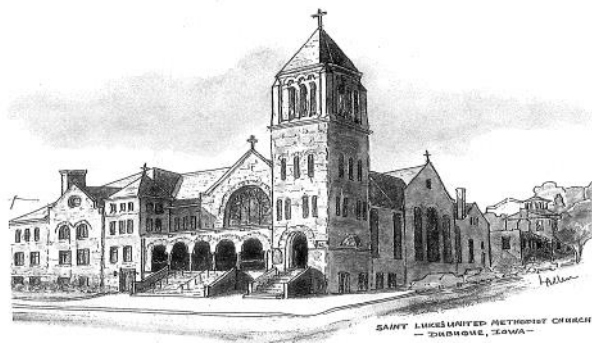


# The Chimes

## 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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## *A Word from the Pastor*

Dear Church,

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas Season, and are feeling renewed as we enter this New Year. I wanted to share with you some news about our United Methodist Denomination. News Outlets have spread headlines like, "United Methodists agree to split." This is not the whole truth. On Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church shared a press release, which can be found at: [is.gd/umc2020mediationstatement](https://is.gd/umc2020mediationstatement) This statement communicated the work of a team of diverse lay and clergy leaders from the UMC proposing a denominational separation. This team worked very hard with a mediator to come to this idea. This separation is rooted in the differing scriptural interpretations around human sexuality—specifically the marriage and ordination of LGBTQ+ persons within the UMC.

The proposal suggests a way that allows traditionalist United Methodists to leave the denomination with enough property and assets to start a new traditional Methodist denomination. (Traditional means not permitting LGBTQ+ persons to be ordained or to marry). There have been many proposals offered by various groups, but it seems as though this one might have more of a chance. This all depends on the work of the General Conference in May.

**What does this mean for us?** We will continue to do faithful ministry here at St. Luke's. We will continue to invite, include and empower people to know the love of God through our words and our actions. When the time comes for us to consider our plans for the future, we will handle those decisions with transparency, integrity and faithfulness. God is much bigger than any human-made institution. Whatever comes, God will guide us through.

The world needs a witness of love and light this season. Let's offer that in every way.

Peace,

Pastor Stephanie

## 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:

**Terry St. and Wayne Sc. -**

moving Wayne to a nursing home from FL to IA (Judy Sc.'s husband and brother)

**Barbara O. -** recovering from hip surgery (Debi H.'s mother, Carol C.'s niece)

**Cheri V. -** recovering from broken ankle & surgery

**Monardo F. (Ken B.'s stepson) -** car accident

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

**Edie B.**

**Sally W.**

**Barb B.**

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

**George R.**

**Jon R.**

**Judy M.**

**Cheri L.**

**Ron L.**

**Susan F.**

**Peggy L.**

**Johnny**

**Brett C.**

**Bonnie J.**

**Jeanne P.**

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

**Sandi Zink** (friend and colleague of Susan M.)

We also offer prayers of comfort and support for those who struggle with brain 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, the families of police officers, and all victims of gun violence. It is in the name of your Son and our Savior that we offer our prayers. Amen.



**Prayer requests / updates can be sent 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.



### *January Birthdays*

- |                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Kevin Kienzle      | 18 Jesse Stephenson      |
| 1 Kim Klinkhammer    | 19 Anne Bergfeld         |
| 3 Scott Sheldon      | 19 Ruth Clark            |
| 4 Gloria Herr        | 20 Gail Huston           |
| 4 Cayleigh Peil      | 21 Drake Ludowitz        |
| 5 Mike Gacioch       | 21 Smokey McGovern       |
| 5 Lynn Kerker        | 21 Kellee Peil-Roussel   |
| 6 Mike Burton        | 21 Michael Sanders       |
| 8 Denny Brimeyer     | 21 Scott Zartman         |
| 8 Becky Carr         | 22 Benjamin Crow         |
| 8 John Vandermeulen  | 22 Kathy Reid            |
| 9 Miles Gacioch      | 24 Jennifer Crow         |
| 9 Elizabeth Hefel    | 24 Clay Gronen           |
| 9 Bonnie Jorgensen   | 24 Sandy Horsfield       |
| 10 Matt Crow         | 25 Bevin Olson           |
| 11 Nicole Beau       | 26 Aiden Blum            |
| 11 Andrew Sanders    | 26 Kaylee Olson          |
| 11 Breann Streckwald | 27 Brennan Kreimeyer     |
| 13 Andrew Crow       | 28 Tammy Lynch           |
| 15 Nancy Bradley     | 28 Barbara Vrotsos       |
| 16 Carl Plumley Jr.  | 28 Allison Waters-Kutsch |
| 16 Norah Stratton    | 29 Gavin Herr            |
| 17 Ruth Jones        | 29 Richie Lehnhardt      |
| 18 Terrie Berry      | 31 Lauren Hunold         |
| 18 Ronald Ellerie    |                          |



### 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



### St. Luke's UMC Contacts

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**Ora Uzel**

Administrative Assistant

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Phone: 563-582-4543

## Save the Date!

**Sunday, January 26th, 2020**

**Leadership Lunch and Meeting  
in the Fellowship Hall**

**12:00 p.m. Lunch**

**12:30 p.m. Big Group Gathering  
(Church Council + All Leaders)**

**1:15 p.m. Committee Meetings  
in various rooms (TBD)**

### Weekend Worship

*Fall-Spring Worship Services* Sunday at 8:30 a.m. &  
*Communion: First 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!

**Want to receive the Chimes by email? Email us!**

### Official Lectionary Texts

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** **Baptism of the Lord (white)**  
Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29 (UM761);  
Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green)**  
**Human Relations Day**  
Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11 (UM774);  
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green)**  
Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (UM758);  
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green)**  
Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15 (UM747);  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

### STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Schlimm  
Children & Youth: Emmy Kubatzke  
Administrative Assistant: Ora Uzel  
Custodian: Chuck Lynch

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: Vicki Tilson

#### Officers:

Recording Secretary: Kristen Smith

Lay Leader: Gary Reid

Lay Members of Annual Conference:

Sue Hattel, Nancy Bradley

Alternate Member of AC: Amy Schadle

Treasurer: Amy Schadle

Historians: Betty Phillips, Barbara Bishop,  
and R.R.S. Stewart

Financial Secretary: Carol Clark

Membership Sec.: Mark & Vicki Tilson

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

#### Administrative Committee (Chairs):

Lay Leadership/Nominations: Pastor

Finance (int.): Scott Zartman, Rich Young

Board of Trustees: Kristen Cadman

SPPRC: Dan Jacobsen

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Invitation & Welcome:

Chris Kohlmann and Lisa Viertel

Worship & Celebration: Sue Hattel

Care & Compassion: Margie Breese

Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:

Emmy Kubatzke, Staff

Witness & Mission:

Community Outreach: John Hessler

Conference & Global:

Robert & Mary Armstrong

Social Justice: R.R.S. & Terry Stewart

United Methodist Women: Marcia Young

## January 2020 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run

1/4 Hull family  
 1/11 Breese/Young  
 1/18 McGovern  
 1/25 Hull family

### 8:30 Greeters/Ushers

*Contact Sue Hattel to volunteer!*  
 1/5 Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding  
 1/12 Les & Sue Bettcher  
 1/19 Smokey & Susan McGovern  
 1/26 *Volunteers Needed*

### 10:45 Greeters/Ushers

*Contact Sue Hattel to volunteer!*  
 1/5 Keith & Peggy Unangst  
 1/12 *Volunteers Needed*  
 1/19 *Volunteers Needed*  
 1/26 *Volunteers Needed*

### Saturday Food for the Soul

1/4 Team 1  
 1/11 Team 11  
 1/18 Team 3  
 1/25 Team 4

### 8:30 Liturgist

1/5 Susan McGovern  
 1/12 Laura Carstens  
 1/19 Nancy Hessler  
 1/26 Sue Hattel

### 10:45 Liturgist

1/5 Mary Armstrong  
 1/12 Mark Tilson  
 1/19 Nancy Bradley  
 1/26 Dan Jacobsen

**To volunteer,  
 or for schedule changes,  
 for Food for the Soul,  
 contact Marcia at: 588-4877**

### 8:30 Projectionist

1/5 Denny Brimeyer  
 1/12 Chris Kohlmann  
 1/19 Denny Brimeyer  
 1/26 Chris Kohlmann

### 10:45 Projectionist

1/5 Matthew Hull  
 1/12 Paul Clark  
 1/19 Matthew Hull  
 1/26 Paul Clark

### Chimer

1/5 R.R.S. Stewart  
 1/12 Ann Duchow  
 1/19 David Patterson  
 1/26 Heather Williams

### Slides

1/5 Susan McGovern  
 1/12 Chris Kohlmann  
 1/19 Matthew Hull  
 1/26 Paul Clark

### 10:45 Videographer

1/5 Ann Duchow  
 1/12 Ann Duchow  
 1/19 Ann Duchow (8:30)  
 1/26 Ann Duchow

### 10:45 Worship Drivers


1/5 Mark Tilson  
 1/12 Mike Loveless  
 1/19 Rich Young  
 1/26 Dan Jacobsen

### Thursday Bible Study

Resumes January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room**

Join Pastor Stephanie to take a closer look at the scriptures for the week.




### Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter & Jelly, canned meats, ramen noodles,  
 hot chocolate mix, "souper" bowl soups,  
 crackers, ravioli, Spaghetti O's, chili.  
 Liquid hand soap, shampoo, laundry soap.  
**Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.**



## Upcoming Worship Services

- Jan 12** **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
- Jan 19** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
- Jan 26** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
- Feb 2** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- Feb 9** **United Methodist Women Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
- Feb 16** **Scouting Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**  
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

## Thank You! from the Albert family



I want to thank everyone who has supported us through your prayers, cards, and support during the time of my mom's recent sudden passing. It meant so much to us that our St. Luke's family was holding us up in so many ways.

## Wonderful Wednesday Meal



January 8<sup>th</sup>

Tacos and all the fixins, salad, fruit, and dessert!

Served at 5:00 p.m. | \$5/person or \$15/family  
For dietary concerns, contact our chef, Matt Crow.

## Mountain T.O.P. Meeting Sunday, January 19, 2020

After second service  
in the Fellowship Hall



We will discuss Food for the Soul (Feb 1) and the Oxus Grotto fundraiser (Feb 23). Fundraiser details later this month.



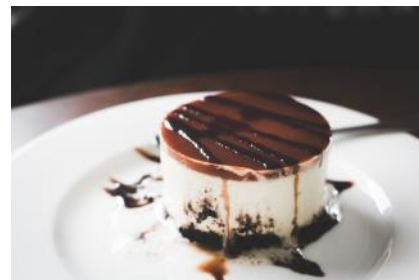
## 2020 Fabulous Fridays!

Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>

Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 10, 2020, for our 29th season. This popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. Since the inception of Fabulous Fridays, more than 100 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church is located at the corner of 12th and Main in Dubuque, Iowa. Performances begin at 12:05 p.m. and conclude at 12:35 p.m. Many in the audience bring their lunch and enjoy time together after the concert in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee, and desserts are free, but baskets are available for contributions to People In Need and the church's Jesus Fund. Metered street parking is available. The alley entrance to the church is accessible for those with accessibility needs. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

[View the 2020 Fabulous Fridays Schedule](#)



## Fabulous Friday Dessert Sign-up

Fabulous Friday concerts begin January 10<sup>th</sup>, and we need help with desserts! Ideally we will have a minimum of 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**.

Desserts are covered for January 10th.

Desserts are needed for Jan 17, 24, 31 and beyond



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

### Thinking of You Gifts

Twenty-four "Thinking of You" bags filled with congregational Christmas greetings which were joyfully prepared on December 8th were delivered during December. Five "Thinking of You" Card Packages of congregational greetings were mailed to members away from Dubuque. "Thank You" to all who shared your *love with others* in preparing the bags, writing cards, and delivering greetings on behalf of St. Luke's United Methodist Women and St. Luke's congregation.

### Human Trafficking Awareness

**January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**, also known as #WearBlueDay. The month of January is known as **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**. \*\* If you suspect someone is the victim of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 1-888-373-7888 (a 24-hour, toll free crisis line). The Dubuque Police Department may also be contacted as they have officers trained in these crisis situations. Human Trafficking may be taking place in the tri-state area. **See the information (to the right) about the free movie showing on human trafficking at the Grand Theater in Dubuque.**

### Advent Undecorating!

**Monday, January 13, 2020**  
**8:30 a.m. to Noon'ish**  
**Sanctuary, Hallways, etc.**

Volunteers are invited to assist with Christmas decorations throughout Monday morning January 13 beginning after 8:30 am. Come and go as your schedule allows. **Thank you!**



### Free Movie on Human Trafficking



**Saturday, January 11**  
**Grand Opera House**  
**135 8th Street, Dubuque**  
**Doors Open 9:30am**  
**Film Showing at 10:00am**  
**Adult Supervision is Advised**  
[Website](#)

Layla is ten years old and about to meet her new family. She just doesn't know it yet. An act of kindness met with deception leads to Layla's abduction and descent into a life of human trafficking hidden in an ordinary neighborhood. Seven years later, Layla is discovered lying half dead in an alley, unable to speak. Detective Amy Walker helps Layla untangle the memories of her horrific past to bring her perpetrators to justice so that Layla can start anew. **I AM STILL HERE** shows some of the difficulties in combating the fastest-growing illegal enterprise in the world: the child sex-slave industry. "I Am Still Here" is a story of hope and redemption told through the eyes of a 17 year old girl recovering after her escape. The movie is based on exhaustive research into real cases, and is dedicated to all the missing children who are still out there. **This film is not appropriate for all ages.**

Concessions for purchase  
 Free Parking in the Iowa Street Ramp  
 Grand Opera House: 563-588-1305

This film is presented FREE to the public by the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking & Slavery



### Clothing Needs at Prescott Elementary

The following are urgently needed at Prescott Elementary School. You can give these items by placing them in **the blue tote in the South Hall.**

#### Needs at Prescott:

- Boys' underwear (new, either plain or patterned):  
**XS (4), S (6/8)**, M (10/12), L (14/16)
- Girls' underwear (new, either plain or patterned):  
 XS (4), S (6/8), M (10/12), L (14/16), XL (18/20)
- Socks (any size)
- Waterproof gloves/mittens (any size)
- Sweatpants (unisex colors, 4-7)
- Boots (size 9, girls) or Boots (size 11, boys)
- Snow Pants (2 pairs each, 4-5, unisex colors)
- Stocking caps and Scarves

## Join Us in Music Making!

Maybe you have a **voice for singing**, or perhaps **handbells** “ring true” too.

**Either way we’d love to share in the fellowship of music with you!**

### Music Director Contact Information:

#### St. Luke’s Singers (8:30 choir)

**Director: Keith Rippe**

(563) 599-0528

kr725@mchsi.com

#### Chancel Choir (10:45 choir)

**Director: Chuck Barland**

(563) 599-8996

cbarland@dbq.edu

#### Handbells (youth or adult)

**Director: David Patterson**

(563) 557-7529

dpatterson2000@gmail.com



## Parking Spots for Rent!

The church parking lot has spots available for rent at \$35 per month. Rental is for weekdays 8am to 5pm, ideal for local businesses or downtown workers.

Please spread the word to folks who work downtown near the church. Rent is cheaper than the city’s lots! If someone would like to rent a spot, have them contact the church office at:

**582-4543 or dbqstluke@gmail.com**

## Terrific Tuesdays

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



- Jan 7** Panera Bread
- Jan 21** Caribou Coffee (Wacker & Dodge)
- Jan 28** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn  
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor

## 2019 Jesus Fund Report



The Jesus Fund authorized **\$8,310** worth of grocery vouchers to Eagles Country Market in 2019. Your donations help the Jesus Fund stay operational so people get that extra assistance they need to afford groceries. Thank you for your support!

Month	Households	Adults	Kids	Total	Dispersed
Dec	34	51	39	90	\$ 880
Nov	29	47	47	94	\$ 810
Oct	15	25	15	40	\$ 370
Sep	33	54	48	102	\$ 940
Aug	24	42	47	89	\$ 680
Jul	38	63	66	129	\$1,120
Jun	25	25	40	65	\$ 700
May	18	32	31	63	\$ 580
Apr	21	38	37	75	\$ 700
Mar	11	20	8	28	\$ 260
Feb	28	40	59	99	\$ 930
Jan	13	16	21	37	\$ 340

## 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 Stephanie 581-5512 Sue Hattel 599-4497  
Dan Jacobsen 580-5156 Paul Clark 590-0158

## Youth and Kids Corner

Our Youth Program is E x p a n d i n g . . . !

**We Need Your Help!**

It's a new year and we have big resolutions and plans for this year at St. Luke's. Our youth programs and groups continue to expand and that means we need volunteers!

If your resolution for 2020 was to **get involved** or to **give back to your community**, here's your chance! If you are available on Sunday mornings or Sunday evenings, we can provide a few hours of youth group entertainment to brighten your day!

Contact Emmy Kubatzke, youth director, for more information. Thank you for continuing to support St. Luke's children's and youth ministries with your prayers and your time!



## Youth & Children's Ministries Office Hours

TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8-12	3-5	8-12	8-12

Emmy Kubatzke — (815) 990-1200 cell

### Sunday Night Youth Group!

Sunday evenings — 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
6th to 12th Grades (friends welcome!)



Come for games, snacks & community!

Address  
Service  
Requested

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



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To receive your Chimes via email, send a message to [dbqstluke@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com). If you know someone who would like to receive The Chimes, please contact the church office.