

Thank you...

Thank you, Moms and Dads and Grandma and Grandmas who have brought your children today to share this very special service where we begin the time of welcoming our Savior Jesus Christ. These moments are so very precious in bringing to life the person of Jesus to our children, who is important for all of us to hold close, especially in such times as we are experiencing right now. Jesus is the gift we all need. Be Blessed!



The Silver Bucket for December 2024 is the Community and Christmas Eve Meals

These 2 meals have been such a 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! And, as always, all donations will go toward this cause.



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Prayer Chain for December 8, 2024

Marian Eatherton
Jack and Felicia Hanson
Ed and Cherise Ray Family
Jerry and Beth Wieman
And for praise and thanksgiving to Jesus

Weekly Calendar

December 8, 2024 – Sunday

9:30am - Adult/Men's Sunday School

9:45am – Coffee time

10:30am – Livestream Hanging of the Greens
Worship Service with Communion

4:30pm – Genesis thru Revelation Bible Study

December 9, 2024 - Monday

6:30pm – Genesis thru Revelation Bible Study

December 10, 2024 - Tuesday

1:30pm - Sewn in Faith

December 11, 2024 – Wednesday

9am-7pm - Open Prayer Chapel

10am - Shut in visits

6:15pm - FUEL and Confirmation

8pm – AA Meeting

Pizza Ranch Take Out Night

December 12, 2024 - Thursday

8pm - NA Meeting

December 14, 2024 - Saturday

8pm – AA Meeting

**UPCOMING
EVENTS !**

Luverne United Methodist Church
Hanging of the Greens Service with Communion
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024



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Accompanist: Anissa Vis

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Sound: Luther Hall

Worship Assistant: Jack Hanson

Coffee: Jeanne Bowron

Trustee: Bryce Schomacker - Dec. 9-15, 2024

Communion: Dale and Vicki Slack

COMING TOGETHER/GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WE SING *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #234 UMH
VERSES 1 AND 3

OPENING PRAYER

UNITED WE SING *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #196 UMH
VERSES 1 AND 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 or use our mobile app at any time.

CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsively*

L: May the Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

L: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

C: **We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.**

L: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

C: **We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.**

L: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

C: **May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Joseph's Lullaby"* ANISSA VIS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITERGY

Reader 1: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. *"For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness."* (Malachi 3:2b-3)

C: **In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.**

Reader 2: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

(We light the second candle of the Advent Wreath)

UNITED WE SING *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* #220 UMH
VERSES 1 AND 4

INTRODUCTIONS TO THE SPECIAL SERVICE "TRADITIONS"

UNITED WE SING *"Deck the Halls"* LYRICS PROJECTED

THE TRADITION OF THE CANDY CANES (A moment with our children)

SPECIAL VIDEO *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"*

THE TRADITION OF THE BELLS

UNITED WE SING *"Jingle Bells"* LYRICS PROJECTED

THE TRADITION OF STOCKINGS

UNITED WE SING *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"* #236 UMH
VERSES 1 AND 4

OUR NATIVITY SCENE Luke 2:4-14 (Page 1026-1027 NIV)

UNITED WE SING *"Away in a Manger"* #217 UMH
VERSES 1 AND 2

OUR RESPONSE TO THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS, *in unison*

We long for your coming, Dear God, but we are often unprepared for you to come because we have not always lived as your people. Many times in our lives, we have disobeyed your will. We have now always done what we should have done. Sometimes, we have done what we should not have done. Sometimes we have failed and sin. Forgive us, Lord. This day we ask for strength to be who YOU call us to be. We ask for your Holy Spirit to take us on a journey of faith this season, filled with our love. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be sure to join us in the Fellowship Hall for the church potluck

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE SONG *"Joy to the World"* #246 UMH