

## Our Worship Specialists

|                               | <u>Dec. 20, 2015</u><br><b>@ 8:30 a.m.</b> | <u>Dec. 20, 2015</u><br><b>@ 10:45 a.m.</b>        |
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| <b>Greeters</b>               | Joe Lomax<br>Bruce Redding                 | Katherine Sipple,<br>Lori Boughton, C. & K. Becker |
| <b>Acolytes</b>               | Sara Albert                                | M. Foley/J. Rusch                                  |
| <b>Advent Candle Lighters</b> | Greg, Deb & Sara Albert                    | The Hutchins Family, M. Dubbels                    |
| <b>Liturgist</b>              | Sue Lane                                   | Lynn Kerker  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | Joe Lomax<br>Bruce Redding                 | Katherine Sipple,<br>Lori Boughton, C. & K. Becker |
| <b>Children's Time</b>        | Jessica DuBord                             | Jessica DuBord                                     |
| <b>Chimer</b>                 | RRS Stewart                                | RRS Stewart  |
| <b>Projectionist</b>          | Denny Brimeyer                             | Paul Clark   |
| <b>Announcements/Slides</b>   | Chris Kohlmann                             | N/A  |
| <b>Videographer</b>           | Ron Liskey                                 | N/A  |
| <b>Organist/Pianist</b>       | Dr. Charles Barland                        | Dr. Charles Barland                                |
| <b>Worship Driver</b>         | N/A  | Mike Loveless                                      |
| <b>Offering Depositor</b>     | Susan McGovern                             | Dick Landis  |
| <b>Communion Steward</b>      | N/A  | N/A  |
|                               | <b>Saturday, Dec. 19</b>                   | <b>Saturday, Dec. 26</b>                           |
| <b>Bread Run</b>              | Breese/Young                               | Schrumpf Family                                    |
| <b>Food for the Soul</b>      | Team 6 Loveless                            | Team 7 Hattel, Kerker<br>& M. Dubbels              |

### Music Directors:

**Chancel Choir**—Dr. Jeremy Mims      **Children's Music**—Heather Williams  
**St. Luke's Singers**—Keith Rippe      **Chimers**—Larry Loepke  
**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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# St. Luke's

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## LOVE



## Fourth Sunday Of Advent

**December 20, 2015— 4th Sunday of Advent**

**8:20 a.m. and 10:35 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

*Once In Royal David's City*

*Sing We Now Of Christmas*

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*

**Advent Introit** *Somebody Spread the Good News*

### Prelude

Lighting of the Candles —

*Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship*

Welcome/Announcements/Introductions/\*Greetings

Led by St. Luke Singers

UMH 250

UMH 237

UMH 431

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Dr. Chuck Barland

## \*Called to Worship

Opening Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

UMH 230

Invocation (from Micah 5:2-5)

Leader: As for you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

**All: From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.**

Leader: Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

**All: He shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, and he shall be the one of peace.**

Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 4)

UMH 211

## Called to Community

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

All Readers: On this fourth Sunday of Advent,  
We come as a People of Hope, Welcoming All. [Light 1st Candle]  
We come as a People of Peace, as Those Who Care. [Light 2nd Candle]  
We come as the People of Joy in a life of Service. [Light 3rd Candle]

Reader: Led by Hope, in a vision of Peace, we are filled with Joy and embraced by Love.

**Community: We Grow in the promise of the Messiah.**

Reader: We have been delivered from judgment and separation to open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

**Community: We are transformed knowing God's Love has been with us always. God's Love is with us now. God's Love will be with us forever.**

All Readers: On this 4th Sunday in Advent, God Grows our existence into lives of Love. [Light 4th Candle]

## 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 prayers!

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.

### Now Available . . .

The Upper Room 2016 Disciplines (book of daily devotions) have arrived! You may pick up your copy in the church office for \$11!

## Sharing the Joy of Christmas

Team 7 will be serving Food for the Soul the evening of Saturday, December 26, and could use some help since some team members will be out of town for the holidays. If you're available to help, please contact Marcia Dubbels at 563-582-6634.

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

**MT TOP apple pies** are available for your Christmas dinner party for \$10 each. Contact Dan Jacobsen at 319-480-0921 to order yours today!



## Retirement Brunch

Please join the SP/PRC and Invitation and Welcome committees in honoring our retiring administrative assistant, Cathy Schlickman, at a brunch on Sunday, January 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. (between services). We will be serving egg casseroles, fresh fruit, pastries, coffee, juice and milk. Questions? Contact Susan McGovern.

## Note from Rev. Dr. Rex E. Piercy

Rev. Piercy has decided that after 44 years of parish ministry, he is planning on retiring on January 10, 2016. He stated that his years at St. Luke's (1990-94) were among the richest and best of his entire ministry.



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
*All Church  
Birthday Luncheon*

*On Sunday, January 10, 2016, St. Luke's will be celebrating everyone's birthday with a Birthday Luncheon following the second service! Come celebrate your birthday!*



### 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

Today, 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)

**Advent Candle Hymn:** *Open for YOU*

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

Children's Time

*This Is Where Children Belong*  
*Jesus Loves Me*

FWS 2233  
UMH 191

#### Called to Prayer

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

UMH 895

#### Called to Reflect and Share

**Christmas Cantata**

*What Child is This?*

by Joel Raney

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives  
Offertory

*What Child is This?*  
Dr. Chuck Barland & Helen Johnston

Organ & Piano

\*Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

**Christmas Cantata (cont)**

*What Child is This?*

by Joel Raney

#### Sent to Serve

*Carrying the Light of Christ to the World*

\*Sending Hymn *The First Noel*

UMH 245

**8:30**

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

Dr. Chuck Barland

**10:45**

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

Dr. Chuck Barland

*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. 20 – Dec. 27

### 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                  |

**Monday, Dec. 21** No Meetings

**Tuesday, Dec. 22** No Meetings

### **Wednesday, Dec. 23**

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| 5:00 p.m. | No Wonderful Wednesday |
| 6:00 p.m. | No Confirmation        |

### **Thursday, Dec. 24-Office Closed ... Merry Christmas!**

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| 2:00 p.m.  | Candlelit Worship Service with Communion |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Candlelit Worship Service with Communion |
| 10:45 p.m. | Candlelit Worship Service with Communion |

### **Friday, Dec. 25-Office Closed ... Merry Christmas!**

### **Saturday, Dec. 26**

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| 6:30 a.m. | Bread Run — Schrupf Family                          |
| 5:30 p.m. | Food for the Soul — Team 7 Hattel, Kerker & Dubbels |
| 6:00 p.m. | Saturday Night Praise                               |

### **Next Sunday, Dec. 27**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 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             |
| 10:45 a.m.      | Worship Prelude— <b>Isabelle Van Milligen Baptism</b> |

#### **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**



#### **The Men & Women in Uniform & Their Families Our Homebound**

**Robin O'Connor**—Double knee surgery  
**Roberta**—Cancerous breast surgery on Tuesday  
**John Duggan**—Cancer has returned  
**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  
**Angela Osterkamp**—Further tests & treatments  
**Sue Bettcher**—Surgery

#### ***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***

**I**n case you haven't noticed, our old reliable stove/oven in the kitchen has died. It has been replaced with a newer model. Stop down and check it out!

#### **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.

**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.

#### **2016 Fabulous Friday Concerts**

**12:05-12:35 p.m.**

#### **January 2016**

**Jan 8** St. Luke's Varietals (Sue Hattel, Julie Gross, Craig Allen, Jeremy Mims, Otto Krueger)  
**Jan 15** Dr. Sang-In Han & Dr. Luke Tyler  
**Jan 22** Jill Klinebriel, Mike Link and Kristen Eby  
**Jan 29** Jill Heitzman & Dr. Thomas Dickey

#### **February 2016**

**Feb 5** Rebecca Christian & Kate Thompson  
**Feb 12** Clarke Collegiate Chorus & Strings

#### **February 2016 (cont)**

**Feb 19** Univ. of Dubuque Chamber Singers  
 Univ. of Dubuque Flute Ensemble  
**Feb 26** St. Luke's Varietals (Ann Duchow, Andrea Beacham, David Patterson)  
**March 2016**  
**Mar 4** Dubuque Fiddlers/40 Flying Fingers  
**Mar 11** Dubuque Sr. High School Jazz Combo  
**Mar 18** Upper Main Street Jazz (Ric Jones)