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# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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***December 17, 2017***

***3rd Sunday of Advent***

***8:30 a.m. Worship Service***

***With Christmas Cantata***

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” “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (sing twice)	UMH 192 UMH 204
Introit	“Prepare...” St. Luke’s Singers Family Choir; Keith Rippe, director	by Lloyd Larson
Prelude	“What Child Is This?” Sylvia Ward, organ	arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold
Lighting of the Candles: <i>Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship</i> Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions		

### **Called to Worship**

Opening Hymn	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	UMH 206
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#### 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

### **Called to Reflection**

Gospel Reading; John 1: 6-8, 19-28  
*And all God’s people said:* **Thanks be to God!**

Message “Joy: Garments of Salvation and Righteousness” Pastor Chuck

### **Called to Prayer**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Christmas Cantata (see insert)

### **Called to Share**

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

Offertory “Gesu Bambino” by Pietro A. Yon  
Sylvia Ward, piano arr. Jay Rouse

\* Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Christmas Cantata (continued)

### **Sent to Serve**

*Carrying the Light of Christ to the World*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (from UMH 224)  
St. Luke’s Singers Family Choir; Keith Rippe, director

### **\* Benediction**

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\* Music from the Tower Chime (*please stand*)

Postlude “Angels We Have Heard On High” Traditional French carol  
Sylvia Ward, organ

*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<br>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<br>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<br>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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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



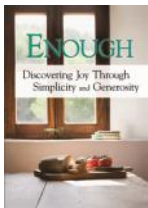
Social Justice will have a table for Dubuque for Refugee Children in the south hallway as part of the Alternative Advent market between the two services and for about 15 minutes after the second service. The table will have beautiful shawls, scarves, and headbands from Limitless Horizons, an organization 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 irrepresible, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
<b>Greeters</b>	Joe Lomax & Smokey McGovern	Gary Reid & Cheryl Vahl
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Lomax & Smokey McGovern	Gary Reid & Cheryl Vahl
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bethany Anderson Jaydn Basten	—
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor Chuck Layton	Pastor Chuck Layton
<b>Offering Depositor</b>	Scott Zartman	Sharon Kress
<b>Advent Lighters</b>	Smokey & Susan McGovern	Williams family
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dave Kubik	Chris Becker
<b>Communion Steward</b>	—	—
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Sylvia Ward	Dr. Chuck Barland
<b>Chimer</b>	Larry Loeppke	Larry Loeppke
<b>Slides</b>	Chris Kohlmann	Matthew Hull
<b>Projectionist</b>	Denny Brimeyer	Matthew Hull
<b>Videographer</b>	Bobby Martin	—
<b>Worship Driver</b>	—	Chris Becker
	<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	<b>Saturday, December 23</b>
<b>Bread Run</b>	Margie Breese & Marcia Young	Michael Rusch & Marcia Young
<b>Food for the Soul</b>	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