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May.....2023

# The Messenger

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

**Pastor Dorie Hall**





## PASTOR'S CORNER

There are several of us who visit our members and friends with communion and a short devotion which leads us into a time of sharing and discussion. It is a rich time!

In a recent devotion, we talked about what it means to have friendship with God, and the significance of taking the time to build that relationship. It spoke of "being so intimately in touch with God that you never even need to ask Him to show you His will," because you already know what His will is for you.

This means you have built such a strong relationship that you have become His will. You are IN that right standing relationship.

You might remember when Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed about many things, his time was coming. At one point, he lifted to God his intimate thoughts.... "Not my will, but yours." Obviously, his relationship was very RIGHT!

Are we at that place in our prayer life where we can say those words with honesty? Can we ask for God's will and then accept what that will is for our lives? It might be something completely different than what we have planned. It could take us down a road we hadn't thought of or maybe apprehensive about following. When you pray to God, do you have your own interest at heart or is the time truly about your relationship with God.

Do you believe that God knows what you ask and why before you even sit down to pray?



### GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

**April 2, 2023 thru April 23, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 9,410.00
Loose offering	\$ 445.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
Radio Broadcast	\$ 320.00
Coffee Shop	<u>\$ 60.95</u>
	\$ 10,335.95

**TOTAL** **\$ 10,335.95**

### NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 95.30
Upper Room	\$ 3.00
Ink Recycle	\$ 222.00
Lent Offering	\$ 185.00
Easter Giving	<u>\$ 1,076.00</u>
Rent	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	\$ 1,631.30

**TOTAL** **\$ 1,631.30**

### TRUSTEES

General \$ —0—

**TOTALS** **\$ 10,335.95**  
\$ 1,631.30  
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**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 11,967.25**

**\*\*Please note that Sunday, April 30th is not added to the above totals and will be included in June's budget for the Messenger.\*\***

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THIS TOTAL  
DOES NOT  
INCLUDE THE  
ONLINE GIVING  
TOTALS**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters
May 7	Sandy Vogt	Bryce Schomacker	Jeanne Bowron	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson
May 14	David Vis	Paul Jr. and Lola Donth	Carol McDonald	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
May 21	Mary Gehrke	Marilyn VanWyhe Family	Jeanne Bowron	Matthew Fick	Gene Ashby
May 28	Christine VonHoltum	Christine VonHoltum	Carol McDonald	Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
May 7	Jeanne Bowron	Lola Donth
May 14	Felicia Hanson	Jeanne Bowron
May 21	Felicia Hanson	Anissa Vis
May 28	Jack Hanson	Mary Gehrke

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

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR APRIL 2023**

May 1, 2023 thru May 7, 2023 - Roger Carlson  
May 8, 2023 thru May 14, 2023 - Beth Fick  
May 15, 2023 thru May 21, 2023 - Laura Hollaren  
May 22, 2023 thru May 28, 2023 - Jack Hanson

Sometimes, especially in the busyness of our lives today, we play at this relationship and our faith. We underestimate how that reflects and touches our lives. We miss out on the strength of a solid relationship with Jesus and our faith. God knows what we ask, but he wants us to get to know him just as much as he knows us. This is the key to strong relationships, is it not?

We strive to help you build that relationship. We have plans for worship and other areas of church to help you do just that...to strengthen who you are in Christ. Check out our Bible studies, extra activities for all ages and opportunities for serving in many ways, no matter what your personality or likes and dislikes. As your Pastor, I am also here to sit down and chat about any cares and concerns you may have and let you know that Jesus loves you VERY MUCH!

Today, it is more important than ever to know God and His will for your life. This faith family is growing because of our commitment to that goal! Thank you all for being a part of it and building relationships!

*Pastor Doree*





**DON'T MISS OUT!**

- May is Meals on Wheels month for LUMC
- Vacation Bible School - Wednesday Nights in June
- Pie and Ice Cream Social/Buffalo Days - June 2
- Outdoor Service and Potluck Picnic - June 4
- Service at The Lake - July 2
- Salad Luncheon - August 3 (Tentatively)



**COMMUNION SERVICE  
MAY 14, 2023 - 10:30 AM**

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**SHUT IN COMMUNION  
MAY 16, 2023**



The theme for June is "The Games We Play" so Pastor Dorie is looking for a large Yard Jenga game for after our service at The Lake on

**July 2, 2023!**

Let Pastor know if you know where to get one or have one of these games to bring out to the lake! Thank you!



Summer is fast approaching and therefore it is time to get back "out" there and enjoy the summer weather and sunshine!! We will be doing this again...The dates and locations for our special outdoor worship services are as follows:

***June 4th here in our beautiful backyard with Potluck after  
and also July 2nd at the Lake***

Outdoor Services have been wonderful in the past...please mark your calendars! The Holy Spirit is felt outside as well as in!

Please bring your lawn chairs! We welcome you to come and join us!

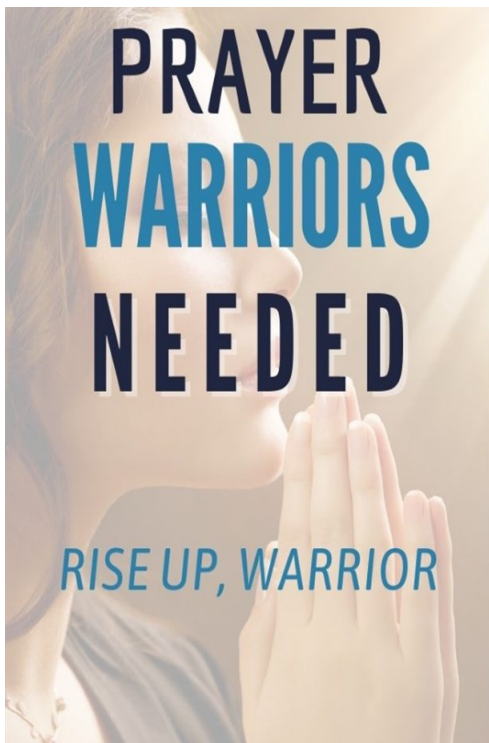


Don't forget to mark your calendars for our monthly Pizza Ranch Take Out Fundraiser Night on the 2nd Wednesday of each month! 10% of the proceeds will come back to the church to benefit

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  
May 10, 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

May 14, 2023 after our  
service.

All are welcome!



**May is Meals on Wheels month...  
Please Contact Beth Fick or Melanie Petersen  
if you would be interested in helping out with  
this important service for our community!!  
Thank you so much!**



**May 7, 2023**

We have had a special time in Confirmation this year. We will have one confirmand who will kneel before the altar during the Worship Service and make the promises he has been learning about over the last four years. This year's confirmand is

**Blake Sauer**

Please join Blake on his big day as he continues on his journey of faith!





As you have seen in past reports here in our Messengers, saving your Sunshine Foods receipts really does “pay” here at the church. Remember that Sunshine Foods donates 1% of the total dollar amount from your saved receipts! It may not seem like much, but per last tally for the year 2023 was \$33,245.51 and that means our Compassion Fund received \$332.56! Not to shabby! Keep saving! It helps!

Also, let’s not forget our Sunshine Gift Cards! They are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 cards and they are available in the office during regular office hours.

**We are wanting to make them available to purchase on Sunday as well! Is there anyone who would be interested in helping with this? If so, let Jakki know in the office or reach out to PastorDorie. Thank you!**



Our next Sewn in Faith meeting will be **May 9, 2023**. After that meeting, we will then be taking the summer off so the next meeting will not be until **September 12, 2023**.

If anyone is interested, we can do open sewing, or, if you would like to learn how to sew, please contact Becky at 507-227-1746.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our mission over the past couple of years.

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**Have a Happy Mother’s Day Ladies!!**



## Community Meal



May 24, 2023  
June 28, 2023  
July 26, 2023

**Please Join Us  
FREE OF CHARGE  
5:30 PM**





**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 Vast 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 April 2023:**

**April 2, 2023** - This broadcast is in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sacrifice he showed for us so we can return to him one day. We place our palms today to show our willingness to follow him and honor him as King and Messiah.

**April 9, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored by Carol Goretzki and Joel and Donna Michalson in loving memory of our parents Loren and Helen Meyer, long time members of UMC. Thank you and blessings to you all for sponsoring this broadcast.

**April 16, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored in prayer to all of those who are suffering or are in need of an extra boost from our faith family's prayers. This is not just here but anywhere or anyone in need of extra prayers and love at this time. Also pray for our world to come back into the fold with Jesus amidst all the chaos around us.

**April 23, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of our children and youth ministry programs that our teachers, Pastor Dorie and other faith families put together for our youth. May what they are taught on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings find way into their hearts as their faith blossoms.

**April 30, 2023** - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of all of the different committees, fundraising opportunities or events at this church that benefit our church, our community as a whole, and those in need such as the gift card and receipt program, the community meal, youth programs, VBS, Sewn in Faith, Donuts and refreshments for the Tristate Band Festival, Ice Cream Social and more. What wonderful programs!



As you might remember, in late 2022 we had discussions/presentations about discerning our thoughts on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Your leadership, through several official and unofficial meetings gathered info and put that information out in various manners for you to review.

We have recently sent out a letter and enclosed a preaddressed stamped card for our members to return regarding your choice about disaffiliation.

This is an opportunity for our leadership to discern where we are in this process and how we should proceed. Your thoughts are important to our leadership. **If you have not sent your card back to the office as of yet, please do so by May 9, 2023.** If you have further questions, please speak to Pastor Dorie, Mary Gehrke, Sandy Vogt, Bryce Schomacker or Shannon Dwire. Thank you!



**It is time for Sunday Worship Assistant signup sheets!! If you are interested in helping on Sundays to keep our services running smoothly, please check the bar for signup sheets for hosting and communion.**

**You may also speak with Mary and Felicia if you would be interested in serving coffee, being the Sunday WA or Lay Reader. We can always use a helping hand. Sign up today!**

**This also means that the office will be putting together this years updated handbooks! Available soon!**





**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:

Always pray for others who can't pray for themselves because others prayed for you when you couldn't. Dear God, wrap your arms around the hurt, the lost, the sad and the broken. Show them your love and light.



**WEEK OF May 7, 2023** - Steve and Penny Cattnach Family, Travis and Shannon Dwire Family, David and Anissa Vis, Becky Anderson, Dr. George and Carol McDonald, Jerry and Beth Wieman and for our UMC Bible Studies.

**WEEK OF May 14, 2023** - Mike Aanenson Family, Roger Carlson, Deb Hanson, Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson, Keith and Melanie Petersen, Dr. Darrel and Eleanor Siebert and for our United Methodist Men.

**WEEK OF May 21, 2023** - Jeff and Sheila Aukes, Josh and Emily Crabtree Family, Norbert and Laureen Fick, Todd Leech, Randy and Marcia Mulder, Jerry and Ann Rigney and for the Rock County Food Shelf.

**WEEK OF May 28, 2023** - Connor and Cicely Crabtree, Morris and Beth Fick, Sara Helling Family, Duane Mulder, Darwin and Evelyn Reyne, Jessica VandeHoef and for the Lent/Easter season.



May...2023

- 2- Bergin Flom
- 4 - Carter Davis
- 7 - Cathy Rust
- 10 - Dale Hawes
- 11 - Colleen Enga
- 15 - Ty Petersen
- 17 - Bryce Schomacker
- 18 - Mitchell Sauer
- 21 - Audrey Sparks
- 22 - Hunter Ahrendt  
Wendy Jamison
- 23 - Clyde Menning  
Patrick Bennett
- 24 - Jennifer Hilfers  
Abigail Kor
- 27 - Matthew Fick

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Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be held in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles. Mother's Day has also become an increasingly important event for businesses in recent years. This is particularly true of restaurants and businesses manufacturing and selling cards and gift items.

## 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.*

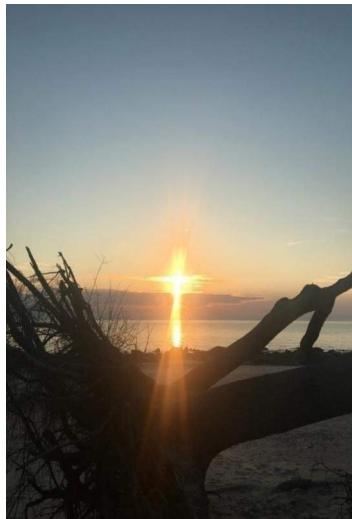
*This has always been a very special, fun and joyous time for not only those we visit but for those who go out and visit each month. If you would like to join Pastor Dorie, Sue, LaVonne and Christine, please reach out to Pastor or any of the others mentioned so you can join in on spreading joy, compassion, spiritual enrichment and blessings.*

*Our homebound ministry is flourishing!! So much so that we will soon be adding another day for visiting. If you or someone you know is interested or desires communion, please let us know and we will put you on our list! Our next visiting day will be*

***Tuesday, May 16, 2023 ~ 10am***



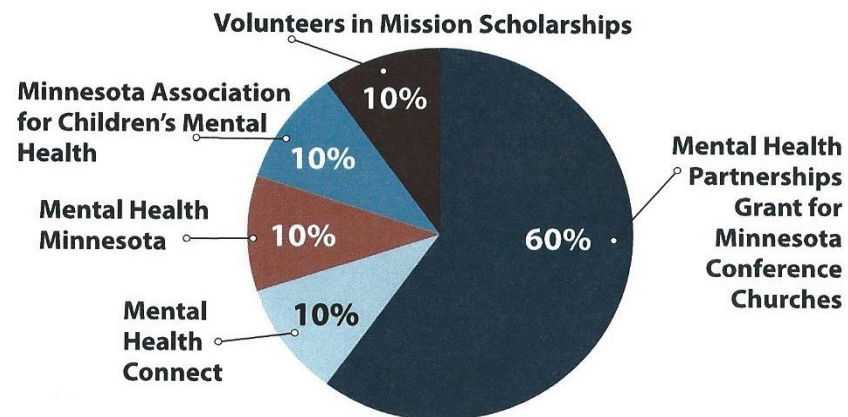
Check out what we did in April...Visiting time....From the fun Palm Sunday activities to our Easter services...



Again...looks like a pretty great month!! Hope all of you had a blessed Easter! He is Risen! Until next time all...

## The Love Offering for 2023

### Where the Love Offering will go



### How to support the Love Offering

Give to the cash or online offering through your church, and mark "Love Offering" on your memo line or giving envelope.

Churches should either mail in a single check representing their Love Offering or give electronically at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering>.

If possible, please give before the 2023 Annual Conference Session, taking place May 31-June 1.

Thank you, in advance, for your extravagant generosity and your passion to reach others for Christ!



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## May 2023 Silver Bucket



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

The Love Offering provides the opportunity to bring healing in the name and spirit of Jesus. Our offering this year will address the growing mental health needs in Minnesota.

The theme of the 2023 Annual Conference session—taking place in St. Cloud on May 31-June 1—is “Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience.”

The funds from this year’s offering will go to a grant for Minnesota Conference churches to begin or expand a mental health partnership project (60 percent), Mental Health Connect (10 percent), Mental Health Minnesota (10 percent), Minnesota Association for Children’s Mental Health (10 percent), and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10 percent).



### 2022 Recap

Donations to the 2022 Love Offering totaled **\$72,152** and went to The Red Bird Missionary Conference, Holy Grounds, Simpson Food Pantry, West African Family and Community Food Shelf, and Volunteers in Mission scholarships. Thank you for your generosity!



## 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.

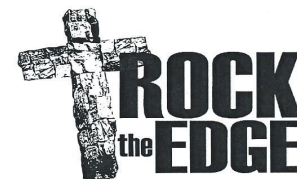
**Would you like to join us?** We are looking for adult volunteers. Many opportunities behind the scenes as well as with our youth teams. Help for a couple hours or a couple days - we will accommodate your time available. Does your place of business give you time off for community service? Call Nicole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



Interested in  
*Membership?*  
Maybe NOW is the time!

We are putting together a membership Introduction/informational meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church or would like more information about being a part of this blessed faith family, please reach out to Pastor Dorie. Thank you!



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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | MONDAY                                                                                   | TUESDAY                                                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                                                               | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study<br><br>May Day                    | 2<br>PD - LLP Renewal/<br>License Annual - Mankato<br><br><b>7pm</b> - Scouts                         | 3<br><b>9am - 7pm</b> - Prayer Chapel<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting                                    | 4        | 5<br>Hoiland/V.H Wedding                  | 6<br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting      |
| 7<br>5th Sunday of Easter<br><br><b>9:30am</b> - FUEL/Adult SS/ <b>9:45am</b> - Coffee<br><b>10:30am</b> - Livestream Worship Service<br><b>4:30pm</b> - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study<br><b>Confirmation Sunday - Blake Sauer</b> | 8<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study                                   | 9<br><b>1:30pm</b> - Sewn in Faith<br><b>6:30pm</b> - M&M Meeting<br><br><b>7pm</b> - Scouts          | 10<br><b>9am - 7pm</b> - Prayer Chapel<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting                                   | 11       | 12                                        | 13<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting |
| 14<br>6th Sunday of Easter<br><b>9:30am</b> - FUEL/Adult SS/ <b>9:45am</b> - Coffee<br><b>10:30am</b> - Livestream Worship Service<br><b>4:30pm</b> - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study<br><b>Happy Mother's Day</b>                   | 15<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study                                  | 16<br><b>10am</b> - Shut in visits<br><b>6pm</b> - Trustee Meeting<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Council Meeting | 17<br><b>9am - 7pm</b> - Prayer Chapel<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting                                   | 18       | 19                                        | 20<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting |
| 21<br>7th Sunday of Easter<br><b>9:30am</b> - FUEL/Adult SS/ <b>9:45am</b> - Coffee<br><b>10:30am</b> - Livestream Worship Service<br><b>4:30pm</b> - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study                                                | 22<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study<br><br><b>Messenger Deadline</b> | 23<br><b>6pm</b> - Teachers Meeting<br><br><b>7pm</b> - Scouts                                        | 24<br><b>9am - 7pm</b> - Prayer Chapel<br><b>5:30pm</b> - Community Meal<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting | 25       | 26                                        | 27<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting |
| 28<br>Day of Pentecost<br><b>9:30am</b> - FUEL/Adult SS/ <b>9:45am</b> - Coffee<br><b>10:30am</b> - Worship Service<br><b>4:30pm</b> - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study                                                               | 29<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study                                  | 30<br><b>9:30am</b> - Folding Team<br><div>Annual Conference - St. Cloud</div>                        | 31<br><b>9am - 7pm</b> - Prayer Chapel<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting                                   | June 1   | 2<br>Pie and Ice Cream Social<br>time TBD | 3<br><br><b>8pm</b> - AA Meeting  |