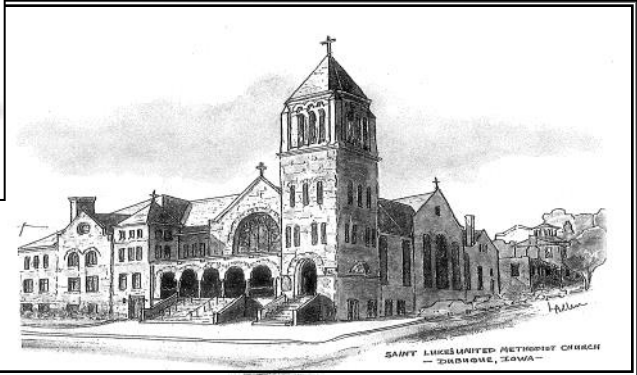


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Chuck's Chat - March 6, 2019

“Is this heaven?” “No, it’s St. Luke’s Mardi Gras Service!” That’s how I feel as I remember the joy, color, great music, dancing, singing, marching, arm-waving Sunday! Did you see all the children? Did you hear the choirs and the organ and piano and trumpet and drums? We were greeted with a rainbow of colors like the rainbow that surrounds God’s throne. We were people from many churches and no church, just as there will be people from every tribe and nation around the throne of God.

God has planted St. Luke’s United Methodist Church smack-dab in the middle of a big field of folks who need to be invited to the party! (Did you taste the gumbo and chicken, corn bread rice and beans! Did you drink the hurricane punch?)

In Matthew 9, we read: ³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’

Jesus is pointing the way for us to invite people to the party! First, we share the good news of the realm of God, and how we enter it by faith in Jesus; Second, we share God’s healing power; Third, we have compassion on folks who are “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” And this isn’t some kind of distant intellectual compassion. Rather, we are to get into the field (to change metaphors) and get to harvesting the “grain” that is ready to be brought into the barn (people waiting to be introduced to the love of God in and through Jesus.) And last (or rather, FIRST!) we are to pray! We are to pray that God, who owns the harvest – whose people are the ones waiting to be “brought home” – will send people out to them.

These laborers are to come with the sharpest scythes we can find: meeting people’s needs, and when they come to church, wonderful music, excellent reading of God’s word, heart-felt prayer and timely preaching along with fellowship

Friend, what’s that I see in your hands? It’s a scythe! That means God is sending you out into the field to “harvest” folks for God’s realm.

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:

- Avery Abney** - heart surgery on March 14th
(Rich & Marcia Young's grandson)
- Jim Brimmer** - leg pain, cancer treatments
(Brimeyer's cousin)
- Kevin Katuin** - kidney failure & dialysis
(Kathy Michel's friend)
- Joanie Steffy** (Sarah Jo Redding's friend) - surgery
- Sister Pat Conlan** - recovering from hip surgery
(friend of Sue Hattel)
- Dean Halverson** - recovering from back surgery
(Brimeyer's brother-in-law)
- Norma Dobbert** (Coni S.'s aunt) - stage 4 lung cancer
- Deb** (the Reid's friend) - breast cancer diagnosis
- Terrie Berry** - recovering from injury

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Edie Bruehahn | Sally Wiegand |
| Mary Dempsey | Barb Boettcher |
| Margerie Kreassig | |

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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:

- Kim Mackey** (daughter of Deb Mackey)
- Roger A. Konrardy** (friend of Sue Hattel)
- Florence E. Reding** (Judy Genz's sister)

We also offer prayers of comfort and support for those who struggle with mental health, disabilities, or other impairments that make life difficult to support oneself.

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.



March Birthdays

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Meghan Stratton | 16 Greg Albert |
| 2 Meredith Enabnit | 16 Emily Richardson |
| 3 Ann Lehnhardt | 16 Mike Van Milligen |
| 4 Marie Zartman | 17 Calli Tilson |
| 5 Kim Becker | 19 Debbie Tschiggfrie |
| 5 Erik McWethy | 20 Sue Lane |
| 5 Adyson Pollard | 21 Chuck Barland |
| 6 Benjamin Sheldon | 21 Joan Hanson |
| 7 Annamae McTague | 21 Grace Romaine |
| 8 Andrew Barbee | 21 Nancy Van Milligen |
| 8 Andrea Huston | 22 Ladona Meineker |
| 8 Logan Plumley | 24 Bruce Leibold |
| 9 Amanda Kubik | 24 Debby Mackey |
| 9 Leah Sheldon Piercy | 24 Wolfgang Stechman |
| 10 Ken Miller | 24 Coni Stephenson |
| 11 Monardo Faria | 25 Ronald Dueland |
| 11 Otto Krueger | 25 Jolene Miller |
| 11 Susan McGovern | 25 Samuel Stephenson |
| 12 Hayden Reuter | 26 Tanner Lester |
| 13 Matthew Hull | 27 Dave Kubik |
| 14 Mark Beard | 27 Terri Viner |
| 14 Jace Oberman | 29 Lester Bettcher |
| 15 Claudia Beecher | 29 Aliyah Blum |
| 15 Arriana Craven | 29 Alyssa Blum |
| 15 Cole Johnson | 29 Isaac Wright |

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

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!**



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
Qtrly 3rd Tues	4:30 p.m. Care & Compassion

Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- Mar 6th Ash Wednesday (purple or gray)**
 Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17 (UMH 785);
 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
- Mar 10th 1st Sunday in Lent (purple)**
 Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 UM810;
 Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13
- Mar 17th 2nd Sunday in Lent (purple)**
 Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27 (UMH 758);
 Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35
- Mar 24th 3rd Sunday in Lent (purple)**
 Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8 (UMH 788);
 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

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

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 Worship & Celebration Sue Hattel

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 Rev. Robert & Mary Armstrong
 Social Justice RRS & Terry Stewart
 UMW Marcia Young

At-Large: Coni Stephenson, Kathy Reid,
 Rhonda Kubik, Nancy Bradley,
 Dick Landis

March 2019 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

3/9 Margie Breese, Marcia Young
 3/16 Hull family
 3/23 Mike & Cheri Loveless
 3/30 Jacobsen/Sanders

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

3/10 Les & Sue Bettcher
 3/17 Margie Breese, Sue Hattel
 3/24 Susan & Smokey McGovern
 3/31 Joe & Kathy Lomax

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

3/10 Cindy Folsom, K. Unangst
 3/17 Lynn Kerker, Ruth Veley
 3/24 Conklin, Brack, K. Unangst
 3/31 L. Boughton, K. Michel

Saturday Food for the Soul

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

8:30 Offering Collector

3/10 Nancy Hessler
 3/17 Sue Hattel
 3/24 Denny Brimeyer
 3/31 Scott Zartman

10:45 Offering Collector

3/10 Gary Reid
 3/17 Ruth Veley
 3/24 Kathy McWethy
 3/31 Sharon Kress

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

8:30 Liturgist

3/10 Nancy Hessler
 3/17 Laura Carstens
 3/24 Mark Tilson
 3/31 Nancy Hessler

10:45 Liturgist

3/10 Rick Larson
 3/17 Praise Team
 3/24 Dan Jacobsen
 3/31 Mark Tilson

Chimer

3/10 Ann Duchow
 3/17 David Patterson
 3/24 R.R.S. Stewart
 3/31 Heather Williams

8:30 Projectionist

3/10 Chris Kohlmann
 3/17 Denny Brimeyer
 3/24 Chris Kohlmann
 3/31 Denny Brimeyer

10:45 Projectionist

3/10 Ann Duchow
 3/17 Matthew Hull
 3/24 Paul Clark
 3/31 Matthew Hull

Organist/Pianist

3/10	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland
3/17	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland
3/24	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland
3/31	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland

Videographer

3/10 John Hessler
 3/17 Ann Duchow
 3/24 Bobby Martin
 3/31 *Volunteer Needed*

Slides

3/10 Chris Kohlmann
 3/17 Matthew Hull
 3/24 Paul Clark
 3/31 Paul Clark

10:45 Worship Drivers

3/10 Mike Loveless
 3/17 Mike Loveless
 3/24 Dan Jacobsen
 3/31 Mark Tilson

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



No Wonderful Wednesday

March 27, 2019

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)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Wesley Ringers (handbells) (Gr 6-12) In Sanctuary (David P.)
6:00-7:00 p.m. Impact in MS/HS Room (#201) (Rachel P.)

6:00-7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (3-yr-old to 1st grade)
6:15-6:30 p.m. Singing (3yr-1st) with Heather Williams

5:30-6:25 p.m. St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal in Downstairs Music Room (Keith R.)
6:15-7:15 p.m. JuBELLation Bell Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary (Dave P.)
6:30-6:55 p.m. Wind Ensemble -Downstairs Music Room
7:15-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Downstairs Music Room (Roxanne R.)

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.)

Upcoming Worship Services

- Mar 6 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)**
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- Mar 10** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion
- Mar 17** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third
Contemporary Worship Service
- Mar 24** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Mar 31** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Mar 19** Starbucks at the Dodge St. Hy-Vee
- Mar 26** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor
- Apr 2** Oak Park Place with Betty Phillips
- Apr 16** Starbucks at the Asbury Hy-Vee



Is It Time?

We in the local congregation need to be aware and ready to adapt to the changes made by the Special Session of the General Conference in February.

Is It Time? is a book written to help United Methodists think through questions surrounding sexuality and the church. "Its goal is to help [us] begin a dialogue about this important subject by encouraging [our] congregation to reflect on questions about homosexuality instead of formulating answers. So they can grasp more accurately views different from their own. To follow the evidence wherever it leads. To share thoughts and feelings with others with whom they agree and disagree—all in a spirit of mutual openness." *(from the Cokesbury website)*

I am inviting you to join with others in our congregation to study the book and think together about how we will respond to these challenges. Though we will begin during Lent, I am not calling this a "Lenten Study" since it may well be that groups will want to take their time and will still be working through the book after Lent.

Several facilitators are currently working together with me to design the best way to use the book. We intend to have several different groups at different times, to fit your schedule. I can say that at least one group will meet on Wednesday evenings during Wonderful Wednesday. **See the display on the table in the South Hall to preview the book and materials.**

God bless, Pastor Chuck



Sunday School Sundays at 9:30 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



Post General Conference Debriefing Session

Sunday March 10, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Salem UMC, 3715 33rd Ave, CR

Bishop Laurie Haller will be present to debrief and answer questions about the 2019 General Conference. At least one of the locations will be live-streamed. Laity and clergy are encouraged to attend whichever session is most convenient for you. There will be a Q&A about General Conference as part of this day. Sessions will also meet on Saturday, March 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at New Hope UMC in Des Moines and Sunday March 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC in Fort Dodge. More info at: gc2019.iaumc.org

St. Luke's Hosts Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition

(a.k.a. the Dubuque Chapter of
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light)
Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Fellowship Hall



St. Luke's will host the March meeting of the Dubuque Chapter of Interfaith Power & Light (IIPIL), now called Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition. Our speaker will be Eve Dietrich of AmeriCorps speaking on "Green Teams in Your Church, Community, and World." Anyone is welcome to the meeting.

St. Luke's Safety Team Needs You

St. Luke's Safety Team is forming and is in need of volunteers. We are in need of 15 adults to serve during Sunday and other larger gatherings in various capacities to be able to enact St. Luke's safety policy. It is a safety committee not a security committee. Please consider helping keep St. Luke's safe. **Contact: Gary Reid: 582-9811.**

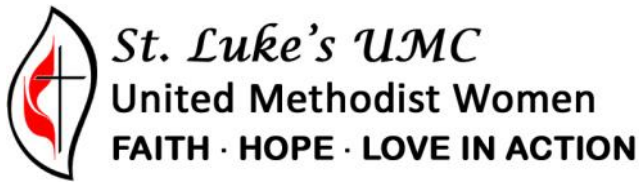


Food Pantry Needs

Tuna, mac & cheese, rice, applesauce, ketchup, salt, brownie mix, sugar, ramen, graham crackers, toothpaste, deodorant, facial tissues, dish soap



Items can go in the
South Hall shopping cart.



‡ **March 21 — Women's Dinner Night @ 6:00 p.m.** *ALL women are invited to go out to eat.* Enjoy an evening of good food (order off the menu), fellowship with games and door prizes! Gathering at the Bridge Restaurant, 31 Locust Street. **RSVP:** to Ruth Veley 563-590-9792 or ruthveley@yahoo.com . **Invite a friend!**

‡ **Lenten Study - March 13, 20, 27, April 3 (Snow Date (April 10)).** Hosted at Grand View UMC @ 3342 John Wesley Dr. 1:00—2:30 p.m. ***Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living.*** Materials will be provided. ALL invited! Contact person: Sue Hattel.


‡ **April 5 - UMW Spring Rummage Sale; April 4 - Sorting Morning - SAVE dates!**

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition Hosts Faithfully Protecting Solar Workshop
Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Iowans across the state are drawing on their faith and gathering to tell their elected leaders and the media they won't let utilities monopolize the sun. Iowa is a clean energy leader and must increase our investments in solar energy and maintain policies like net-metering that increase solar investments. "Iowa is a leader in wind energy and we can be a leader in solar," says Matt Russell, executive director of [Iowa Interfaith Power & Light](http://www.iowainterfaith.org). "Increasingly, Iowans understand the right thing to do morally is also the smart thing to do economically. We're gathering as people of faith to raise our voices to support solar energy production."

Register Here: http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/c/60/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=11342

Dbq Interfaith Green Coalition: [facebook.com/dbqiip/](https://www.facebook.com/dbqiip/)
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light: [iowaipl.org](http://www.iowaipl.org)
Dbq Energy District: [dubuquecounty.energydistrict.org](http://www.dubuquecounty.energydistrict.org)



Ash Wednesday Service
March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Sanctuary

A brief half hour meditative service with distribution of ashes will be held. St. Luke's Singers will participate in worship. The community is invited to join us in worship.

St. Luke's Mardi Gras Celebration
March 3 – Transfiguration Sunday

Wonderful worship services on March 3rd prepared us for the beginning of **Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6th in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. (see info on left).**

"Let them praise your great and wondrous name!
 Holy is the Lord!" — **Psalm 99:3**

In Appreciation - Have YOU Noticed?

- ⇒ Relocation of the historic **Tower Chimer Plaques** to the back of the sanctuary. Head chimer names of Kathy Reid and Larry Loeppke have been added. Each mounted by Matt Lungwitz.
- ⇒ Installation of the **electronic signage** in front of St. Luke's has been completed and daily and weekly information displayed. Project coordinated under the direction of Rob Williams and Trustees.
- ⇒ **Wood cross** in place in the chancel area for Lent has been refurbished by Smokey McGovern.
- ⇒ Daily **environmental care** of St. Luke's both inside and outside by custodian, Chuck Lynch.
- ⇒ Efficiency of St. Luke's Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel in preparations of our **Chimes**, worship bulletins and **communications** through the Church Office.
- ⇒ 28th Season of 12:05 p.m. **Fabulous Friday Artist Series** has 4 remaining performances on March 8, 15, 22, and 29 organized by coordinators Ann Duchow and Dave Patterson. Thank you to **Reception** hosts Char Schmitt and Lynn Kerker in Fellowship Hall, following each concert.

Submitted in Appreciation by
Worship & Celebration Ministry Area

In APPRECIATION... Mardi Gras Celebration...

- ◆ **Jazz Worship service at 10:45 a.m.** Upper Main Street Jazz/Swing Band, Ric Jones, director
- ◆ Inspiring **choir anthems** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. St. Luke's Singers, Keith Rippe, director; 10:45 a.m. St. Luke's Chancel Choir, Than Chesher, director. Choirs' accompanist, Sylvia Ward.
- ◆ **Organ/piano** selections: 8:30 a.m. Sylvia Ward; 10:45 a.m. Dr. Charles Barland
- ◆ Colorful décor **enhancements** throughout the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall of purple, gold and green.
- ◆ **Children's Message** during children's time was shared by Children/Youth Director Rachel Potter. Mardi Gras beads were distributed and all ages joined in the singing and marching procession in the aisles!
- ◆ Pastor Chuck's inspiring message **"Fat Tuesday"**
- ◆ Over 225 gathered to **worship** at St. Luke's on March 3
- ◆ Coordination and planning of **Cajun Meal** with non-Cajun menu by Matt Crow was enjoyed at noon.
- ◆ **Volunteers** assisted throughout the weekend: decorating the church, leading worship, preparing and serving the meal, and clean-up. **MANY hands** included Mountain T.O.P. members generously providing their talents and time throughout the weekend at St. Luke's.

"Thank you" from Worship & Celebration Ministry!

Prescott Partnership



Thank you — This card of thanks was received: “We here at Prescott School want to thank you and all of the St. Luke’s Church volunteers for the very generous donation of hats, gloves, scarves and socks for our needy students. We appreciate all you do for us! Prescott Health Office.”

Volunteers — Despite school cancellations and late starts we were able to provide volunteers for a Dental Sealant Clinic on Friday February 8th and for the Prescott Book Fair on February 13th, 14th and 19th. On behalf of St. Luke’s, I extend great appreciation to: **Vicki Berger and Mona Enstrom** for the Dental Sealant Clinic; **Kathy Michel, Carol Clark, Ken Miller, Kathy and Joe Lomax, Al and Sue Hattel and Dick Landis** for the Book Fair. Bless **Ken Miller** who took two shifts. Vicki Sullivan, Principal has expressed gratitude for all those who volunteered and especially for being adaptable to the weather related changes.

Mary Purdy, Prescott Partnership Liaison

Pie Day Continued

Some people who came to Pie Day at River Lights Bookstore purchased children’s books to be donated to St. Luke’s to give to children who come to Food for the Soul. In last week’s Chimes, there were photos of Sue Alborn Yillek giving children, who were at Food for the Soul on February 9th, a book. Since then Sue Davies, the owner of River Lights Bookstore donated \$80 worth of books to be given to children and teens. In addition, she has been a great help in identifying which books are popular in each age group. When a couple seeking food came to the church recently we were able to send a book, in addition to food, for each of their seven children. River Lights Bookstore is a caring neighbor and we appreciate this gesture of generosity.



Parking Spots Available

The church parking lot has two 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

Desserts for Fabulous Fridays



We still need desserts for March! Ideally we’ll have at least four desserts for each Friday after the concert which ends around 12:30 p.m. If you would like to provide desserts, please **sign up in the South Hallway.**

Call to Prayer for Dubuque Area Schools March 2019 - Bullied/Marginalized Students

“The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deut. 31:8

El Shaddai, our God Almighty:

Thank you that you hear us when we pray. As one voice through Jesus Christ, we lift up those students in our Dubuque area schools who are being bullied and/or marginalized because of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual differences.

Protect the least of these from being bullied or ridiculed in any way. May they know that You are the Strong Tower that they can run to and be safe (Prov. 18:10) and that You will never leave them!

When they are distressed, lead them to seek refuge in Your promises to give them a hope and a future (Jer. 29:11). Surround them with faithful friends, trusted teachers, and attentive and encouraging parents to support and strengthen them through difficult times.

If fear, loneliness, despair, unworthiness, anger or even hatred seep into their hearts, Lord, let Your perfect love take root instead. Transform their minds so they can live in Your peace in such a powerful way that it is a positive example to all, especially those who are being unkind.

In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

For more information contact Becky Specht of Grand View UMC at: bspecht@yousq.net or 563-543-5411



Food for the Soul News



The Invitation & Welcome Ministry team provided hospitality to a confirmation group and the sponsors from a United Methodist Church in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Deb Gamble, a former St. Luke’s parishioner, was in this group. On

Saturday February 23, under the leadership of Dan Jacobson, the group prepared and served and did the clean-up for the Food for the Soul meal. They learned about our planet care efforts using compostable products and composting food scraps.



The Potter's Wheel

What a great time Mardi Gras was. I think it is amazing that St. Luke's can connect the secular and the Christian views together. I know I really enjoyed the day and from all the smiles in the church I believe everyone else enjoyed Mardi Gras as well.

During the Sunday School hour the kids were able to enjoy purple, green, and gold pancakes. They learned about Shrove Tuesday or pancake day and then we able to enjoy some pancakes. It was tradition in many societies to eat pancakes or other foods made with the butter, eggs and fat that would be given up during the Lenten Season.

Following eating our pancakes we decorated masks. The meaning behind the masks was that there was some mystery and magic during Mardi Gras. The idea of having a mask was so nobody knew who you were, and they were able to be whoever they wanted to be for the day. The masks were decorated in purple, green, and gold. There is also meaning behind the colors, purple represents justice, green represents faith, and gold represents power.

When then talked about the parades that happened during Mardi Gras, and explained to them that we would be parading into the sanctuary.

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