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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
Here's just a few of the events sponsored by our DACU congregations and associates. Turn the page to learn more!		
February 20	Children of Abraham	Discussion, "Love & Sex", 7:00 PM, University of Dubuque Hadley Aud.
February 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, St. Matthew Lutheran Church
March 7	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 9:30 AM
March 14	Temple Beth El	Visitor's Service 6:30 PM
March 25	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Ecumenical Towers, 7:00 PM
March 30	St. Elias Church	Lenten Vespers Service, 5:30 PM
April 22	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting, Sisters of the Presentation, 7 PM
May 27	DACU	DACU Delegates Meeting & Spring Worship, Multicultural Center, 7 PM



DACU Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, February 25
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
1780 White St.
7:00 P.M.

(Off street parking is available at both Immanuel Church and St. Matthew Lutheran Church lots. St. Matthew's lot is located across the alley.)

Program:
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
International Speakers' Bureau

You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and paper goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Upcoming DACU Delegates Meetings:

March 25, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Ecumenical Towers
250 E. 6th St.
"Housing in Dubuque"

April 22, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road
"Human Trafficking"

May 27, 2014 (7:00 PM)
Multicultural Family Center
1157 Central
Spring Worship Service

June & July 2014
No Delegates Meetings

August 26, 2014 (6:00 PM)**
Dubuque Arboretum
3800 Arboretum Drive
DACU Delegates & Family Potluck Picnic
CROP Walk Information

REMEMBER....Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DACU Board Report

As of January 31, one congregation has contributed to the work of DACU for 2014. Thanks to Sisters of St. Francis for their generous donation!

FY 2014 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 1/31/2014			
	January	2014 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2014
Income	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$6,450.00
Expenses	\$ 6,686.68**	\$ 6,686.68	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 1/31/2014: \$1,596.74			

**Includes January donations of \$2,000 each to our DACU projects, P.I.N.; the Rescue Mission; and the Dubuque Food Pantry. \$400 was also donated to St. John's Guesthouse. Thank YOU for making this possible!

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

Did you miss the Annual Meeting? Would you like a copy of the DACU Annual Report? Just contact Bob Krayner (bdkramer@aol.com)

The DACU Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

Treasurer Tom Stovall tells us that for 2013 P.I.N. received \$24,569.29 and made 118 assists. Unlike other groups, we don't keep a balance. We give away everything we receive! The need is continual! See the Annual Report for a complete accounting of our activity for the year.

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



Dubuque Rescue Mission.

The Mission is connected! We are on Twitter, Facebook (Dubuque-Rescue-Mission), and have a new website, <http://dbqrescue.org/>. Check us out!

The Thrift Store needs volunteers with some retail experience. If you can help, please call the Mission at 583-1394.

DACU Rescue Mission Representative
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Dubuque Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry with monetary donations and food collections. The beginning of February finds us collecting over 1,477 containers of soup and 96 packages of crackers. Thanks to the churches that supported "Souper Bowl" weekend. We are still counting!!

Does your church/congregation want to know what we could use? Each month I will be listing a few items that we could use so you can plan ahead and get the list in your church bulletin/announcements.

February -- "Souper Bowl" weekend, soups, crackers, ravioli, spaghetti o's, liquid hand soap

March -- Tuna, mac & cheese, apple sauce, toothpaste & deoderant

More planning ahead: The city wide "Scouting for Food" will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Tues. 9:00-11:30a.m.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community



DACU Annual Meeting Thanks!

Though the weather outside was frosty (no, I didn't make that up...) the spirit inside Immanuel UCC Church was warm on January 28 as about 50 delegates and friends of DACU met for our annual meeting and dinner. Some thanks are definitely in order:

- **Thank you** to DACU 2013 President Arnold Flater for your leadership last year!
- **Thank you** to DACU 2014 President Sister Lynn Wagner, PBVM, for accepting leadership for this coming year.
- **Welcome** to DACU President-Elect Sara McCaw, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Family Minister.
- **Thank you** to Rev. Pamela Starr (Immanuel UCC and St. Matthew Lutheran) for her thoughtful meditation before our business meeting.
- **Thank you** to Bob Kraye and Dorothy Kraye and members of Immanuel UCC for arranging and serving a delicious meal!
- Last but not least, **thank you** to Bob Kraye for producing the Annual Report and for all the administrative work that goes into keeping DACU together!



St. Elias Church

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Service will be celebrated **Sunday, March 30**, at 5:30 PM at St. Elias Church, 1075 Rockdale Road. This is Lenten Vespers sung in the Orthodox Tradition. Everyone is welcome to attend! There will be a potluck supper following the service. For more information contact Fr. Dustin Lyon, dustin.lyon@gmail.com, 563.583.5902

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church seeks nursery attendant, Sunday 9 am -12 pm. Background check and resume including references and relevant certifications required. Call 563-583-1729 if interested.

Temple Beth El

The **Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service** will be **Friday, March 14**. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Anne Persin at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. Everyone is warmly invited.

(If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we can bake enough cookies!)

(Contact Cindy Pearce, 563.583.1254 or

Phyllis Garfield, 563.599.4898)

Location: 475 West Locust St.

(With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)



Opening Doors

Upcoming Events at Opening Doors!

Annual Trivia Night is Friday, March 14, 7:00 PM in the Clarke University Dining Hall. Teams and individuals must register in advance (\$15 per participant).

The 9th Annual "Opening Doors Dash" 5K Run and Walk will be Saturday April 5, 8 to 10 AM at Clarke University.

For more information about these events and other ways to be involved with Opening Doors, visit our website: www.openingdoorsdbq.org



Sinsinawa Mound Center

Sinsinawa Mound has a great Winter/Spring calendar of events. Here is a sample; you can visit their website or call the Mound for more information:

- Yoga Retreat: Finding New Connectors to God
- Gourd Art: Whimsies
- Lenten Taize Prayer
- Lenten Retreat
- Women of the Bible Drama
- Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer's
- Living Last Supper
- Celebrate You
- Spring Concert
- Annual Mother's Day Event
- Wild Weaving Gourd Basketry
- Red Hats Off to Broadway

- Zentangle Workshop

For more information on cost and registration, call or visit the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website: www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter

Church Women United



World Day of Prayer USA

March 7: World Day of Prayer "Streams in the Desert"

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Dubuque on Friday, March 7, 2014 (snow date March 14). Hundreds of thousands of women, men, youth and children will collectively gather on the first Friday in March in 170 countries. The common day of prayer will be hosted at **St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3200 Asbury Road** with 9:30 a.m. gathering and coffee and 10:00 a.m. worship and program. Convenient off street parking and handicap entrance are available.

The World Day of Prayer Egypt Committee invites learning about Egypt's history and rich cultural diversity and searching out streams in the desert, finding living water in our world. The women of WDP Egypt call us to bridge those things that divide us. Light will be shed on justice issues –clean water, girls' education, interfaith and ecumenical dialogue, poverty, migration and refugees. Photos and Egyptian artifacts will be displayed. Jan Hess will share *Egypt Reflection*.

A freewill offering will support annual WDP USA grants to nonprofit organizations within the United States, and internationally, including to this year's writer-country Egypt. Sponsored by Dubuque Area Church Women United. Everyone is welcome!

...And Save These Dates!

May 2: May Friendship Day

"Through God Our Hands Can Serve"
Sisters of St. Francis, 3390 Windsor Ave.
9:00 a.m. Brunch (\$5); 10:00 a.m. Celebration
RSVP by April 29 -Gretta 563-556-6629

September 5: Human Rights Celebration

Arboretum & Botanical Gardens' Porch -
3800 Arboretum Dr.
"Through God Our Hands Can Protect"
9:30 a.m. Gather/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Celebration

November 7: World Community Day

"Through God Our Hands Can Heal"
Immanuel Congregational United Church of Christ
1795 Jackson Street
9:30 a.m Gather/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Celebration

Sue Hattel, CWU Leadership Team 556-1394



OPERATION: NEW VIEW COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

2014 COMMUNITY ACTION YEAR OF CELEBRATION AND SERVICE: *Helping People. Changing Lives.*

The year 2014 will be a special year for Operation: New View Community Action Agency and the Community Action movement. On February 8th our agency will celebrate its 40th Anniversary of service to the people of Dubuque, Delaware and Jackson counties. On August 20th the nation will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Community Action and Community Action Agencies with the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. During 2014 our agency will undertake a year-long celebration to take pride in our history, highlight our services, thank our partners and look to the future.

The year of celebration will consist of monthly themes and activities as follows:

January – Share with the community 40 Ways of Giving of time, talents and resources to assist those people living in poverty served by our agency through Community Action and to build a stronger community.

February & March – Promote the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to the community and the economic advantages of using this valuable free income tax preparation service. Promote the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC) and other tax credits to the community as an effective tool for fighting poverty and getting ahead.

April – Focus on Early Childhood Education and the important role that our Head Start Program plays in serving children and their families through quality learning as well as supporting services such as nutrition, medical, dental, mental health and parent involvement. Promote the role that the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) plays in strengthening quality Day Care in centers and homes.

May – Celebrate National Community Action Month with open house programs at agency facilities and events to inform the public about Community Action and the work and programs of our agency. Focus on radio talk shows, press releases, letters to the editor and local government proclamations.

June – Hold a Human Services Summit to strengthen partnerships and create an awareness of services and resources available in the community among the staff of human services agencies and other helping organizations.

July – Celebrate “Christmas in July” with an emphasis on the important role that Emergency Assistance plays in serving people in need and demonstrating the concept that need knows no season. Focus on the importance of Outreach initiatives in serving people. Hold a special drive to collect hygiene products. Promote our agency and services at county fairs.

August – Hold a 40/50 Celebration Banquet to look at our past and honor the important contributions of our board, volunteers, staff, supporters and community partners in Helping People and Changing Lives. Focus on individual success stories about the people we serve.

September – Focus on the critical importance of Financial Literacy to those we serve as a cornerstone to a better life through taking control of finances and learning valuable cost saving techniques. Conduct classes using the Four Cornerstones of Financial Literacy curriculum: budgeting to create savings; debt reduction and asset building; building a good credit rating; and consumer protection and financial institutions.

October – Create an awareness of the household energy burdens faced by low-income families and the role of our Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in meeting critical needs. Hold a public showing of the documentary film The American Winter and a fundraiser for our Keep Our Neighbors Warm Fund. Partner in holding Make A Difference Day and Weatherization Challenges in our communities. Conduct Coats For Kids Campaigns.

November – Conduct a Poverty Simulation to educate the public and target audiences about the plight of those living in poverty through an interactive and eye-opening learning experience of just what it is like to live in poverty on a daily basis.

December – Highlight our services provided to each of the 43 communities in our 3-county service area through our requests for Local Funding to support those services to their citizens in the year ahead. Partner with the Dubuque Telegraph Herald (TH) in the Santa’s Helper Program to highlight the needs of low-income children and families and raise the funds and in-kind donations to make a merrier Christmas possible for them.

Check our website, www.operationnewview.org, to find “40 Ways of Giving”

It's Your Money!
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Earn It, Keep It, Save It!

It's Tax Time Again!

Do you have EARNED INCOME from working in 2013? You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit—even if you do not owe any taxes. Even if you don't qualify you can file your tax return for FREE at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site!

Free Tax Preparation Sites: Individuals with low to moderate incomes are eligible to receive free and confidential tax preparation at any of these free filing tax sites:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (AARP)

1780 White Street
February 3 – April 15, Monday- Friday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
Walk-ins ONLY

NICC Peosta

8342 NICC Dr., Peosta, IA
March 11, 18, & 25 3:30-8:00 pm
Make an appointment by calling 563.556.5130 xt 14

Hills and Dales Lifetime Center (AARP)

3505 Stoneman Road
February 4 – April 15
Monday through Wednesday 9 AM to 3 PM
Thursdays 9 AM to 6 PM
Make an appointment by dialing 2-1-1 or calling 563.588.3980

Operation: New View, Dubuque

1473 Central Ave.
January 27 – April 10, Mondays and Thursdays,
5 PM to 9 PM Make an appointment by calling
563.556.5130, ext. 14

Operation: New View, Manchester

721 South 5th St. Suite B
February 5,12,19,26 & March 5, 5 pm – 9 p,
Make an appointment by calling 563.927.4629

Operation: New View, Maquoketa

904 East Quarry
February 4, 11, 18, 25 & March 4, 5 pm-9pm
Make an appointment by calling 563.652.5197

What to bring:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security Cards for you and each member of your family included on your return
- Birthdates for you and each member included on your return
- W-2s for all jobs in 2013
- any other tax related documents
- 1099 forms for other income, if any
- A copy of last year's tax returns (federal and state)
- All adults on your return must be present to sign forms
- a blank check or your bank account information for direct deposit

Questions??

Contact Amanda ahohmann@operationnewview.org or 563.556.5130, ext. 14. Coordinated by Operation New View Community Action Agency with the collaborative effort of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Outreach Task Force of Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson Counties.



Hope House

Watch *Inequality for All* February 24

In his recent apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis wrote, “Just as the commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say, ‘thou shalt not’ to an economy of exclusion and inequality.”

Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor during the Clinton administration, recently released a documentary film, *Inequality for All*, which provides the latest snapshot of that alarming trend: the wealth of our nation is concentrating into the hands of fewer people. What does this mean for the U.S. economy? What does this say about capitalism? Are there alternatives?

Hope House is hosting a viewing of the 90-minute film on Monday, February 24. You are welcome for dinner at 6:00p. We will watch *Inequality for All* after the meal and briefly discuss it.

Dubuque Community

Children of Abraham



The Children of Abraham is a series of conversations, in its third year, by folks representing the three different Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At each meeting, a topic is explored. First, briefly, the three religious speakers present an interpretation on that subject. Then the attendees break up into groups to talk about the subject and what they heard. Finally, the group comes back together to share observations. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge.

The dates are always Thursdays. We start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

Our topics and dates for Winter/Spring 2014 are:

- Jan 23 – Temple Beth El – Scripture Study 2
- Feb 20 – University of Dubuque at Hadley Auditorium – “Love and Sex”
- Mar 20 – St Elias Church – Scripture Study 3
- Apr 24 – Loras College – “Will of God, Will of People”

Any questions, just email Alan Garfield (agarfield@dbq.edu) or John Eby (john.eby@loras.edu)



Crescent Community Health Center Are You Ready?

Crescent Community Health Center is providing the Dubuque Community with education, enrollment and determining eligibility for the Health Insurance Marketplace for individuals to shop for health care insurance.

The Marketplace is a new way to find health care coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. With one application, you can see all your options and enroll.

Every health insurance plan in the new Marketplace will offer “essential health benefits”, including doctor visits, preventative and wellness services, hospitalization, prescriptions, mental health and substance abuse disorders, laboratory, ambulatory services, emergency services, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, pediatric services, maternity and newborn care.

Open enrollment will end on March 31, 2014. You can find out more information about enrollment and eligibility through a Certified Application Counselor at Crescent Community Health Center. Please call (563) 552-8080 or (563) 690-2856 to schedule an appointment today.

Website: www.crescentchc.org.



City of Dubuque

City of Life Program Seeking Applicants!

Would you like to know more about our city government? Learn how you can contribute? Share your own experience has a Dubuque resident? City of Life may be for you! This is a series of 10 weekly sessions, March 6-May 8, 6-9 PM. You can find more information, including applications, at www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife or by contacting Niklola Pavelic at the City of Dubuque Human Rights Department, 563-589-4182 npavelic@cityofdubuque.org. Hurry! The deadline to apply is February 14!



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Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

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