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# The Messenger

UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH of LUVERNE

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# From the Pastor's Desk



*The Old Testament tells us God's people followed the law of tithing. To accomplish this commandment, Church members give one-tenth of their income to the Lord through His Church. These funds are used to grow the Church and promote the truth of the Lord throughout the world. We are called to live by this principal throughout our lives. We also promise to do so when we are confirmed or profess our faith in the United Methodist Church.*

A five-year study that culminated a few years ago, revealed that "only 10-25 percent of the families in the church tithe." If we would try to put a picture to that, we learn that out of the 247 million US citizens who claim Christianity as their religion, only 1.5 million tithes. The math tells us this is less than 1%.

We talk continually of what it takes to support our church and not only through money, but also in way of service, presence, prayers and witness, just like it says in our membership promises. But for some reason, we find ourselves cringing when it comes to talking about our finances. It is a real piece of this church and what we are doing.

Let's think about this study and put our own words and pictures to this...We have approximately 175 active members, let's say they average about \$15,000 in an annual income and multiply that by 10%, which is the tithe that God calls us to, our church would receive \$262,500 annually for their yearly budget. Say instead, there is an average annual income of \$25,000 and they decide they can only give 5%, that gives us \$218,750 for our annual budget. While the first amount offers money on top of our budget, both scenarios would support our current ministry, but you see the difference...and though the point is not so much about having enough, its more about the idea of giving back to God, who then works at providing ways for us to share his love in more ways.

Besides that, we know that often we fall below tithing. And often, we look at our giving to church differently than what the Bible tells us.

What if every member of our church tithed? Would we be able to make an even greater difference in our church, community and/or world if we were to give as God called us to? How many more people could be reached with the gospel if we had the means to share it even more? We already touch many, many people through the things in place now.

# BUDGET € T

## GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

August 4, 2019 thru August 25, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 9,935.00
Loose offering	\$ 294.64
Apportionments	\$ 180.00
Online giving (August)	\$ 3,125.00
Building Use	\$ 550.00
	\$ 14,084.64

**TOTAL \$ 14,084.64**

## NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 50.55
Endowment	\$ 20.00
Misc. Giving	\$ 35.00
	\$ 105.55

**TOTAL \$ 105.55**

## TRUSTEES

General	\$ 300.00
Renovations	\$ 525.00
	\$ 825.00

**TOTAL \$ 825.00**

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 14,084.64</b>
	<b>\$ 105.55</b>
	<b>\$ 825.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,015.19</b>

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**PLEASE NOTE:  
THIS TOTAL  
INCLUDES THE  
ONLINE GIVING  
TOTALS FOR  
AUGUST 2019**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Tellers
October 6	Jerry Wieman	Jan Brandenburg	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson
October 13	Mary Gehrke	Pam Abell	Jeanne Bowron	Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann
October 20	Kim Donth	Jerry and Ann Rigney/ Christine VonHoltum	Jessie VandeHoef	Matthew Fick	Jan and Everett Brandenburg
October 27	Lola Donth	John and Jennifer Hilfers/Whit Kruse	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Jerry and Beth Wieman

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
October 6	Sandy Vogt	Jerry and Ann Rigney
October 13	Jerry Rigney	Jeanne Bowron
October 20	Manny Olson	Travis and Shannon Dwire Family
October 27	Felicia Hanson	Marsha Fick Family

**Communion:** Lola Donth

**Video:** Beth Fick

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK OCTOBER 2019**

September 30, 2019 thru October 6, 2019 - Roger Carlson  
 October 7, 2019 thru October 13, 2019 - Al Aanenson  
 October 14, 2019 thru October 20, 2019 - Cody Gehrke  
 October 21, 2019 thru October 27, 2019 - Jeanne Bowron  
 October 28, 2019 thru November 3, 2019 - Darwin Reyne



We have added regularly to our membership for a bit now and this is not the norm in the United Methodist Churches, and we can thank Jesus for bringing people to us. Can you imagine if we were to continue to add to our membership? What a blessing that would be!

Many of you have all kinds of stories about how God has provided amazing moments of clarity and presence. This letter is written to try and prompt a thought process and call all of us to a deeper sense of prayer about how we support our church. There is not a doubt that we can raise a great deal more than the numbers provided here. Throughout the next three months, you are going to hear lots about giving and supporting your church, so please be prepared. We will also do several things to try to raise the money we need to meet our budget for the end of the year:

1. The Bison Feed, please come, as this is one way a family uses their resources to help us raise dollars for our budget. We are thankful for that opportunity and we need to be a part of it.
2. Our Dessert Auction at the end of the month, another wonderful way to support our Church and receive in return.
3. In November we will be putting up a "Thanks" giving board with 100 envelopes on it. You will have the opportunity to choose an envelope and give the corresponding dollars written on it. Another painless, but simple way to support your church.
4. Our annual Holiday Letter will go out mid-November/December.

We are also going to collect notes and letters from people who are a part of this Faith Family in varieties of ways, in order to hear from others how they feel about what happens here. Please read this note and those to come in the manner they are written. Giving and supporting your church is one of the most difficult yet fulfilling and meaningful pieces of church life, and something very important to our ministry to all of God's people. It is also important to note that many churches are struggling right now.

We have made a difference in many lives and we can make a difference in even more people's lives with your help. And remember, that is more than just dollars and cents! We need you as well! You are sometimes the only Bible some people will meet. We need to continue building our strength to do so...isn't that a great thing!?

*Pastor Jorie*



# EVENTS

- ⊗ Worldwide Communion Sunday - October 6
- ⊗ Bison Feed - October 9
- ⊗ Communion Service - October 13
- ⊗ Rock the Edge Ecumenical Food Drive - October 13
- ⊗ Communion for Shut ins - October 15
- ⊗ FREE Thanksgiving Community Meal - November 27



## Communion Service

October 13, 2019 - 10:00am

Communion day for shut-ins

October 15, 2019



Hey Everyone! Especially committee leaders.... Please remember to communicate with Dakki in the office about the happenings with or in your committee. There is so much happening – it is important that we share information with our Faith Family!

Meetings, announcements, events, pictures, etc. should be shared in all ways! There is so much good going on in the church these days!! We just want to spread the news and share the love! Get it out there!!!



## 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 on 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 items on Monday or Tuesday as those are the less busy days. Please allow 3 business days to complete.





## COMMUNICATION



It has struck some of us as funny, and in the very 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 have been using 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 ways, 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!



# Luverne United Methodist Church



## Annual Bison Dinner

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Adult \$8.00**

**Children \$5.00**

**(under 10 years old)**

**Take Out Available and  
Free home delivery if  
needed. Please call:**

**(507) 283-4529**

Bison Meatloaf  
Cheesy Potatoes

Vegetable

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Beverage

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**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 6, 2019** - Skyler and Ellen Wenninger, Annabelle Frakes, Tanya Hipkins Family, Jim and Nova Like, Autumn Barger Family, Justin VanWyhe Family and for our Vision Team

**WEEK OF October 13, 2019** - Kimberly Bennett, Jessa Dahl, Alyssa Frakes, Terry and Peggy Nelson, Cathy Rust, Marilyn VanWyhe and for people to fill our Sanctuary.

**WEEK OF October 20, 2019** - Jack & Joyce Bennett, Kat Dahl, Bob and Dawn Frakes, Bill Holling, Chris and Sara Nuffer Family, Buster Rust, Shelby Vickery and for our families.

**WEEK OF October 27, 2019** - 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.

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue jacket and jeans, is sitting in the driver's seat of a bus. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The bus interior is visible, including the steering wheel and dashboard. A large text overlay on the right side of the image reads: "DON'T FORGET ABOUT SUNDAYS! Buses are running in the city of Luverne on Sundays 8:00 a.m. to noon. Call today. 283-5058. A program of United Community Action Partnership. EOE/AA/ADA". Logos for "Community Transit" and "UNITED by Action" are also visible.

A graphic for "Wednesday Night Meals". At the top, a silver fork and knife are crossed. Below them, the number "4th" is written in a bold, black font. A dark grey banner with the word "WEDNESDAY" in white, all-caps, serif font spans across the middle. Below the banner, the word "Night" is written in a white, cursive font inside a dark oval. At the bottom, the word "MEALS" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

October 23, 2019

November 27, 2019

December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve Meal



## UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes.



MN Veterans Home - Luverne  
- Marv Hawes

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne  
- Bill Holling

Tuff Memorial Home - Hills  
- Bernice Aukes

**Sponsor a broadcast for \$90.** The chart for 2019 is on the bulletin board by the church office. Signup 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 2019:

**September 1, 2019** - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

**September 8, 2019** - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

**September 15, 2019** - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

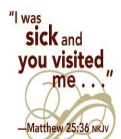
**September 22, 2019** - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

**September 29, 2019** - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We would love to thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.



*Lavonne Anderson and Pastor Dorie are still taking time out of their busy schedules to go on home visits to some of our homebound church family. This has become something that has brought them so much joy and many blessings for not just the 2 of them, but also those individuals they get the opportunity to visit with! It gives our homebound something to look forward to and let's them know that, even though they are not in church on Sunday, they still are a vital part of our faith family and are loved.*

**They bring communion and visit the homebound on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.** Please talk with Pastor Dorie if you feel you would like to take part in this very important and rewarding ministry.





## Faith Family Celebration Brunch and Dessert Auction

It is that time of the year again when we gather together and share some of the business of our church. You might remember that we have taken one Sunday a year to celebrate and lift up all that we have been up to for the last year. And every year has been no different, we continue to build relationships and ministry. We also feel it is important to share some of the more business- like information with everyone and we use this day to provide a report in paper form for this reason. Committees in your church work hard all year to provide ministry and service so it's important we get together and share all of this with you.

As in the past, we will provide a brunch in our Fellowship Hall, followed by Worship and Celebration. The day we have designated for this special time is Sunday, October 27th at 10:00am. At the end of our Celebration, we will have our yummy and delicious Dessert Auction. It has been growing in popularity and it's always fun to see the great desserts people bring. We are going to limit the amount and kinds of desserts we have for obvious reasons, so if you are interested in

providing one, please talk to Pastor Dorie as soon as you can so we can get you on the list. If you'd like to help with the brunch, we would love to hear from you as well!



- 2 - Brad Fick
- 4 - Manny Olson
- 7 - Wayne Kruger
- 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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From Your Church Council...  
September 24, 2019 Meeting  
Highlights



October 15...

**Finance:**

- \* Church council has decided to meet monthly as we face challenges with our finances as well as involvement.

**Staff-Parish:**

- \* Cassie Snyders was hired for our Children's Ministry Director position. She is working hard at getting settled.

**Trustee:**

- \* Things are going well with our heating and cooling.
- \* We currently have \$15,000 left on the loan for this project.

**Worship and Music/Sanctuary Care:**

- \* Met on September 10, 2019 to work on the next 8 weeks of Sunday Worship planning.
- \* We have finished our assistant list through June 2020.

**M & M:**

- \* Bison Feed is being planned for October 9, 2019.
- \* Silver Bucket List has been made out for all of 2020.

**Children's Ministries/Youth Leadership:**

- \* The group will focus on The Lord's Prayer and the Children's Christmas Program for the remainder of the year.
- \* The youth are learning character qualities.
- \* **COLLEGE CONNECTION:** We will be signing up college kids Pen Pals.

**Website/Technology:** (Shannon Dwire)

- \* Our technology is updating and getting consistent.
- \* We will be checking into stronger internet connections and availability.

**Endowment Fund:** (Jan Brandenburg, Chair)

- \* There were 4 grant applications that came in this year. Awards will be given end of month.

**Memorial Committee:**

- \* The Memorial Fund has \$2236.93 in the checking account and \$6369.59 in the savings account.



*Our God has sent you to this place  
To lead us in the way  
That He would have us work and think  
And live from day to day.  
No matter the hour; whatever the need,  
You go the extra mile -  
Always ready and willing to share  
A comforting thought and a smile.  
We're grateful that you're here with us  
To teach us from His word,  
And we will try to do our best  
In service of our Lord.  
We thank you for your ministry,  
Your guidance and your care.  
His greatest blessings for your life  
Is our most humble prayer.*

- Author Unknown





LUMC's New Children's Ministry  
Director...Cassie Snyders!!!

Cassie was born in Tucson, Arizona and raised in Montevideo, Minnesota. She and her husband, Brian live here in Luverne with there 4 children, Brenden (11), Cameron (6), Aiden (4) and Micah (1). Cassie runs an in-home daycare and Brian is a 6th grade Social Studies teacher at Luverne Schools.

Cassie previously ran an in-home daycare for 9 years in South Dakota and was a special Education Para the first year they were here in Luverne.

She enjoys camping, hiking and spending time with her family. She also greatly enjoys meeting and getting to know new people.

Cassie is not new to children's ministry...she has been serving and teaching in this type of work for 9 years already! When asked what she wanted to bring to our programs here she said she hopes to keep Jesus at the center of the program and create a safe, fun and welcoming environment for the children here. It is her hope that this program reaches many children in the community and that it helps them to follow Christ and grow in their faith. She hopes that the kids enjoy what she brings to this program so much that it gets them excited to come to church every week and keep Jesus in their hearts on the days in between.

Please be sure to say hello and welcome Cassie to our faith family if you haven't already!



## October 2019 Silver Bucket



Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer was founded in 1944 by Dan West, and its headquarters are located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Heifer envisions...

A world with communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet.

Heifer's mission is...

To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

Heifer's strategy is...

To Pass on the Gift. As people share their animals' offspring with others - along with their knowledge, resources and skills - an expanding network of hope, dignity and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

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Please remember to give and know that all of this month's Silver Bucket donations will go towards this cause!



Hey Everyone! Don't forget Family Movie Night

Monday, October 28th at 6:30pm

JOIN US ~ if you need a ride...let us know!



## PRAYER WARRIORS

Just a reminder...We are meeting regularly on the second Sunday of every month after church. We come together and lift up the cares and concerns of not only our Faith Family, but also our community, our nation and our world. You are welcome to join us at any time. We are reminded in James 5 that "great things happen when believing people pray." Because there have been many great things happening among this faith family, we feel it important to expand our prayers and expect God to do even more great things among us as we continue to care for each other.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 13th.

Everyone is invited to join us!!



The first week of Fuel was all about getting to know the kids and the kids getting to know Cassie! We played a fun get to know you game with balloons and learned to work as a team when we built structures out of a variety of items in small groups.

Last week and this week our focus was on kindness. Last week the kids read Galatians 5:22-23 and made kindness sunflowers and talked about things they could do to be kind to others. We will be reading Luke 19, the story of Zacchaeus. The kids will be learning that even though Zacchaeus was a sinner Jesus wanted to save him, be kind to him, and teach him kindness. In the coming weeks we will begin practicing Christmas music and our theme will be the Lord's Prayer.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8am - Priscilla Circle  7pm - Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	2 6pm - F.U.E.L. and PPR Meeting w/Confirmands 8pm - AA Meeting	3 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	4	5 8pm - AA Meeting
			<b>PD AT BOOM W, TH, FRI</b>		<b>Wedding</b>	
6 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10am - Worship Service with Communion 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group <b>WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUN.</b>	7 PD - LLP Mankato - Mentor Group  8pm - AA Meeting	8 12pm - Homeschoolers  7pm - Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	9 5:30-7:30pm - Bison Feed Confirmation will help with Bison Feed 6pm - F.U.E.L.  8pm - AA Meeting	10 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	11	12 8pm - AA Mtg 8pm - AA Meeting
13 <i>18nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10am - Worship Service with Communion Prayer Warriors after Sunday service 4pm - <b>RTE ECUMENICAL FOOD DRIVE</b> 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group	14  8pm - AA Meeting	15 7pm - PPR Meeting	16 <b>NO FUEL OR CONFIRMATION</b>  8pm - AA Meeting	17 1-3pm and 5pm-6:30pm Rock Co. Food Shelf	18	19  8pm - AA Meeting
				<b>MEA WEEKEND START</b>		
20 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group	21 9am - 3pm - SWCC Meeting - Upper Rm. 7pm - Ch. Council Mtg Fellowship Hall 8pm - AA Meeting <b>Messenger Deadline</b>	22 12pm - Homeschoolers  7pm - Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	23 5:30pm - Community Meal 6pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation  8pm - AA Meeting	24 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf  Messenger Done	25	26  8pm - AA Meeting
27 <i>2th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10am - All Church Celebration Brunch 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group	28 6:30pm - Movie Night  8pm - AA Meeting	29 9:30am - Folding Team	30 6pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	31 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf  <b>Happy Halloween</b>		