Join us for our final Midweek Advent Service on Wednesday December 17th at 7PM!

This year's series has been The Saints of Advent and our last service focuses on doubting St. Thomas. We hope to see you there.

THANK YOU! The trustees would like to thank Nancy and Gene Hanus for the many hours they spent locating the new Christmas trees, polishing the brass horns, and creating other beautiful decorations that grace our sanctuary. Additional thanks to all who helped put up the decorations on November 30th, to the glory of God!

Performers Needed for Christmas Service: Rachelle Lapham, our Music Director, is looking for someone who would be willing to perform a special piece (vocal or instrumental) at the Christmas Eve Service. If you will be here and would like to do something, email Rachelle at rachelle.buuck@gmail.com. You do not have to be a member of the choir to volunteer.
Christmas Eve and New Year’s Services: If you are in West Lafayette for the holiday season, please join us at one or both of our special services. Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 24th, and our New Year’s Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, December 31st at 7:00pm. Wherever you find yourself, may God bless you during this wonderful season when we remember the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ!

New Church Council Officers: The following people have been elected to Church Council positions and will begin their terms in January, 2015. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this way and thank God for each one. Please pray for them as they begin this important work!

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Study for Finals at ULu: Looking for a quiet place to study during finals week? The library at ULu will be open Monday, December 14th through Thursday, December 18th from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Our wifi works great, and we will also have snacks and drinks available! Happy studying!
Devotional/Informational Material Available: We have added some new titles to our Lutheran Hour Ministry booklets. These are located at the back of the church on the rotating stand and cover many topics ranging from spiritual to practical. They are completely free, so please be sure to take any titles that are interesting to you. In addition, the January-March Portals of Prayer as well as the new Lutheran Witness have arrived! Pick up your copies at the table at the back of the sanctuary, or in the church office.

End-of-Semester Choir Dinner: The choir will have their end of the semester dinner party at Diane Gee’s home on December 16th. The dinner begins at 7:00pm, but feel free to arrive anytime after 6:30pm. If you have any questions, contact Rachelle Lapham at rachelle.buuck@gmail.com.

Congratulations to our December graduates! The following students are those we know of that are graduating in December. We are thankful for each of you and wish you God’s blessings as you move from West Lafayette! You will be missed!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:5, 8

David Temme: David, the outgoing President of our Congregation, is graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and will work at Bastian Solutions (Material Handling Systems).

Josh Scott: Josh, a resident at ULu, is graduating with a degree in Agricultural Engineering and will be starting a job with Caterpillar as a product development engineer.
New Contribution Envelopes: New envelopes have arrived and can be picked up at the back of the church. Please sign your name beside your box number. Thanks!

Men’s Breakfast/Bible Class: Please join us on Friday mornings for a Men’s Breakfast/Bible Class. We meet at 6:00am at the Downtowner Restaurant located in the Market Square Shopping Center in Lafayette. For more information, please contact Tom Schultz at Thomsa.schultz1@gmail.com.

English Classes/Bible Studies for International Students: The following classes are currently meeting. These groups are geared toward internationals, but all are welcome.

- Conversation Group – Mondays, 9:30am
- English Current Events and Conversation Class: Thursdays, 5:30pm
- International Bible Study – Sundays, 5:30pm (please note: this is a new time and day.)
  (Come at 5:00pm for food and fellowship)
The Poinsettias on the altar have been purchased in Memory and in Honor of the following:

**In Memory**

By Jim and Karen Mullen in memory of their granddaughter, Natalie Jane Cruse.

By Kimberly Mullen in memory of her precious daughter, Natalie Jane Cruse.

By Steve and Brynne Schultz, in memory of Steve’s sister, Kristi Leigh Broughton, baptized at University Lutheran Church in 1960.

**In Honor**

By Rich and Carol Ghiselli to the Honor and Glory of God!
Van Schedule

University Lutheran provides a free van service on Sunday mornings and evenings for students who may need a ride to and/or from church or Bible study. The van is tan and clearly marked with University Lutheran Church. Call the church (765-743-2472) if you miss the van or need a ride at some other time. After worship, there is time for you to get some refreshments and visit with others, before the van leaves.

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Special Prayers: Feel free to add to this list, by writing requests in the Prayer Book in the narthex, by emailing the church through our website, 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, the Richeson’s grandson, Curtis, R.J. Weldon, Lance Noel, Jessica Franklin, David Valentino, Levi England, Tom Mussman and Andy.
- For Wanda Webber, who has lung cancer.
- Praise for good test outcome for David Huhnke’s brother, Eric.
- Please pray for Africa and for those who are working to stop the spread of Ebola.
- For Kathy who is under care at home.
- For good time management and good recall for students who will be taking their final exams this week.
- For David and Josh, graduating in December, that God would be with them and guide them as they begin this new phase of their lives.
- For new and returning council members, that God would guide them and lead them in this work.
- For Lanelle Geddes as she undergoes surgery on Tuesday, 12/16.
- For Richard and Susan Linson, for God’s healing and comfort with Richard’s health concerns.
Thank you to those who serve:

**Sunday, December 14:**
Liturgist/Preacher (all services): Pastor Justin Herman  
Assisting Elder (7:00pm): Daniel Zilz  
Organist (10:30am): David Temme  
Pianist (7:00pm): Jeff Goodspeed

**Wednesday, December 17:**
Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Justin Herman  
Assisting Elder: Joe Lukens  
Organist: Carol Ghiselli

**Sunday, December 21:**
Liturgist/Preacher (all services): Pastor Justin Herman  
Assisting Elder (10:30am): Gene Hanus  
Organist (10:30am): Carol Ghiselli  
Pianist (7:00pm): Jeff Goodspeed

**Wednesday, December 24:**
Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Don Nemec  
Organist: Carol Ghiselli

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**Pastor Herman is now on Twitter**! Follow him @pastorherman1 for a daily devotion written by Pastor with scripture links.

Check out our **Facebook** page for the latest on what’s happening at ULu!  
www.facebook.com/ulupurdue
Welcome! How good it is to be together tonight to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. May the Lord bless each one of us with the love and joy that come through Christ. Guests, come again soon. You are always welcome!

Holy Communion: We take seriously the importance of the Lord’s Supper and the need to be prepared to receive it. In Communion, we receive the very Body and Blood of Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine. We partake of this sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and in remembrance of Christ, proclaiming His death for us. We are called also to examine ourselves, recognizing our sinfulness and bringing our sins to our Savior for His forgiveness in this sacrament. As a confessional Lutheran church, we ask that those who are not fellow Lutherans in altar fellowship with the LCMS, see Pastor Nemec, or an elder before communion.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN #379 "O Come all Ye Faithful"

INVOCATION
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

PRAYER
P: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son, You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death. By Your Word and Sacrament, be born in our hearts again this holy night. Help us hear and believe the mystery of Your incarnation. Watch over our dear ones near and far, that with them and all the saints in heaven and on earth we may treasure Your love and rejoice in Your salvation.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

C: Lord, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed by what we've done and by what we haven't done. Forgive us for not loving you with our whole heart and for ignoring our neighbors in need. Forgive us, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born to save us from our sin. Lead us to follow your will in all we say and do.

ABSOLUTION
P: God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you. The baby Jesus, born in a manger in Bethlehem, came to earth to be your Savior. No matter how great your sin, or intense your fear of God's judgment, all is well. It is finished. The redemptive work of Christ is done. By the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE
#370 "What Child Is This"

COLLECT
P: Let us pray. O God, because You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT READING  Isaiah 9:2-7  (p. 573 in pew Bible)
   (To us a child is born, and to us a son is given.)
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN  #366 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

PSALM 96
P: Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
C: Sing to the Lord, praise His name;  
proclaim His salvation day after day.
P: Declare His glory among the nations,  
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
C: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
He is to be feared above all gods.
P: For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.
C: Splendor and majesty are before Him;  
strength and glory are in His sanctuary.
P: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;  
bring an offering and come into His courts.
P: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness;  
Tremble before Him, all the earth.
C: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns.  
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;  
He will judge the peoples with equity."
P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
C: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.  
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;
P: They will sing before the Lord, for He comes,
He comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in His truth.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
Amen.

EPISTLE READING Titus 2:11-14 (p. 998 in pew Bible)
(Jesus is the grace of God that brings salvation.)
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #361 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 (p. 857 in pew Bible)
(Jesus is born.)
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second
chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.
(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN #358 vs 1-7 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

HYMN # 393 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

OFFERING

CONFESSION OF FAITH
NICENE CREED
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.


+ SACRAMENT +

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 and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

(Silent prayer before communion)
Dear Father in heaven, as Mary wrapped the infant Jesus in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, we pray that You make ready our hearts to receive Your Son, Jesus, in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION (Please approach the altar rail starting at the right and depart starting at the left)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P: Heavenly Father, who out of love for us, sent your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake we have received forgiveness in this sacrament. We pray you would strengthen us to live according to your will.
C: Amen.
CANDLE LIGHTING
Pastor will give light to the ushers, who will pass it on to those in the pew. Please hold lighted candles upright, dipping unlit candles into the flame.

Lights are dimmed.

HYMNS
#364 "Away In a Manger"
#363 "Silent Night"
Special music, “Silent Night,” provided by Pastor Bristol. Pastor Bristol and the congregation will sing alternate verses, with Pastor Bristol singing the first verse.

CLOSING PRAYER
P: Let us pray.
C: Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
   Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
   Within my heart, that it may be
   A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen.
   From #358 vs 13 “Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

BENEDICTION
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

Please extinguish your candle.
Lights on.