

Welcome to Worship!

We pray that you feel the warmth and love of Christ as you enter and that you sense God's presence in worship. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate in letting us know. We are grateful having you today and hope you will consider coming again.

Sun. 12/02 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM

Mon. 12/03 UMW Meeting, 9:30AM

Tues. 12/04 Men's Prayer Group, 7AM
AA, 7PM Al-Anon, 7PM

Wed. 12/05 Weight Watchers, 4:30PM
Choir Practice, 5:30PM

Thurs. 12/06 Bible Study, 9:30AM

Sat. 12/08 UMW - Mrs. Santa's Sweet Shop and Crafts, 10AM
AA, 7PM

Sun. 12/09 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM
LUMC Christmas Caroling, 1-4:30PM
King's Kids, Walk through Bethlehem, depart at 5PM

LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Drop your Christmas greeting cards off to people in your church family at our "Post Office" set up in the foyer of the Fellowship Building. Be sure to check often for greetings from others.

MRS. SANTA'S SWEET SHOP AND CRAFT SHOW, Dec. 8, 9A-3P

It's that time again! Please bring baked goods to church on December 7th from 10AM to 1PM for pricing and display. The sale and show will begin on the 8th at 9:00AM and close at 3:00PM. Come purchase to help with your Christmas baking and maybe even some gifts.

LUMC CHRISTMAS CAROLING — Dec. 9th, 1-4:30PM

Meet at the church at 1PM. Join in and bring love and merriment to our area shut-ins and homebound.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH, Dec. 13th

Celebrate the Christmas Season and enjoy lunch at Wolf Bay Lodge in Foley. Sign up or RSVP to Annie Laurie Lindley at 850-760-2948 by Dec. 9th. Carpool from LUMC at 10:45PM. All ladies are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, 4:00 and 6:00PM

Event open to people of all faiths.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER , Gather at 11:30, Eat at noon

Sign-up sheets are available on the Opportunity Table and on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. It is important to sign up so that adequate portions can be prepared. The church will provide ham, drinks and tableware. You are asked to bring a side dish that will serve at least eight people.

Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE



First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

December 2, 2018

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 1st Christ Our Hope

Reading: Isaiah 60:2-3. **ALL:** We light this first candle of the Advent wreath as a symbol of Christ OUR HOPE. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

* Hymn # 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 "THE APOSTLES CREED"

* ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION pg. 12

CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

OFFERTORY SPECIAL Blake Riley, Minister of Music

***Doxology #95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost.

"God Bless America"

God Bless America, Land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam. God bless America, My home sweet home. God bless America, My home, sweet home."

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-35

HYMN # 211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Children up to first grade dismiss to Children's Church at this time.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

SERMON

A Day Beyond Christmas

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* HYMN # 219

"What Child Is This"

Anyone desiring to become a member of the church and/or receive Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to come forward at this time! Please bring the "Wish to Join" card found in the pew with complete information.

* CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER # 201

"Advent"

* BENEDICTION HYMN # 204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

* *Please stand if able.*

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance :11/25 184 Offering to the General Fund: \$3,625.00

Today's altar rail contributions will benefit Ecumenical Ministries

IN HIS SERVICE

8AM Ushers / Greeters: David & Annie Drury

10AM Greeters: Richard & Judith Wittig

10AM Ushers: Mike & Janice Spooner

Outreach: Ann Brock

Counters: Ed Kish / Roy Oleson

Nursery Available 9AM - 11AM for Birth to 3yrs .

A cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's Church for ages 4 yrs. thru 1st grade is held in the Fellowship Building on Communion Sunday. Activity Bags for ages 7-10 are located on the Opportunity Table for children remaining in sanctuary worship.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

If you are willing to volunteer in the nursery on an as needed, rotation basis, please contact Nelson Beech, Chair of SPR Committee, at (251) 962-3099.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE GIFTS are to be placed under the Christmas Angel Tree by December 9th. Thank you!

SPR Announcement: It's that time of year again! The time has come to give our Pastor and staff their Christmas bonuses. I would encourage everyone to continue as you have in the past to donate as generously as you can. We would like to show appreciation to our pastor and staff for their dedicated service. Please have your donations in by Sunday, December. 16th. Thank you, Nelson Beech

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS TO LUMC: Please be sure your contribution is postmarked / received by December 31st to be included on your 2018 Contribution Statement. Thank you.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary !

4 Jim Merrifield 5 Lois Russell

5 Mickey Hudson 7 Frank Brock

2 Mike & Janice Spooner 8 Ellis & Paddy Coleman

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Jane Gill	Johnny Foote	Jane Wright	Carol Gaines
Jane Harper	Betty Erwin	Bill McKinney	Bill Austin