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# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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***December 3, 2017***

***1st Sunday of Advent***

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

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	“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”	UMH 720
	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”	UMH 626
8:30	Introit	“Prepare...” by Lloyd Larson
	St. Luke’s Singers Family Choir; Keith Rippe, director	
	Prelude	“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” from UMH 247
	Sylvia Ward, organ	
10:45	Introit	“Advent Invitation” by
	Chancel Choir; Roxanne Rollefson, director	
	Prelude	“People Look East” setting by J. Wayne Kerr
	Dr. Chuck Barland, organ	

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

Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions

### **Called to Worship**

Opening Hymn “O Morning Star How Fair and Bright” (verse 1 only) UMH 247

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: God of justice and peace, healing and comfort, we see all that is wrong and wonder where you are.

Reader 2: We are a broken people, unable to work together for our common good. We cannot see or hear each other even within our own families and communities.

Reader 3: We are a suffering world; our nations are filled with conflict and violence. The fragile earth cries out with longing for redemption.

**All: We, God’s people, long for God’s presence, saying with the prophet: “If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!” (Isaiah 64:1, CEB)**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us of our longing that God will come into the world, bringing justice and peace, comfort and healing.

Advent Response (sung, verse 1 only):

**Light the advent candle.  
Let it shine with hope.  
Soon a star will guide us to the One that was foretold.  
Light the advent candle.  
Christ is coming soon.**

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233

Children’s Time Pastor Chuck Layton

“Jesus Loves Me” (chorus only) UMH 191

8:30 Anthem “Bring Us Hope” by Ruth Elaine Shram  
St. Luke’s Singers Family Choir; Keith Rippe, director

10:45 Anthem “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
Chancel Choir; Roxanne Rollefson, director

### **Called to Prayer**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

### **Called to Reflection**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalter Reading: Psalm 80: 1-7, 14-19 (sung response 1, 1-7) UMH 801

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel Reading; Mark 13: 24-37

*And all God’s people said:* **Thanks be to God!**

Message “Hope: When You See These Things” Pastor Chuck

*Called to Communion*

Invitation to the Meal

Confession

**O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Michael J. O'Donnell)

Pardon

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting: TFWS 2257 (a, b, c, d)

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*(Communion hymns to be sung as people come to receive communion)*

\* Communion Hymns

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 4011

“People Look East”

UMH 202

## *Called to Share*

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

8:30 Offertory “Coventry Carol / What Child is This?” arr. Jay Rouse  
Sylvia Ward, piano

10:45 Offertory “Let All Mortal Flesh”  
Roxanne Rollefson, piano

\* 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 “Soon and Very Soon” UMH 706

## *\* Benediction*

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

Postlude “Hail to the Lords Anointed!”  
Sylvia Ward, organ

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

Postlude “Jubilate Deo” by J. Wayne Kerr  
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 December 3 - December 10***

**Sunday, December 3 — 1st Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am	Sunday Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Making “Thinking of You” gifts for homebound in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:45 am	Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall
10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Advent Celebration in the Fellowship Hall
4:45 pm	Seniors Out & About: Twinkling Lights leave Woodlands

**Monday, December 4**

1:00 pm	Busy Bees at Bethany Home (1005 Lincoln Ave.)
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**Tuesday, December 5**

9:30 am	Terrific Tuesday Cookie Exchange at St. Luke's
4:00 pm	4 the People Meeting in the Wesley Room
5:30 pm	Invitation & Welcome Meeting in the Conference Room

**Wednesday, December 6**

5:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday meal, activities, and rehearsals
6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting in the Conference Room

**Thursday, December 7**

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Parlor
7:00 pm	Advent to Christmas Reflections in the Parlor

**Friday, December 8**

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
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**Saturday, December 9**

6:30 am	Bread Run — Hull family
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 2
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise in the Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, December 10 — 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am	Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:30-10:45 am	Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall
10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service with Children's Christmas Program



## Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



**Those in Uniform & Their Families**  
**Our Homebound & Those At Care Centers**  
**Eugene Ridanpaa & Family** - cancer  
 (Coni Stephenson's sister's friend's father)  
**Mike Tandy** - appendectomy (Coni's nephew)  
**Verla Perry** (Vicki Tilson's mom) - health issues  
**Kirsten** (Margie Brown's niece) - risk pregnancy  
**Julie** (Margie Brown's sister) - health issue  
**Gail Finsel** - back surgery recovery  
**Ron Liskey** - surgery recovery

Prayer requests email: [dbqstluke@gmail.com](mailto:dbqstluke@gmail.com)  
 Prayer listings are listed for two weeks.



### Advent Worship Services

- Dec 10** 8:20 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:35 a.m. Worship Service with  
 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 17** 8:20 a.m. Worship Service with  
 Christmas Cantata  
 10:35 a.m. Worship Service with  
 Handbells and Choir
- 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.**
- Dec 31** 10:00 a.m. Epiphany Worship
- Every Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise  
 with Communion every first Sunday

### 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**



**December 3** — **THINKING of YOU** activities at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Congregation invited to write personal Christmas **cards** to homebound and preparation of "thinking of you" **gift bags** for December visits and delivery.

**December 4** — **Busy Bees Christmas Dessert** at 1:00pm at Bethany Home 1005 Lincoln Ave. Hostess: Ruth Clark. Devotions and tying of quilts for Hillcrest youth. New members welcome.

**December 7** — **SAVE the DATE!** Gathering at 7:00pm in St. Luke's parlor. Share (if you wish) appetizers and/or sweets. Christmas music and program: "Emmanuel: God's Gift." ALL women are invited!

**2017 UMW Pledge:** Mail or drop off to Treasurer Ruth Veley c/o St. Luke's 1199 Main St., Du-buque, IA 52001



### Order Poinsettias Today is the last day!

On December 17th, we'll fill the front of the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. The poinsettias will be red flowers with gold foil and white bows. Poinsettias can be purchased for **\$16 each**. To order your poinsettias, **sign up on the sheet in the South Hall**. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday December 3rd**. Poinsettias will be purchased from our neighbor, White's Florist.

### Bible Study

**Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.**



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

## St. Luke's Advent Celebration

TODAY!

### Following the 10:45 Worship Service

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a Soup Lunch and a Celebration of Advent! Chili and other soups are on the menu along with some very tasty treats. **ALL ARE INVITED!** Families, singles, young and the young at heart! We will have activities including a telling of Advent season stories, cookie decorating, crafts and more! New this year will be "*The Most Interesting Christmas Sweater*" contest. You are invited to wear your most colorful, out of this world Christmas sweater and win "fabulous" prizes! Hosted by Invitation & Welcome and friends.



## Terrific Tuesday Cookie Exchange



Everyone who is interested is invited to join the Terrific Tuesday group for their annual cookie exchange on December 5 at 9:30 in the church kitchen. Please bring 4 dozen of the same kind of cookie to trade. Remember to bring an extra container to put your new cookies into. You'll go home with a yummy variety of Christmas treats and have a jump on your holiday baking. Please join us! Questions? Call Laurinda (557-7341).



### Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Dec 5** Cookie Exchange - St. Luke's kitchen
- Dec 12** Oak Park Place with Betty
- Jan 2** Molly's Silver Screen Canteen

## 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.

## Jesus Fund



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

## Advent 1: Hope

If you refer to the Advent Calendar which is included with your bulletin (and also available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary), you will notice that the emphasis for the first week of Advent is HOPE.



Hope is not simply looking at the world through rose-colored glasses; it is not some sort of starry-eyed optimism out of touch with hard reality. Hope is not the promise that we will have no problems; it is the assurance that when problems come (and they will, you can be sure) there will be a way through them. Thus we have at end of Advent the promise not of a conquering ruler in a palace but rather of a baby born in a barn; and we have at the center of our faith not a throne but a cross. That baby will go to the cross, and yet we still have hope.

Hope is not the expectation that there will be no winter. It is the promise that there will be spring.

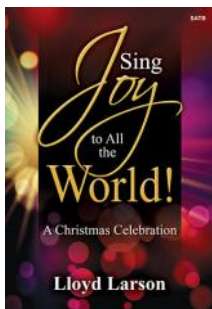
## Dubuque Food Pantry Annual Christmas Basket Give Away Donate before December 13th



Each year the Food Pantry gives out hundreds of food baskets to needy families. St. Luke's will be assisting in this project in two ways:

1. Donate a ham from 3 lbs. to 5 lbs. in size and bring to the church before December 13<sup>th</sup>. Use the **sign-up sheet in the South Hall** to add your name, information, and which fridge it's in.
2. Donate non-perishable items before December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bring non-perishable items (stuffing mix, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, ramen noodles, brownie or cake mixes) and put in the **shopping cart in the South Hall**.





## Sing Joy To All The World!

A Christmas Celebration by Lloyd Larson

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:20 am Worship Service



As the seasons change, leaves fall, chilling temperatures...All reminders that the season of Christmas is just around the corner and how fortunate we have the season of Advent to prepare...Prepare ourselves to receive this incredible gift of Joy!

The St. Luke's Singers & Friends would like to share through song an uplifting Christmas Cantata celebrating this gift of joy, "Sing Joy To All The World!" "Sing Joy To All The World!" a Christmas Celebration of songs that celebrate the promise that joy comes to those who wait; following such long darkness the breaking of dawn brings us all incredible everlasting joy! The Cantata shares many familiar carols & original melodies ranging from contemplative to celebratory.

As recipients of this incredible joy we are called to share the "Good News" with everyone! We ask each of you to invite and bring guests to St. Luke's on December 17th as **ALL ARE WELCOME!** This is a wonderful way to invite others to "step inside" St. Luke's at 12<sup>th</sup> & Main and to share the gift of incredible Joy this Christmas Season with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

We look forward to sharing this Christmas Celebration with you... "Joy To All The World!"

St. Luke's Singers & Friends; Keith Rippe, Director; Sylvia Ward, Accompanist;  
Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators



### 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**

### Prescott Elementary Soup Luncheon

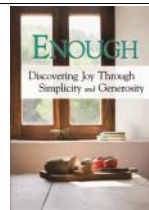
**Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 1pm**  
**Prescott Elementary, 1151 White Street**  
**Recommended Donation: \$15**

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 Wed, Dec. 20th.



### 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.



### Blood Drive - Thank You!

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center would like to thank St. Luke's for our outstanding blood drives in 2017. This year St. Luke's provided 62 units of blood, impacting up to 248 patients' lives. St. Luke's blood drives also earned \$562 in grant funds for Prescott Elementary.

We never know who will need blood next, but your congregation is a shining example of the civically minded institutions we need to complete our mission. Simply put: what you do saves lives. Thank you for your partnership and all you do to make saving lives possible.

— Amanda Hess, Director, Donor Relations

## Our Worship Specialists

	<u><b>December 3, 2017</b></u> <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<u><b>December 3, 2017</b></u> <b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding	Gary & Kathy Reid, Coni Stephenson, Cindy Folsom
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding	Gary & Kathy Reid, Coni Stephenson, Cindy Folsom
<b>Acolyte</b>	—	—
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor Chuck Layton	Pastor Chuck Layton
<b>Offering Depositor</b>	Susan McGovern	Mike Loveless
<b>Advent Lighters</b>	Margie Breese, Laura Carstens	—
<b>Liturgist</b>	Susan McGovern	Dan Jacobsen
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Lori Boughton	Lori Boughton
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Sylvia Ward	Dr. Chuck Barland
<b>Chimer</b>	Heather Williams	Heather Williams
<b>Slides</b>	Susan McGovern	Susan McGovern
<b>Projectionist</b>	Denny Brimeyer	Matthew Hull
<b>Videographer</b>	John Hessler	—
<b>Worship Driver</b>	—	Dan Jacobsen
	<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	<b>Saturday, December 9</b>
<b>Bread Run</b>	Smokey & Susan McGovern	Hull family
<b>Food for the Soul</b>	Team 1	Team 2

### **Music Directors**

**St. Luke's Singers** — Keith Rippe

**Chancel Choir** — Roxanne Rollefson

**Bell Choir Director** — David Patterson

**Word on the Third** — Roxanne Rollefson

**Lead Organist:** Dr. Chuck Barland

**Children's Music** — Heather Williams

**Chimers** — Larry Loeppke

**Wind Ensemble coordinator** — Sue Hattel

**Pianist/Organist:** Sylvia Ward