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# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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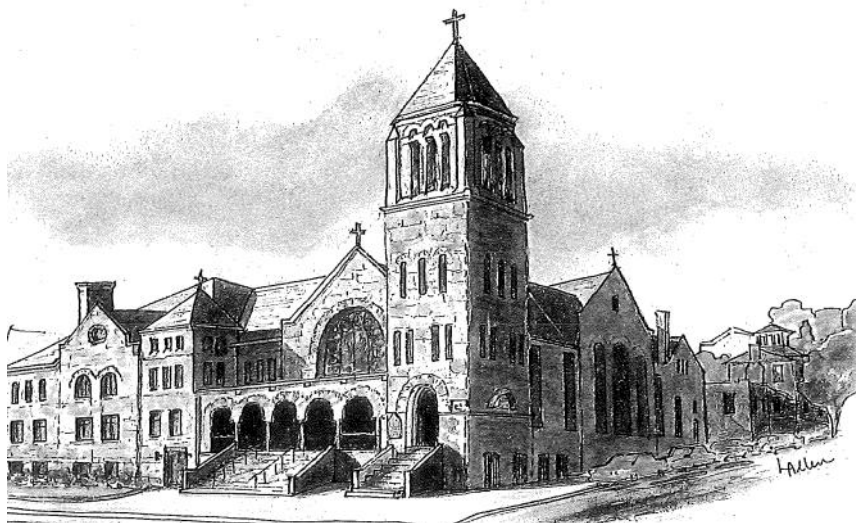
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**March 1st, 2017**

**Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 p.m. Worship Service**

St. Luke's — Celebrating 184 Years

1833-2017



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

**Welcoming ALL ...**

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

**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.

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

### **Preparing Our Hearts for Worship**

Prelude Dr. Jeremy Mims, organ

Introit “Where Are the Shepherds?” J. Paul Williams  
St. Luke’s Singers; Keith Rippe, Director

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

Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions

#### \* **Called to Worship**

\* Call to Worship: (Psalm 39: 4-7)

LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be.  
Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.

**You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand.  
My entire lifetime is just a moment to you;  
at best, each of us is but a breath.**

We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing.  
We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it.

**And so, Lord, where do I put my hope?  
My only hope is in you.**

\* Opening Hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS 2129

Opening Prayer (in unison):

**We come from ashes. But by Your creative power, O God, we are so much more than ashes. During this Holy Lent, may we be scrubbed clean by the fresh wind of your Holy Spirit, so that all that is dying or dead in us may be removed, and we start a fresh season of growth in your Son, Jesus. By the power of your Holy Spirit, guide and empower us in our prayers, our presence before you, our gifts, our service, and our witness to your Son. Amen.**

## *Called to Reflection*

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2: 1-17  
Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10  
\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

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

Message "On Returning" Pastor Chuck

## *Called to Confession*

Prayer of Confession: (Psalm 51: 1-12)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

*Pause here.*

*Examine your life, and confess your sins to God.*

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Words of Assurance:

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, you gathered up a handful of dust and ashes and created us from them. May these ashes remind us both of our mortality and our weakness in the face of sin. Let them remind us that it is only by your loving gift of salvation that we are given everlasting life through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Imposition of the Ashes

*Sent to Serve*

*Carrying the Light of Christ to the World*

\* Hymn of Dedication

“You Are Mine”

TFWS 2218

\* Blessing:

Ashes seem to signal destruction, but they are the result of cleansing fire.

**We rejoice at the room for new growth that fire has brought.**

Ashes appear to be dead and sterile, but they fertilize the ground.

**We rejoice that God is preparing us for that new growth.**

Ashes have cleansing power.

**We rejoice that God chooses to make us clean.**

Friends, go into the world of your daily lives, reclaimed for God, and made ready to do God’s will. The blessing of God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer rest upon you now and always.

**Amen.**

Postlude

Dr. Jeremy Mims, 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 Mar 1 - Mar 8***

**Wednesday, March 1**

9:00am—3:00pm	Imposition of Ashes in the Sanctuary
4:50 pm	Wonderful Wednesday meal, activities, and rehearsals
6:00 pm	Grant Ministry Team Meeting in the Conference Room
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 2**

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Wesley Room
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**Friday, March 3**

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
12:05 pm	Fabulous Friday Concert in the Sanctuary (Desserts in the Fellowship Hall afterwards)

**Saturday, March 4**

6:30 am	Bread Run — Mike Rusch & Marcia Young
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 11
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise Service in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 5**

8:30 am	Sunday Worship Service with <b>Communion</b> in the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)
9:30-10:45 am	Everyone welcome for coffee in South Hall
10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service with <b>Communion</b> in the Sanctuary

**Monday, March 6**

8:00 am	Chimes Deadline
1:00 pm	Busy Bees at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave., Dubuque, IA
6:00 pm	Dubuque for Refugee Children in the Wesley Room

**Tuesday, March 7**

9:30 am	Terrific Tuesday at Starbucks at the Asbury Road Hy-Vee
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**Wednesday, March 8**

4:50 pm	Wonderful Wednesday meal, activities, and rehearsals
6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting in the Conference Room

## Our Worship Specialists

<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b><u>March 1, 2017</u></b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary & Kathy Reid
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary & Kathy Reid
<b>Acolyte</b>	—
<b>Children's Time</b>	—
<b>Offering Depositor</b>	—
<b>Liturgist</b>	Lynn Kerker
<b>Communion Steward</b>	—
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Jeremy Mims
<b>Chimer</b>	—
<b>Slides</b>	Chris Kohlmann
<b>Projectionist</b>	Chris Kohlmann
<b>Videographer</b>	—
<b>Worship Driver</b>	—
	<b>Saturday, March 4</b>
<b>Bread Run</b>	Mike Rusch & Marcia Young
<b>Food for the Soul</b>	Team 11

### 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