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March....2023

The Messenger

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Pastor Dorie Hall





PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy March All!

We are THAT much closer to Spring...YAY!

I am writing this in the middle of yet another snow storm....and it's hard to not think about how much we have experienced this winter! I must be honest, though...our blizzards today.... are nothing like the blizzards we had when I was young! Drifts up to the roof of the hog barn, which has made for amazing sledding, drifts so big you could dig tunnels around the whole yard. And then I recently saw a picture of a blizzard in the 70s and it showed my dad with a shovel...which made me sad thinking how much work that must have been for him all those years!

By the time you read this, we will already be two weeks into Lent. Even though we had to cancel Ash Wednesday. It is warming to hear how many of you missed that service. Ash Wednesday is a time to bring awareness to the head of what's in front of us. Six weeks of contemplation of thinking about what Jesus is about to do for us, realizing what it means for our lives.

It gives a time, for some a reset, in life when we ponder what our Christian lives mean or what they reflect rather, inwardly and outwardly.

What am I willing to set aside for my faith? What kind of faith do I reflect when I walk in everyday life? Do I talk the talk, but don't walk the walk? Would I be willing to give my life like Jesus did?

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Does that mean anything to me? Do I spend enough time with Jesus? Do I plant seeds all around me? Do I walk in Love?

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

February 5, 2023 thru February 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 11,803.00
Loose offering	\$ 341.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
Radio Broadcast	\$ 95.00
Online giving (Jan.)	\$ 3085.00
	\$ 15,424.00

TOTAL \$ 15,424.00

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 254.92
Upper Room	\$ 7.00
	\$ 261.92

TOTAL \$ 261.92

TRUSTEES

General	\$ —0—
TOTALS	\$ 15,424.00
	\$ 261.92
	\$ 15,685.92

GRAND TOTAL \$ 15,685.92

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PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES THE
ONLINE GIVING
TOTALS FOR
JANUARY 2023**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
March 5	Laura Hollaren	Bryce Schomacker	Jeanne Bowron	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson
March 12	Mary Gehrke	Laura Hollaren	Jennifer Hilfers	Jason Kruse	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
March 19	David Vis	Steve and Penny Cattnach Family	Carol McDonald	Luther Hall	Gene Ashby
March 26	Sandy Vogt	Christine VonHoltum	Carol McDonald	Matthew Fick	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
March 5	Jack Hanson	Lola Donth
March 12	Willy Baker	Anissa Vis
March 19	Jeanne Bowron	Mary Gehrke
March 26	Sandy Vogt	Felicia Hanson

Communion: Becky Anderson **Video:** Beth Fick

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR MARCH 2023

February 27, 2023 thru March 5, 2023 - Roger Carlson
 March 6, 2023 thru March 12, 2023 - Beth Fick
 March 13, 2023 thru March 19, 2023 - Laura Hollaren
 March 20, 2023 thru March 26, 2023 - Jack Hanson
 March 27, 2023 thru April 2, 2023 - Morris Fick



Certainly there are lots of questions we could ask ourselves...and Lent is a good time to do so. Fortunately, Jesus already knows the answers....and he gave his life, so we don't have to fret over it. But he does ask us to love...to love him and to love each other And, as hard as that is...it's really very important!

We learn how to do that by building that relationship with him. How? By treating him like your best friend...inviting him into friendship and walking with him just like you would with your friend.

We have two crazy girls who walk in friendship with each other in a fun way...I watch them banter and pick on and laugh all the time...even in the midst of serious questions...they always reflect unconditionally, love and trust about each other.

I think this is what Jesus wants of us in our relationship. To spend time with each other, have fun, laugh, get serious, learn about each other and to trust. Lent offers us time to do just that! Jesus gets to know us...and if walk in Lent honestly, we get to know more about Jesus too.

Have a great Lent..!

In His Service,

Pastor Jorie



LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Lenten Service Here - March 1
- ☒ World Day of Prayer - March 3
- ☒ Ignite Youth Conference - March 10-12
- ☒ Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back) - March 12
- ☒ Blessing of the Quilts - March 19
- ☒ Palm Sunday - April 2
- ☒ FUEL Auction/MN Hotdish Potluck - April 2



COMMUNION SERVICE
FEBRUARY 12, 2023 - 10:30 AM

SHUT IN COMMUNION
FEBRUARY 21, 2023



The leaders of our church held several Coffee Talk events to give everyone an opportunity to receive information and offer questions over what is happening in the UMC Denomination.

These meetings were well attended and afforded attendees the opportunity to be heard and learn. There is a video we shared which gave an unbiased look into our history and what the future might look like in years to come.

All the information we shared is available on our website. Links to videos, articles, and other things to help in your discerning can be found there, umcluverne.com.

Leadership is considering offering another meeting before or after church. If you are interested in attending a coffee talk meeting, please let us know!



We had a great chocolate buffet on February 5th! We began with a signup sheet that got filled up with chocolate donations and plenty of help!! It was awesome!

Many of the things we have every year and some new ones...Jennifer always makes chocolates with Barb's molds. Someone even brought chocolate covered potato chips; we had a new chocolate fountain that never gave up; the fruit is always a hit; a balloon arch dressed up for Valentine's Day for pictures and Ann's YUMMY spaghetti!

We always appreciate everyone who comes, they love the idea of a chocolate buffet...It's a lot of fun! We brought in \$1140.00 and will pay some expenses yet. But it is always a boost for our compassion fund which is so important to our community near and far!!

Thank you to every one of you who helped, participated, and enjoyed!!

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Until next year for our 16th annual! As always, great times had by all!



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
March 8, 2023**



PRAYER
Warrior
**I'VE GOT YOUR
BACK WITH MY
EYES CLOSED**

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

March 12, 2023 after our service.

All are welcome!

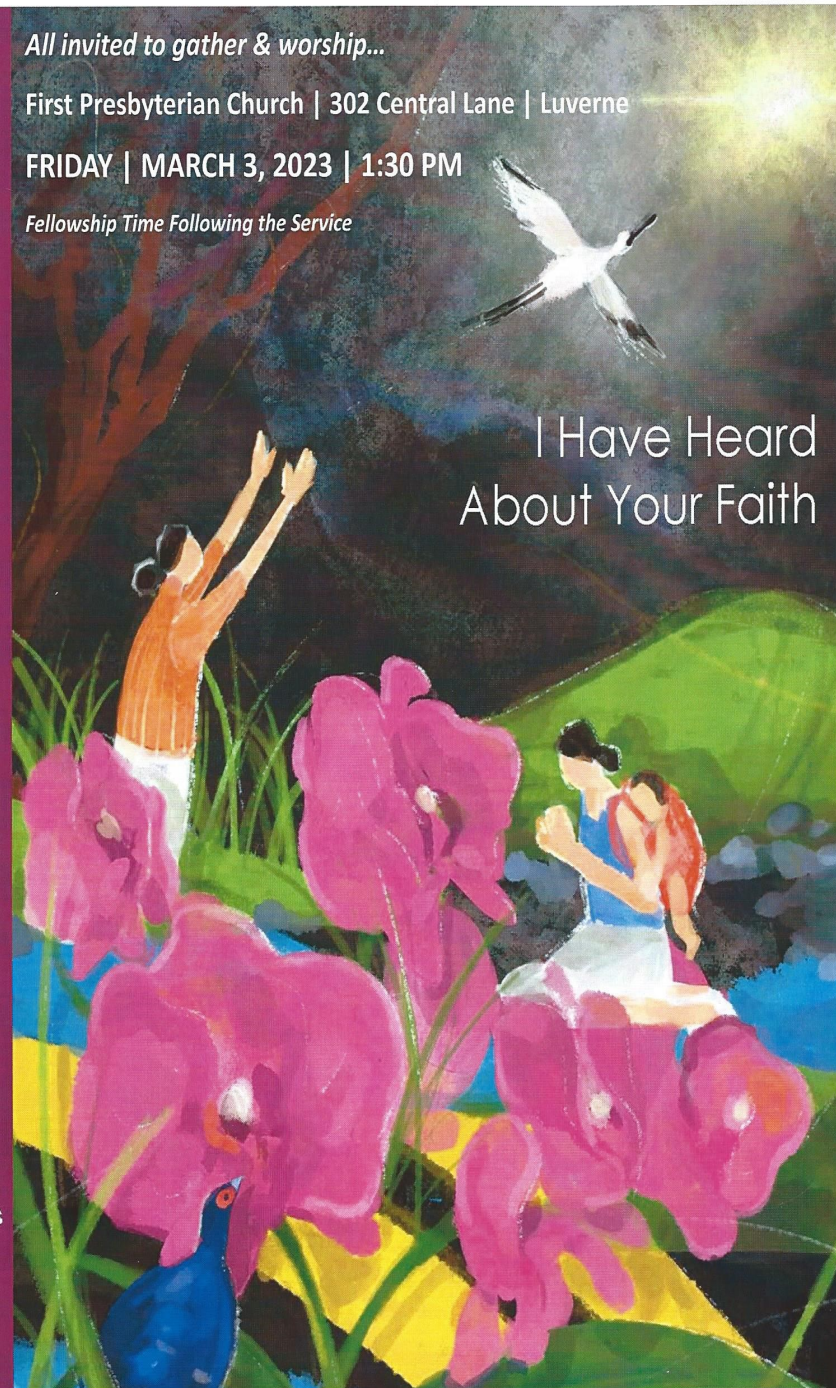
All invited to gather & worship...

First Presbyterian Church | 302 Central Lane | Luverne

FRIDAY | MARCH 3, 2023 | 1:30 PM

Fellowship Time Following the Service

World Day of Prayer March 3, 2023



I Have Heard
About Your Faith

An ecumenical worship service written by the women of Taiwan

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:



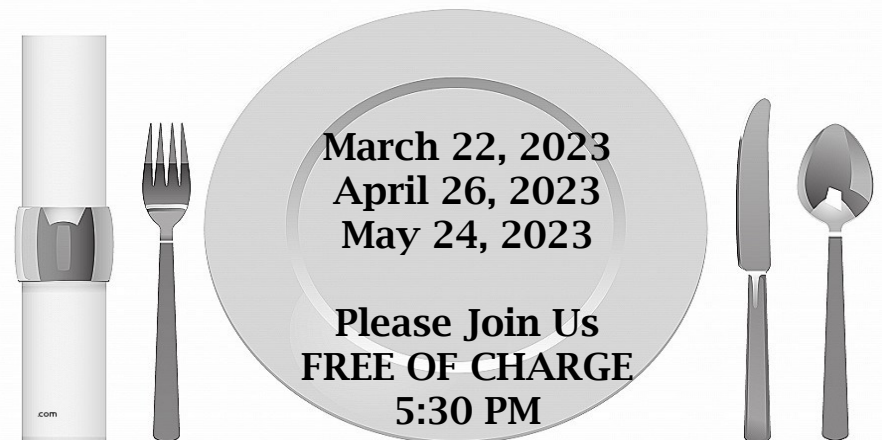
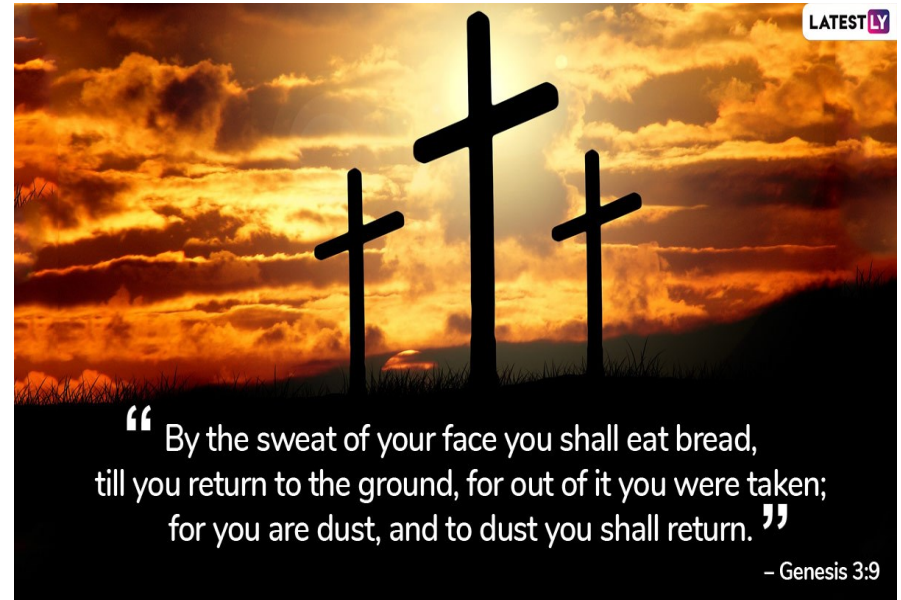
WEEK OF March 5, 2023 - Kimberly Bennett, Jessa Dahl, Alyssa Frakes, Terry and Peggy Nelson, Cathy Rust, Marilyn VanWyhe and for people to fill our Sanctuary.

WEEK OF March 12, 2023 - Gene Ashby, Matthew and Jessica Fick, Marv Laackmann and Carol Grimaldo, Josh and Brittany Yamauchi Family, Mike and Christine Reverts Family, Jeanne VandeHoef and for hearts that are searching.

WEEK OF March 19, 2023 - Travis and Amber Arends Family, Dawn Cope Family, Josh and Keela Fick Family, Sharron Betsinger, Wyatte Kruse, Phyllis Mohr and answers to prayers and guidance in all ways.

WEEK OF March 26, 2023 - Paul Nath and Jean Bolluyt, Kasyn Kruse, Wendy Jamison, Ian Kristen Ruppert Family, Chris Schaeffer and Lordina Osei-Ofori Family, Adam VonHoltum and for our District Superintendent.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 to Easter Sunday April 9, 2023
The Lenten Season is upon us...





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 February 2023:**

February 5, 2023 - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of our 15TH Annual Chocolate Buffet and spaghetti dinner. This has always been a very successful event for us! We extend great gratitude for all those involved in making it great...the M&M committee, bakers, and spaghetti makers! Thank you to all who help with set up and clean up after. You are all appreciated

February 12, 2023 - with love and compassion to those who are struggling. Whether they are suffering a loss, personal hardship, or finding their faith in our Savior. May we pray for them and ask God to grant them peace and comfort in their time of need. May we offer our help if we can. We need to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we approach the Lenten Season.

February 19, 2023 - This broadcast was sponsored celebration of the Lenten Season. During this season may we open our hearts and minds to take in all that our Savior did just for us so we could return to Heavenly Father and have eternal life. May we reflect, pray for each other and worship with one another this Lenten Season. Also, offer a prayer for those going to the retreat this weekend, that their hearts and minds are open to learn and grow in their faith.

February 26, 2023 - This broadcast was sponsored in recognition of the upcoming World Day of Prayer. This years' focus is Taiwan and the expression of Christianity there. The Christian faith has led them to go beyond the chasm of ethnicity, historical wounds, and disagreements in real life so that they may work together for the gospel in which they so believe. This ecumenical service was written by the women of Taiwan with a title of *I Have Heard About Your Faith*. And, this years' scriptural focus is based on Ephesians 1:15-19. Let us offer a prayer today!

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, March 21, 2023 ~ 10am





Grow closer to Christ as a family this Lent!

A series of emails/texts will be heading your way, including reflections and activities to help families truly enter into the Lenten season and grow in relationship with the Lord.

These emails will arrive throughout our Lent season and include coloring sheets and recipes, to activities and videos, this series of emails are a beautiful way to bring families closer to each other and to Jesus this Lenten season.

LENTEN Schedule

Wednesday Service @ LUMC	7pm	Mar. 1
Second Sunday in Lent	1030am	Mar. 5
Wednesday Service @ Presbyterian Church	7pm	Mar. 8
Third Sunday in Lent	1030am	Mar. 12
Wednesday Service @ LUMC	7pm	Mar. 15
Fourth Sunday in Lent	1030am	Mar. 19
Wednesday Service @ Presbyterian Church	7pm	Mar. 22
Fifth Sunday in Lent	1030am	Mar. 26
Wednesday Service @ LUMC	7pm	Mar. 29
Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday	1030am	Apr. 2
Maundy / Holy Thursday @ LUMC	7pm	Apr. 6
Good Friday @ Presbyterian	7pm	Apr. 7
LUMC EASTER SUNDAY— Early Service	8am	Apr. 9
LUMC EASTER SUNDAY - Breakfast	9am	Apr. 9
LUMC EGG Hunt	930am	Apr. 9
EASTER SUNDAY— Service	1030am	Apr. 9



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March.....2023

- 1-Sherri Smith
- Becky Anderson
- 3- Betty Luethje
- Dawn Frakes
- 9- Mike Reverts
- 10- Marissa VanderPoel
- Kurt Schomacker
- 11- Ann Rigney
- 13 – Ashley Kluever
- 14 – Jonah Kluever
- 15- Karla Kruse
- 16- Dixie Aanenson
- Mandy Brecher
- 18- David Johnson
- 20- Makayla Baker
- Ember Olson
- 21- Ella VanWyhe
- Nikki Gehrke
- Ronan Christensen
- 22- Phoebe Flom
- 23- Jeff Aukes
- Olivia Rigney
- 24- Cade VandenHoek
- 25- Bill Holling
- Cynthia Reverts
- 28- Misty Baker
- 29 – Damon Rigney

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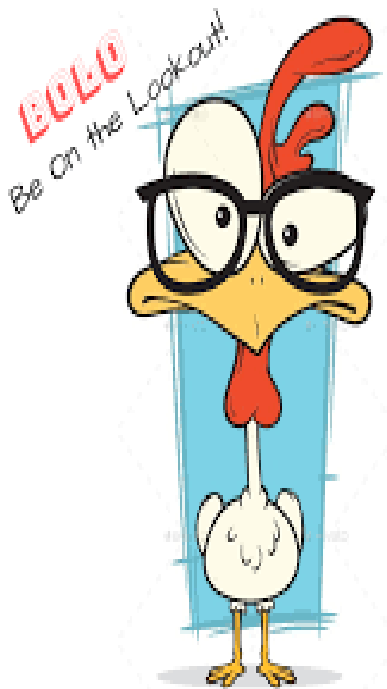
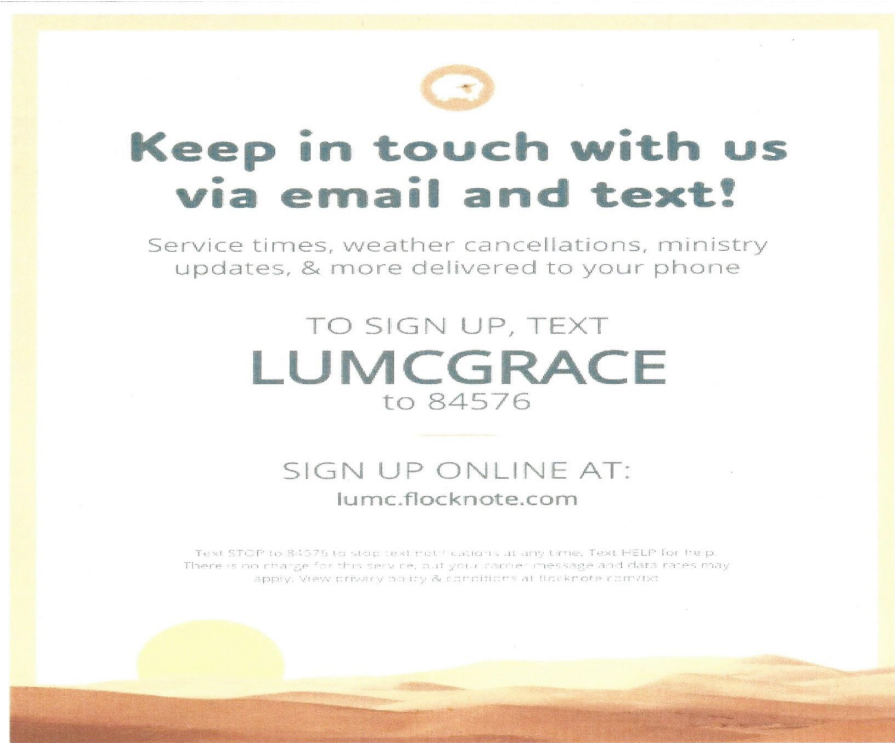
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**I know it is a long
time coming but
we are going to
update the look of
our monthly
Messenger...**

**A new format
coming soon to a
mailbox near you!**



Hey everyone, don't forget to get your reminders set for April 2 for our annual Education auction. We always have so much fun with this event!

It is held on Palm Sunday, after church, with a Hotdish and Salad meal...free will donation for the meal, which is usually very yummy 'cuz who doesn't like a good hotdish!!?

Following that we all gather together around the display square and set ourselves up to spend our money for a variety of great offerings. From baked goods to gift certificates from local and other businesses to fabulous quilts to a whole array of fun things, we will all hold up our numbers and find some good things to take home while supporting our kids programs.

Funds help us take weekends away, give us ice cream occasionally on day trips, they help us purchase supplies and programming and all kinds of good stuff to provide as we show our kids that being a Christian is an important piece of their lives. Your support provides camperships to encourage our kids to go to camp and other things which build a strong foundation for them.

Please watch for more information as the time comes closer...we look forward to this every year! Your support is always appreciated!





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 YOUTHCONFERENCE!

More information about both of these great events will be out soon so be sure to watch your bulletin for the information to come!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SPRING FORWARD

March 12, 2023



MARCH 2023 SILVER BUCKET



THEIR VISION

We are committed to bringing hope and healing to bodies, mind, and souls, to families, communities and churches in the name of Jesus Christ.

THEIR MISSION

New Life Treatment Center delivers quality, professional treatment services, helping clients to break the power of chemical dependency and to lead healthy lives, free from alcohol and drugs. We provide our clients, and their families hope to find freedom from the devastating effects of addiction and mental illness, in a joy-filled community where we live out Christ's love for all, are accountable to and serve one another; and all clients who truly seek change; regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or creed, gender, disability, sexual orientation or national origin. At New Life Treatment Center, we meet you where you're at, love you for who you are, and help you discover who you were created to be.

We are rooted and grounded in the love of Jesus Christ and serve everyone in His name. People of all faiths or of no faith at all are welcome here at New Life. No one will "cram religion down your throat", but you will hear people talk about their experience and the source of their strength and hope.¹⁵ It's who we are. As one client said, "Love is just in the air in this place." We have two chaplains, as well as a host of dedicated speakers and volunteers.



SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS...

It really does pay to save your Sunshine receipts! The Sunshine Receipts for the 4th quarter of 2022 totaled \$42,399.95 which gave our church \$424.00 (1% of the total).

The total amount our church received for the year 2022 is \$1,325.76. Thank you for putting your receipts in the Sunshine Box!

Becky Anderson




On March 19, 2023, there will be a "Blessing of the Quilts". All the quilts the Sewn in Faith group has made over the past 6 months will be on display that day.

All of the quilts that are hanging on the railing in the back of the Sanctuary¹⁴ will be auctioned at the FUEL Auction on April 2nd (Palm Sunday).

Here are a few of some memorable moment from last month...from the youth retreat and Fat Tuesday...uh Sunday....





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 615pm - FUEL 6:30 - Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service - here - Coffee After 8pm - AA Meeting	2	3 1:30pm - World Day of Prayer - Presbyterian Church hosting	4 8pm - AA Meeting
5 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:15am 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	6 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	7 1:30pm - God's Circle PD - LLP in Mankato 7pm - Scouts	8 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 6:15pm F.U.E.L. 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service - Presbyterian Church 8pm - AA Meeting Pizza Ranch Takeout	9	10 <div> IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE </div>	11 8pm - AA Meeting
12 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service Prayer Warriors after Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study <div> IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE </div>	13 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	14 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 6pm - Teacher's Meeting 7pm - Scouts	15 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 6pm - F.U.E.L. 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service - Here - Coffee Here 8pm - AA Meeting	16	17	18 8pm - AA Meeting
19 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study BLESSING OF THE QUILTS	20 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 10am - Shut in Visits 6pm - Trustee Meeting 6:30pm - Ch. Council Meeting	22 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 5:30pm - Comm. Meal 6:15pm - F.U.E.L. 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service - Presbyterian Church 8pm - AA Meeting	23 Conference Clergy Gathering in the Cities	24	25 8pm - AA Meeting
26 5th Sunday in Lent 9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	27 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	28 9:30am - Folding Team 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 7pm - Scouts	29 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 6:15pm - F.U.E.L. 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service - Here - Coffee Here 8pm - AA Meeting	30 Bishop Women's Gathering Online - 3-29-23	31	April 1 8pm - AA Meeting