



# ST. LUKE'S Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 AM

BRIEF ORDER OF WORSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



OUR MISSION: TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.  
MAY GOD BLESS OUR TIME TOGETHER WITH A SPIRIT OF  
JOY, FELLOWSHIP, AND CELEBRATION.

## BULLETIN NOTES

- ✚ **Worship Styles & Regular Times**
  - ◆ Traditional: 5:00 pm Saturday
  - ◆ Blended: 8:30 am Sunday
  - ◆ Contemporary: 11:00 Sunday
  - ◆ Word & Sacrament: 6:00 pm Wednesday
- ✚ **Holy Communion** is offered at all services. All baptized believers who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome at his table. Those who have not taken first communion instruction are invited forward for a blessing.
- ✚ **Attendance Cards:** We ask everyone to fill out the enclosed card and drop it into one of the offering plates. If you are a guest, please consider giving us a full mailing address, email, and phone number.
- ✚ **Please remember to silence cell phones and pagers.**
- ✚ **Quiet Offering** is taken during worship for the support of a variety of designated ministries outside of St. Luke's.
- ✚ **Large print bulletins and hearing devices:** available from the ushers. An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, just switch your hearing aid to 'T'.
- ✚ **Childcare:** a nursery for infants and toddlers through two years old is available during Sunday worship services. Nursery is located across from the office, to the left of the sanctuary.
- ✚ **Children's Church** for those three to five years old is available during the sermon (11:00). Children leave the sanctuary on a "lifeline" after the Children's Message and return during the Sharing of the Peace.
- ✚ **If you are looking for a church home,** please consider St. Luke's.

Regular: Pastor or Assisting Minister  
**Bold:** Congregation  
*Italics:* Information

\* Please stand if you are able  
 ✚ May make the sign of the cross

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.  
Forgive us for the times**

**we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start so that we can live again as your children.  
Amen**

*Continued...*

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Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.  
 Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.  
 God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.  
 Hear God say to you now:  
 Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

\*OPENING SONG 8:30  
11:00 *Lord, Speak to Us #403  
Listen, God Is Calling*

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

QUIET OFFERING *We give our loose change in this special offering  
to support ACCESS of West Michigan*

SONG BEFORE READINGS *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

READINGS *1 Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

\*GOSPEL *Alleluia  
John 1:43-51*

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Children leave to attend Children's Church.*

SERMON Pastor David M. Blank

GOD SIGHTINGS

\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Here I Am, Lord*

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PRAYERS  
 . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE  
 The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord. "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Rom. 15:7).*

OFFERING *Visitors, you are our guests; please do not  
feel obligated to make a contribution*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
**Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Distribution: All baptized believers who recognize the presence of Christ in this meal are welcome. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on a tray at the center aisle. (We take great care to limit cross-contamination, but we cannot guarantee they are completely safe for those with celiac disease.) **Form two lines** on each side, receiving the wine either by intinction (the glass chalice) or by drinking (the ceramic chalice). Those preferring **grape juice** move to the server in the middle.*

COMMUNION SONGS 8:30  
8:30, 11:00  
8:30  
11:00 *Lamb of God  
Take, O Take Me As I Am  
Glorify Thy Name  
Be Glorified*

\*PRAYER OF THANKS

Let us pray... O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest food.  
**Go with us now — today, tomorrow, every day — that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

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### MINUTE FOR MISSION

#### \*BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path: and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG 11:00 *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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## PRAYERS

### Current Prayers

Adrian's grandmother  
Al  
Arlene  
Baby Oliver  
Cheryl and family  
David & Melissa  
Dorris & Dan  
Dustin  
Sally

### Continuing Prayers

Clayton, Phyllis, and Blair  
Jason, Sara, and kids  
Jordan, Mallory  
Josh  
Kristen  
Riak Family

### Home Bound

Bea	Cris
Doris	Fran
Jeannine	Joyce
June D	June G
Neal	Tudy

**Death:** For Joe & Ruth Ryan and the Ryan family upon the death of Joe's dad, Don, on January 5. Services were held on Wednesday. Prayers for comfort and peace for the family. Don was a regular attendee at the Saturday service with his wife, Beverly, prior to her death in November 2016.

### Prayer Focus

For those we are inviting to come to St. Luke's ACCESS of West Michigan Church council, pastors, staff, leadership Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Craig Satterlee Assistants to the Bishop: Pastor Chrysanne, Pastor Sarah, & Pastor David Trinity Lutheran Church of Manton

### Military

Jordan Adams, Marines  
Taylor Ahn, Army  
Max Angel, Army  
Alex Bickel, Air Force  
Matthew Crawford, Army  
Blaine Hughes, Air Force  
Corey Hughes, Air Force  
Melissa Valentino, Air Force  
Kelli Walker, Air Force



# ST. LUKE'S

## Happenings

**Annual Meeting:** Our congregational Annual Meeting will be held immediately following a 9:30 am service on **Sunday, Jan. 28**. This is an important event in the Governance of our church and a wonderful time for fellowship, input and participation. All are invited to attend.

A potluck meal will be enjoyed. *Please bring a dish (entrée or side) to share.* Beverages and cake will be provided. Please signup on the *Attendance Card* if you plan to attend and note if you need childcare.

**Caring Evangelism Workshop**—Friday night, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10—Who me? An Evangelist? No way! This workshop will show you that you probably already are an evangelist. It will also teach you how to be more comfortable sharing your faith. Most people come to a church because someone invited them. Mark the *Attendance Card* if you are interested in this workshop.

**VBS:** Are you planning to help plan our VBS Program? If so, please respond today on the *Attendance Card* or email Sharon Ross at [ssross@stlk.org](mailto:ssross@stlk.org). We need to know now if there are individual(s) in the church family who will help to plan VBS.

**St. Luke's Pens**—Take two! Give one to a friend or neighbor. They are located on the Welcome Center. We also have business cards available that provide worship service times and general information. Pass them on to others as an invitation.

**Season of Good News!** Epiphany is the season of spreading of the Good News of Jesus! To help us welcome those who visit at St. Luke's, let's make a special effort to **wear nametags** throughout Jan. & Feb. People who visit and those who are new really appreciate knowing our names. Think and pray about who it is that *you might invite to St. Luke's* to hear the Good News of God's love in Christ.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

*\*All Spiritual Formation offerings are open to public. All are welcome to participate.\**

**Animate DVD Series "Faith":** On Sundays, January 7-21, come for this DVD series and discussion lead by Pastor Dave from 9:45-10:45 in the Gathering Room.

**Small Groups:** There will be an open signup timeframe from January 7 to January 15 for both home church groups and Lent Small Groups. Signup in the narthex.

**Christian Faith Practices:** Come and learn more about the time-honored practices of the church and have the opportunity to prayerfully practice spiritual disciplines. Sunday, Jan. 7 to Sunday, Feb. 4 in Celebration Center room 126 with Sharon Ross from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

**Wednesday Evening—Spiritual Practices (6:30—8:30 pm):** Worship is the goal of all Christian Spiritual Practices. (**Change**) This will be a 5 week series, we will learn and practice what it means to offer our bodies to God as a spiritual act of worship (Romans 12:1). Men and women are invited to gather with Sharon Ross in the gathering room on Wednesdays. Interested or have questions, email Sharon Ross at [ssross@stlk.org](mailto:ssross@stlk.org).

### YOUTH

**Catechism**—Pastor Marcy will be teaching catechism focusing on the Lord's Prayer to 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders during the months of January and February. Parents, please be sure your student is present at class on Sunday morning and in worship taking **sermon highlights**. Copies of the form are available in their classroom or in Pastor's mailbox on her office door. Please have them complete and return the form to her office door mailbox each week.

**Youth Advisory Board**—Next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm.

**Charge!** Youth (grade 6-8) who plan to attend the CHARGE event at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, need to complete a registration form (on Youth Board) and make \$75 payment to the office (Attn: Pastor Marcy) **by Jan. 15 for early registration discount.** Note: Housing and Water Park admission are included. Food NOT included. Pastor Marcy and Josh & Becky Crystal will be chaperoning.

**Can do!** Thank you for your ongoing support of youth activities through the pop can returns. Please do not return specialty beer bottles as Meijer's does not accept them. All cans must be empty and rinsed out.

**Parents,** please sign up on the youth bulletin board across from the office for your turn (one month) at returning cans with your kids.

#### OTHER

**Network to New Work:** St. Luke's is hosting this meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 5 pm to 8 pm. Open to all.

**Post High School:** If you are a young adult in the post high school age group, mark the *Attendance Card* if you would be interested in a Bible Study with Pastor Marcy. Date/time TBD.

**2017 giving statements:** You will receive in the mail your 2017 giving statement by January 31st. If you require your statement earlier, please email the church office at [stlukes@stlk.org](mailto:stlukes@stlk.org) or mark the *Attendance Card*.

**2018 Giving envelopes:** Pickup your offering envelopes from the narthex table; envelopes are arranged alphabetically. If you give online you have an assigned envelope number but will not receive physical envelopes. If you need offering envelopes, mark the *Attendance Card*.

**Technology Training:** Ongoing training sessions for those interested in learning how to do sound or projection during worship will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Josh Crystal at 616-466-2519 or [jcrystal8476@hotmail.com](mailto:jcrystal8476@hotmail.com).

LAST WEEK	
Gen. Fund	\$ 9,442.00
Quiet Off:	\$ 254.00
Pastor's Fund	\$ 185.00
Attendance:	188
Wed. Service	5

NEXT WEEK	
<b>Mon. 15th</b>	Staff Meeting, noon; Faith Formation Mtg, 5:30 pm; Stephen Peer Min, 6 pm; BSF, 6:55 pm; Alanon Mtg, 7 pm
<b>Tues. 16th</b>	Lectionary Series, 1 pm; Network to New Work, 5—8pm Adult Choir, 6:30 pm; CHADD mtg, 7:00 pm
<b>Wed. 17th</b>	WoW Small Grp, 9:30 am; Social Justice Mtg, 4:30 pm; Word & Sacrament, 6:00 pm; Spiritual Practices, 6:30 pm
<b>Thurs. 18th</b>	Cub Scouts, 5:45 pm; Stephen Min training, 6:00 pm; Worship Team, 6:30 pm; Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm
<b>Fri. 19th</b>	Men's Small Group, 6:30 am; Spiritual Director's Practicum, 8:30 am – 5pm
<b>Sat. 20th</b>	BSF Leader's Mtg, 6 am; Worship Service, 5 pm
<b>Sun. 21st</b>	Services, 8:30, 11:00 am. Faith Formation / Catechism, 9:45 am

#### SERVANTS THIS WEEK

**Altar Guild** Lori Bickel, Natalie LaVerdiere  
**Bread Baker** Maria Heldt  
**Lector** Carol Bodbyl (5:00), Bill Granger (8:30);  
 Travis Atkinson (11:00)  
**Acolyte** Daniel Burns (8:30); Greyson Magley  
 (11:00)  
**Assisting Minister** Doug Lachniet(8:30); Jon  
 Eagle(11:00)  
**Booth (8:30)** Todd Jordan, Josh Crystal  
**Booth (11:00)** Kent Linkfield, Josh Crystal  
**Children's Church (11:00)** Chris Rhodes, Janet  
 Doucette, Brendan Rhodes  
**Greeters** Uecker-Herman Family; Steve & Myrna  
 Steelandt (8:30); Doucette Family, Ken &  
 Rosalie Jansen (11:00)  
**Nursery** Sue VanderLaan, Meredith Bricker, Mary  
 Doucette  
**Prayer Leader** Deb Granger (8:30); open(11:00)  
**Ushers** Carl Van Fleet, Ed Tokarek, Jesse Van  
 Fleet, Jim Slater (8:30); Chris Doucette, Reed  
 Rollins, Steve Scharphorn(11:00)  
**Musicians** Jonathan Lonsway, Art Hale, Evan  
 Davis  
**Vocals** Becky Crystal, Kristin Linkfield

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**Bread Baker** Amy Wiltzer  
**Lector** Ellen Burchfield (5:00), Kathy Tokarek  
 (8:30); Mike Crawford (11:00)  
**Acolyte** open (8:30); Annika Helenius (11:00)  
**Assisting Minister** Daniel Uecker-Herman  
 (8:30); Lynn Rocca (11:00)  
**Booth (8:30)** Josh Crystal, Evan Davis  
**Booth (11:00)** Todd Jordan, Evan Davis  
**Children's Church (11:00)** Kim Jakubiak,  
 Robinn Van Fleet, Jessica Morris  
**Greeters** Rice Family, Van Fleet Family (8:30);  
 Ken & Linda Brauer, Scharphorn Family  
 (11:00)  
**Nursery** Sue VanderLaan, Kayla Schultze  
**Prayer Leader** Deb Granger (8:30); open  
 (11:00)  
**Ushers** Carl Van Fleet, Ed Tokarek, Jesse Van  
 Fleet, Jim Slater (8:30); Chris Magley, Ray  
 Schulte, Roger Heldt (11:00)  
**Musicians** Jonathan Lonsway, Art Hale, Holly  
 Finn  
**Vocals** Elizabeth Kennedy, Jan Barclay

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