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December 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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	“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”	UMH 203
	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	UMH 216

Prelude

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 Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 1-3)	UMH 234
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Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: Our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God for God has looked with favor on us, God’s servants.

Reader 2: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

Reader 3: God of Justice, God of Peace, we open our hearts to you. Give us grace to be instruments of your righteousness.

Reader 4: Give us courage to turn away from distractions and distortions and turn toward the home you have made, are making, and will complete through Christ.

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 fourth Sunday of Advent, the morning of Christmas Eve, we light this candle, turning with courage toward the One who makes a home among us.

Lighting of the Candles

Advent Response (sung) (4th Sunday)

by Douglas Nolan

**Light the advent candle. Let it shine with joy.
Soon a rose will flower set from heav’n above.
Light the advent candle. Christ is coming soon.**

Called to Community

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233
Children’s Time Pastor Chuck Layton
“Jesus Loves Me” (chorus only) UMH 191

Special Music “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” arr. Mark Hayes
Andrea Beacham, vocal; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Called to Reflection

Gospel Reading; Luke 1: 26-38
Canticle of Mary: Luke 1: 47-55 (responsive reading) UMH 199
Before and after, sing first line of verse 1 of UMH 200
And all God’s people said: Thanks be to God!

Message “Love: Relationships” Pastor Chuck

*Hymn “Like a Child” TFWS 2092

Called to Share

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives
Offertory

* Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Dr. Chuck Barland, organ UMH 94
Prayer of Dedication

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World
* Hymn “He Is Born” UMH 228

*** Benediction**

* Benediction “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” by Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane
Brittany Drake, vocal

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

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 24 - December 31

Sunday, December 24 — 4th Sunday of Advent

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 with Festival of Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day

No Events — Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

No Events — Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

No Events — No Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, December 28

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Parlor
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Friday, December 29

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 30

6:30 am	Bread Run — Mike & Cheri Loveless
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 5
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise in the Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, December 31—Epiphany Sunday & New Year's Eve

10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns



Those in Uniform & Their Families
Our Homebound & Those At Care Centers
Those suffering with mental illness and sadness this time of year
Family of Ellyn Bechen - passed away
 (Kathy Michel's son-in-law's mother)
Betty Tigges - hip surgery
 (Denny Brimeyer's aunt)
Family of Jean Curtis (from FFS) - passed away
Cynthia Rowland - surgery on January 3rd
 (Amy Schadle's sister)

Prayer requests email: dbqstluke@gmail.com
 Prayer listings are listed for two weeks.



Christmas Eve Services (Today)

2 & 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship Services
10:45 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship Service with Festival of Lessons & Carols

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

Every Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise with Communion every first Sunday

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



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

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 after service for about 15 minutes. 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.

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.



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.

Offering Envelopes Are In!



If you ordered offering envelopes this year, new envelopes for 2018 are on the **back table in the Sanctuary**. There are spare blank sets in the office. For more info, contact Ora at the office at: 563-582-4543.

Jesus Fund



This ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing them vouchers to Eagle's grocery, especially when other food benefits don't stretch to the end of the month.

Donations can be given in envelopes put into the offering plate labeled "Jesus Fund" (make check to St. Luke's). Your help keeps the Jesus Fund ministry functioning to add that extra little bit of food security people need.



Iowa Interfaith Power & Light

It's time for St. Luke's to renew it's 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

Christmas Green Living Tip



Strings of tree lights and bulbs which no longer work, can be recycled at Lowe's. A collection bin is just inside the entrance door.



SAVE the DATE!

January 18, 2018 — Evening "OUT TO EAT!"

Advent 4: Love



Our emphasis for the fourth Sunday in Advent is LOVE.

But isn't love our theme for the whole season, indeed for every occasion in the life of the church? We have hope because we trust in a God of love. We know peace because we cannot imagine that our God wants anything less for us. We share joy not only when we anticipate the coming of Christ, but also when we look around and see all the gifts of love we have already received. It is love that turns our hearts to each other; it is in love that we reach our helping hands to those around us; it is love that turns our eyes and ears to the skies where, just maybe, we'll see the messengers of God and hear their message.



Fabulous Friday Dessert Sign-up

Fabulous Fridays begin January 12th, 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.

Upcoming Wonderful Wednesdays

- Dec. 27** No Wonderful Wednesday
- Jan. 3** Wonderful Wednesdays resume
No Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Jan. 10** Regular Wonderful Wednesday

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

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



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!



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

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.



Ringers Needed!

The JuBELLation Ringers are in immediate need of musicians to join our ranks. We are in our 40th year of music ministry at St. Luke's and invite you to become a part of our journey. If you can read music and are able to commit to weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings (6:15-7:15 p.m.) and one Sunday a month, please contact me promptly via e-mail or phone at:



dpatterson2000@mchsi.com
563-557-7529
David Patterson,
Ring Leader

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.** A detailed full 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.**

Dubuque Senior Center

Open Monday through Friday

10:30pm to 12:30pm

St. Matthews Church, 1780 White St.

Enter through the alley behind St. Matthews

The Dubuque Senior Center serves a hot lunch every day. It is recommended you reserve your meal in advance by calling before noon on the previous day. Patrons over 60 may leave a donation while those under 60 pay \$8.28. For more information call:



Colleen at 563-543-7065

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>December 24, 2017</u> 10:00 a.m.	
Greeters	Gary & Kathy Reid	
Ushers	Gary & Kathy Reid	
Acolyte	Gary Reid	
Children's Time	Pastor Chuck Layton	
Offering Depositor	Nancy Hessler	
Advent Lighters	Larry Loeppke & Andrea Beacham	
Liturgist	Nancy Hessler	
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Chuck Barland	
Chimer	Larry Loeppke	
Slides	Paul Clark	
Projectionist	Paul Clark	
Videographer	Bobby Martin	
Worship Driver	Rich Young	
	Saturday, December 23	Saturday, December 30
Bread Run	Michael Rusch & Marcia Young	Mike & Cheri Loveless
Food for the Soul	Team 4	Team 5

Music Directors

St. Luke's Singers — Keith Rippe

Chancel Choir — Roxanne Rollefson

Bell Choir Director — David Patterson

Word on the Third — Roxanne Rollefson & Praise Team

Lead Organist: Dr. Chuck Barland

Children's Music — Heather Williams

Chimers — Larry Loeppke

Wind Ensemble coordinator — Sue Hattel

Pianist/Organist: Sylvia Ward