbells) - 2nd to 5th  
Upstairs Music Rm (#203) (Heather W.)
- 5:30-6:00 p.m.** Wesley Ringers (handbells) (Gr 6-12)  
Sanctuary (David P.)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Impact  
MS/HS Room (#201) (Rachel P.)
- 
- 5:30-6:25 p.m.** St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal  
Downstairs Music Room (Keith R.)
- 6:15-7:15 p.m.** JuBELLation Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Sanctuary (Dave P.)
- 6:30-6:55 p.m.** Wind Ensemble  
Downstairs Music Room
- 7:15-8:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Downstairs Music Room (Than C.)

No meal or children's activities on these dates:

**December 26, January 2, February 13, March 27**

## Sunday School Schedule

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



Preschool to 1st Grade — Room 202  
2nd to 5th Grades — Room 204  
Middle School & High School — Room 201  
Nesters (parents with children at home) — Wesley Room  
Families and Faith (Adult Class) — Fellowship Hall



## Bread Run Ministry

A ministry opportunity for early-risers!!!! Teams of two people go to two Hy-Vee locations (Dodge Street and Asbury Square) between 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning to pick up leftover breads, desserts and purchase the milk needed for Food for the Soul ministry. It takes about one and half hours and we will train the new team.

The current Bread Run Group includes – Mike and Cheri Loveless, Dan Jacobsen and Steve Sanders, the Hull Family, Smokey & Susan McGovern, Margie Breese and Marcia Young. Many hands make light work! Join us!

Please contact: Marcia Young 580-9650 or  
Dan Jacobsen 580-5156

## Red Basket Project

Support the Red Basket Project with donations labeled "Red Basket" or donate the following to 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)



- Dec 4** 9:30 a.m. Cookie Exchange - Fellowship Hall
- Dec 11** Oak Park Place with Betty Phillips
- Jan 8** Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee
- Jan 22** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn  
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in the Parlor

## Weather-Related Cancellations

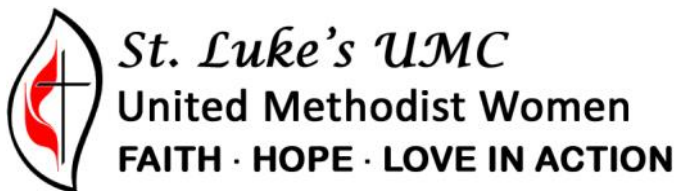
St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather, using the following:

**KCRG-9, KWVL-7, WDBQ-1490,  
KDTH-1370, St. Luke's Facebook pages**

If you see no notifications from these outlets, you may call these people as a last resort:

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963  
Dan Jacobsen 563-580-5156  
Sue Hattel 563-599-4497  
Paul Clark 563-590-0158





- ✠ 2018 Pledges to Missions - may be left at Church Office c/o UMW Treasurer.
- ✠ Beverage tab donations collected on shelf in South Hallway. Thank you!
- ✠ December 2 @ 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall - Congregation gathers to write "Thinking of You" Christmas greetings and prepare "Thinking of You Gifts" for December delivery.
- ✠ December 3 Busy Bees - 1:00 p.m. at Bethany Home - Lincoln Ave. Christmas dessert, devotions and tying of quilts for Hillcrest residential students. Host: Ruth Clark.
- ✠ December 6 @ 7:00 p.m. in St. Luke's parlor - Appetizers prior to Advent Program - Save Date!

**Dubuque Food Pantry annual Christmas Basket Give Away**  
**Donate before December 11th**



The Dubuque Food Pantry is planning its annual "Christmas Basket Give Away". Last year the Food Pantry gave out 56 food baskets to needy families.

St. Luke's will be assisting in this project in two ways:

1. **Providing 18 hams** - Donate a ham (2 -5 pounds) Use the sign up clipboard in the south hall (with red and green ribbon) and add you name and information. Please bring hams to church by **December 11, 2018**.
2. **Providing non-perishable items by December 11th** Bring non-perishable items: coffee/tea, canned fruit, ramen noodles, canned sweet potatoes, cake or brownie mixes, personal care items, baking supplies, toothpaste, soup, boxed potatoes, to the church and put into the Food Pantry Grocery Cart located by the front door.

**Request from the SPPRC Committee**

We would like to give our paid staff a Christmas gift (Pastor Chuck has asked to not be included), and we need your help! If you would like to donate, please send your donations by **December 15**, or put it in a pew envelope labeled "Staff Christmas" by December 9th.

*Thank you!*



**Lectionary Bible Study**  
**Thursdays at 10am - Conf Room**

Meet with Pastor Chuck to discuss scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.



**2019 Prayer Partners**

Would you like to have or be a prayer partner for 2019? Becoming a prayer partner gives you the opportunity to be in a supportive community with another member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Anyone may be a prayer partner. United Methodist Women are equal opportunity pray-ers!

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



If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for 2019, please fill out the forms found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and leave the form in the church office. Any questions, please call Marcia Young 580-9650.



Volunteers interested in becoming **Greeters and Ushers** scheduled during the 8:10a.m. or 10:45a.m. worship services, are invited to contact Sue Hattel (563-556-1394) for 8:30a.m. worship & Gary and Kathy Reid (563-582-9811) for the 10:45a.m. service.

Greeters and ushers are scheduled for volunteers' available dates. Training will be provided.



**St. Luke's Advent Celebration**

**Sunday December 2, 2018**  
**Following 10:45 Worship**

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 the Advent story, cookie decorating, crafts and more!

Returning this year with a bit of a twist will be "**The Most Interesting and 'Tinselying' Christmas Self Decor**" contest. You are invited to wear your most colorful, out of this world Christmas sweaters, ties, shirts, hats, etc.! "Fabulous" prizes will be awarded!

**St. Luke's Singers & Friends Present...**

**Sing... Christmas!**

by Joel Raney & Mary McDonald

**Sunday, December 16, 2018  
During 8:30 Worship Service**



“Sing Christmas!” shares this most incredible story through narration and song – favorite carols and new... Joyfilled Good News! We look forward to sharing this Christmas Musical with you as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and...”Sing Christmas!”

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SING WITH US!**

**Rehearsal Schedule:** Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room, lower level: November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> — Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Music Room — Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Music books and a listening CD are available.

Contact: Keith Rippe, Director at:  
(563) 599-0528 or [kr725@mchsi.com](mailto:kr725@mchsi.com)

Not a singer? Please invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers to come enjoy this special Christmas Cantata at St. Luke's on December 16<sup>th</sup>!

**As Always....ALL ARE WELCOME!**

St. Luke's Singers & Friends  
Keith Rippe, Director; Sylvia Ward, Accompanist  
Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators

**Than Chesher**

**Welcoming Our New Chancel Choir Director**

St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcomes Than Chesher, wife, Sarah Emm, and three children: Adeline, Liam and Charlotte (also known as "Chuck"). Than holds music education degrees from Morningside College and the University of Iowa. Than was privileged to direct ensembles in Iowa and Minnesota working with singers from ages 10 to 90. Prior to teaching, Than was a professional bassist playing for amusement parks and touring bands. Now, settling in Dubuque, Than is the Director of Choral Activities at Dubuque Senior along with the opportunity to direct the Chancel Choir and the Word on the Third contemporary service.



"Everyone has the gift to sing, and making music is the essence of humanity. There is something amazing and unspeakable that we all experience when singing with others for a cause greater than all of us."

St. Luke's is blessed to be in Dubuque and with many people under its roof that are musical. No matter your musical talents or skills, they can be shared with everyone. "Whether you come to the early or later services, we are all part of the house of St. Luke's. I invite everybody to come and sing with us Wednesdays evenings and Sundays mornings. I'm sure there are other days we can find to make music together!"

Than Chesher

**Prescott Partnership News**

**Mentors Needed:** Those who have transcended the effects of poverty often identify caring adults as the most influential factor in their ability to succeed. You have an opportunity to be a caring adult. Apply to be a mentor at Prescott. Pick up an application packet located in the South Hall, complete, and return to the church office.

**Donate Items:** new socks (ages 4-12), new sweat pants (sizes 6-10), school supplies (facial tissues, glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, markers, colored pencils and crayons, and dry erase markers).

**Gloves, Mittens, Hats and Scarves:** When the “Giving Tree” is put up in the sanctuary, purchase or make these items and place them on the tree.

**Listen on the Radio:** Prescott Elementary's Holiday Concert will be broadcast on 92.9 KATFM on the following dates/times:

- December 6 at 11:35 a.m.
- December 9 at 6:35 a.m.
- December 19 at 7:35 p.m.



Mary Purdy,  
Prescott Partnership Liaison

**Green Ministry Progress**



St. Luke's Church is taking steps to be a “Green Church” to reduce our energy use and carbon “footprint,” including efforts to eliminate plastic. For Food for the Soul, our weekly free meal when we regularly give away bags of food to guests in the community, we previously procured a grant in 2017 for tote bags from the Dubuque Rotary Club and with help from Dubuque Interfaith Power & Light. Now that those have all been distributed, Margie Brown, a hostess at Food for the Soul, has been sewing bags to continue these sustainable practices. Thank you, Margie!

We have nearly eliminated the use of plastic bags in the Food for the Soul program. We ask all parishioners to help by eliminating plastic bag use in all activities in which you participate at church and to adopt those practices in your home.

Producing food in landscaped areas is another effort to reduce carbon footprint. Ben Crow, as an Eagle Scout project, is building a raised bed garden in the side yard at St. Luke's. It will be ready for production next spring. Thank you Ben!



If you see either of these faithful stewards, extend gratitude on behalf of our whole church.

## The Potter's Wheel

Christmas is in the air! Congregation members are busy setting up Christmas decorations all over the church. There are beautiful trails of glitter everywhere! It truly is the most beautiful time of the year.

Christmas traditions are different everywhere, but one tradition that is similar from one Methodist Church to another is the Children's Christmas program. I can remember being part of the Christmas program at home for so many years. I am excited that I get to be part of another Children's Christmas Program this year, but in a different role. I'm no longer one of the kids in the show, but one of the adults helping with it. Due to the fact this is my first time in this role I am very thankful to Jessica DuBord and Heather Williams for helping with the program.

This year we are doing "A Gift for Christmas" by Sally Beske. The kids have been busy practicing for a few weeks. You will not want to miss their showing of the program on **December 9<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 service.**

I am very excited to celebrate the Christmas season at St. Luke's this year! Merry Christmas!

### Mark your calendar!

December 2: Advent Happening after second service, downstairs

December 9: Christmas Program during the 10:45 service

December 23: No Sunday School

December 26: No Wonderful Wednesday

December 30: No Sunday School

January 2: No Wonderful Wednesday

~Rachel Potter

Children's and Youth Director



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