

Today's broadcast was sponsored in honor of the Advent season. Advent is a four-week season in the Church calendar dedicated to anticipating the arrival, or "advent," of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King. We celebrate this time with reflections on hope, peace, love, and joy. Let us reflect on how Jesus has helped us and thank him through praise.



If you would like to sponsor a broadcast. **The cost is \$95** and you may sign up on the bulletin board or the office. Listen to our radio broadcast at 10:30am Sunday, Mon. at 3pm and Fri. at 5pm on VAST Channel 3, or on our Facebook page!

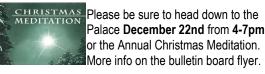
### The Silver Bucket Ministry for December is the LUMC Community Meals and the Annual Christmas Eve Dinner



These 2 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! All donations will go toward this cause.



CELEBRATING Just a reminder, we are all planning to wear our 150th Anniversary shirts at a Sunday worship service. That was going to be today, but, since our shirts are not in as of yet 187-2023 we will plan to wear them next Sunday, December 17th in honor of this huge milestone of our church...150 years...we couldn't have done it without all of you!



There is a sign up sheet for those who are planning to attend our Annual Christmas Eve Dinner on the bar. Please indicate how many so we plan accordingly...<3



Prayer Chain for December 10, 2023 Jeff and Johnna Ahrendt Family Josh and Ashley Christensen Family

James Hanson Kevin Kraetsch and Sherri Smith Clyde and Ginny Menning

**Sharron Betsinger** will help out with Sunshine gift cards for whoever needs them.

And for the finances of our church and tithing

# Weekly Calendar

#### December 10, 2023 - Sunday

Russ and Colleen Enga

9:30am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am - Coffee time 10:30am - Livestream Worship Service -Communion Sunday Praver Warriors after the service 4:30pm – Genesis thru Revelation Bible Study

December 12, 2023 - Tuesday 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith

**6pm** - Endowment Fund Meeting

# December 13, 2023 – Wednesday

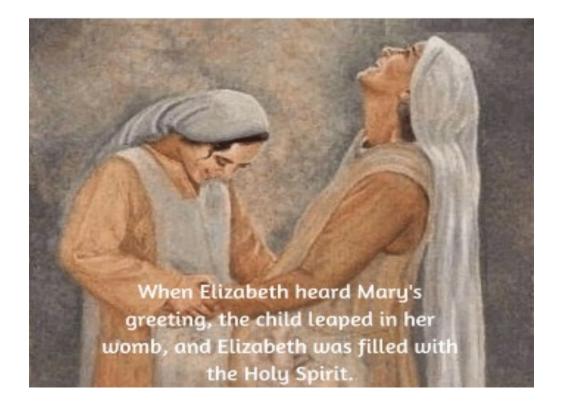
9am-7pm - Open Prayer Chapel 10am - Shut in visits 6:15pm - FUEL/Confirmation **8pm** – AA Meeting

December 14, 2023 - Thursday **8pm** - NA Meeting

December 16, 2023 - Saturday **8pm** – AA Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS !

Luverne United Methodist Church Worship Service with Communion 2nd Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023



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#### Your Worship Assistants today are:

Accompanist: Anissa Vis
Lay Reader: Christine VonHoltum
Hosts: Bill and Maggie Paulsen
Power Point: Jeanne Bowron
Sunshine Gift Cards: Sharron Betsinger

Sound: Matthew Fick Worship Assistant: Sandy Vogt Coffee: Lola Donth Trustee: Laura Hollaren - Dec. 11-17, 2023 Communion: Dale and Vicki Slack

# 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	"Welcome to Our World"	ANISSA VIS - PIANO				
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>						
UNITED WE SING	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	" #694 UMH VERSES 1-2				
DOXOLOGY		#95 UMH				
Please note: We will pass the offering during our second song and bring it forward during the doxology. You may also use the online GIVE link on our website at umcluverne.com or use our mobile app at any time.						
CALL TO WORSHIP, <i>t</i>	responsively,					
L: May the Lord be with y	ou,					
C: And also with you.						
L: From the flurry of holiday busyness,						
C: We come longing for	peace,					
L: Yearning for lasting joy	,					
C: Hoping to find our re	est in God.					
L: From full calendars and hectic schedules,						
C: We come to taste the	Bread of Life,					
L: Drink the cup of blessing	ng,					
C: Sing the songs of Adv	vent hope.					
L: From the worry of our	days,					
C: We come to be set fre	e,					

L: Be made new,

C: Follow the Prince of Peace, the joy of every longing heart. Amen.

# ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

**Reader 1:** In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

**Reader 2:** We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

C: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

**Reader 1:** We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

(Light two candles of the Advent wreath)

**UNITED WE SING** 

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<u>God's People Worsnip</u> This time is to hear God's voice

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-58 Pages 1025-1026 NIV

**OUR MESSAGE** 

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HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Our Advent Journey: Mary and Elizabeth

**ANISSA VIS** 

**God's People Pray...** This time allows us to lift our thoughts to God

"Joseph's Lullaby"

PASTORAL PRAYER

God's People Go to Live Out...

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

**UNITED WE SING** *"Emmanuel"* 

PRIASE TEAM SONG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE