



ST. LUKE'S UMC 2024 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

HONEST:
Real people, human experience.
Where is hope in the Christmas story and where is hope in our lives?

WORSHIP

Sunday December 1: ADVENT 1: HOPE
HOLY COMMUNION/WORSHIP.....9:30 & 11:00am
(Rev. Calob Rundell)

Tuesday December 3:
BLUE CHRISTMAS.....7:00pm

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 holidays.

Sunday December 8: ADVENT 2: JOY
CHRISTMAS CANTATA.....9:30 & 11:15am

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

Sunday December 15: ADVENT 3: LOVE
CANDY CANE SUNDAY/WORSHIP.....9:30 & 11:00am
(Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson)

Sunday December 22: ADVENT 4: PEACE
WORSHIP.....9:30 & 11:00am
(Rev. Calob Rundell)

MISSIONS

Now thru December 31:

GIVING TREE: Visit our Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall and support holiday gifts for teen mothers and children who are part of Florence Crittenton Services. (*unwrapped gifts to the church by Dec. 1*) Also support our missions for Pura Vida (milk and construction), the school in Honduras, Field Elementary, Giving Heart, HAAT Force, Christmas in the Park and Warren Village by gifting a donation online stlukeshr.com or taking a tag from our tree. (*by Dec. 31*)

Wednesday December 25:

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK.....10:30am-1:30pm
Donate new unisex sweats (pants & tops) by *Dec. 24!* Contact Sam Leahy or Rev. Liza for info or to participate downtown at Lincoln Park.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday & Saturday November 22 & 23:

A MOUNTAINVILLE CHRISTMAS CAROL.....7:00pm
The Wesley Players Theatre Company presents this delightful readers theater production to kick off the holiday season, written by our own Jack Kennedy! Performance at PAA 5690 County Line Pl. No ticket needed. Info wesleyplayers.org

Saturday November 30:

HANGING OF THE GREENS.....8:00am-Noon
Help us decorate the church for the Advent season! All are welcome!

Sundays December 1, 8, 15 & 22:

WEEKLY ADVENT DEVOTIONS: The Weary World Rejoices.....10:45am
Sunday mornings prepare for the season with ideas and resources from this Advent guide by Kate Bowler. Led by Cassy Meier & Stephanie Kirk in the Chapel.

Sunday December 1: SILENT AUCTION BEGINS

TREE LIGHTING SERVICE.....5:30pm

Family service of carols and our *impromptu Christmas Pageant!* Children (age 2-6th grade) may come early at 5:00pm and pick out a costume to bring to life the characters of the Christmas story! Prelude recital open to all kids. Ken Mervine, Sisters of Soul, and Joyful Noise bell choir perform. Enjoy cookies and cider afterwards. Contact Sharon Oliver.



December 9, 16 & 19:

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR.....6:00pm
Hop on the St. Luke's bus to go tour Christmas lights in our community. (Dec. 16 reserved for Seniors at St. Luke's.) RSVP with Cassy at office@stlukeshr.com

Tuesday December 10:

PEACEFUL & BRIGHT: Reflections, Music & Prayers.....5:30pm
The Center for Spiritual Engagement Leadership Team would love to have your presence with us for a special evening in the Chapel. Illuminated by the warm lights of December, come and be uplifted by reflections, prayers and beautiful cello music by Rob Datsko.

Wednesday December 11: SILENT AUCTION ENDS

A JAZZY CHRISTMAS with the Annie Booth Trio.....6:00pm
Fun holiday music for the whole family! Sponsored by our Music & Arts ministries.

Saturday December 14:

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOP.....9:00am-12:00pm
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. 11-13. Contact Sam Leahy.

Tuesday December 24:

CHRISTMAS EVE

(3:00, 5:00 & 9:00pm services livestreamed stlukeshr.com)

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

(Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson) A family worship experience featuring our Puppet Ministry, Kidz Prayz & Cherubs Choirs, Worship Band and Joyful Noise Youth Handbells.

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

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

COMMUNION.....9:00pm

(Rev. Calob Rundell) Communion service with Soloists and Organ.



Sunday December 29: NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY WORSHIP.....9:30am ONLY

(Rev. Calob Rundell) (Family Worship - No Sunday School)

Sunday January 5, 2025: EPIPHANY

HOLY COMMUNION/WORSHIP/ KINGS SUNDAY.....9:30 & 11:00am

(Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson) 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.