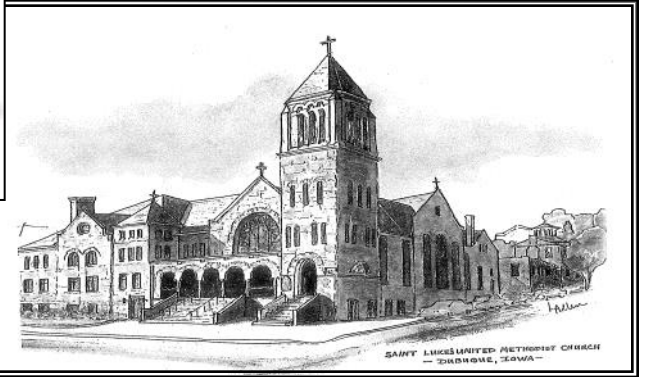


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Sundays Online**

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Dear Church,

For me, there is nothing quite like sitting in living room, next to the Christmas tree before the sun rises. Advent is a time when I feel revived in my prayer life. The change of scenery and the message of *God With Us* gets me every year. This year, we grieve what is lost, adjust to changes in traditions, and long for the good-old-non-pandemic days. So, for the season of Advent, rather than a newsletter article each week, I will offer a prayer. I hope you can light your Advent wreath and/or sit by your Christmas Tree, and experience the centering presence of Christ. I'll be praying with you.

Peace,

Pastor Stephanie

Pastor Stephanie

Prayer for the First Week of Advent:

God of power unexpected,
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down;
To fix everything that is broken, and overcome every evil that haunts us,
To heal and repair and revive all that need it!
But you,
you will not perform according to our wants and whims.
Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet.
Instead you are born among us as an infant.
Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness.
So we will stay alert, or at least we will try,
Because we are your people and there is no other God besides you.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to remember your ways and gladly
do right,
Meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. Amen.

(Adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B*)

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The MISSION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is to feed souls, grow faith in God and make a difference in the lives of our congregation, our neighbors and our world.

The VISION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is: Welcoming ALL... Caring... Serving... Growing



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CHRISTMAS OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Office closed
December 24 (Christmas Eve)
through January 3

Official Lectionary Texts

- Dec 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)**
Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (UM806);
2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8
- Dec 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent (purple, blue or pink)**
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 (UM847);
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28
- Dec 20th 4th Sunday of Advent (purple or blue)**
2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 46b-55;
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve (white)**
Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96 (UM815);
Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Schlimm
Director of Children, Youth,
and Media Ministries: Emmy Kubatzke
Administrative Assistant: Ora Uzel
Custodian: Chuck Lynch

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: Vicki Tilson

Officers:

Recording Secretary: Kristen Smith
Lay Leader: Gary Reid
Lay Members of Annual Conference:
Sue Hattel, Nancy Bradley

Alternate Member of AC: Amy Schadle
Treasurer: Amy Schadle
Historians: Betty Phillips, Barbara Bishop,
and R.R.S. Stewart
Financial Secretary: Carol Clark
Membership Sec.: Mark & Vicki Tilson
At-Large: Coni Stephenson, Kathy Reid,
Rhonda Kubik, Dick Landis

Administrative Committee (Chairs):

Lay Leadership/Nominations: Pastor
Finance (int.): Scott Zartman, Rich Young
Board of Trustees Co-Chairs:
Kristen Cadman, Nick Ashbrook
SPPRC: Dan Jacobsen

Council on Ministries - Facilitators:

Invitation & Welcome:
Chris Kohlmann and Lisa Viertel
Worship & Celebration: Sue Hattel
Care & Compassion: Margie Breese
Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:
Emmy Kubatzke, Staff
Witness & Mission:
Conference & Global:
Robert & Mary Armstrong
Social Justice: R.R.S. & Terry Stewart
United Methodist Women: Marcia Young

Prayers for Our Community

Lord, as we continue life's journey, we pray for all who are challenged by health concerns and ongoing illness. We know that the awesome God we worship hears the prayers of our lips as well as the prayers of our hearts. We pray for people who are currently dealing with a recent illness, surgery, injury, medical or other concern:

Allen W. (Sylvia W.'s husband) - surgery 12/2 in GA
Laura (Coni S's friend) - surgery for pancreatic cancer
Jose (friend of Alice H.'s cousin) - covid in hospital
Tina & husband (Reid's friends) - Tina: stage 4 kidney cancer, husband fighting leukemia since July
Angie (Coni S's niece) - covid, separated from parents
Ken B. (Andrea B.'s brother) - covid hospitalized in TN
Margaret J. - fire, broke pelvic bone, rcvry at Stonehill
Carol M. (Coni S's sister) - covid at home, recovery
Deb T. (Kathy R's good friend) - leg infection, hospital
Cathy C. (Denny B's sister) - cancer complic., lungs
Dave (Reids' neighbor) - pain from accident in March
Mark S. (Judy S's brother) - leukemia returned
Wayne S. (Judy S's brother) - heart surgery recovery
Janet B. - cancer treatment

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Lynn K. | Bubs A. | Eddie B. |
| Sally W. | Barb Btchr. | Ruth C. |
| Betty P. | Judy M. | |

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sharon C. | Anita G. | Cheri L. |
| Ron L. | Susan F. | Peggy L. |
| Johnny | Brett C. | Bonnie J. |
| Jeanne P. | | |

Prayers of consolation for those who recently lost loved ones to the families and friends of:

Bill David (former St. Luke's custodian)
Jim Schultz (Kathy M.)
Alice B. (Bonnie S. relative)
George Running (Hattel family friend)

Special prayers for an end to the covid-19 pandemic, the unification of our nation, and continued prayers to heal years of systemic racism. We offer prayers of comfort and support for those who struggle with brain health, disabilities, or impairments that make it difficult to support oneself. Our prayers also turn to prayers for Peace and Justice around the world. It is in the name of your Son and our Savior that we offer our prayers. Amen.

Prayer requests & updates can be sent to:
dbqstluke@gmail.com — (563) 582-4543



Happy Birthday to our church family and friends with birthdays this month! May the celebration of life on your birthday be filled with many blessings from our Lord.

December Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Nathan Ehlers | 18 Paige Oberman |
| 2 Jack Foley | 19 Andrea Duschen |
| 2 Kevin McTague | 19 Lillian Tharp |
| 2 Mark Tilson | 20 Chason Craven |
| 3 Joanne Burgus | 20 John Shol |
| 4 Sheree Miller | 21 Breanna Gabel |
| 5 Matt Lungwitz | 21 Douglas Olson |
| 5 Julien Shol | 22 Shirley Moody |
| 6 Mary T. Armstrong | 23 David Viertel |
| 6 Jordan Oberman | 25 Jensen Ashbrook |
| 7 Brody Ashbrook | 25 Nathaniel Dvorak |
| 8 Sue Bettcher | 25 Katherine Herman |
| 8 Diane Dueland | 25 Trint Huseman |
| 10 Julie Dewitt | 26 Danica Ludowitz |
| 10 Kirby Snitker | 27 James Appel |
| 11 Kaylee Huseman | 27 John Hefel |
| 11 Brooklyn Nelson | 28 Chris McCarron |
| 11 Reed Snitker | 28 Susan Walgamuth |
| 12 Celeste Hefel | 29 Aiden Artist |
| 13 Benjamin Carlock | 30 Ryan Neuendorf |
| 14 Patricia Gallogly | 31 Maxwell Enabnit |
| 14 Ethan Lester | 31 Ed Glaser |
| 15 Lori Boughton | 31 Kathy Lomax |
| 18 Holden Ashbrook | 31 Kirstie Steging |
| 18 Mike Loveless | |



Emergency Medical Information Cards

In the event of a personal emergency taking place at church, we recommend you have information readily available at St. Luke's for EMTs when they are called. You can fill out a 5x7 card stored in the church office and copies can be given to EMTs if the occasion arises. Stop by the church office to fill one out.

— **Margie Breese**, Care and Compassion



If you become hospitalized, please let the church office know and designate St. Luke's as your church for hospital admittance. If you would like a prayer request and visit from the Pastor, please let us know.

Upcoming Worship Services

(Schedule subject to change)

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Service Online at 10:00 a.m. (live)

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service Online at 10:00 a.m. (live)

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Previous Worship Services

Nov 29th — First Sunday of Advent

Worship Service: is.gd/stlukesworship20201129

Children's Message: is.gd/stlukesyouth20201129

Hymns: is.gd/stlukeshymns20201129

Bulletin: is.gd/stlukesbulletin20201129

Nov 22nd — Reign of Christ & Children's Sabbath

Worship Service: is.gd/stlukesworship20201122

Children's Message: is.gd/stlukesyouth20201122

Hymns: is.gd/stlukeshymns20201122

Bulletin: is.gd/stlukesbulletin20201122

Direct links available at stlukesumcdbq.org



Staff Christmas Appreciation

Send before December 6, 2020

The St. Luke's Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee would like to give our paid staff a Christmas gift to show our appreciation for their dedicated work in 2020. This year has been challenging and difficult. Yet, whenever possible, the work of the church has continued in a safe manner. To help, please send your donation, labeled "Staff Christmas" to the church (address at the bottom of this email). Please send anytime before December 6, 2020. Thank You, St. Luke's SPPRC.

Volunteer Lists

Saturday Volunteers — December 5th

Bread Run: Hull family

Food for the Soul: Team 4 (Brimeyer)

Volunteer Coordinator: Marcia Young

Food Distribution: Youth Group, Margie Brn.

Volunteer Coordinator: Pastor Stephanie

Sunday Chiming

12/6 R.R.S. Stewart 12/13 Heather Williams

12/20 Ann Duchow 12/24 David Patterson

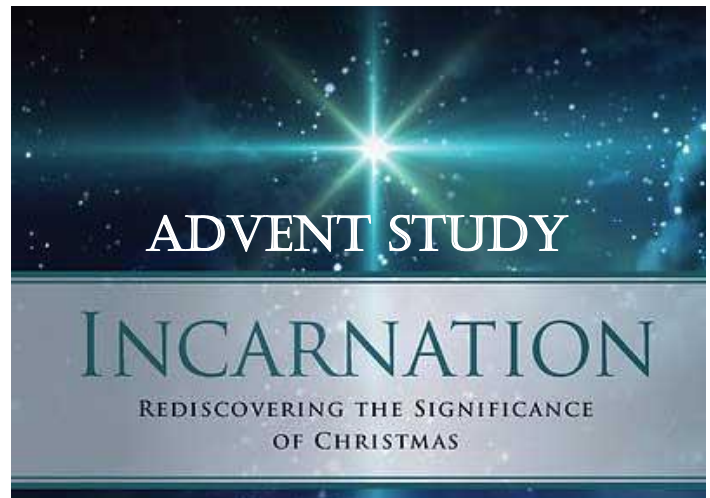
12/27 Ann Duchow

8pm Evening Chiming

Mon: R.R.S. Stewart Tue, Fri: David Patterson

Wed, Thu: Ann Duchow 2nd Tues: Heather Williams

Sat: R.R.S. Stewart or DeLano Cain



Tuesdays in December at 6:30 p.m. December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

Facilitators: Laurinda Brimeyer
and Pastor Stephanie Schlimm

Zoom Meeting Info — Join Meeting Link:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85296640254?
pwd=TUlsVzBLR2E1REFtc2sySVVVVUZyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85296640254?pwd=TUlsVzBLR2E1REFtc2sySVVVVUZyZz09)

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[+13126266799,,85296640254#](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85296640254?pwd=TUlsVzBLR2E1REFtc2sySVVVVUZyZz09) US (Chicago)

Food for the Soul Receives Another Grant

After an independent review of more than 381 worthy applications, St. Luke's has been chosen for the *Theisen's More for Your Community Grant* in the amount of \$2,000. These funds will support Food for the Soul, our Saturday night free meal for the under served population of the Dubuque Community.

Specifically, funds will assist the ongoing purchase of compostable and disposable items for our "Grab and Go" meals. The purchase of these items, necessitated by the pandemic, has been quite a drain on our Food for the Soul fund which is funded entirely on grants and donations.

This completes the last of the three grants we had pending from submission in August and September. We have received \$13,500 in total, all for the benefit of our food ministries. We are very grateful.



Jesus Fund in Need of Funds

The Jesus Fund, which provides grocery vouchers to those in need, is low on funds. To continue providing grocery assistance through the holiday season, donations are needed!

To make a donation to the Jesus Fund, send a check made out to **St. Luke's UMC** with "Jesus Fund" in the memo portion.

We also project funds to run out in 2021 as well without additional help, so we recommend planning donations for January through April, when the Jesus Fund normally receives donations from our Fabulous Friday concert series.

Dubuque Food Pantry Accepting Cash Donations for 2020 Christmas Basket Give Away

Because of the high rate of COVID positive tests in Dubuque County, the Dubuque Food Pantry is asking for **cash donations only** for hams and non-perishable items to be used in their Christmas Basket Give Away this year.

St. Luke's will again this year be assisting with this project in the following manner:

Send your donations to **St. Luke's UMC**

If writing a check, write "Food Pantry Christmas" in the memo line.

If making a cash donation, please include a note saying "Food Pantry Christmas."

Please have donations to **St. Luke's by December 11, 2020.**



All monies collected will go to assist with the Dubuque Food Pantry Christmas Basket Give Away and will be used to purchase hams and other non-perishable items to be included in the baskets. Together we can make a difference during this difficult year.

In Memory of... & in Honor of...



Poinsettias (Poinsettias donated, in the front of the sanctuary during advent)

From Margie Breese in memory of John & Alyce Breese (parents) and in memory of Alan Breese (brother)

From Lori Boughton in loving memory of Roy & Betty Rieder (parents) and in loving memory of Brett Harrelson

From Keith & Peg Unangst in memory of Malachey Monahan

From Bob & Lanora Miller in memory of Daniel W. Miller (son)

From Rachel & James Guentherman in memory of Leah Vander Meulen (grandmother) and in memory of Janette Stanton (grandmother)

From Alan & Sue Hattel in memory and honor of Al's Family and in memory and honor Sue's Family.

Jesus Fund (Jesus Fund donation giving grocery funds assistance to those in need)



From Gary & Kathy Reid in memory of Our Parents

UMC Worldwide Virtual Choir

Be a part of the United Methodist Church 2020 Worldwide Virtual Christmas Choir! Visit:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/christmaschoir>



Winter Gear for Prescott Students

St. Luke's has a community partnership with Prescott Elementary, and once again, they are accepting winter gear for students. Please take any of the following items *directly to Prescott* (11th & White) and report what you have provided (for tracking purposes) to Mary Purdy:

mary_purdy@hotmail.com 563-590-5313

Needed Items:

- * **Boots:** Boy's 11, Girls' 12, Girl's 11.5/12, Girl's 7
- * **Hats:** Boy's 1, Girl's 1
- * **Mittens:** Boy's 1, Girl's 1
- * **Coats:** Girl's 4T (small, with hood), Girl's 4T (small), Boy's 4T (small)
- * **Snowpants:** 2 Girl's 4T (small), Girls 4-5T (small), Boy's 4T (small)



(Items can be either new or gently used but clean.)

**Donate now to ensure kids
a warm Christmas season!**

2021 Prayer Partners

Would you like to have or be a prayer partner for 2021? Becoming a prayer partner gives you the opportunity to be in a supportive community with another member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Anyone may be a Prayer Partner. United Methodist Women are equal opportunity pray-ers!

In addition to daily prayer, a card may be sent as a remembrance on a birthday or other special occasion. The identity of prayer partners is usually revealed during December.



If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for 2021, please contact Marcie Young at 580-9650 or msy49@aol.com

Reflections in the Park (Hillcrest Lights Festival)

Nov 26 - Jan 3 | 5-10pm daily

Louis Murphy Park Dubuque | \$10 per vehicle



A HILLCREST LIGHTS FESTIVAL
REFLECTIONS
In The Park

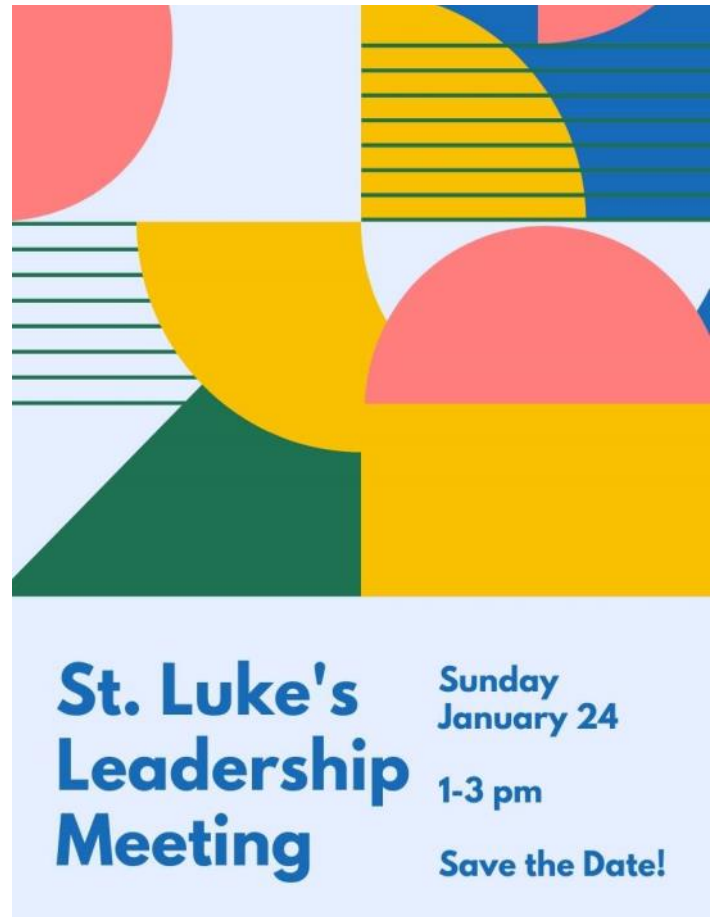
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DB&T

Nov. 26 thru Jan. 3
5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Daily
Louis Murphy Park
Dubuque

\$10 Per Vehicle at the gate
Discounted tickets (\$8) available
at all DB&T banking centers and
all Hillcrest locations.

Hillcrest
family services

A Holiday Tradition from Hillcrest Family Services



**St. Luke's
Leadership
Meeting**

**Sunday
January 24**

1-3 pm

Save the Date!

Two New Fridges for Food Programs

For decades, St. Luke's has only had one large commercial fridge, now 35-40 years old. Due to the pandemic, the incidence of poverty and hunger has significantly increased, and our need for greater capacity with it. St. Luke's has three weekly missions providing free food: Food for the Soul (weekly Saturday evening takeout meal); St. Luke's Food Pantry (weekly Saturday evening food giveaway); and food boxes for St. Mark Youth Education Center families (given weekly).



Now, thanks to hard work by our Grant Ministry Team, St. Luke's has been awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Management, allowing our Board of Trustees to purchase two new large commercial fridges, doubling our capacity. Trustees, led by Nick Ashbrook, arranged purchase, delivery, and installation. Kathy Hutton at the Food Bank, arranged for the donation of our old fridge to St. Patrick's in Epworth. Key City Moving & Storage donated \$600 worth of time and service to deliver the fridges.

We are entrusted with this equipment to faithfully do all we can to alleviate hunger in our community. **St. Luke's needs more volunteers** to prepare and serve our Saturday night meals and help with our pantry food give-away. Please contact Marcia Young, volunteer coordinator at: msy49@aol.com 563-580-9650

Children's & Youth Ministry Moment

St. Luke's Christmas Program December 20, 2020

St. Luke's Christmas Play will premiere during our worship livestream on December 20th! Gather together with your household, get comfy with a cup of hot cocoa, and share in the joy of the Christmas story as told by our St. Luke's children and youth! This play is a funny, entertaining, and relatable way to experience the story of Jesus' birth. You won't want to miss it!



Advent Moment with Pastor Stephanie
Hope at Home for the Holidays (video):
is.gd/adventmoment2020hope

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Requested

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