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November.... 2019



From the Pastor's Desk



One Sunday, not too long ago, several of us stood at the altar of our church and prayed for God's continued presence and direction. As we now do every Sunday, we ended this time of prayer with a very obvious and dedicated "AMEN!" It was then that some of us looked to the back of our church and saw the fellowship, laughter, talking and connection that was happening. We felt blessed!

For those of you who enjoy research, you may be able to find reports that most church members would describe their church as friendly. But once you go deeper in that research, the guests would typically find those same experiences as unfriendly.

In doing some checking into the same kind of research within our church, one would find many of the opposite things to be true. Most guests and new members would tell you that our church is of the warmest.

In Acts 2:42-44, God's Word says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common."

Notice that when Luke wrote this account of the early church, he didn't write, "See what great buildings they built." He said, *"See how they love one another."* A recent author wrote that this is *"a crucial mark of a world-changing church. A church that makes a difference in its community is one that truly loves one another."*

Rick Warren writes, "when God has a bunch of baby Christians and soon-to-be baby Christians, he looks for the warmest incubator he can find. God blesses a warm church with new believers because he doesn't want them in the church of the Frigid-Air. He wants them in a warm environment where they can grow."



GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

October 3, 2019, 2019 thru October 27, 2019

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Nov. 10	Sandy Vogt	Brad and Marsha Fick Family	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Gene and Barb Ashby
Nov. 17	Jerry Wieman	Willy Baker Family	Jeanne Bowron	Matthew Fick	Jay and Bev Mann
Nov. 24	Mary Gehrke	Wayne Biever and Kim Donth	Jessie VandeHoef	Jason Kruse	Everett and Jan Branden- burg

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
November 3	Emily Crabtree	Whit Kruse
November 10	Jack Hanson	Josh and Emily Crabtree
November 17	Jerry Rigney	Brad and Marsha Fick Family
November 24	Kim Donth	Paul and Lola Donth

Communion: Lola Donth

Video: Beth Fick



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK NOVEMBER 2019

October 28, 2019 thru November 3, 2019 - Darwin Reyne November 4, 2019 thru November 10, 2019 - Jay Mann November 11, 2019 thru November 17 - Beth Fick November 18, 2019 thru November 24, 2019 - Roger Carlson November 25, 2019 thru December 1, 2019 - Al Aanenson In the beginning chapters of Acts, we keep hearing how the early church was unified...and we know the scripture that speaks about God adding to their numbers everyday. Luke talks about heart and purpose and spirit....unity, and being united in thought throughout those chapters....It is love and caring and concern that holds relationships together.

In spite of the more common concerns that most churches have, (concerns we will certainly take care of, thanks to the presence of God), one thing we can hold up and embrace, is the relationships and love that is growing in our faith family. More than ever there is a unified spirit among us...a spirit that strives to work together to bring us even closer to a God who loves us so.....Let's keep celebrating the ways the Spirit is moving and how God is working among us....

Way to go church....keep it up!

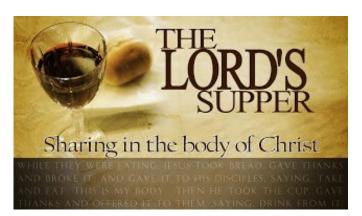
Hugs,

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- ▷ All Saint's Day Celebration Service November 3
- ➢ MJB and Poplar Creek November 3
- ➢ ALIVE Pizza Ranch Fundraiser November 12
- Southern Prairie District Day November 16
- Shut in Communion Day November 19
- Solution FREE Thanksgiving Community Meal November 27
- ➢ Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED November 28



Communion Service November 10, 2019 - 10:00am



Hey Everyone! Especially committee leaders.... Please remember to communicate with Jakki 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!





ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday - November 3, 2019 at our 10am Worship Service

We will once again be observing an All Saints Service on Sunday, November 3rd during our

Worship Service. This will be a very special service that we will honor all those who have gone before us

and new life in the baptism of children and adults into our Faith Family. Please plan to attend this very special service honoring these very special people.





November 3, 2019

Mary Jane Brown Home 1:30pm

Toplar Creek 2:15pm

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 November 3, 2019 - Wayne Biever, Cory and Amber Davis Family, Travis Frakes, Wayne Holmgren, Carol Ohlsen, Roger and Sandy Vogt and for UMC ministries in our State.

WEEK OF November 10, 2019 - Grace Boeve, Mike and Traci Davis Family, Rev. Mari Gabrielson, Charlie and Alisha Jackelen Family, Herman Lupkes, Stan and Connie Olson, Kathy Schadwinkel and for revival in our community.

WEEK OF November 17, 2019 - Paul and Jean Bolluyt, Nicole Davis Family, Clint and Nikki Gehrke Family, Wendy Jamison, John and Lisa Mahoney Family, Chris Schaeffer, Adam VonHoltum and for our District Superintendents.

WEEK OF November 24, 2019 - John and Jeanne Bowron, Shawn and Gretchen Davis, Cody Gehrke and Elly Schmitz Family, David Johnson, Eric and Charissa Oye Family, Ardie Schmidt, Fran Vos and for Rock County Ministries.



Hey Everyone! Don't forget Family Movie Night

Monday, November 25th at 6:30pm

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



November 27, 2019

December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve Meal

January 22, 2020



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 October 2019:

October 6, 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.

October 13, 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.

October 20, 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.

October 27, 2019 - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in shaning of our church services publicly. We would love to thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

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

Connections

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.

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



Special Envelopes of Thanks!

There are over 100 verses in the Bible that speak to giving thanks. They range from addressing all the ways God cares for us, to how good it is for us to give thanks and even what happens when we forget to be thankful to God.

As our church comes to the end of our year and face the same struggles we face at the end of most years, we have come up with a way for us to think about giving thanks, especially to God and his church.

At the beginning of November, we will be placing a bulletin board of envelopes in the back of our church with numbers from one to 100 on them. In each envelope will be verses of giving thanks and encouragement to embrace all the reasons we have in life to give thanks to a God who loves us!

We are asking you to choose an envelope from the bulletin board and place the number of dollars corresponding to the number on the outside of it, hopefully reflecting on all the reasons you are thankful. (If you choose envelope number 52, please put 52\$ in it.) Please put your name on the envelope and drop it off in the office, or place it in the offering on Sunday. And please remember, your church is doing good things, fellowship is growing and we have heat! Let's continue to support that!

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (<u>First Thessalonians 5:18</u>)

We thank Him for His promise that "all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose" (<u>Romans 8:28</u>).

Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and sayes us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience (Philippians 4:6–7).



1 Joshua Fick

- 4 Gene Ashby Laureen Fick
- 10 Justin VanWyhe Rachel Kor
- 12 Whitney Maine Jill Toering
- 13 Nelson Hall
- 15 Shawn Davis Marie Paulsen
- 17 Leah Moeller Mandy Kor
- 19 Reegan Gabrielson
- 22 Alisha Jackelen Melanie Peterson
- 23 Gretchen Davis Abby Moeller

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FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL...



THE LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019. WE TALKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT HOPES AND DREAMS ALONG WITH STRUGGLES AND SOLUTIONS. THEY HAVE MADE THE RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THIS DIRECTION AND TO MEET ONCE PER MONTH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THIS DISCUSSION IS INVITED TO JOIN US... THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR

NOVEMBER 19, 2019 AT 7:30PM IN THE UPPER ROOM!



<u>Calling All Members</u>

It's that time of the year again! The holiday time us near...we are going to need service helpers for Advent, Hanging of the Greens and our Christmas Eve Service. Please be sure to talk to pastor Dorie if you are able or interested in helping with any of these important

services during our busy holiday season!

Thank you for your consideration!



SouthernDISTRICT PrairieDAY

Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, District Superintendent Southern Prairie District



MN Walk to Emmaus Lay Servant Ministries MN UMCOR Early Response team Earthkeepers MN Annual Conference Finance and Administration Wesley Foundation at MNSU-Mankato

Schedule:

3:15-9:00am	Registration/Coffee Time
):00am	Message: DS Fred Vanderwe
):45am	Break
10:00am	Breakthrough Session #1
1:30pm	Lunch
2:15pm	Breakthrough Session #2
2:00pm	Worship/Church Conference
8:00pm	Depart

*The annual business of your local church will be cared for during the closing worship service (please come prepared with your church conference forms).

Location:

First United Methodist Church 947 6th Street Windom, MN 56101

Register:

Online at www.minnesotaumc.org (see Events-Southern Prairie District Day 2019) Register by Nov. 1: \$15.00 per person

Contact person: Cheryl Daschner 507-387-3767 cheryl.daschner@minnesotaumc.org



Revitalizing the Rural Church

Cory Thrall and Marty Martens lead a conversation on revitalization that includes a "love first" approach to rural culture. Topics include: potential changes to Sunday worship, the use of technology and outreach to children and youth. Strategies will be offered for dealing with the unique challenges a multi-point charge can face when implementing charges.

Network Churches: A new way to reach your community for Jesus

Are people excited to invite others to your church to hear the message? What if you could show messages from a thriving church to free your time to care and develop your people? Come to this breakout session led by Rick Post and learn how being an Embrace Network church could help you be more effective in your ministry!

Boots on the Ground: Identifying a Signature Ministry

If someone asked a person in your community what your church was known for, what would it be? As you look outside the walls of your church, what does the world around you need that you can give? Explore with Erica Koser the who's, what's, why's, and how's of having a signature ministry in this interactive workshop.

Establishing Financially Vital Congregations

Learn best practices of financially vital congregations including annual audits, budgeting, financial reporting, transparency, internal controls, and investment management. Discussion led by Conference director of finance Barb Brower, and UM Foundation director Sheri Meister.

Reversing Our Thinking for Leadership Growth

The church is here to raise up Christian Leaders and launch them into the world. Conference director of leadership Jody Thone will share resources, tools and processes for town and country congregations to develop leaders and stop the bait and switch trap in church leadership.

Can Your Church Restart?

What if you started all over? Letting go of maintenance ministry. Vineyard UMC in Hutchinson opted to "soft close" on July 1, 2018 and have been executing a relaunch strategy for the past 15 months. Pastor Jim Hein will share lessons they have learned along the way and share strategies your church might employ to reinvent or reinvigorate itself.

Keeping a Hopeful Earth

Minnesota Conference's first environmental justice intern Isaiah Friesen grew up on a family farm in Indiana, which taught him the importance of weather patterns, soil conditions, and the state of water for raising crops and animals. This has informed his calling to help churches identify how they might re-center themselves and restore a more hopeful relationship with the earth.

Support and Accountability the Key's to the Church HR department

This workshop seeks to train up your Staff Parish Relations Committee with best practices, so they can shift from being merely the complaint department, but rather lead in healthy ways through conflict and into hope-filled mission and vision. Led by Big Waters District Superintendent Supan Nienaber.



For the month of October in FUEL we started a series on The Lord's Prayer. During the first week of this series we made prayer bracelets as a reminder that the kids can always have with them of the Lord's Prayer. Each color on their bracelets represents a portion of The Lord's Prayer. These prayer bracelets are also a great conversation starter for kids to share Jesus with their friends and invite them to church!

This month we began practicing songs for our Christmas production. The kids had so much fun with the songs and really picked up on the words and the actions quickly! We are so excited for this program and to continue practicing with the kids. Parents will be getting an email with all the songs and we encourage you to practice the songs at home with your children as well. Here are some fun pictures of the activities:









November 2019 Silver Bucket

GENERATIONS

Generations (AKA Luverne Senior Citizen Org.) organized in 1968 as a social club. In 1979, they purchased the Lincoln Boarding House and property at 319 East Lincoln Street and incorporated as a 5D1(c))3 nonprofit organization. The senior nutrition program began and operated in that building but outgrew the facility. In 1983, the current meal site building was constructed next to the Lincoln House and serves in that capacity to date.

Problems evident to me as I observed the organization and operation were:

*The few members left are almost all old enough to be my parents (I am 69). They haven't invited or welcomed younger generations...we are addressing that attitude and have increased our membership from 26 to 187 in less than a year and our number continues to grow.

*We have changed the name to Generations to indicate inclusiveness.

*Public image is that the program is for "old people" because it had become that. The new building will change that perception and increase public awareness.

*Quilting and puzzle activities have to be augmented. We do have intentional plans that will include chronic health issue support groups, exercise, balance, stretching, etc. classes, educational seminars, and a variety of craft and recreational club opportunities. We just set up 3 of 6 computers in a corner of the dining room to begin to teach interested participants basic computer skills. A computer lab is in the plan for the new building where all 6 computers will be available.

*Five days per week, we prepare approximately 115 home delivered meals for within the community and surrounding area and serve 15 - 50 meals at the congregate meal site. Participation is good but we can be and should be reaching more people. We are working on that through invitation and public awareness. Our meal program is provided by Lutheran Social Services and the suggested cost of the meal is \$4.50 however no one is denied for lack of resources. To encourage participation, local businesses, individuals, and churches sponsor a "half price" day two or more days per week. One of our objectives is invite residents in the smaller communities within the county to participate in our congregate and home delivered meal programs as well as activities and programs. To accomplish these goals, we need public awareness as well as appropriate spaces.

Both the City Administration and County Commissioners support our project and are committing significant funding. The city hired and paid for the architect who has designed the conceptual plan for our proposed building. The estimated cost of the new building is \$2,0\$0,000 and the city is requiring us to secure 60% of the funding before they will authorize the architect to get engineers to do the specs for the proposed project.

Please give generously to this new building project

November Trunk Ministry

UNDIE SUNDAYS

SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

{ Unopened Packages - All Sizes}

November 1st to December 1st

Donation Collection For: S.H.A.R.E of Rock County



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 November 10th.

This month has been one for the record books! We did so many things that I don't even know where to start! I guess the beginning would be the best...and boy was it an adventure!

We had our Annual faith family Bonfire. We started out at the Dwire's farm where we had a "Cream Can Supper – and trust me when I say it was delicious! After that we went on a hayride, and since it was October (the "spooky month") we went to the cemetery. Finally We ended the night with some joyful songs around the bonfire at Roger and Sandy Vogt's.

If you thought that was a lot, hold on to your pants because we are nowhere near done...We had our Annual Food Drive with all the other churches of the community. On a side note the oldest expiration date we had on a can was 2001! Wow!

As we have done every year, we went to Grandpa's Fun Farm. It was a hoot! We all enjoyed the pumpkin launcher!

All in all, as I said, this month was definitely one for the books. A great time was had by all!

With the fall season coming to an end, we are all looking forward to what is in store for next month...Trust me...next month is going to be just as crazy!



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



November



SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURD AY
Why fit in when you were born to STAND OUT? -Dr.Seuss	If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito. Betty Reese	WHEN LIFE KNOCKS YOU DOWN, ROLL OVER AND LOOK AT THE STARS	you never know how STRONG you are until being strong is the ONLY choice you have.	BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU	1	2 8pm - AA Meeting
 3 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10am - All Saint's Day Worship Service PPR Meeting following service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group Work Day 1:30pm - MJB and 2:15pm - Poplar Creek 	4 8pm - AA Meeting	5 12pn - PD LLP Mankato 7pm - Scouts	6 6pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	7 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	8	9 8pm - AA Meeting
 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10am - Worship Service with Communion Prayer Warriors after Sunday service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group 	 11 6pm - ALIVE Pizza Ranch Fundraiser WEERANS WEERANS Bpm - AA Meeting 	12 PD - DCOM - Mankato 8am - Priscilla Circle 12pm - Homeschoolers 6:30pm - W & M Mtg - Anissa hosting	13 6pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	14 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	15	16 Southern Prairie Dist. Conference 8pm - AA
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