



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.



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 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!



Please be sure to head down to the Palace **December 22nd** from **4-7pm** or the Annual Christmas Meditation. More info on the bulletin board flyer.

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
Russ and Colleen Enga

James Hanson
Kevin Kraetsch and Sherri Smith
Clyde and Ginny Menning

And for the finances of our church and tithing

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

Weekly Calendar

December 10, 2023 – Sunday

9:30am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am – Coffee time
10:30am – Livestream Worship Service -
Communion Sunday
Prayer 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	Sound: Matthew Fick
Lay Reader: Christine VonHoltum	Worship Assistant: Sandy Vogt
Hosts: Bill and Maggie Paulsen	Coffee: Lola Donth
Power Point: Jeanne Bowron	Trustee: Laura Hollaren - Dec. 11-17, 2023
Sunshine Gift Cards: Sharron Betsinger	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

OPENING PRAYER

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, *responsively*,

L: May the Lord be with you,
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 rest in God.
L: From full calendars and hectic schedules,
C: We come to taste the Bread of Life,
L: Drink the cup of blessing,
C: Sing the songs of Advent hope.
L: From the worry of our days,
C: We come to be set free,
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 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

God’s People Worship

This time is to hear God’s voice

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-58
Pages 1025-1026 NIV

OUR MESSAGE Our Advent Journey: Mary and Elizabeth

HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC “Joseph’s Lullaby” ANISSA VIS

God’s People Pray...

This time allows us to lift our thoughts to God

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