

Today's broadcast was sponsored in honor of our home touch ministry and those who go visit those who can't always get to us...it has grown so much and we are visiting so many more! A fun time is had by all on those special days! Thank you Sue, LaVonne, Christine and Pastor Dorie for all you do to bring communion and conversation to our homebound!



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



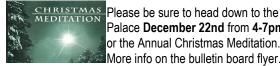
Our meals have been such success and a wonderful opportunity to share our love and a meal with our community. Please give generously to this month's Silver Bucket so that we can continue providing these meals to those who would like to come! All donations will go toward this cause.



DECEMBER

Day! Whether you like to pour maple syrup on your pancakes, bacon, or just down your throat, you know it's going to be a good time. It doesn't really matter how you eat maple syrup today; it just matters that you do!

Did you know...? We are now on the 351st day of the year and it is National Maple Syrup



There is a sign up sheet for those who are Palace December 22nd from 4-7pm planning to attend our Annual Christmas or the Annual Christmas Meditation. Eve Dinner on the bar. Please indicate More info on the bulletin board flver. how many so we plan accordingly...<3



be helping out today

with Sunshine gift cards for whoever

needs them.

Prayer Chain for December 17, 2023

Dustin Aning and Melissa Wood Family Sally Cooksley Mark and Tammy Moeller

Brenda Stickling will Dale and Cindy Reverts Madison Crabtree And for Peace in our Nation

Weekly Calendar

December 17, 2023 – Sunday

9:30am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am – Coffee time 10:30am - Livestream Worship Service **ALIVE Christmas Partv** 4:30pm – Genesis thru Revelation Bible Study

December 18, 2023 - Monday Messenger Deadline

December 19 2023 - Tuesday 10am - Shut in visits 6:30pm - PPR Meeting

December 20, 2023 – Wednesday

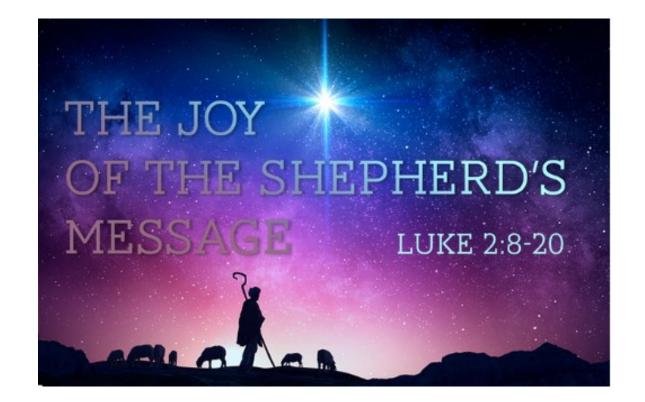
9am-7pm - Open Prayer Chapel 5:30pm - FUEL/Confirmation 7pm - Children's Christmas Program **8pm** – AA Meeting

December 21, 2023 - Thursday **8pm** - NA Meeting December 22, 2023 - Friday 4-7pm - Christmas Meditation at the Palace Theater

December 23, 2023 - Saturday **8pm** – AA Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS !

Luverne United Methodist Church Kids Sing Sunday Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023



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#### Your Worship Assistants today are:

Accompanist: Anissa Vis Lay Reader: Becky Anderson Hosts: Wayne and Amy Kruger Power Point: Reegan Gabrielson Sunshine Gift Cards: Brenda Stickling

Sound: Luther Hall Worship Assistant: Mary Gehrke Coffee: Jeanne Bowron Trustee: Al Aanenson - Dec. 18-24, 2023

# 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	"Hark The Heralds Angel Sing"	#162 UMH
OPENING PRAYER		VERSES 1-2
UNITED WE SING	"Light of the Stable"	PRAISE TEAM SONG
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: 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 to us. God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness! As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with God's love. Amen.

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Reader 1: When God's people were surrounded by hardship, suffering, and grief, Isaiah proclaimed, the spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit (Isaiah 61:1-3a)

**<u>Reader 2</u>**: We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail. C: We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

**Reader 1**: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, just peace, and fierce joy. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Light three candles of the Advent wreath.

## God's People Worship

This time is to hear God's voice

**SCRIPTURE** 

Luke 2:8-20 Page 1029 NIV

**OUR MESSAGE** 

**UNITED WE SING** 

"While Shepherds Watch Their Flock" #236UMH

**Our Advent Journey: The Shepherds** 

VERSES 1-2

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

God's People Go to Live Out...

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

"Away in the Manger" **UNITED WE SING** 

#217 UMH VERSES 1-2

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE