



Luverne UMC

October 2023 Messenger

Dearest Faith Family ~

Ah, yes, the season is changing! I once had a colleague who talked about the frustrations they had over pastors who would constantly open their articles with a mention of the current season or weather. I remember when I had a leadership meeting, and the opening question was "What is your favorite thing about Fall?" My response was "Nothing!" Imagine how that response went over! As I get older, I notice more and more how the seasonal changes touch me more and more. As hard as we try, we have thoughts, opinions, ideas, and mannerisms which make us individuals and sometimes, in conflict with others. God created us to be individuals. Each one of us. And thank God for that!

When God created the world, he not only created us with differences, but a great big world all around us to provide differences in beauty, change and life! And in the midst of this, a representation of the love God has for us!

Isn't it a blessing to have differences?

Sometimes though, we focus so much on those differences that we struggle to see how God uses them to bless us. We all have various abilities, strengths and talents, every bit of us God created to be special, to be unique, to be you and me. The best part, God uses those special things about us to fulfill the plans and purposes God has for our lives and our relationships.

The most important part is not how we are different from each other, but more so that we do have something in common, we who gather on Sunday and other moments, are all believers in our Lord God, Our Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. This belief rises above all the differences we use to keep us apart.

I shared those particular events with you in the beginning as they were moments when God helped me to think through them. I took a breath when my colleague pointed out the newsletter pet peeve that he had because I do that! And when the leaders around me took their breath when I shared that there was nothing I liked about Fall, I acknowledged our differences. God used both of those experiences as a lesson in differences, but commonalities. We can have different opinions, but we are still one in Christ. The important piece is the relationship we have built in faith, and that alone has been a blessing.

Today, I challenge you to step from the focus of our differences that exist all around us and think of them as blessings! And as you do, think about how holding our faith in God and Jesus as something special and amazing, while it offers us more blessings than we know! By doing so, we can fill the world with the same blessings!

In Christ,

Pastor Jorie



UMC Luverne Members and Friends

that live in Special Homes.

Mary Jane Brown Home

– Bill Holling – David Johnson

Poplar Creek Assisted Living -

- Annabelle Frakes

The Oaks– Luverne - Sally Cooksley

Tuff Home (Hills) – Ralph Watts



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - October

Church Bake Sale/Food Drive - October 8

Annual Bison Feed - Date TBD

Annual UMC Bonfire - Date TBD

All Saints Sunday with meal November 5

150 year Celebration/Program - November 5

Cecily Crabtree Baby Shower - November 11

Free Thanksgiving Community Meal - November 25



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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**SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS**

**OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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OCTOBER 17, 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!

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

WEEK OF October 1, 2023 - Kimberly Bennett, Jessa Dahl, Alyssa Frakes Family, Terry and Peggy Nelson, Cathy Rust, Marilyn VanWyhe and for the MN Annual Conference.

WEEK OF October 8, 2023 - Gene Ashby, Matthew and Jessica Fick, Marv Laackmann and Carol Grimaldo, Josh and Brittany Yamauchi Family, Mike and Christine Reverts Family, Jeanne VandeHoef and for Support Groups.

WEEK OF October 15, 2023 - Travis and Amber Arends Family, Dawn Cope Family, Josh and Keela Fick Family, Sharron Betsinger, Wyatte and Amanda Kruse Family, Phyllis Mohr and for the Rock County Food Shelf.

WEEK OF October 22, 2023 - Mike Aanenson Family, Roger Carlson, Andrew Hanson, Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson, Keith and Melanie Peterson, and for our Outreach Ministries in our Community.

WEEK OF October 29, 2023 - Steve and Penny Cattnach Family, David and Anissa Vis, Beverly Ford, George and Carol McDonald and for Leadership in Our Community.





October is Pastor Appreciation Month...and, as you know our Pastor is extremely humble and does not want to put herself in the spotlight. And that is why she should be this month.

She does so much for us as a faith family, our community and in her duties as a Pastor. Some examples would be mentoring others, visiting our homebound, all her work with and for the youth of not just our congregation, but in our community. She always has a smile and a hug when it's needed and makes others feel special and loved.

As she stands before the congregation you can feel Christ's love and message coming out through her. Please be sure to give this wonderful young lady some extra love this month and let her know how much she means to all of us and many others.



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 September 2023:

September 3, 2023 - was sponsored in excitement for fall and all of the different programs and events that begin again. Christian education, God's Circle, Sewn in Faith and our events such as the Annual Bison Feed and Bonfire. Being together in fellowship and fun is such an important part of church and our growing faith family!

September 10, 2023 - was sponsored in honor of the Out of the Darkness Walk coming up on the 16th of September. This is a great way to honor and remember those we have lost, but we also need to pray for those who may be suffering with depression and suicidal ideation. Offer a prayer of compassion and strength to help any and everyone "out of the darkness" and back to the light and hopeful clarity.

September 17, 2023 - was sponsored in prayer to all the farmers of our community and surrounding areas. Wish them luck with their harvest and pray that the farmers will be able to endure the long hours to do all they need for a good harvest.

September 24, 2023 - was sponsored in honor of the upcoming Tri-State Band festival. It is so great to be a main street church! We are right where the action is. Our tradition of free coffee and donuts that morning has been a great success! Thanks to those who help make that tradition so fun! And good luck to the bands this year!

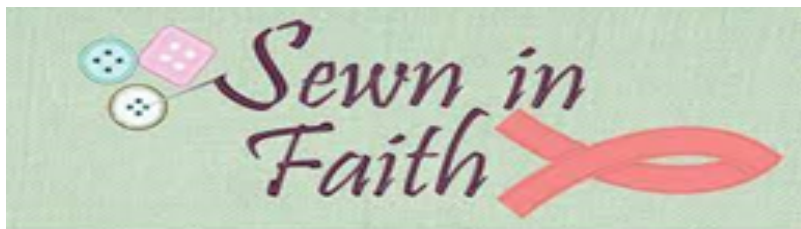


Silver Bucket/Trunk Ministry October 2023 SHARE and Undy Sunday

The SHARE program collects donations and distributes gifts of food, clothing and toys to Rock County, MN residents in need during the holiday season. 2021 is the 39th year SHARE has been in operation. SHARE was incorporated in 1988 and is a non-profit organization. Please give what you can to help this program continue for those in need. Thank you!

October Trunk Ministry is SHARE's Undy Sunday

Please bring in socks, undies for men, women and children of various sizes and feel free to donate hats, mittens, or gloves as well! Thank you!



Sewn in Faith is not just learning to sew. Not just putting together quilts...it is a time of fun and fellowship and we would love to have you join us! Whether you are a master quilter or can't sew on a button...it's ok! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm. If you have any questions, etc. please speak to Becky Anderson!

October meeting dates are:

October 10th and 24th

1:30pm



United
Women
in Faith

God's Circle
October 3, 2023
1:30pm



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



Just a reminder that there are Sunshine Food cards available in the office during the week and on Sundays. They make great gifts for the holiday season!

These work just like vouchers. These cards come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments. If you don't use it all...that is okay...this card holds the balance over for another time! Stop in and get some today.



It's back!! 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 first Take-Out Night is
October 11, 2023



It is time for our Annual Rock the Edge Ecumenical Food Drive. It will be on **October 8th at 3pm** and all donations will be given in support of the local Rock County Food Shelf.

FAITH FAMILY FEATURE

We may be starting something new...Faith Family Feature...It is a way to spotlight on the special people of this whole faith family! This time we focus on these 5 wonderful, very faithful women:

Fran Vos, Marian Eatherton, LaVonne Anderson, Brenda Stickling, and Sue Stroh



These 5 wonderful ladies have gone above and beyond here in this wonderful congregation...we have seen them at our folding team, community meals, Sewn in Faith, God's Circle and helping whenever they can...and of course regular attendance in our worship services...online if needed and in person. We are truly blessed to have them in our lives and church...let's see who we can honor next time in our "Faith Family Feature"...



Our Prayer Warriors meet the second Sunday of every month. There is strength in numbers. Prayer Warriors are 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 October 8, 2023 after our service in the sanctuary **All are welcome!**



We will once again be observing an All-Saints Service on **Sunday, November 5th**. This will be a very special service where we will honor all those who have gone before us among our Faith Family.

We will also honor those who have brought new life to our faith family through baptism. Please plan to attend this very special service honoring these very special people.

For those of you who will be honoring loved ones, please be sure to bring photos/or a photo to the office.



Isn't it awesome!...Luverne United Methodist Church is celebrating its 150 year anniversary this year! It was the very first church in Luverne. 150 years of bringing people to Christ and working to support the community as a whole.

There will be an 150 year celebration alongside our All Saints Service on **November 5, 2023** with a meal and program following our service! Congrats Luverne UMC!



Our Praise Team is starting something new here at church...We will be doing a "Kids Sing Sunday" on the 3rd Sunday of each month!! We love to see our youth join in with our service and see how their faith increases as they do so! Teaching and nurturing a child's faith is so very important in these trying times...so this seems like a great way to involve our youth! If anyone is interested in adding their children to this opportunity, please speak to Felicia Hanson!

Food & Fellowship

a free community meal



October 25, 2023

November 22, 2023
Thanksgiving Meal

December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Meal

Please Join Us
FREE OF CHARGE
5:30 PM



1 - Perry Stickling
4 - Manny Olson
5 - Skyler Hoiland
7 - Wayne Kruger
10 - Marcia Mulder
Nisha Cope
Nick Jackelen
Emma Jackelen

18 - Heather Brown
Deb Ward
Emily Crabtree
22 - Andrew Hanson
23 - Ralph Watts
24 - David Vis
29 - Garrett Cattnach
31 - Justine Miller

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Worship Responsibilities

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Asst.	Coffee	Gift Cards
Oct. 1	Lola Donth	Roger Carlson	Jennifer Hilfers	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson	Jeanne Bowron	Mary Gehrke	Mary Gehrke
Oct. 8	Travis Dwire	Shawn and Getchen Davis	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan B.	Sandy Vogt	Jeanne Bowron	Christine VH
Oct. 15	Mary Gehrke	Bill and Maggie Paulsen	Journey Dwire	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby	Emily Crabtree	Wyatte Kruse	Becky Anderson
Oct. 22	Laura Hollaren	Josh and Ashley Christensen	Reegan Gabrielson	Matthew Fick	Jay and Bev Mann	Jack Hanson	Vicki Slack	Karis Dwire
Oct. 29	Wyatte Kruse	Christine VonHoltum	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Jack and Felicia Hanson	Lola Donth	Jeanne VandeHoef	Sharron B.

Communion	Video
Becky Anderson	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
September 5, 2023 thru October 1, 2023	Jack Hanson
October 2, 2023 thru October 8, 2023	Al Aanenson
October 9, 2023 thru October 15, 2023	Roger Carlson
October 16, 2023 thru October 22, 2023	Bryce Schomacker
October 23, 2023 thru October 29, 2023	Laura Hollaren
October 30, 2023 thru November 5, 2023	Morris Fick

September Budget

General Budget Totals		
September 3, 2023 through September 24, 2023		
Envelopes	\$	12,045.00
Loose Offering	\$	309.00
Apportionments	\$	230.00
Coffee Shop	\$	45.00
Online Giving (August)	\$	5,620.00
Total	\$	18,249.00
Non Budget Donations		
Silver Bucket	\$	87.00
Upper Room	\$	-0-
Total	\$	87.00
Rent	\$	-0-
Totals	\$	18,249.00
	\$	87.00
	\$	
Grand Total	\$	18,336.00



The subject of weekly giving or tithing seems like such a touchy subject...many feel that they are barely surviving with the money they do earn that they may feel like giving 10% will make it impossible!

That is simply not true...in fact when you do give God will bless you and you will not struggle like you once thought. That scary to think I know. It does say:

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6).

This faith family is awesome! We have brought up the amount that it takes to make things run smoothly...\$4026 per week.

So please remember to give all year round...the Lord will bless you!