

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>Dec. 13, 2015</u> @ 8:30 a.m.	<u>Dec. 13, 2015</u> @ 10:45 a.m.
Greeters	Susan & Smokey McGovern	Mark & Vicki Tilson Lori Boughton, Gary Reid
Acolytes	Sara Albert	M. Enabnit/F. Hull
Advent Candle Lighters	Becky Carr/Sue Lane	The Schrump Family
Liturgist	Nancy Hessler	Praise Team
Ushers	Susan & Smokey McGovern	Mark & Vicki Tilson Lori Boughton, Gary Reid
Children's Time	Pastor Lundula	Pastor Lundula
Chimer	Larry Loeppke	Larry Loeppke
Projectionist	Denny Brimeyer	Matt Hull
Announcements/Slides	Matt Hull	Matt Hull
Videographer	Greg Albert	N/A
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Jeremy Mims	Praise Team
Worship Driver	N/A	Mark Tilson
Offering Depositor	Dan Jacobsen	Cheri Loveless
Communion Steward	N/A	N/A
	Saturday, Dec. 12	Saturday, Dec. 19
Bread Run	Matt & Foster Hull	Breese/Young
Food for the Soul	St. Luke's Confirmation Class	Team 6 Loveless

Music Directors:

Chancel Choir—Dr. Jeremy Mims **Children's Music**—Heather Williams
St. Luke's Singers—Keith Rippe **Chimers**—Larry Loeppke
Bell Choir Director—David Patterson **Word on the Third**—Praise Team
Wind Ensemble

Lead Organists/Pianists:

Dr. Charles Barland Helen Johnston

STAFF

Pastor
 Rev. Dr. Okitakoyi Lundula
Children/Youth Ministry
 Jessica DuBord
Administrative Asst.
 Danielle Phillips
Custodian
 Caprice Jones

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Third Sunday Of Advent

December 13, 2015— 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:20 a.m.

St. Luke's—Celebrating 182 Years
1833-2015



St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision
Welcoming All . . .
Caring . . . Serving . . . Growing

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

(Please note: If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the basket on the back table, hand it to an usher, or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!)

* Denotes the invitation to stand if able.

Advent Hymn Sing

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

In the Bleak Midwinter

O Come All Ye Faithful

Advent Introit *Somebody Light the Lanterns*

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles —

Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Introductions/*Greetings

Led by St. Luke Singers

UMH 224

UMH 221

UMH 234

Led by St. Luke Singers

Dr. Jeremy Mims

*Called to Worship

Opening Hymn *Joy to the World*

UMH 246

Invocation (from Isaiah 12: 2-4)

Leader: God is indeed my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

All: For the Lord God is my strength and my shield; the Lord has become my salvation.

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation. And you will say on that day:

All: Thank the Lord, call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the nations; declare that God's name is exalted.

Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 3)

UMH 211

Called to Community

Lighting of the Advent Candle

All Readers: On this third Sunday of Advent,

We come as a People of Hope Welcoming All. [Light 1st Candle]

We come as a People of Peace Caring for All. [Light 2nd Candle]

Reader: Warmed by Hope with a vision of Peace, we open our community with Joy.

Community: We were nothing, but see that God can raise life from anything.

Reader: We were selfish but now see our lives as Service to All races, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, and faiths.

Community: We were fearful and oppressed but are now baptized in the Holy Spirit.

All Readers: On this 3rd Sunday in Advent, God has delivered the Joy of Service to All into our lives. [Light 3rd Candle]

Advent Candle Hymn: *Open for YOU*

Lyrics by Larry Loeppke & John Woodin
Music and arr. by Nancy & John Woodin

2016 Prayer Partners

Would you like to have, or be, a Prayer Partner for 2016? Becoming a Prayer Partner gives you the opportunity to be in a supportive community with another member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Anyone may be a Prayer Partner. United Methodist Women are equal opportunity pray-ers!

In addition to daily prayer, a card may be sent as a remembrance on a birthday or other special occasion. The identities of prayer partners are usually revealed during the month of December.

If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for 2016, please fill out a form found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and leave the form in the church office. Any questions, please call Marcia Young at 580-9650.

Note from Cathy Schlickman . . .

This is probably one of the most difficult messages I will ever have to write. I have spent the last 4 (one month short of 5 years) here as your administrative assistant and have loved it, but I have come to the decision that it is time to retire. My husband, Don, retired 2 1/2 years ago and has recently developed some health issues that has made me realize that now is the time to focus more on him and our future. I have made so many great friends here which makes this decision very difficult. St. Luke's has been an awesome place to work. Thank you all for making my job a joy! I feel so blessed to have a special chapter in my life with St. Luke's and its wonderful people! God bless all of you.

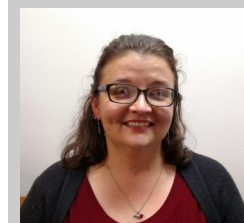
Danielle Phillips has been hired to take over my position. I am training her this month and feel that she will do a great job for St. Luke's. Please introduce yourself when you stop in the office!

Prescott School Fundraiser for Programs in the Arts

December 17th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Prescott Cafeteria

Enjoy lunch, entertainment, and a hand-crafted pottery gift along with a silent art auction at which you can purchase beautiful handcrafted artwork! There is a suggested donation of \$15 per person and the menu includes soup, bread, dessert and drinks. Attendees are free to come and go as their schedule allows. No reservations required — Everyone is welcome!

(If school is cancelled due to snow, the event will be held on December 18th).



Please welcome **Danielle Phillips** as your new Administrative Assistant! Cathy Schlickman will be retiring at the end of December.

Danielle was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa, and relocated to Dubuque about seven years ago. Since moving here, she completed her B.A. in English at the University of Dubuque, became co-moderator of the Dubuque Area Writers Guild and recently joined the Dubuque Chorale as well. Danielle lives with her husband (who's a librarian at Carnegie-Stout Public Library), two mischievous cats and the very best dog in the world.

If you can bring a dessert (cake preferably) for our Fabulous Friday Concerts beginning on January 8, a sign-up sheet is available in South Hall.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services**

2:00 ~ 7:00 ~ 10:45 p.m.

*All Candlelight Services/Communion
Ringling of Tower Chime*

**Advent Lights
from the St. Luke's Green Team**

The St. Luke's "Green Team," a newly organizing group focusing on environmental sustainability and energy efficiency, is offering lighting kits for the Advent season. Each kit consists of 4 low-energy LED bulbs and recommended scriptures for reading as they are installed. Participants are asked to use one bulb each Sunday in Advent to replace one of the less efficient bulbs in their home. LED bulbs, while more expensive, use far less electricity than incandescent bulbs or even fluorescents, and they last far longer. Less energy use translates into better stewardship both of money and God's Creation, reducing both our utility bills and our carbon footprint. Kits sell for \$25 and will be available in the South Hall. Any profits from these sales will be used in our Mt. T.O.P. ministry.

Christmas Share Day

On December 20, at 1:30 p.m., Pastor Lundula invites church members and friends to join him at Bethany Home to sing Christmas Carols. If you are interested in joining him for this special occasion, please fill out the sign-up sheet in South Hall! All interested members and friends are asked to join Pastor Lundula at 1:15 p.m. at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln, Dubuque.

Alternative Christmas Market

Worrying about what to buy someone who has everything? Instead of giving material items, think about choosing to honor your friends or loved ones with a gift to one of the many ministries sponsored by St. Luke's. Here are a few suggestions:

- **St. Luke's Giving Tree**—Decorate our Giving Tree with mittens and snow pants. The Giving Tree will also have the names of families who need our help at Christmas. Please take a name and make someone's Christmas special.
- **Heifer International**—Heifer works all over the world promoting sustainable farming techniques, providing animals to families who need them, and encouraging those families to pass on the gift. Cards are available to send to those honored by your gifts.
- **St. Luke's Ministries**—St. Luke's provides help and comfort to many people here in Dubuque and around the world through local ministries like the Memorial Fund, Food for the Soul, Music Ministry and Education, etc. You are the church. Your gifts to these ministries are gifts given in a spirit of welcoming, caring, serving and growing—reach out in God's name to bring peace to a troubled world.

Weather-Related Cancellations

The snow and ice of winter have arrived! St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather through Radio Stations, TV (KCRG Ch. 9) and St. Luke's Facebook page and by E-mail. If you have not seen any notifications, you may call any of the following as a last resort:

- Pastor Lundula 563-451-8114
- Dan Jacobsen 319-480-0921
- Sue Hattel 563-599-4497
- Paul Clark 563-590-0158
- Jessica DuBord 563-564-7366

Called to Community (con't)

Children's Time
This Is Where Children Belong
Jesus Loves Me

Special Music

FWS 2233
UMH 191

Called to Share

Sharing Our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives
Offertory
*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Jeremy Mims
UMH 94

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

UMH 895

Called to Reflection

*Gospel Reading Luke 4:16-22
*And all God's people said: **Thanks Be to God***
Message Advent Reflection On Our Vision Statement
- Called to Welcome . . .
- Called to Care . . .
- Called to Serve . . .

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World
*Sending Hymn *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

UMH 251

*Benediction *(Please be seated)*
Music from the Tower *(Please be dismissed)*
Postlude

Dr. Jeremy Mims

Note: Please feel free to sing and pray using language in worship that is inclusive and affirms a diverse imagery for God.

Upcoming Events for Week of Dec. 13 – Dec. 20

Sunday, Dec. 13

- 8:20 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Prelude
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
- 9:30-10:45 a.m. Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
- 10:35 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
- 10:45 a.m. WOT Worship Prelude

Monday, Dec. 14

- 8:00 a.m. Chimes Deadline
- 6:00 p.m. Recital

Tuesday, Dec. 15

- 9:30 a.m. Terrific Tuesday Molly's Silver Screen
- 4:15 p.m. Care & Compassion
- 6:00 p.m. Finance

Wednesday, Dec. 16

- 5:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, Dec. 17

- 6:30 p.m. Combined COM/Church Council Mtg

Friday, Dec. 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Worship

Saturday, Dec. 19

- 6:30 a.m. Bread Run — Breese/Young
- 5:30 p.m. Food for the Soul — Team 6 Loveless
- 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise

Next Sunday, Dec. 20-Christmas Cantata

- 8:20 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Prelude
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
- 9:30-10:45 a.m. Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
- 10:35 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Prelude
- 1:30 p.m. Caroling at Bethany Home

New Class Orientation

On Tuesday, January 5, at 6pm, we will have a new member orientation. We are very excited to welcome Chris Raker and Dave Ament to our St. Luke's family. This is also an open invitation to those who would like to know more about the United Methodist Church and St. Luke's and those who would like to confirm their membership.

Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



Our Homebound

- College Students**—As they take their finals
- Robin O'Connor**—Double knee surgery
- Roberta**—Cancerous breast surgery on Tuesday
- John Duggan**—Cancer has returned
- Susan Funke's Uncle Carl**—Passed away
- Kevin Funke's Uncle John**—Passed away
- Judy Crow** (Matt's Mom) - Health issue
- Dave Fischer**—Serious health issues
- Bonnie Sanders' cousin, Erika**—Brain tumor
- Lynn Kerker's son-in-law**—Fell & broke 6 ribs

Christmas Cantata



Presented by
St. Luke's Singers
Chancel Choir
and Friends

On Sunday
December 20, 2015
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

All are invited to experience a gift of music this Christmas Season as the St. Luke's Singers, with Chancel Singers and Friends share this Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 20, 2015, at both services.

Directed by Keith Rippe with Helen Johnston, pianist, and Dr. Charles Barland, organist, experience the Christmas Story as shared through joyful songs old and new with poignant narration and ponder . . . "Have I built a manger for the Christ Child . . . Have I found the stable . . . Lit a lantern and . . . Shared the Good News?"

We are asking everyone to invite a friend, neighbor, and/or co-worker to St. Luke's on December 20th where ALL are welcome!

Between services there will be a special display of Nativities in the South Hall with refreshments hosted by St. Luke's Invitation and Welcome Team.

Food Pantry Supplies for December:

- Hot Chocolate ~ Potatoes
- Graham Crackers ~ Canned Fruit
- Cooking Oil ~ Toothpaste
- Lotion ~ Toilet Tissue

or
Anything you want to donate!

All donations appreciated

Jesus Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Jesus Fund. Through your donations, St. Luke's was able to assist 53 people in the last three months (September, October and November); a total of \$240 was donated during that time. The average assistance given, per person, was \$4.40 and all funds were used to assist families with food needs. In those three months, 13 adults and 40 children were helped.

We continue to operate with very little surplus funds. Any help would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Kathy Lamb

Anyone interested in becoming a Communion Steward for 10:45 a.m. service is asked to contact Deb Albert at gahawk98@mchsi.com or call 563-663-0175.

Offering Envelopes for 2016 are available on the back table in the sanctuary. If you have been receiving them in the past, please check the table for your new envelopes. If you have not received them in past years, but wish to now, please let the office know. We have some extra envelopes available.

Terrific Tuesdays

(All at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Dec. 15 Molly's Silver Screen Canteen