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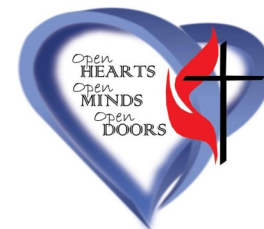
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September...2022

The Messenger

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
109 N. Freeman Avenue
Luverne, MN 56156
~
(507) 283-4529
Pastor Dorie Hall





From the Pastor

Happy September, Everyone!

We are about to enter into some time with John Wesley. Hopefully, you might remember that John Wesley founded Methodism and it might be helpful to know a bit about him as we continue through this time of denominational discernment. From “Forty days with John Wesley.”

The Christian life is impossible without God’s grace extended to the believer. God is the seeker and always initiates every relationship with us. Even our awakening to God is a response to the Holy Spirit at work within us. God may choose to come to us, save us, provide for us, and hold us close to the divine in any way God chooses. We cannot control the ways or means that God will choose to use in our transformation any more than we can command God to transform us. However, we can choose to utilize those means of grace that have consistently been used by God to draw persons toward goodness and God. And unless we utilize these channels of sustenance, it is unlikely that we will experience the joy or fruit of discipleship.

Wesley believed that the grace of God was freely offered to all, and he believed that God used the means of grace to offer the fruits of grace to every believer. Therefore, no one had to suffer from unforgiven sin. No one had to walk alone. No one had to be a prisoner of fear. No one had to stay as he or she was. All could know sins forgiven. All could know the assurance and comfort of the Saviors presence in their lives. All could be redeemed, and all could, by God’s grace, travel the road to perfection. It was grace, God’s grace, that made all this possible.

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

July 3, 2022 thru July 31, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 15,927.00
Loose offering	\$ 205.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
Coffee Shop	\$ 81.25
Online Giving (July)	<u>\$ 3,330.00</u>
	\$ 19,643.25

TOTAL \$ 19,643.25

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 177.34
Endowment Fund	\$ 25.00
Upper Room	<u>\$ 6.90</u>
	\$ 209.24

TOTAL \$ 209.24

TOTALS \$ 19,643.25
\$ 209.24
\$ 19,852.49

GRAND TOTAL \$ 19,852.49

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES THE
ONLINE GIVING
FOR JULY**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
September 4	Becky Anderson	Sue Stroh and LaVonne Anderson	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Felicia Hanson
September 11	Lola Donth	Bryce Schomacker	Jeanne Bowron	Jason Kruse	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
September 18	Mary Gehrke	Becky Anderson	Jennifer Hilfers	Matthew Fick	Gene Ashby
September 25	Laura Hollaren	Christine VonHoltum	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
September 4	Mary Gehrke	Jeanne VandeHoef
September 11	Felicia Hanson	Shannon Dwire
September 18	Jack Hanson	Josh and Emily Crabtree
September 25	Willy Baker	Mary Gehrke

Communion: Ashley Christensen

Video: Beth Fick

LOVE·GROW·SERVE



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

August 29, 2022 thru September 4, 2022 - Jay Mann
 September 5, 2022 thru September 11, 2022 - Roger Carlson
 September 12, 2022 thru September 18, 2022 - Laura Hollaren
 September 19, 2022 thru September 25, 2022 - Beth Fick
 September 26, 2022 thru October 2, 2022 - Jack Hanson

Living in the presence of and in harmony with the living God who is made known in Jesus Christ and companions us in the Holy Spirit is to live life from the inside out. It is to find our moral direction, our wisdom, our courage, our strength to live faithfully from the One who authored us, called us, sustains us, and sends us into the world as witnesses who daily practice the way of living with Jesus.

It is impossible to stay in love with God and not desire to see God's goodness and grace shared with the entire world.

Be blessed!

Pastor Doree

GOD'S GRACE ENABLES ME

BY JANET MULLALLY

I KNOW IT'S THE SPIRIT
 WHO'S AT WORK WITHIN ME
 'CAUSE I CAN'T DO THESE THINGS
 BY MYSELF
 I HAVE TRIED AND I'VE TRIED
 BUT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME
 ON MY OWN
 EVERYTHING IS A MESS
 I GIVE PRAISE TO MY LORD
 I GIVE PRAISE TO MY KING
 I GIVE GLORY AND HONOR
 TO GOD
 FOR IT'S HIM AND NOT ME
 THIS I CLEARLY DO SEE
 IT'S HIS GRACE
 THAT ENABLES ME

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LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Info for Grandparent/Special Person Video - Sept. 5
- ☒ Rally Day and Grandparents Day - September 11
- ☒ See You at the Pole - September 28
- ☒ Community Meal - September 28
- ☒ Community Meal - October 26
- ☒ Halloween Day Out - October 30



COMMUNION SUDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

SHUT-IN COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022



As we continue down the path...

Your council has been in discussion and will continue to be about the happenings in our United Methodist Denomination. As we recently had our DS Fred Vanderwerf visit with us about the current situation, we will be inviting others to share with us as well. We want you to be aware that doing your own research (with full care to research well and in light of truth and discernment) will benefit you greatly. There is a great deal of information and misinformation. Your leadership is available and willing to have discussion with all of you simply by asking.

Leaders involved in this include Mary Gehrke, Shannon Dwire, Sandy Vogt, and Bryce Schomacker, as well as Pastor Dorie. It is important for all of us to have an understanding to some level about this important subject. Watch for information to also be shared on Sundays.



September 24, 2022

LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

will be offering

Casey's donuts, water and coffee
in our courtyard during the
Tri-State Band Festival parade

SERVING FROM 9:00 until gone

MAIN STREET LUVERNE

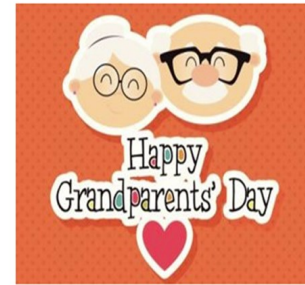


Luverne UMC's Annual Bonfire

We are in the process of planning for our annual Bonfire. This event has been a wonderful, special time for our Faith

Family to come together. Last year we added events for our kids, youth, families and others to have some fun and get to know each other. We want to plan a similar day this year. There will be more details as this event draws closer so be sure to watch Facebook, Flocknote, and other media to find out the details...

We have set aside Sunday, September 25th as the day of our Bonfire, and as in years past, it will be out at Roger and Sandy Vogt's farm. Be sure to mark your calendars and bring your lawn chairs!



**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

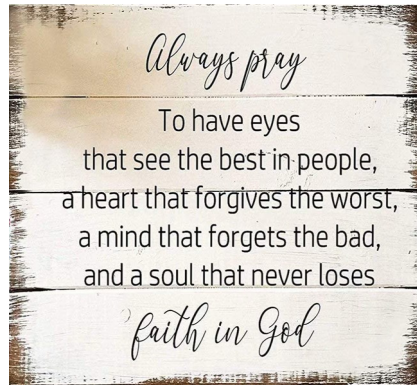
- Please turn in by Sept 5 -



September 11, 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:



Luverne Schools First day...September 6, 2022



WEEK OF September 4, 2022 - Gene Ashby, Matthew Fick, Maru Laackmann and Carol Grimaldo, Josh and Brittany Yamauchi Family, Mike and Christine Reverts Family, Jeanne VandeHoef and for hearts who are searching.

WEEK OF September 11, 2022 - Connor and Cicely Crabtree, Morris and Beth Fick, Duane Mulder, Darwin and Evelyn Reyne, Jessica VandeHoef and for the Lent and Easter Season.

WEEK OF September 18, 2022 - Jeff and Sheila Aukes, Josh and Emily Crabtree, Norbert and Lauren Fick, Todd Leech, Randy and Marcia Mulder, Jerry and Ann Rigney and for the Rock County Food Shelf.

WEEK OF September 25, 2022 - Misty Baker, Mike and Phoebe Flom, Madigan Flom, Tyler Mulder Family, Marty and Candice Rigney Family, Heather VanWyhe and Christopher Brown Family and for our Outreach Ministries.

Have a Great Year Everyone!



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 August 2022:

August 7, 2022 ~ Today's broadcast is sponsored in honor of summer and all of the fun activities we are all getting to do with family and friends! As we need to nurture our faith family and our relationship with Jesus, we also need to nurture our relationships at home as well. Summer is winding down and school will begin again. Be safe and have fun!

August 14, 2022 ~ Today's broadcast is sponsored in honor of our youth who will be returning to school and all the fun, hard work, hanging with friends, sporting event and more that goes along with the school year. With everything going on at the start of the new year, may God bless them with peace, patience and understanding.

August 21, 2022 ~ Today's broadcast is sponsored in honor of all of the fun events coming up soon for our community and Faith Family. May we use these activities as a chance to talk and be with one another, to serve others, grow closer as a faith family, and invite the Spirit to enrich our lives through service and fun!

August 28, 2022 ~ Today's broadcast is sponsored in honor of our youth in this congregation. As we bless their backpacks today and pray a special prayer for them today, let them feel enveloped in God's love. May their school year be a wonderful one as they move forward in their scholastic journey!

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

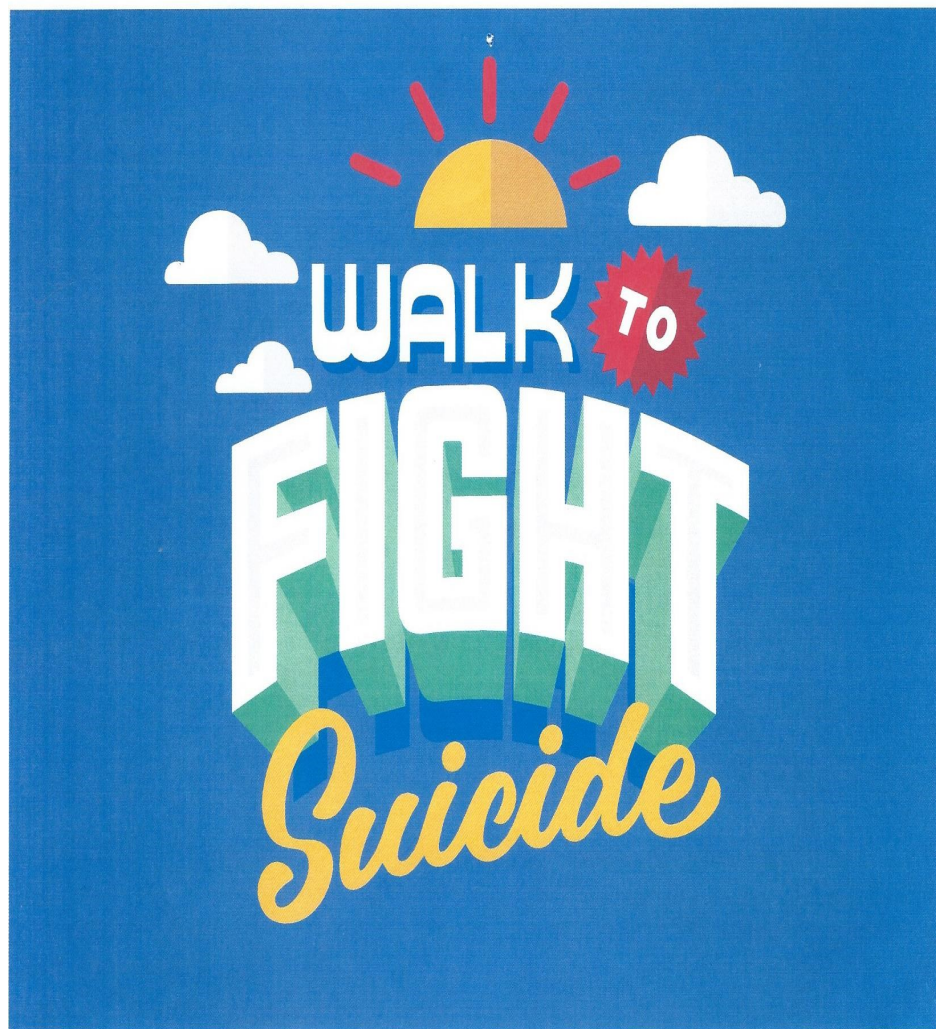
Evans Memorial Home - Cresco, IA - Carol Ohlsen



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:

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September 16, 2022



Luverne 'Out of the Darkness' Suicide Prevention Walk

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Registration begins at 8:00 AM, Walk 9:00-11:00 AM

Location: City Park (700 E. Main St., Luverne, MN)

Register at
<https://supporting.afsp.org/event/Luverne>



September.....2022

- 1 - Zachary Kruse
Travis Arends
- 3 - Cody Gehrke
Andrea Sparks
- 4 - Keith Petersen
- 5 - Annabelle Frakes
Jason Kruse
- 6 - Wayne Biever
- 12 - Mary Gehrke
- 13 - Jana Read
- 15 - Ellen Wenninger
- 16 - Sue Stroh
Carol Kor
- 21 - Cherise Ray
- 23 - Tammy Moeller
- 25 - Michael Aning
- 27 - Chris Schaeffer
- 28 - Madigan Flom
Sheila Aukes
- 29 - Jeremy Reisdorfer

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Fun Facts about Labor Day

Happy Labor Day! Many of us will be enjoying this day off work to celebrate the end of summer with family and friends at picnics, pool parties and BBQs. Here are some fun and interesting facts about Labor Day that you might not have known...

The first U.S. Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union. The Labor Day parade of about 10,000 workers took unpaid leave and marched from City Hall past Union Square uptown to 42nd street, and ended in Wendel's Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue for a concert, speeches, and a picnic.

Oregon was the first to declare Labor Day an official holiday in 1887.

Labor Day is considered the 'unofficial NFL season kickoff.' 99 percent of the time, the NFL plays its first official season game the Thursday after Labor Day.

The first Waffle house opened on Labor Day. In 1955, in Avondale Estates, GA, the very first Waffle House opened its doors to the public.

What are we celebrating? The contributions and achievements of the 155 million men and women who are in the U.S. workforce.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District



Project Morning Star 2nd Annual Golf Scrambler

September 13, 2022

\$50 Per person

\$200 per team. (4-person teams)

Admission Includes:

✓ 9 Hole Golf & Cart

✓ Dinner. Dinner only \$25

✓ Fun & Prizes!

Where?

Adrian Country Club
849 Maine AVE Adrian MN 56110

Times

4:30 - Shotgun start
7:30 - Dinner

For more information on hole sponsorship, door prize donations, team registration, dinner RSVP's, or general information, contact us at
507-372-2770 or
projectmorningstar@frontier.com



September 2022 Silver Bucket



Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area.

Red Bird Mission strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity and Community Housing Improvement.

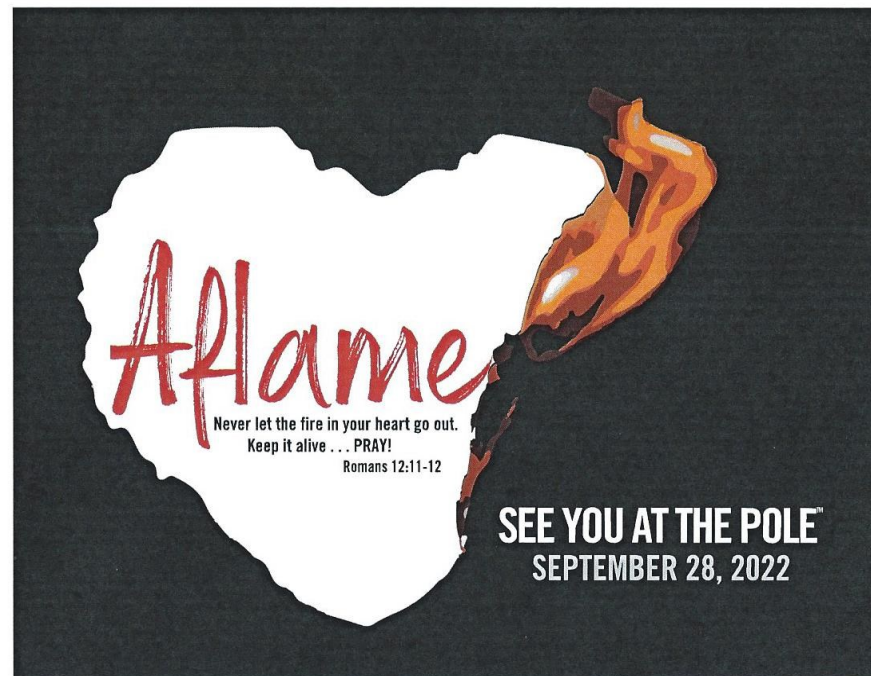
Support for these ministries comes from churches and individuals across the nation. Your donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will help us continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia.

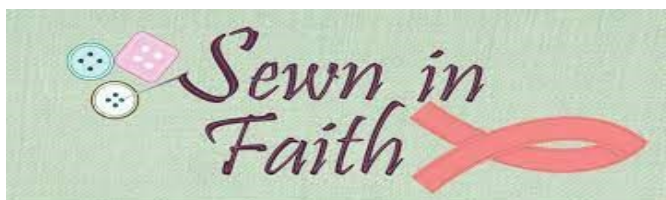
Please give all you can this month to help this important cause! Thank you!



Thank you to everyone for your prayers and for the love I felt from everyone when my mother passed away. All the kind words and cards meant the world to me. May God bless every one of you.

~ Becky Anderson and Family





The Sewn in Faith team has been having so much fun together this summer. We only met one time a month during summer, and plan to return to twice a month starting this month (September). We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Our meeting begins at 1:30pm.

*Mark your
calendar... Our next meetings are scheduled for:
September 13 and 27, 2022*



We are going to have a special Sunday on **September 11th** during worship service! We will give out Bibles to our new Confirmands and the Second graders.

We are still working out some details as to what else will go on, but be sure watch for details to come and be sure to attend this Sunday set aside for our kids and their growth in all things faith.

**All classes will begin on Wednesday night,
September 14, 2022 at 6:15 pm.**



From Your Church Council... August 23, 2022 Meeting Highlights



Finance: Bills are up to date, apportionments paid through June.

Staff-Parish: No report given.

Trustees: Committee is working on several items. Updated fee schedule was provided and approved.

Worship and Music/Sanctuary Care: Committee has been meeting regularly again to plan worship, continue to evaluate sound in sanctuary.

M & M: It has been decided that the church will provide free coffee, water, and donuts at the Tri-State Band Festival again this year.

Children's Ministries/Youth Leadership: Committee is gearing up for the next year of activities. Retreat went great.

Scholarship Fund: Journey Dwire received a scholarship this year.

Pastor: PD gave her report on activities and work in the last two months.

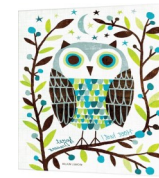
Endowment Fund: The Endowment Fund reviewed grant applications and will give out the awarded amounts on September 11, 2022.

UMW: Sandy reported that the Salad Luncheon was a success.

Website/Technology: Shannon provided a report on various pieces from our current technology pieces, including viewership, giving and attention. Don't forget to provide pictures for Grandparents Day.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:30pm

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2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 8pm - AA Meeting
4 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult SS/9:15 - Coffee Hour 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	5 Grandparents Day info due	6 1:30pm - God's Circle 7pm - Scouts First Day of School	7 8pm - AA Meeting	8	9	10 1-3pm - FH in use 8pm - AA Meeting
11 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult SS/9:15am - Coffee Hour 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service - Communion Prayer Warriors after Service Rally Day/Grandparents Day 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	12	13 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 4:30pm - Project Morning Star Golf Tourney 7pm - Scouts	14 6:15pm - FUEL and 6:30pm - Confirmation kickoff 8pm - AA Meeting	15	16	17 11am-1pm - Bridal Shower in FH 8pm - AA Meeting
18 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult SS/9:15pm - Coffee Hour 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	19 MESSENGER DEADLINE	20 10am - Shut in visits 6:30pm - PPR Meeting	21 6:15pm - FUEL and 6:30pm - Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	22 PD in the Cities	23	24 9am - Band Festival Coffee/Donuts 8pm - AA Meeting
25 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult SS/9:15am - Coffee Hour 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study Annual Bonfire - Vogt's Farm	26	27 9:30am - Folding Team 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 7pm - Scouts	28 See You at the Pole 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - FUEL 6:30pm - Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	29	30	Oct. 1 8pm - AA Meeting