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## **DMARC E Bulletin week of May 12, 2008**

*REMINDERS:*

**DMARC Food Pantry Weekend May 17 & 18**

**DMARC Service Awards Luncheon May 15th at Airport Holiday Inn**

Call 277-6969 to reserve your tickets.

## **Saturday, June 21**

**DMARC/IHYC/CIA NIGHT HOSTED BY THE IOWA CUBS.** The Iowa Homeless Youth Centers and the **Des Moines Area Religious Council's Compassion in Action Program** have teamed up again! Join us on **Saturday, June 21**, at the Fleur Hy-Vee or the Ankeny Hy-Vee from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In exchange for a donation of personal hygiene items (valued at \$3.00 or more), we'll give you **free tickets** to the Iowa Cubs vs. Nashville Sounds game on July 19<sup>th</sup>! Our most needed personal hygiene items are: soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, diapers/wipes and feminine hygiene items. Attention Youth Ministers: Organize a personal hygiene items collection with your youth group and receive up to 10 free tickets for your group (while supplies last). Please call Susie Paloma at 256-1478 or 262-7290 for more information.

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**GARDENING THIS SUMMER?? PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SURPLUS FRESH VEGETABLES TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY SITE SO THAT THEY MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM. DMARC DOES NOT HAVE FACILITIES TO STORE THEM IN OUR WAREHOUSE SO PLEASE CONTACT A SITE NEAR YOU TO SEE HOW YOU CAN PROVIDE SOME GREAT GARDEN PRODUCE FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES**

**Ankeny-965-0433                      Bidwell-Riverside - 244-6251                      Downtown 243-1381**

**Forest Avenue - 248-6241      Salvation Army (East) - 266-3156**

**Salvation Army (West) - 282-3422                      St. Mary Family Center - 262-7290**

**West Des Moines Human Services - 222-3660**

## MAY

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**MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH** There are nearly 4,500 Iowa children in foster care because their own families are in crisis and unable to provide for their essential well being. These children require safe, stable and nurturing environments to live in, until they can either safely reunite with their parents or establish other lifelong family relationships. Lutheran Services in Iowa is part of this effort in Iowa as a partner of Iowa KidsNet, Iowa' statewide collaboration of agencies responsible for the recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive parents. For more information on Iowa KidsNet or if you are interested in becoming a foster parent, call 1/800 243-0756 or visit [www.iowakidsnet.com](http://www.iowakidsnet.com)

### **May 10TH**

**2nd ANNUAL SPARK INTO SPRING CAR & BIKE SHOW May 10th 8am to 3:30 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE AT SHOPPER SUPPLY 5049 NE 14TH ST DES MOINES, IA**

**MUSIC BY GOOD VIBRATIONS , DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 DRAWING  
MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS AND MORE**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
INFORMATION: BRANDEE 515-556.5206 RUN4FUNBB@AOL.COM**

### **MAY 10**

**GARAGE SALE, BAKE SALE, CRAFT SALE, PLANT SALE,  
Breakfast and Lunch, Saturday, May 10, at Grace Lutheran Church. The 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Grade youth and families are hosting this to raise money to go toward the expenses for  
summer trips. **Grace Church is located at 3010 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Des Moines 515 276-6873****

### **MAY 10**

#### **Greek Orthodox Church, Philoptochos Rummage sale**

Where: Greek Orthodox Church  
35<sup>th</sup> & Cottage Grove  
Des Moines, IA

When: **Saturday, May 10th  
(8:00 am - 4:00 pm)**

Lots of household items, clothing, power tools, garden tools, living room set, lamps, microwave, computer desk, office desk and many more items too numerous to mention. All proceeds go to the Philoptochos Society Charitable projects.

## **MAY 10**

### **Iowa Arts Council celebrates Asian Heritage Month with Tet program**

**DES MOINES** – The Iowa Arts Council will celebrate Asian Heritage Month with a program about Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, 1-3 p.m., **Saturday, May 10, 2008, at the State Historical Building, 600, E. Locust Street in Des Moines.**

Thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces Initiative, the public is invited to this free, family-oriented performance that will feature dragon dancers, a fashion show, singing and food demonstrations, including samples. More information is available at 515-281-5111 or [www.culturalaffairs.org](http://www.culturalaffairs.org).

A major holiday for which families clean and decorate their homes, prepare special foods, and entertain guests, Tet celebrates a break in agricultural activities. **It also marks the time when the Kitchen God journeys to Heaven to make his annual report on household activities to the Jade Emperor.**

The Vietnamese, like many other ethnic groups, follow a lunar calendar. This means that Tet, which occurs in the 12th moon month and lasts three days, takes place sometime between the last 10 days of January and the middle of February on the western calendar.

**Tet involves rituals that pay homage to the ancestors.** Women prepare elaborate traditional food to be offered to the ancestors and served to family and friends.

## **MAY 16-18**

**MAY 16-18, 2008, THE SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD OF ELCA WILL MEET IN CORALVILLE TO ELECT NEW BISHOP** The person elected will succeed Bishop Philip Hougen. Bishops in the ELCA may serve two six year terms. ELCA members can attend the Synod Assembly as an observer, as well as provide a name to be considered as candidate.

## **May 18th**

**FIFTHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF DOBSON PIPE ORGAN AT FAITH LUTHERAN, Sunday, May 18 at 8:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** Each person attending will receive a brochure with brilliant color pictures of the organ, inside and out, as well as a history of the instrument. Children will gather around the organ for a special telling of the Biblical story of Daniel through narration and organ variations on a simple song, “Dare to Be a Daniel, which the children and the whole congregation will learn composers. An Anniversary Organ Recital featuring Samuel Gaskin, 15 year old organ

virtuoso will begin at 2:00 p.m. The recital will feature the works of Bach and other composers. 10395 University Ave., Clive, Iowa 50325 515 225-8334

**WALK FOR ISRAEL, SUNDAY, MAY 18** a Des Moines community wide “Walk the Land” event will be held starting at noon. Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. for \$5.00. The one mile walk will begin at **Temple B’nai Jeshurun**. The event is free. Across the country all registrants 18 years or older will be entered into a post-walk drawing for one of ten tickets to Israel. **For more information contact Lyanna Grund at 515 277-5577 or email at jcsllkg@aol.com**

### **May 24th**

#### **Outdoor Service of Healing and Remembrance**

Saturday, May 24th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Service will be held at

#### **St. Anne's Episcopal Church**

2110 W First St. Ankeny IA 50023 515-964-5152

[www.saechurch.org](http://www.saechurch.org)

***Reception Following***

### **May 25.**

#### **DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF ELEVATOR & BELL TOWER ADDITION**

**AT Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Sunday, May 25.** Worship at 9:00 a.m.,

Dedication 10:20 a.m., Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. 2600 East Euclid Ave., Des Moines.

### **MAY 30 & 31**

**MAY 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 7:30 p.m. AT First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Ave, Des Moines** A drama by Y York, “Afternoon of the Elves. Tickets at door, \$10.00 All proceeds benefit the church.

## JUNE

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### June 7 & 8

#### Greek Food Fair

**Where:** Greek Orthodox Church  
35th & Cottage Grove  
Des Moines IA

**When:** Saturday, June 7th starting at 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday, June 8th starting at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Eat Drink & Be Greek!** The food fair offers a full Greek dinner, an ala carte menu, Gyros, Greek wine & beer, and Greek pastries and desserts. Activities include Greek dancing and children's activities. **Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door and are available at area Dahl's or by calling 277-0780.**

### June 16-20

**FINE ARTS CAMP FOR CHILDREN** beginning **June 16-20 9:00 a.m. - noon.** at **St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1115 Grand Ave, West Des Moines.** This camp is for any child in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested in music. Children will learn how to play an ensemble with hand bells and hand chimes and explore visual art with a guest artist. Cost is \$5.00 per child, open to public. Contact Deb Paul, [deb@stmarkwdm.org](mailto:deb@stmarkwdm.org) or call church office at 515 223 4208 to register

## JULY

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### July 10-13

**WOMEN OF ELCA'S 7<sup>TH</sup> Triennial Gathering will be held at the Salt Palace, Convention Center in Salt Lake City on July 10-13.** The theme is "Come to the Waters," speaker Sister Joan Chittister. Registration booklets can be requested by calling 800 638 3522 x 2730 or email [Women.ELCA@elca.org](mailto:Women.ELCA@elca.org)

## **July 18-19**

**BEADS, BLUES, AND BARBECUE Fundraiser for Cross Ministries July 18 from 5-9 p.m. and July 19 from 10 – 4 p.m.** At Living History Farms, Clive. One half of each admission ticket to Living History will be given to Cross for all visitors. “Beads refers to vendors selling home made jewelry, Blues includes some recognized figures in the Iowa music scene. And you know about Barbecue!

## **July 19**

**CIA/IHYC SILENT AUCTION AT THE IOWA CUBS The DMARC Council, Compassion in Action Program and the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers will, once again, be holding a silent auction as a fundraiser for our programs. Saturday, July 19 at the Iowa Cubs vs. Nashville Sounds game.** We hope to have several items to auction off including sports memorabilia and fun packages. Call Susie Paloma at 256-1478 or 262-7290 for more information.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**NEW SPACE HELPS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH INITIATIVE EXPAND REACH** at a new location. The NHI, Making Connections’ key partner in resident engagement and mobilization has moved to the former Casady Elementary School building, 1801 16<sup>th</sup> St. The larger space is made available through a relationship with the Des Moines Public Schools and Iowa Health-Des Moines accommodates a growing staff of outreach workers fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Arabic. The outreach workers connect with residents and help them identify the steps necessary to become “safe and thriving”. The calendar is available at [mclistserv@makingconnectionsdm.org](mailto:mclistserv@makingconnectionsdm.org)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNOUNCES BISHOP CHARRON CARITAS AWARD RECIPIENTS** At the annual volunteer appreciation dinner held **Monday April 21**, The **Integer Group** received the award for the group category, and the late **Jerry Russell** received the individual volunteer award. The recipients were commended for their compassion, humility, commitment and enthusiasm in helping those in need. The Integer Group has provided services pro-bono to Catholic Charities for a variety of programs and special events. Jerry Russell who passed away in September of 2007, volunteered at Catholic Charities’ St. Mary Family Center for over 10 years. The Caritas Award is given annually to an individual and organization that show exceptional compassion and service and love to all those in need.

## **Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center**

Serving the Community

2007 report of services

A place for hope and healing ... for everyone

Throughout our 35-year history, the Center's purpose has been to make a difference in our community through a commitment to treating the emotional, psychological, and relationship needs of persons of all ages from the full spectrum of socio-economic means.

Our reputation and our longevity speak to the Center's ability to handle tough issues and long-term counseling needs. Our ability to treat both children and adults makes us effective in working with the increasingly complex needs of families

In 2007, the Center provided 18,504 hours of counseling to 2,271 individuals and families.

- 33% were children and adolescents
- 57% were women and girls
- 17% had a family income below \$20,000; 26% below \$30,000
- 40% of clients paid for counseling on a sliding-scale, based on their ability to pay
- 28% indicated "None" for their religious preference
- 37% of Center clients identified themselves as Catholic, Lutheran, or Methodist; another 10% as "Other"
- 62% were families with children
- 23% were single parent families
- 12% were stepparent families
- 5% were seen in our satellites in the southern tier of Iowa counties

The Center is accredited by both the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the Samaritan Institute, ensuring the community that the Center is meeting and surpassing industry professional standards for quality care.

Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center , 2929 Westown Pkwy, Suite 110, WDM IA 50266

**NEW WEBSITE OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT, TEACHING, PRAYERS AND VIDEO STREAMING.** Zion Lutheran Church announces in their newsletter this site [www.abundantchristianliving.com](http://www.abundantchristianliving.com) In their "about us" page Zion member Aaron Finley says, "We are driven to strengthen God's people as a family and help individual's relationship with God. We strive to serve the Lord in all that we do.

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

### May 19-20

Registrations are now being accepted for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Aging on May 19-20 at the Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel. Pre-conference intensives are being offered on Sunday, May 18 at the same location. Please share this information with others who would be interested, giving this message the widest distribution possible and appropriate.

### **NEED HELP WITH MORTGAGE? Iowa Mortgage Help Hotline at 866-622-4866**

With the assistance of a federal grant, this group is committed to making Iowans aware of free mortgage counseling resources to help them achieve the best possible solution to individual's financial situations.