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# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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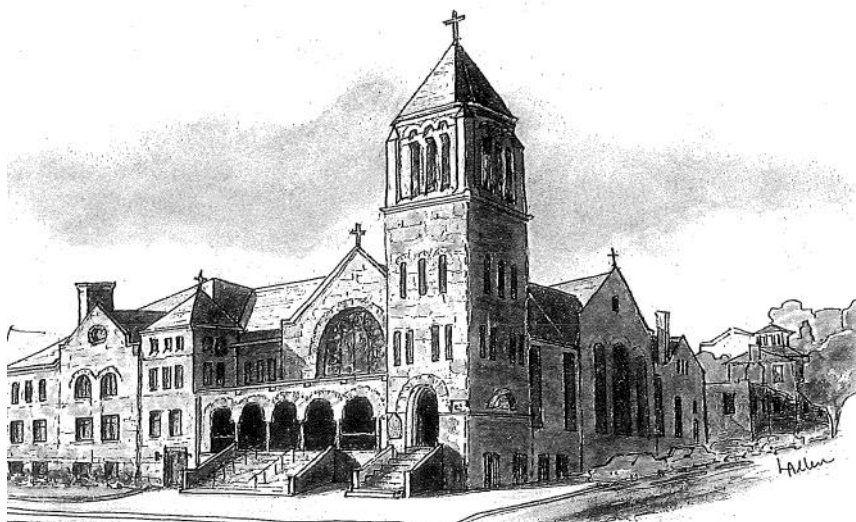
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**November 27, 2016**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**United Methodist Student Day**

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

St. Luke's—Celebrating 183 Years

1833-2016



**St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision**

**Welcoming ALL . . .**

**Caring . . . Serving . . . Growing**



\* Lighting the Advent Candle

Reader: Glory be to the One seated on the throne, and to the lamb

**All: Who was, and is, and is to come, who holds, bears, and rules all things now and forever. Amen.**

Reader: On this First Sunday of Advent, we light our first candle of Advent to remind us to Watch.

*[Light the first Advent Candle]*

Reader: Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**All: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;**

Reader: Let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

**All: Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

* Response	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 1)	211 UMH
“Where Children Belong”		TFWS 2233
Children’s Time		Mark Beard
“Jesus Loves Me” (chorus only)		UMH 191

**Called to Share**

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Even if we were barely watching, scarcely listening, or simply distracted by the baubles of this life, we’ve been invited, we’ve been warned, we’ve been called to get ready. And for all this we have every reason to repent, to reconcile, and to give thanks.

**All: Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against you, against our neighbors, and against our enemies. We have acted as if your reign were not coming, as if our lives depended only on us and our plans. We have not loved you. We have harmed and disrespected those whom you love. Have mercy. Forgive us. Disrupt us. Set us on right paths, whatever it takes. Amen. [Silence.]**

Leader: When we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And when God lifts the burden of our sin from us, we are changed. We are at peace with God through Jesus Christ. Share the peace of Christ with one another, and your thanksgiving and gifts with the church and the world.

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

Offertory

Dr. Jeremy Mims, organ

\* Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Lord, we do not know how much time we have left on this earth,  
but we know if we are still here, it is because of your grace and mercy.

**All: Thank you, Lord!**

Leader: We do not know when you will come or what lies ahead,  
but we know you have called us and will help us get ready.

**All: Thank you, Lord!**

Leader: We do not know all the ways evil will threaten and the wicked will prosper,  
but we know that our life and this world are pure gifts from you,  
and Jesus, who first came long ago in that little town of Bethlehem,  
is your greatest gift of all.

**All: Thank you, Lord!**

Leader: We do not know what rewards we will receive on earth or in heaven,  
but we know you make it possible for us to give our whole lives to you.

**All: Thank you, Lord!**

8:30 Musical Offering

“Give Thanks” by Henry Smith, arr. Mark Kellner

St. Luke’s Wind Ensemble: Julie Gross, Sue Hattel, Dan Jacobsen,  
David Overby, Kim Sheldon, and Dr. Jeremy Mims

10:45 Special Music

“People Look East”

arr. Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir; Jeremy Mims, Director

### **Called to Prayer**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

UMH 895

### **Called to Reflection**

New Testament Reading: Romans 13:11-14

\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Message

“Watch”

Pastor Chuck



***St. Luke's United Methodist Church***  
***Upcoming Events for Nov 27th - Dec 4th***

**Sunday, November 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent**

8:20 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
8:30 am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)
9:30 am	Write Greetings to College Students in Fellowship Hall
9:30 am—10:45am	Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
10:30 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**Monday, November 28**

8:00 am	Chimes Deadline
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**Tuesday, November 29**

9:30 am	Terrific Tuesday at Starbucks at the Asbury Hy-Vee
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**Wednesday, November 30**

4:50 pm	Wonderful Wednesday meal, activities, and rehearsals
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**Thursday, December 1**

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Wesley Room
7:00 pm	UMW: Christmas Stories, Scriptures, and Songs in the Parlor

**Friday, December 2**

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
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**Saturday, December 3**

6:30 am	Bread Run — Dan Jacobsen and Steve Sanders
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 9
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise in the Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, December 4 — 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:20 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
8:30 am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Making Christmas Greetings in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am—10:45am	Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
10:30 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship Service & Children's Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	Advent Celebration Lunch and Activities in the Fellowship Hall
4:45 pm	Seniors Out & About — Twinkling Lights



## Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



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

**Family of Patricia Shannon** — passed away  
**Family of Donald Kirschbaum** — passed away  
**Lynn Kerker** — recovering from hospitalization  
**Family of Edie Pickens** — passed away  
 (Darren Ziskovsky's grandpa's wife)  
**Ora Uzel** — chest pains, back, scoliosis  
**Darren Ziskovsky's father Dwane** — leg infect.  
**Bubs Atchison** — hospitalized, stomach issues  
**Family of Lois Larson** — passed away  
**Lillian Tharp** — surgery to put tubes in ears

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.



## Twinkling Lights

Sunday, Dec. 4th

### Holiday Dinner at Timmerman's And Lights Tour

Leave Woodlands: **4:45 PM**  
 Cost: **\$2.00** (transportation & Murphy Park fee)  
**Order off the Menu**  
 RSVP Marcia Dubbels at **582-6634**

### RSVP Deadline: Mon, November 28th

Turn in sign-up note at St. Luke's, or  
 Sign up on sheet at Woodlands.

## St. Luke's Pledges, Tithes, & Offering Report

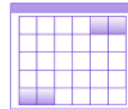
Year to Date as of 10/31/2016

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)

## Upcoming Worship Services

Every Saturday:

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



**Dec 4 2nd Sunday of Advent** (with Hymn Sing)  
 8:30 Sunday Worship Service  
 10:45 Sunday Worship Service **with**  
**Children's Christmas Program**

**Dec 11 3rd Sunday of Advent** (with Hymn Sing)  
 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Services **with Communion**

**Dec 18 4th Sunday of Advent** (with Hymn Sing)  
 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services **with**  
**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 November 30th:**  
 Brinner, eggs, sausage, bacon,  
 rolls, French toast, and fruit

Meals are served **4:50-5:30pm**  
 (\$6 per person, \$15 per family). To reserve a "to-go"  
 meal, contact the office before Noon Wed.



## Terrific Tuesdays

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

**Nov 29** Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee  
**Dec 6** Cookie Exchange in the FH  
**Dec 13** Starbucks at Locust Hy-Vee  
**Jan 3** AJ's Café at Hartig's (Univ. Ave)



## 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."



**Dec 1 Christmas Stories, Scriptures and Songs!** Enjoy yummy appetizers and sweets! Bring one of your favorite goodies if you wish! Storyteller Pastor Chuck will share stories of Christmas. Gathering begins at 7:00 p.m. in St. Luke's Parlor! Let us prepare our hearts for Christmas. **All women are welcome!**

**Dec 4** Congregation is invited to gather 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to write **Christmas greetings** and prepare **THINKING of YOU** bags for December delivery to homebound. Share your love with others!

**Dec 5 Busy Bees** will meet at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave. at 1:00 p.m. Christmas dessert, devotion and tying of quilts! New members are always welcome! Questions? Contact Marcia Dubbels: 563-582-6634

**2016 Pledges to Mission** may be left in the office. Address your envelope to: Ruth Veley, UMW Treasurer.



**Build an Ark!**  
**Joyful Noise group**  
**Wednesday Nights**  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Starting Wednesday night January 4th, 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 find out who we invite onto the boat! Please help us fill our boat on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. Hope to see you there with hammers ready to go!

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



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

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday December 18, 2016**  
**Christmas Music Cantatas**

**December 18th — 8:30 a.m.**  
**St. Luke's Singers Present:**

**The Christmas Story**

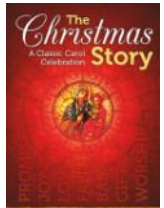
**A Classic Carol Celebration**

By Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Keith Rippe, Director

Dr. Chuck Barland, Accompanist

Laura Carstens & Dave Kubik, Narrators



**December 18th — 10:45 a.m.**

**Chancel Choir Presents:**

**Sing We Now of Christmas**

By Howard Helvey

Dr. Jeremy Mims, Director

Dr. Chuck Barland, Accompanist

Sing We Now  
of  
Christmas



**Help with Windows Tours**



Scheduled tours for 2016 have completed. 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**

**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.



## Order Your Poinsettias!

Sign up by Noon December 5th



On December 18th, we'll fill the front of the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. The poinsettias this year 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 **Noon on Monday December 5th**. Poinsettias will be purchased from White's Florist (supplied by Cushman's Greenhouse, Belmont, WI).



## 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 on the counter 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. To support this project, we ask for donations of these supplies into the red basket in the South Hall or make a monetary donation labeled **Red Basket Project**. You are bringing dignity to women. Thanks!

## 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.



## College Thinking of You Gifts



St. Luke's annually collects donations to send our family college students "thinking of you" gifts. You can give your donation to **Julie Gross** or drop it in the office with her name on the envelope.

## Dubuque Food Pantry annual "Christmas Basket Give Away"

### Christmas Hams Needed

St. Luke's has pledged 25 hams to the Food Pantry by **Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**. We need hams ranging in size from 3-5lbs. **Sign up in the South Hall** and bring your ham to church anytime before Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and store in a fridge (note which fridge on sign up).



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

St. Luke's will provide food pantry donations by Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bring non-perishable items, (stuffing mix, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, ramen noodles, brownie or cake mixes) to the church and put into the **Food Pantry Grocery Cart located by the front door**.

Monetary donations should go to "**Christmas Baskets**" and place in the offering tray.



## 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**.



## Parents' Afternoon Out

**Sunday, December 11th &  
Sunday, December 18th  
12:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the afternoon Christmas Shopping. We will provide a safe place for your kids. We will have staff, food and enjoyable fun for all ages. For example: we will have Wii games, movies, crafts, and we will have pizza and snacks. This is a free event! Contact Mark Beard for details:

**563-663-4599** or **dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com**

## Our Worship Specialists

	<u>November 27, 2016</u> 8:30 a.m.	<u>November 27, 2016</u> 10:45 a.m.
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Les & Sue Bettcher	Coni and Sam Stephenson, Gary & Kathy Reid
<b>Advent Lighters</b>	Les & Sue Bettcher	Nicole Beau & Family
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sara Albert	—
<b>Children's Time</b>	Mark Beard	Mark Beard
<b>Liturgist</b>	Deb Albert	Mary Armstrong
<b>Offering Depositor</b>	Erick Kephart	Sharon Kress
<b>Communion Steward</b>	NA	NA
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Jeremy Mims	Dr. Jeremy Mims
<b>Chimer</b>	R.R.S. Stewart	R.R.S. Stewart
<b>Slides</b>	Paul Clark	Paul Clark
<b>Projectionist</b>	Chris Kohlmann	Paul Clark
<b>Videographer</b>	Bobby Martin	—
<b>Worship Driver</b>	—	Rich Young
	<b>Saturday, November 26</b>	<b>Saturday, December 3</b>
<b>Bread Run</b>	Marcia Young & Margie Breese	Jacobsen/Sanders
<b>Food for the Soul</b>	Team 8	Team 9

### 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