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December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

10:45 p.m. Worship Service

St. Luke's — Celebrating 184 Years

1833-2017



St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision

Welcoming ALL . . .

Caring . . . Serving . . . Growing

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
...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 these gifts of bread and wine...
...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

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

Communion Music Settings of Christmas Carols
Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

Benediction

* Sending Prayer

**Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son.
Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and
truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us,
as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled,
who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

Candle Lighting “Silent Night” UMH 239

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

Postlude “Joy to the World” Setting by David Cherwien
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.



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.

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.

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.**

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

Tiffany Name Meaning



While the brand name of our "Tiffany Windows" is named after the Tiffany family, the origin of the name "Tiffany" is directly related to Epiphany.

The name "Tiffany" is of Greek origin and means "revelation of God." It is a variant of the Greek *Theophania*. In many Christian countries, girls born on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, are given some form of this name. The feast commemorates the day when the three Magi saw the infant Jesus. Because the Magi were Gentiles, their visit to the baby Jesus is the "revelation of God" to the world of the Gentiles.

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> 10:45 p.m.	
Greeters	Cindy Folsom, Tina Adams	
Ushers	Cindy Folsom, Tina Adams, Marcia Young, Sue Hattel	
Children's Time	Pastor Chuck Layton	
Offering Depositor	Rich Young	
Advent Lighters	Cindy Folsom, Tina Adams	
Liturgists	Robert & Mary Armstrong	
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Chuck Barland	
Chimer	R.R.S. Stewart	
Slides	Chris Kohlmann	
Projectionist	Chris Kohlmann	
	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

Children's Music — Heather Williams

Chancel Choir — Roxanne Rollefson

Chimers — Larry Loeppe

Bell Choir Director — David Patterson

Wind Ensemble coordinator — Sue Hattel

Word on the Third — Roxanne Rollefson & Praise Team

Lead Organist: Dr. Chuck Barland

Pianist/Organist: Sylvia Ward