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109 North Freeman Ave  
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**April....2023**

# The Messenger

**Luverne United Methodist Church  
109 N Freeman Ave  
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(507) 283-4529**

**Pastor Dorie Hall**





## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends!

I have been pondering this beautiful season....one not as normal with the winter we have had, but still filled with promise and hope. Because of Jesus!

We have been focusing on living our lives from the inside out. I think about that, and it becomes a time of clarity as I think about how easily we keep ourselves focused on the things we see with our physical eyes without paying too much attention sometimes with what we see with our spiritual eyes.

You see, our spiritual recognizes things beyond what our physical eyes can see. Jesus shared many examples about this....he was able to see the hope in the woman at the well, in Abrahams faith, in the boy with the five loaves and two fish, in the resurrection of Lazarus and even his own resurrection! There are so many other examples as well. Jesus saw beyond prayer to a God who had answers and protection. When he knew no other way, he reached out to God and God reassured him. Jesus followed God's will, because that's what was best. He was able to put everything he was into his Father and God did not lead him astray.



### GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

March 5, 2023 thru March 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 7,436.00
Loose offering	\$ 557.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
<b>Online giving (Feb.)</b>	<b>\$ 3050.00</b>
	\$ 11,143.00

**TOTAL \$ 11,143.00**

### NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 144.25
Upper Room	\$ 3.00
Food Shelf (Lent)	\$ 352.00
Lent Offering	\$ 90.00
Misc. Giving	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
	\$ 1,388.25

**TOTAL \$ 1,388.25**

### TRUSTEES

General \$ —0—

**TOTALS** \$ 11,143.00  
\$ 1,388.25


**GRAND TOTAL** \$ 12,531.25

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
April 2 Palm Sun	Christine VonHoltum	Becky Anderson	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Felicia Hanson
April 9 Easter	Becky Anderson	Paul, Jr. and Lola Donth	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Everett/Jan Brandenburg
April 16	Lola Donth	Josh and Emily Crabtree	Jeanne Bowron	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby
April 23	Mary Gehrke	Jason and Karla Kruse	Jennifer Hilfers	Matthew Fick	Jay and Bev Mann
April 30	Laura Hollaren	Josh and Keela Fick	Carol McDonald	Luther Hall	Everett/Jan Brandenburg

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
April 2	Becky Anderson	Jeanne VandeHoef
April 9	Emily Crabtree	Shannon Dwire
April 16	Mary Gehrke	Josh and Emily Crabtree
April 23	Lola Donth	Felicia Hanson
April 30	Josh Crabtree	Wyatte Kruse



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

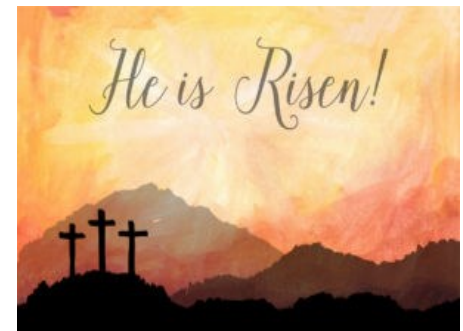
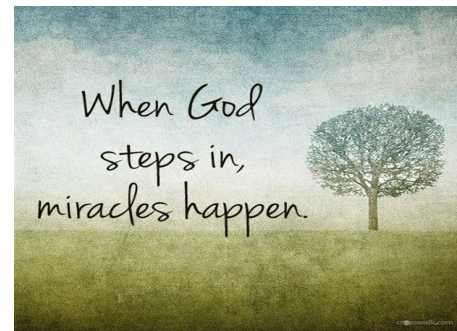
**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR APRIL 2023**

March 27, 2023 thru April 2, 2023 - Morris Fick  
April 3, 2023 thru April 9, 2023 - Bryce Schomacker  
April 10, 2023 thru April 16, 2023 - Roger Carlson  
April 17, 2023 thru April 23, 2023 - Al Aanenson  
April 24, 2023 thru April 30, 2023 - Jeanne Bowron

We seem to dismiss our faith often as irrelevant to what we face today. In some ways, we act as though we don't the time to spend waiting on God. Even though God's plan is perfect for us. Just look at what Jesus went through for us! It was perfect. Painful....but perfect!

We celebrate the resurrection this month and every day really. A resurrection which blesses us in more ways than we take the time to know. Stop and think today. Take time every day to be thankful. Surround yourself with a sense of love we get from nowhere else. You won't be Sorry! Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed!

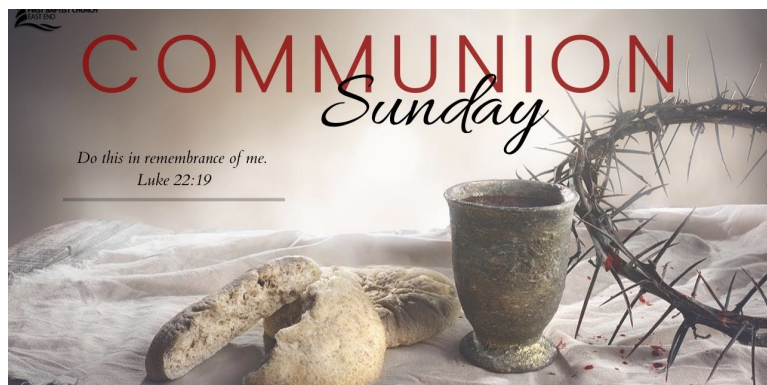
*Pastor Doree*





# DON'T MISS OUT!

- Meals on Wheels Month - May
- Mother's Day - May 14
- Confirmation Sunday - May 7
- Community Meal - May 24
- Vacation Bible School - Wednesday Nights in June
- Pie and Ice Cream Social/Buffalo Days - June 2
- Outdoor Service and Potluck Picnic - June 5



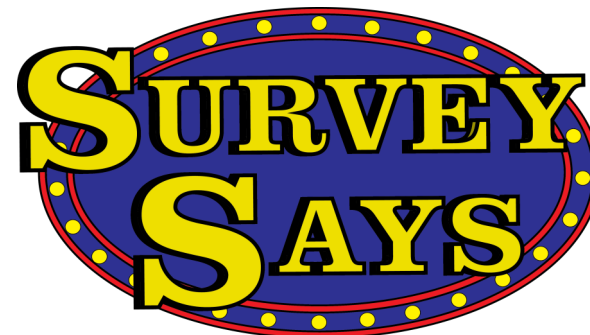
**MAUNDY THERSDAY**  
**APRIL 6, 2023**

**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**APRIL 9, 2023 - 10:30 AM**

**SHUT IN COMMUNION**  
**APRIL 18, 2023**



You may have noticed on the calendar for this month that there is an overlap where your secretary and Pastor Dorie are both out of the office...the secretary will be gone from April 6-11, 2023 and Pastor Dorie begins her vacation on April 10th and is gone thru the 16th... But... someone will be here to answer the phone and greet those who stop by...just leave a note if you need and the office will resume normal hours on Wednesday, April 13th! See you then!



Have you taken the online survey about your monthly Messenger yet??? If not just go to our website and click the button at the top of the page and it will take you right to it!! If you have done it already, thank you! If not, be sure to take the survey found at:

[www.umcluverne.com](http://www.umcluverne.com)



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  
April 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

April 9, 2023 after our service.



Other Misc. Etc...

See you there!

April 2nd (Palm Sunday) after church, we will start our festivities with a Hotdish and Salad free will donation meal which is always amazing, hosted by our ALIVE youth group. And then the real fun Begins! Time to dig out our wallet for our Annual FUEL Auction where we will bid for a variety of great offerings. From baked goods to gift certificates from local and other businesses to fabulous quilts, and 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.

The funds from our annual auction are used to help us take weekends away, give us ice cream occasionally on day trips, 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.



### WE NEED CANDY....

It is that time again...our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 9:30am on Easter Sunday before our service. You know what that means: we need candy for our Easter eggs!! If you are interested in donating candy that would be a greatly appreciated!! You may bring candy to the office during hours or bring it to the church Wednesday nights.. etc. Thanks for your help!



# Holy Week Schedule



**Palm Sunday** - On Palm Sunday, Christian churches often give the congregation palm branches to re-create the celebration of Christ's final arrival in Jerusalem because his followers used palm branches to honor him as King and Messiah.

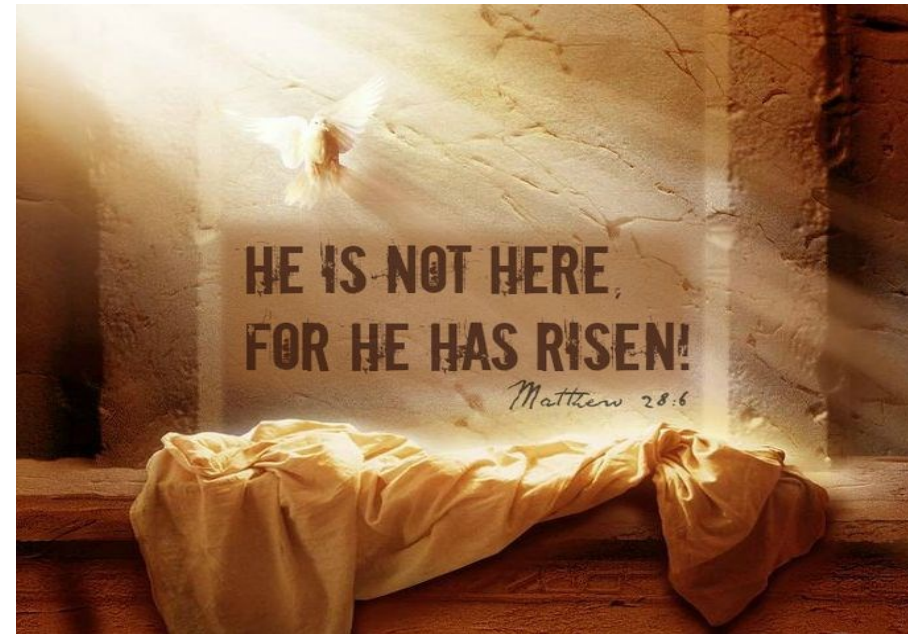
**Maundy Thursday** - Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which Christians consider the institution of Holy Eucharist, also known as the Lord's supper or communion. At the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus breaks bread saying, "This is my body," and pours wine, saying, "This is my blood." He then asks the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me."

**Good Friday** - Good Friday is a day for somber reflection. Each Friday before Easter, Christians solemnly honor the way Jesus suffered and died for their sins. They might attend a service that recounts Jesus's painful crucifixion, and some even refrain from eating to show their sorrow. Churches strip their altars bare and muffle their bells as a sign of mourning.

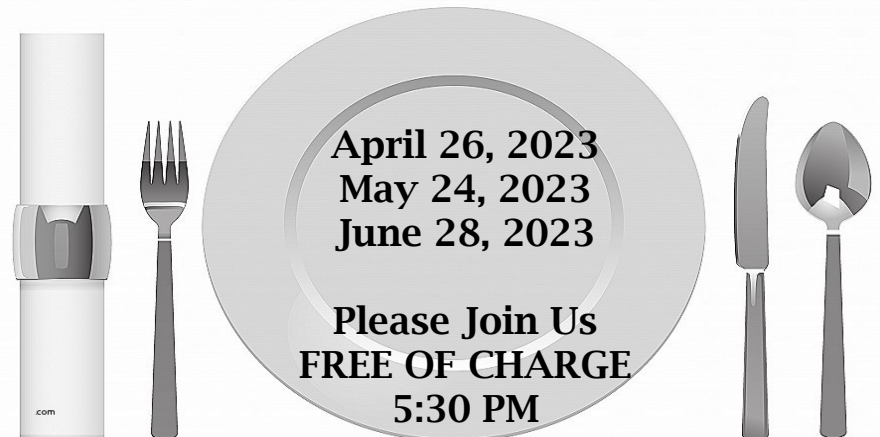
We find it in Luke 23:32-33, There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

**Easter Sunday** - Easter is a joyous holiday seen as the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament and the revelation of God's salvific plan for all of humankind. In commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus, Easter celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of salvation. Christian tradition holds that the sins of humanity were paid for by the death of Jesus and that his Resurrection represents the anticipation of eternal life for mankind.

Have a Blessed Easter Everyone!!



## Community Meal





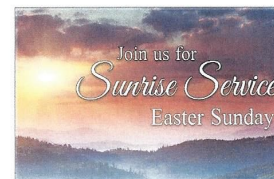
**Sponsor a broadcast for \$95.** The chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board by the church office. Signup today!!!! **UMC TV** broadcast can be seen on Mondays @ 3:00pm and Fridays @ 5pm on Knology Local Channel 3. **Listen to KQAD Radio** Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 Radio. **Here is a list of our honoree supporters for March 2023:**

**March 5, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored honor of the upcoming Ignite Youth Conference...not just the youth from our faith family, but for all who will be attending this year. May they all arrive safely to their destination and find joy and feel the spirit of the Lord with them as they go through this years' conference and learn more about their faith and our Savior.

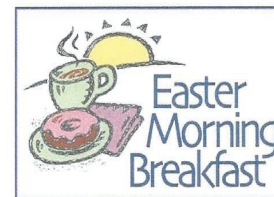
**March 12, 2023** - This broadcast is sponsored in honor of those of us who are searching and thirsting for the knowledge, hope, and unconditional love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. So many out there in the world today have lost their way from Jesus. We need to pray for those who are lost - that they will find their way to - or back to - our Savior and Redeemer.

**March 19, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored by Kim and Paul Jr. and Lola Donth in loving memory of Paul Donth, Sr. He is missed! Thank you and blessings to Kim Paul Sr. and Lola Donth for sponsoring this Sunday's broadcast.

**March 26, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored by Sue Stroh in loving memory of her husband Alan. Thank you and blessings to Sue for sponsoring this Sunday's broadcast



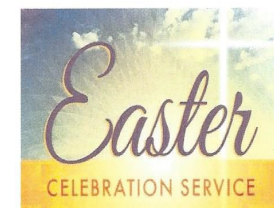
**8 AM** - Our youth group will be presenting our early service on Easter Sunday. It is always very special to see our youth come together on such a special day.



**9 AM** - Following our service we will gather for a special breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. It is a wonderful tradition and a wonderful way to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Thank you to all who will be helping to make our breakfast wonderful!



**9:30AM** - we are excited to have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our kids. We are hopeful that our weather will cooperate and we will enjoy the time outside. We usually let the youngest children fill their baskets first and then let the others have their turn hunting for the eggs. It has always been very special and a joy to watch when you see their bright smiles and hear their laughter and excitement!



**10:30 AM** - Our Celebration Service begins with the decorating of Our Lord's Cross with flowers that brings the Garden/Sanctuary to life in Jesus! It is a blessed time and we pray you will be led by the Spirit and filled with the joy and love of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ! He is Risen!!



**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:

**If you love someone,  
pray for them. Pray  
for their peace.  
Pray for their  
growth. Pray for  
their success. Pray  
for their happiness.**

LiveLifeHappy.com

**WEEK OF April 2, 2023** - Brittany Remme, Mike and Traci Davis Family, Charlie and Alisha Jackelen family, Connie Olson, Kathy Schadwinkel, and for Revival in our Community.

**WEEK OF April 9, 2023** - Skyler and Ellen Wenninger Family, Annabelle Frakes, Jim and Nova Like, Autumn Barger Family, Justin VanWyhe Family and for our Vision Team.

**WEEK OF April 16, 2023** - Misty Baker Family, Mike and Phoebe Flom Family, John and Jennifer Hilfers, Taylor Mulder Family, Marty and Candice Rigney Family, Heather Van Wyhe and Christopher Brown Family and for our Outreach Ministry.

**WEEK OF April 23, 2023** - Dustin Aning and Melissa Wood Family, Sally Cooksley, Dale Hawes, Mark and Tammy Moeller, Dale and Cindy Reverts, Madison Crabtree and for Peace in our Nation.

**WEEK OF April 30, 2023** - Riley Anderson, Jesse and Ashley Connell Family, Daniel and Joë Fick, Jennifer Kruse Family, Aaron and Abby Moeller Family, Kenny Swenson and for the Finances of our Church and Tithing.



**April .....2023**

- 2 Crystal Enninga
- 3 Diana Schwartz  
Carson Davis
- 4 Josh VandenHoek  
Johnna Arendt
- 5 Isaiah Kluever
- 6 Aaron Moeller
- 7 Liliann Cope  
Mandie Petersen
- 10 Connor Crabtree
- 11 Traci Davis  
Felicia Hanson  
David Norenberg
- 13 Kristen Ruppert  
Josh Christensen
- 14 Jack Hanson
- 15 Eleanor Dicks
- 20 Katie Sauer  
Roger vogt  
trae Davis
- 22 Taylor Mulder
- 23 Courtney Kruger  
Travis Frakes
- 28 Brady Hall
- 29 Jacob Fick  
Mike Davis  
Charlie Jackelen

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

### LOOKING FOR:

- COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
- ADULT VOLUNTEERS  
and
- YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

**Do you need help with a project?** **Rock The Edge** will once again be hosting the local Service Over Self youth mission week June 26-29, 2023. Projects will be undertaken throughout Rock County to assist residents and help where needed (painting, cleaning, washing windows, organizing, yardwork, landscaping, small construction jobs, visiting, or anything else)! To have your project considered, contact Becky Ossefoort at 605.261.4000 or Wanda Jarchow at 507.227.1978.

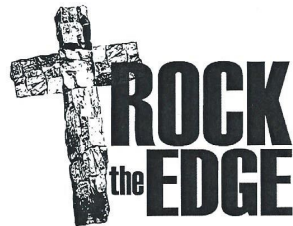
**Would you like to join us?** We are looking for adult volunteers. Many opportunities behind the scenes as well as with our youth teams. Help for a couple hours or a couple days - we will accommodate your time available. Does your place of business give you time off for community service? Call Nicole Henrichs at 401.500.3427 if you would like more information on volunteering.

**Youth registration forms** (for youth who have completed 8th grade through 12th grade) available by calling Jessica Blocker: 507.283.2316 or register via the QR code below (online registration opens March 26th).

**Monetary donations are welcome!** Funds will be used to cover supplies to ensure no additional expense is asked of the recipients. Cash donations or checks made out to UMC Compassion Fund (109 N. Freeman, Luverne, MN 56156) will be greatly appreciated!

This effort is being organized by Rock The Edge, Rock County's Christian Youth In Action.

**SHARING  
BRINGS JOY  
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.**



## 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, April 18, 2023 ~ 10am**



Check out what we did in March...From the Amazing Youth Conference, Community Meal, and Visiting time....



Looks like fun!  
See you next  
month!!



## April 2023 Silver Bucket



Project Morning Star's residential recovery facility is located on a serene and picturesque farmstead eight miles south of Worthington Minnesota. It is surrounded by beautiful trees, fields of corn and soybean fields which provides a peaceful setting, perfect for self-reflection and spiritual growth. Both homes provide a safe, structured environment for both men and women who are committed to their recovery, and ready to rebuild their lives for the future.

During this program of recovery, participants have the security of private rooms, fellowship in dinner together, are responsible for monthly rent and following all house rules as they find support and encouragement while participating in many outside activities which provide assistance to their own recovery plans. All residents are required to find employment within 30 days of entry into the program, or they may have the option of working at the facility until they can find employment.

There is a zero tolerance policy for drug and alcohol use while in the program, undergoing periodic inspections and random screening for prohibited substances. Personal responsibility, accountability, and integrity are vital to success. Participants are also required to share in household duties such as cleaning, grounds maintenance and preparation of community meals, as well as attending weekly services at the church of their choice.

All Silver Bucket donations will go toward Project Morning Star. Please give generously to this important life changing program! Thank you!





## SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS...

It really does pay to save your Sunshine receipts!

The Sunshine Receipts for the first quarter of 2023 totaled \$33,245.51 so our Compassion Fund will receive \$332.56.

Thank you for your continued support of turning in your Sunshine Grocery Store receipts.



All of the quilts that are hanging on the railing in the back of the Sanctuary will be auctioned at the FUEL Auction on April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday).

Of the 7 quilts, the funds for 5 of them will go to the youth while the funds for the other 2 will go to the Sewn In Faith mission. Thank you in advance to all of you who bid on and/or purchased a quilt.

Our next Sewn in Faith Meeting is scheduled for

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April 11, 2023



## Church Council Meeting Highlights ~ March 21, 2023



### Finance

- The treasurer states that all is well.

### Trustees

- Glen will be the trustee treasurer.
- Al Aanenson and Jeanne Bowron to be in charge of the safety deposit box.
- Several projects are in the works.

### Worship and Music/Sanctuary Care

- We planned Lent – theme “inside out” and talked about sharing services with the Presbyterian Church.

### M & M

- The church brought in \$1,200+ at the Chocolate Buffet and Spaghetti Dinner this year. Proceeds go to the Compassion Fund.

### Childrens Ministry/Youth Leadership

- The FUEL party is scheduled for April 30, 2023. We will go bowling here in town and have supper at JJ's Drive-In.
- Vacation Bible School is on for all Wednesdays in June.
- We need candy for the eggs for the Easter egg Hunt.

### Pastor

- Pastor has the service for Lee Alexander scheduled for April 22, 2023 at 10am.
- Pastor will do the Funeral/graveside service for Bonnie Aukes' husband.

### Scholarship Fund

The fund gave out \$9,000 in scholarships last year.

### Endowment Fund

Josh Crabtree is the new chairperson.

### Women of Faith (UMW)

God's Circle is going very well. There will be no meeting in April due to Holy Week. We are planning to have the Salad Luncheon on the first Thursday of August. (August 3, 2023)

### New Business

- As we report on our Coffee Talks, it has become important to share discussion from our Church Council. It was made clear by several comments that the time we took to plan the coffee talks was effective, informative, and important. We thank all of you who shared very openly and sometimes emotionally, your thoughts and feelings during this time. We also heard many share that this has been a time of growth for our church, we have bonded in ways we can't imitate. The Church Council voted we will send out a card with one simple question and this will tell us how to proceed. Please watch your mail. This will be sent out to members only. Again, thank you for doing the important work of wrestling with this. God has blessed us through it!!

2023



# APRIL



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8pm - AA Meeting
2 Palm/Passion - Sunday 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS/9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Palm Sunday Worship Service - Presbyterian Church MN Hotdish Luncheon/SS Auction 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	3 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study <div>HOLY WEEK APRIL 3-8, 2023</div>	4 7pm - Scouts	5 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 615pm - FUEL and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	6 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service Jakki out of the office	7 7pm - Good Friday Service	8 8pm - AA Meeting
9 Easter Sunday 8am - Easter Youth Service 9am - Easter Breakfast 9:30am - Prayer Warriors in the Chapel 9:30am - Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am - Sunday Worship Service - Comm. 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	10 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study Jakki out of the office	11 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith Jakki out of the office 7pm - Scouts	12 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel NO CLASSES 8pm - AA Meeting	13	14	15 8pm - AA Meeting
PASTOR DORIE VACATION						
16 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS/9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study <div>PASTOR DORIE VACATION</div>	17 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study  Messenger Deadline	18 10am - Shut in visits 6:30pm - W&M Meeting	19 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 615pm - FUEL and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	20	21	22 10am - Lee Alexander Service 8pm - AA Meeting
23 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30am - FUEL/Adult SS/9:45am - Coffee 10:30am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study ----- 4th Sunday of Easter 30 - Same as Above FUEL Party Bowling Alley	24 6:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study	25 9:30am - Folding Team 1:30pm - Sewn in Faith 7pm - Scouts	26 9am - 7pm - Prayer Chapel 615pm - FUEL and Confirmation 8pm - AA Meeting	27	28	29 8pm - AA Meeting