

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>Dec. 6, 2015</u> @ 8:30 a.m.	<u>Dec. 6, 2015</u> @ 10:45 a.m.
Greeters	Deb, Greg & Sara Albert	Arnie VanEtten, Matt & Debi Hull, Lynn Kerker, Marilyn Conklin
Acolytes	Sara Albert	Joshua Rusch/Chloe Plumley
Advent Candle Lighters	The Rusch Family	Matthew & Debbi Hull & Family
Liturgist	Deb Albert	Mark Tilson
Ushers	Deb, Greg & Sara Albert	Matt & Debi Hull, Lynn Kerker, Marilyn Conklin
Children's Time	Pastor Lundula	Jessica DuBord
Chimer	Heather Williams	Heather Williams
Projectionist	Chris Kohlmann	Paul Clark
Announcements/Slides	Craig Allen	Craig Allen
Videographer	John Hessler	John Hessler
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Chuck Barland	Dr. Chuck Barland
Worship Driver	N/A	Otto Krueger
Offering Depositor	Jon Romaine	Kathy McWethy
Communion Steward	Deb Albert	
	Saturday, Dec. 5	
Bread Run	McGovern Family	
Food for the Soul	Team 4 L. Brimeyer	

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

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Rev. Dr. Okitakoyi Lundula
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PEACE



*Second
Sunday
Of
Advent*

December 6, 2015— 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:20 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.

8:30 Advent Hymn Sing

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
We Are Called

St. Luke's Singers
UMH 220
UMH 216
FWS 2172

8:30 Advent Introit

Somebody Find a Stable

St. Luke's Singers

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles —
Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship
Welcome/Announcements/Introductions/*Greetings

Dr. Charles Barland

*Called to Worship

Opening Hymn *Herald of Christ* UMH 567
Invocation (from Malachi 3:1-3)

Leader: Look, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.

All: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to the Lord's temple.

Leader: The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight is coming.

All: Who can endure the day of his coming? He shall purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. They will belong to the Lord, presenting a righteous offering.

Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 2) UMH 211

Called to Community

Lighting of the Advent Candle

All Readers: On this second Sunday of Advent, we come as a people that Welcome All. [Light 1st Candle]

Reader: As those who know Hope beyond all hopes, our hearts are warmed and we Care for All of humanity and all of creation.

Community: As those who repent of our self-centeredness, we are given Peace.

Reader: As Those Who Care, we confess the common life we have with people of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, and faiths, and we embrace a new vision of the Kingdom of God.

Community: As those who are baptized in the Spirit of the Christ, the dawn of God's Peace breaks upon us.

All Readers: On this 2nd Sunday in Advent, as we welcome the Light of Peace. [Light 2nd 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 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.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

All Candlelight Services/Communion
Ringling of Tower Chime

Annual Cookie Exchange

Tuesday, December 8

@ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to participate in Terrific Tuesday's Annual Cookie Exchange. Bring 4 dozen cookies of the same recipe to exchange and a container for transporting the cookies home. Let us help you get a jump start on your holiday baking! If you have any questions, please call Laurinda Brimeyer at 557-7341.



SENIORS
Out 'n About

Our last SOA trip for the year will be a special evening including a Holiday

Dinner and Lights Tour on Sunday, December 6. Leave Woodlands at 4:45 p.m. Order off menu for dinner. What a great way to end the year!

Advent Celebration—Sunday, December 6



Invitation and Welcome invites you, your family and friends to join together for food, fun and fellowship in Celebration of the

Advent season. There will be Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup with all of the "fixins" for lunch, as well as a time for crafts, tree trimming and cookie decorating. Listen to the Story of Advent and take time to visit and relax in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. There's something for the young and the young at heart. Hope to see you there!

Food Pantry Christmas Basket Give Away

The Dubuque Food Pantry is asking churches and organizations for the following Christmas basket donations:

8 (3-5 lb) Hams **Canned Fruit**
Stuffing Mix **Ramen Noodles**
Brownie or Cake Mix **Soups**

Please sign the sheet in South Hall if you are able to donate a ham. Other non-perishable goods may be put in the shopping cart in South Hall by **November 30**.

Hams may be dropped off at St Luke's between **November 30—December 6**.



It's time to order poinsettias in honor of, or in memory of a family member or friend. There is a sign-up form available in South Hall or you may call the church office (582-4543) to put in your order. Please print the information on the form clearly so the names are spelled correctly when published.

Deadline: 12/7/15
Cost: \$15 each

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)

Advent Candle Hymn: *Open for YOU*

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

Children's Time

This Is Where Children Belong

Jesus Loves Me

FWS 2233

UMH 191

8:30 Anthem *Like a Child*

Arr. David Cherwien

10:45 Anthem *One Small Child*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Called to Share

Sharing Our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Chuck Barland

UMH 94

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

UMH 895

Called to Reflection

8:30 *Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6

*And all God's people said: **Thanks Be to God***

8:30 Message Advent Reflection On Our Vision Statement

- Called to Welcome . . .

- Called to Care . . .

10:45 Children's Christmas Program "How to Have a Merry Christmas"

Called to Communion

A Service of Word and Table

UM BOW 72

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World

*Sending Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

UMH 240

8:30

*Benediction

(Please be seated)

Music from the Tower

(Please be dismissed)

Postlude

Dr. Chuck Barland

10:45

*Benediction

(Please be seated)

Postlude

(Please be dismissed)

Music from the Tower

Dr. Chuck Barland

Upcoming Events for Week of Dec. 6 – Dec. 13

Sunday, Dec. 6

8:20 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
 8:30 a.m. Worship Prelude and Communion
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
 9:30-10:45 a.m. Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
 9:30 a.m. Thinking of You Bags in Fellowship Hall
 10:35 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
 10:45 a.m. Worship Prelude and Communion
Children's Christmas Program
 12:00 p.m. **Chili & Soup Luncheon Fellowship**
Crafts, Tree Decorating and Story of Advent
 SOA Trip
 4:45 p.m. SOA Trip

Monday, Dec. 7

1:00 p.m. Busy Bees

Tuesday, Dec. 8

9:30 a.m. Terrific Tuesday Cookie Exchange in Fellowship Hall
 7:15 p.m. Worship & Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 9

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

Thursday, Dec. 10

6:30 p.m. SPPRC

Friday, Dec. 11

9:00 a.m. Windows (Bus) Tour
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 2:55 p.m. Windows (Bus) Tour

Saturday, Dec. 12

6:30 a.m. Bread Run — Matthew & Foster Hull
 5:30 p.m. Food for the Soul — Team St. Luke's Confirmation Class
 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise

Next 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 a.m. Diversity Presentation by Loras Students in Fellowship Hall
 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

Prayers For This
 Week's
 Joys and Concerns



The Men & Women in Uniform & Families
Our Homebound
Sophia Hutchins—Lung procedure
Angelo O—Serious health issues

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

Our funds have been depleted and we are in need of additional monies to help out those people in our community who are struggling and require the basic need of food or gasoline to get to out-of-town doctor appointments. Any donations should be marked for: Jesus Fund. If you are able, please consider contributing a few dollars to this need. *Thank you!*

Terrific Tuesdays

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

Dec. 8 Cookie Exchange in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall
Dec. 15 Molly's Silver Screen Canteen

Now Available . . .

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



Come and join us and help write Christmas Greetings or assemble Thinking of You gift bags on Sunday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to this special time of fellowship and reaching out to others!