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# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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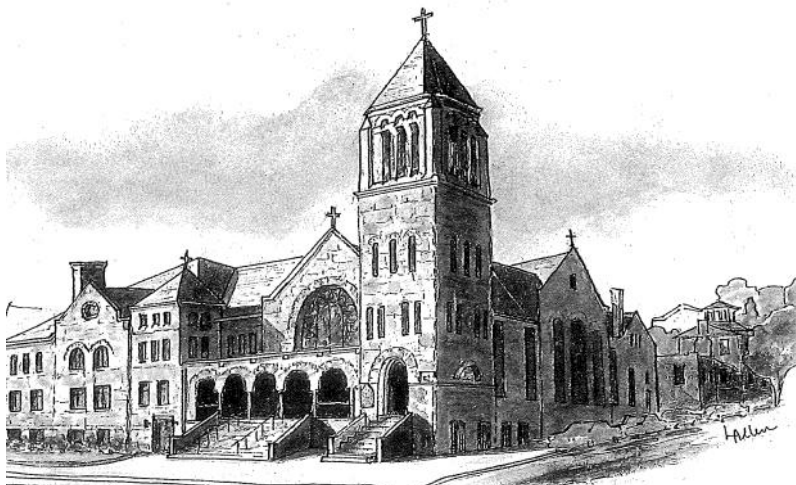
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**December 24, 2017**

**Christmas Eve**

**2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Worship Services**

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**

2:00 Prelude Settings of Christmas Cards  
Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

7:00 Prelude “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” arr. John Carter  
Roxanne Rollefson, piano

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

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: The time of waiting is over! This is the night of hope, love, joy and peace!

Reader 2: God is with us. Emmanuel is come. A baby in a manger reveals the salvation of our God.

\* Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verse 1-3) UMH 234  
[Advent candles are lit during the hymn]

### **Called to Worship**

\* Call to Worship

On this night, Christ is born!

**Now the Savior has appeared!**

On this night, the heavenly chorus resounds!

**All creation rejoices!**

On this night, the church throughout the world joins their cry.

**Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

\* Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (verses 1-2) UMH 218

### **Called to Community**

“Away in a Manger” (verse 1 as the children come forward) UMH 217

Children’s Time: Procession of the Holy Family to the Stable Pastor Chuck Layton  
[The children will help the Holy Family on their journey to the stable.]

“Away in a Manger” (verses 2-3 as the children return to their seats) UMH 217

2:00 Special Music "Do You Hear What I Hear" by Regney & Shayne  
Andrea Beacham & Larry Loeppke, vocalists arr. Harry Simone  
Dr. Chuck Barland, accompaniment

7:00 Special Music "Away In a Manger (Medley)" by James Murray &  
Sue Hattel, clarinet; Roxanne Rollefson, piano William Kirkpatrick

\* Prayer for Illumination

**Open us, O God, to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind with the shepherds to Bethlehem to see the glorious redemption you have brought to pass through the Newborn lying in a manger. Amen.**

**Word and Response**

Reader 1 Luke 2: 1-3

Hymn "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" (verses 1-2) TFWS 2099

Reader 2 Luke 2: 8-14

Gloria

Reader 3: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly Ruler, Almighty Parent God,  
We worship you! We give you thanks! We praise you for your glory!**

Reader 3: Lord Jesus Christ, only Child of God, Lord God, Lamb of God,

**All: You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of Parent God: receive our prayer!**

Reader 3: For you alone are the Holy One,

**All: You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father and Mother. Amen.**

\* Hymn "Angels We have Heard on High" UMH 238

Reader 4 Luke 2: 15-20

2:00 Special Music "Mary Did You Know?" words by Mark Lowry  
Ann Lorenz, vocalist music by Buddy Greene

7:00 Hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (verses 1, 3, 6) UMH 236

*Called to Communion*

Invitation

Confession

**God whose very nature is love, we have come again to the stable. In all this year we have often stumbled in our love for our neighbor and our love for you. We bow low, and humbly confess our failures. We have failed to love you with our whole heart. We have disobeyed even your simplest instructions. Knowing your love, we have often turned away from you. And we so often have acted badly toward our sisters and brothers. We don't wonder that Your Son Jesus made his bed among sheep and cattle – they are more faithful than us. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence*

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ was born, lived and died to make clear that while we were yet sinners, God loved us and broke the power of sin and death that had us bound. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.  
As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.**

*Called to Share*

2:00 Offertory “In the Bleak Midwinter” setting by David Cherwien  
Dr. Chuck Barland

7:00 Offertory “Pastorale” from the *Christmas Concerto* by Antonio Corelli  
Ann Duchow & Amanda Eby, violins; Roxanne Rollefson, piano

\* Sung Response “In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4) UMH 221

Prayer of Dedication

*Called to Thanksgiving*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 God, 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.)*

2:00 Special Music "Away In a Manger (Medley)" by James Murray &  
Sue Hattel, clarinet; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano William Kirkpatrick

7:00 "In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Roxanne Rollefson, piano

**\* Benediction**

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*Please be seated*

Candle Lighting "Silent Night" UMH 239

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

2:00 Postlude "Joy to the World" Setting by David Cherwien  
Dr. Chuck Barland, organ

7:00 Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. John Inness  
Roxanne Rollefson, piano

*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](mailto: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 its 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> 2:00 p.m.	<u>December 24, 2017</u> 7:00 p.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	Kirby, Linda, Paige, & Reed Snitker	Gary & Kathy Reid
<b>Ushers</b>	Kirby, Linda, Paige, & Reed Snitker	Gary & Kathy Reid, Cheri Vahl and Nancy Hessler
<b>Acolytes</b>	Snitker Family	Gary Reid
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor Chuck Layton	Pastor Chuck Layton
<b>Offering Depositor</b>	Denny Brimeyer	Nancy Hessler
<b>Advent Lighters</b>	Sue Lane & Kathy Grimme	John & Nancy Hessler
<b>Liturgist</b>	Terry Stewart	Nancy Bradley
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Chuck Barland	Roxanne Rollefson
<b>Chimer</b>	Larry Loeppeke	Heather Williams
<b>Slides</b>	Chris Kohlmann	Chris Kohlmann
<b>Projectionist</b>	Denny Brimeyer	Paul Clark
<b>Videographer</b>	—	John Hessler
	<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	<b>Saturday, December 30</b>
<b>Bread Run</b>	Michael Rusch & Marcia Young	Mike & Cheri Loveless
<b>Food for the Soul</b>	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 Loeppeke

**Wind Ensemble coordinator** — Sue Hattel

**Pianist/Organist:** Sylvia Ward