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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!		
July 5	St. Mark Community Center	Benefit Concert for Dubuque Rescue Mission, St. Mark Community Center, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
August 1	Tri-State Islamic Center	First Day of Ramadan
August 23	DACU	Delegates Picnic, details TBA
June/July/August Wednesdays	Sinsinawa Mound	Weekly Summer Organ Concert, 7:00 PM (continue every Wednesday Through the summer).
September 1	CROP Walk	Crop Recruiter's Rally, 6:00 PM Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
September 11-21	Ongoing Events for the International Day of Peace (contact Fr. Gene Kutsch at dbgkutsch@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)	
September 13	Ministerium	Ministerium Meeting at Word of Life Church, Hwy 20
September 27	DACU	Delegates Meeting, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM
September 28	Temple Beth El	Rosh Hashanah (sundown)
October 2	DACU	2011 CROP Walk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
October 11	Ministerium	Ministerium Meeting at Lutheran Church, Farley
October 25	DACU	Delegates Meeting, details TBA
November 23	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, location TBA



Next DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, August 23, 2011

LOCATION: TBA....watch for the August Newsletter!

TIME: 6:30 PM

PROGRAM: Annual Delegates' Picnic

**Still in the planning stage, but please save the date!
We guarantee a good time of fellowship.**

REMINDER: Don't forget to bring a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry!

(DACU is on a summer schedule right now, plans for the fall are still in process. More news in the August DACU Newsletter!)



June and July: No Delegates' Meetings

Tuesday, August 23: Delegates' Picnic!
Details TBA....

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2011 DACU President

DACU Board Report

The DACU Board will not meet in June or July. Sincere thanks to the following congregations contributed to DACU for the month of May:

Operation: New View CAA
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
St. Matthew Lutheran Church

To date, a total of 13 Congregations have contributed to the work of DACU during 2011.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 05/31/2011			
	May	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$330.62	\$3,036.04	\$6,450.00
Expense	\$ 0	\$ 641.78	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance 5/31/2011	\$ 4,118.33		

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.)

This is a beautiful time of year in Dubuque. The warm weather brings promise of long, sunny days, fresh veggies, and time by the Mississippi River. For People In Need, summer is the doldrums. At this point, our funds are at the lowest and we find it heartbreaking not to be able to help those whose gas is being turned off, whose water is being shut off, whose electricity is being terminated and whose rent is so far in arrears that they are being evicted. This is the function of PIN - to help the neediest at the time that they need it the most.

Our funds are at a record low. For that reason, most of you have received an urgent appeal in the mail from PIN. We know you already help and we know just how generous you are, but simply put, we need funds and we need them fast. Please, when you receive the request, think of Dubuque's neediest.

And, if by chance, we missed you on our mailing list, please pop a check in the mail to PIN and send it to 2155 University Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001. Thank you.

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

YOUR volunteer hours and donations are always important and valued! If you have leftovers from an event like a church dinner, etc., you can always call ahead and drop them off at the Rescue Mission Kitchen. They will be dated, refrigerated, and used as soon as possible.

(Rick Mihm, Director)



Dubuque Food Pantry

Once again we thank all those who contribute to the Pantry; be that a monetary donation or food items. With summer approaching, we once again encourage anyone with a garden to share their abundant produce with the Pantry. Please drop off donations Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 9:30-3:30p.m. and Tuesday 8:00-noon.

If you wish to know more about the Food Pantry please feel free to call and ask questions or I would be happy to come and speak to your church group. We also have brochures that we can send out that gives information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager



It's Finished! Our 2011 DACU Worship Brochure is complete and copies are being delivered to local hotels, hospitals, and the Welcome Center. The brochure lists current worship times and contact information for all DACU member congregations and non-member congregations who have requested to be included. If you would like a pdf copy by email, please contact the DACU Worship Committee, Phyllis Garfield, phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com

DACU Community

DACU is pleased to welcome one new member congregation and one new associate member into our organization!

The Tri-State Islamic Center (www.thetic.org)

Opening Doors/Maria House and Teresa Shelter
www.openingdoorsdbq.org

Membership in DACU, Dubuque Area Congregations United, is open to all non-profit organizations who support our mission statement. If you know of other congregations or organizations who are interested in joining us, please contact DACU President Rev. Tom Young.

CROP Walk 2011

Crop Walk 2011 – The Recruiter's Rally will be Thursday, September 1st, 6:00PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi.

Theme for 2011 Walk - "Enough for All"

Mother Theresa once observed: "on earth God has no hands but our hands with which to do the work of healing. Therefore, it is good for us to band together to complete a challenging task. After all, it takes many hands to do the work of God."

The 2011 Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 2, 2011, 1:00 PM - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi.

What to bring: Yourself, Good pledges, (jars) of peanut butter

2010 Walk - 250 Walkers (20 dogs) Pledges \$15,535.32

Committee members: Sr. Anita Therese Hayes; Bob and Dorothy Krayer; Sara McCaw, Virginia Jahnke; Tammy Alba (new member - member of First Presbyterian)

Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, Chair.



Dubuque Ministerium

Ministerium - New leaders: Rev. Diane Christopher and Father Mark Ressler

September 13 - Meeting at Word of Life Church - Highway 20
October 11 - Lutheran Church in Farley

Retiring from the Ministry

Rev. Merlin Schlichting (St. Peter Lutheran)
Rev. Diane Christopher (St. Luke's Methodist)
Mary Ann Fabricius (Nativity Catholic)

Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU Representative

Opening Doors/Maria House and Teresa Shelter

"Doorways to Hope" Campaign Reaches Halfway Mark

DUBUQUE (July 5, 2011) – Opening Doors/Maria House and Teresa Shelter is proud to announce the halfway mark in the "Doorways to Hope" Decade of Service campaign.

A public campaign kickoff celebration will take place on **Thursday, July 21 from 4:30 to 6** at the Teresa Shelter located at 1111 Bluff Street. The program, beginning at 5 PM, will be emceed by honorary chair Lori Thielen. Speakers include a formerly homeless person, and a volunteer/donor who will share her personal story of why she shares her time, talent and treasure with our organization. The event features Dilly Bars and Buster Bars donated by Dairy Queen/Kwik Stop, along with tours of the Teresa Shelter.

"We are so pleased with the tremendous support from our community," said Michelle Brown, Executive Director. "The generous gifts given to Opening Doors permit us to continue our work to bring an end to the cycle of poverty and homelessness in Dubuque. These gifts directly touch the lives of the homeless women and children that we serve at the Maria House and Teresa Shelter."

ABOUT THE "DOORWAYS TO HOPE" CAMPAIGN

Opening Doors was established in 2000 to offer hospitality and opportunity to women, alone or with children, who need emergency or transitional housing, and support services. This campaign marks Opening Doors first decade of service and all funds received will enhance its ability to continue to be of service to the community for many years to come. Opening Doors opens Doorways to Hope for stability among the city's homeless women and children. Stable families create stable neighborhoods, which lead to thriving communities. Opening Doors is a crucial organization in Dubuque – it is the only shelter organization that exclusively serves women with children.

For more information, contact Michelle Brown, Executive Director or Ann Lorenz, Director of Development and Marketing, at 563-582-7480.

Operation: New View

DACU REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED TO SERVE ON ECUMENICAL HOUSING BOARD

DACU currently has a vacancy for someone who will volunteer to represent us on the Ecumenical Housing Board. The board provides oversight for the operation of four housing facilities which includes Ecumenical Towers and Kennedy Manor in Dubuque as well as two other sites in Waterloo. The board meets quarterly over the noon hour for about two hours. The bylaws of the organization call for DACU to have two representatives on the board. Tom Stovall currently serves in one of the positions. It is very important that DACU fulfill its responsibility to Ecumenical Housing by filling the second position. If you would be interested in serving, or have questions about the position, please contact Tom Stovall at 557-9227 (home) or at 556-5130 ext. 32 (work). Please consider serving in this area of DACU's mission to the community.

Shalom Retreat Center

2011 LONGER RETREATS - Refresh your spirit and nourish your faith by planning now to attend one of the following retreats. To register, send nonrefundable deposit to SRC. This secures your reservation and is credited to the overall offering for the retreat.

- The Uniqueness of John's Gospel. June 27 - July 3. Presented by Fr. William Burton OFM, Biblicist
- 7-Day Directed Retreat. July 7 - 13. Presented by Fr. Scott Bullock, Liz Cummins OSF, Dorothy Schwendinger OSF and Rev. Ginger Anderson-Larson. For details, fees, etc., call Shalom at 563-582-3592.

Yoga Classes for all Skill Levels - including Beginners Deb May, Certified Yoga Instructor. Call 563/582-3592 for class times

Reserve Our Facility

Groups: Shalom's facilities (including food service) are available for meetings, staff/board retreats, spiritual gatherings, and more - for a few hours, a day, an overnight or longer. Groups of 10 to 120 people can be accommodated. Rates are reasonable.

Individuals: Shalom offers private retreats for individuals. They may choose spiritual direction as part of their retreat, or they may prefer to spend their time in solitude. The length of the retreat is flexible.

A sacred space, calling people to God and to fullness of life.

1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

E-mail: info@shalomretreats.org

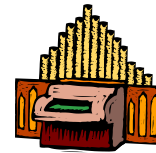
Web: www.shalomretreats.org

To register, call Shalom at 563/582-3592.

Foods Resource Bank "Growing Hope" Projects

Growing Hope is the local Foods Resource Bank growing project, a group of area congregations working together to create lasting solutions to world hunger. Dispersed through respected Christian humanitarian organizations, the money we raise helps small farmers around the world become able to feed their families and build a future. Since 2005 our efforts have yielded more than \$100,000 through growing crops and fund raisers. Contact Dan Zauche at 590-8290 for more information about how your church can participate.

Sinsinawa Mound



2011 Summer Organ Concert Series Celebrating 20 Years!

Join us in celebrating as we host organists from Germany, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Iowa and Illinois to play the great Casavant Opus 2847.

Concerts are held in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Contact:

Sr. Marie Juan Maney, OP

608-748-4411, ext. 807

www.sinsinawa.org

585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824

Dubuque Community

2011 International Day of Peace

Father Gene Kutsch reports that several events are being planned locally to observe the International Day of Peace from September 11-21. These include:

- "Unveiled", a one-woman play by Rohina Malik that gives voice to five Muslim women, at Loras College Alumni Center Sept. 21, 7:00 PM
- Peace March Sunday, September 18, 2:00 PM beginning at the Cathedral parking lot; contact Linda Frommelt (dbq111re@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us or 563.583.2120) to participate.
- "Taking Faith Home" peace prayers for each day, available to congregations.
- Other events still being planned!
- For more information contact Fr. Kutsch at dbqkutsch@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

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