

# Prayer Concerns

**IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD:** Please pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick, or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

**SYMPATHY:** Our love and sympathy to Laura Lang-Ree and family on the passing of her mother and longtime church member Pauline DeKraker, on December 13. Services are pending.

**PRAYERS:** Alan Fanning

## **MEN & WOMEN IN UNIFORM AROUND THE WORLD:**

Rachel Z. E. Sheridan (USAF), James Dobson (USAF), Devin Kenny-Hernandez (USA), Phillip Lyman (USA), JP Springsteel, Jared Vallner (USA)

To view an extended Prayer Concerns list, or to request prayers, please visit [laumc.org/prayers](http://laumc.org/prayers).



LAUMC is a Care Ministry Congregation with trained, supportive, and loving people who are available to provide you with confidential, caring support in times of special need. If you need care, call the office at 650.948.1083 and connect to a pastor. If you are experiencing a pastoral care emergency, you may choose # to be connected to an on-call pastor.



We are a Changemaker church, committed to following Jesus' example of having compassion for all people, and celebrating God's gift of diversity. We strive to create a church home where people of every gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, immigration and socioeconomic status can unite in the mission of God's love.

All are welcome here!

**Sunday, December 24 2023**

10:00am

**Los Altos United Methodist Church**

655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024

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# Morning Worship

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<b>Prelude</b> - <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Dr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015) Eric Holderman, organist
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Introit</b> - <i>Let It Shine</i>	D. Damonte Casie Walker, Carol Damonte, Dylan Damonte, Dirk Damonte
<b>Lighting the Advent Candle</b>	The Noke & Norris Family
<b>Advent Song</b> - <i>Welcome Home</i>	
<b>Children's Time</b>	Sharon McClintock
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Jeong Park
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John 15:5, 9-12 Siteri Maravou
<b>Anthem</b> - <i>Sing With the Angels</i>	D. Damonte Casie Walker, Carol Damonte, Dylan Damonte, Dirk Damonte
<b>Message</b> - <i>Through the Advent Door-Incarnation Pt.2</i> <i>Why I've Become A Fundamentalist</i>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Hymn</b> - <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	UMH 221
<b>Advent Generosity</b> - <i>Al Basma Center, Compassion Week, Salinas UMC</i>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Offering</b>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Offertory</b> - <i>Prayer from Advent Partita on "Hyfrydol"</i>	Dr. James Conely (b.1938) Eric Holderman, organist
<b>Doxology &amp; Prayer of Dedication</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Sending Forth</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Song of Blessing</b> - <i>Star-Child</i>	
<b>Postlude</b> - <i>Episode on "Truro"</i>	Lani Smith (1934-2015) Eric Holderman, organist

# Get Connected

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## LAUMC HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Special Services: 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm. New Year's Eve morning worship: Sunday, December 31 at 10:00 am. Visit [LAUMC.org/News](https://www.laumc.org/News) for a complete schedule and more info.

## ADVENT GENEROSITY 2023

Every year at LAUMC, we celebrate the season of Advent in many ways, one of which is Advent Generosity. We have three wonderful beneficiaries that we will be sponsoring this year - Al Basma Center, Compassion Week 2024, and Salinas First UMC. We would love for you to partner with us as we give generously to the important work that these three organizations are doing. to donate or for more info visit [LAUMC.org/Advent-Generosity-2023](https://www.laumc.org/Advent-Generosity-2023).

## LAUMC OFFICE HOURS: Holiday Schedule

As we celebrate the joyous Christmas season, our office will be closed for the holidays from Friday, December 22, at 5 pm to Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024, at 9 am. During this time, our staff will take a break to spend quality time with family and friends.

## ENGAGE 2024: Coming in the New Year

What are you thinking? LAUMC leadership wants to know! We'll pose a weekly thought-provoking question to help guide LAUMC's growth in our CONNECTION, COMPASSION, and COURAGE mission so ALL may flourish. Question #1 arrives on January 7.

## GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, January 2, 2:00 pm

Join us for the movie "Golda" (2023) in the Live Oak Room. [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](https://www.laumc.org/gen2gen).

## STORY HOUR WITH MS. SHARON-Outer Space: Sat, January 13, 9:30-10 am

Kind-hearted stories and music for young children and their families. This month, all about Outer Space! In the LAUMC Children's Center Preschool.

## SALEABRATION: Sunday, February 4, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Save the Date! Saleabration is back with African on Sunday, 2/4/2024. Enjoy shopping for baked goodies and gifts for Superbowl and Valentine's Day. We invite all to support college tuition for African Women. All proceeds go to the African Student Education Fund.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Starts Saturday, February 10

The LAUMC Grief Support Group will begin in February for those coping with the loss of a loved one. Contact Pastor Jeong Park [jeongpark@laumc.org](mailto:jeongpark@laumc.org) for info.

## LAUMC CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

If you are looking for a preschool home for 23/24 or 24/25, we encourage you to call for a tour. If you have any questions, please get in touch with The Children's Center directly by telephone at 650-941-5411, email [deegray@laumc.org](mailto:deegray@laumc.org), or visit [LAUMC.org/News](https://www.laumc.org/News).