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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of LUVERNE

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Open
hearts.
minds.
doors.

Happy Fall Greetings everyone.....

We have had an awesome year.....reviewing some things, changing some things...starting some new ones.....Our Pastoral Gathering is one of the places we have remodeled. Lavonne and I have been going around to our shut ins, those in nursing homes, etc. monthly for a few months now and it has been very special to be with them, sharing communion, laughing and seeing their smiles. We have some amazing people in our congregations who have much knowledge, a beautiful heart and many wonderful memories to share.

Our church is also embarking on a continued adventure for others in our congregation and outside our walls when they have needs and hurts. Our Meal Ministry is just beginning to take off and it is meant to be a special reflection of all that God calls for us to stand on loving and caring for each other. There is a separate article in this newsletter about this special ministry.

Put this with our free monthly community meal, our Compassion account, the housing of our County's Food shelf and we are finding ourselves being the hands and feet of God in many ways.

Is this another avenue of Fellowship? Is it possible that reaching out and caring for others is indeed a reflection of the true fellowship God desires of us? Could it be that the Acts 2 church is becoming more of a reality in our midst...hmmmm?!

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

September 2, 2018 thru September 23, 2018

Envelopes	$ 15,601.00
Loose offering	$ 170.00
Apportionments	$ 160.00
Radio	$ 85.00
	$ 16,016.00

TOTAL $ 16, 016.00

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	$ 235.95
Upper Room	$ 14.00
	$ 249.95

TOTAL $ 249.95

TRUSTEES

General	$ 40.00
Holy Spirit Café	$ 17.00
Renovations	$ 4,000.00

TOTAL $ 4,057.00

TOTALS $ 16,016.00
$ 249.95
$ 4,057.00

GRAND TOTAL $ 20,322.95

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Date	Lay Reader	Greeters	Power Point	Sound	Tellers
October 7	Mary Gehrke	10am - Duane and Joyce Mulder	10am - Jeanne Bowron	10am - David Vis	Felicia Hanson
October 14	Journey Dwire	10am - OPEN	10am - Carol McDonald	10am - Matthew Fick	Jerry and Beth Wieman
October 21	Jerry Wieman	10am - Shane and Katie Sauer Family	10am - Jennifer Hilfers	10am - Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann
October 28	Sandy Vogt	10am - Chris and Alex Nelson	10am - Jennifer Hilfers	10am - Luther Hall	Gene and Barb Ashby

October 2018

Communion Helper: Lola Donth
Video: Beth Fick
Head usher: Everett and Jan Brandenburg

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK OCTOBER 2018

October 1, 2018 thru October 7, 2018 - Roger Carlson
October 8, 2018 thru October 14, 2018 - Al Aanenson
October 15, 2018 thru October 21, 2018 - Cody Gehrke
October 22, 2018 thru October 28, 2018 - Jeanne Bowron
October 28, 2018 thru November 4, 2018 - Darwin Reyne

I think it's exciting! I think that as we continue to open our hearts, God is blessing what we do and how we do it. The Luverne United Methodist Church more and more is embracing the heart of love that God calls us to have in our surroundings.

Could anything else be as important? Could anything else make God smile as much? How are our hearts warmed as we continue to move forward, isn't it so special? We are blooming….relationships are growing, love is spreading….Thank you, Jesus, for being present in all we do!

Hebrews 10:24-25…**24** *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* **25** *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Be blessed!

Pastor Dorie

- REACH Conference - October 5-6
- Free Will Donation Bake Sale - October 7
- Bison Feed - October 10
- M&M Committee Cooking Day - October 13
- Ecumenical Food Drive - October 14
- Ada Adam's 100th Birthday - October 18
- Celebration Brunch - October 28
- Walk to Emmaus Retreat weekends - M - Oct. 25 W - Nov. 1
- All Saint's Day Celebration - November 4
- Pie Sale starts - November 4

COMMUNION SERVICE
OCTOBER 14, 2018 - 10:00 AM

A WAY FORWARD

Last fall, Bishop Ough hosted 15 different Conversations on A Way Forward across the Dakotas-Minnesota Area. They were attended by over 1,000 lay and clergy members.

Again this fall, Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the Area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis.
All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to attend.

Those near us include:

September 30, 2018 - Centenary UMC - Mankato
October 9, 2018 - First UMC - Sioux Falls

Other dates and locations on The Conference Website

COMMUNICATION

It has struck some of us as funny, and in the least interesting. We have more ways than ever in sharing information and connecting with all of you, yet, we still hear that some of you don't know what's happening in church.
We are in the process of beginning a new phase of communicating, where all of our leaders will share through the same program. This is called 'Flocknote.' It is a widely used church communication program and it is part of our new technology work. We have been and will continue to share information with you through traditional way, ie: email, texts, phone calls, newsletter, bulletin, continuous loop on Sunday mornings, announcements on Sunday mornings, news through the paper, website, mailings and Facebook. We have worked very hard at being consistent and this is happening better than ever.
Please know, that at any time, you are more than welcome to attend our Church Council meetings for further clarification or information seeking, as well as speaking to committee leaders.
We cannot force you to open your mail, to view various social media pieces, ask appropriate questions or make phone calls, etc. What we can do is continue working at providing information as best as we can, and right now, we have more abilities to do this than we ever have had available to us.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out, we are a Faith Family in this church and we will continue to strive to keep all things connected. THANK YOU!

Faith Family Celebration
October 28, 10 am

So, we began something two years ago with the Faith Family Celebration. We take our praise and worshiping selves and gather in the Fellowship Hall and celebrate all that we have experienced in Jesus this last year as we look forward to next year. We review business, we lift up the positives, we discuss growing edges, we reflect on what God wants of us and how the Spirit is moving among us, it's a good day.

And lest we forget, we celebrate DESSERT! Remember last year, and we auctioned of desserts to help us take care of our end of year responsibilities and we filled ourselves with yumminess - and had a whole lot of fun, if we might add!

We will do this again! October 28th is set aside as the day of our Faith Family Celebration. It will be held at our normal service time, 10 am and will include brunch.

If you would like to donate a dessert or help with the brunch, please talk to Pastor Dorie!

REACH Conference

Oct. 5-6, 2018 - Embrace Church - 7th Street Campus Sioux Falls, SD

There will be 5 Key Presenters, 13 Fantastic workshops and has a $45 registration fee! Register soon. Pastor Dorie can help you!

Rev. Adam Weber, *who began Embrace Church with 32 people and grew it to five physical locations and 4,000+ in worship, will talk about being authentic while working to reach one more person for Christ.*

Rev. Rosario (Roz) Picardo, *a seasoned church planter who's now planting with Ginghamsburg Church in Ohio, will offer strategies for the evangelistic task.*

Debi Nixon, *drawing on her nearly 25 years of ministry at 22,000-member Church of the Resurrection in Kansas, will explore what it means to be intentional about having an outward focus.*

Rev. Jacob Armstrong, *founding pastor at Providence UMC in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, will share what he's learned about adapting our practices and letting go of the way we've always done it.*

Luverne United Methodist Church

Annual Bison Dinner

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Adult $8.00
Children $5.00
(under 10 years old)

Take Out Available

109 N Freeman
Luverne, MN 56156

Bison Meatloaf
Cheesy Potatoes
Vegetable
Dinner Roll
Dessert
Beverage

OCTOBER 17, 2018

MARY JANE BROWN AT 1:30 PM
&
POPLAR CREEK AT 2:15 PM

The Prayer Chain Please call Jan Brandenburg @ 283-4059 for specific announcements. Our prayer chain has been expanded to include our faith family and areas of ministry on a rotating basis. Who couldn't use the help of prayers in life, occasionally? The Prayer Chain list for the month is as follows:

WEEK OF October 7, 2018 - Ellen Dahl, Annabelle Frakes, Tanya Hipkins Family, Jim and Nova Like, Autumn Barger Family, Justin VanWyhe Family and for our Vision Team.

WEEK OF October 14, 2018 - Kimberly Bennett, Jessa Dahl, Alyssa Frakes, Terry and Peggy Nelson, Cathy Rust, Marilyn VanWyhe and for people to fill our sanctuary.

WEEK OF October 21, 2018 - Jack and Joyce Bennett, Kat Dahl Family, Bob and Dawn Frakes, Bill Holling, Chris and Sara Nuffer Family, Buster Rust, Shelby Vickery and for our families.

WEEK OF October 28, 2018 - Patrick and Andrea Bennett Family, Mark Dahl and Dr. Diane Kennedy, Marissa and Brett VanderPoel Family, Joyce Holm, Keith and Betty Luethje, Seth Nuffer, Shane and Katie Sauer and for Senior Care Ministry.

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PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

Sometimes these things are hard to remember so here are the guidelines we need to follow for the office:

BULLETIN ITEMS

All items for publication in the weekly bulletins need to be in the secretary's desk or sent to her email no later than end of work day on Tuesday.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The deadline for newsletter items is published on the monthly calendars in your messengers, in the weekly announcements the week before in your bulletins and an email reminder is sent to all the week before the deadline. Please check these items for the deadline.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The office preference is to receive special on Monday or Tuesday as those are the less busy days. Please allow 3 business days to complete.

October 24, 2018

November 28, 2018
not the night before Thanksgiving

December 24, 2018
Our Annual Christmas Eve Meal

Sponsor a broadcast for $85. The chart for 2018 is on the bulletin board by the church office. Sign up today!!!! **UMC TV** broadcast can be seen on Mondays @ 3:00pm and Fridays @ 5pm on Knology Local Channel 3. **Listen to KQAD** Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 Radio. Here is a list of our honoree supporters for September 2018:

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank and offer blessings to those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank and offer blessings to those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 - Was sponsored by Annabelle Frakes in loving memory of Neil Frakes. We thank and offer blessings to Annabelle for sponsoring this broadcast.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 - Was sponsored by the Hoh Family in loving memory of Marguerite Hoh. We thank and offer blessings to Marguerite's family for sponsoring this broadcast.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We thank and offer blessings to those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes.

Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne
- Ada Adams

MN Veterans Home - Luverne
- Marv Hawes

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne
Bill Holling

Tuff Memorial Home - Hills
Bernice Aukes

Lavonne Anderson and Pastor Dorie will be setting aside time to be out visiting members of our faith family who are home bound or living in our local care facilities. We will also be bringing them communion each month,

If you have any questions, or would like us to visit your loved one, please contact Lavonne or Pastor Dorie. Any one of you and our Faith Family is also invited to join us anytime!

2018 - 2019 Children and...

Hello everyone! Our education classes have begun! Between FUEL and ALIVE we have had some great times already! We have some new faces joining us and some wonderful teachers to help us educate our little ones and older youth! A shout out to them because without them what we have accomplished would not be possible! In FUEL we learned about the "great flood" and how Noah listened to God and built the ark to save our animals. It seems appropriate to mention this because with all of the rain we've been having it kind of feels like we can experience some of that! FUEL has been going great and we cannot wait to be learning all that God wants us to and we are ready to listen and take on what He has in store for us!

ALIVE has begun with a fantastic start as well! We kicked off our night with great food and a rather heated discussion about all that would be happening this year! So far we have been able to be at the park for some kickball and had a great time with that and then we brought out the big guns and played with the big ball...a blast was had by all. The fun didn't stop there folks...we were blessed to attend a great concert by Mark Schultz and what an amazing experience that was! The Spirit of God was alive in all of us that night!...We in ALIVE just can't seem to stay down...are always moving and playing outdoors when we can...we even got a great game of volleyball in so far!

So as you can see by the pictures we have here our education programs are off to a fantastic start! To all parents and kids in our programs, be sure to look at your activities lists to see what's coming up! You won't want to miss anything God has in store for all of us this education season! 8

God bless! - Manny and Heidi; Children and Youth Ministry Directors

October

October 2018

2 - Brad Fick

4 - Manny Olson

7 - Wayne Kruger

8 - Serena Franken

9 - Loren Nath
Stan Olson

10 - Marcia Mulder
Nisha Cope
Nick Jackelen
Emma Jackelen

13 - Bernice Aukes

17 - Barb Ashby

18 - Heather Brown
Deb Ward
Emily Crabtree

19 - Ada Adams

22 - Andrew Hanson

23 - Ralph Watts

24 - David Vis

31 - Justine Miller

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Worship

The Worship Assistant charts for 2019 are being prepped now. Please volunteer for this important area of church. Every one should be involved at least once a year in some spot of leading worship. It takes over 10 people to make our services happen each Sunday..

AND WE NEED YOU!

Please sign your name and volunteer These sheets are on the counter in the back or you may stop in or call the church office to sign up. 507-283-4529. Thank you for your consideration!

CARING Lay Servant Ministries COMMUNICATING LEADING

Hey Everyone,

YOU are NEEDED!

Our Lay Leadership Committee is in the process of reviewing the nominations list of those who serve in various positions of the church. There are classes that will need to be refreshed. There are also committees that need more people. Along with the classes and committees, we need help with some worship assistant positions such as camera, greeting, coffee makers and help with the opening of service. If you have an interest in serving a special area of church, or if you are desiring a change or want to be removed from a particular committee or position, please contact one of the Lay Leadership Committee members as listed below:

Mary Gehrke, Anissa Vis, Carol McDonald, Buster Rust and Melanie Petersen.

Our F.U.E.L. Kids and helpers are great this year!...

Very fun and spiritually charged Mark Schultz concert!...

God's presence was truly amazing! Great uplifting time was had by all..!

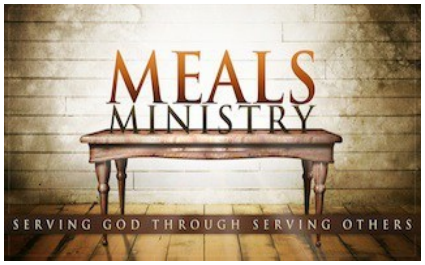
Outdoor fun is a necessity..

A.L.I.V.E. YOUTH GROUP
(ALWAYS LIVING IN VIEW OF ETERNITY)

Youth Program

From Your Church Council… September 18, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- We are still struggling with shortage of funds.
- Church members will participate in a new research project.
- We will have messages related to tithing.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve raises for staff.
- Continued support of heating and cooling project.
- There is a work day planned at the parsonage.
- Worship and Music meets regularly and plans out services together.
- Working on items for a new theme for Fall with Pastor Dorie.
- M&M Committee received a grant to buy a grill.
- Plans are moving forward for Band Festival/Donuts.
- Meal Prep Day planned for October 13, 2018.
- Manny presented a proposal for an inflatable. A motion was made, seconded and carried to move forward with that.
- Manny and Heidi are working very hard to deepen foundation for our family/education programs. They have great ideas and intensions.
- Pastor Dorie stays active with pastoral responsibilities and outside connections.
- Endowment Fund had their Endowment Sunday where grants were presented.
- New Website through ShareFaith will go live in 2 weeks.
- Communication program called Flocknote available.
- Development of our technology is ongoing. Communication is on the forefront. Partial funding for this was through an Endowment grant.
- The Food Shelf is staying busy. They will continue to host the 2nd pick up time on the 3rd Thursday of the month.



Come one, Come all to our 2nd Meal Prep Day! This is a day that anyone who likes to cook and would like to share their favorite recipe with people in need. The food we prepare will be available for any church member to use or give.

Some suggestions would be shut-ins, people recovering from surgeries or illness, or just someone in need of a good meal. How does it work you ask? Simply find a favorite recipe, gather the ingredients, then come join us in the church kitchen where we will make, package, and freeze it! We even had an angel deliver us a freezer to store meals in!

We are hoping for lots of food to be prepared and stored for this important ministry. There are many lives we can touch with this small and simple church mission.

In John 21:15 Jesus tells Peter to feed his lambs..and again in John 21:17 Jesus tells Peter to fee his sheep.

Let's not only feed one another, but also love one another as Jesus wants us to. Let us once again be the hands and feet of Jesus and have some fun and good laughs while doing it!! See you there!!

Free Will Donation Bake Sale October 7, 2018

Break out your aprons and your favorite sweet treat recipes!! We're having a bake sale!! All items will be available for purchase both before and after our church service.

It is a free will donation bake sale and all the proceeds will be going toward our apportionments! Let's get baking everyone!

October 2018 Silver Bucket

emma norton services

partners along the journey of *change*

Emma Norton Services is a nonprofit organization actively combating poverty in our communities by partnering with women, children, and families who are homeless and experiencing the challenges of mental and/or chemical disabilities. ENS provides affordable housing, basic needs, and support services in an environment that fosters stability and encourages personal growth.

Emma Norton Services has two locations to serve a diverse community. Emma Norton Residence in St. Paul, Minn. is home to 50 individual women and Emma's Place in Maplewood, Minn. is home to 13 families with single parents and 3+ kids.

Each year, Emma Norton Services helps over 200 people by providing a supportive community, resources, and personal development opportunities while they worked to build a better life without having to worry about basic needs like a safe place to sleep.

Emma Norton Services has housed families from 28 countries and every state in the country.

Please do all you can to support this important Organization!

ENDOWMENT *fund*

Sunday September 9, 2018 was the 3rd Annual Endowment Fund Celebration with a pancake breakfast. It was on this day that we distributed the awarded grants to the church committees or areas in need.

We were able to give a total of $6,431 this year! Money was awarded and portioned out to these different areas of our congregation: the Trustees, M&M Committee, Sanctuary Care and to the Website and Technology director.

We as a committee wish to thank everyone for their continued support and gifts to the Endowment Fund. It is because of you that we were able to grant these funds to these important areas of our congregation.

October is...

Whether you want to go all out or just give a simple hug or phone call - it all means so much...please be sure to give a shout out to our pastor for all she does for us and our community!

2018 OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 **CMA Tip Night at Pizza Ranch** LLP - Mankato **8pm** - AA Meeting	2 **8am** - Priscilla Circle **7pm -** Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	3 **1-3pm** - Sewing Day **6pm** - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation **8pm** - AA Meeting	4 **1-3pm** - Rock Co. Food Shelf	5 REACH Conference	6 **4-8pm** - Sp. Olympics Fundraiser **8pm** - AA Mtg
7 *20th Sunday after Pentecost* **BAKE SALE** **9am -** Coffee Hour & Adult SS **10am** - New United Church Service **4:30pm** - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study **6pm -** ALIVE Youth Group - Bowling **MJB 1:30pm and Poplar Creek 2:15pm**	8 **6:30pm -** Worship Assistant Meeting in Upper Room - Shannon **8pm** - AA Meeting	9 **7pm -** Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	10 **5:30-7:30pm -** Bison Feed **6pm** - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation will help with Bison Feed **8pm** - AA Meeting	11 **1-3pm** - Rock Co. Food Shelf Dental Meeting in Redwood	12	13 **10am-12pm** M&M Meal **8pm** - AA Meeting
14 *21nd Sunday after Pentecost* **9am** - Coffee Hour & Adult SS **10am** - New United Church Service with Communion Prayer Warriors after Sunday service **4:30pm** - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study **6pm -** ALIVE Youth Group - Family Nite	15 **8pm** - AA Meeting	16 **6:30pm -** PPR Meeting	17 **1-3pm** - Sewing Day **6pm** - F.U.E.L. NO Confirmation **8pm** - AA Meeting	18 **1-3pm and 5pm–6:30pm** Rock Co. Food Shelf Ada Adams 100th birthday	19	20 **8pm** - AA Meeting
21 22nd *Sunday after Pentecost* **9am** - Coffee Hour & Adult SS **10am** - New United Church Service **4:30pm** - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study **6pm -** ALIVE Youth Group - Fun Farm **Baby Talan Kraetsch Baptism**	22 **7pm** - Celebrate Recovery Mtg/Service **8pm** - AA Meeting **Messenger Deadline**	23 **7pm -** Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	24 **5:30pm** - Community Meal **6pm** - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation **8pm** - AA Meeting	25 **1-3pm** - Rock Co. Food Shelf Messenger Done	26 **Pastor Dorie at Fall Retreat**	27 **8pm** - AA Meeting
28 *23rd Sunday after Pentecost* **9am** - Coffee Hour & Adult SS **10am** - New United Church Service **4:30pm** - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study **6pm -** ALIVE Youth Group - C in the C	29 8pm - AA Meeting	30 **9:30am** - Folding Team	31 NO CLASSES 			