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**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.



Please be sure to join us for our 5pm Christmas Eve Service tonight with a wonderful time of food and fellowship at our Annual Christmas Dinner in our fellowship Hall after the service. Bring a friend! We would love to have you join us for this very special night!



We are sorry but we will not be selling gift cards before either of our services today

**Prayer Chain for December 24, 2023**

Becky and Dan Anderson  
Jesse and Ashley Connell Family  
Daniel and Joci Fick  
Jennifer Kruse Family  
Aaron and Abby Moeller Family  
Ian and Kristen Ruppert Family  
And for hearts that are searching

**Weekly Calendar**

**December 24, 2023 – Sunday**

9:30am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am – Coffee time  
10:30am – Livestream Hymn Sing Worship Service  
5pm - Christmas Eve Service  
6pm - Annual Christmas Eve Dinner

**December 25, 2023 - Monday**

Merry Christmas! OFFICE CLOSED  
Pastor Dorie begins vacation thru January 7

**December 26 2023 - Tuesday**

9:30am - Folding Team

**December 27, 2023 – Wednesday**

9am-7pm - Open Prayer Chapel  
**NO CLASSES**  
8pm – AA Meeting

**December 28, 2023 - Thursday**

8pm - NA Meeting

**December 30, 2023 - Saturday**

8pm – AA Meeting

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS !**

**Luverne United Methodist Church**  
**Our Christmas Hymn Sing Worship Service**  
*4th Sunday of Advent*  
**December 24, 2023**



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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.*

Good morning, all, we are excited to begin our Christmas Festivities with a morning of singing. What could get us in the mood more than gathering in worship and lifting our voices to an amazing God! We will ask you to share your favorite hymns to sing, please feel free to share!

## COMING TOGETHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WE SING      “O Come, O come Emanuel”      #211 UMH

## SHARING THE STORY OF “IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

## OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

UNITED WE SING      “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”      #218 UMH

DOXOLOGY      #95 UMH

*Offerings can be placed in the offering baskets when the ushers pass them, bring them forward to the altar, 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 impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**C: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!**

L: This is the day when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable dangerous thing.

**C: This is the day when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.**

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

**C: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. Amen!**

## HYMN CHOICE

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**Reader 1:** When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, announcing God’s plan for her to conceive and give birth to the Messiah, “Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’” (Luke 1:34) And yet, only a few months later, Mary sings to Elizabeth, My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name (Luke 1:46-49).

**Reader 2:** We, like Mary, hear God’s call to be part of making God’s dream for our salvation and flourishing a reality, and we question, “How can this be? I am only...” Yet, like Mary, the “onlys” that make us hesitate are gifts God can and will use as God’s love transforms us into bearers of good news.

**Congregation: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.**

**Reader 1:** We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, and the love that transforms us. May Love grow within us, transforming us into bold witnesses of God’s salvation with our voices and our lives. Amen.

*(Light the four outer candles of the Advent wreath.)*

ADVENT CANDLE SONG      “...Sweet, Sweet Spirit...”      #334 UMH

## God’s People Sing

*This time is to praise Him*

WE WILL NOW SHARE OUR FAVORITE HYMNS AND RAISE OUR VOICES

## 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 Out...

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

UNITED WE SING      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”      #230 UMH

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE