

Calendar for December 11-24, 2016

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| Sunday December 11 | Bible Class Morning Worship Lunch for Carolers Christmas Caroling International Bible Study/Fellowship <i>(Come at 5pm for food & fellowship)</i> Evening Worship with Communion | 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm |
| Monday December 12 | Evening Bible Class | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday December 13 | Beta Sigma Psi Bible Study Trustees Meeting | 7:00 pm 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday December 14 | Midweek Advent Service | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday December 15 | English Conversation Class LCMS-U Bible Study | 5:30 pm 7:00 pm |
| Friday December 16 | Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(Held at the Downtowner Restaurant)</i> | 6:00 am |
| Saturday December 17 | | |
| Sunday December 18 | Bible Class Morning Worship with Communion International Bible Study/Fellowship <i>(Come at 5pm for food & fellowship)</i> | 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm |
| Monday December 19 | Evening Bible Class | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday December 20 | Trustees Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday December 21 | | |
| Thursday December 22 | | |
| Friday December 23 | Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(Held at the Downtowner Restaurant)</i> | 6:00 am |
| Saturday December 23 | | |

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Announcements December 11-24, 2016

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 12:00-4:00pm

Advent Collection for Trinity Mission - "Discovering God's freedom for men in addiction": The Trinity Mission project, a ULu and Thrivent Action Team joint endeavor, involves putting together starter kits for 15 men who will join the faith-based treatment program in January 2017. A starter kit includes: bed linens, pillow, towels, and a small laundry detergent, all to be placed in a plastic laundry basket. ULu's goal is to collect: 15 new, plastic laundry baskets and 15 small or medium size containers of laundry detergent. Bring your donations from now until December 18 and place them in the church office.



Midweek Advent Services: Please join us for our final midweek Advent service on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7:00pm. Our theme this year is "We Believe," looking at the Apostles' Creed.

Christmas Caroling: A group from the church will be visiting and singing Christmas carols for some elderly shut-ins on Sunday, Dec. 11 after morning worship. A free lunch will be provided at the church, so please join us!

Sunday Evening Services Canceled During Break: We will not offer 7pm Sunday services on December 18, 25, and January 1. The regular worship schedule will resume on Sunday, January 8, with worship at 10:30am and 7pm.

Graduating? If you are graduating in December, please write "Graduating" by your name on your friendship sheet or e-mail the church at ULutheranChurch@gmail.com and let us know so that we can update our mailing lists. We are recognizing and praying for graduating students during worship on Sunday, Dec. 11, also.



International Dinner: We will host a dinner for incoming international students on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 5:30pm. We will serve a meal and need help with preparation, serving, and clean-up. We also need help with games and activities after the meal. Volunteer shifts are 4-6pm and 6-8pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board for the shift that you prefer. As we plan to serve 100-150 people, we would appreciate as much help as possible and especially hope that some students will be back on campus in time to help. If you have questions, please contact Jean Bristol at 765-376-5832 or email jeanandmike@virtualbristol.net.

Van Schedule

University Lutheran provides a free van service for students who may need a ride to or from Sunday worship or Thursday LCMS-U. The van is tan and clearly marked with University Lutheran Church. After worship, there is time for you to get some refreshments and visit with others before the van leaves.

| | 10:30 AM | 7:00 PM |
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| | Worship | Worship/Thurs. LCMS-U |
| Back of Cary (Cary Quad) | 10:05 | 6:35 |
| Stadium & Jischke (Own, Trk, Wly) | 10:07 | 6:37 |
| Co-Rec | 10:09 | 6:39 |
| Jischke at Meredith (Mer, Wnd) | 10:11 | 6:41 |
| 1 st St. at Earhart (Ear, Harr) | 10:13 | 6:43 |
| MacArthur & 3 rd St. (Shr, Hil) | 10:15 | 6:45 |
| Purdue West (Mct, Purdue V.) | 10:17 | 6:47 |
| Arrive at ULu | 10:25 | 6:55 |

Special Prayers: Feel free to add to this list by emailing the church, or by letting Pastor know.

- For those serving in the military, including Rusty Becker, Joe Garn, Eric Vahle, Anne Radavich, Bryan Smith, Joshua Elmshaeuser, Ryan Guard, Curtis, R.J. Weldon, Lance Noel, Jessica Franklin, David Valentino, Tom Mussmann, Ben Meredith, Andy, Joe Evelo, Ci Zhang, and Ronnie LaMar
- For wisdom in planning the future ministry of University Lutheran Church
- For those who suffer for the sake of Christ worldwide
- For all pregnant women and for their children
- For people battling cancer, including Skyla, Mike Decker, Sidney Paul, and Tracey Smith
- For friends and family members who do not know Jesus
- For Elizabeth, a premature baby who is in the NICU, and for her family
- For Mr. Montes, a teacher at McCutcheon High School who is recovering from a car accident
- For Gaylin Rose, whose four daughters were killed in a house fire and for Deputy Drew Yoder who was injured trying to save the children
- For Helen Radavich, Fred and Blanche Heintz, and others who are not able to come to worship
- For Raymond Gee, who is recovering from pneumonia and strep throat

Bible Study Opportunities: The following Bible studies are meeting throughout the week. New people are always welcome!



Sunday Morning Bible Class – 9:15am

Study and discuss Scripture with others before Sunday morning worship in this class, led by Pastor Herman.

Monday Evening Bible Study – 7:00pm

Look in depth at the Smalcald Articles in this class, led by Pastor Barton.

LCMS U – Thursdays, 7:00pm

Come meet other students and study God’s Word at the LCMS U led by Pastor Herman, featuring an open discussion and an opportunity to hear what God’s Word says about issues in our world today.

Men’s Breakfast/Bible Class – Fridays, 6:00am

Join us for a Men’s Breakfast/Bible Class at the Downtowner Restaurant located in the Market Square Shopping Center in Lafayette. For more information, contact Tom Schultz at Thomasa.schultz1@gmail.com.

English Classes/Bible Studies for Internationals: The following classes are geared toward internationals, but all are welcome.

Dinner and International Bible Study – Sundays, 5:00pm

Pastor Herman leads a Bible study following a free meal. Currently we are reading about different biblical heroes of the Christian faith.



English Conversation Class – *This class is currently on hiatus and will not meet again until sometime next year.*

This class is for students, visiting scholars, and spouses, and covers word pronunciation, idioms, and American holidays. Contact Karen Mullen at karenjmullen@gmail.com for more information.

English Conversation/Current Events – Thursdays, 5:30pm

This class meets for one hour to read current news and information items, and discuss meanings of words and cultural differences. If you are interested in attending, contact Yogi Yergler at purdueyy@gmail.com for details.

A Note from the Indiana District: A blessed Advent, everyone! As we try to get everything wrapped up, we thank God for the work that is being done to “wrap-up” our relocation plans. The Building Committee will be meeting weekly to discuss plans for the new building, and the West Lafayette Purdue University Joint Board meeting will be coming up in January. Enjoy your break as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with family and friends! Don’t forget to fill your parents in on all that is happening at ULu, and please continue to pray for a smooth transition to the new building.

Offering Envelopes: You may pick up offering envelopes for 2017 any time on the table at the back of the church. Just write down your name and the box number you took.

Officers for 2017 Church Council: Congratulations to our newly elected Church Council officers for 2017!

- President: Ethan Ernst
- Vice President: Ben Scholer
- Secretary: Ruth Mussmann
- Treasurer: Derek Schwanz
- Assistant Treasurer: Grace Whitham
- Financial Secretary (2): Sara Wendte; Katherine Krupski
- Chairman of Deacons: Joe Evelo
- Chairman of Stewardship: Sydney Shelton
- Chairman of Christian Education: Kristin Noller
- Chairman of Evangelism: Emily Nadler
- Chairman of Social Ministry: Joe Evelo
- Chairman of Social Activities: Chris Oyer
- Chairman of Trustees: Aaron Korff

Thanks to those completing their terms, also: Logan White, Nik Kiess, Kayleen Herb, and Logan Kearney.

Thank You!

- To Beta Sigma Psi, for hosting our LCMS-U Christmas party on December 8
- To Nancy Maylath, for providing lunch for the Christmas carolers on December 11; and for securing Thrivent Action Team grants to assist with service projects this semester
- To Jean Bristol, for ordering the poinsettias for the sanctuary

Choir/Music Ministry: Thanks to Director Benjamin Nold and our choir members for providing music this semester! The choir will not meet again until next semester, but we are always looking for more singers and instrumentalists to assist with music for upcoming worship services. If you might be interested in helping, contact the church office at ulutheranchurch@gmail.com.

Lutheran Basics Class: Have you ever wanted to learn more about what the Lutheran Church teaches and believes? Pastor Herman would love to meet with you. Contact him at pastorherman@icloud.com for more information or if you might be interested in attending a Lutheran Basics class.

Name Tag/Social Sunday: Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, our next Name Tag/Social Sunday will not be until January 29. Beginning in the spring semester, we will distribute name tags at worship on the fourth Sunday of each month to help people get acquainted. Then everyone is invited to stay after worship for a reception with refreshments and socializing in the church library at the end of the main hall. Please join us often!

GroupMe Text Updates: Would you like to receive text updates about events at the church? Be sure to download the GroupMe app (available for iOS, Android, and Windows phones)! Then email your phone number to the church office at ulutheranchurch@gmail.com or sign up online at <https://goo.gl/forms/LyLTc5kpcQ02e5Gt1>, and we will add you to the group.

Van Drivers Needed: If you might be interested in driving the church van to pick up students for Sunday worship or Thursday LCMS-U, contact Ruth Mussmann at rpmuss@gmail.com.

Pocket Change Sunday – December 25: The LWML is sponsoring monthly Pocket Change Sundays, encouraging people to bring in coins to donate for mission projects. Please plan to bring in your spare change on December 25 for our next collection. We also thank everyone who has already given change in previous weeks. We appreciate your generosity!



Plastic Bag Collection: The LWML is collecting plastic bags, which will be donated for a service project to benefit Hands of Mercy, a Christian outreach to people in South Sudan. Bring in your plastic bags any time and place them in the container downstairs. Check out handsofmercymission.org for more information.

Water Bottle Collection: We are still collecting 16.9 fl. oz. water bottles for Food Finders Food Bank. The bottles are used to distribute laundry soap, and Food Finders currently uses about 2,100 bottles per month. Please deposit the bottles, uncrushed with the lid, in our collection container downstairs.



Soles4Souls Shoe Collection: We are continuing to collect all kinds of shoes for needy people around the world. Please donate your gently used or new shoes in the box downstairs to help this worthwhile cause.

Host-A-Boiler Opportunity: The upcoming holidays are great times to invite Purdue international students to share our traditions with us. Students who are unable to return home during school breaks are eager for an American experience. To host an international student for a one-time get together during Winter Break (Dec. 17-31), visit <http://www.ippu.purdue.edu/hostaboiler>. For more information, contact friendship@purdue.edu.



500th Anniversary Reformation Events: The Lutheran Church will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in October 2017. St. James Lutheran, Lafayette, is organizing a year-long celebration and inviting all area LCMS churches to participate. Possible events include a Reformation celebration dinner, a book club, Martin Luther study, films and activities that will share information about Martin Luther, and a community-wide celebration on October 29, 2017. If you might be interested in joining a committee to help plan the celebration, contact Barbara Francis at 463-7375 or bpfr58@frontier.com.

Reformation Celebration/Dinner: St. John's Lutheran Church (404 Jefferson St., Rochester, IN) cordially invites our congregation to a 500th Reformation Celebration and Christmas Diner on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4pm, featuring Dr. Don Stuckwisch speaking.

Volunteers Needed: United Way of Greater Lafayette is looking for people who could assist with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) in helping families with tax preparation. Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, quality reviewers, tax preparers, and assistant site coordinators. For more information, visit www.uwlafayette.org/vita.

Worship for Shut-Ins: Worship for Shut-Ins is a 30 minute Lutheran television worship service. It includes the readings for the day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. The program airs Sundays at 10:00am on WHMB-TV40.

Issues, Etc. Radio Show: *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: An Angel Appears to Jesus' Guardian Joseph, The Sacrament of the Altar, The Prophet Daniel, Jesus Teaches Nicodemus and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



Lutheran Hour Broadcast: What is the key to real and lasting peace on earth? In next week's broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* Speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz preaches on the topic "Peace On Earth, Peace That Lasts" (Matthew 1:18-25) with the answer being that there is only one way mankind will have everlasting peace. *The Lutheran Hour* is heard every Sunday in our listening area at 7am (720 AM); 7:30am (97.3 FM); 9:04am (107.7 FM); and 10am (97.3 FM).

Lutheran Radio Station: KFUE is the longest continually operating Christian radio station in the United States. Owned and operated by the LCMS, KFUE offers an array of audio resources from worship services to inspirational music to in-depth study of God's Word through programs including "The Bible Study," "Ask the Pastor," "Studio A," and "Law & Gospel." KFUE also offers syndicated short-form programs like Dr. Paul Devantier's "By The Way," Dr. Mary Manz-Simon's "Front Porch Parenting," and Concordia Seminary President Dr. Dale Meyer's "The Meyer Minute." Visit kfuo.org to learn more or listen live.

"Mustache Resolution": "The Mustache Resolution," adopted unanimously in Convention this summer, seeks to raise a combined \$2 million between the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund and Concordia University System scholarship funds by Dec. 31, 2016. Who has the best mustache? LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and LCMS Montana District President Rev. Terry Forke have put their mustaches on the line for this worthy cause. Each dollar equals one vote. The candidate who receives the fewest votes will have his mustache shaved off at the LCMSU "Liberty" Conference this January. Visit the <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/mustache> to cast your vote today.



Poinsettias: The poinsettias in the sanctuary are given by Mike & Jean Bristol, in memory of their parents; Carol Ghiselli, to the glory of God; David Huhnke, in memory of his parents, Merle and Carol Huhnke; Jim and Karen Mullen, in memory of their granddaughter, Natalie Cruse; Mike and Sue Paul, to the glory of God; and Kimberly Taylor, in memory of her daughter, Natalie Cruse.

Thank you to those who serve!

Sunday, December 11

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman

Organist (10:30am): Carol Ghiselli

Organist (7:00pm): Jeff Goodspeed

Wednesday, December 14

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman

Organist: Carol Ghiselli

Sunday, December 18

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman

Organist (10:30am): Carol Ghiselli

Altar Guild (10:30am): Jean Bristol

Saturday, December 24

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman

Organist: Sue Paul

Altar Guild: Jean Bristol

Holiday Service Schedule:

- Midweek Advent Worship – Dec. 14 – 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion – Dec. 24 – 7pm
- Christmas Day Service – Dec. 25 – 10:30am (No 7pm Service)
- New Year's Eve – Dec. 31 – No service
- New Year's Day – Jan. 1 – 10:30am (No 7pm Service)

