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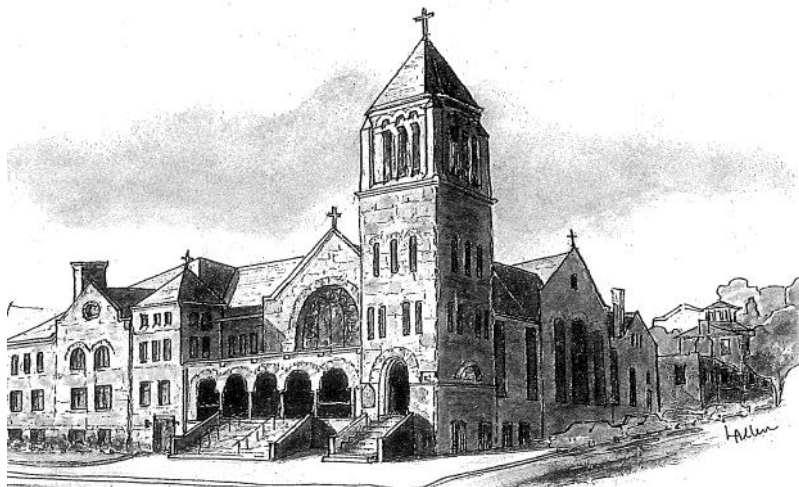
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December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

St. Luke's — Celebrating 184 Years

1833-2017



St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision

Welcoming ALL . . .

Caring . . . Serving . . . Growing

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to an usher.

* Asterisk denotes the invitation to stand if able. **Bold text** to be read by the people.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Journey Into Advent "There's a Spirit In the Air" UMH 192

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (sing twice) UMH 204

Prelude "Bring a Torch" arr. Douglas Wagner
JuBELLation Ringers; David Patterson, director

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

Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions

Called to Worship

Opening Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. ... "Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts." (Psalm 126: 3, 5 CEB)

Reader 2: God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

Reader 3: God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people.

Reader 4: God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

All: **We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God."** (Isaiah 61: 10, NRSV)

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home.

Lighting of the Candles

Advent Response (sung) (3rd Sunday) by Douglas Nolan

**Light the advent candle. Let it shine with joy.
Soon the earth will celebrate sweet Mary's little boy.
Light the advent candle. Christ is coming soon.**

Called to Community

“Where Children Belong”
Children’s Time
“Jesus Loves Me” (chorus only)

TFWS 2233
Pastor Chuck Layton
UMH 191

Anthem
“Mary, Did You Know?”
Chancel Choir; Roxanne Rollefson, director
Chris Kohlmann, flute

arr. Jack Schrader

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Called to Reflection

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalter Reading: Psalm 126 (sung response 2)
New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel Reading: John 1: 6-8, 19-28
And all God’s people said: **Thanks be to God!**

UMH 847

Message “Joy: Garments of Salvation and Righteousness”

Pastor Chuck

Hymn “Joy to the World”

UMH 246

Called to Share

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

Offertory “An Appalachian Christmas”
JuBELLation Ringers; David Patterson, director

arr. Douglas Wagner

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

UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World

* Hymn “There’s a Song in the Air”

UMH 249

*** Benediction**

* Benediction

Postlude and Music from the Tower Chime (*please be seated*)

Postlude “Joy to the World”
Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

Setting by David Cherwien

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

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Upcoming Events for December 17 - December 26

Sunday, December 17 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

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| 8:30 am | Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
with Christmas Cantata, <i>Sing Joy to All the World!</i> |
| 9:30 am | Adult Sunday School / Families in Faith |
| 9:30-10:45 am | Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall |
| 10:45 am | Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
with Chancel Choir & JuBELLation Ringers |

Monday, December 18 — No Events

Tuesday, December 19

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| 11:00 am | Prescott Soup Luncheon at Prescott Elementary School |
| 4:00 pm | 4 the People Meeting in the Wesley Room |
| 6:30 pm | Finance Meeting in the Conference Room |

Wednesday, December 20 — No Events (No Wonderful Wednesday)

Thursday, December 21

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| 8:00 am | Chimes Deadline (early deadline due to Christmas) |
| 10:00 am | Bible Study in the Parlor |

Friday, December 22

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| 7:00 am | Men's Worship in the Sanctuary |
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Saturday, December 23

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| 6:30 am | Bread Run — Michael Rusch and Marcia Young |
| 5:30 pm | Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 4 |
| 6:00 pm | Saturday Night Praise in the Fellowship Hall |

Next Sunday, December 24 — 4th Sunday of Advent

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| 10:00 am | Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary |
| 2:00 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship Service |
| 7:00 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship Service |
| 10:45 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship Service
with Festival of Lessons & Carols |

Next Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day — No Events — Church Office Closed

Next Tuesday, December 26 — No Events — Church Office Closed



Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



Those in Uniform & Their Families
Our Homebound & Those At Care Centers

Cynthia Rowland - surgery
(Amy Schadle's sister)

Family of Beverly Puccio - passed away
(Food for the Soul regular)

Robert Fisher (Bonnie Sanders' father) - surgery

Prayer requests email: dbqstluke@gmail.com

Prayer listings are listed for two weeks.



Advent Worship Services

Dec 24 9:50 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

**Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Worship Services at:
2:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 10:45 p.m.**

Upcoming Worship Services

Dec 31 10:00 a.m. Epiphany Worship

Jan 7 Baptism of the Lord Sunday
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
with Communion

Jan 14 UMW & Human Relations Sunday
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

Jan 21 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third
Contemporary Worship Service

Every Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise
with Communion every first Sunday



Giving Tree

In the sanctuary is the "Giving Tree" for Prescott school. We're collecting, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and underwear for children 11 yrs of age & younger. Donations can be left around the tree, they will be collected & delivered to Prescott school for disbursement upon need.

Prescott Elementary Soup Luncheon

Tuesday December 19th, 11am to 1pm

Prescott Elementary, 1151 White Street

Recommended Donation: \$15



Join us for a soup lunch, silent auction, student artwork, and performances! Proceeds benefit Expeditionary Learning and arts programming at Prescott Elementary, including the all-school musical, fieldwork, guest experts, and beyond-the-school-day programs. For more info call: (563) 552-4200. Snow date 12/20.

Easy Home Composting

We try to compost all our food scraps at St. Luke's, but did you know you can compost at home? If not, please take a look at the display from Iowa Interfaith Power & Light in the South Hallway on how you can sign-up to compost with the City of Dubuque. If you have any questions, find a Green Team member: Mary Armstrong, Rev. Robert Armstrong, Jennifer Crow, Sue Hattel, Mary Purdy, R.R.S. Stewart, Terry Stewart & Marcia Young.



Alternative Advent Market



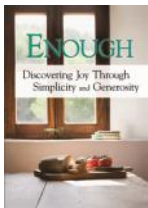
Social Justice will have a table for Dubuque for Refugee Children in the south hallway as part of the Alternative Advent market between the two services and for about 15 minutes after the second service. The table will have beautiful shawls, scarves, and headbands from Limitless Horizons, an organization that works with the women of the Ixil area of Guatemala, marketing their hand-woven goods worldwide, allowing them an opportunity to earn a livable wage through their art.

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



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



Estimate of Giving

There is still time to return your **Estimate of Giving**. If you need a fresh blank form, please let us know and we'll send you one.

Jesus Fund



Our "Jesus Fund" Ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries. Donations can be put into the offering plate as "Jesus Fund."

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light



It's time for St. Luke's to renew its membership in the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, which is a city-wide Green Team for religious organizations that want to be more sustainable. If you wish to help St. Luke's cover its covenant fee, please put it in an offering envelope with "I IPL" written on the outside. This will be put into the Social Justice account for paying for our next year's membership.
~ R.R.S. Stewart

2018 Prayer Partners



Would you like to have or be a prayer partner for 2018? 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 identity of prayer partners are usually revealed during December.

If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for 2018, please fill out the forms found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and leave the form in the church office. Any questions, please call Marcia Young 580-9650.



Advent 3: Joy

Our emphasis this week is JOY.

In some traditions, Advent is a very solemn season, almost like Lent, with special attention paid to repentance and renewal. But even in these ultra-serious seasons, the third week is a celebration of joy. Sometimes the somber purple paraments are replaced by cheerful rose-colored fabric (just as we light the pink advent candle on the third Sunday). Gone are the somber readings about the end of time, replaced by visions of beauty and harmony. It is as if our longing for Christmas, so long repressed, has broken through just for a moment in irrefragible, undeniable joy.

Once again we are reminded: God is coming, and God is here. Rejoice!

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Hot chocolate, potatoes, graham crackers, canned fruit, oil, toothpaste, lotion, toilet tissue, garden produce



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart



During December, members of our congregation are making visits and delivering **Thinking of You** greetings on behalf of United Methodist Women and our St. Luke's church family. "Thank you" to all who gathered in the Fellowship Hall on December 3rd to write cards and prepare deliveries. May these visits share the love of Jesus through our friendships at St. Luke's. Merry Christmas!!

SAVE the DATE! **January 18, 2018 — Evening "OUT TO EAT!"**

Congratulations Graduates!



Two members of the St. Luke's family will graduate from college this month:

Jessica DuBord completed her student teaching at Sageville Elementary School this semester. She is getting her degree from Clarke University in Elementary Education with special education and reading endorsements. Congratulations Jessica!

John W. Hefel, son of Wayne and Celeste Hefel will graduate with the degree of Masters in Science in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville December 16th. John is a Test Lab Supervisor at John Deere PEC Waterloo. Congratulations John!

Thirteen "We Care Packages" were sent to St. Luke's members who are at college now to let them know we are thinking of them this time of year. Please include these students in your prayers as they prepare for their finals.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this special ministry! ~ The College Outreach Committee

Upcoming Wonderful Wednesdays

- Dec. 20** No Wonderful Wednesday **WW**
- Dec. 27** No Wonderful Wednesday **WW**
- Jan. 3** Wonderful Wednesdays resume
No Chancel Choir rehearsal

Fabulous Friday Dessert Sign-up



Fabulous Fridays begin January 13th, and we need folks to help make desserts. Ideally we will have a minimum of four desserts for each Friday after the concert which ends around 12:30 p.m. If you would like to provide desserts, you can **sign up in the South Hall**. For more information contact reception coordinators Char Schmitt or Lynn Kerker.

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



- Jan 2** Molly's Silver Screen Canteen
- Jan 16** Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee
- Jan 23** 8:30 am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 am Sit & Knit in the Parlor



Ringers Needed!

Contact David Patterson before or after second service this Sunday.

Parking Spots Available



The church parking lot has multiple and recently expanded spots available for rent at \$35 per month. Rental is for weekdays 8am to 5pm. Please spread the word! If someone you know would like to rent a spot, have them give their license plate, car make/model, and contact information to the church office at:

563-582-4543 or **dbqstluke@gmail.com**

Call for Technology Volunteers

We need volunteers to make this ministry work. Volunteers are needed to record a service once a month and to make the DVDs for this ministry. The church provides the equipment and the training. **Please contact Bobby Martin**. Description of duties can be found in the church office.



If you would like to volunteer to run the audio and projector during the service, **please contact Paul Clark or the church office**.

Red Basket Project



Offer your donation today marked "Red Basket Project" or with the following in the South Hall red basket:

Tampons: Junior, Regular, Super.

Pantiliners: Always Thin Pantiliners, or any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliners.

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>December 17, 2017</u> 8:30 a.m.	<u>December 17, 2017</u> 10:45 a.m.
Greeters	Joe Lomax & Smokey McGovern	Gary Reid & Cheryl Vahl
Ushers	Joe Lomax & Smokey McGovern	Gary Reid & Cheryl Vahl
Acolytes	Bethany Anderson Jaydn Basten	—
Children's Time	Pastor Chuck Layton	Pastor Chuck Layton
Offering Depositor	Scott Zartman	Sharon Kress
Advent Lighters	Smokey & Susan McGovern	Williams family
Liturgist	Dave Kubik	Chris Becker
Communion Steward	—	—
Organist/Pianist	Sylvia Ward	Dr. Chuck Barland
Chimer	Larry Loeppke	Larry Loeppke
Slides	Chris Kohlmann	Matthew Hull
Projectionist	Denny Brimeyer	Matthew Hull
Videographer	Bobby Martin	—
Worship Driver	—	Chris Becker
	Saturday, December 16	Saturday, December 23
Bread Run	Margie Breese & Marcia Young	Michael Rusch & Marcia Young
Food for the Soul	Team 3	Team 4

Music Directors

St. Luke's Singers — Keith Rippe

Children's Music — Heather Williams

Chancel Choir — Roxanne Rollefson

Chimers — Larry Loeppke

Bell Choir Director — David Patterson

Wind Ensemble coordinator — Sue Hattel

Word on the Third — Roxanne Rollefson

Lead Organist: Dr. Chuck Barland

Pianist/Organist: Sylvia Ward