



### Annual Christmas Meditation - December 23, 2019 - 6-8pm

For many people Christmas can be stressful and chaotic, perhaps a time of feeling the loss of loved ones. The intent of this event is for you to be able to come to a quiet peaceful place to reflect and remember the real reason for this season.

We hope you join us! Have a seat in the sanctuary, listen to peaceful Christmas music and relax. This is a free event and open to the public. There will be homemade Christmas goodies, coffee and cider in the Narthex.



We invite all to attend our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service beginning at 5pm. Sometimes I think the true meaning and miracle of what Christmas is really about is lost so easily when we add shopping for those perfect presents, food, and family. We tend to focus on those things and forget the reason for this season - Our beloved Savior Jesus Christ and the unfathomable sacrifice He made for us so that we can live, have that chance of that perfect present or the wonderful food and family with us for a short time and return to be with Him in Heaven! The Christmas

Eve Service talks of His coming, and our redemption thru Him. So come, sing songs that glorify Him and fill our hearts with hope, love, joy and peace. He truly is the reason for, well, everything! Come and feel the true spirit and love of Christmas!

### Luverne UMC Annual Christmas Eve Dinner December 24 ~ 6:30pm ~

#### Following the Christmas Eve Service

We would be honored to have you join us at our Annual Christmas Eve Dinner complete with all the trimmings and yummy dessert. All are welcome! Bring a friend! In year's past we have had a wonderful time of food and fellowship! If you are unable to get to us we are offering take home meals as well. Feel free to send someone down to get a wonderful meal for you! We don't want anyone to miss out.



Just a reminder that there are gift cards available in the office during the week and on Sundays. Kim has also gotten a letter from Sunshine Foods about bringing the receipt program back after all! As of right now the start date is not known but start saving your Sunshine receipts. It is the same as before the church will get 1% back. Talk to Kim Donth for more info! Thank you!



### Prayer chain for December 22, 2019

- Jeff and Sheila Aukes
- Josh and Emily Crabtree Family
- Norbert & Lauren Fick
- Todd Leech
- Randy and Marcia Mulder
- Jerry and Ann Rigney
- Josh and Brooke VandenHoek Family
- and for the Rock County Food Shelf



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I just wanted to wish all of you here at the Methodist Church a very Merry Christmas! I feel like part of the family here as all of you have been so kind and loving to me since I have come here! Thank you! May you all be surrounded by friends and loved ones this Christmas. I wish nothing but the best for you this holiday season! May God bless you all! ~ Jakki



# Luverne United Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### 4th Sunday of Advent

### December 22, 2019 Bulletin

Your Worship Assistants are:

Accompanist: Anissa Vis  
 Worship Assistant: Jeanne Bowron  
 Lay Reader: Kim Donth  
 Power Point: Jennifer Hilfers

Sound: Luther Hall  
 Hosts: Everett and Jan Brandenburg  
 Trustee of the Week: Jeanne Bowron  
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## God's People Gather...

*This time is to welcome each other, share announcements, joys and concerns and all other necessary information.*

### COMING TOGETHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WE SING

"Emmanuel"

PROJECTED

OFFERTORY

"Christmas Light Medley"

PROJECTED

Offerings can be placed in the offering baskets when the ushers pass them, bring them forward to the alter, or you can use the online GIVE link on our website: [www.umcluverne.com](http://www.umcluverne.com) or using our mobile app.

**CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsively,***

L: May the Lord be with you..

**C: And also with you.**

L: The advent of Christ brings the love of God's presence into our midst!

**C: We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!**

L: Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

**C: Love came down when God came down to us.**

L: God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness!

**C: As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with God's love. Amen.**

**God's People Worship**

*This time is to hear God's voice*

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:21-35

**(Pages 55 NT)**

**OUR MESSAGE**

If She Only Knew

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"All is Well"*

**ANISSA AND FELICIA**

**God's People Pray...**

*This time allows us to lift our thoughts to God*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**God's People Go to Live it Out...**

*This is the time we are called to go and Share Jesus with the world.*

**UNITED WE SING**

*"He Is Born"*

**#228 UMH  
VERSES 1-3**

**BENEDICTION**

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**POSTLUDE**



**SPONSOR A BROADCAST for \$90.** The chart for 2019 is on the bulletin board by the secretary's office door. Sign up today!!!!

**TODAY'S BROADCAST** - Was sponsored Annabelle Frakes in honor of Carol Ohlsen, the organist for many years. We bless and thank Annabelle for sponsoring this broadcast

**UMC TV** broadcast can be seen on Mondays at 3:00pm & Fridays at 5pm on VAST Local Channel 3. **Listen to KQAD** Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 AM Radio. You may also watch services online by visiting **cityofluverne.org**



**Silver Bucket for December**



**Luverne UMC's Community Meal & Christmas Eve Dinner**

These meals have been such success and a wonderful opportunity to share our love and a meal with our community. Please give generously to this month's Silver Bucket so that we can continue providing these meals to those who would like to come!



COMMUNITY DINNER

All donations will go toward this cause.



**Weekly Event Calendar and Offering**

**December 22, 2019 ~ Sunday**

9am ~ Coffee Hour & Adult SS

10am ~ Worship Service

4:30pm ~ Genesis/Revelation Bible Study

**NO ALIVE Youth Group**

**December 23, 2019 ~ Monday**

6-8pm ~ Christmas Meditation

8pm ~ AA Meeting

**MESSENGER DEADLINE**

**December 24, 2019 ~ Tuesday**

5pm ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:30pm ~ Christmas Eve Community Meal

**December 25, 2019 ~ Wednesday**

8pm ~ AA Meeting

OFFICE CLOSED ~ Christmas Day

**December 26, 2019 ~ Thursday**

1-3pm ~ Rock County Food Shelf

**December 28, 2019 ~ Saturday**

8pm ~ AA Meeting



Here are the weekly giving numbers for the week of December 15, 2019.

Amount needed - \$4,026 Amount given this week was \$3,358.38.

Thank you for your offering! Please note that online giving is not included in that total.

**NOTE:** Our bills are up to date and we have 8 months of apportionments left!

Keep up the good work!!

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