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December...2022

The Messenger

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

~
(507) 283-4529
Pastor Dorie Hall





From the
Pastor's Desk



Merry Christmas
from our family to
yours!

May you have a
blessed Holiday
Season!

Pastor Dorie &



BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

November 6, 2022 thru November 27, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 11,667.00
Loose offering	\$ 453.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
Coffee Shop	\$ 69.00
Radio Broadcast	\$ 100.00
Online giving (Oct)	\$ <u>5,765.00</u>
	\$ 18,154.00

TOTAL \$ 18,154.00

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 73.29
Smook Funeral	\$ 100.00
Misc. Donations	\$ 1217.00
Upper Room	\$ <u>6.00</u>
	\$ 1,396.29

TOTAL \$ 1,396.29

TRUSTEES

General \$

TOTALS \$ 18,154.00
\$ 1,396.29

\$ 19,550.29

GRAND TOTALS \$ 19,294.08

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES THE
ONLINE GIVING
TOTALS FOR
OCTOBER 2022**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
Dec. 4	Laura Hollaren	Paul Jr. and Lola Donth	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Felicia Hanson
Dec. 11	Sandy Vogt	Jeanne and Jessie VandeHoef	Jennifer Hilfers	Jason Kruse	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
Dec. 18	Christine VonHoltum	Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Gene Ashby
Dec. 24 Christ. Eve	Becky Anderson	Steve and Penny Cattnach Family	Carol McDonald	Matthew Fick	Felicia Hanson
Dec. 25	NO	SERVICE	MERRY CHRISTMAS	AND	GOD BLESS YOU!!

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
December 4	Felicia Hanson	Emily Crabtree
December 11	Jack Hanson	Felicia Hanson
December 18	Willy Baker	Wyatte Kruse
December 24	No one	Open
December 25	NO SERVICE	FELIZ NAVIDAD!



Communion: Jim Hanson **Video:** Beth Fick

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR DECEMBER 2022

November 28, 2022 thru December 4, 2022 - Cody Gehrke
 December 5, 2022 thru December 11, 2022 - Morris Fick
 December 12, 2022 thru December 18, 2022 - Al Aanenson
 December 19, 2022 thru December 25, 2022 - Jack Hanson
 December 26, 2022 thru January 1, 2023 - Jeanne Bowron



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you have the gift of faith,
 the blessing of hope, and the
 joy of family.

LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Hanging of the Greens service/potluck - December 4
- ☒ FUEL Christmas Program - December 21
- ☒ Christmas Meditation Palace Theater - December 23
- ☒ December Christmas Eve Meal - December 24
- ☒ Officer Recognition Sunday - January 8



COMMUNION SERVICE

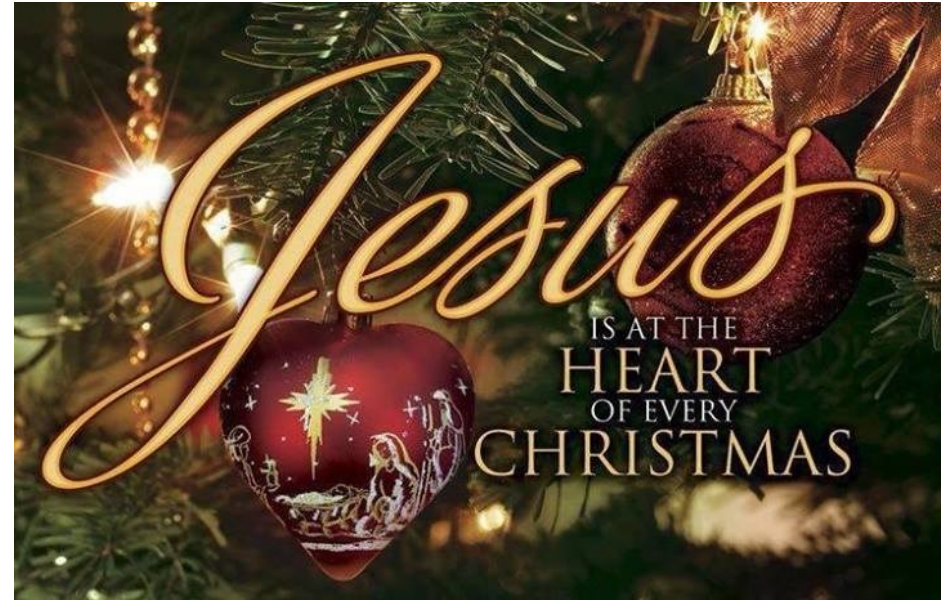
DECEMBER 11, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

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## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24, 2022 ~ 5PM

*Have a very Merry Christmas*



## Community Meal

Please Join Us!

December 24, 2022  
Christmas Eve Meal

January 25, 2023

February 22, 2023

FREE OF CHARGE  
5:30 PM





**Sponsor a broadcast for \$90.** The chart for 2021 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 and well wishes for November 2022:**

**November 6, 2022** - This broadcast was sponsored in honor and remembrance of those we have left behind and in celebration for those who bring new life into our loving faith family. May we hold them all in our hearts and prayers.

**November 13, 2022** - With the holiday of Christmas drawing near, this broadcast was sponsored in remembrance of holy communion and what it means to partake of it. All sins and doubt can be washed away as we remember our savior's sacrifices for us.

**November 20, 2022** - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of Thanksgiving! It is not all about the great meal or even just the gathering with friends, family, or other loved ones. It is about being thankful for the many blessings and/or small miracles we have witnessed. Offer thanks to those around you and remember to offer thanks and praise to our Savior for all his help and sacrifice to and for us!

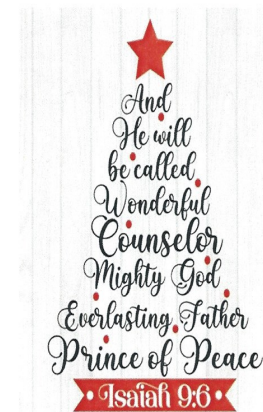
**November 27, 2022** - This broadcast was sponsored by Willy Baker. He would like to remind us all to remember to give thanks for all the blessings we have received in our lives. With Advent and the Christmas season fast approaching this is especially important. Thank you Willy for sponsoring this week's broadcast.



December 4, 2022 ~ 10:30 am

Please be sure to join us at our very special Hanging of the Greens Sunday Worship Service! This is an Annual Worship Service where we decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

This is always a fun time for our youth as well as they have special ornaments to decorate our Christmas tree. It is always beautiful after we are done decorating so please be sure to come and be part of bringing Christmas to our Sanctuary.



After our very special service, please be sure to join us downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for our Annual Hanging of the Greens/Christmas potluck!

**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 December 4, 2022** - Brad and Heather Petersen family, Jon and Erika Menning Family, Beverly Ford, Christine VonHoltum, Karen Buus and for Evangelism.

**WEEK OF December 11, 2022** - Adam and Amanda Breheny Family, Eleanor Dicks, Bryce and Ginger Schomacker Family, Elwayne Petersen, Rick and Deb Ward, Sue Stroh and for the Annual Christmas Eve Dinner.

**WEEK OF December 18, 2022** - Kim Donth, Luther and Pastor Dorie Hall Family, Colby Crabtree, Madigan Flom, Laura Hollaren and for the Epiphany Season.

**WEEK OF December 25, 2021** - Al and Dixie Aanenson, Paul Jr. and Lola Donth, Ray Hankins, Jay and Bev Mann, Lee and Megan Tapper Family, Ian and Kristen Ruppert, Ralph Watts and for our FUEL Children's Ministry.



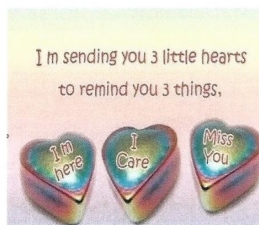
We are now offering a Prayer Chapel on Wednesdays...with all that goes on in our world today, we sometimes get caught up in the hustle and bustle and forget to take time out of our lives to just be still, breathe deep and reflect on things.

If you are struggling with this or just want a quiet place to sit and pray we at the LUMC are offering you a place to sit and offer your troubles as well as triumphs up to our Savior! Our upstairs Chapel will be open to all every Wednesday from 9am-7pm. There will be soft music and lighting to offer a relaxing stress free feeling when you enter. Feel free to stay as long as you like!



**December 11, 2022**  
Please feel free to join us  
after the service...  
all are welcome!





During the holiday season it is important that those who cannot be with us know that our thoughts are with them. Kind words can make all the difference in the world to those who need to hear them! Here is the list of our homebound so if you want to reach out you can.

Raymond Hankins  
1516 E Avenue  
Worthington, MN 56187  
Ph. (507) 376-5721

David Johnson  
1714 Cecille Street  
Worthington, MN 56187

Jean Bolluyt and Paul Nath  
216 N. McKenzie Street Apt. 601  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 920-0908

Eleanor Dicks  
106 E. Christensen Drive  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 283-2062 – ask for her

Norbert and Laureen Fick  
121 N. Davison Street  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 449-2067

Dale Hawes  
210 E. Oakland Avenue  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 283-8858

Ardie Schmidt  
110 S. Walnut Avenue #1  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 220-3398

Wendy Jamieson  
300 London Road  
Marshall, MN 56258

Stephen Foster  
120 N. Spring Street #405  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 920-2583

Sally Cooksley  
203 Oak Drive Apt. 112  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 283-8707

Buster Rust  
MN Veterans Home  
1300 N. Kniss Avenue Room #229  
Luverne, MN 56156  
(507) 220-3614

Ralph Watts Ph. (507) 962-3276  
Tuff Memorial Home  
505 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hills, MN 56138

Bill Holling  
110 S. Walnut Avenue #  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 449-0351

Keith & Betty Luethje  
220 Oak Drive  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 283-2702

Carol Ohlsen  
Evans Memorial Home# 103  
1010 N. Elm Street  
Cresco, IA 52136

Annabelle Frakes  
201 Oak Drive Apt. 402  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 220-3615

Russ and Colleen Enga  
1504 Blue Ridge Drive  
Luverne, MN 56156  
Ph. (507) 920-0354

Connie Olson  
406 S. Elizabeth Avenue #4  
Hills, MN 56138  
Ph. (507) 220-7307

The need for love and kindness goes beyond this list. If you feel like you should reach out to someone, trust that instinct and share the love!

The phone numbers and addresses listed are the same as in your membership handbooks. If they have changed, if anyone knows the correct number, please feel free to contact the office.

*So thankful  
for each one  
of you!*

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



Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne

- Ardith (Ardie) Schmidt - Bill Holling

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne

- Annabelle Frakes

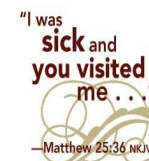
The Oaks - Luverne - Sally Cooksley

Evans Memorial Home - Cresco, IA - Carol Ohlsen



*We are excited to share at this moment that we have resumed regular visits to our shut ins and will begin our scheduled communion visits as well. We will be taking communion around the community and to our special homes. 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! Our next communion visit is*

*December 20, 2022 ~ 10am*



Yep...it's that time again! Here's a look back at some November events...

First off, we have opened our Chapel for open prayer every Wednesday from 9am-7pm. A great place to sit with your thoughts without interruptions from this busy world...

Next...as always we always have a Silver Bucket or Trunk Ministry for our local SHARE program where we donate warm hats and gloves along with Undy Sunday for socks and yep you guessed it!... Undies for those in need this winter...



It is very important that our youth spend time getting to know our members who are homebound as they are not here Sundays to share their wisdom with our youth...as a project and great chance to get to know our homebound, the youth make and deliver Thanksgiving baskets each year.

Here are 2 photos of those who received them this year...



Annabelle Frakes and Keith and Betty Luethje...



We also had fun getting together to serve others with our Annual free Thanksgiving Dinner Community Meal...youth and adult alike were there to help!



And without further ado...We welcome Cade James Ruppert to our faith family through Holy Baptism on November 27th...congratulations Ian and Kristen...

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Well that's a pretty big month if you ask me! Stay tuned next month for a look back over 2022!!!



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- 3 Nova Like
- 4 Jerry Rigney  
Kasyn Kruse
- 5 Paul Donth, Jr.
- 6 Mitchell Schomacker
- 7 Adam VonHoltum
- 10 Blake Sauer
- 11 Deb Hanson
- 13 LaVonne Anderson
- 19 Harper VandentHoek
- 20 Jay Mann  
Caitlynn Moeller  
Olivia Moeller
- 23 Aubrey Davis
- 25 Carol Ohlsen
- 26 Ashley Christensen
- 29 Brianna Jonason
- 30 Donald Ray

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

## LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

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# Christmas Eve

## **Christmas Eve Worship Service 5pm Christmas Eve Community Meal 6pm**

Christmas is about the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ; without him where would we be?! There is much to celebrate! As a Faith Family, it becomes important for us to also live out our faith in our Community. Our first Christmas Eve Community Meal was in the year 2013. It was very well received in our community by people who were alone, who did not necessarily have a place to go, to those who wanted to have fellowship and for those who wanted to live out their faith. A couple of those years, it was even a difficult travel year, so people joined us instead of risking the weather. We continue this special evening of fellowship, warmth and food. Our meal begins at 6pm after our 5pm Christmas Eve service. You are ALWAYS welcome to join us! You are especially encouraged to share this event with others! If you would like to donate, please use the offering on Sunday for the Silver Bucket or talk to Pastor Dorie. If you would like to sign up for the meal or to offer to bring something, there will be signup sheets available soon!

# Christmas Eve



## December 2022 Silver Bucket

### **Luverne United Methodist Church Community Meals**



COMMUNITY DINNER



### **And also the Annual Christmas Eve Dinner**

These meals have been such a success and a wonderful opportunity to share our love and a meal with our community. Please give generously to this month's Silver Bucket so that we can continue providing these meals to those who would like to come!

All donations will go toward this cause.



**Annual Christmas Meditation**  
**December 23, 2022**  
**4:30pm - 7pm**

In the hope of expanding our community outreach, we will be holding our annual Christmas Meditation at the Luverne Palace Theater from 4:00-7:00pm on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

During this time, you are encouraged to relax, perhaps reflect on the past year, remember the reason for the season, and take time out for yourself; away from shopping lists, cooking, and baking lists, and other various stressors we may be facing this time of year.

You are welcome to take a seat in the theater, listen to peaceful piano music, and center yourself into the Christmas season. The theater will be darkened, lightened only by Christmas lights and calming winter pictures on the movie screen.

As always, this is a free event and open to all. You are welcome to stay as long as your heart needs.

Christmas goodies and cider will be available in the lobby.



**Open Table Moments,:**  
**Our Denominational Information Sharing**

Your leadership is in the process of planning a few Open Table Moments for us to have time to informally sit and discuss what is happening in our United Methodist Denomination. The hope is to eliminate the stress and drama that tends to overcome such times as this and just sit and have a time to ask questions, learn more detailed information, hear other people's thoughts and feelings, and get a better idea as to what is coming and the history of all of this, which can go back many years.

We believe we are a strong faith family and God has blessed us with many things. Part of that is the ability to talk things through and make decisions together rather than fracture or get deep emotions involved that cause even more emotional conflict.

There are many things attached to this, many of which haven't been discussed. This will give all of us time to get the information we need to continue as a faith family and learn. We all gather information and research differently; this will help us grow even more united.

Please keep watch for signups with dates and times to be able to come together. We are still looking for hosts for these events, if you are interested in hosting 10-12 people for a time of talking, please let Pastor Dorie or the office know.



Another Holiday  
Season is almost  
here...



That means the Annual Children and Youth Christmas Program is as well. Our program won't be the same without you...practice is about to begin! Our first night of practice is scheduled during our Wednesday night classes beginning November 9, 2022 at 6:15pm right here at Luverne UMC....

Our Annual Christmas Program is being held on December 21, 2022 and we want to extend an invite to you to participate with us! We love you! Your beautiful spirit would be an awesome addition to our Christmas tradition!  
Please reach out to Pastor Dorie for more information!

(507) 920-5278





## KEEP CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF CHRISTMAS



Advent wreath

The advent wreath consists of a circular garland of evergreen representing the eternity of God with four candles, each representing an aspect of spiritual preparation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. One candle is lit at each of four Advent Sunday services celebrating the Light of Christ coming into the world. The four candles proclaim the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total 4000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior.

On the **first** Sunday of Advent we light the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. (Isaiah 7:14). This purple or blue candle represents Hope in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The **second** Sunday of Advent we light the "Bethlehem Candle" symbolizing Christ's manger (Luke 2:12). This purple or blue candle represents Love

On the **third** Advent Sunday we light the "Shepherd's Candle" of rose/pink representing Joy. (Luke 2: 8-11)

The **fourth** Advent Sunday we light the "Angels Candle" which is purple or blue and represents Peace. (Luke 2:13-14)

On Christmas Eve we light the white "Christ Candle" representing Purity in the life and light of Christ that has come into the world. Christ is the sinless, spotless, and pure Savior. (Isaiah 1:18)

The Advent Wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as the followers of Jesus.



Sewn in Faith has had a busy year and, therefore, we have some items that would make great Christmas gifts for sale (casserole carriers, bowl cozies, plastic bag holders, placemats, coasters, etc.) Also included will be some beautiful Christmas blankets (different sizes) that will have prices listed. These items will be displayed on a table by the library. A few of the items will have price tags while a lot of other items will be a 'free will donation'. Checks can be made out to **Sewn in Faith**. Your help will help us continue our mission. Thank you!

And if you would like to join us in making items, we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month (except June, July & August when we only meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) at 1:30 in the quilting room. Everyone is invited to join us and no experience is needed.



It's back!! Don't forget to mark your calendars for our monthly Pizza Ranch Take Out Fundraiser Night on the 2nd Wednesday of each month!

10% of the proceeds will come back to the church to benefit our Children and Youth Wednesday night programs!

It's easy! Call or go into Pizza Ranch and get your order to go...bring it home...ENJOY the yumminess of your meal...and BAM...10% of your order is given back to our church...

**Our next Take Out Night is  
December 14, 2022**






2022



# December



2022

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                                                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                   | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY                                                  | SATURDAY                                                                                                            |
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| <div> <b>PASTOR DORIE<br/>VACATION:</b><br/><br/> <b>DECEMBER 26 THRU<br/>JANUARY 1, 2023</b> </div>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                             | 1<br>7pm - Open AA Meeting            | 2                                                       | 3<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                                                           |
| 4<br>2nd Sunday of Advent<br>9am - Adult Sunday School/9:15am - Coffee<br>10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service - All Saint's Day Service<br>4:30pm - Bible Study<br><br>HANGING OF THE GREENS/POTLUCK   | 5<br>6:30pm - M&M Meeting                                                                                      | 6<br>1:30pm - God's Circle<br><br>7pm - Scouts                            | 7<br>9am - Open Prayer Chapel<br>6:15pm - FUEL<br>6:30pm - Confirmation<br>8pm - AA Mtg  | 8<br>7pm - Open AA Meeting            | 9                                                       | 10<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                                                          |
| 11<br>3rd Sunday of Advent<br>9am - Adult Sunday School/9:15am - Coffee<br>10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service - Communion<br>Prayer Warriors after Service<br>4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study | 12                                                                                                             | 13<br>1:30pm - Sewn in Faith<br><br>7pm - Scouts                          | 14<br>9am - Open Prayer Chapel<br>6:15pm - FUEL<br>6:30pm - Confirmation<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                                            | 15<br>7pm - Open AA Meeting           | 16                                                      | 17<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                                                          |
| 18<br>4th Sunday of Advent<br>9:30am - Adult SS/9:45am - Coffee Hour<br>10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service<br>4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study<br>6:30pm - ALIVE Christmas Party               | 19<br><br>MESSENGER DEADLINE                                                                                   | 20<br>10am - Shut in visits                                               | 21<br>9am - Open Prayer Chapel<br>7pm - FUEL Christmas Program<br>NO CONFIRMATION<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                                   | 22<br>7pm - Open AA Meeting           | 23<br>4:30-7pm - Christmas Meditation<br>Palace Theater | 24<br>5pm - Christ. Eve Worship Service<br>6pm - Comm. Meal<br>8pm - AA                                             |
| 25<br>Christmas Day<br>No services, Merry Christmas Everyone<br><br>                                                    | 26<br><div> <b>PASTOR DORIE<br/>VACATION:</b><br/><br/> <b>DECEMBER 26<br/>THRU<br/>JANUARY 1, 2023</b> </div> | 27<br>9:30am - Folding Team<br>1:30pm - Sewn in Faith<br><br>7pm - Scouts | 28<br>9am - Open Prayer Chapel<br>NO CLASSES<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                                                                        | 29<br>7pm - Open AA Meeting<br><br>13 | 30                                                      | 31<br>8pm - AA Meeting<br><br> |