

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | LUVERNE, MN | JUNE 2023

LUMC *Messenger*



Dear Faith Family,

Isn't it fun! Finally, that special time of year some of us crave and love is upon us! Spring moving into Summer, breathing in the fresh air after a long stale season of being inside, huddling under covers. There are flowers, mowing and picnics, baseball, fishing, and a wide range of activities! The leadership of your church has been busy planning out the next few months, and we have a full season of fun planned for everyone! Please take a moment to see what's ahead in the next days and weeks! And enjoy the new layout for our newsletter!

At Bible Study on Sunday night, we launched into a discussion (not surprising ever!) about our history and all the things that brought us to our current day. We then launched into a full time of talking about the fun we had in our younger days, playing silly games and all the hijinks our imaginations could muster. (But more on that later.... I digress.) We talked of all the ways we are trying to rewrite history, change the meaning, and even erase some of it. And the important part of that is no matter how hard we try, we can't change it, it happened, and it exists, even if only in our memories. We all agreed that history can teach us things, important things for today and our tomorrows.

We have been spending time these last two weeks walking with the disciples following the death and resurrection of Jesus. In our Christian faith, this is part of our history. Thankfully, we don't strive to rewrite this history, change it, or even erase it, though it has been attempted a few times. The best part is we acknowledge that it can teach us important things for today and tomorrow. And, with passion and commitment, it can steer our lives into all the blessings God has promised.

During the beginning of the Way (the movement of Christians after the death and resurrection of Jesus), history teaches us that those attached to the Way were moved and acted on the compassion of their faith. They came together and cared for each other deeply, selling their own resources to care for and keep those who needed it the most.



*This is a new format for our
monthly Messenger...*

*The calendar is now inside the
cover page!*

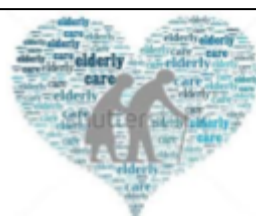


They were concerned with building the family, faith and caring for each other along the way. Jesus taught us to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. In fact, after some of their greatest preaching moments, there were thousands of people added to their faith family. This is our history!

Like all things we know in life, we still have the ability to make our own choices. As our world continues to change and address history, we can choose to agree with this or that and accept those consequences as they come. However, one of the best choices we can make is in choosing Jesus and our faith, and those things our Christian history teaches us about life. The examples offered to us through the Bible make a difference, every day! As we choose Jesus and learn from him, our tomorrow looks brighter and filled with promise! And the history we cultivate will be lifegiving!

PS: As you remember back in your childhood history, do you remember some of the games you played, those which have dropped off the map in popularity? We came up with Tiddlywinks, Marbles, Freeze tag, Red Rover, and a few more. We thought since our theme for the next few weeks is the games we play; it would be fun to incorporate some of those games in our VBS. We would love for you to share some of the long-lost games of our childhoods that were safe.... not building our own go carts without brakes or games like that! Let us know about the fun you had in your childhood! We would love to hear from you! 😊

Pastor Dorie &



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 have added another day to our monthly visiting schedule.

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 days will be:

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

10am



**COMMUNION SERVICE
JUNE 11, 2023 - 10:30 AM**

**SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS
JUNE 6, 2023
JUNE 20, 2023**



**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
June 11, 2023 after our service
In the sanctuary
All are welcome!**



Sponsor a broadcast for \$95

The chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board by the church office. Signup today!!!!

Here is a list of our honoree supporters for May 2023:

May 7, 2023 - Is sponsored in honor of our confirmand, Blake Sauer. As he kneels at the altar today, may he feel the Spirit of Jesus and know that this is only the beginning of his faith journey. May he continue to come to church and nurture and renew his covenants to God. May he carry His spirit with him always to guide them thru all things now and in the future.

May 14, 2023 - This broadcast was sponsored by Carol Ohlsen in loving memory of her dear friend Lee Alexander. We offer thanks and blessings to Carol for sponsoring this week's Broadcast.

May 21, 2023 - This broadcast is in honor of our faith family! It continues to grow as we bring new people in to our worship services. May we continue to stand united and show our love and appreciation to those in our faith family. May we continue to keep Christ as the cornerstone of the life we live and continue to trust in the Savior we love

May 28, 2023 - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of the upcoming summer. We as a church have so many important plans to bring us closer as a faith family such as Vacation Bible School, our outdoor services, retreats, and of course our pie and ice cream social during Buffalo Days.

LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pie and Ice Cream Social/Buffalo Days – June 2
- Outdoor Service and Potluck Picnic – June 4
- Community Meal - June 28
- Service at The Lake- July 2
- Vacation bible School -July 10-13
- God's Circle – June 6
- Community Meal - July 26
- Annual Salad Luncheon - August 3
- Sewn in Faith - September 12

SAVE
the
DATE

PRAY
ALWAYS
Thessalonian 5:17

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 June 4,, 2023 - LaVonne Anderson, Carl and Yssi Entzie, Linda Hanson, Jason and Karla Kruse Family, Perry and Brenda Stickling, Sue Stroh, and for Praise and Thanksgiving to Jesus.

WEEK OF June 11, 2023 - Justine and Andrew Miller, Wayne and Amy Kruger Family, Bruce and Linda Reisdorfer Family, Lee and Megan Tapper, Jacob Fick, And for Leadership in the United States.

WEEK OF June 18, 2023 - Al and Dixie Aanenson, Karen Buus, Paul, Jr. and Lola Donth, Ray Hankins, Jay and Bev Mann, Zachary Kruse, and for our United Methodist Women,

WEEK OF June 25,, 2023 - Kim Donth, Pastor Dorie and Luther Hall Family, Ashley Kluever, Erika Menning Family, Josh and Brooke VandenHoek, Andrew Hanson, and for our Prayer Ministry

Silver Bucket for June:



This month's Silver Bucket is dedicated to our Homebound Ministry. It has been such a blessing for those of us who bring communion to and visit and also those special people we visit! It brings great joy!

It has been going so well that we have added another week to our visiting schedule! We will be going out on the first and third Tuesday of the month now!

If you would like to join in this ministry please speak with Pastor Dorie!



We will be having our Annual Outdoor Worship Service in the "Garden of Grace" here at the church next Sunday, June 4, 2023. Afterward we will then have our annual faith family potluck so please be sure to bring a dish to share.....and don't forget your lawn chairs!!

It has always been a highlight and is an opportunity to spend time together in Fellowship! **Please bring** those tasty hotdishes, salads and desserts to share!

Faith ~ Food ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend!



Let's kick Buffalo Days off right...

Join us in our LUMC courtyard for delicious pie, ice cream, and other desserts!

We are holding our Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social
Friday, June 2, 2023

5-8pm

See you there!!



Straw Poll RESULTS:

176 Current Church Members

78 Votes Received

50 Voted to "remain in the United Methodist denomination with our church family as we have been

28 voted to "pursue further action to explore the disaffiliation process"

Results of our straw poll are that we move forward united.

We thank you for learning, discussing, & sharing.



We will be planning our leadership teams for 2024. If you would like to serve in a leadership role, we would love to hear from you!

As our church continues to life, we have many ways to live out our faith. If perhaps you have an area that is speaking to your heart to either get involved in or start out, please talk to Pastor Dorie! She would love to be there for you, to encourage you, to support your ministry!



We have changed our Vacation Bible School schedule. It's been Wednesdays in June in the past, but this year it will be a full week in July.

It has been scheduled for July 10-13, 2023.

We will continue to build on the theme "The Games of Life" with related Bible Messages.

See your kiddos in July!



It is that time again to get an updated church directory. We need your help! If any of you have a change of address, phone number, email or anything else, please contact Jakki or Pastor Dorie! **Handbooks will be available early July. Please get your info in by June 15, 2023**

Thank you for your help keeping current!!

Thank you

John and Jennifer Hilfers would Like to thank our entire faith family for all of your support whether it be through your prayers, a card, or any other ways you have been there for them.

Jennifer is home now and would like to have visitors - but please call first to let her know. Jennifer still has many appointments and we want to make sure she is home and feeling up to it. You can call Jennifer at (507) 220-4442 or you may also call John at (507) 227-2425.

Thank you again for everything and please keep those prayers coming as we continue her care!



Community Meal

June 28, 2023
July 26, 2023
August 23, 2023

Please Join Us
FREE OF CHARGE
5:30 PM

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Ways to Support Our Church

1

Online / LUMC App

www.umcluverne.com/give
Online & our Mobile App on iPhone and Android!
Options for 1 time or scheduled gifts.
Use bank account, debit card, or credit card.



2

Sunshine Grocery Voucher Card

www.umcluverne.com/sunshine
LUMC receives 5% of each dollar spent using vouchers.
Available during office hours & Sundays.
\$25, \$50, \$100 amounts. They work like cash!



3

Sunshine Grocery Receipt Rebate

www.umcluverne.com/sunshine
LUMC receives a rebate of 1% on approved grocery items on receipts! Drop your receipts in the wood box in the sanctuary entry.



4

UMC Market

www.umcluverne.com/UMCMarket Or direct link to: <https://umcmarket.org> A portal where you shop your favorite retailers, get access to exclusive savings. UMC Market splits promotion commission with us! Simply sign up email, select LUMC, and then shop!



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Amazon Smile

www.umcluverne.com/amazon or direct link to shop: <https://smile.amazon.com/UMC1-0940924>
Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to LUMC. AmazonSmile is the same products, same prices, same service.





6 - Madison Crabtree
 10 - Jessica Hoiland
 11 - Jon Menning
 12 - Mark Dahl
 14 - John Bowron
 Tyler Reisdorfer
 15 - Bob Frakes
 Duane Mulder
 16 - Carol McDonald
 17 - Evelyn Reyne
 Carol Grimaldo

20 - Adam Breheny
 21 - Marilyn VanWyhe
 Karis Dwire
 Lola Donth
 23 - Quinn Connell
 24 - Bev Mann
 Norbert Fick
 26 - Peggy Nelson
 Brittany Mulder
 27 - Kaden Anderson
 29 - Hayden Sauer

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Assistants	Coffee	Gift Cards
June 4	Becky Anderson	Sue Stroh and Lavonne Anderson	No Power Point - Outdoors	David Vis	Jack & Felicia Hanson	Willy Baker	Felicia Hanson	Becky Anderson
June 11	Lola Donth	Terry and Peggy Nelson	Jeanne Bowron	Matthew Fick	Everett & Jan Brandenburg	Mary Gehrke	Jeanne Vande Hoef	Karis Dwire
June 18	Mary Gehrke	Laura Hollaren	Carol McDonald	Luther Hall	Gene Ashby	Sandy Vogt	Shannon Dwire	Sharron Betsinger
June 25	Laura Hollaren	Christine VonHoltum	Jennifer Hilfers	Jason Kruse	Jay & Bev Mann	Becky Anderson	Josh and Emily Crabtree	Brenda Stickling

Communion	Video
Shane and Katie Sauer Family	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
May 29, 2023 through June 4, 2023	Al Aanenson
June 5, 2023 through June 11, 2023	Jeanne Bowron
June 12, 2023 through June 18, 2023	Jack Hanson
June 19, 2023 through June 25, 2023	Bryce Schomacker
June 26, 2023 through July 2, 2023	Roger Carlson

MAY BUDGET

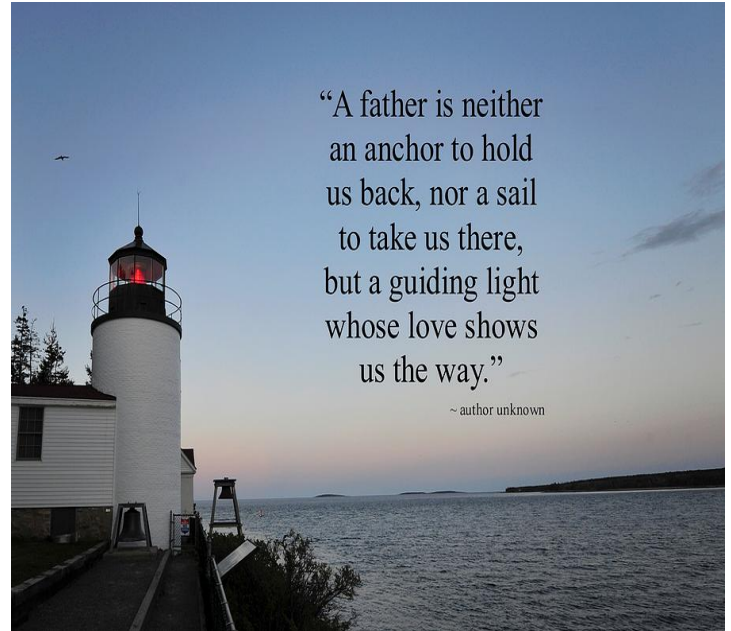
General Budget Totals		
April 30,2023 thru May 28, 2023		
Envelopes	\$	9,444.00
Loose Offering	\$	718.50
Apportionments	\$	100.00
Radio Broadcast	\$	95.00
Online Giving (April)	\$	3,296.00
Total	\$	13,653.50
Non Budget Donations		

Silver Bucket	\$	160.59
Upper Room	\$	5.80

Total	\$	160.39
Rent	\$	350.00
Totals	\$	13,653.50
	\$	160.39
	\$	350.00
Grand Total	\$	14,069.89



As Summer approaches, fun times begins - Camping,fishing, family vacations and more!! We are so happy that all are able to have so much fun during the warm summer days. We also wanted to give you a friendly reminder to continue church giving during these summer months. We say this due to church expenses being constant year round. Thank you all and enjoy your summer fun!!



Father's Day is Sunday, June 18, 2023
Enjoy your time with your family and loved ones!

