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January....2023





From the Pastor's Desk



For my piece this month, I would like to share this very important message with you...

From CH Spurgeon, "Always There" *I am always with you.* ~ Matthew 28:20

The Lord Jesus is among His people; He walks between the golden candlesticks; His promise is, "I am with you always." He is as surely with us now as He was with the disciples at the lake when they saw coals of fire and fish being prepared for breakfast. Not physically, but still in reality, Jesus is with us. And an important truth this is, for where Jesus is, *love becomes passionate*. Of all the things in the world that can set the heart burning, there is nothing like the presence of Jesus! A glimpse of Him is so overwhelming that we are ready to say, "Turn away Your eyes from me, for they have overcome me." Even the fragrance of the aloes and the myrrh and the cinnamon, which linger on His perfumed garments, causes the sick and the faint to grow strong.

A moment's leaning of the head upon that gracious chest, welcoming His divine love into our poor cold hearts, and suddenly we are no longer cold but shine like seraphs, equal to every task and capable of bearing every suffering. If we know that Jesus is with us, *every power will be heightened*, and every grace will be strengthened, and we will cast ourselves into the Lord's service with heart and soul and strength; therefore the presence of Christ is to be desired above all things. *His presence will be realized most by those who are most like Him*.



GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

December 4, 2022 thru December 25, 2022

Envelopes Loose offering Apportionments Online giving (Nov.)	\$ \$ \$ 3,	555.00 495.00 100.00 180.00 330.00	
TOTAL	\$ 16,3	30.00	
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Silver Bucket Rebate Mary's Angels	\$3 <u>\$5</u>	9.00 0.25 <u>0.00</u> 9.25	
TOTAL	\$ 15	9.25	
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General	\$ —0—	-	
TOTALS	\$ 16,33 <u>\$ 15</u>	30.00 59.25	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 16,4	89.25	
			PLEASE NOTE:
	23		THIS TOTAL INCLUDES THE ONLINE GIVING TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts Power Point		Sound	Counters		
Jan. 1	Mary Gehrke	Mary and Cody Gehrke	Jeanne Bowron		David Vis	Felicia Hanson	
Jan. 8	Laura Hollaren	Paul Jr. and Lola Donth	Carol McDonald		Luther Hall	Everett/ Jan Bran- denburg	
Jan. 15	Mary Gehrke	Bryce Schomacker	Jennifer Hilfers		Matthew Fick	Gene Ashby	
Jan. 22	David Vis	Mark Dahl and Dr. Di- ane Kennedy	Carol McDonald		Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann	
Jan. 29	Sandy Vogt	Christine VonHoltum	Jeanne Bowron		Luther Hall	Felicia Hanson	
]	Date	Worship Assistants C		Coffee Makers			
Jar	nuary 1	Sandy Vogt			Jeanne Bowron		
Jar	nuary 8	Becky Anderson			Anissa Vis		
Jan	uary 15	Emily Crabtree		Mary Gehrke			
Jan	January 22 Felicia Ha		anson		Felicia Hanson		
Jan	January 29 Lola Dor		onth	Jeanne VandeHoef		deHoef	



Communion: Ashley Christensen **Video**: Beth Fick

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR JANUARY 2023

December 26, 2022 thru January 1, 2023 - Jeanne Bowron January 2, 2023 thru January 8. 2023 - Laura Hollaren January 9, 2023 thru January 15, 2023 - Beth Fick January 16, 2023 thru January 22, 2023 - Roger Carlson January 23, 2023 thru January 29, 2023 - Jack Hanson January 30, 2023 thru February 5, 2023 - Al Aanenson If you desire to see Christ, you must grow in conformity to Him. Bring yourself, by the power of the Spirit, into union with Christ's desires and motives and plans of action, and you are likely to be favored with His company.

Remember, *His presence may be enjoyed*. His promise is as true as ever. He delights to be with us. If He does not come, it is because we hinder Him by our indifference. He will reveal Himself to our sincere prayers and graciously allow Himself to be detained by our cries and by our tears, for these are the golden chains that bind Jesus to His people.

Be Blessed everyone,

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- Matthew 28:19-20 NIV



- Pizza Ranch Take Out Night January 11 \boxtimes
- ALIVE Field Trip January 15 LX>
- Officer Recognition Sunday January 22 $|\times\rangle$
- Chocolate Buffet February 5 \boxtimes
- \boxtimes Confirmation Retreat - February 19-20 at Grand Stay
- \boxtimes Community Meal - February 23
- \boxtimes Ignite Youth Conference - March 10-12



COMMUNION SERVICE JANUARY 8, 2023 - 10:30 AM

COMMUNION DAY FOR SHUT-INS JANUARY 17, 2023





Due to some very cold and blowing days that must have been delivered

by the grinch trying to ruin our cool Christmas Program done by our fabulous children and youth that was scheduled for December 21st at 7pm and was postponed until the 28th, I can only give you a sneak peek at the program cover with pictures to follow later...I am sure it will be pretty great...

A 60's Bethlehem Live The Distance

We cannot wait to see all that hard work from our great teachers and kids!! Since the grinchy mother nature was in such full force we did only get a few pictures of the Oh Deer sweater this year. Santa hats off to these great sports... Jessica Brands...Sue Stroh...Roger Carlson...



Ginny Menning...Jack Hanson and Jay Mann



Jay opted out of being in here but we did get a great picture together...love this tradition!! We do not want the most important reason for the season to go unnoticed...For Unto us a Child is Born!! Keeping Jesus at the forefront of Christmas...our candlelight Christmas Eve Service was beautiful!! The true spirit was felt there for sure! Amazing turnout to worship!!



December 21, 2022

December is always such a fun month to share with everyone as the Christmas Season is Upon us...to start us off here is a great picture of LaVonne sharing the devotion at God's Circle...and just look at the gathering we have...bigger all the time...





Every year is so special when we decorate or Sanctuary to prepare for the Christmas Season at our Hanging of the Greens Service...



Decorating is so very important but where would we be without those who provide us with our wonderful Christmas music... The beautiful Anissa and our wonderful Praise Team....



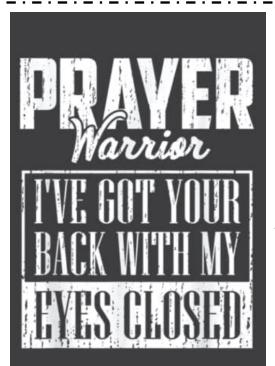
It's back!! Don't forget to mark your calendars for our monthly Pizza Ranch Take Out Fundraiser Night on the 2nd

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

January 11,2023



Please feel Free to join us on the second Sunday of every month. There is strength in numbers. Prayer Warriors are definitely needed to help those we know personally in need and for things happening in our world today that need us to pray and stand strong with them to overcome! Our next meeting is January 8, 2023 after our 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 lifeoccasionally? The Prayer Chain list for the month is as follows:



WEEK OF January 1, 2023 - Kim Donth, Pastor Dorie and Luther Hall Family, Colby Crabtree, Madigan Flom, Laura Hollaren and for the Epiphany Season.

WEEK OF January 8, 2023 - Riley Anderson, Brad and Heather Petersen Family, Erika Menning Family, Beverly Ford, Christine VonHoltum, Karen Buus and for Evangelism.

WEEK OF January 15, 2023 - Wayne Biever, Everett and Jan Brandenburg, Travis Frakes, Wayne Holmgren, Carol Ohlsen, Roger and Sandy Vogt and for UMC Ministries in our state.

WEEK OF January 22, 2023 – Patrick and Andrea Bennett Family, Mark Dahl and Dr. Diane Kennedy, Brett and Marissa VanderPoel Family, Matthew and Stephanie Reverts, Keith and Betty Luethje, Shane and Katie Sauer and for our Senior Care Ministry.

WEEK OF January 29, 2023 – Al and Dixie Aanenson, Paul Jr. and Lola Donth, Ray⁹ Hankins, Jay and Bev Mann, Kristen and Ian Ruppert Family, Ralph Watts and for the FUEL Children's Ministry program.





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 December 2022:

December 4, 2022 - was sponsored with love and comfort to the Luethie family as they work through their loss this holiday season. May the Lord bless them with his comfort and strength so they may come through this difficult time together, stronger in both spirit and hope with the help of our Savior, Jesus Christ. God bless the Luethje family for sponsoring this broadcast

December 11, 2022 - Today's broadcast was sponsored in honor of this third week of Advent. This week resembles joy. It is the hope that all of us in our wonderful faith family keep joy and love in our hearts for those we love, Christ's sacrifice, and the love and joy He feels for all of us this Advent Season.

December 18, 2022 - Today's broadcast is sponsored in honor of this 4th week of Advent. This week resembles peace. It reminds us of Peace on earth and goodwill towards men. We need more of that in the world today! This week should also remind us of the peace we can feel in our bones as we praise the Lord and prepare for the arrival of the Prince of Peace, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

December 24, 2022 - This broad&ast was sponsored in honor of our loving savior Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember his atoning sacrifice for us. Please remember to keep Christ at the forefront of this holiday season!

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes.



Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne

- Ardith (Ardie) Schmidt

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne

- Bill Holling - Annabelle Frakes

The Oaks-Luverne - Sally Cooksley

Evans Memorial Home - Cresco, IA - Carol Ohlsen



On the third Tuesday it is time for us to visit not only those who are homebound but those who are just in need of a visit from a friendly face. We take communion to those who need it and often share a spiritual message, prayer, or passage.

This has always been a very special, fun and joyous time for not only those we visit but for those who go out and visit each month. It is such a wonderful and fulfilling ministry. If you would like to join Pastor Dorie, Sue, LaVonne and Christine, please reach out to Pastor or any of the others mentioned so you can join in on spreading joy, compassion, spiritual enrichment and blessings. The next time of visiting sick and vou visited is scheduled for



Tuesday, January 17, 2023 ~ 10am



This is just another reminder to reach out to those members of our faith family that are homebound and those we don't see as often as we would like. The new year is upon us and I know that a phone call, text, card, or a personal visit to let them know you care can really brighten someone's day especially through the holiday season. This is a list of our homebound. And, if

you need the info for another special person not listed here please be sure to call the office for information.

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. 4th 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

No act of kindness is too small. The gift of kindness may start as a small ripple that over time can turn into a tidal wave affecting the lives of many guotespage1.blogspot.com



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2 - Alyssa Frakes

- 4 Kathy Schadwinkel
- 7 Darwin Reyne
- 9 Jan Brandenburg
- 10 Amber Arends
- 11 Phyllis Mohr Kinley Dwire
- 12 Beth Fick
- 14 Braelyn Nelson
- 15 Amy Kruger
- Marty Rigney
- 16 Yssi Entzie
 - Josh Crabtree
- 21 Journey Dwire
- 23 Linda Reisdorfer
- 24 Kim Donth
 - 29 Matthew Lupkes
 - Jeanne Bowron
 - Marv Laackmann
 - 30 Jessamy Dwire
 - 31 Mike Aanenson

LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

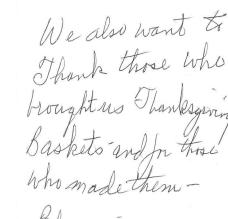
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Pastor Dorie Hall (home)507-283-4551 (cell) 507-920-5278 pastor@umcluverne.com Church Secretary - Jakki Lindsley - jakki@umcluverne.com It's coming up fast...we will be having our Annual Chocolate Buffet and Spaghetti Dinner on February 5, 2022!...Signup sheets to bring treats or help out in any way will be available on January 16, 2023... Stay tuned!!



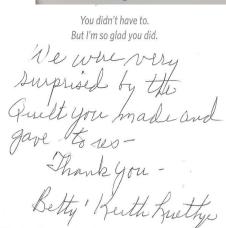


Don't forget that we still have the Sunshine Gift Cards in the office. They are a great gift item anytime, and they give back 5% to our church. Stop in to get yours at the office. They come in \$25, \$50 and \$100 cards! Come get yours today!



Betty Buth Spier





13THANNUAL CHOCOLATE BUFFET AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

Luverne United Methodist Church



Please call the Luverne United Methodist Church to sign up! \sim 507-283-4529 \sim

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2022 was a great year for Sewn in Faith. 73 quilts of different sizes have been made since we began our ministry with approximately 60 of these being given away (a few have been sold to aid in our ministry). One member of our group has been diligently knitting caps and scarves which have been donated to Atlas and SHARE. As we go into 2023, may God be with everyone on our Sewn in Faith team as well as everyone who has supported our group this past year.



Following our two-year Buffalo Feed absence, we are happy to share a successful in-house supper and sale of extra meatloaves. I want to thank all volunteers that decorated the fellowship hall, helped serve and prepare the food for our event. Thank you to all members

that attended the meal or picked up a to-go dinner. We had a fellowship blast and added memories to our time together. We are blessed. Until next year....

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May the "buffs" be with you.

 \sim Jeanne Bowron



January 2023 Silver Bucket

United Methodist Committee On Relief

PROJECT INFORMATION

Supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters.

HOW WILL THIS ADVANCE PROJECT HELP TO ADDRESS THE NEED?

UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. Our efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own. In addition, UMCOR helps communities in the United States and abroad prepare for emergencies and to reduce the risk of disasters through a roster of training programs. We also are involved in global development work. Specific programs address issues of health, sanitation, poverty, sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and food security. Many development problems are interrelated, so UMCOR uses integrated solutions to address their root causes. UMCOR seeks to empower local hospitals, schools, churches, and other stakeholders by enhancing their capacity to address these issues.

Please give generously to help support those in need this month.



Officer Recognition Sunday

So with the new year comes the changing of the guard, so to speak. We have some officers and leaders that will

be coming on committees and some that will be going off and taking a break. In the last couple of years, we have been blessed by a wonderful rotation and variety of people taking on all the important roles within our faith family. We will celebrate this special happening on January 22nd as we have our Annual Officer Recognition, during our church service.



Silver Bucket Offering List for 2023



As you know, each month we at the Luverne UMC have a special monthly offering to a certain area or organization in need. Here is your Silver Bucket offering list for 2023...

January - UMCOR	July - Food Shelf
February - Heifer International	August - Suicide Walk/Hotline
March - New Life Treatment Center	September - Emma Norton
April - Project Morning Star	October - SHARE
May - Love Offering	November - Red Bird Mission
June - Homebound Ministry	December - Christmas Eve
	Community Meal

Trunk Ministry Offering for 2023

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February - Sou-er Bowl July - Food Shelf October - Undy Sunday



Dear Faith Family,

So many sincere thank you's for the way you have loved my family Thank you for the cards, for the hugs, the smiles, the well wishes, the gifts, and your presence during this beautiful season. The weather tried to get the

best of us, but we overcame! I think of our children, the services, the love, the songs, the voices and the laughter and how it all worked together to feel the presence of Jesus and his life! We are blessed in so many ways!

Thank you for the Faith Family you are!

Blessings,

Pastor Dorie and family!



Hello Church! There really are no words to express my love, thanks and gratitude for this faith family. It has been a pretty great time here. I met new people, made new friends and grown so much in so many ways since I started here in 2016!

The random acts of kindness and generosity of this faith family to mine is almost overwhelming to me at times! Please know that I am truly grateful for all you do!!

Since starting here, you have seen my family grow, I now have 2 grandchildren, 2 dogs, 1 cat and even a bunny...you have been part of all of it...Nathan starting his job at the grocery store, his drivers license, high school

graduation and much more that cannot fit here... My entire family loves all of you. I hope to share many more memories. This faith family is truly great and I love how much you care for one another! Keep nourishing that! From my family to all of you, we wish you a blessed new year filled with joy, love and laughter!

Thanks again and God bless!

Jakki and family!







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PD Vacation December 26th thru January 1, 2023						
1Epiphany Sunday9:30am- Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am - Coffee10:30am - Streamed Worship Service4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	2 7pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	3 1:30pm - God's Circle 7pm - Scouts	4 9am-7pm - Prayer Chapel NO CLASSES Christmas break 8pm - AA Meeting	5	6	7 8pm - AA Meeting
8 Baptism of the Lord 9am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service - Communion 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study PRAYER WARRIORS AFTER SERVICE	9 7pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	10 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 6pm - W&M Meeting - here 7pm - Scouts	11 9am-7pm - Prayer Chapel 6:15pm - FUEL 6:30pm - Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting PR Take Out Fundraiser Night	12 Seedbed Class	13	14 8pm - AA Meeting
 15 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am - Adult/FUEL SS/9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6:30pm - ALIVE Field Trip 	16 7pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	17 10am - Shut-in visiting 5:45pm - M&M Meeting 6pm - Trustee Meeting 6:30pm - Ch. Council Meeting	18 9am-7pm - Prayer Chapel 6:15pm - FUEL 6:30pm - Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	19 Seedbed Class	20	21 10am-12p - Connell Bridal Shower 8pm - AA Meeting
 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 9am - Adult Sunday School/9:15am - Coffee 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study Officer Recognition Sunday 	23 7pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study MESSENGER DEADLINE	24 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 7pm - Scouts	25 9am-7pm - Prayer Chapel 5:30pm - Comm. Meal 6:15pm: FUEL 6:30pm - Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	26 Seedbed Class	27	28 8pm - AA Meeting
 29 <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 9am - Adult Sunday School/9:15am - Coffee 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6:30pm - ALIVE - at the church 	30 7pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	31 9:30am - Folding Team 7pm - Scouts	Feb. 1 9am-7pm - Prayer Chapel 6:15pm - FUEL 6:30pm - Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	2	3	4 8pm - AA Meeting