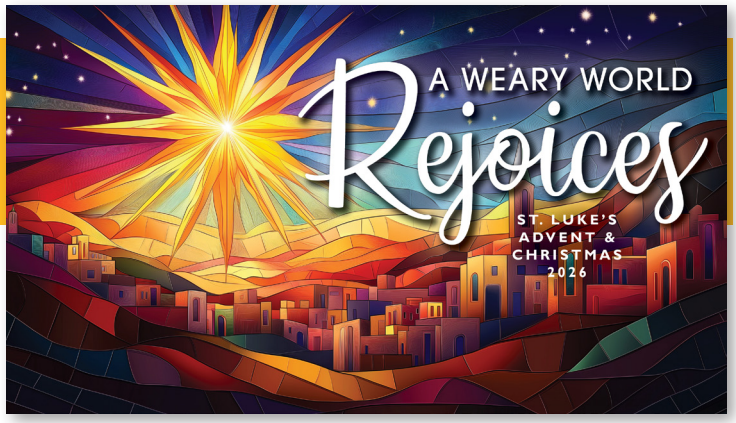
ST. LUKE'S UMC

# 2026 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR




## 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, Christmas in the Park and HAAT Force by gifting a donation online **stlukeshr.com** or taking a tag from our tree. *(Dec. 6-31)*

**Friday December 25:**

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

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Saturday Nov. 21 at 7:00pm & Sunday Nov. 22 at 2:00pm:**

***THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER***

The Wesley Players Theatre Company presents this delightful holiday production to kick off the season! Tickets and info at wesleyplayers.org

**Saturday November 28:**

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

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

**Sunday November 29:**

**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 to bring to life the characters of the Christmas story! Prelude recital is open to all kids who play an instrument and want to share a Christmas song. Ken Mervine, Cherubs Choir and Joyful Noise Handbell Choir will perform. Witness the lighting of our Christmas tree and enjoy cookies and cider afterwards. Contact Sharon Oliver.

**Monday November 30:**

**ADVENT CHALLENGE BEGINS**

Read a chapter of Luke every day until Christmas. Follow along with daily videos linked from our website. Contact Rev. Calob Rundell.

**Monday December 7:**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR.....5:30pm**

Hop on the St. Luke's bus to go tour Christmas lights in our community. RSVP with Sam Leahy.

**Tuesday December 8:**

**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 music from Kay Coryell and Penny Harris.

**Wednesday December 9:**

**SENIORS AT ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS BINGO.....2:00pm**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of Christmas Bingo, fellowship, and fun!

**Wednesday & Thursday December 9 &10:**

**LITTLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CONCERTS**

Preschoolers celebrate the season with songs.

**Sunday December 13:**

**CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOP.....10:30-11:30am**

Children can shop independently in the Youth Room for their family and delight in the joy of giving! Gifts are $3-$10. Little School classes shop Dec. 9-11. Contact Sam Leahy.

## WORSHIP

**Sunday November 29: ADVENT 1: HOPE**

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

*(Rev. Calob Rundell)*

**Sunday December 6: ADVENT 2: JOY**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA.....9:30 & 11:15am**

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

**Sunday December 13: ADVENT 3: LOVE**

**CANDY CANE SUNDAY/WORSHIP.....9:30 & 11:00am**

*(Rev. Calob Rundell)*

**Sunday December 20: ADVENT 4: PEACE**

**WORSHIP.....9:30 & 11:00am**

*(Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson)*

**Tuesday December 22:**

**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.

### Thursday December 24:

### CHRISTMAS EVE

***(All services will be livestreamed - stlukeshr.com)***

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

*(Rev. Calob Rundell - 1:00pm, Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson - 3:00pm)*

A family worship experience featuring our Puppet Ministry, Kidz Prayz & Cherubs Choirs, Worship Band and Joyful Noise Handbells.

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

*(Rev. Calob Rundell - 5:00pm, Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson - 7:00pm)*

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 27: NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY**

**WORSHIP.....9:30 & 11:00am**

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

**Sunday January 3, 2027: EPIPHANY**

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

*(Rev. Calob Rundell)* The gifts of the Christ child can provide for us all 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.

*Pick up pre-ordered breakfast burritos to benefit the Guatemala mission.*

*****OFFICE CLOSED December 24, 2026-January 3, 2027**