



Luverne UMC August 2023 Messenger

Greetings in Christ

We recently embarked upon a journey based on the movie, "Unbroken." It lasted three weeks and took us from what encouragement could mean to the human spirit at any age. Touching Louis Zamperini when he was a young lad on the verge of getting in to trouble so often that there would be no turning back, to having a brother who stepped in to give a reason for walking on a good path. Louis would experience many good things in his future, before things turned very dark and challenging. Going from being an Olympian athlete to being captured by the enemy during a war, Louis went from a great high to wondering where God was at and if there was a plan for what was currently happening in his life.

Even as dramatic as his life journey was, we can share in some similarities...how often do we meander through life not thinking about too many consequences of having those tremendous highs only to experience the next moment crashing into pain and struggle? Is this fair? What have I done to deserve this? Is there an end to this...God where are you?

The hard part is that none of us escape the ups and downs of life, no matter how we live our lives, the struggles are real. Often in our Bible we find encouragement, the knowledge of God's plan and the assurance of God's Presence in all we encounter. The deeper in His Word we go, the more we read, the stronger our faith gets as we continue to learn more. And the most important gift of that time with God, is that TRUST is one of the most important aspects of our faith we can hold on to each and every day.

But often, that's not as easy as it sounds, wouldn't you agree? Life can throw some pretty strong curveballs our way. And they can threaten the walk we are on, the strides we've made and alter the path we are taking. God did not promise us an easy life, in fact, God tells us that we are not meant for this world, but next to him forever in His world with Jesus by our side. Now, that is supposed to put things in perspective for us in faith, but still makes this life very hard. the best thing we can do is to stay strong and keep the faith...hold on to trust and know that God will never leave us alone and will always offer a path before us...Romans tells us, "if God is for us, who can be against us?" and that nothing in all creation, "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So as we journey through life, encounter real life and even wander.....always remember to TRUST in Our Lord Jesus...first and foremost...leaning on the everlasting arms of the Savior who love you so.....!

Always in His Name,

Pastor Jorie



Our Luverne UMC Members in Special Homes:

Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne ~ Bill Holling and Ardie Schmidt ~
David Johnson

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne ~ Annabelle Frakes

The Oaks ~ Luverne ~ Sally Cooksley

The MN Vet's Home ~ Buster Rust



- ➔ Meals on Wheels - August
- ➔ God's Circle - September 5
- ➔ Sewn in Faith - September 12
- ➔ See You at the Pole - September 27
- ➔ Band Festival Parade - September 30
- ➔ Luverne UMC Rally Day - TBD

Food & Fellowship
a free community meal



August 23, 2023
September 27, 2023
October 25, 2023

Please Join Us
FREE OF CHARGE
5:30 PM



COMMUNION SERVICE
AUGUST 13, 2023



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

AUGUST 9, 2023



AUGUST 22, 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
together to overcome!

**Our next meeting is
August 13, 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 July 2023:

July 2, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored in loving memory of Carol Ohlsen. This broadcast was sponsored by Annabelle Frakes.

July 9, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored in recognition of our upcoming Vacation Bible School and all the great teachers, volunteers and kiddos.

July 16, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored in honor of our upcoming ALIVE Youth Retreat at Inspiration Hills in August.

July 23, 2023 - This broadcast was sponsored in honor of summer and the importance of summer giving!

July 30, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored by Duane Mulder in loving memory of his wife Joyce Mulder, who would have celebrated her 88th birthday on July 24th.



Silver Bucket Ministry August 2023 Suicide Walk/Prevention

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about.

If you're looking for support and/or resources, please visit:

www.afsp.org/get-help and www.afsp.org/resources.

You may also use your phone and text
Home to 741741

There is someone available 24 hours a day and is confidential/anonymous.

The Prayer Chain

Please call Jan Brandenburg @ 283-4059 for specific announcements or if you or someone you know needs extra prayer. We are here to help!

The Prayer Chain list for the month of August is as follows:

WEEK OF August 6, 2023 - Journey Dwire, Brad and Heather Petersen Family, Christine VonHoltum, Stephen Foster, Laura Hollaren, Colby Crabtree and for the Rock County School System.

WEEK OF August 13, 2023 - Wayne Biever, Perry and Brenda Stickling, Travis Frakes, Wayne Holmgren, Roger and Sandy Vogt, and for Rock County Ministries.

WEEK OF August 20, 2023 - Patrick and Andrea Bennett Family, Mark Dahl and Dr. Diane Kennedy, Brett and Marissa VanderPoel Family, Keith and Betty Luethje, Shane and Katie Sauer and for the Southern Prairie District.

WEEK OF August 27, 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 care and concern of our property.

**Believe in the
Power of Prayer.
If not for yourself,
believe in it for
others. The world
is weak. Prayer
is powerful and
God can do
anything.
Amen**



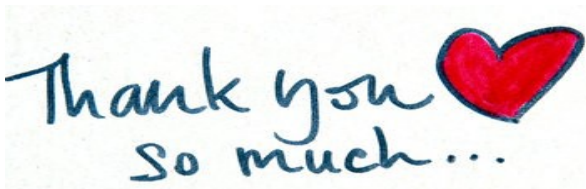
This year our own Luverne United Methodist Church is celebrating 150 years of standing united as a faith family and bringing people closer to Christ!

Watch out for the different things that come together to commemorate this great achievement!



Our Summer Retreat is just around the corner! The date for our event is Wednesday morning, August 16th and we will leave at 9am from the church and we will return later Friday afternoon. We will be staying in the lodge this year, have our own area and make our own meals, except for possibly having one meal in the dining hall

We will be doing the ropes challenge course and the team building exercises as we have done before. However, they did add a couple of other choices such as Axe throwing, the Archery Range, Archery Tag, BB Gun Range, canoeing. The pool will be available as well as the trails and other fun things!



I just wanted to update you on my mother, Jan. She passed away on Sunday, July 23rd At the end of January 2023, she was diagnosed with stage 4 metastasized ovarian cancer. She is suffering no more and passed peacefully at home with family and friends by her bedside.

Thank all of you who have been praying for her these past months! I spoke to her about those at work who were praying for her, and she was very grateful to all of you! The rest of the family is grateful as well and thank you for your love, prayers, and support! I will be out of the office Aug. 14-16th. Sorry for any inconvenience!!



Please continue to turn in your Sunshine receipts. And remember, Sunshine Gift Cards are not a substitute for the receipts!



Do you need gift cards??? We will now be making Sunshine Gift Cards available on Sundays! They come in 3 different dollar amounts:

\$25, \$50 and \$100

Make sure to come on over and get some this morning!

They will still be available during office hours as well!

Rock The Edge

3rd Annual Community & Youth Prayer Breakfast

Special Guest

Paul Ten Haken
Sioux Falls Mayor



Sponsored by:



THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH

HOSTED AT LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast: 6:30 AM In The Commons

Program: 7:00 AM In The Performing Arts Center

NO COST TO ATTEND. **Reservations Requested.**

Call Luverne Area Chamber at 507.283.4061. Free will offering.

Deadline: Monday, August 21 at noon..



This year's week of Vacation Bible School was amazing! We had 16 kiddos and 9 teachers/volunteers in attendance! With the theme being "The Games We Play, we had different life lessons involving different board games.

On the last night we had to compete with hot dog night and a pending storm but all kiddos were there and the storm went right over us. Truly a great time for all!

Thank you to all of our teachers and volunteers taking the time to be with us and not only for all the amazing things you did that week, but also helping us prepare!! Thank you to all of the families for sharing your kiddos! See you next year!!



See You at the Pole™, the Global Day of Student prayer, began in 1990 as a grassroots movement with ten students praying at their school. Decades later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.

This year's See You at the Pole event is held on September 27, 2023



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| 1 - Brooke VandenHoek | 18 - Dan Anderson |
| 5 - Mark Moeller | 19 - Steve Cattnach |
| 6 - Todd Leech | Matthew Davis |
| 7 - Jeanne VandeHoef | Jack Bennett |
| Danny Aning | 20 - Summer Aning |
| Luther Hall | 21 - Christine VonHoltum |
| 10 - Rick Ward | 22 - Ginny Menning |
| 12 - Mike Flom | Roger Carlson |
| 15 - Al Aanenson | Ed Ray |
| Kimberly Bennett | Andrea Bennett |
| Russ Enga | 29 - Hunter Cope |
| 16 - Keith Luethje | 30 - Connie Olson |

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Worship Responsibilities

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Assistants	Coffee	Gift Cards
August 6	Wyatte Kruse	Al Aanenson	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Jack & Felicia Hanson	Emily Crabtree	Vicki Slack	Sharron B.
August 13	Bill Paulsen	Bill and Maggie Paulson	Open or Jennifer Hilfers	Matthew Fick	Everett & Jan B.	Jack Hanson	Jeanne Vande Hoef	Brenda Stickling
August 20	Maggie Paulsen	Riley A. and Journey D.	Reegan Gabrielson	Luther Hall	Gene Ashby	Lola Donth	Mary Gehrke	Mary Gehrke
August 27	Bryce Schomacker	Christine VonHoltum	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Jay & Bev Mann	Mary Gehrke	Felicia Hanson	Christine VH

Communion	Video
Steve, Penny and Garrett Cattnach	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
July 31, 2023 through August 6, 2023	Jeanne Bowron
August 7, 2023 through August 13, 2023	Jack Hanson
August 14,, 2023 through August 20, 2023	Bryce Scoimacker
August 21, 2023 through August 27, 2023	Roger Carlson
August 28, 2023 thru September 3, 2023	Beth Fick

July Budget

General Budget Totals		
July 2, 2023 thru July 30, 2023		
Envelopes	\$	9,915.00
Loose Offering	\$	717.50
Apportionments	\$	100.00
Radio Broadcast	\$	190.00
Online Giving (June)	\$	3,230.00
Total	\$	14,152.50
Non Budget Donations		
Silver Bucket	\$	167.93
Upper Room	\$	6.00
Total	\$	173.93
Rent	\$.00
Totals	\$	14,152.50
	\$	173.93
	\$	
Grand Total	\$	14,326.43



Over the summer months we find ourselves busy with camping, fishing, family vacations and more! It is understandable that we may not be able to attend Sunday worship services regularly during this time...

But, please understand, we are so happy that all of you can have so much fun with family and friends during the warm summer days! We just wanted to give you a friendly reminder to continue church giving during these summer months.

We used to report in our bulletins that we need \$4026 each week to keep the church running smoothly! Church expenses are constant year-round. Please remember your giving each week! Thank you all and continue to enjoy your summer fun!

