



Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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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!		
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 New Hope Lutheran Church, Farley
October 22	Operation New View	Make A Difference Day
October 25	DACU	Delegates Meeting, Temple Beth El
November 4	Church Women United	World Community Day, Immanuel UCC 1795 Jackson 9:30 AM Gathering, 10:00 AM Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action
November 8	Ministerium	Word of Life Church (4450 Dodge St.)
November 23	DACU	Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, location TBA
December 13	Ministerium	St. Luke United Methodist (1199 Main St.)



Next DACU Delegates Meeting

DATE: **Tuesday, September 27, 2011**

LOCATION: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1755 Delhi
Dubuque

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: CROP Walk Presentation: Rev. Russ Melby
of Iowa Church World Service

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



DACU Delegate Meetings for Fall 2011

September 27, 2011, 7:00 PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

October 25, 2011, 7:00 PM
Temple Beth El, 475 West Locust
Program: Opening Doors

November 23, 2011, 7:00 PM
Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
(Location TBA)

Rev. Dr. Thomas Young
2011 DACU President

DACU Board Report

Sadly, no congregation made a donation during the month of August. Even so, the DACU Board approved payments of \$3,400 to our DACU projects during the month of August as the need in our community is very great. We won't be able to do this again until more of our Congregations and Associates pay their voluntary dues contributions to DACU.

To date, a total of 14 Congregations and Associates have contributed to the work of DACU during 2011.

FY 2011 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 08/31/2011			
	August	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2011
Income	\$0.00	\$3,136.04	\$6,450.00
Expense	\$3,400	\$4,041.78	\$6,450.00
Ending Balance as of 8/31/2011: \$ 818.33			

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

President-Elect Nominations: The DACU Committee on Nominations is encouraging member congregations or institutions to submit names for consideration as candidates to take the office of President-Elect in January 2012. Nominations should be emailed to Bob Kraymer - bdkramer@aol.com or telephone to 582-5117.

DACU Projects

People In Need (P.I.N.)

PIN continues to collect monies from very generous Dubuquers and distribute all of it to the most needy amongst our Dubuque family. Just this last month, PIN was given \$1800 in donations.

PIN gave out \$2200 worth of assistance to pay for water, electric, gas or rent to 8 persons. This almost depletes the reserves in PIN, but this is what we are here for after all. Thank you to all the Dubuque people who are willing to help other Dubuque people. Funny thing about PIN – you never see the people you are helping. It is, truly, a matter of faith.

Alan Garfield, P.I.N. President

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

Dubuque Rescue Mission

No report this month...you can contact the Rescue Mission at 583-1394.

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



Dubuque Food Pantry

Once again we thank all those who contribute to the Pantry; be that a monetary donation or food items. A big thank you to all who have donated garden produce to the Pantry. Our clients enjoy getting fresh produce. Please drop off donations Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 9:30-3:30p.m. and Tuesday 8:00-11:30a.m.

We continue to see more and more people at our door. If your church or organization is looking for a project we are in need of the following food items: jelly, peanut butter, tuna, juices, any kind of soup, rice, pasta, cereal, cake or brownie mixes, and canned meats. We are in need of most anything!

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 give information about the Pantry.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support.

Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

DACU Community

CROP Walk October 2, 2011

Theme for Crop Walk 2011 - "Enough for All"

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

To date, Corporate Sponsors for the Walk include: Julien's Journal; HyVee Foods; Swiss Valley; Panera Bread; Cumulus Broadcasting, Dubuque Bank & Trust.

The September 27 DACU Delegates' Meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will include a presentation on the Crop Walk from Rev. Russ Melby of Church World Service and the local Crop Walk committee. 25% of all monies raised in the Crop Walk will stay in Dubuque, split between PIN, the Rescue Mission, and the Food Pantry.

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 (St. John's Episcopal Church) and Father Mark Ressler (St. Joseph the Worker). Ministerium meets the second Tuesday of each month from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM:

October 11 – New Hope Lutheran Church (Farley)
November 8 – Word of Life Church - Highway 20
December 13 – St. Luke United Methodist Church
January 10 – First Congregational UCC
February 14 – Dubuque Rescue Mission
March 13 – St. John's Episcopal Church
April 10 – Westminster Presbyterian Church
May 8 – Mt. St. Francis

For more information contact Diane Christopher at revdianne@hotmail.com or Mark Ressler at dbq062@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

*Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice, DACU
Representative*

Operation: New View

DACU REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED TO SERVE ON ECUMENICAL HOUSING BOARD

DACU still 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.

**DUBUQUE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
DAY**

OCTOBER 22, 2011

THE DUBUQUE MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2011 "A NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

On Saturday, October 22nd, volunteer teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to perform energy saving measures and other needed chores on the homes of their elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. Previously known as the "Dubuque Weatherization Challenge" for the past four years, the project is expanding this year to add other services to the weatherization measures, and changing the name to "Make A Difference Day." The goal of this fifth annual event is to provide over 100 homes with helping and caring services.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is again one of the official sponsors of this event and is encouraging all congregations to join in this important community outreach effort. Several congregations have participated over the past years. We hope to have even more congregations participate this year to show the

power and caring spirit of our local religious community in doing good for others.

Congregations can participate in this much-needed project in three important ways:

(1) Recruit one or more volunteer teams to participate in the project on October 22nd. Each team consists of 6 volunteers and will be asked to assist 2 homes that day. The work does not require a lot of skill and all materials will be provided to complete the job. We hope to have teams signed up by October 8th.

(2) Assist in identifying and referring households that could really use the volunteer services being provided. Again, the target homes are those of elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The planning committee will follow up with all homeowners referred by congregations.

(3) Donate funds to assist with purchasing all of the various supplies that will be required to serve 100 homes. This includes weatherization supplies and various other items. It will cost about \$50 per home for supplies.

Complete details on the Dubuque Make A Difference Day 2011, including Team Signup Forms and Homeowner Referral Forms, can be found on our special event website at:

www.thonline.com/difference



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 to 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.

FRANCISCAN PEACEMAKING

Mondays, Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3; 7:00 – 8:30pm

Presenters: Pat R. Farrell OSF & Margaret Jungers OSF

A 3-session series on understanding nonviolence and peacemaking in the Franciscan tradition.

Session 1, Sept. 19 – Kissing the Leper: Journey Toward Solidarity

Session 2, Sept. 26 – Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio: Restoring Relationships

Session 3, Oct. 3 – Francis and the Sultan: Relating to the Enemy

Offering: \$10/session; \$25 for all 3 sessions.

Registration required by noon the day prior to each session.

SHALOM FALL BREAKFAST: Harvesting the Fruits of Our Lives

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7:00 – 8:00am; Mass at 8:15am

Presenter: Rita Cameron PBVM

Enjoy a delicious breakfast and inspiring reflection.

Offering: \$8. Register by Sept. 16.

AN ITALIAN FEAST FOR BODY & SOUL, and the Gospel According to St. Francis

Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Presenter: Marci Blum OSF, Director of Shalom

Come, feast on a wonderful dinner of traditional Italian cuisine and enjoy the stories about Francis of Assisi.

Offering: \$22. Register by Sept. 19.

TAIZE PRAYER: Francis and All Creation

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 – 8:30pm

Registration not required. Free will offering.

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE UNIVERSE RETREAT

Monday, Oct. 3, 5:30pm – Sunday, Oct. 9, 9:30am

Director: Melannie Svoboda SND

Using music, film, poetry and the great outdoors, participants will be led in ways to see the universe as a "sacrament" and as "the original scriptures."

Offering: \$360. Register by Sept. 26.

CENTERING PRAYER

Monday, Oct. 17, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Registration not required. Free will offering.

Why Would a Catholic Want to Work for Immigration Reform?

Monday, Oct. 10, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Presenter: Joy Peterson, PBVM

Aware that individual state legislatures have been passing laws directed at restricting undocumented immigration, the U.S. Catholic bishops have been a strong voice in support of comprehensive national immigration reform. This presentation will outline the elements that the bishops believe are necessary to reform U.S. immigration policy in a comprehensive and just manner. Sr. Joy will also make application to our faith communities in the tri-state area.

Offering: \$10. Register by Oct. 7.

THE DRIFTLESS LAND

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Presenter: Kevin Koch, PhD, Professor of English, Loras College

Isn't Iowa supposed to be flat? Not in this corner of the state that the glaciers bypassed. Local author Kevin Koch reads from his new book *The Driftless Land: Spirit of Place in the Upper Mississippi Valley*. Photography of the hills, valleys, bluffs, and other nature scenery accompanies the written word as Kevin explores a sense of place and spirit in the area landscape. Plan to join us

for a delightful, reflective and informative look at our particular spot on this earth.

Offering: \$10. Register by Oct. 19.

READING THAT MATTERS – A Series of Book Discussions

Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF

Come and share your insights over a cup of (decaf!) coffee or another beverage. Books are available at River Lights 2/e.

- *What is the What* by Dave Eggers

Monday, Oct. 24, 7:00-8:30pm

- *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

Monday, Nov. 28, 7:00-8:30pm

Offering: \$6. Register by the Friday before each discussion.

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.



Center Grove United Methodist Church

Annual Pork Chop Dinner! Center Grove United Methodist Church, 3140 Brunskill Rd, Oct. 1, 4-7:30pm.

Cost: Adults \$8 and children 6-12 yrs \$4. The delicious **menu** is: Grilled Iowa Pork Chop, potatoes, corn, applesauce, coleslaw, roll, dessert, & beverage. Contact for **tickets:** Donna 563-582-8504 or Jane 563-879-3221

Dubuque Community

Hospice of Dubuque

Hospice of Dubuque will soon be sponsoring two six week bereavement support groups. They will be open to anyone in the Tri-State area who has experienced the loss of a loved one through death within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The first group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM beginning September 20 and ending October 25. The other group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 AM to Noon, beginning September 21 and ending October 26. The groups will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theissen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. The sessions will be both education and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group size is limited so pre-registration is required. Please

contact the hospice office at 563.582.1220 for a registration form. There is no fee for the group; however a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

“Getting Ahead” Bridges Initiative:

An Opportunity to Help!

We have goulash and dessert being provided for our Sept 27th meal for Getting Ahead. Would anyone like to donate:

Salad (green leafy and dressing) for 120 people

Bread/rolls for 120 people to help supplement the meal

In addition, we are looking for food donors for both locations on Tuesday nights from October to mid Dec. If you/your department/social group/church group, etc.... would like to provide a meal for 30 or a meal/part of a meal for 120, please send me an e-mail for give me a call. Thank you

If cooking a meal is not your thing, but you want to donate a gift card/check to be used toward purchasing a meal or ingredients, that is wonderful also :)

Carroll E. Clark

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DREAM Sabbath

The Inter-faith Immigration Coalition (IIC) is inviting participation in a DREAM Sabbath from September 16 through October 9 in support of DREAM Act eligible students and youth. The bill, “Development, Relief & Education for Alien Minors (DREAM),” gives undocumented students a chance to earn legal status if they came here as children, are long-term U.S. residents, have good moral character, and complete two years of college or military service in good standing. It is the hope of the IIC that congregations across the country will plan events and/or connect their prayers and homilies in support of the DREAM Act. A toolkit which provides multiple resources for the celebration can be found at: <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>

**For more information contact Fr. Gene Kutsch,
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