

ST. LUKE'S UMC 2022 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR



We are invited to gather together to have our hope, peace, love and joy strengthened within us by the divine messages of the angels. And we are invited to become Angels in Action so we can strengthen the hope, peace, love and joy in others all over our world. May the true spirit of the season be strengthened in each of us this Christmas.

MISSIONS

Now thru December 31:

GIVING TREE: Visit our Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall and support Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) and their Adopt-a-child program by sponsoring gifts for a child *(by Dec. 1)*.

Also support our missions for Pura Vida (milk and construction), the school in Honduras, Field Elementary, HAAT Force, Mondays in the Park and Warren Village by gifting a donation online stlukeshr.com or taking a tag from our tree in Fellowship Hall *(by Dec. 31)*.

Sunday December 25:

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK..... 10:30am-1:30pm

Donate new sweats (pants & tops) by Dec. 24! Contact Sam Leahy or Rev. Liza for info or to participate downtown at Lincoln Park.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday November 26:

HANGING OF THE GREENS.....8:00am-Noon

Help us decorate the church for the Advent season! All are welcome!

Sunday November 27:

TREE LIGHTING SERVICE.....5:00pm

Family service of carols and our *impromptu* Christmas Pageant! Children (age 2-6th grade) may come early at 4:30pm and pick out a costume and participate in the service (no preparation required) by bringing to life the characters of the Christmas story! Ken Mervine, Sisters of Soul, Puppets and Youth Bells will perform. Enjoy cookies and cider afterwards.

Wednesdays November 30, December 7, 14 & 21:

WEEKLY ADVENT DEVOTIONS.....6:15-7:00pm

Mid-week spiritual renewal for Adults (Chapel) and Children (David).

Friday December 2:

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT.....6:00-8:00pm

Come for CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING at 6:00pm and watch "The Star" (rated PG) at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Popcorn provided! Families welcome to attend together or drop off children (with a reservation by Dec. 1 to Sharon Oliver.)

Saturday December 3:

HOLIDAY-THEMED READERS THEATER.....7:00pm

Wesley Players presents "A Mountainville Christmas," an original script written by our own Jack Kennedy. This readers theater will get you in a Hallmark-inspired holiday spirit! Auditions: November 28.

Friday December 9:

SLY LOCK IN.....7:00pm

A Christmas Lock In for our youth 7th-12th grade. Contact Maya Opati.

Saturday December 17:

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOP.....9:00am-1:00pm

Children can shop independently for everyone in the family and delight in the joy of giving! Gifts are \$3-\$10. Little School classes shop Dec. 14-16.

WORSHIP

Sunday November 27: ADVENT 1: HOPE

WORSHIP.....9:00am & 10:30am

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayers.
Psalm 8, Luke 1:5-24

Sunday December 4: ADVENT 2: PEACE

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION/WORSHIP.....9:00am & 10:30am

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you.
Psalm 91:11-16, Luke 1:26-35

BLUE CHRISTMAS.....5:00pm

This quiet and reflective service is created for those experiencing grief of all forms, those distanced from loved ones, and those who acknowledge the complex emotions during the holiday season.

Sunday December 11: ADVENT 3: LOVE

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.....9:00 & 10:45am

Enjoy this favorite St. Luke's tradition featuring the Chancel Choir, Soul Purpose Youth Choir, Kidz Prayz Choir, Tintinnabulators Handbell Ensemble and the St. Luke's Orchestra. (Family Worship - No Sunday School)

Sunday December 18: ADVENT 4: JOY

CANDY CANE SUNDAY/WORSHIP.....9:00 & 10:30am

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit.
Psalm 34:1-8, Matthew 1:18-21



Saturday December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. *Luke 2:8-16 (3:00 & 5:00pm Livestreamed at stlukeshr.com)*

CHILDREN'S.....1:00 & 3:00pm

(Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson) A family worship experience featuring our Puppet Ministry, Kidz Prayz, Soul Purpose Youth Choir and Joyful Noise Youth Handbells.

TRADITIONAL.....5:00 & 7:00pm

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) Traditional carols and candles service featuring the Chancel Choir, Organ, Brass Ensemble, and Tintinnabulators Handbell Ensemble.

COMMUNION.....9:00pm

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) Communion service featuring Soloists and Organ.

Sunday December 25:

WORSHIP.....9:30am ONLY

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) (Family Worship - No Sunday School) Let the joy of Christmas continue as we celebrate with this casual Family Worship.

Sunday January 1, 2023: NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION/WORSHIP.....9:30am ONLY

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) (Family Worship - No Sunday School) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Matthew 10:37-39, John 1:1-5, 14

Sunday January 8, 2023: EPIPHANY

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION OF THE KINGS.....9:30 & 11:00am

(Rev. Michele Kaminsky) The gifts of the Christ child can provide for us all through our lives as we experience peace, hope, love and joy. Join us as our 15 ft. tall Magi puppets and their entourage present their gifts to the Christ child. *Matthew 2:1-12*