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June.....2020

The Messenger

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH of LUVERNE**

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From the Pastor

Greetings everyone!

I pray for each and every one of you during this continued time of separation. We are currently trying to discern the best way to move forward and with each step we take, we keep you in mind! We will have an outdoor service and will use this time to be together and talk! We haven't gotten to do this as a faith family very much and I look forward to seeing you and talking about what it's been like for you, the things you have learned, and how you might see us move forward. It would be good for us and I think, in a sense, we need it! We have quite a special space in our backyard and it will be perfect for us to gather!

"The New normal" is getting to be the catch phrase recently and I wonder if anybody has really thought about what "normal" might look like in our future. For me, in the ups and downs of what has been for the last three months, I have discovered that my "new normal" continues to be my relationship with Jesus and, if anything, it has moved deeper and gained strength. I am grateful for that, which reminds me how I have learned to be more grateful for my own normal and doing that normal with Jesus.

I have realized more so than ever that this normal with Jesus allows for consistency and stability, no matter the storm, just as Jesus has taught us. I pray that each of you, too, have grown closer to Jesus and you have discovered in your own way how important it is to be close to Jesus, to walk in relationship with Him, striving to make Him your best friend and keeping Him at the CENTER of your lives.

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

May 3, 2020 thru May 31, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 9,887.00
Loose offering	\$ 160.00
Apportionments	\$ 170.00
Radio	\$ 180.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Online giving (April)	\$ 2,695.00
	\$ 13,142.00

TOTAL \$ 13,142.00

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 12.00
Upper Room	\$ 6.00
	\$ 18.00

TOTAL \$ 18.00

TRUSTEES

Renovations	\$ 300.00
	\$ 300.00

TOTALS \$ 13,142.00
\$ 18.00
\$ 300.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 13,460.00

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES THE
ONLINE GIVING
TOTALS FOR
APRIL 2020**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Tellers
June 7	Laura Hollaren	Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson	Jeanne Bowron	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson
June 14	David Vis	Kevin Kraetsch and Sherri Smith	Carol McDonald	Matthew Fick	Gene and Barb Ashby
June 21	Mary Gehrke	Jason and Karla Kruse Family	Jennifer Hilfens	Luther Hall	Jerry and Beth Wieman
June 28	Kim Donth	John and Jenifer Hilfens/Whit Kruse	Jessie VandeHoef	Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
June 7	Sandy Vogt	NOT NEEDED
June 14	Jerry Rigney	NOT NEEDED
June 21	Manny Olson	NOT NEEDED
June 28	Felicia Hanson	NOT NEEDED

Communion: Jim and Deb Hanson

Video: Beth Fick

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR JUNE 2020

- June 1, 2020 thru June 7, 2020 - Darwin Reyne
- June 8, 2020 thru June 14, 2020 - Al Aanenson
- June 15, 2020 thru June 21, 2020 - Morris Fick
- June 22, 2020 thru June 28, 2020 - Jeanne Bowron
- June 29, 2020 thru July 5, 2020 - Roger Carlson



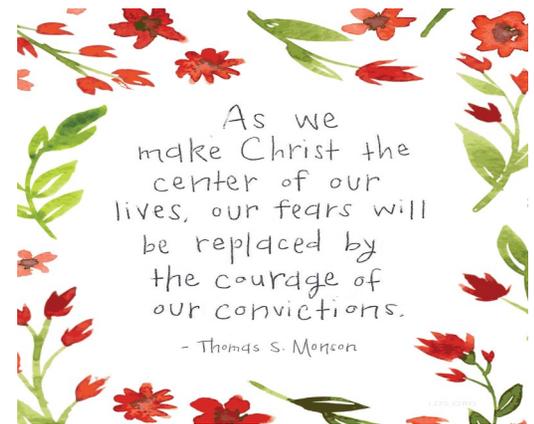
If I have learned anything, I have learned that the world around us is not consistent and stable, we will always face something. Hopefully not ever as serious as the storm of which we are in the middle. But how do we know? Can we be sure? Paul encouraged us to be IN the world, but not OF the world...very appropriate for our here and now...he goes on to say that we should be transformed by the renewing of our mind. We renew our mind by being in relationship with Jesus and learning from him and being nourished by Him in doing so.

One of the ways I do this is by reading this wonderful devotional called, "Come Away My Beloved," and it was given to me by someone very special! The words, on a regular basis, feed me and nourish me. I would like to share one of the paragraphs from this book...

"Behold, I have sent you out alone, but I have gone ahead to prepare your way; yes, through the darkness to bear a light. I ask you only to follow Me for I will surely lead you on a safe path, though dangers lurk on every hand. Yes, I will be your protection. I will be your comfort. I will be your joy."

~ Come Away My Beloved

Pastor Jorie



LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Outdoor Worship Service in the backyard - June 7
- ☒ Father's Day - June 21
- ☒ PD Vacation June 15-21
- ☒ Service over Self Youth Mission Week - Jun 22-26
- ☒ Community Meal - July 22
- ☒ Pastor Dorie renewal leave - all of August
- ☒ Annual Salad Luncheon - August 6



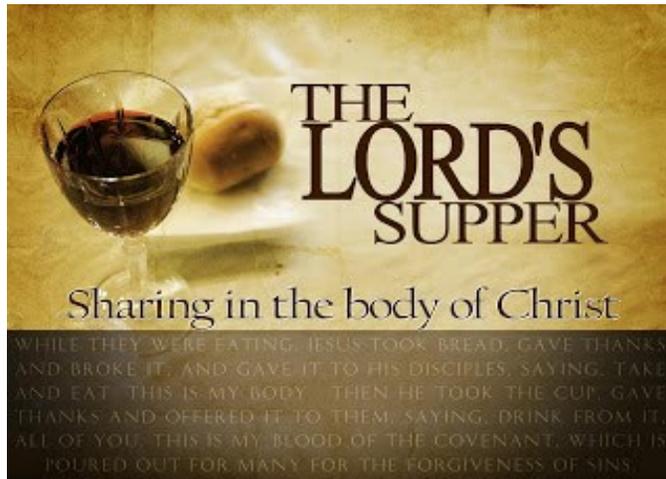
Ways to Give

Remember to pass the plate during COVID-19

- Click on the "GIVE" Tab at www.umcluverne.com

- Mail a Check: 109 N Freeman Ave, Luverne, MN 56156

- From the Church APP – press GIVE



COMMUNION SERVICE
JUNE 14, 2020 – 10:00 AM



We haven't shared this message for awhile and past experiences have prompted the necessity to bring this to your attention again.

For a variety of reasons, including privacy laws, it becomes more important for all of you to be aware that your pastor does not automatically get information about you, especially when you are in need of seeing your pastor. Because your pastor can be there for you only as she is aware, it becomes very important for you to communicate these needs to her or instruct a family member to do so. The days when caregivers/facilities automatically called the church no longer exist. The importance of letting your pastor know what's happening is completely up to you.

Please know your pastor is very willing to be with you whenever you need her – if she knows! 21





One of the Committees that serves the church and is amenable to the Church Council is the Committee on Lay Leadership. This committee is made up of no more than nine people (currently we have four and Pastor Dorie), and they serve on a rotation basis

Pastor Dorie is the Chair of the committee and its general purpose is to fill the leadership positions of this church. This group meets once or twice, usually in later Summer and begins to find nominations for positions that are or will be open in the next year. This list is then offered at the Church Conference for approval. Members of this Committee may and are elected from the floor of the Church Conference. They do not officially relate to paid staff employees, only volunteers. They shall also be responsible for supporting, training, and coordinating the volunteers with the needs of the congregation. These four people are Mary Gehrke, Carol McDonald, Anissa Vis and Melanie Petersen.



In the midst of everything that we have gone through with this coronavirus pandemic, so many things have been postponed, closed down, or cancelled altogether...we are going strong!

We will finally be able to gather together to worship in the backyard of the church to have our Annual Outdoor Worship Service. We hope that you will join us It will be a wonderful time to bring our family together again! It feels like it has been so long since we have been able to do this!

Please remember to abide by the CDC guidelines and social distancing. We want to keep everyone safe and comfortable during this time of worship together.

SAVE THE DATE



Be sure to be on the lookout for the new and improved directory/Handbook coming soon! It is going to have a lot of information about Luverne UMC that each member should know and have access to. It too will be a way for the members of our church to stay connected and in the know!

Stay connected To LUMC

When you are unable to attend... We will BRING CHURCH to YOU!

 <p>Vast channel 3 or 301 Mediacom channel 3 or 117.2 Monday 3:00 p.m. Friday 5:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>Listen to KQAD Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 AM Radio</p>	 <p>We will be working on LIVEstreaming on https://www.facebook.com/umcluverne Our Youtube channel found on our website  www.umcluverne.com</p>
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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.



Happy Father's Day June 21, 2020

Any man
can
be a *father*
but it takes
someone special
to be a Dad.

WEEK OF June 7, 2020 - Jason and Mandy Brecher Family, Brad and Heather Petersen Family, Christine VonHoltum, Stephen Foster, Laura Hollaren, David Norenberg and for Rock County School Systems.

WEEK OF June 14, 2020 - Adam and Amanda Breheny Family, Eleanor Dicks, Bryce and Ginger Schomacker Family, Elwayne Petersen, Rick and Deb Ward and our Outreach Ministries.

WEEK OF June 21, 2020 - Kim Donth, Pastor Dorie and Luther Hall Family, Jon Menning Family and our Prayer Ministry.

WEEK OF June 28, 2020 - Al and Dixie Aanenson, Karen Baus, Paul Jr. and Lola Donth, Ray Hankins, Jay and Bev Mann, Meg Petersen, Ralph Watts and for our United Methodist Women.

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Please Join Us
June 24, 2020
Pick up option available
July 22, 2020
August 26, 2020
FREE OF CHARGE
5:30 PM

Please remember those members of our faith family that are homebound. In this time of shut down as a result of COVID-19 many are not able to go out and about right now and that can get pretty lonely. It is so important to stay connected to our faith family during this trying time. Let them know they too are in our thoughts.

If you get the chance maybe you could call or drop a card in the mail for those listed below. You have no idea what such a small gesture means to people anytime, not just now...taking the time to reach out can bring joy, not just to those we don't see often, but ourselves as well!

Please call the office if you need additional info!!

Ramona McDowell
120 N. Spring Street Apt. 107
Luverne, MN 56156

Keith and Betty Luethje
220 Oak Drive
Luverne, MN 56156

Bill Holling
201 Oak Drive Apt. 301
Luverne, MN 56156

Raymond Hankins
1516 E Avenue
Worthington, MN 56187

Grace Boeve
110 S. Walnut Avenue #130
Luverne, MN 56156

Marie Paulsen
P O Box 36
Hills, MN 56138

Kenny Swenson
215 N. Cottage Grove
Luverne, MN 56156

Charles and Sally Cooksley
203 Oak Drive Apt. 112
Luverne, MN 56156

Carol Ohlsen
301 8th Street E
Cresco, IA 52136

David Johnson
403 W. Thompson Avenue
Marshall, MN 56258

Ardie Schmidt
110 S. Walnut Avenue #101
Luverne, MN 56156

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes.

Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne
- Ardith (Ardie) Schmidt - Grace Boeve

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne
- Bill Holling - Joyce Holm

The Oaks - Luverne - Chuck and Sally
Cooksley



Dear Ones! MONTHLY COMMUNION

We have gotten so used to spending time together on the third Tuesday of every month in devotions and Holy Communion, we have laughed and shared God's love, as well as prayed together. Please know that we will do our best to stay connected to you during this time of sheltering. We pray for you faithfully and are surrounding you with health and well-being throughout these weeks. If you need anything, please call the office or Pastor Dorie! We will do all we can to help you!





Thank you to all the people who helped with Meals on wheels in May. Whether you coordinated, called or delivered you were a great help. It was good that we could keep delivering even in this difficult time during the COVID crisis. A hero to all those in need of these meals. Thanks again!



Thank you to our beloved Pastor Dorie! She has been out there doing all she can to assure that we as a faith family find ways to stay connected, feel loved and safe amid the chaos and fear of the coronavirus pandemic.

Whether it is doing the live broadcasts of our Sunday Worship Service with the paper audience, her Tuesday inspirational talks on Facebook, messages on our website, or all those special cards, calls and inquiries about our ill or homebound members, she is out there to encourage others to stand firm in their faith, and pray for those who are afflicted or questioning their faith right now. She has truly been an asset and sign of comfort to this church and community during this time.

She and many others have done all they could to keep our Community Meal going through pick up and delivery options along with those who assist with the Food Shelf and online Children's and youth activities.

She is not alone though...we need to thank those who have helped: The Sunday worship teams, the volunteers who help with the Community Meals, our Tech wizard, and our Children and Youth Directors and many others being the hands and feet of Jesus. During this time. Thank you and God bless!



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- 6 Madison Crabtree
- 10 Jessica VandeHoef
- 11 Jon Menning
- 12 Mark Dahl
- 13 Herman Lupkes
- 14 John Bowron
Tyler Reisdorfer
- 15 Bob Frakes
Duane Mulder
Lee Alexander
- 16 Carol McDonald
- 17 Evelyn Reyne
Carol Grimaldo
- 18 Terrell Maine
Faith Brouwer
- 20 Adam Breheny
- 21 Marilyn Van Wyhe
Karis Dwire
Lola Donth
- 23 Quinn Connell
- 24 Bev Mann
Norbert Fick
- 26 Peggy Nelson
Brittany Mulder
- 27 Kaden Anderson
Madalyn Fick
- 29 Hayden Sauer

Please remember to share well wishes with these members of our family

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Sponsor a broadcast for \$90. The chart for 2020 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 Vast Local Channel 3. **Listen to KQAD Radio** Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 Radio. Here are our May honorees and supporters.

May 3, 2020 Was sponsored in honor of all the people in our community and around the globe who are doing social distancing, online learning, and quarantine during this time of crisis. Be safe, work hard, hang in there and God Bless you all. **May 10, 2020** Was sponsored by George and Carol McDonald in honor of all the mothers out there, especially here in our faith family. We honor and bless you today for all you do! **May 17, 2020** Was sponsored in honor of our Luverne UMC graduates along with the rest of the Class of 2020. We know in these difficult time school graduation will be different but equally important no matter how the ceremony commences. **May 24, 2020** sponsored in honor of our LUMC \Committee members who help us keep our church running smoothly and as efficiently as we can during this difficult time with COVID-19. **May 31, 2020** was sponsored in honor of our Pastor who does all she can to stay connected to our church family any way she can; via Facebook, radio, television and our website. Thank you for having the live broadcast for our services. We need that and we are grateful you are here to bring us love and support.

Summer Giving



With all that is going on with COVID-19, we have been reigned in, but, when we get the all clear, I am sure Summer activities will resume in full force and we know that means, fun, vacations, time in the water, picnics and spending time with family! That's awesome and we encourage all that, but while you are away, the church still runs and that means we still need to keep funds coming in to keep it going! Please do not forget your summer giving to the church! It is so important!! We do wish you all a safe and happy summer. See you soon!



Worship

Thank you to all of you who turned in your Worship Assistant list in such a timely manner! It makes it easier to get the letters out to those who have signed up sooner. It is awesome that you have volunteered your time to assist with the Sunday worship service a great experience. We need and appreciate every one of you.



PRAYER WARRIORS



Just a reminder...We are hoping to resume meeting regularly on the second Sunday of every month after church starting in June. With everything that is happening we need prayers going out for everyone around the world. We pray that family members young and old will be able to be together and we can connect physically with our friends families and loved ones very soon! That interaction is so important for all of us in our work environment and any other areas we are feeling out of touch with.

You are welcome to join us at any time. We are reminded in James 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.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for June 14th.

Everyone is invited to join us!!

Hello Everyone,

Can we take a moment to be serious...This time we have been moving through the Coronavirus has taken an enormous toll on this church. We entered the time of social distancing and sheltering at home when we were already struggling Unfortunately, this should not be surprising to us. We have lost many of our older people who really were the foundations of our church. Add that to the fact that what was once an every Sunday commitment of attending worship, has now become maybe a once a month commitment. We are facing a crisis like most churches in our society are facing.

Prayers have been offered to speak to the hearts of people to reflect on what has been happening these last months, to discern their inability to attend worship, what it has been like for them and if you are getting the sense that something is missing. While we have worked really hard to bring worship to you, a very faithful and committed group of people have made sure it is available to you as best as they can, but is this the forever answer we want for our church?

We have continued to do the best we can during these difficult times to encourage worship and unity within our church. But we need your input! Can you help us with your ideas? There are those who have spent time in discussion about what is in the future for us and they would like to offer you their thoughts in an honest and frank way. We have been separated through no fault of our own, but what a great time to discern the importance of our membership in this church and what it means in the grand scope of our lives. Where is my faith in relation to the priorities of my life? Which piece of the pie gets the most attention? Remember how God calls us to view HIM as the entire pie? And who, now, will be the next foundation builders and mamas and papas of the church. A letter will be going out soon. What would you like our church and its faith family to look like in our future...you and your thoughts matter!

Please spend some time in thought and prayer and remember, we all need Jesus...but we need each other as well.!!



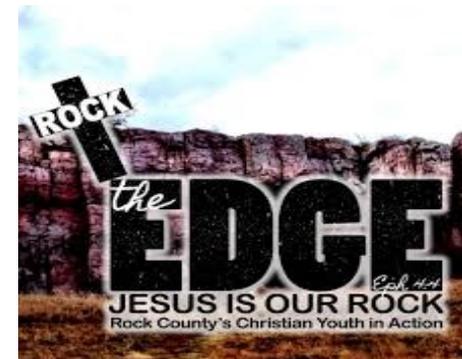
June 2020 Silver Bucket

LUMC Youth Mission Trip

We have designated the June Silver Bucket for the Youth Mission Trip, and technically we are focusing in on the Service Over Self Week that is sponsored by Rock the Edge. Rock the Edge is the ecumenical community youth group. They have been responsible for the Community Food Drive, See You at the Pole Event, Fifth Quarter Events and for what will be their third year, the Service Over Self Week. This week invites youth in the Rock County area to take part in a week of community and individual projects of improvement and care. It has been a super successful time of bringing together All youth for the good of the community and many positive things have been experienced because of it!

This year, June 22 through 26 is the week set aside. Our focus will mainly be in the Meade Court area to assist residents there in whatever way they would like. Last week, we canvassed the area and started a list of projects from them. We are excited to spend this week in togetherness and love, being the hands and feet of God!

We appreciate your support of this important project and all proceeds go directly to helping our local community with supplies, etc.



This month in History....

June 3, 1972 - Sally Jan Priesand was ordained a rabbi thus becoming the first woman rabbi in the U.S. She then became an assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City.

June 5, 1783 - The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at Annonay, France, by brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier. Their 33-foot-diameter globe aerostatique ascended about 6,000 feet. In September, they repeated the experiment for King Louis XVI, using a sheep, rooster and duck as the balloon's passengers.

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft.

June 14, 1777 - John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day.

June 18, 1983 - Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year-old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space, beginning a six-day mission aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

June 20, 1782 - The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America.

June 30, 1971 - The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was enacted, granting the right to vote in all federal, state and local elections to American citizens 18 years or older. The U.S. thus gained an additional 11 million voters. The minimum voting age in most states had been 21.

Did You Know?



This month Manny went around town with the ALIVE Youth Group to deliver May Baskets!! Here are some pictures of that awesome day...



And let us not forget our new Garden...

Several people have been working hard to get a space ready for us to plant pumpkins and a few other things as well! We are excited to see what kind of a harvest we will have. The space is in Laura Hollaren's back yard at 715 N. Spring Street. Feel free to mosey on by and see what we're up to, and if you feel so lead, please feel free to stop and weed awhile....we will all benefit from this beautiful space....Thank you Laura!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts	3 8pm - AA Meeting	4 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	5	6 8pm - AA Meeting
7 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 10:30am - Outdoor Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	8 8pm - AA Meeting	9 7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts	10 8pm - AA Meeting	11 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	12	13 8pm - AA Meeting
14 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am - Worship Service - Communion Prayer Warriors after Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	15 8pm - AA Meeting	16 SHUT IN COMMUNION	17 8pm - AA Meeting	18 1-3pm and 5:30- 6:30pm Food Shelf	19	20 8pm - AA Meeting
PASTOR DORIE VACATION						
21 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	22 8pm - AA Meeting Messenger Deadline	23 7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts	24 5:30 - Community Meal 8pm - AA Meeting	25 1-3pm - Food Shelf	26	27 8pm - AA Meeting
PASTOR DORIE VACATION	SERVICE OVER SELF ROCK /THE EDGE YOUTH MISSION WEEK					
28 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	29 8pm - AA Meeting	30 9:30am - Folding Team	July 1 8pm - AA Meeting	2 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	3	4 8pm - AA Meeting