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August 2022

The Messenger

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
109 N. Freeman Avenue
Luverne, MN 56156
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Pastor Dorie Hall





From the Pastor

Happy August everyone!

By the time you read this, I will be in my last few days of my summer time away. It is always very busy as we fill it with special time with our youngest son and events at the golf course.

It is very different than my everyday role as your pastor where I meet a variety of people while also getting to visit with special people I don't get to see very often. This means a depth of conversations about many topics.

The conversations I love the most are those about my work and my relationship with Jesus. My favorite so far this year has been the one about not having to be in church to believe in God.

"Yup," I say, "that's true! But do you know the best part of being a part of a church," I ask? Of course, this is when I see the rolling of the eyes...

"The best part of church is being together, supporting each other, loving each other and the care and concern we get from each other. It's the building of our relationships with each other and with Jesus that counts!"

You see, we surely can be with God on the golf course, or on the lake, even that special lazy place in the campground....and yes, God wants you to have those down times for the refueling of your life.

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

July 3, 2022 thru July 31, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 12,942.00
Loose offering	\$ 384.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
Holy Spirit Café	\$ 4.00
Online Giving (May)	\$ <u>4,390.00</u>
	\$ 17,820.00

TOTAL \$ 17,820.00

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 202.32
Food Shelf	\$ 120.00
Upper Room	\$ <u>12.00</u>
	\$ 334.32

TOTAL \$ 334.32

TOTALS \$ 17,820.00
\$ 334.32
\$

GRAND TOTAL \$ 18,154.32

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES MAY
29TH OFFERING.
ONLINE GIVING
FOR JUNE.**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
August 7	Laura Hollaren	Roger Carlson	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Felicia Hanson
August 14	Sandy Vogt	Karen Buus	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
August 21	Christine VonHoltum	Sue Stroh	Jennifer Hilfers	Matthew Fick	Gene Ashby
August 28	Open	Christine VonHoltum	Carol McDonald	Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
August 7	Sandy Vogt	Jeanne Bowron
August 14	Becky Anderson	Anissa Vis
August 21	Emily Crabtree	Mary Gehrke
August 28	Lola Donth	Felicia Hanson

Communion: Jim Hanson

Video: Beth Fick

LOVE • GROW • SERVE



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR August 2022

August 1, 2022 thru August 7, 2022 - Cody Gehrke
August 8, 2022 thru August 14, 2022 - Al Aanenson
August 15, 2022 thru August 21, 2022 - Morris Fick
August 22, 2022 thru August 28, 2022 - Jeanne Bowron
August 29, 2022 thru September 4, 2022 - Jay Mann

However, when we lose the connection or the relationship with Jesus and with each other in faith....that doesn't serve us well.

Remember, we need Jesus and each other - that's how we learn, love and grow our faith -- like Jesus!

Hopefully, you are enjoying your summer as much as I am and continuing a great faith walk with Jesus by your side!

Hugs!

Pastor Doree

He created the church to meet your five deepest needs: a purpose to live for, people to live with, principles to live by, a profession to live out, and power to live on. There is no other place on earth where you can find all five of these benefits in one place.

RICK WARREN

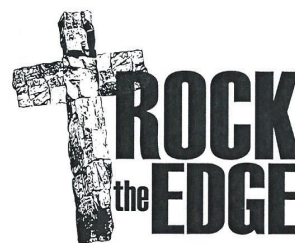
LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Meals on Wheels Month
- ☒ New handbooks available at the back of Sanctuary
- ☒ LUMC Salad Luncheon - August 4
- ☒ Info for Grandparent/Special Person video - Sept. 5
- ☒ See You at the Pole - Sept. 28
- ☒ Community Meal - Sept. 28



COMMUNION SUNDAY
AUGUST 14, 2022

SHUT-IN COMMUNION
AUGUST 16, 2022 ~ 10 AM



INVITES YOU TO THEIR
2ND-ANNUAL
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH

PRAYER BREAKFAST

FEATURING TRENTON BASS OF GAME PLAN 4 HOPE

Trenton Bass, from Hills, Minnesota, was injured in a football game during the second game of his senior year at the age of 17. In one play ... one second ... his life changed forever.

Game Plan 4 Hope was started in September 2019. It rose out of the hearts of two families who have been through life-altering experiences and felt the need to help others that are going through similar situations. Their mission is to assist families whose lives are in despair because of a life changing event by providing a Game Plan 4 Hope, bridging the gap for directional, spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Learn more at gameplan4hope.org.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

HOSTED AT THE LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST AT 6:30AM IN THE COMMONS

PROGRAM AT 7:00AM IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

NO COST TO ATTEND | A free will offering will benefit future Rock the Edge activities.

RSVPS DUE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 15 | Email rocktheedgemn@gmail.com or call 507-283-2316 (St. John Lutheran Church, you will hear a hymn/greeting instead of a ring tone) with your name, contact info, and number of guests attending.



Hey Everyone...we have a few new things we need to bring to your attention!...

A New Bible Study

Our Sunday night Bible Study has been going strong now for five+ years. We started in Genesis and have been reading several chapters every time we meet and having amazing discussions.

We are excited that we are moving through 2 Corinthians. The Apostle Paul is an interesting study. Several of you have asked about having another Bible Study at another time during the week. We have a couple of people who are willing to lead it. If you are interested in being a part of a new Bible Study group, please sign up and let us know what times would work best for you so we set it up at a time that works best for you.

Adding Another AA Group

We have several people who are interested in beginning a new AA Group, possibly based on the Big Book of AA. Right now, we are thinking Thursday nights. We would like to start this new group in the Fall. If you or someone you know may be interested, will you have them get in touch with Pastor Dorie? All inquiries will be handled with the utmost confidentiality! We are excited to be able to add another special opportunity for personal growth!

United Methodist Denominational Changes

On July 17th, we were blessed to have our District Superintendent Dr. Rev. Fred Vanderwerf join us for worship, dinner and a time of discussion about what is happening with the United Methodist Denomination. We learned a great deal, had a meaningful discussion, and piqued more curiosity. We will be having more opportunity for discussion and providing materials to help you to understand the changes and what they might mean for our church. Please feel free to reach out to your leadership if you have any questions. There may be a time for making decisions in the future! We want to help you in discerning the future with all the information we can.

Your leadership on this issue includes Mary Gehrke, Sandy Vogt, Pastor Dorie, but others are informed in this subject as well. Do not hesitate to reach out!



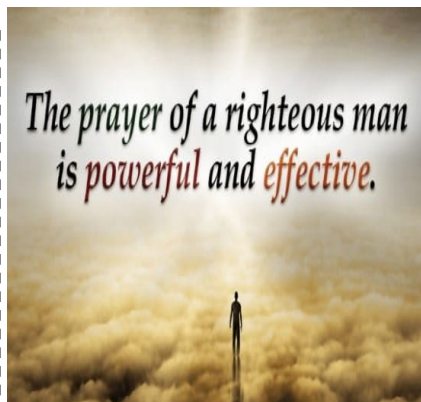
Luverne UMC will be doing Meals on Wheels for the month of August... This is such an important service we can participate in to help out people in our community. If you are interested in becoming a part of this, please feel free to contact the church office to find out contact information and what you can do to be a part of this!!



August 14, 2022

**Please feel free to join us
after the service...
all are welcome!**

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 August 7, 2022 – LaVonne Anderson, Carl and Yssi Entzie, Linda Hanson, Jason and Karla Kruse, Zachary Kruse and Sue Stroh and for praise and thanksgiving to Jesus.

WEEK OF August 14, 2022 – Riley Anderson, Jesse and Ashley Connell Family, Daniel and Joci Fick, Jennifer Kruse Family, Aaron and Abby Moeller Family, Kenny Swenson and for the finances of our church and tithing.

WEEK OF August 21, 2022 – Dustin Aning and Melissa Wood Family, Sally Cooksley, Dale Hawes, Mark and Tammy Moeller, Dale and Cindy Reverts, Madison Crabtree and for peace in our nation.

WEEK OF August 28, 2022 – Travis and Amber Arends, Dawn Cope Family, Josh and Keela Fick Family, Wyatte Kruse, Phyllis Mohr, Sharron Betsinger and for the answers to prayers and guidance in all ways.



The updated handbooks are finally here and in the back of the sanctuary. I have placed them in the boxes alphabetically by last name so it will be easier to find yours. I also left the list of names on the bar so you can cross your name off when you pick yours up. This is so we may keep track of who has gotten theirs. Thank you!



Community Meal





Sponsor a broadcast for \$90. The chart for 2022 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 Vast Local Channel 3. Listen to KQAD Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 Radio. Here is a list of our supporters for the month of July 2022:

July 3, 2022 ~ This broadcast is in honor of our youth and the upcoming mission trip to Lake Shetek. May it be a fun, Spirit-filled time. Let them be blessed with wonderful weather. May their minds be open to learn and their hearts be filled with love for and from God during this special time together.

July 10, 2022 ~ This broadcast is in honor of our faith family. You are appreciated and loved! Thank you for all you do to help out the church and its programs. Whether you are a part of volunteering to make our worship service run smoothly, your tithes and donations, help with our events and community meals in any way...today we honor you!

July 17, 2022 ~ This broadcast is in honor of our District Superintendent, and all other leaders of the Southern Prairie District and for the United Methodist Church as a whole. May our minds be open as we discuss new things happening in our church.

July 24, 2022 ~ This broadcast is sponsored by Duane Mulder, Lori and Jim VonHoltum Family and Cindy and Dale Reverts Family in loving memory of Joyce Mulder who would be celebrating her 87th birthday today. Blessings and thanks to those sponsoring this broadcast.

July 31, 2022 ~ This broadcast is sponsored in honor of our District Leadership and especially our Lay Speaker this morning. May we bring into our minds and hearts today's message and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ.

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes.

Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne

- Ardie Schmidt

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne

- Bill Holling - Annabelle Frakes

The Oaks - Luverne - Sally Cooksley

MN Vets Home - Luverne - Buster Rust

Tuff Memorial Home - Hills - Ralph Watts

Evans Memorial Home - Cresco, IA - Carol Ohlsen



We visit and share Holy Communion with those wonderful members of our community and faith family who find it difficult to join us here at the church. If you would like us to bring communion to you, please call the office. We will continue to do so on the **third Tuesday of every month** as long as the health of our community and the place of residence allows us to do so! Every time we have so much fun visiting with everyone. Our next communion visit is:

August 16, 2022 ~ 10am

The fun continues in July...

Making crosses with our youth fun!



Isn't just eating the Oreo more fun?? I guess these guys need to work for it!...



What a perfect, beautiful day for our outdoor service...



Nothing feels better on a hot summer day than a dip in the lake...



August.....2022

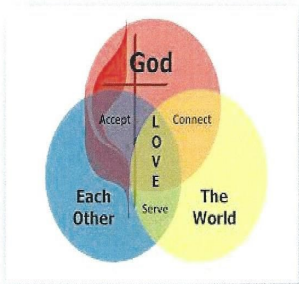
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- 6 Todd Leech
- 7 Jeanne VandeHoef
- Danny Aning
- 8 Luther Hall
- 12 Mike Flom
- 15 Al Aanenson
- Kimberly Bennett
- Russ Enga
- 16 Keith Luethje
- 18 Dan Anderson
- 19 Steve Cattnach
- Matthew Davis
- Jack Bennett
- 20 Lori VonHoltum
- 21 Christine VonHoltum
- 22 Ginny Menning
- Roger Carlson
- Ed Ray
- 26 Jesse Schultz
- Andrea Bennett
- 29 Hunter Cope
- 30 Connie Olson

LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

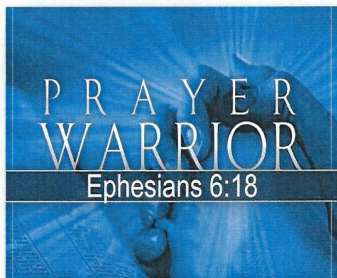
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Special Activities to Participate in here at Luverne UMC



God's Circle— Women meet In Fellowship to learn, laugh And love. Meetings are the First Tuesday of each month. 1:30pm in our Upper Room.



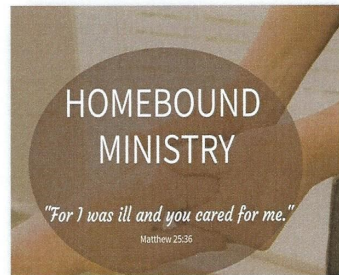
Prayer Warriors - officially meets On the 2nd Sunday after the Service, however you do not need To be present to join the Prayer Warriors. During this time, they Pray for a group listing, current Events going on in our church, Community, and our country. A Wonderful connection of prayer.



This is a wonderful free meal each Month hosted here at the church. This is open to everyone and is Held on the 4th Wednesday of each Month at 5:30pm.



Sewn in Faith - This is the name of our sewing group. Many different projects are done here - not just our quilts. We meet at 1:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



Homebound ministry is a wonderful way to connect with those members who are unable to be with us in person. This gives opportunity to visit with them and deliver the gift of sacrament to them. This is done the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10am.



Meals on wheels is service that brings meals to senior citizens of Area. Another way to be the hands and feet of Jesus and help those in need. Our months vary thru the year.

The mission if you choose to accept it is to get water from the front bucket to the other Buckets behind you without spilling it...go...!



Beautiful cross, Miss Laura!!



Looks like they are enjoying some relaxation time while waiting for more fun to begin.... All in all it looked like a pretty wonderful time our youth have had this summer at their retreat...and like the previous page who doesn't love an outdoor service to bring the spirit to everyone!



And we must not leave out these four beautiful ladies who stopped for an ice cream treat as they go to visit those that are part of our home bound church family! Another great month!!





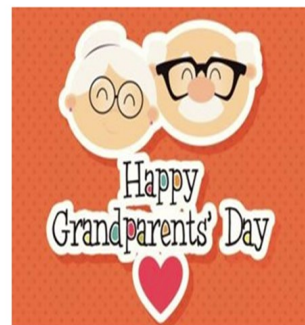
August 2022 silver Bucket



Donors to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are providing food, water, medicine, shelter and transportation to Ukrainians and other refugees fleeing Russian invaders inside their country and to those seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in the Ukraine.

All offerings will go directly to help this relief effort!



Grandparent / Special Person's Video Project

For our September 11 service we are Putting together a video to celebrate Grandparents I ask that you send pictures, stories, favorite quotes, Pics or video snippets of holidays, activities or just snuggles with a grandparent or special person You have in your life that supports and encourages you. It could be Christmas photos, sitting on the porch, playing games an old photo of someone you have in your life or was in your life. Video snips from your phone or photos, etc. Please email to web@umcluverne.com, drop off at the office, Or leave in my mailbox or text me at 507-920-5520 Thank you! Shannon

- Please turn in by Sept 5 -



Remember:



We need your **SUNSHINE RECEIPTS!** They can be put in the box on the table in the sanctuary. For the 2nd quarter receipts totaled \$20,966.64 which we then received a check for \$209.67 from Sunshine. Year-to-date we have received \$524.09.



Thank you for your continued support!

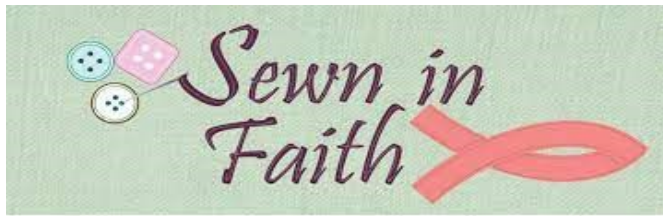




Since we began our mission, we have given away numerous quilts to the Mary Jane Brown Home, the Tuff Home, Project Morning Star, home

bound people, and a few others that we felt could use a 'warm hug'.

We continue to make quilts and have also made some 'project items' such as casserole carriers, hot pads, coasters, bowl cozies, plastic bag holders, placemats, etc. that we will sell to assist in funding our mission. If you are interested in any of these items, you can see these in the quilting room (former Food Pantry) and talk to any Sewn in Faith member. If you have any questions, you may contact Becky Anderson.



The Sewn in Faith team has been having so much fun together this summer. We will only meet one time a month during summer, and plan to return to twice a month sometime in the fall...stay tuned for details We are still meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Our meeting begins at 1:30pm. Mark your calendar... Our next meeting is scheduled for:
August 9, 2022



August 2022 silver Bucket



One of the members of our faith family happens to have a contact in the Ukraine and this is what they had to say...

This person is working within an area where there are about 240,000 refugees. They are coming from all over the Ukraine - especially in towns and cities that have bombed. The need is great for most everyone for food and basic supplies needed for hygiene, etc.

These people aged 2 to 82 are living in dormitories, orphanages, school rooms, or anywhere else the government and churches can find. Many have come with just the things they could carry on the train or bus and have needed to leave work, families, and livelihoods behind.

A bag of food and personal items for these people costs around \$26 and are delivered as we share the gospel and give out New Testaments and other biblical literature.

Another great need for the older people living on just their pensions. The average pension for the Ukraine is around \$46 a month. A woman in her 70's shared recently that her husband suffered a stroke and is unable to walk. They are living in a dormitory and they will need to look for another place in the fall and their pension is \$52 a month.

There are hundreds of stories just like this for people who have been pillaged, plundered, and traumatized for no reason. We are trusting God and believing he will bring good out of this.

Please give all you can to help these and other refugees of the Ukraine. This is a time of tragedy and desperate need for them. All the giving from the August Silver Bucket will go toward aiding those in the Ukraine. Thank you in advance for your donation to this cause



2022



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>PASTOR VACATIONING THRU AUGUST 8</div>	1	2 1:30pm - God's Circle 7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts	3 8pm - AA Meeting	4 11am-1pm - Salad Luncheon	5	6 8pm - AA Meeting
	7 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 9:45am - Coffee Hour 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study Katie Chapman officiating	8 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith <div>CONFIRMATION RETREAT 10AM-3PM AT THE CHURCH</div> 7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts	10 8pm - AA Meeting	11	12	13 8pm - AA Meeting
14 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service - Communion Prayer Warriors after Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	15	16 10am - Shut in visits 6pm - Trustee Meeting 6:30pm - PPR Meeting	17 8pm - AA Meeting	18 10am - Project Morningstar in Worthington	19	20 8pm - AA Meeting
21 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service - Communion 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	22 6:30pm - M&M meeting Messenger Deadline	23 6:30pm - Church Council Meeting 7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts	24 5:30pm - Community Meal 8pm - AA Meeting	25	26	27 8pm - AA Meeting
28 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study Blessing of backpacks	29 6pm - Worship and Music Meeting here - Bring own meal	30 9:30am - Folding Team	31 8pm - AA Meeting	Sept. 1	2	3 8pm - AA Meeting