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February...2023

# The Messenger

Luverne United Methodist Church  
109 N Freeman Ave  
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Pastor Dorie Hall





## PASTOR'S CORNER

Warm greetings, Friends!

From 2 Corinthians 9:8:

***"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."***

How many times has your mind taken you to the thoughts of "I'm not good enough to accomplish things of God." Or how about wondering about your ability to even do anything for God.

Sometimes, we think we are not capable of doing God's work, what would God want Me to do? Or maybe, I'm not this kind of person or that kind of person, how could God use little ole' me?

For some reason, we might think that we must have this prestige or power or position in society in order to do God's work out there...that we need to be one of **those** people to make a difference in the world. Maybe we can say we suffer from a disease of "ordinariness." But the Bible reminds us that at any point in life, we could be entertaining angels unaware! And, just because they aren't wearing wings or have halos above their heads, it doesn't necessarily mean that they don't need someone to touch with the good news of Jesus....

If you look back in the Bible, especially the Old Testament, God often used those who were normal everyday people. Think about Moses, plucked from the River so he wasn't a victim of Pharaoh's decrees, Abraham and Sarah, an elderly couple thinking that they were comfortably living in their last days...David the Shepherd boy who became King...Esther who became Queen, a simple girl like Ruth, who only wanted to care for her mother in law, who became the wife of a great man, and what about the woman at the well who brought the whole town to Jesus?

# BUDGET

### GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

January 1, 2023 thru January 29, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 12,302.00
Loose offering	\$ 363.00
Apportionments	\$ 155.00
Radio Broadcast	\$ 180.00
Coffee Shop	\$ 17.70
Online giving (Dec.)	<u>\$ 6,070.00</u>
	\$ 19,087.70

**TOTAL** \$ 19087.70

### NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 66.50
Endowment Fund	\$ 500.00
Upper Room	\$ 28.00
Compassion Fund	<u>\$ 1,050.96</u>
	\$ 1,645.46

**TOTAL** \$ 1,645.46

### TRUSTEES

General	\$ —0—
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 19,087.70
	<u>\$ 1,645.46</u>
	\$ 20,733.16

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ 20,733.16

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
February 5	Christine VonHoltum	Travis and Shannon Dwire Family	Jennifer Hilfers	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson
February 12	Becky Anderson	Laura Hollaren	Carol McDonald	Matthew Fick	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
February 19	Lola Donth	Marilyn VanWyhe Family	Jeanne Bowron	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby
February 26	Mary Gehrke	Christine VonHoltum	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
February 5	Josh Crabtree	Shannon Dwire
February 12	Mary Gehrke	Emily Crabtree
February 19	Mary Gehrke	Felicia Hanson
February 26	Felicia Hanson	Wyatte Kruse

**Communion:** Confirmation Class - Cattnachs    **Video:** Beth Fick



### **TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

January 30, 2023 thru February 5, 2023 - Al Aanenson  
 February 6, 2023 thru February 12, 2023 - Jeanne Bowron  
 February 13, 2023 thru February 19, 2023 - Cody Gehrke  
 February 20, 2023 thru February 26, 2023 - Bryce Schomacker  
 February 27, 2023 thru March 5, 2023 - Roger Carlson

The shepherds who received the good news the night Jesus was born and then there's the disciples like Peter who was a mere fisherman who became the rock of his church. The Bible is full of ordinary people who overcame great odds and became amazing people doing the work of God. We spend too much time focusing on our own abilities or lack of abilities to accomplish much. And, God is telling us every day in His Word how capable we are, under his care. Telling US, you and me, we matter, and we can make a difference! Don't hold yourself back!

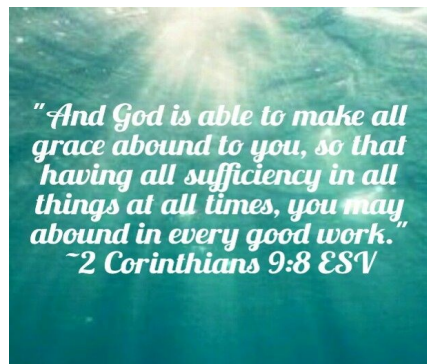
Every day God uses ordinary people to fulfill his plans for his world. He needs all people, especially the ordinary, to carry the message and help Him make things happen. Don't sell yourself short.... open your heart, your hands and your minds to being all that God needs you to be...counting yourself worthy to do so.

Right now, in our church, people are making a difference. They are carrying on the mission and doing amazing things in the lives of God's people. I think fondly of the ways we are ministering to our homebound, how we are helping people get through tough moments in life, how we are making an effort to offer a hot meal once a month and Providing fellowship. The foundation we are offering to our kids, and the love we share on Sundays! And that's just to name a Few. God is using us as his angels, and we are letting God show through! Yes, little "ole us!"

Thank you for being a great faith family and listening to God! God will continue to use us as we embrace our abilities and trust in His path.

Hugs,

*Pastor Dorie*





# LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Chocolate Buffet - February 5
- ☒ Confirmation Retreat - February 19-20 (at Grand Stay)
- ☒ Fat Tuesday on Sunday - February 19
- ☒ Ash Wednesday Service (First Presbyterian) - February 22
- ☒ Lenten Service Here - March 1
- ☒ World Day of Prayer - March 3
- ☒ Ignite Youth Conference - March 10-12



**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2023 - 10:30 AM**

**SHUT IN COMMUNION**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**



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!

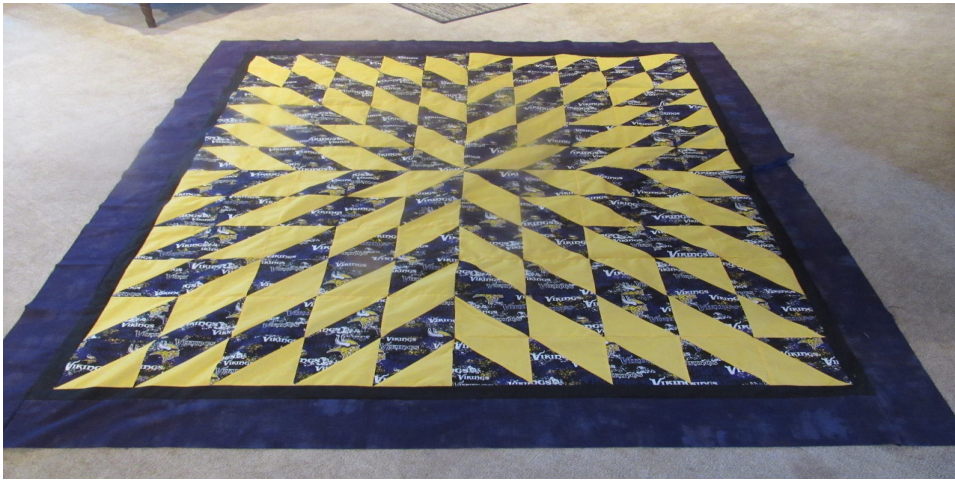
It's easy! Call or go into Pizza Ranch and get your order to go...bring it home...ENJOY the yumminess of your meal...and BAM...10% of your order is given back to our church...

**Our next Take Out Night is**  
**February 8, 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

February 12, 2023 after our service.  
All are welcome!



Since we began our ministry, 73 quilts of different sizes have been made with approximately 60 of these being donated already. We have also made many other items (knitted hats and scarves, casserole carriers, coasters, plastic bag holders, placemats, apron, etc.) If you would be interested in any of these items, they are displayed in the hallway outside of the Sewn in Faith Room. A few items have prices listed; others are free will donations.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our mission. With Palm Sunday fast approaching, the FUEL Auction will be held on **April 2, 2023**. We will once again be donating quilts for this auction. At this time, quilts that will be up for auction will be a Vikings quilt and a John Deere quilt. These quilts will be hanging in the sanctuary shortly.



**Our Sewn in Faith meetings in February are:**

**February 14, 2023 and  
February 28, 2023**



Since my [pastordorie@iw.net](mailto:pastordorie@iw.net) email is not working properly, please be sure to save and use the new email below for pastoral messages. Thanks! ~Pastor Dorie

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**[pastordoriehall77@gmail.com](mailto:pastordoriehall77@gmail.com)**



With all the information circling around about our UMC denomination schisms that are up and coming, we feel that there are still a lot of uninformed members out there so we are setting up three different "Coffee Talks" where we are able to sit down in a small group and have open and honest discussions.

There are no wrong questions or discussions. We want to hear from you! Let us know your questions, your concerns, and your thoughts regarding this. You are all important and we want to clarify anything that we can for you with a Q and A session.

We will do all we can to help you come into this with clarity, comfort, and understanding. So please, feel free to sign up for one of these sessions here at the church. The dates and times listed below...

Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 15th at 1:30pm

Saturday, February 18th at 10am



Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Dorie if you have questions beforehand!





**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 February 5, 2023** – Adam and Amanda Breheny Family, Eleanor Dicks, Sue Stroh, Bryce and Ginger Schomacker Family, Elwayne Petersen, Rick and Deb Ward and for the Annual Christmas Eve Dinner.

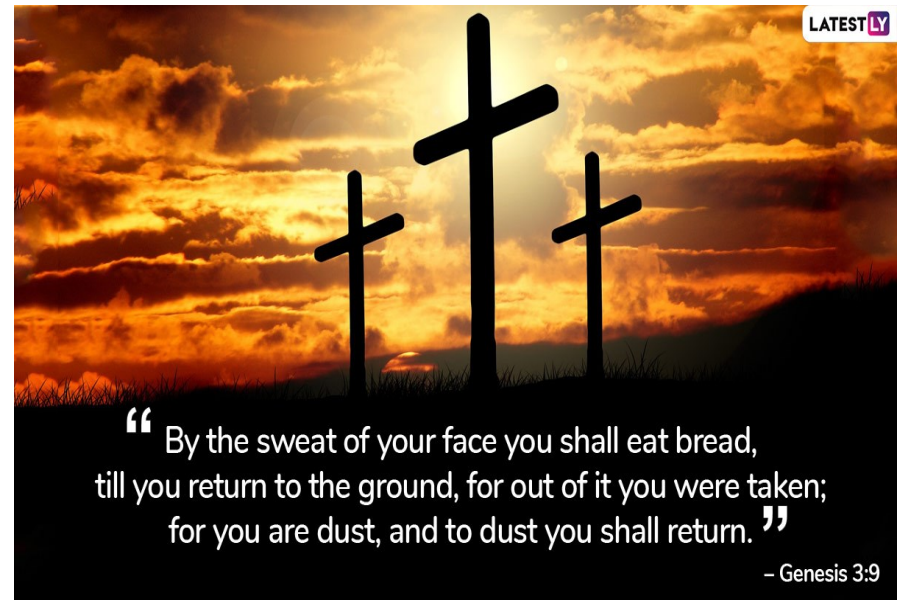
**WEEK OF February 12, 2023** – David Norenberg, Sondra Coulter, Mary Gehrke, Marie Paulsen, Vicki Walker, Stephen Foster and for the revival of our Nation.

**WEEK OF February 19, 2023** – Dr. John and Jeanne Bowron, Shawn and Gretchen Davis, Cody and Elly Gehrke, David Johnson, Ardie Schmidt, Fran Vos and for Rock County Ministries.

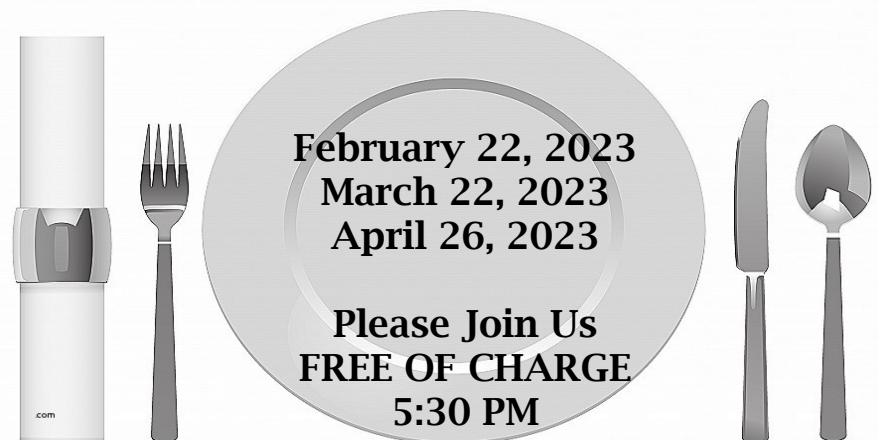
**WEEK OF February 26, 2023** – Jack and Joyce Bennett, Kat Dahl and Brooks Maurer Family, Bob and Dawn Frakes, Bill Holling, Buster Rust, Jon and Erika Menning Family and for all our families.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 to Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

The Lenten Season is upon us...



## Community Meal





**Sponsor a broadcast for \$95.** The chart for 2023 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 January 2023:**

**January 1, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek epiphainen, which means "to manifest," “appear,” or “make known.” The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world. “Jesus is the Savior of the world. He comes not just for one group of people but for all.

**January 8, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of the baptism of the Lord. We are so blessed that our Savior who is free of sin led by example by getting baptized. We know by this example that we who are sinners must be baptized just as he was to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

**January 15, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored by Annabelle Frakes in love and appreciation for Pastor Dorie and the rest of the homebound visitors (LaVonne, Sue, and Christine). We are so lucky to have you. Thank you Annabelle for sponsoring this broadcast.

**January 22, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored in gratefulness to all the officers of our church - committee leaders, and all those who work together to keep the church running smoothly...no matter how big or small your part may be, you matter and we thank you, we need you, and we love you - all of us are one body in Christ as well as in our church.

**January 29, 2023** - This broadcast is sponsored in gratefulness to all of those who volunteer their time and service to the ongoings of the church, the Sunday services, community meals, special events such as the chocolate buffet, youth activities both here and outside of the church and those who are here to help with funeral lunches or gatherings! You are a blessing and we thank you for your time! It does not go unnoticed!

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

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



*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 is scheduled for*

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***Tuesday, February 21, 2023 ~ 10am***







*Luther and Pastor Dorie would like to thank everyone for the warm thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and sympathy in the death of Luther's brother, Steve. Faith families like ours make tough times easier to navigate! Hugs!*

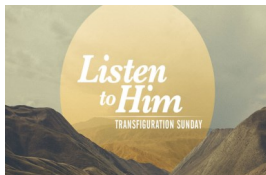


**We have received this years camping brochures for Camp MN... Campership Application Forms are in the office if you are interested!**



What happens on Fat Tuesday? Traditionally, Lent is a period of fasting. So on Fat Tuesday one is supposed to bulk up on fatty, rich foods that you do not eat during the Lenten time. That's one of the reasons pancakes and fastnachts (which contain fat, sugar and eggs) are often eaten on the holiday. It should be a lot of fun to celebrate together before we begin the Lenten season!

We here at Luverne UMC will have Fat Tuesday on Sunday, **February 19, 2023 from 3pm-5pm**. For more information on what we have planned, please speak to Pastor Dorie or Christine VonHoltum...



**Transfiguration Sunday is February 19, 2023...**What is Transfiguration Sunday? This is the last Sunday before Lent begins and closes the Epiphany season. The story of transfiguration Sunday is a miraculous experience of Peter, James, and John, as they are on the mountain with Jesus,

and they see him "trans-figured" before them. Transfiguration in Christianity is defined as a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state. Christ's appearance in radiant glory to three of his disciples.



**February.....2023**

- 2 - George McDonald
- 4 - Diane Kennedy
- 5 - Daniel Fick
- 6 - Terry Nelson
- 7 - Colby Crabtree  
Beth Wieman  
Nathan Nielsen
- 14 - Jim Hanson
- 17 - Morris Fick
- 20 - Solomon Nielsen
- 21 - Ashley Connell  
Riley Anderson
- 25 - Buster Rust
- 26 - Rev. Dr. Deborah  
Mariya  
Peggy Nelson

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All invited to gather & worship...

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FRIDAY | MARCH 3, 2023 | 1:30 PM

Fellowship Time Following the Service

I Have Heard  
About Your Faith

An ecumenical worship service written by the women of Taiwan



Hey Everyone! Let's not forget Ash Wednesday is **February 22, 2023**. This marks the start of our Special Holy Lenten/Easter Season! We will be sharing our Wednesday Lenten/Easter services with the **First Presbyterian Church** again this year. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be there at **7pm**. This means **our next Lenten service will take place here on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7pm**. There will be refreshments after in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday we host a Lenten service.



We have a couple really important events coming up for our youth!! First, we have the confirmation retreat at the Grand Stay here in Luverne. Even though we have kept it local we have still had a wonderful spirit-filled time together. This year's retreat is scheduled for the weekend of **February 19-20, 2023**.



**And the Ignite Youth Conference  
Des Moines, IA ~ March 10-12, 2023**

March 10-12, 2023 finds youth of our church, sixth grade and above invited to travel with Pastor Dorie to Des Moines. There they will participate in a wonderfully spirit-filled and educational **IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE!**

More information about both of these great events will be out soon so be sure to stay tuned for the information to come!



Here are a few of some memorable moment from last month...



## **FEBRUARY 2023 SILVER BUCKET**



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL IS A GLOBAL NONPROFIT WORKING TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND HUNGER THROUGH SUSTAINABLE, VALUES-BASED HOLISTIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. HEIFER WAS FOUNDED IN 1944 BY DAN WEST, AND ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

### **HEIFER ENVISIONS...**

A WORLD WITH COMMUNITIES LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE AND EQUITABLY SHARING THE RESOURCES OF A HEALTHY PLANET.

### **HEIFER'S MISSION IS...**

TO WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO END HUNGER AND POVERTY AND TO CARE FOR THE EARTH.

### **HEIFER'S STRATEGY IS...**

TO PASS ON THE GIFT. AS PEOPLE SHARE THEIR ANIMALS' OFFSPRING WITH OTHERS - ALONG WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE, RESOURCES AND SKILLS - AN EXPANDING NETWORK OF HOPE, DIGNITY AND SELF-RELIANCE IS CREATED THAT REACHES AROUND THE GLOBE.





...Including our Community Meal, our youth Christmas Program and a trip to Air Madness...



## February 2023 Trunk Ministry

We will once again hold our Souper Bowl trunk ministry in this month. We will have the trunk in the corner of the Sanctuary by the bar open and ready to fill with soup to share with those in need. Let's give generously this year and fill it up!

Thank you for your donation to this important Ministry!!

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This sure does look like good times were had by all! Tune in next month for some more great memories from our great faith family adventures!

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# FEBRUARY



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:15pm - FUEL and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	2	3	4 8pm - AA Meeting
5 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS 9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4-6:30pm - Chocolate Buffet/Spaghetti Feed	6 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	7 1:30pm - God's Circle 7pm - Scouts	8 6:15pm F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 6:30pm - Coffee Talk 8pm - AA Meeting PR Take Out Night	9	10	11 8pm - AA Meeting
PASTOR DORIE - BOOM IN SAVAGE						
12 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS 9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service Communion Sunday Prayer Warriors after Service 2pm-4pm - Meet the Bishop Mtg - Mankato 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	13 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	14 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith PD LLP IN MANKATO 7pm - Scouts	15 1:30pm - Coffee Talk 6:15pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	16	17	18 10am - Coffee Talk 8pm - AA Meeting
19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS 9:45am - Coffee 3-5pm - Fat Tuesday on Sunday 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	20 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 10am - Shut in visits 6:30pm - PPR Meeting	22 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 7pm - Ash Wed. Service - Presbyterian Church 8pm - AA Meeting	23	24	25 8pm - AA Meeting
CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT GRANDSTAY						
26 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS 9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 6pm - ALIVE Youth Group	27 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	28 9:30am - Folding Team 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 7pm - Scouts	March 1 6:15pm - F.U.E.L. and Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service - Here - Refreshments in Fellowship Hall after 8pm - AA Meeting	2	3	4 8pm - AA Meeting