

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's offices will be closed during the week of Dec. 25 - Jan. 2.
We will open for regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012

Please join us for services on New Years Day.

We will have our regular schedule:

Sunday January 1, 2012 Happy New Year

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH.
8:30am – 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary .
9:30am – 10:30am Sunday School
10:50am – 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary .
6:00pm - 7:00pm The Element - FH

Wednesday January 4, 2012

5:45pm - 7:00pm Pizza with Parents: Meet Amy Pearson - FH
Please be sure to RSVP with Amy
7:30pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir

For the most current calendar information visit our website
www.stlukesumc.org and click on the Events tab.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please check the board in the Hospitality Hall for the most recent list of prayer request.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

the family of **Deborah Gibson** who passed away on Dec. 20,
Services were Thursday, Dec. 22.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS

Youth and College Age Ministry.

Happy New Year

December 25, 2011



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

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Mission Statement

"We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ."

Dr. R. Mark Matheny
Rev. Birgitte T. French

Senior Pastor
Minister of Mission

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2011

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOMING HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE "Gloria"
W A Mozart Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For Hope pierces in the darkness of struggle
just as a lighthouse shines forth light to those stranded at sea.

So may we share God's hope to a world in need.

For Love was born in Bethlehem to nourish and redeem us

So may we share God's love to a world in need.

For Joy breaks the silence of sadness and complacency

So may we share God's joy to a world in need.

For Peace overcomes the war of hate and indifference.

So may we share God's peace to a world in need.

So Hope and Love and Joy and Peace came to earth
in the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

*CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234
tune: ADESTE FIDELES

*PRAYER OF CHRISTMAS

WORD AND WONDER Amy Pearson
"He is Born" UMH 228
*After Word & Wonder, all Children will return
to be with their families for the remainder of the service.*

CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240
verses 1 and 2 tune: MENDELSSOHN

"Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH 238
verses 3 and 4 tune: GLORIA

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220
verses 1 and 2 tune: REGENT SQUARE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSIC "In Dulci Jubilo" JG Walker III, *piano*
setting: Jay Rouse

*DOXOLOGY FOR CHRISTMAS *tune: IN DULCI JUBILO*

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow on every hill and coast!
Praise God above, all angles who comprise the heav'nly host!
Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

*CAROL "Go Tell It on the Mountain" UMH 251

GOSPEL LESSON John 1: 1-14

MEDITATION "Spread the Word!" Dr. R. Mark Matheny

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

*CAROL "Joy to the World" UMH 246

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Deck the Halls"
Richard Ellsasser

*You are invited to stand as able.
UMH United Methodist Hymnal TFWS The Faith We Sing Supplement