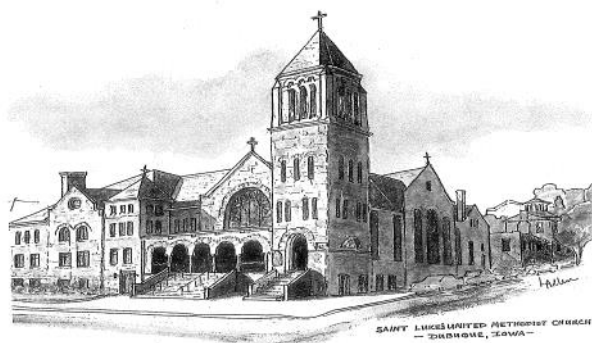


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Dear Church,

Happy New Year, and Blessed Epiphany Day!

We have all been home more than usual, and now with the hearty winter months upon us (and still awaiting a vaccine), home is where many of us shall be a while longer. I was reminded of an Epiphany Tradition that may be a blessing to you. Epiphany Day is January 6, and is the day when we remember the arrival of the Magi visiting the Christ Child. One Epiphany celebration is to offer *A Blessing of the Home*.

If you, like me, are feeling a bit antsy about lots of at-home time, then join me in praying a blessing* over your home, and being open to the blessings that may emerge during this season. If you feel so led, you may use chalk to mark your door frame with this symbol: **20 + C + M + B + 21**. CMB is short for the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ Bless This House). The numbers are for the year 2021, and the crosses are simply the Christian symbol.

May you and yours be blessed this New Year with renewed faith in Christ that fuels our hope.

Peace,

Pastor Stephanie

* *"A Blessing of the Home"* can be found on page 4.

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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Keep up to date with St. Luke's!

Have a new address, phone, or email?

Want to receive the newsletter
and notices about online services?

Have a new family member to celebrate?!

Contact us at: dbqstluke@gmail.com
or call: **563-582-4543**

Official Lectionary Texts

- Jan 10th** **Baptism of the Lord (white)**
Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29 (UM 761);
Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11
- Jan 17th** **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (green)**
1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139 (UM854);
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51
- Jan 24th** **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany (green)**
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12 (UM787);
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20
- Jan 31st** **4th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)**
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111 (UM832);
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28

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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:

Sandy P. (Kathy M.'s friend) - breast cancer
Lisa (Bonnie S.'s friend) - bad car accident, serious inj.
Tina & husband (Reid's friends) - Tina: stage 4 kidney cancer, husband fighting leukemia since July
Tom (Bruce R.'s friend) - issues after heart surgery
Reece (Jessica D.'s nephew) - brain bleeding
Mark S. (Judy S's brother) - leukemia treatment
Laura (Coni S's friend) - recovery, pancreatic cancer
Cathy C. (Denny B's sister) - cancer complic., lungs
Janet B. - cancer treatment

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Lynn K.	Bubs A.	Edie 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 joy for newborns:

Bence (Janet E.'s great grandchild)
 Parents: Jeremy & Meyers E.

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

Marty's uncle (Reid's son-in-law's uncle)
Ken Beacham (Andrea B.'s brother)

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.

January Birthdays

1 Kevin Kienzle	18 Jesse Stephenson
1 Kim Klinkhammer	19 Anne Bergfeld
3 Scott Sheldon	19 Ruth Clark
4 Gloria Herr	20 Gail Huston
4 Cayleigh Peil	21 Drake Ludowitz
5 Mike Gacioch	21 James McGovern
5 Lynn Kerker	21 Kellee Peil-Roussel
6 Mike Burton	21 Michael Sanders
8 Denny Brimeyer	21 Scott Zartman
8 Becky Carr	22 Benjamin Crow
8 John Vandermeulen	22 Kathy Reid
9 Miles Gacioch	24 Jennifer Crow
9 Elizabeth Hefel	24 Clay Gronen
9 Bonnie Jorgensen	24 Sandy Horsfield
10 Matt Crow	25 Bevin Olson
11 Nicole Beau	26 Aiden Blum
11 Andrew Sanders	26 Kaylee Olson
11 Breann Streckwald	27 Brennan Kreimeyer
13 Andrew Crow	28 Tammy Lynch
15 Nancy Bradley	28 Barbara Vrotsos
16 Carl Plumley Jr.	28 Allison Waters-Kutsch
16 Norah Stratton	29 Gavin Herr
17 Ruth Jones	29 Richie Lehnhardt
18 Terrie Berry	31 Lauren Hunold
18 Ronald Ellerie	



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, January 10

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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

is.gd/stlukeworship20210110

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

is.gd/stlukeworship20210110

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Previous Worship Services

Jan 3rd — Epiphany Sunday

Worship Service: is.gd/stlukeworship20210103

Children's Message: is.gd/stlukesyouth20210103

Hymns: is.gd/stlukeshymns20210103

Bulletin: is.gd/stlukbulletin20210103

Dec 27th — Sunday after Christmas

Worship Service: is.gd/stlukeworship20201227

Children's Message: is.gd/stlukesyouth20201227

Hymns: is.gd/stlukeshymns20201227

Bulletin: is.gd/stlukbulletin20201227

Dec 24th — Christmas Eve

Worship Service: is.gd/stlukeworship20201224

Children's Message: is.gd/stlukesyouth20201224

Hymns: is.gd/stlukeshymns20201224

Bulletin: is.gd/stlukbulletin20201224

Direct links available at stluksumcdbq.org



January Office Schedule:
Office Closed January 18
Administrative Assistant out of office
January 19-22

Volunteer Lists

Saturday Volunteers — Jan 9

Bread Run: Hull family

Food for the Soul: Team 10 (Young)

Volunteer Coordinator: Marcia Young

Food Distribution: Shol family, Margie Brn., Albert

Volunteer Coordinator: Pastor Stephanie

Sunday Chiming

1/3 R.R.S. Stewart 1/10 Heather Williams

1/17 Ann Duchow 1/24 David Patterson

1/31 DeLano Cain

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

Videography

Susan McGovern 1/3 & 1/24

Ann Duchow 1/10, 1/17 & 1/31

A Blessing of the Home

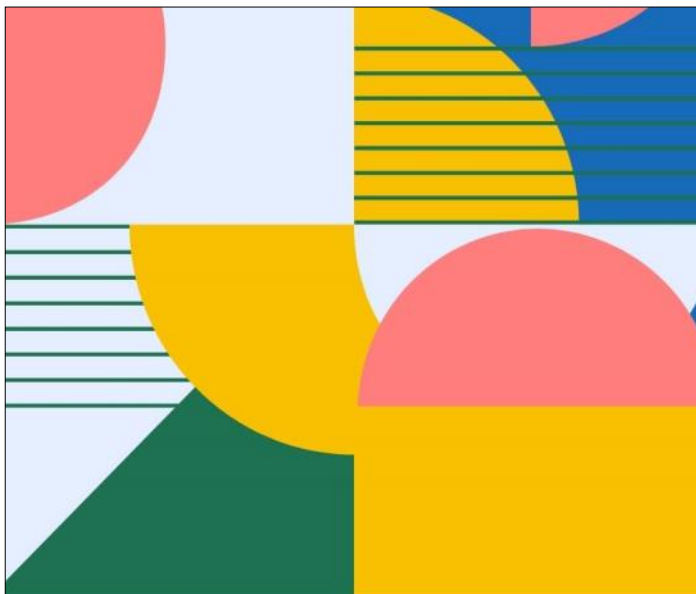
O God, you once used a star to show to all the world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided wise ones to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize him also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives. O God of Light, bless this house and those who call it home. May this be a place of peace and health. May we cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all. Make this house a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. May we, in this house, and all who come to visit, to work, and to play, remember these things throughout the coming year. May all who come and go here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love, and salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts.

May we be Christ's light in the world. Amen.

Food for the Soul Masks Needed

Food for the Soul continues to thrive. The grant for freezers has been approved. The old freezers have already been designated for new homes throughout contact with Kathy Hutton at the Food Bank. New freezers are in the process of getting acquired through the hard work and dedication of Mary Purdy and Dan Jacobsen.

We are also asking for those who are mass producing cloth masks if they could make masks for our Food for the Soul guests. Like many hygiene products, these can be as difficult to come by as food. Our guests need masks so we can allow them into our pantry during winter to collect food (and to warm up). If you have further questions about mask specifications, contact Mary Purdy.



**St. Luke's
Leadership
Meeting**

Sunday
January 24
1-3 pm
Save the Date!

Thinking of You Joy!

- **Thank you** to 17 St. Lukers who wrote Christmas greetings sent in December to 33 people beloved by St. Luke's.
- **Thank you** for the donations of lovely Christmas cards. Recipients each received at least 17 written greetings.
- **Thank you** to Paul Clark and Ora Uzel for beautiful photos of St. Luke's altar and chancel at Christmas. The photos included were provided by St. Luke's United Methodist Women.
- **Thank you** to Dick & Zo Landis for donations of their homemade jam.
- **Thank you** to the volunteers who delivered Thinking of You bags.

What a **JOY** to share love and happiness with our St. Luke's extended family, who continue to be in our thoughts and prayers in the thew new year!



VIRTUAL
Coffee Hour
on ZOOM

Sundays 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Link is emailed to subscribers
Email pastorstephanie.umc@gmail.com
if you need help.

To subscribe email to: dbqstluke@gmail.com

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

Jesus Fund (grocery fund assistance to those in need)

From Gary & Kathy Reid in memory of Our Parents

From Barbara Liskey in memory of my parents, Samuel & Margaret Jane Griffin

From Robin O'Connor in memory of Courtland & Velma Hillyard

From Andrea Beacham and Larry Loeppke in honor of Paul & Carol Clark



Food for the Soul (St. Luke's free meal program)

From Sue & Al Hattel in memory of Samuel & Margaret Jane Griffin, parents of Barbara Liskey, grandparents of Marley Liskey

From Larry Loeppke and Andrea Beacham in honor of Mary Purdy



People In Need (utilities fund assistance to those in need)

From Gail & Alice Hoerner in memory of Joel Hoerner (Gail's son)

Prescott Elementary

(assistance to Prescott)

From Robin O'Connor in honor of the Ben O'Connor family and the Tim Hull family.



Red Basket Project

The Red Basket Project was created to provide those in need with access to free menstrual hygiene products at sites throughout the city. You can send a check to St. Luke's with a memo for "Red Basket."



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

Poinsettias (Poinsettias donated, front of church)



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 Malachy 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.

Thank You!
from St. Mark
Education Center
Food Recipient



Thank you for the food. My kids never have to beg for food. The basic need is met, and they can instead focus on how kind Jesus is to our family. And we all can enjoy more peace. May the Lord reward you for your work. This year has been unusual, but it's allowed us to see and enjoy a personal level of St. Mark. We pray for God's continued providential care as we seek to do His good work.

Fabulous Friday Concert Series

Due to the ongoing health crisis and closure of St. Luke's church building, the Fabulous Friday Concert series will be taking a year off. We look forward to seeing you again in 2022.

Ann Duchow and David Patterson
Fabulous Friday co-chairs

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St. Luke's will still accept donations for the Jesus Fund (for grocery assistance) and People In Need (for utilities assistance) if you would like to send a donation made out to St. Luke's with the fund you would like to donate to in the memo. These ministries provide vital assistance for many families throughout the year.

Thank you for your support!

Thank You for the Cards

Dear St. Luke's family, Thank you so much for the Hy-Vee gift card! The care packages I've received from St. Luke's throughout my college career are always sources of joy - even more so during this long, hectic year. I'm so incredibly grateful to have the love and support of my church family as I wrap up my senior year at the University of Iowa. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as the holidays approach!!!

Love, Calli Tilson

Dear church family, Thank you for the Hy-Vee gift card! I appreciate your thoughtfulness as I'm wrapping up this long and stressful semester. It is nothing that I ever imagined my freshman year to be, but I've decided to move on-campus for my well-being, and your support definitely brought a smile to my face.

With love, Maddie Roling

Chiming Videos

Lead Chimer, R.R.S. Stewart has offered recordings of St. Luke's Tower Chime in action over the last few months. See these links to view her performances:

November 8, 2020: is.gd/stlukeschiming2020November

We Come to You for Healing Lord; For by Grace, You Have Been Saved; For All the Saints

October 11, 2020: is.gd/stlukeschiming2020October

Now It Is Evening; My Heart Sings Out Its Joyful Praise

September 12, 2020: is.gd/stlukeschiming2020September

Rise, O Church, Like Christ arisen; Praise to the Lord

August 13, 2020: is.gd/stlukeschiming2020August

Let the Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing; As We Gather at Your Table

July 12, 2020: is.gd/stlukeschiming2020July

Wade in the Water, God Bless America, America (My Country Tis of Thee), America the Beautiful

June 21, 2020: is.gd/stlukeschiming2020June21

Holy Spirit, Rain Down; Christ Is the King



Children's & Youth Ministry Moment

Reflecting on 2020

On New Year's Eve, Nick and I like to sit and reflect over dinner on the past year (and what a year to reflect on!) and look forward to what the new year will bring us. We do this for all aspects of our life (personally, vocationally). As I was reflecting on 2020 at St. Luke's, I felt somber. However, I also felt a sense of joy for all we did accomplish within the circumstances we were given. With the whole church's help we were able to do some great things for our young ones! Popsicle drive-thrus, outdoor Confirmation, a VIRTUAL Vacation Bible School, an online Christmas Pageant!

This is not at all what I imagined my first year of full-time ministry would be like, but I am so grateful to be here, experiencing this right alongside all of you. In new ways, I continue to see God's love in the way you support this ministry.

I am so thankful.

— Emmy Kubatzke

Director of Children's, Youth, and Media Ministries



St. Luke's UMC 2020 Confirmation Class

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