

## Calendar for December 25 – January 7, 2016

Sunday December 25	Morning Worship	10:30 am
Monday December 26		
Tuesday December 27		
Wednesday December 28		
Thursday December 29		
Friday December 30	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(Held at the Downtowner Restaurant)</i>	6:00 am
Saturday December 31		
Sunday January 1	Bible Class Morning Worship with Communion	9:15 am 10:30 am
Monday January 2	Evening Bible Class	7:00 pm
Tuesday January 3		
Wednesday January 4		
Thursday January 5		
Friday January 6	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(Held at the Downtowner Restaurant)</i> International Dinner	6:00 am 5:30 pm
Saturday January 7		

### Thank you to those who serve!

#### **Sunday, December 25**

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman  
Organist: Sue Paul

#### **Sunday, January 1**

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman  
Organist: Carol Ghiselli  
Altar Guild: Jean Bristol

## University Lutheran Church, LCMS

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### Announcements

**December 25 – January 7, 2016**

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### **Church Office Hours:**

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

**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](mailto:jeanandmike@virtualbristol.net).

**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.



**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.

**Update on Building Plans:** A blessed Christmas, everyone! Even over the holidays, preparations for our move continue. The Building Committee is meeting regularly to discuss plans for the new building, and the West Lafayette Purdue University Joint Board meeting will be coming up in January. Please continue to pray for a smooth transition to the new building.

**Choir/Music Ministry:** Thanks to Director Benjamin Nold and our choir members for providing music last 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](mailto:ulutheranchurch@gmail.com).

**Name Tag/Social Sunday:** Due to the holidays, 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!

## January 22, 2017 – Plan Ahead!

### **Endowment Presentation**

Indiana District President Rev. Daniel May and Rev. Philip Krupski, Director of Gift Planning and Development, will be with us on January 22. They will be making a presentation during the 10:30am service of a special endowment gift to the church. We hope you will join us for this occasion.

### **Free Lunch/Service Project**

Stay after worship on January 22 for a free lunch, provided by the LWML. We will also be working on a service project and would appreciate your assistance. Everyone is welcome!

### **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 Helen Radavich, Fred and Blanche Heintz, and others who are not able to come to worship
- Thanks that Georgia Kurtz is doing better
- For people traveling over the holidays
- For Amanda Hassman's father, recovering from heart surgery

**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 – Will not meet Dec. 26**

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

**LCMS U – Thursdays, 7:00pm – Will not meet Dec. 28 or Jan. 5**

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**

**Will not meet Dec. 25 or Jan. 1**

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 semester.**

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.

**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.

**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 – January 29:** 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 January 29 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](http://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.





**500<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://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.

**Lutheran Hour Broadcast:** All mankind are slaves to sin which results in eternal death. But we can change that by acknowledging our Savior, Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:4-7). In next week's broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour*, Speaker Pastor Gregory Seltz speaks on the topic of it's the right time to repent, turn to God, ask for His help, and trust in the risen Savior. *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 [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) to learn more or listen live.



Talk Radio for the Christmas Season

*The Christmas Season*

Rev. Will Weedon, LCMS Director of Worship

*The Christmas Hymn "Let All Together Praise Our God"*

Dr. Arthur Just, Concordia Theological Seminary

*19th Century Theologian C.F.W. Walther on Jesus' Birth*

Rev. Joel Baseley, Emmanuel Lutheran-Dearborn, MI

*The Virgin Birth*

Dr. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary

*The Circumcision and Name of Jesus*

Dr. Carl Fickenscher, Concordia Theological Seminary

*The Hymn "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"*

Dr. Paul Grime, Concordia Theological Seminary

*Jesus: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,*

*Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

Dr. Andrew Bartelt, Concordia Seminary

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