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# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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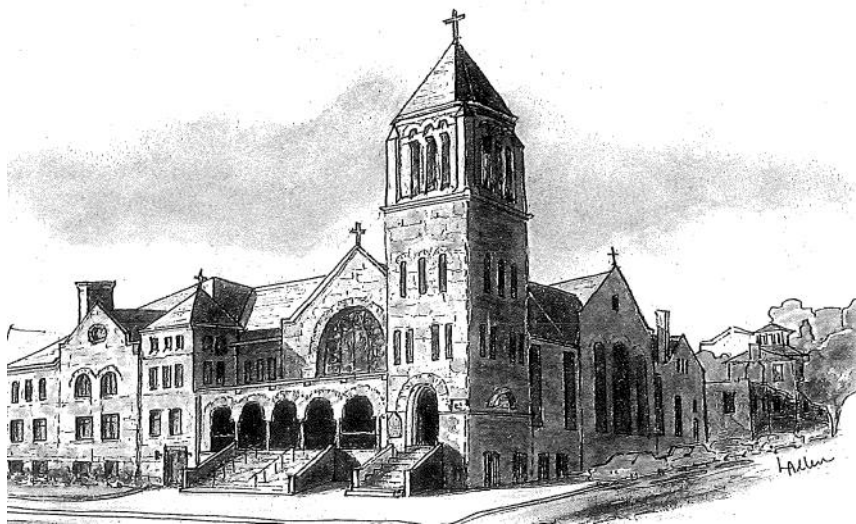
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**December 24, 2016**

**Christmas Eve**

**2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Worship Services**

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. **Bold text** denotes text to be read by the people.*

Prelude    Sounds of Christmas                          Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

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

*Altar and advent candles lit during hymns*

"People, Look East" (verses 1 & 4)    UMH 202

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"    UMH 218

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"    UMH 229

Procession of the Holy Family to the Stable

Hymn    "Away in a Manger"    UMH 217

*The children will help the Holy Family on their journey to the stable as we sing.*

### *\* Called to Worship*

\* Call to Worship (*read responsively*):

On this night, Christ is born!

**Now the Savior has appeared!**

On this night, the heavenly chorus resounds!

**All creation rejoices!**

On this night, the church throughout the world joins their cry:

**Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

\* Hymn    "Angels We Have Heard on High"    UMH 238

### *Called to Reflection*

Prayer for Illumination:

**Open us, O God, to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind with the shepherds to Bethlehem to see the glorious redemption you have brought to pass through the Newborn lying in a manger. Amen.**

Word and Response:

Reader: Luke 2: 1-3

Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH 221

Reader: Luke 2: 4-7

Musical Response

2:00 "Mary, Did You Know" by Mark Lowrey &  
Sue Hattel, Julie Gross, clarinets; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano Budde Greene

7:00 "Breath of Heaven" by Amy Grant  
Heather Williams, vocal

Reader: Luke 2: 8-14

Gloria (read responsively):

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly Ruler, Almighty Parent God,**

**We worship you! We give you thanks! We praise you for your glory!**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Child of God, Lord God, Lamb of God,

**You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of Parent God: receive our prayer!**

For you alone are the Holy One,

**You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father and Mother. Amen.**

Reader: Luke 2: 15-20

Hymn "Sing We Now of Christmas" (verses 1-3) UMH 237

Message "Peace" Pastor Chuck Layton

Special Music

2:00 "All Christians Now Rejoice" by Joseph Martin  
Andrea Beacham, Larry Loeppeke, vocal; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano

7:00 "Ave Maria" by J.S. Bach  
Sandy Heth, vocal; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano

## *Called to Confession*

Invitation to Confession:

Christ our Lord invites to his stable and to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence*

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ was born, lived and died to make clear that while we were yet sinners, God loved us and broke the power of sin and death that had us bound. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## *Called to Share*

**As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.**

Offertory

2:00

“Away in a Manger” Medley  
DeLano Cain, oboe; Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

by Jacob Weber

7:00

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” by Christopher Uehlein  
Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

\* Sung Response

“In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4)

UMH 221

Prayer of Dedication

## *Called to Holy Communion*

The Great Thanksgiving (read responsively):

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our Thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Breaking and Sharing the Bread and Cup  
(*The elements are gluten free bread and grape juice.*)

**Sent to Serve**

Candle Lighting

“Silent Night”

UMH 239

*Please hold lit candles upright, and tilt the unlit candle to light it.*

*Please allow younger children to use the flashlights.*

**\* Benediction**

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Postlude

(*please be seated*)

Music from the Tower Chime

(*remain seated*)

Postlude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

by James Denton

Dr. Chuck Barland, 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 Dec 24th - Jan 2nd***

**Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve**

2:00 pm	Candlelit Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 1
7:00 pm	Candlelit Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
10:45 pm	Candlelit Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 25 — Christmas Day**

10:00 am	Christmas Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
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**Monday, December 26 — Church Office Closed — No Events**

**Tuesday, December 27**

8:00 am	Chimes Deadline
6:00 pm	Finance Meeting in the Conference Room

**Wednesday, December 28 — No Events — No Wonderful Wednesday**

**Thursday, December 29**

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Wesley Room
6:30 pm	Council on Ministries

**Friday, December 30**

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
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**Next Saturday, December 31 — New Year's Eve**

6:30 am	Bread Run — Susan & Smokey McGovern
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 2
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise Service in the Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, January 1 — New Year's Eve — Epiphany (Observed)**

10:00 am	Epiphany Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
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**Next Monday, January 2 — Church Office Closed — No Events**



## *Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns*



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

**Ardeth Kirschbaum** — hospitalized  
The McGovern's son-in-law **James Mensendike**  
— recovering from gall bladder surgery  
Laurinda Brimeyer's mother **Marian Thomas**  
Sarah Redding's friend **JoElla McCalister**  
— recurrence of cancer, third time, with chemo  
**Family of Donald J. Ward** — passed away  
**Family of Bill Brown** (Edna Mahan's nephew)  
— passed away

For prayer requests/updates call: **563-582-4543**  
or email **dbqstluke@gmail.com** Prayer listings  
will be listed for two weeks in the bulletin.

### *Upcoming Worship Services*

**Dec 25** 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service  
**Jan 1** 10:00 a.m. Epiphany Service  
**Jan 8** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
**Jan 15** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**Jan 15** 10:45 a.m. Word on the Third

**Every Saturday:** 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise  
(No Saturday Night Praise Tonight)

### **No Wonderful Wednesday Wednesday, December 28th**

There are no Wonderful Wednesday meals, activities, or rehearsals December 28th. Wonderful Wednesday will be back **January 4th, 2017!**



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

**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  
**Jan 31** Big Apple Bagels

## **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.

### **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!



### **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 available too. For more info, contact Ora at the office at: 563-582-4543.

### **St. Luke's Pledges, Tithes, & Offering Report Year to Date as of 11/30/2016**

2015 Year to Date	\$259,275.94
2016 Year to Date	\$246,332.46
2016 Target to meet budget	\$262,730.77
<b>Amount ahead / (behind) budget</b>	<b>(\$16,398.31)</b>

## 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 be 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**



## Donate to the Jesus Fund

Our "Jesus Fund" Ministry helps people in need pay for groceries at Eagles grocery. Donations can be given in offering envelopes in the offering plate, labeled as "Jesus Fund."

## 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.



## Children's Christmas Program DVDs Available

Would you like a keepsake DVD of the Children's Christmas Program from December 4th? DVDs are available in the office (five are available and more can be made). Such keepsakes contain long lasting digital files that can be passed on from generation to generation as witness for the Lord. Ask John Hessler if you would like a DVD.

## 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.



## Lectionary Bible Study Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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

## 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!

## Weather-Related Cancellations

St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather through the following methods listed here:

**KRCG TV 9  
WDBQ 1490 AM  
KDTH 1370 AM**

**St. Luke's Facebook page**



If there are no notifications showing, you may call these people **as a last resort**:

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963  
Dan Jacobsen 319-480-0921  
Sue Hattel 563-599-4497  
Paul Clark 563-590-0158



## Our Worship Specialists

	<b><u>December 24, 2016</u></b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>December 24, 2016</u></b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Michael & Lisa Rusch	Marilyn Conklin, Linda Brack, Gary & Kathy Reid
<b>Advent Lighting</b>	Jim & Julie Gross & Family	Williams and Hull Family
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jon Romaine	Carol Clark
<b>Offering Depositor</b>	Margie Breese	Dan Jacobsen
<b>Communion</b>	Sue & Al Hattel	Sue & Al Hattel
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. Chuck Barland	Dr. Chuck Barland
<b>Chimer</b>	Larry Loeppke	Heather Williams
<b>Slides</b>	Chris Kohlmann	Chris Kohlmann
<b>Projectionist</b>	Denny Brimeyer	Paul Clark
<b>Videographer</b>	—	Ron Liskey
	<b>Saturday, Dec 24</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 31</b>
<b>Bread Run</b>	Jacobsen/Sanders	McGovern
<b>Food for Soul</b>	Team 1	Team 2

### **Music Directors**

<p><b>Chancel Choir</b>—Dr. Jeremy Mims  <b>St. Luke's Singers</b>—Keith Rippe  <b>Bell Choir Director</b>—David Patterson  <b>Orchestra</b>—Dr. Jeremy Mims</p>	<p><b>Children's Music</b>—Heather Williams  <b>Chimers</b>—Larry Loeppke  <b>Word on the Third</b>—Praise Team  <b>Wind Ensemble</b></p>
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**Lead Organist:** Dr. Chuck Barland