



A HOLY AND HISTORIC DAY FOR BREAD OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Installation of Rev. Stephanie Ells and Rev. Kaity Kemp

On Sunday, February 8, John Knox Presbytery gathered with us to install Rev. Stephanie Ells as Lead Pastor, and Rev. Kaity Kemp as Associate Pastor of Bread of Life Presbyterian Church. As the Statement of Purpose in the Order of Worship declared, this was indeed “a holy and historic moment” – as these women now serve as the very first pastors of this newly formed congregation, born of two churches who stepped forward in courageous collaboration.

The sanctuary was filled with members, friends, colleagues, and presbytery and ecumenical representatives – the Body of Christ gathered to witness and bless. The photographs from the day capture the beauty of it: the sanctuary full, hands extended in prayer, green stoles bright against white robes, laughter and joy shared between pastors and congregation alike.



Pastor Kaity, left, and Pastor Stephanie

A Service of the Whole Church

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), installation is more than a celebration. According to our Book of Order, it is a constitutional act of the church – a covenant among pastor, congregation, and presbytery. The call extended by a congregation, accepted by the pastor, and approved by the presbytery is publicly affirmed in worship. As the liturgy proclaimed, “God calls us into the church of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit... The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called” That shared ministry was on full display as vows were spoken – pastors promising to serve with “energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,” and the congregation promising to encourage, respect, and follow as together we seek to honor Christ, who alone is Head of the Church

A Charge to the Congregation

The Rev. Nancy Enderle offered a thoughtful *Charge to the Congregation*, grounding Bread of Life’s future

in what she described as a “three-legged stool” – an image drawn from Richard Rohr. For a community of faith to be balanced and strong, she reminded us, we must stand firmly on three supports: tradition, Scripture, and lived experience of the Triune God.

First, she called us to **remain grounded in our Reformed tradition** – cherishing shared leadership, remembering that ministry is not something pastors do for a congregation, but something pastors and people share together. Ours is a tradition “reformed and always reforming,” one that evolves

faithfully in a changing world. We are connectional, belonging to a wider church, and we are called to learn from the wisdom of those who have gone before us.

Second, she urged us to **anchor ourselves in Holy Scripture** – not passively, but actively. Scripture is not meant to be outsourced to pastors alone. We are each invited to read, wrestle, listen, and allow the living Word to shape our hearts and our life together. “Read at your own risk,” she noted, because the Spirit may indeed change us!

And third, she reminded us **not to neglect personal experience of God** – prayer, silence, and attentiveness to the Spirit’s movement among us. A church grounded only in intellect can become lopsided. We are called to nurture our spiritual depth and to ensure that our pastors have space to tend their own souls as well. From that place of renewal, we can love boldly and serve faithfully

It was a wise and steady charge – not just for our pastors, but for all of us. Bread of Life’s future depends on the faithfulness of the whole body.

“These People? This Place?”

The Rev. Krista Denne’s sermon, “*These People? This Place?*” (1 Corinthians 12:12–31), named the deep truth of this new season: that unity and diversity are not

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opposites in the Body of Christ – they are gifts. Drawing on Paul’s image of the church as one body with many members, she celebrated unity that does not erase difference – but depends on it; and spoke of how she saw this demonstrated through the unification of the two congregations who chose to believe they were better together than apart.

She spoke tenderly of the ways Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Kaity greet children by name each week – a small but powerful sign of shepherding love. She reminded us that this new community has been “birthed from a place of finding abundance in community with one another”. In a divided world, Bread of Life stands as a witness that we belong to one another in Christ.

Symbols of Our Shared Story

One especially meaningful moment in the service was the presentation of custom stoles, lovingly gifted by the Elders of Bread of Life (see picture). Designed with the Bread of Life logo, the stoles visually proclaim this congregations unique identity:

Wheat stalks symbolize new life in Christ – a reminder that Jesus is the Bread of Life who nourishes and sustains us. Wheat must be gathered and transformed to become bread, just as God gathers us and forms us into one body for the sake of the world.

At the center is a **heart**, representing the covenantal love that binds us – the courageous love that allowed two congregations to trust the Spirit and step into something new together.

Two colors woven into the design honor the joining of two congregations into one unified body. Distinct histories are not erased; they are integrated. Many stories. One body.

These stoles are not simply beautiful garments worn in worship. They are signs of trust, partnership, and shared ministry – reminders that leadership in Christ’s church is never solitary. It is collaborative. It is communal. It is rooted in Christ.

A Table of Celebration

Worship was filled with music that called us to unity – *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*, *Christ, Be Our Light*, and “For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)”, even a familiar tune with original lyrics written by Music Director Kristen Eby – embodying the wide welcome that defines Bread of Life.

After the benediction, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for celebration, complete with a beautiful charcuterie spread – one of Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Kaity’s favorite things. The vibrant table – abundant, colorful, carefully prepared – felt like a living metaphor for our name: Bread of Life. Many ingredients. One table; Many gifts. One body.

First Pastors of a New Worshipping Community

The profound reality of February 8 is this: Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Kaity are the *first pastors* of Bread of Life Presbyterian Church.

There is no template for this moment. This congregation is a new creation – grounded in something deeply countercultural: a hopeful, rooted, welcoming community where people are nourished and known in the name of Jesus Christ...and we celebrate that God is still at work – *in this place, with these people*.

A Word of Thanks: *From Pastor Stephanie & Pastor Kaity to all the members and friends of Bread of Life: thank you.*

Thank you for your courage in becoming something new. Thank you for your trust in us as your pastors. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, your humor, and your willingness to roll up your sleeves for the sake of the Gospel.

We are profoundly aware that we are not building something alone. We are grateful for where we’ve been, amazed by what God is doing now, and hopeful for what lies ahead.

Thanks be to God, indeed!

Seeking: Theme for Our Lenten Journey

Lent is a season the church has long understood as a holy journey—a time to slow down, look with fresh eyes at our lives and the world around us, and listen more closely for the longing in our souls. This year, our Lenten journey is shaped by a simple yet profound spiritual practice: seeking.

To support your Lenten practice, we are offering several devotional resources. They are available at the Information Table.

Weekly Devotional Booklet

Also available as a flip book online. **Scan the code below.** (<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/928029194>)

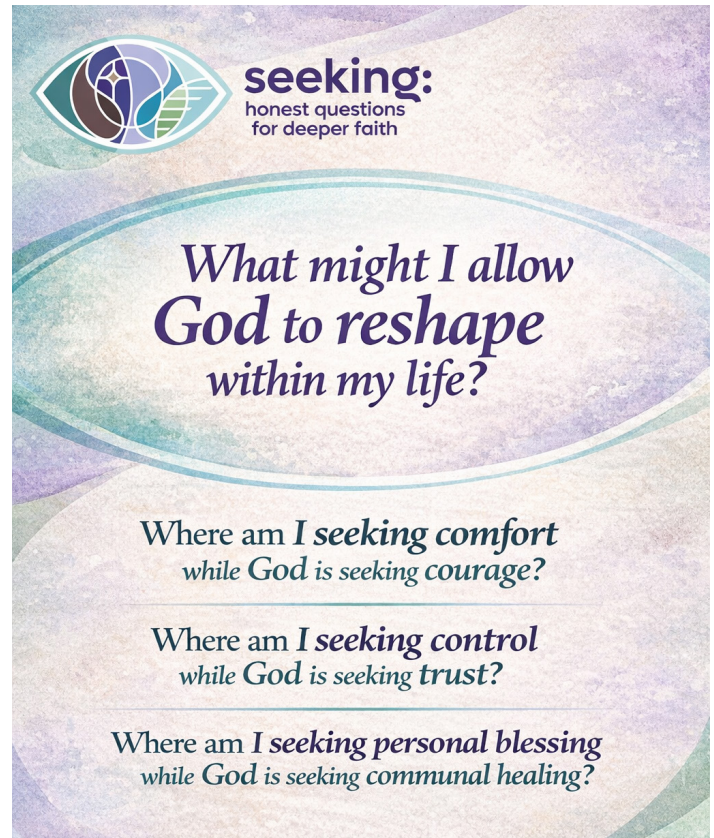
Daily Devotional Cards: A collection of 52 daily cards for Ash Wednesday through the first days of Easter.

Additionally, watch for weekly bookmarks in your Sunday morning bulletin featuring poetic prayers.

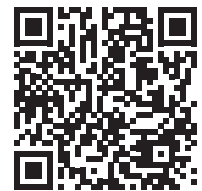
Daily Engagement & Music for the Journey

Lent is meant to be lived not only on Sundays, but woven into the rhythms of daily life. Throughout the season, we will share daily reflections and prompts on Facebook and Instagram, offering questions, prayers, and encouragement to support your Lenten practice wherever you are. If you don't already follow Bread of Life on social media, we invite you to do so and journey with us day by day. Just search for **Bread of Life Dubuque** on Facebook or Instagram. Be sure to "like" or "follow" our pages.

You are also invited to deepen your prayer through music. **On Spotify, you'll find a free seasonal playlist, "Seeking: Songs for Lent (Year A),"** curated to accompany this Lenten journey. **Just scan the QR code** at right to access the free playlist.



Devotional
Booklet



Spotify
Playlist

Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule

Feb 22, 2026+ Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11
Seeking: Who will you listen to?

Mar 1, 2026+ "Genesis 12:1-4a John 3:1-17 " Seeking:
How do we begin again?

Mar 8, 2026+ John 4:5-42 "Seeking: Will you give me a
drink?

Mar 22, 2026+ "Ezekiel 37:1-14 " Seeking: Can these
bones live? Pr. Kaity preach

Palm Sunday Mar 29, 2026+ Matthew 21:1-11 Seeking:
Where are you headed? Joined by UD Choir, One
Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Maundy Thurs. April 2, 2026 7:00pm "Matthew 27:27-
50 John 13:1-17, 31b-35" Seeking: Will you wash my feet?
(& Why have you forsaken me?)

Fri. April 3, 2026 12pm-3pm @St Luke's UMC 115th
ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Join for all or any of this poignant and reflective
service moves through the seven last words of Christ,
reminding us of the sacrifice of love we have in Jesus
Christ. The service is designed for folks to come and go
anytime during the three hours.

EASTER Apr 5, 2026+ John 20:1-18 Seeking: Who are
you looking for? Easter Breakfast before church!

Reflections on Worship from the Worship Team

Have you ever thought carefully about what we're doing at Sunday worship? We sing songs, listen to a sermon, recite confessions and creeds, and say some prayers. But why? The Bread of Life worship team wants to lead our community in exploring the whats, whys, hows of worship. The team's mission is to enable our church community to glorify God together and "ensure each opportunity for worship provides a meaningful, reformed opportunity for people to develop and strengthen their relationship with God and to live more faithfully as Christian disciples"

To carry out this purpose, the team works closely with the pastors, supervises liturgists, communion servers, and others involved in worship leadership. We make plans for special services, make recommendations to the Session about how Bread of Life can make its worship space more conducive to meaningful worship. We are exploring possible improvements to the sound system in the sanctuary, so that everyone present can enter fully into worship. These are just some of the ways we are working to enhance our communities worship experience.

But just what is worship? How does our Sunday worship develop and strengthen our relationship with God and help us live as Christ's disciples? Whether we have been in

the church all our lives or are just beginning our walk with Christ, or somewhere in between, these are questions we should all wrestle with, reminding ourselves once again why worship is important.

According to the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*, "Worship is at the very heart of the church's life. All that the church is and does is rooted in its worship." In short, worship is pretty important!! We can all benefit from reflecting on what we do and say in worship and what it means.

In the coming months, the Worship Team will be providing short reflections in the newsletter on the nature or worship, various aspects of worship, and the significance of each part of our service. We will reflect on the purpose of worship, the overall flow of our service, the place of music in worship, the role of liturgy, and the meaning of each part of the service. It is our hope that taking time to think consciously about worship will enhance and help us appreciate our times of corporate worship.

If you have specific questions you'd like us to explore, please let us know at rebertz@gmail.com.

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Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – including disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees – serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Easter, April 5), every gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. To donate, you can pick up an envelope at church, or just make a note on your check.

Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, an Offering that responds directly to the call to do justice in Micah 6:8. If we each give a little, it adds up to a lot!

Faith Formation Opportunities

For each opportunity all you need is yourself. No prior knowledge or experience is required.

Sundays 9:00am

PK – 2nd Grade Bible Steps

3rd – 6th Grade Bible Trails

7th – 12th Grade, Confirmation

Adult Class – Sunday February 22 through March 22 led by Pastor Daniel Emmert. Join the adult group for a special series of Lenten presentations featuring a book and video by Pastor Adam Hamilton entitled **“24 Hours That Changed the World.”** Hamilton will take us to the Holy Land to visit traditional sites and guide us through the last days of Jesus’ life. Discussion will follow the video. We plan to have books available on or before the first session. All are welcome!

Youth Group

Sundays 11:30am-1pm

Fun, Games, Fellowship. Lunch provided.

2nd & 4th Wednesday 8:00am

In the Fellowship Hall

Men’s Group – Bible study, coffee, treats and fellowship

Thursday 11:00am – Beginning March 5

In the Conference Room

Bible Study – Philippians

What does it mean to live a Christian lifestyle?

Marsha Wilfong will lead a Bible Study on Paul’s letter to the Philippians. We will explore the significance of Paul’s letter for the Philippians’ church, as well as its implications for us today. The study will take place on Thursdays, March 5– April 16 at 11:00am.

Welcome to the Team Sam!

The Session and Personnel Team are thrilled to announce an Interim Communications Assistant has been hired! **Sam Fenstermacher** comes to this part-time position after several years of retirement, during which time he volunteered for several nonprofits in the Dubuque area. He enjoys doing good work for the benefit of all members of the community; and will begin his employment on Monday, March 9th, 2026.



Sam grew up in Northwestern Pennsylvania and attended the University of Texas at Arlington, where he graduated with a degree in Computer Information Systems. His career included work in business, finance, and computer information systems, as well as several years working with disabled children and adults. Sam’s a jack of all trades, and to this day, he still enjoys a fresh challenge.

Sam is a long-time photography enthusiast, having learned the basics from his grandmother many years ago. He’s a volunteer photographer at the Dubuque Arboretum, creating photos and videos for their social media accounts. Road trips pair well with photography, and they are his second favorite pastime.

Sam looks forward to the opportunity this position brings to do good work for the faith community and to help this new church grow and flourish.

As the Interim Communications Assistant, he will help this church tell its story, stay organized, and extend hospitality – both in person and online. The Communications Assistant provides warm, professional, and efficient support to the staff, congregation, and visitors of Bread of Life Presbyterian Church. This role serves as the first point of contact for the church office, manages communications, and will assist in implementing and maintaining an updated church management software (Realm). Please reach out to Sam with your questions or comments.

Thank You!

A Clutter-free Thank You to the Haulers, Donators and Buyers

The Declutter sale made around \$2,075 towards new outdoor signs. A big thank you to the committee who worked for five months ridding our church of clutter. They are Lana & David Arnold, Jean & Doug Cheever, Marilyn Emmert, Shirley Meriwether, Tom Schutt, and Debbie Stant, and the people who helped make the sale day a success – Gerda Hartman, Ann Miller, Janet Neumeister, Kassandra Powell, and Don Schauf.

Notes from Congregational Meeting and Session

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY 2/1/2026

Merrill Crawford presented a historical overview of how the continuous organized presence of Presbyterians in Dubuque began with the German Evangelical Church in 1847 followed by First Presbyterian Church in 1850. By 1855 there were three downtown Presbyterian churches only a few blocks apart. The actions being taken at this meeting merge the three churches back into one (see below).

As was planned and presented to the October 26, 2025 Congregational Meeting, the corporation of First Presbyterian Church ended operations on December 31, 2025. The motion for dissolution of First Presbyterian Church of Dubuque (as of 12/31/2025) in order to unify fully as Bread of Life Church was unanimously approved by a quorum of the members of the former First Presbyterian Church of Dubuque attending this meeting.

The Annual Report of the Bread of Life Church PCUSA was reviewed. The Clerk's Report updating the roll of active members, the Treasurer's Report containing the balanced 2026 Operating Budget, and a summary of stewardship highlighting: new pledging units, increased pledge amounts, strong engagement and generous participation; were all reviewed and unanimously approved.

Kassandra Powell was nominated by the Nominating Committee to fill a vacant Deacon position; and unanimously approved by the congregation.

FEBRUARY SESSION UPDATE from 2.17

The Personnel Team, following 2025 Annual Reviews of all staff recommended cost of living adjustments and merit raises, which were approved by Session. Personnel have also now assigned a liaison from the PT for each staff member for increased support and communication.

The property deeds to both Bread of Life campuses are now officially in the name of Bread of Life Presbyterian Church PCUSA.

The Property Team continues strategic review of building systems to facilitate the regular maintenance of the campuses in our care along with future planning and updates. Outside professional and local experts are advising on long-term planning and system evaluation. The door lock upgrade project is nearing completion and may be finalized this month.

With Session's blessing, the Worship Team is exploring a refresh of the sanctuary space; including the evaluation of sound, light, and video systems. The team is currently in a research phase; meeting with several audiovisual companies for initial assessments and rough estimates.

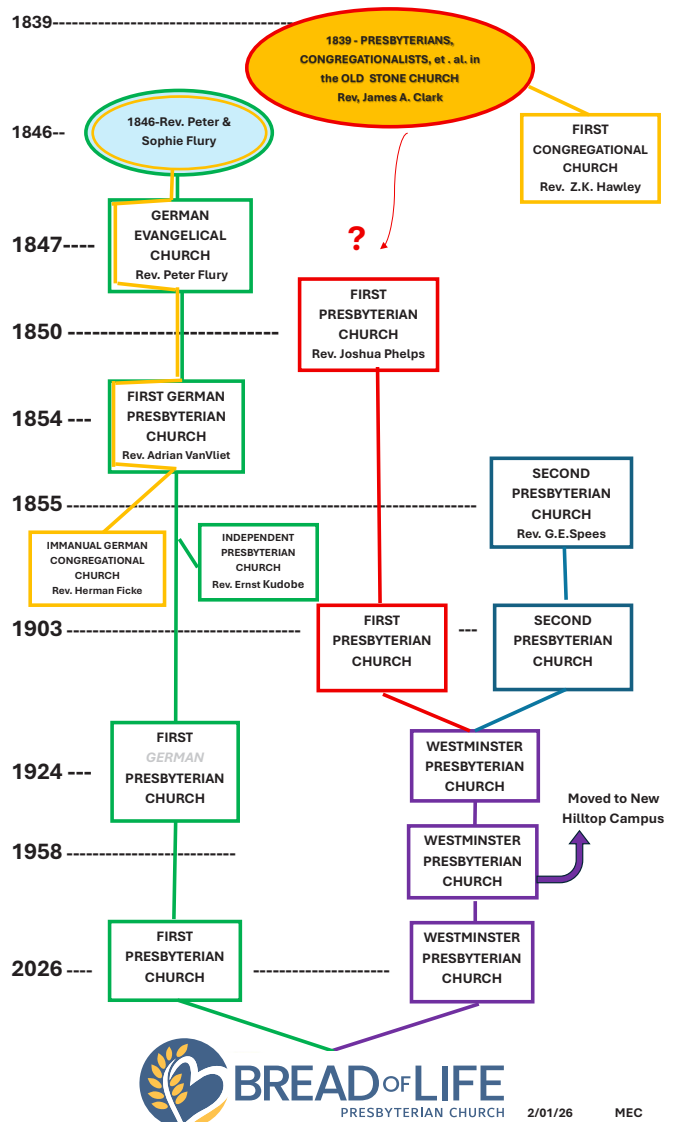
The Worship Team is coordinating closely with the Property, Hospitality, and Tech Teams to ensure optimal efficiency and success in any future improvements.

LOOKING AHEAD

February has marked an important milestone in the life of Bread of Life Presbyterian Church:

- The formal FINAL unification of historic congregations.
- The approval of the first combined Bread of Life budget.
- The continued strengthening of leadership and ministry structures.
- Ongoing thoughtful planning for facilities and worship life.

We give thanks for strong stewardship, careful governance, and the shared leadership that continues to shape this new chapter in our life together.



DIG THIS!



NEWS FROM OUR MISSION GARDEN

With the gardening season rapidly approaching, we are looking for volunteers who would like to make real difference in our community. All of the produce we grow and harvest is donated to the food pantry. We have many jobs – pick what fits your schedule and abilities. A weekly email goes out to volunteers noting what tasks need to be done for that week. We need volunteers to build, plant inside, water, weed, and plant outside.

This year, we will rebuild the second section of the garden beds & trellises. This includes burning wood, applying tung oil, building frames and moving dirt so we can start planting.

Meanwhile, we will be starting transplants inside of cabbage, kale, collards, and Swiss chard which will be

planted outside (why we need milk jugs). Then we move from the cold hardy plants to warm season plants. Transplants inside will be started for eggplant, basil, parsley, malabar spinach, 3 kinds of peppers, zucchini, patti-pan squash, cucumbers, pole beans, tomatoes/ cherry tomatoes, onions, and leeks. We will also prep beds and weed, put cardboard down, and cover with compost.

Once things are planted outside we need to water weekly. Then harvesting comes – once it starts it is a weekly event where we harvest, clean, & deliver the produce to the food pantry.

Besides our church garden, we also maintain gardens at Keller, Stulken and Henderson lots.



New Drinking Fountain Eliminates Plastic

The Green Team is pleased to announce that we have a new drinking fountain at church. Thanks to help from the Property Team for installation, the new fountain allows for filling reusable water bottles and eliminates the use of single-use throw away plastic bottles. A counter on the fountain indicates the number of bottles saved. Also, the existing fountain was lowered so that our younger folks can reach it more easily.

Try This Every Day During Lent

Unplug These 7 Household Items Daily Before Bed

- 🔌 Portable Space Heaters
- 🔌 Smart Phones and Computers
- 🔌 Lithium Battery Electronics
- 🔌 Entertainment System
- 🔌 Kitchen Countertop Appliances
- 🔌 Heat Styling Tools
- 🔌 Electronics in Poor Shape (can cause fire)

Use a power strip to make it easier to turn off items

Save energy and possibly reduce your electric bill!!



Seeking Together: A Lenten Wonder Wall

This Lent, we are practicing something simple and brave: wondering.

As we move through the Seeking sermon series, we are creating a shared Wonder Wall in the gathering area outside the sanctuary. Each week, you are invited to write one wondering stirred by the sermon – a question, a longing, a curiosity, a nudge from the Spirit – and pin it to the wall.

There are no right answers to post. There is no theological test to pass. There is only the invitation to seek.

In Scripture, faith is rarely about certainty. It is about wilderness journeys, late-night conversations, living water, opened eyes, and stones rolled away. It is about people who kept asking, kept listening, kept following.

The Wonder Wall will grow week by week as a visible prayer – a collection of our shared seeking. Children and adults alike are invited to participate. You may write anonymously or sign your name. One sentence is enough.

This Lent, we are not rushing to answers. We are practicing holy curiosity together.

Come. Wonder with us.



Dubuque-Jackson Habitat for Humanity is looking for churches to help them. They are putting in a pocket neighborhood of 14 houses behind Mt. Pleasant Home on Wood St. called Rosalynn Carter Place. They are looking for a key person to coordinate 8 church volunteers for 1 to 3 days/build. Depending on the skill level of the volunteers, they could help with a day of installing studs, dry wall, roofing or painting.

For more information, contact Dubuque-Jackson Habitat for Humanity director@habitatdjc.org or 563-556-2195.

Called To Climate Action Conference

The Green Team invites you to join us on **Saturday, March 21st for the "Called To Climate Action Conference,"** a statewide interfaith gathering sponsored by Iowa Faith & Climate Network. Iowans of diverse faiths and spirituality will join together for a day rooted in faith, justice and collective action. The day will include keynote speakers, workshops, networking and displays.

The event will take place from 9:00am to 5:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1340 3rd Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids. We will carpool, leaving church at 7:00am sharp and returning around 6:30pm.

The event registration fee is \$35 per person and includes lunch. **The Green Team will cover the fee for the first 10 church members who register.** Just register and pay the fee online at www.iowafaithandclimate.org. Then, give a copy of your registration email receipt to Tom Stovall in person or at tomstov@aol.com for reimbursement.

Contact Tom at 563-581-7220 if you have questions.

Let's have a big crowd of Bread of Life folks there!

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MARCH 21, 2026

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CEDAR RAPIDS

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Rooted Good Team Members Attend Conference

Pastor Kaity, Kim David, and Laura Barrett recently attended the Missional Entrepreneurship Immersion Gathering in Sterling, Virginia. As members of the Rooted Good team, they enjoyed an educational and inspiring time of learning, reflection, and conversation with leaders from across the country.

The conference invited us to think more intentionally about how the Church connects with its surrounding community. Conversations focused not only on how we steward and use our physical spaces, but also on how we engage in meaningful relationship building both inside and outside the church. A consistent theme was the importance of cultivating belonging through presence,

hospitality, and collaboration, building partnerships grounded in shared purpose and long-term impact.

Throughout the sessions, we explored how courage, innovation, and thoughtful action are essential to sustainable ministry. We were reminded that discernment often unfolds through movement, through small steps, experimentation, and strengthening relationships built on trust. In the coming weeks, the Rooted Good team will continue refining our mission and goals as we seek how God is calling us to serve faithfully and creatively in this season. We welcome your prayers and ideas as we move forward together.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Our Next Hunger Outreach will be on Saturday, March 28 in the parking lot of the Lacy Mansion at the corner of 17th and Main Streets in downtown Dubuque.

This is our hands-on local mission project to help

fight hunger and food insecurity in our community. It provides a means for us to put our faith in action and demonstrate God's love by caring for our neighbors and serving their basic needs, and is a joint effort of our church and the St. Stephen's Branch of River Bend Foodbank.

Families and individuals facing food insecurity are invited to come to our location and we will provide them with a supply of food free of charge. We will serve both drive-thru and walk-up participants.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – JOIN THE HUNGER OUTREACH TEAM! SIGN UP!

About 35 volunteers will be needed from 8:00–10:30am to provide traffic control, greet and register participants, organize food for distribution, load food into cars and assist walk-up recipients. We can provide everyone with a job that matches their comfort level. Sign up today on a sign-up sheet or **contact Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or tomstov@aol.com**. Indicate your email address to receive volunteer communications before the event. Feel free to invite family, friends or neighbors to help.

Christian Formation and Lenten Opportunities

The Christian Formation team is beginning to plan opportunities for gathering, prayer, and intergenerational connection during the season of Lent. We are especially looking toward Maundy Thursday as a time to offer meaningful, reflective activities for all ages. More details will be shared as plans take shape.

Watch for information about Lenten gatherings, study opportunities, and ways to participate throughout the season.

Summer Program with St. Luke's

We anticipate partnering again with St. Luke's for their summer children's program, Summer Sounds. We expect to follow a similar structure to previous years, with shared costs between families and the church. Additional details about registration and support will be shared in the coming months.

Summer Camp at Bear Creek

We are exploring summer camp opportunities at Bear Creek for our children and youth. Scholarship support is available through both John Knox Presbytery and Bread of Life. Families interested in camp should note these important deadlines: John Knox Presbytery camp scholarship applications due April 15. Bread of Life scholarship forms due May 1.

If your child may be interested in attending camp this summer, please contact Pastor Kaity so we can plan accordingly. More details will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Northwestern College Band to Perform at Bread of Life

Bread of Life Presbyterian Church will host a concert by the Northwestern College Symphonic Band on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Symphonic Band is directed by Dr. Angela (Holt) Carlson, associate professor of music at Northwestern, and has toured extensively throughout the United States and internationally.

The program features music that offers encouragement, reflection and joy across a range of styles and eras.

Northwestern College is a Christian college of more than 1,600 students in Orange City, Iowa. Named a "best college for spiritual enrichment" by Christianity Today, Northwestern provides an education committed to standout academics and a Christ-centered worldview.



Hosts needed on Friday evening, March 27

Bread of Life will be welcoming the Northwestern College Symphonic Band for a performance on Friday, March 27. Would you be able to provide a bed for the night for 2 or more band members? Please let Kristen Eby know at keby@dbq.edu.

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Northwestern Band Dinner

We will be hosting a dinner on Friday, March 27th, for the Northwestern College Band and the UD Band and will be serving at least 100 people plus helpers.

We are looking for helpers plus donations of supplies. **Please contact Rich Henderson so he can coordinate donations.** Everything will need to be dropped off **Thursday, March 26.**

The dinner will be a baked potatoes bar, so we are looking for donations of:

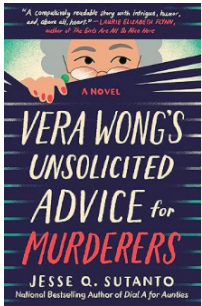
- Bags of baking potatoes – need about 120 potatoes
- Ten pounds of ground hamburger
- 5 – three packs of bell peppers green & mixed colors (Aldi's is best bet)
- 3 bags of baby spinach
- 10 bags of mixed salad
- 5 containers of cherry tomatoes
- 5 cucumbers
- 3 bags of yellow onions
- 1 bag of red onions
- 12 bags of 16 ounce shredded cheddar cheese
- Salad dressings – Ranch, Italian, French, Zesty Italian, Thousand island
- Many side dishes
- Brownies or cookies

If you would prefer to donate money we could purchase some of these items.

If you're available to help with prep or serving on Thursday afternoon, March 26, or Friday, March 27, please contact Rich at hs3eagles@gmail.com or 563-580-6289.

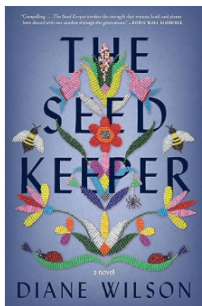
LIKE TO READ? Join Our Book Group

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Board Room. Questions? Contact Deb Seiffert at debseiffert@gmail.com



March 19th – Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Sutanto – *Edgar Award Winner for Best Original Paperback, Audie Award Winner for Mystery, Libby Award Winner for Best Mystery.* A lonely shopkeeper takes it upon herself to solve a murder in the most peculiar way. One morning, Vera trudges downstairs to find a curious

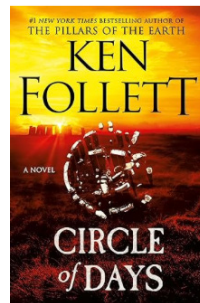
thing—a dead man in the middle of her tea shop. In his outstretched hand, a flash drive. Vera doesn't know what comes over her, but after calling the cops like any good citizen would, she sort of . . . swipes the flash drive from the body and tucks it safely into the pocket of her apron.



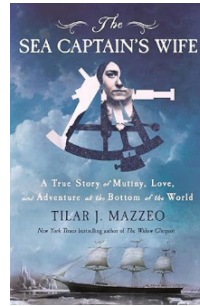
April 16th – The Seedkeeper by Diane Wilson – Winner of the Minnesota Book Award

A haunting novel spanning several generations, *The Seed Keeper* follows a Dakhóta family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most.

NOTE: The Seed Keeper is the Dubuque County Library All Reads book for March. Copies of the book are available at the library for free in February and March while they last. The author will speak at Steeple Square, 101 E 15th St., on March 24, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Our discussion is in April.



May 21st – Circle of Days by Ken Follet – A deeply human story of one of the world's greatest mysteries: the building of Stonehenge.



June 18th – The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Mutiny, Love, and Adventure at the Bottom of the World by Tilar J. Mazzeo. The true story of the first female captain of a merchant ship and her treacherous navigation of Antarctica's deadly waters.



Sam and Kenzie Daniels with donations collected recently for SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. Thank you for your contributions to tackle hunger in our community! We collected 125 items and \$522.

Music aids available on Sunday mornings

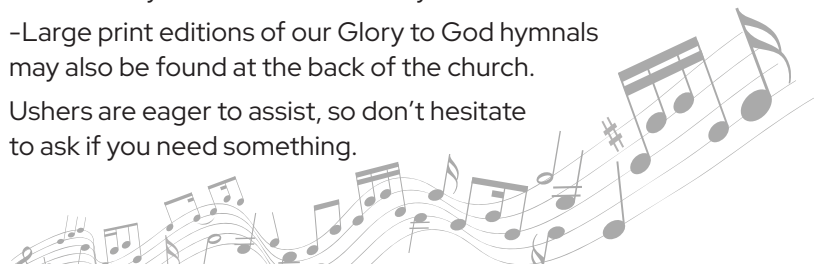
Do you read music? Do you prefer to sing harmonies?

Perhaps you could use some larger print?

–Music for less familiar tunes and four-part harmonizations are available for your use in worship! They may be found with the bulletins as you enter the sanctuary.

–Large print editions of our Glory to God hymnals may also be found at the back of the church.

Ushers are eager to assist, so don't hesitate to ask if you need something.



Julien Chamber Choir, under the direction of Kristen Eby, presents their spring concert "Music for a Cathedral" on Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm at Cathedral of St. Raphael (231 Bluff St., Dubuque). The 20-voice ensemble, which includes John Eby and Steve Peake, will perform a variety of works by Palestrina, Byrd, Mozart, Britten and others. Freewill donations accepted.



GAME NIGHT

Sat., March 21 | 6-8:30pm

Head Start Room, Lower Level

Board Games • Ping Pong
Card Games

Popcorn
will be
provided!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!