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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents, and resources. Mission Statement adopted 10/22/96.

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
These are just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
May 15	Dubuque Rescue Mission	Dedication of Fr. Tom Rhomberg House, 2501 Elm St., 7:00 PM
May 22	DACU	Spring Worship Service, Sinsinawa Mound, 7:00 PM
Wednesdays, June, July, August	Sinsinawa	Summer Organ Recitals in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. No charge; freewill offering accepted.
October 7, 2012	DACU	CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



SPRING DACU Delegates Worship

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sinsinawa Mound
585 County Road Z

Program: Reconciliation:
Rev. Arnold Flater

Directions to Sinsinawa Mound:



Take Hwy 20 West (Dodge St.) to 151, 61 North. Follow 151, 61 North to Hwy 11 East (first exit after bridge, veer right). At intersection, continue straight on Hwy 11 East to County Road Z (about 2 miles). Turn right on County Road Z Follow County Road Z for about 3 miles. Sinsinawa Mound is to your left.

REMINDER: We accept donations of canned food for the Food Pantry at every DACU Delegates' Meeting. Thank you for your generosity!

DACU Board Report

As of April 30 a total of **14** Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2012:

Church of the Resurrection (FEB)
Dubuque Friends Worship Group (FEB)
First Congregational United Church of Christ (FEB)
First Presbyterian Church (MAR)
Holy Trinity Lutheran (MAR)
St. Columbkille Catholic Church (FEB)
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church (FEB)
Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters (MAR)
Sisters of the Presentation (FEB)
Sisters of St. Francis (FEB)
Temple Beth El (FEB)
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (APRIL)
Church Women United (FEB)
Operation New View (MAR)

THANK YOU EVERYONE for your generosity!

(If you don't see YOUR congregation listed, please remind those responsible that DACU is able to support its projects only to the extent that DACU members support DACU!)

FY 2012 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 04/30/2012			
	April	2012 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2012
Income	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,175.36	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 1,000.00*	\$ 1,626.66	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 04/30/2012: \$5,951.02			
*Donation to St. John's for fire code expense			

Please help us to support our DACU projects!

Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:
DACU Treasurer,
P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

To date, P.I.N. has helped more people between January and April than at any time in its 25-year history. The recession has hit the most vulnerable the hardest, as you might expect. We continue to be blessed by congregations and generous individuals in the Dubuque area who assist these "People In Need". If you would like more information please contact Alan Garfield at agarfield@dbq.edu.

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

**Please send donations to: Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer,
3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque, IA 52002-2849**

Dubuque Rescue Mission

We will dedicate our first transitional house, the Father Tom Rhomberg House (2501 Elm St.) on May 15th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited!

Our second house is scheduled to be open by July 1.

We continue to need good used furniture and other usable items for the Thrift Shop.

Spring Volunteer Opportunities at the Mission:

- Serve meals and help clean up
- Help prepare garden for spring
- Maintenance skills needed
- Work in Mission Bike Shop
- Answer Mission phone
- Sort donations in the Thrift Store
- Work the Thrift Store counter

If you are interested in volunteering please call us at (563) 583-1394 or visit our website: www.dbqrescue.org

Rev. Rick Mihm, Director (mihmr@mchsi.com)



Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. Just a reminder we also take personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies.

Summer lunch program: We will be handing out bag lunches during the summer on Tuesday and Friday mornings to children ages 1-18. If your church or a group in church is looking for a project we could use the following items for the lunches: juice boxes/pouches, single serving of fruit, entrees, snacks, peanut butter, cereal, etc...(a great project for Vacation Bible School)

Now with spring well under way we look to summer and garden produce. Please remember the Pantry if you or someone you know has an excess of garden produce, we would be most happy to receive it. Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. and Tues. 9:00-noon.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community



St. John's Lutheran Church

Please continue to support the Guesthouse (Homeless Shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church)

- Every dollar donated will help reach our 2012 goal of \$150,000.
- With this money we will buy more beds, build more rooms, help more people.
- As of 3/28/12 \$28,360 collected so far.
- Supplemental funds by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.
- Send your donations to St. John's Lutheran Church, 1276 White St., Dubuque, IA 52001 (563-581-6572) OR
- Donate online (www.dbqcommunityshelter.com)
- There's never been a better time!

Rev. Jay Ilten

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. Mark Community Center



St. Mark Accepting Registrations for Summer Program!

St. Mark Community Center is now accepting registrations for our five week Summer Program. Summer Program is an education-based program that makes math and reading fun by exploring a different theme each week. This year's theme is "Dream Big".

St. Mark will partner with Carnegie Stout Public Library and the Bell Tower Theater to explore sessions like Out of This World, Magic and Illusion, Pirates and Treasures, Under the Big Top and Fantasy! The program includes hands-on activities, fieldtrips and guest presenters! Students will be provided lunch thanks to our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and St. Mark will also provide a free book every week!

The program is open to students entering grades 1-5 in the fall of 2012. The cost ranges from \$0-\$75 as St. Mark is asking families to pay only what they can. The program will be held at St. Mark Community Center, located at 1201 Locust Street in downtown Dubuque. Summer Program hours will run Monday through Friday from Noon until 4:00 PM with some extended hours for

fieldtrips. There will be no program held the week of July 2-6 in observance of the July Fourth holiday!

For more information on the program, or to sign your child up, please contact the Program Director at (563) 582-6211 Ext. 103, or kidsconnection@smccdbq.org



Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will host the annual Tree of Life Memorial Service and Lighting Ceremony in Washington Park at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 22. You are invited to attend the service and purchase a light, in memory or honor of a loved one, by sending a tax-deductible gift of any amount, along with the name of your loved one, to Hospice of Dubuque, 1670 JFK Road, Dubuque, IA 52002. The names will be printed in the Tree of Life Service program if the gift is received by Friday, May 18. ALL memorials, not only those served by Hospice of Dubuque, are welcome. The Tree of Life will remain lit through Memorial Day. On behalf of all who benefit from your generosity, we thank the community for supporting Hospice of Dubuque. For more information on the Tree of Life or hospice services, please call 563.582.1220 or visit www.hospiceofdubuque.org. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us on May 22.

Shalom Retreat Center

OUR MISSION: Founded in the Franciscan tradition, Shalom Retreat Center is a sacred space in a peaceful environment, calling people to God and fullness of life.

Phone: 563/582-3592.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

Web: www.shalomretreats.org

TO REGISTER, call Shalom at 563/582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Annual Mother/Daughter Evening: I Don't Remember Growing Older – When Did She? Thursday, May 10, 6:30 – 8:30pm Presenters: **Michelle Shanahan & Dianne Heim**. As the title for the evening indicates, time flies quickly, and before we know it, even those closest to us have grown, aged, changed. Borrowing the theme from the song "Sunrise, Sunset," Dianne and Michelle will regale you with stories of their mother/daughter relationship, inviting you to look at the women and girls in your own family with new eyes. Treat your mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, or whoever fits those roles in your life to a lovely pre-Mother's Day dinner. Offering: \$22/adults; \$11/girls age 12 and under. Register by May 7.

Dances of Universal Peace Thursday, May 17, 7:00 – 8:30pm**Instructor: Sophia Virginia Melroy, of Iowa City, Certified Leader.** Back by participant request, this sacred dance is a 40-year-old tradition of simple participatory circle dances and songs drawn from the earth's sacred traditions as well as other universal songs of peace. We might well ask if there would still be wars if we all sang, danced and prayed together. Join us for this prayerful experience. Dress is casual. No previous experience or dance partner required. Offering: \$10. Register by May 15.

Living Like St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi: Thursday, May 17, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Learn about the spirit and values of Francis and Clare, and how to live a Franciscan way of life.
No charge. Registration not required.

Centering Prayer: Monday, May 21, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Facilitator: Marilyn Dansart Registration not required.

Annual Memorial Mass & Social: Thursday, May 24, 7:00pm**President: Fr. Eugene Kutsch**
Each year around Memorial Day, deceased loved ones of Shalom friends and benefactors are remembered at a special Eucharistic liturgy. A social follows the Mass. No charge. Register by May 23.

Will You Be My Servant? Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Day: Saturday, May 26, 9:30am – 3:30pm
Presenters: Dave Cushing, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, Waterloo and Mary Pederson, D. Min., Frequent Archdiocesan Presenter. Examines the concept of "Servant Leadership" both in its original and more modern forms, and explores how we can exercise servant leadership in our families, work and church. Offering: \$40, includes lunch & snacks. Register by May 23.

I Want to Know Christ Jesus-A Retreat with St. Paul: June 3 - 9, Director: Wendy Cotter CSJ. \$420. \$25 discount if registered by May 10. Register by May 24.

Daring to Embrace the Other: Doing Peace in Our Day. June 10 - 16, Director: Kathy Warren OSF \$420. \$25 discount if registered by May 19. Register by May 31.



Sinsinawa Mound

Summer Organ Concert Recitals

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer (June, July, August), the Sinsinawa Mound Outreach Music Department hosts organ recitals performed by guest musicians in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound. The Summer Organ Concert Recital

series is free and open to the public, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Sister Marie Juan Maney at Sinsinawa Mound, (608) 748-4411, ext. 807.



Dubuque Community

Hope House of Dubuque

Hope House, a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality located at 1592 Locust St. in Dubuque, is seeking donations from people of faith in order to install a fire alarm system that the fire department is requiring. The cost is estimated at \$8-10,000. Hope House is not affiliated with any church, but sees its ministry of providing food, lodging, and drop-in hospitality stemming from Christ's words, "as long as you did this for one of the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it for me."

If your community would like to donate or take up a collection for this purpose, please contact **Tom Johnson at (563) 582-9079**. We would be happy to come and speak to your community members about our ministry and this particular need. Blessings!

Bridges Initiative



News From Bridges Initiative Co-Ordinator Carrol Clark

Hello everyone,

Wow-I cannot believe it is May already. My kids are counting down the days to the end of school. Personally I am counting down the days to our Getting Ahead graduation on June 8th. You will be receiving a flyer soon, but mark the date on your calendar now so you don't make other plans.

"Circles" is in its second year already and going great. If you have not made it down to Prescott on a Tuesday night, you should make the effort to. We have some great discussions, meet awesome folks and get to see change happening right here in our community. We are at Prescott every Tuesday (except holidays). We eat a community meal at 5:45 and meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Of course, in order to provide that community meal we need the help of...our community! There are many open dates between May 29th and the end of the year. If you go to <http://www.cityofdubuque.org/index.aspx?NID=1612> (or www.cityofdubuque.com/bridges and look under wish list) you will see which dates are currently open.

If you have questions about providing meals just contact us. As for group size, for the May 29th and June 5th meal we will probably serve 65-70 people a night. From June 12th the end of summer, we will most likely serve 50-60 people each night.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call Carroll at 589-4230. If I am unavailable, please leave me a message or shoot me an e-mail and I will get back to you.

Interested? Here's more information about becoming a Circle Ally: Job Description

The Circle ally has three primary goals:

1. Make an intentional friendship with a family in poverty (Circle leader family) and join them in their quest to have enough money, meaning, and friends
2. Increase awareness of one's own stereotypes and class rules and be willing to face these
3. Use the experience of friendship with a family in poverty to advocate within the community for changes in the systems barriers that keep poverty in place

The Circle ally commitment:

1. 4-10 hours per month
2. We ask that you commit to be a Circle ally for 18 months
3. After you are matched with the Circle, you will have:
 1. one monthly meeting with the circle scheduled at a mutually convenient time
 2. one monthly Big View meeting with other circles and the staff to discuss systems barriers,
 3. a regularly scheduled ally support meeting
 4. phone and in-person contact with your family as needed throughout the month

Support you receive:

1. Three orientation sessions
 - a. Circles general orientation for allies
 - b. Bridges out of Poverty introduction to the rules of class
 - c. Orientation to how to build a circle for both allies and participants
2. Regularly scheduled ally support sessions
3. Collaboration with the others on the circle; you are not left in isolation
4. Staff available to answer questions, provide mentoring, and assist with conflict resolution

How can I be sensitive of differences across class lines?

1. If possible, come to Circle meetings in casual clothes instead of business clothes
2. Find ways to introduce yourself that emphasize who you are, not what you do ("I'm from northern Minnesota and I live to ski" instead of

"I'm the director of marketing for a global research company.")

3. Remember that you are a friend to the family, not a social worker
4. Don't expect Circle leaders to approach meetings the way you do in the business world
5. Read Bridges Out of Poverty or A Framework for Understanding Poverty to become more sensitive to differing rules across class lines
6. If you do social outings with the circle, look for no-cost options
7. When you have strong feelings about the Circle leader family, be willing to look at how your own fears or rules are being activated and talk to someone about it

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Self Sufficiency Coordinator; Bridges Initiative CoAdvisor
www.cityofdubuque.org/Bridges



LAST CALL: We are completing our annual update of the DACU Worship Brochure which we distribute to local hotels and hospitals. We want to list your congregation, its address, phone contact, email or website, and worship and religious school schedule. Please send updates to the DACU Worship Committee, attention Phyllis Garfield, phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com. To check how your congregation is currently listed, go to www.DACUonline.org and click on "Worship Brochure".

Important Note from the Newsletter Editor!!!!
There will be a June DACU Newsletter. Please get me any information by the first week of June at the latest. The next newsletter will be a July/August Newsletter (necessitated by the early August wedding of the editor's daughter!!!). Please send me any news for July and August by the second week of July. We will be back on a monthly schedule for September. Thanks very much for understanding!
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