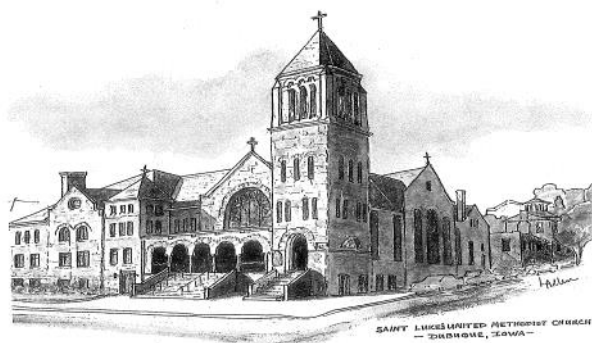


# The Chimes

## 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,

"What am I supposed to be learning?" This is the question I've been asking myself this week. Our world has been turned upside down amidst the pandemic of Coronavirus/COVID-19. I can't wrap my mind around how quickly things have changed, nor can I understand how long our life will be affected in this way. With that, there are a few things I'm learning. Aside from quickly learning new forms of technology and digital connections for church, I'm also learning some "heart lessons."

**Sacrifice doesn't always mean doing more.** Sometimes, sacrifice means doing less. Our world glorifies busyness and full schedules. In order to slow the spread of this virus, we must slow down our lives. The initial panic of this transition will calm, and I pray that through this time we will all learn from the slow down. The Christian response to this rapidly spreading illness is to sacrifice our plans for the sake of those for whom this virus could be deadly.

**Walking through the unknown can either harden our hearts or build our trust in God.** God's people are no stranger to unknown/wilderness times. I've been thinking a lot about how God's people wandered the wilderness with no end date in sight. They didn't know how God would provide for them. They didn't know what the next day would hold. So much of that is true for us now. As people who control so much of our lives, we aren't accustomed to walking through the unknown for long. This might be a season to learn how to trust in God's faithful love with our hearts, not just our heads.

The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 23. The Psalmist reminds us that God never says that we will avoid the valleys of this life. Rather, God says, I will walk with you through the valleys. That is true now. God is walking with us through this valley. May we have eyes to see.

Peace,

Pastor Stephanie

**Worship on Sundays online!**

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**A link for the video will be emailed Sunday morning.**

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## 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:

**Elise** - 14 year old with brain cancer  
**Cathy Chl.** - hospitalized with perforated bowel  
 (Denny B.'s sister)  
**Jean Wlkn.** - colon cancer, surgery April 1st  
 (Mark T.'s sister)  
**Sharon C.** (Ruth C.'s daughter-in-law) - throat cancer  
**Anita G.** (Jon G.'s wife) - diagnosed with mass on hip

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

**Edie B.**                      **Sally W.**                      **Barb Btchr.**  
**Ruth C.**

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

**George R.**                      **Judy M.**                      **Cheri L.**  
**Ron L.**                          **Susan F.**                      **Peggy L.**  
**Johnny**                        **Brett C.**                        **Bonnie J.**  
**Jeanne P.**

**Special prayers to all those affected by the covid-19 pandemic, whether by illness, death, quarantine, loss of income, financial loss, or social adversity.**

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:**  
**dbqstluke@gmail.com — (563) 582-4543**



**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

19 Debbie Tschiggfrie  
 20 Emmy Kubatzke  
 20 Sue Lane  
 21 Chuck Barland  
 21 Joan Hanson  
 21 Nancy Van Milligen  
 22 Ladona Meineker  
 24 Bruce Leibold  
 24 Debby Mackey  
 24 Wolfgang Stechman  
 24 Coni Stephenson  
 25 Ronald Dueland  
 25 Jolene Miller  
 25 Samuel Stephenson  
 26 Tanner Lester  
 27 Dave Kubik  
 27 Terri Viner  
 29 Lester Bettcher  
 29 Aliyah Blum  
 29 Alyssa Blum  
 29 Isaac Wright

### April Birthdays

1 Zoie Bettcher  
 1 Jennifer Gloeckner  
 1 Terry Stewart  
 4 Allan Miller  
 4 Anna Schlimm  
 5 Bobby Martin  
 6 Laura Carstens  
 7 Leah Sanders  
 8 Stephen Fiebelkorn  
 9 David Olson  
 9 Bonnie Sanders  
 12 Zodine Landis  
 13 Ellie Miller  
 13 Morgan Noel  
 14 Brittany Drake  
 14 Jaime Ellerie  
 14 Ora Uzel  
 15 Linda Duschen  
 15 Chad Richardson



### Emergency Medical Information Cards

In the event of a personal emergency taking place at church, we recommend you have information readily available at St. Luke's 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



**If you become hospitalized, please let the church office know** and designate St. Luke's as your church for hospital admittance. If you would like a prayer request and visit from the Pastor, 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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### Worship Services

**Online worship services  
published on Sunday morning at:**

[www.stlukesumcdbq.org](http://www.stlukesumcdbq.org)

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### Keep up to date with St. Luke's!

Have a new address, phone, or email?

Want to receive the newsletter

and notices about online services?

Have a new family member to celebrate?!

Contact us at: [dbqstluke@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com)

or call: **563-582-4543**

### Official Lectionary Texts

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (purple)**  
1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23 (UM134/754);  
Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (purple)**  
Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130 (UM848);  
Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday (purple)**  
*Palm Sunday Readings:* Matthew 21: 1-11;  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (UM839)  
*Passion Sunday Readings:* Isaiah 50: 4-9a;  
Psalm 31: 9-16 (UM764); Philippians 2: 5-11;  
Matthew 26:14—27:66 (27:11-54)

### **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  
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Lay Members of Annual Conference:  
Sue Hattel, Nancy Bradley

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and R.R.S. Stewart  
Financial Secretary: Carol Clark  
Membership Sec.: Mark & Vicki Tilson

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Rhonda Kubik, Dick Landis

#### **Administrative Committee (Chairs):**

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Finance (int.): Scott Zartman, Rich Young  
Board of Trustees: Kristen Cadman  
SPPRC: Dan Jacobsen

#### **Council on Ministries - Facilitators:**

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

## Upcoming Worship Services

Mar 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent— Online Worship  
 Mar 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent— Online Worship

[www.stlukesumcdbq.org](http://www.stlukesumcdbq.org)

Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

There has never been a better time to connect to social media. If you need help, email or call Pastor Stephanie and she will help you! **Click on the badges to the right to go to our pages on Facebook/Instagram.**



## Changes at St. Luke's UMC due to the COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

The church building is closed until further notice.

**Sunday worship services** will be recorded in advance and shared **online on the website Sunday mornings**. All newsletter subscribers will receive an email reminder.

**Monday mornings may have limited phone availability**, and mail service will be received on Mondays. Food vouchers will be mailed out on Mondays (homeless will still be able to enter the building to request vouchers if needed). Staff may be working from home, so **email is the best form of contact at this time**.

**All other church events are suspended indefinitely or held virtually (online) until further notice.**

**Food for the Soul** is going to continue by providing takeout and food giveaways **outside the church doors on Saturday evenings 5-6pm**. Food giveaway tables will be on the portico (assistance available for those with accessibility needs). Brown bag meals will be distributed by the Main Street level entrance. Additional safety precautions with food prep and distribution are being taken with **great care**. **Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, or who has a health condition vulnerable to COVID-19 is asked to stay home and not volunteer.**

## Jesus Fund Report



The Jesus Fund has given **\$2,200** worth of grocery vouchers so far this year. This last Monday was a very busy day with 16 households requesting \$330 worth of assistance in a single day. Your donations help the Jesus Fund stay operational, especially now when it's needed most! **Thank you for your support!**

Month	Households	Adults	Kids	Total	Dispersed
March so far	24	40	30	70	\$ 670
Feb	22	37	28	65	\$ 600
Jan	31	53	46	99	\$ 930

## March 2020 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run

3/21— Breese/Young      3/28— McGovern

### Saturday Food for the Soul

3/21— Team 1 (Brdly/Mcrn)    3/28— Team 3 (Yng)

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

### Online Worship Videographers & Tech Volunteers

Paul Clark, Ann Duchow

**THANK YOU!**



The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (IAUMC) regularly offers daily devotions during Lent. They are continuing to offer devotions through this time of uncertainty.

To view IAUMC's Lenten devotions, click on the image above or go to: <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/len-2020-daily-devotions-2-26-2-29-13283873>



## Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working  
from home

Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,

Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly,  
but then we will see face to face.*

*Now I know only in part;  
then I will know fully,  
even as I have been fully known.*

*And now FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE abide,  
these three;*

*and the greatest of these  
is LOVE.*

*1 Corinthians 13: 12-13*

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