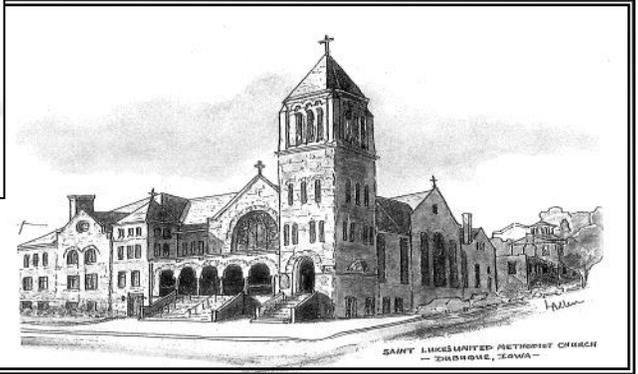


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(See full article on the following pages.)

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Thank you for how you handled communion with [my child] today. You gave [them] a blessing then asked if [they] wanted some bread.

Growing up in the Methodist church, I never thought much about young children taking communion, but since having children, I have found there are varying opinions on the matter. We had one particular pastor growing up who always emphasized anyone with an ounce of belief in Jesus was welcome to the table, and I believe that includes children. My sister's church specifically pulls the children who have left the service for children's church back into the service to partake in communion. However, I have found not all servers share that view and there are times I have had to try to explain to my children why they were not offered a piece of bread and not allowed to participate with the rest of the congregation. It's really tough when I don't understand it myself.

I very much appreciated how you handled it. Even changing the word to bread instead of body (whether intentional or not), gave me the sense of compromise to those who might seek it, and to [my child, who] just got to be like everyone else and [be] a part of the congregation. Thanks again, *name*.

Here's what I wrote back:

Hi, *name*,

You gave me a smile!

Yes, I definitely believe that in God's sight we are all little children, both in how much we can believe and how much we can understand. Therefore I am very glad when children come up. In large measure, I feel it is up to the parents to what extent the children participate. If an older child wants to dip the bread in the cup, I think that the desire is all that is needed. Certainly God won't fault us for extending grace to our little children!

...

Thanks so much,
Chuck

We often hear that all are welcome at Our Lord's Table within The United Methodist Church. But is this really true, and what does it mean? Our official teaching document on Communion is *This Holy Mystery*. It says:

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion have been chosen and designated by God as special means through which divine grace comes to us. Holy Baptism is the sacrament that initiates us into the body of Christ "through water and the Spirit" ("The Baptismal Covenant I," UMH {*United Methodist Hymnal*}; page 37). In baptism we receive our identity and mission as Christians. Holy Communion is the sacrament that sustains and nourishes us in our journey of salvation. In a sacrament, God uses tangible, material things as vehicles or instruments of grace. {John} Wesley {founder of Methodism} defines a sacrament, in accord with his Anglican tradition, as "an outward sign of inward grace, and a means whereby we receive the same" ("Means of Grace," II.1).

Sacraments are sign-acts, which include words, actions, and physical elements. They both express and convey the gracious love of God. They make God's love both visible and effective. We might even say that sacraments are God's "show and tell," communicating with us in a way that we, in all our brokenness and limitations, can receive and experience God's grace.

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The United Methodist Book of Worship says, “All who intend to lead a Christian life, **together with their children** {emphasis mine}, are invited to receive the bread and cup. We have no tradition of refusing any who present themselves desiring to receive” (page 29). This statement means that in practice there are few, if any, circumstances in which a United Methodist pastor would refuse to serve the elements of Holy Communion to a person who comes forward to receive. *By Water and the Spirit* {our authoritative teaching document on baptism} affirms: “Because the table at which we gather belongs to the Lord, it should be open to all who respond to Christ’s love, regardless of age or church membership. The Wesleyan tradition has always recognized that Holy Communion may be an occasion for the reception of converting, justifying, and sanctifying grace” (BOR {*Book of Resolutions*}; page 814).



Practice: Invitation to partake of Holy Communion offers an evangelical opportunity to bring people into a fuller living relationship with the body of Christ. As means of God’s unmerited grace, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are to be seen not as barriers but as pathways. Pastors and congregations must strive for a balance of welcome that is open and gracious and teaching that is clear and faithful to the fullness of discipleship. Nonbaptized people who respond in faith to the invitation in our liturgy will be welcomed to the Table. They should receive teaching about Holy Baptism as the sacrament of entrance into the community of faith—needed only once by each individual—and Holy Communion as the sacrament of sustenance for the journey of faith and growth in holiness—needed and received frequently. “Unbaptized persons who receive communion should be counseled and nurtured toward baptism as soon as possible” (By Water and the Spirit, in BOR; page 814).

Principle: No one will be turned away from the Table because of age or “mental, physical, developmental, and/or psychological” capacity (BOD {*Book of Discipline*}, ¶ 162.G) or because of any other condition that might limit his or her understanding or hinder his or her reception of the sacrament. This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion was adopted by the 2004 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Copyright © 2003, 2004 The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203-0003. This paper may be printed, copied, distributed, or otherwise used for nonprofit education by individuals, local congregations, and agencies of The United Methodist Church with the inclusion of the copyright citation. It may not be used for profit or republication without prior permission.

There you have it! All are welcome at our Lord’s table within The United Methodist Church! Nonbaptized persons capable of receiving instruction should be counseled to receive baptism, but lack of baptism is not a hindrance to coming to the table.

Having said that, **I leave it to parents to regulate how their children participate in Holy Communion.** Those who are very young may simply be presented to one of the servers who can place a hand upon their head and give them a blessing. Those old enough to eat a little bread may receive some bread. Those old enough to handle the bread and dip it into the juice may do so, as the server says words appropriate to the child’s age, such as, “This bread and juice are a gift to you from God who loves you.” Those old enough to begin understanding the life of Jesus can simply hear the same words as adults: “The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.” Though you may think this is too advanced for children, I ask, are not all of us children in the sight of our loving Parent God? Who among us *truly* has a full grasp of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf?

Shalom, Chuck

See these related UMC links (electronic version only):

[An Open Table: How United Methodists Understand Communion](#)

&

[Communion: The Meal that Makes Us One](#)



Photo from United Methodist Communications

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:

Robin Schmidt (Judy Schmidt's niece) - heart issues
Greg (Hattels' friend) - serious health issues, hospice
Jim (Tammy Lynch's cousin) - radiation & chemo
Hilda - health problems, high risk surgery
 (Tammy Lynch's sister)
Susan Walgamuth - total knee surgery

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Edie Bruehahn	Sally Wiegand
Mary Dempsey	Barb Boettcher
Margerie Kreassig	

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

Greg	Jon Romaine
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:

Brett Harrelson (nephew of Lori Boughton)
Bill Vander Meulen (friend of Sue Hattel)

A special prayer of comfort and relief for those who have no family to share the holiday season with, who are amidst domestic strife, who struggle with mental health, or other difficulties particularly during this season.

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.



December Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Nathan Ehlers | 18 Mike Loveless |
| 2 Jack Foley | 18 Paige Oberman |
| 2 Kevin McTague | 19 Andrea Duschen |
| 2 Mark Tilson | 19 Lillian Tharp |
| 3 Joanne Burgus | 20 Chason Craven |
| 4 Sheree Miller | 21 Breanna Gabel |
| 5 Matt Lungwitz | 21 Douglas Olson |
| 6 Mary Armstrong | 22 Shirley Moody |
| 6 Jordan Oberman | 23 David Viertel |
| 7 Brody Ashbrook | 25 Jensen Ashbrook |
| 8 Sue Bettcher | 25 Nathaniel Dvorak |
| 8 Diane Dueland | 25 Katherine Herman |
| 10 Julie Dewitt | 25 Trint Huseman |
| 10 Claire Funke | 26 Danica Ludowitz |
| 10 Kirby Snitker | 27 James Appel |
| 11 Kaylee Huseman | 27 John Hefel |
| 11 Brooklyn Nelson | 28 Chris McCarron |
| 11 Reed Snitker | 28 Susan Walgamuth |
| 12 Celeste Hefel | 29 Aiden Artist |
| 13 Benjamin Carlock | 30 Ryan Neuendorf |
| 14 Patricia Gallogly | 31 Maxwell Enabnit |
| 14 Ethan Lester | 31 Ed Glaser |
| 15 Lori Boughton | 31 Kathryn Lomax |
| 18 Holden Ashbrook | 31 Kirstie Steging |

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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 Administrative Assistant
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 Phone: 563-582-4543 Ext. 101

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 OR 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 or by calling 563-582-4543. **Thank You!**



Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- 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
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve (white or gold)**
 Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96 (UM 815); Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20
- Dec 25th Christmas Day (white or gold)**
 Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98 (UM 818); Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12); John 1: 1-14

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton
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 Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
 Custodian Chuck Lynch

CHURCH COUNCIL

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 Board of Trustees Denny Brimeyer
 SPPRC. Susan McGovern

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 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 Lomax, Smokey McGov.
 12/23 Margie Breese, Sue Hattel
 12/30 TBD

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

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

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 Rich Young
 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 Terry Stewart
 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 TBD
 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 Chris Kohlmann
 12/23 Paul Clark
 12/30 Paul Clark

Christmas Eve Services December 24th

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

2:00pm

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

7:00pm

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

10:45pm

TBD
 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 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, 7:00, and 10:45 p.m. Christmas Eve
Worship Services with Communion
(Nursery available at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.)
- Dec 30** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**
6:00p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

Wonderful Wednesdays

- 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)
-
- 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

Terrific Tuesdays

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

- 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



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



St. Luke's UMC
United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Thank you to congregational members of all ages for writing "Thinking of You" Christmas greetings on Dec. 2nd to over 32 St. Lukers which were included in over 28 Christmas bags. Special visits will be done throughout December. SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE. Amen.

Usher Volunteer Coordinator Needed

A "new" scheduler for 10:45 a.m. worship service **Greeters & Ushers** is needed beginning January 1st (Gary Reid will then transition to becoming St. Luke's Lay Leader). **Scheduler** will contact "welcoming persons" for their available monthly dates to be listed in the bulletin. Please contact Church Office (582-4543) or Sue Hattel (556-1394) if you would graciously consider volunteering for this scheduling position!

Additional **Greeters & Ushers** are always needed to be part of this ministry area for **8:30 am** or **10:45 am** worship services. Training provided. Sundays scheduled for your convenience. Please call Sue Hattel.

Thank you!
St. Luke's Worship & Celebration Ministry Area

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to my St. Luke's family for all the cards and love and prayers. You are such a blessing to me, and I love you all. — Lynn Kerker



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



Prescott Elementary Soup Luncheon
Tuesday December 18th, 11am to 1pm
Prescott Elementary, 1151 White Street
Recommended Donation: \$15



Join us for a soup lunch, silent auction, student artwork, and performances! Proceeds benefit arts programming, field work, guest experts, all school musical and beyond-the-school-day programs.

For more information call:
 (563) 552-4200



Prescott Blood Drive Results

To St. Luke's blood donors,

Thank you so much for your donations in November at the St. Luke's & Prescott Blood drive! We provided 47 units of blood that will help 188 patients in need. Thanks to everyone for your continued support for this wonderful project!

Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE** for our next blood drive taking place on **Monday May 6, 2019!**

In Memory of Belva E. Streyffeler

Mrs. Belva E. Streyffeler, surviving spouse of Rev. David E. Streyffeller, passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

Services will be Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 am, St. Charles Parish Church, 305 W Main Street, St. Charles, IA. Guests will be received from 9:15 am, prior to service.

Rev. Streyffeler served in Iowa at Merrill-Hinton; Wesley-Prairie Center; Mallard-Curlew; Jesup-Raymond; Decorah-Freeport; Decorah-Burr Oak; Waverly, Trinity; Dubuque, St. Luke's; and Burlington, Grace. He retired in 1987.

She is survived by her sister Jeanne Minard of St. Charles and brother-in-law Sam Streyffeler and many grandnieces and nephews and several cousins. The website for Kale Funeral Home is www.kalefuneralhome.com

Memorials to the family for future designation.

Ushers/Greeters Needed

Volunteers interested in becoming Greeters and Ushers, are invited to contact Sue Hattel (563-556-1394).

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

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: Purchase or make these items and place them on the "Giving Tree" in the back of the sanctuary at St. Luke's.

Listen on the Radio:

Prescott's Holiday Concert will be broadcast on 92.9 KATFM on December 19 at 7:35 p.m.



Mary Purdy,
 Prescott Partnership Liaison



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!**"

Please invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers to come enjoy this special Christmas Cantata at St. Luke's on December 16th! **As Always....ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

Male Volunteers Needed!

Almost Home is in need of male volunteers to help supervise **The Guest House** for homeless men. Contact the Guest House Manager to find out how to become part of this vital ministry!

Almost Home, is an overnight shelter for homeless men at St. John's Lutheran Church at 13th & White Street. It depends upon volunteer help during the time men are at the shelter. The homeless shelters in our community are already running at capacity. If you feel called to help provide safe shelter to homeless people in our community, please call for more information about this opportunity to make our community safer for those who have no home.

Contact: 563-495-1353
guesthouse@almosthomedbq.org
www.almosthomedbq.org



Christmas Green Living Tip

Strings of tree lights and bulbs which no longer work can be recycled at **Lowe's**. A collection bin is just inside near Customer Service.

Christmas lights can also be recycled at [Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency](#) (the landfill) along with any other old electronics.



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.

News and Updates from Hope House

Thomas Felton is the new manager at Hope House, the Catholic Worker homeless shelter at 1592 Locust St. It reopened in September after undergoing some updating. It currently has four men staying there with three open beds. Three beds more will be available when renovations on the third floor are complete.

A public food pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday from noon until 4 pm. Food donations to the pantry are appreciated.

A community meal is served on Sunday 6:00- 7:00 pm. The doors open at 3 pm for coffee and fellowship. Hope House is usually open for hospitality during the daytime hours.

Other needed donations are: hats, gloves, scarves and small amounts of men's clothing. Monetary donations to keep the shelter operational are the biggest need. Donations should be sent to:

Hope House, PO Box 662, Dubuque, IA 52004

For volunteer information, please contact Tom Felton at thomasfelton6344@gmail.com or call 563-582-9079.



Red Basket Project

Offer your donation today marked "Red Basket Project" or with tampons or pantliners in the South Hall red basket.

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December has been off to a great start for the Children's and Youth Ministry at St. Luke's. December 9, we had the Children's Christmas Program, and it went great. I am so proud of all the kids that participated in the program. It was wonderful to see so many people in the pews as well. My prayer is that St. Luke's can always have that many people in attendance for worship.

With the help of the generous congregation we have been able to collect \$1,634.40 to donate to Heifer International. The kids will be picking which animals we want to donate Wednesday (Dec. 12). The goal the kids had set was \$1,000 and I would receive a pie in the face. When it looked like we would reach that goal Dan Jacobsen volunteered to receive a pie in the face if we went over \$1,000. It looked promising we'd go over \$1,000, so Pastor Chuck said if we went over \$1,200 he too would receive a pie in the face. All three of us gladly took a pie in the face on Sunday.

Thank to everyone who has been so support of the children and youth at St. Luke's. If it wasn't for all of you, many of our projects and goals wouldn't be achieved.

Mark your calendar!

December 23: No Sunday School

December 26: No Wonderful Wednesdays

December 30: No Sunday School

January 2: No Wonderful Wednesdays

~Rachel Potter

Children's and Youth Director



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