

**To Our Visitors.....
Welcome from the St. Luke's Family!**

We are glad you chose to worship with us tonight. It is a joy to have you with us, and we sincerely desire to make you feel at home at St. Luke's, where we strive to make our fellowship of love, acceptance, and forgiveness a way of life.



We hope this service is a special time for you this evening. We will not be taking an offering—this is our gift to you. However, if you feel led to donate to the ministry of St. Luke's you can drop it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's, December 26-30. We will re-open with regular hours, 8:30am-3:30pm, on Monday, January 2.

Watch Night Service—We will have a service to usher in the New Year at St. Luke's on Saturday, December, 31st, at 6:00pm.

If you ordered a poinsettia, please take it home with you today!

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Mitch Norwood	<i>Lead Pastor</i>	Rebecca Short	<i>Music Director</i>
B.J. Siefert	<i>Associate Pastor</i>	Rhoda Barkman	<i>Organist</i>
Jenny Hancock	<i>Director of Children and Family Ministries</i>	Joe Rife	<i>Praise Team Coordinator</i>
Tyler Willhite	<i>Youth Ministries Coordinator</i>	Toni Miller	<i>Nursery Supervisor</i>
Paula Shrock	<i>Prayer Ministry Director</i>	Julie Wall	<i>Treasurer</i>
Jim Richey	<i>Caring Ministries Coordinator</i>	Jennifer Mansur	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Julie Householder	<i>Office Administrator</i>	Angie Hansen, Tom & Lori Collins	<i>Custodians</i>
Bruce Shrock	<i>Multi-Media Coordinator</i>		

*Welcome to St. Luke's
United Methodist Church*

Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples



**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2016
5:00 pm**

REGULAR WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP

10:00 AM

THE EXPERIENCE

6:00 PM

700 E. Southway Blvd, Kokomo, Indiana
www.stlukesumc.net
765-453-0555

“The Redemption of Scrooge:
Keeping Christmas Well”

Order Of Worship

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering
Christmas Selections

Welcome

Threshold Moment
“God Bless Us Everyone”
Prayer / Bringing in the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Passing the Peace

“O Holy Night”
Mitch Norwood and Penny Siefert

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

A Blessing of the Children

The Story
Luke 1:26—Luke 2:20; Matthew 2:1-14

“Mary, Did You Know?”
Anna Fischer

Christmas Message

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People
“Ring Out Your Truth”
Penny Siefert and Jenny Hancock
Pastoral Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

Laying Our Burdens Down

“Away in a Manger”
“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn

“Silent Night”
Please turn on your battery operated candle.
Stand as you are able on **Verse 3** and raise your candle on **Verse 4.**

Benediction

We Ring Our Bells

Postlude
Two Bohemian Carols

Those serving tonight:

Greeters—Robert and Glenda Mann, Ron and Bonnie Harris
Ushers—Shirley Kuhns, John Householder, Bruce and Nora Keller
Sound—Jeff Liechty
Audio/visual—Bruce Shrock
Organist/Pianist—Nancy Slaubaugh
“The Story” Readers—Mitch Norwood, Paula Shrock, Jenny Hancock, Penny Siefert, B.J. Siefert, Eric Willhite, John Mansur, Chris Hancock

