



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.



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



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 17, 2023**

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

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

**Brenda Stickling** will be helping out today with Sunshine gift cards for whoever needs them.

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **December 17, 2023 – Sunday**

9:30am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am – Coffee time  
10:30am – Livestream Worship Service  
**ALIVE Christmas Party**  
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

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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  
VERSES 1-2

OPENING PRAYER

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)  
**Reader 2:** 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  
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OUR MESSAGE

Our Advent Journey: The Shepherds

UNITED WE SING

“While Shepherds Watch Their Flock”

#236UMH  
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.

UNITED WE SING

“Away in the Manger”

#217 UMH  
VERSES 1-2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE