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December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

**8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
with Communion**

St. Luke's—Celebrating 183 Years

1833-2016



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

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Prayer Requests: 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.

* *Denotes the invitation to stand if able.*

Advent Hymn Sing

Led by St. Luke's Singers or Chancel Choir

"There's a Song in the Air"	UMH 249
"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"	UMH 251
"He Is Born"	UMH 228

8:30 Advent Introit

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel..." by Michael Bedford
St. Luke's Singers; Keith Rippe, Director

8:30 Prelude

Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

10:45 Prelude

"In Dulci Jubilo" arr. Susan Rucker
JuBELLation Ringers; David Patterson, director

Lighting of the Candles: *Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship*

Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions

* *Called to Worship*

* Lighting the Advent Candle

Reader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

[Light the first Advent Candle]

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

[Light the second Advent Candle]

Reader: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; ... the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35:1-10)

[Light the third Advent Candle]

* Entrance Hymn "Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting) — verses 1 & 2 UMH 210

8:30 Special Music "I Wonder As I Wander" by Jack Shrader
Chris Kohlmann, flute; Keith Rippe, piano

10:45 Special Music "Coventry Carol" Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir; Dr. Jeremy Mims, Director

Called to Reflection

Prayer for Illumination

All: Glorious is your righteousness, wondrous is your love, Savior, Lord and Sovereign—who was, and is, and is to come. Pour out your Spirit that we may hear your word, see your way, and follow where you lead us. Amen.

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 2-11
And all God's people said: **Thanks be to God!**

"Where Children Belong" TFWS 2233
Children's Time Mark Beard
"Jesus Loves Me" (chorus only) UMH 191

Message "See" Pastor Chuck

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer (trespasses) UMH 895

Called to Share

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

8:30 Offertory

Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

10:45 Offertory

“Silent Night”
JuBELLation Ringers; David Patterson, director

arr. Patricia Patterson

* Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Called to Holy Communion

Invitation to Confession

You've opened our eyes, Lord.

We see our sin.

We see the brokenness of our relationships.

Before we can offer ourselves to you fully,

We must confess, and make amends.

Confession of Sin

With John's disciples, we see now who you are,

And we see who we are, and what we've done.

We have left the blind among the blind, and the deaf among the deaf.

We have made life harder for those with difficulty moving.

We have created more lepers, and cleansed but few.

We have consigned more and more to certain death.

And the poor hear bad news from our lips.

Have mercy. Forgive us.

Then free us to see, hear, move, embody, and announce the way your kingdom is making in this world. Amen.

[*Silence*]

Pardon and Peace

Jesus sent the doubting and dispirited as evangelists. You are more than forgiven. You are restored and given the word of Shalom to offer one and all. The peace of Christ is with us!

The peace of Christ is with us! Thanks be to God!

* Song

“Jesus, We Are Here”

TFWS 2273

[The people continue to sing quietly, while the pastor prays.]

Jesus, we are here,
Here for you,
Here to give ourselves in thanks and praise,
For all you, with the Father and the Spirit,
Have done, and are doing,
To save us
And make all things new.

From time immemorial,
You are God,
Holy and Triune,
Delighting in creation,
Rejoicing in all creatures,
And pouring forth life
Inexhaustible and free.

Though we have destroyed your creation,
Abused your creatures,
And profited from death, disease, and decay,
You chose to make a people for yourself in Israel,
And a new people in Jesus Christ among those who were no people.

[The people stop singing.]

And so, with your people on earth,
And all the company of heaven,
We join our voices in the eternal hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is Christ who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

[Accompaniment ends.]

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has shown us the way of salvation, where
The ones we blinded are our visionaries,
The ones we paralyzed move freely,
The ones we marginalized are the center of community,
**The ones we shouted down until they could not hear or be heard rejoice to find
their words fulfilled,**
The ones we consigned to death broke death's bonds,
And the ones we called poor are a source of life for all.
Blessed be your name forever.

Blessed are you, offering yourself to us as to your first disciples,
In bread and wine over which you gave thanks to the Father:
Bread, your body,
Wine, new covenant in your blood,
and bid us remember you, and do likewise.

We remember your death.
We proclaim your resurrection.
We await your coming in glory.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Our Heavenly Parent, pour out your Holy Spirit,
as we your children ask you.
Come Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come on us, and on these gifts.
Make this bread Christ's body,
And us his body renewed.
Make this cup Christ's blood,
And us living witnesses of his reign.

Unite us with Christ, with each other, and with all creation
now, and on that day when we gather at the marriage supper of the Lamb,
when all shall proclaim:

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor and power and strength, be
to our Triune God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking and Sharing

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World

* Sending Hymn

“The King of Glory Comes”

TFWS 2091

* *Benediction*

* Benediction

8:30 * Music from the Tower Chime *(please stand)*
Postlude

Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

10:45 Postlude *(please be seated)*
Music from the Tower Chime *(please be seated)*
Postlude

Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

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

Upcoming Worship Services

**Every Saturday Night:
6:00pm Saturday Night Praise**
(Except December 24, 2016)

December 18th — 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Hymn Sing, Sunday Worship Services, and Christmas Cantatas

December 24th — Christmas Eve

2:00 p.m. Candlelit Worship Service, Communion & Tower Chime

7:00 p.m. Candlelit Worship Service, Communion & Tower Chime

10:45 p.m. Candlelit Worship Service, Lessons, Carols, Communion & Tower Chime
(Children in pajamas welcome!)

December 25th — Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with Communion

January 1st — New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with Communion

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Upcoming Events for Dec 11th - Dec 18th

Sunday, December 11 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:20 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
8:30 am	Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
9:30 am—10:45am	Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:35 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
12:15 pm—5:00pm	Parents' Afternoon Out — Kids at the church
1:30 pm	St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal in the Music Room (downstairs)
5:30 pm	Youth Event: "Reflections in the Park" — Meet at St. Luke's

Monday, December 12

8:00 am	Chimes Deadline
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Tuesday, December 13

9:30 am	Terrific Tuesdays at Starbucks, Locust Street Hy-Vee
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Wednesday, December 14

4:50 pm	Wonderful Wednesday meal, activities, and rehearsals
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Thursday, December 15

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Wesley Room
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Friday, December 16

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 17

6:30 am	Bread Run — Mike & Cheri Loveless
9:00 am	St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 11
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Event: "The Live Nativity" — Meet at St. Luke's

Next Sunday, December 18 — 4th Sunday of Advent

8:20 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
8:30 am	Worship Service with Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary
9:30 am—10:45am	Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:35 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship Service with Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary
12:15 pm—5:00pm	Parents' Afternoon Out — Kids at the church



Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



Men & Women in Uniform, & Their Families Our Homebound

Laurinda Brimeyer's granddaughter Fiona Hensch — Newborn, emergency C-sec, hip
Family of Edna Mahan's nephew Bill Brown — passed away
Family of Albert family friend Marjo Gleeson — passed away
Bonnie Sanders' mother Rayma Fisher — eyes

Send prayer requests, changes, or updates to: dbqstluke@gmail.com Prayer listings will be listed for two weeks. See the **Chimes newsletter** for those with ongoing and long term concerns.

Upcoming Worship Services

Every Saturday:

6:00pm Saturday Night Praise
(Except December 24, 2016)



Dec 18 4th Sunday of Advent (with Hymn Sing)
8:30 & 10:45 Worship & **Christmas Cantatas**

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services
2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 10:45 p.m.

Dec 25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Jan 1 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Service

Wonderful Wednesday Meal



Menu for December 14th:
pizza, salad, fruit, and dessert.

Meals served **4:50-5:30pm**
\$6 per person, \$15 per family

Terrific Tuesdays

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



Dec 13 Starbucks at Locust Hy-Vee
Jan 3 AJ's Café at Hartig's (Univ. Ave)
Jan 17 Molly's Silver Screen Canteen
Jan 24 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00am Sit & Knit in the Parlor

Christmas Music Cantatas Sunday December 18, 2016

8:30 a.m. St. Luke's Singers

The Christmas Story
A Classic Carol Celebration

By Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi
Keith Rippe, Director

Dr. Chuck Barland, Accompanist
Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators



Sing We Now
of
Christmas



10:45 a.m. Chancel Choir:
Sing We Now of Christmas

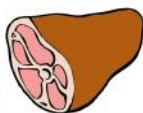
By Howard Helvey
Dr. Jeremy Mims, Director
with orchestral accompaniment

Parents' Afternoon Out

Sundays, Dec 11th & 18th
12:15 to 5:00 pm



Enjoy the afternoon Christmas Shopping. We will provide a safe place for your kids with food, Wii games, movies, crafts, pizza, and snacks. FREE event! Contact Mark: **563-663-4599**.



Christmas Hams Needed

St. Luke's has pledged hams to the Food Pantry by **Dec 12th**. Hams should range from 3-5lbs. **Sign up in the South Hall** and bring your ham to church before Dec 12th and store in a fridge (note which fridge on sign up). It's not too late, and we can take more!

2017 Prayer Partners

Support each other through daily prayer. In addition, a card may be sent as a remembrance on a birthday or other special occasion. Prayer partners are usually revealed in December. To be a 2017 Prayer Partner, fill out the forms on the back table in the sanctuary and leave the form in the church office. Questions, please call **Marcia Young 563-580-9650**.



Fabulous Fridays Music Series 2017

Helen Johnston Memorial Season

Fridays at 12:05pm

beginning January 13, 2017

Fabulous Fridays return to St. Luke's United Methodist Church on January 13 for the Helen Johnston Memorial Season, our 26th year. This popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. More than 75 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts during the series' history.

Performances begin at St. Luke's at 12:05pm, lasting 30 minutes. Many in the audience bring their lunch and enjoy time together after the concert in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee and desserts are free, but baskets are available for contributions. Street parking is available. Accessible entry in the alley. Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

- Jan 13** Caprice Jones, poetry;
Ann Duchow, violin
- Jan 20** Dr. Sang in Han, tenor;
Marsha Martin, bassoon
- Jan 27** Rebecca Christian, author;
Kate Thompson, soprano
- Feb 3** Craig Allen, vocal; Carrie Greer, vocal
- Feb 10** The Dubuque Fiddlers:
Ann Duchow, director
- Feb 17** University of Dubuque Chamber Singers: Kristen Eby, conductor
- Feb 24** Julie Gross & Sue Hattel, clarinet; Jill Heitzman, soprano; Dr. Chuck Barland, organ; Ora Uzel, piano
- Mar 3** Clarke University Choirs and Orchestra:
Dr. Jeremy Mims, conductor
- Mar 10** Hempstead HS Penn Avenue Singers:
Teresa Slade, conductor
- Mar 17** Dr. Luke Tyler, piano;
Laura Southworth, soprano

More groups to come **March 24** through **April 7**



Prescott Soup Luncheon

Tuesday, December 20th

11:00 am — 1:00 pm

Prescott Elementary School

Prescott Elementary School's Soup Luncheon Fundraiser includes: lunch, performances by Prescott students, and a silent auction. Olive Garden soup and breadsticks will be served. All proceeds benefit the arts programming at Prescott including the all school musical, fieldwork, guest experts and PanrhythmiX. Recommended donation is \$15 per person. Call the office at 552-4200 for advanced tickets. All are welcome!

Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 a.m.



Meet with Pastor Chuck in the Wesley Room to talk about scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

Helena Williams to be Baptized

December 18th at 10:45 a.m. Worship

Helena Audrey Williams will be baptized Sunday, December 18th during the 10:45 a.m. Service. Welcome Helena to the St. Luke's Family!

Build an Ark!

Joyful Noise group

Wednesday Nights

Starting January 4th

6:00pm - 7:00pm



Starting January 4th on Wednesday nights, we need the help of 3 year olds through 1st graders to build an ark! The following week, we'll build Noah and put each child in the boat. The 3rd week we'll add an animal. Come Wednesday nights to help us build and see who we invite onto the boat!

THANK YOU to the many volunteers of St. Luke's for your service and dedication!

Not a volunteer?

Talk with us about how you can help out!

Remember! Food Pantry Donations

Food items needed: potatoes (flakes or canned), tuna, mac & cheese, oil, dish soap, and sugar.

Place items in the shopping cart in the South Hall.



Donate to the Jesus Fund



The “Jesus Fund” Ministry is a food voucher program that aids people in need to afford healthy food options at Eagles grocery. We receive a dozen calls each Monday, but lately there have been no funds to provide vouchers to those in need. Donations can be given in offering envelopes in the offering plate, labeled as “Jesus Fund.”

Red Basket Project

The **Red Basket Project** provides women’s hygiene products to women in need. The bathroom outside the Fellowship Hall will have a red basket with Ziploc plastic bags stocked with a one month supply of individually wrapped regular tampons and slim pads. Women will be encouraged to take as many as they need. Support this project with donations of supplies into the red basket in the South Hall or monetary donations labeled **Red Basket Project**. Thanks!



St. Luke’s Pledges, Tithes, & Offering Report

Year to Date as of 10/31/2016

2015 Year to Date	\$226,194.75
2016 Year to Date	\$226,008.86
2016 Target to meet budget	\$238,846.15
Amount ahead / (behind) budget	(\$12,837.29)

Help with Windows Tours

2016’s tours could not have been done without the dedicated service of Mary Armstrong, Cheryl Vahl, Cathy Schlickman, Laurinda Brimeyer, Morgan Frazer, Barb Bonnett, and Betty Phillips. In 2017, there will an additional boat coming to visit June through October. Betty has the names of the members interested in helping in 2017, but we will need additional members. If interested, give Betty Phillips your name, and she will contact you in the spring. Specific dates to be determined. This is an opportunity to serve St. Luke's and appreciate the beauty of what we have.



Betty Phillips, Historian: 563-588-1782

Hillcrest Lights Festival

**REFLECTIONS:
IN THE PARK**

**Louis Murphy Park, Dubuque
Nov 24 - Jan 1 — 5-10pm daily
\$10.00 per vehicle at the gate**

Discounted \$8 tickets available at all DB&T and Hillcrest locations.



Free Women’s Diagnostic Services

Through the *Care for Yourself* program, the following services are available: mammogram, clinical breast exam, pap test, pelvic exam, limited diagnostic tests, and assistance with making appointments. Requirements: 40+ years old, 250% of the poverty level or below. Call:

1-800-862-6133 or 563-556-6200



Offering Envelopes Are In!

If you either ordered offering envelopes this year or had them last year, new envelopes for 2017 are on the **back table in the Sanctuary**. There are spare blank sets in the office. For more info, contact Ora at the office at: 563-582-4543.

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>December 11, 2016</u> 8:30 a.m.	<u>December 11, 2016</u> 10:45 a.m.
Greeters/Ushers	Jim, Garrett, & Gwen Gross	Foley Family, Kathy Michel
Advent Lighters	Sue Lane & Becky Carr	Nick, Grace, Brody, & Holden Ashbrook
Acolyte	Sara Albert	Sara Albert
Children's Time	Mark Beard	Mark Beard
Liturgist	Sue Lane	Rev. Robert Armstrong
Offering Depositor	Sue Lane	Dick Landis
Communion Steward	Deb Albert	Lori Boughton
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Chuck Barland	Dr. Chuck Barland
Chimer	Heather Williams	Heather Williams
Slides	Chris Kohlmann	Chris Kohlmann
Projectionist	Chris Kohlmann	Paul Clark
Videographer	—	Greg Albert
Worship Driver	—	Otto Krueger
	Saturday, December 10	Saturday, December 17
Bread Run	Young/Rusch	Mike & Cheri Loveless
Food for the Soul	Team 10	Team 11

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 Organist: Dr. Chuck Barland