



Luverne UMC September 2023 Messenger

Dear friends,

As we move into Fall, we will begin to see nature change before our eyes! Not everybody gets the blessing of this annual occurrence, but it is God's work happening with the colors changing, nature beginning to think about quieting and hibernating...the air gets brisker, and we start thinking about winter and all its fun! 😊

God brought all of this into place long ago! Each of the six days, he brought into being all that we enjoy around us! The oceans, the trees, the vegetation, the sun and the moon, the animals we enjoy watching and loving. Everything around us comes from God.

And maybe one of the most significant days was the day God created human beings.

"So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" ~Genesis 1:27

Do you ever ponder about the idea that you are made in the image of God? Imagine in the world's population, all of us walking around reflecting God! There has got to be some serious implications there we don't even think about...do we take that responsibility seriously?

I read once that we were created to make God smile...and it's comforting to know that my silly life can make God smile, how about you? But what we often miss is that this means we are THAT important to God! He loves you - all of us - very much!

We have moments when we are totally oblivious to the wonder all around us, our lives moving at a pace that is difficult to maintain, often not even thinking about breathing, thank God it is automatic! But amid the craziness, God is still so very near, waiting for us to spend time with Him. Providing for us a landscape of beauty and wonder just outside our windows.

In the beginning, God created. In the beginning, God brought order into chaos. In the beginning, God spoke, and it was so. In the beginning, God created and declared it Good!

We are blessed every day for this beginning! And in the little stuff, like the butterfly landing on the flower to get his fill. In the giggle of the little ones brought into the world. In the corn turning, anticipating harvest! In the moon shining in the darkness. Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

Let us reach out and declare His Majesty in the midst of all of it!

Thank you for Fall!

Pastor Jorie

UMC Luverne Members and Friends
that live in Special Homes.

Mary Jane Brown Home

- Ardie Schmidt – Bill Holling – David Johnson

Poplar Creek Assisted Living -

- Annabelle Frakes

The Oaks— Luverne - Sally Cooksley

Tuff Home (Hills) – *Ralph Watts*



Backpack blessing - September 3

Luverne UMC Rally Night - September 6

Pastor Vacation - September 11-24

Alive Event - Car Talks - September 24

Band Festival Free donuts/coffee - September 30

Annual Bison Feed - Date TBD

Annual UMC Bonfire - Date TBD

All Saints Sunday - November 5

Daylight Savings Ends - November 5 (Fall back)



COMMUNION SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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!

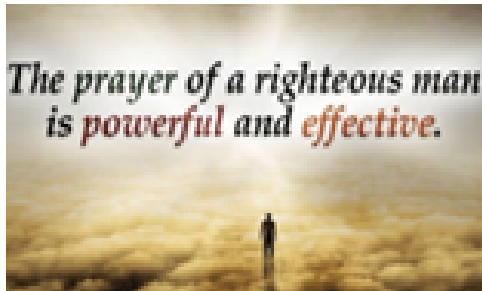
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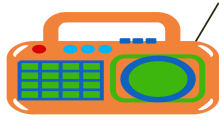
WEEK OF September 3, 2023 - Connor and Cicely Crabtree, Morris and Beth Fick, Duane Mulder, Darwin and Evelyn Reyne, Jessica Hoiland and for our Vision Team.

WEEK OF September 10, 2023 - Everett and Jan Brandenburg, Sondra Coulter, Marie Paulsen, Vicki Walker, Travis and Shannon Dwire and for the Advent season.

WEEK OF September 17, 2023 - John and Jeanne Bowron, Shawn and Gretchen Davis, Cody And Elly Gehrke Family, David Johnson, Ardie Schmidt, Fran Vos and for our Annual Christmas Eve Dinner.

WEEK OF September 24, 2023 - Jack and Joyce Bennett, Kat Dahl and Brooks Mauer Family, Bob and Dawn Frakes, Bill Holling, Buster Rust, Kenny Swenson and for Revival in our Community.





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 August 2023:

August 6, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored by Duane Mulder in honor of Pastor Dorie and the congregation of the United Methodist Church of Luverne.

August 13, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored by Duane Mulder in honor of Pastor Dorie and the congregation of the United Methodist Church of Luverne. Sorry about that...2 weeks in a row!! The church and Pastor must have really needed blessing! :)

August 20, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored in blessings to the youth of our faith family. FUEL, ALIVE, and Confirmation. All these groups are so important in teaching them to find, feel and love their faith in Jesus! Thank you to all the teachers, volunteers and Pastor for helping them on their journey!

August 27, 2023 - This week's broadcast was sponsored in blessings to the members of our faith family starting a new school year. Whether you are a high school or college student, we wish you a wonderful, fun, and knowledgeable year! Good luck!



Silver Bucket Ministry September 2023 Emma Norton Services

Emma Norton is a nonprofit organization that helps combat poverty by partnering with women, children, and families that are homeless and are experiencing challenges from mental and/or chemical disabilities. ENS provides affordable housing, basic needs and support services in an environment that fosters stability and encourages personal growth.

Please support this important cause and organization this month.



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!

Backpack Blessing and Rally Night September 3 and 6, 2023



We will be kicking off the new year in a very special way!

Our Annual Backpack blessing will be done at the September 3, 2023 Worship Service and Rally night will be held September 6th at 6:15pm

▪ 2nd Grade and New Confirmand Bibles ▪

We're so excited for you to join us!

Available

Our Youth Group has Denim Rugs for Sale...See Display in Sanctuary

Check with Pastor Dorie

Many sizes and color combinations! Prices are set at \$2.00 per inch. Handmade and woven by some one local in our community.

Fundraiser for the ALIVE Youth Group to fund our trips and experiences!





God's Circle is back! The group will meet again on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 1:30pm in the Upper Room. Welcome back ladies! Time for more fun and fellowship! If you have not gone and would like to, just come on up or speak to Sandy Vogt if you have questions!

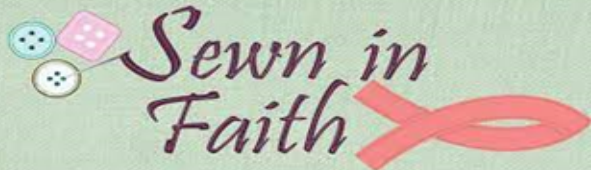


**The second Sunday
of every month.**

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
September 10, 2023**

after our service in the sanctuary
All are welcome!

The logo for "Sewn in Faith" features the words "Sewn in" and "Faith" in a cursive, script font. To the left of the text are three small, colorful buttons (blue, pink, and white). To the right is a large, stylized red ribbon or thread forming a loop.

Sewn In Faith is back after taking the summer off. On Tuesday, 9/12/23 we will have our regular get together of finishing the quilts at 1:30 with fellowship afterwards. Going forward, at the 4th Tuesday of each month, we will be do something different - this will be a get together of everyone learning how to put together a quilt from the start to finish (picking out a pattern, finding the best fabric, cutting the fabric, pinning it together, sewing it and once it is put together, putting the batting and backing on.) Everyone is invited to join us - you don't need to know how to sew - you will learn as we go along and/or just be there for fellowship and a good time.



The Directory is almost finished with review...don't give up...it will be available in the back of the Sanctuary for pick up very soon! Thank you so much for your patience!

~ Jakki Lindsley

Hey everyone! We have an exciting special event to kick off our year for our youth group. On Sunday afternoon, September 24, you are invited to join us at the Bryce Schomacker home to talk about all things cars and enjoy food and fellowship. Our goal is to get to know each other, meet some new people, and learn about some of the basics of what makes our cars run. It's an awesome opportunity for all of us to learn some important things about our cars and have fun together. It is open for anyone who wants to learn more about this AND for those who would love an afternoon of food and fellowship. Fun begins at 3pm! Here is the home address:

801 N. Oakley Street

Luverne, MN 56156





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



Don't forget to come down to the Tri-State band Festival Parade! The parade will start at 9:30am on September 30, 2023. Arrive early to reserve your most perfect spot and stop by our courtyard and get your free coffee, water and donuts!! And let's all give a hand for the band!



1 - Zachary Kruse	16 - Sue Stroh
Travis Arends	20 - Carol Kor
Cody Gehrke	21 - Cherise Ray
Andrea Sparks	23 - Tammy Moeller
4 - Keith Petersen	25 - Michael Aning
5 - Anabelle Frakes	27 - Chris Schaeffer
Jason Kruse	28 - Madigan Flom
6 - Wayne Biever	Sheila Aukes
12 - Mary Gehrke	Jeff Ahrendt
Jana Read	29 - Jeremy Reisdorfer
15 - Ellen Wenninger	

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Worship Responsibilities

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Assistants	Coffee	Gift Cards
Sept. 3	Mary Gehrke	Karen Buus and Charles Brezins	Jennifer Hilfers	David Vis	Jack & Felicia Hanson	Josh Crabtree	Shannon Dwire	Becky A.
Sept. 10	Sandy Vogt	Sue Stroh and LaVonne Anderson	Jennifer Hilfers	Jason Kruse	Everett & Jan B.	Becky Anderson	Emily Crabtree	Karis Dwire
Sept. 17	Christine VonHoltum	Steve and Penny Cattnach	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Gene Ashby	Felicia Hanson	Bill and Maggie Paulsen	Sharron B.
Sept. 24	Becky Anderson	Christine VonHoltum	Reegan Gabrielson	Matthew Fick	Jay & Bev Mann	Willy Baker	Lola Donth	Brenda Stickling

Communion	Video
Jason and Karla Kruse	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
August 28, 2023 thru September 3, 2023	Beth Fick
September 4, 2023 thru September 10, 2023	Laura Hollaren
September 11, 2023 thru September 17, 2023	Al Aanenson
September 18, 2023 thru September 24, 2023	Jeanne Bowron
September 5, 2023 thru October 1, 2023	Jack Hanson

August Budget

General Budget Totals		
August 6, 2023 thru August 27, 2023		
Envelopes	\$	5,601.00
Loose Offering	\$	454.24
Apportionments	\$	-0-
Coffee Shop	\$	1511.00
Online Giving (July)	\$	5,305.00
Total	\$	12,871.24
Non Budget Donations		
Silver Bucket	\$	77.09
Upper Room	\$	8.00
Total	\$	85.09
Rent	\$.00
Totals	\$	12,871.24
	\$	85.09
	\$	
Grand Total	\$	12,956.33



As Fall comes school begins and we are in full swing with our youth programs, special events, etc. This church of ours has many activities that benefit and leave a positive impact on our youth...our Wednesday night programs: FUEL and Confirmation along with our ALIVE group activities....

During the summer months we all take a breather and our calendar is just not as full...whew! We are bcck now though...full speed ahead....and we love it!

Unfortunately though, all the planning, events, and fun all come with cost and we need to remember to keep our weekly tithes and offering coming in so we can continue forward...we need \$4026 to keep the church functional Please continue to give!

Thank you so much for your time and effort in making this church a wonderful place for fun, learning, and growth!