



Today's broadcast was sponsored in honor of the new year! A fresh start, a clean slate, etc. Let us make this the best year yet...follow Christ, carry him with you in your heart and let him guide you through your choices. He won't steer you wrong!!

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.



Hello Church!! I just want to wish everyone a safe and happy new year! I love being part of this awesome faith family...even from behind the scenes. I wish you health and happiness. May you all keep making this wonderful church grow not only as a congregation, but in spirit and love for each other and for our savior, Jesus Christ. Much love to you all! ~ Jakki



1. On this day in 1907, it was the first annual ball drop at Times Square! The annual tradition of dropping a ball at 11:59 pm to mark the start of the New Year was organized for the first time by Adolph Ochs, the owner of the New York Times.
2. On this day in 2009, both a Blue Moon and lunar eclipse occurred on the same day! The next such event to happen on New Year's Eve will be in 2028.
3. One year ago the world had to say goodbye to the beloved, funny, and iconic actress Betty White. Her movies and stories will continue to spread laughter to so many for years



We will be having Leadership Sunday on January 14, 2024. This will give us an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the people in leadership roles here at church. Thank you for all you do!

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **December 31, 2023 – Sunday**

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

#### **January 1, 2024 - Monday**

**OFFICE CLOSED - SEE YOU TUESDAY**

#### **January 2, 2024 - Tuesday**

**1:30pm** - God's Circle

#### **January 3, 2024 – Wednesday**

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

#### **January 4, 2024 - Thursday**

**8pm** - NA Meeting

#### **January 6, 2024 - Saturday**

**8pm** – AA Meeting

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS !**

## **Luverne United Methodist Church** **Sunday Worship Service** *1st Sunday after Christmas Day* **December 31, 2023**



**Laura Borman officiating today**

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Your Worship Assistants today are:

Accompanist: Anissa Vis  
Lay Reader: Travis Dwire  
Hosts: Bryce and Ginger Schomacker  
Power Point: Jennifer Hilfers  
Sunshine Gift Cards: Mary Gehrke

Sound: Matthew Fick  
Worship Assistant: Emily Crabtree  
Coffee: Wyatt Kruse  
Trustee: Al Aanenson - January 1-7, 2024

## 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      *"Christmas Worship and Praise Medley"*      PRAISE TEAM SONG

### OPENING PRAYER

UNITED WE SING      *"He is Born"*      #228 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](http://umcluverne.com) or use our mobile app at any time.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP, *in unison*,

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

Praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with timbrel and dancing,

Praise him with the strings and pipe,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

Praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord. Amen.

## God's People Worship

*This time is to hear God's voice*

### SCRIPTURES

Luke 2:22-40  
Pages 1027-1028 NIV  
Isaiah 61:10-11  
Page 744 NIV

### OUR MESSAGE

The End...

UNITED WE SING      *"Let There be Peace"*

#431 UMH

## 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      *"Wonderful Child Medley"*      PRIASE TEAM SONG

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE



Need Sunshine Gift Cards?

Make sure to talk to **Mary Gehrke** as she will be handling that this week and she will be happy to help you out!

### Prayer Chain for December 31 2023

Laura Hollaren  
Gene Ashby  
Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson  
Darwin and Evelyn Reyne  
Mary Gehrke  
Pastor Dorie and Luther Hall Family  
And for the Lent and Easter Season