



Luverne UMC

November 2023 Messenger

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have found ourselves in the middle of a series I have titled "Our Journey" and we began with Creation. We spent time with Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abram who became Abraham and his wife Sarah. We went deep with Jacob and Esau and right now we are traveling with Jacob as he becomes the father of the 12 sons who would become the 12 tribes of Israel.

What a wonderful time to learn about our forefathers and relate to them in ways we haven't done before! We are discovering that we really do have much in common with our ancient families and as God was present with them, God is still very present with us, despite all the humanness we experience.

We are also celebrating 150 years of history as the first church in Luverne. Those stories as well, have been rich and deep. As we celebrate together, as we recall the good ole days, and reflect on special people. It also becomes important for us to keep the faith and legacy alive. In a time when loving God isn't the popular, normal, everyday thing to do for more and more, it is up to us continue bringing the good news of our Savior and his love.

Though it's true that faith is a personal decision for everyone, it's important for us to communicate and share what it means to us in a positive way! We communicate through our words, our support, how we give, when we attend worship and even how we support our church.

Our forefathers held on to faith, regained their faith, deepened their faith in their life stories and were human, just like us, and we see them building altars, turning to God in need, during struggles, holding close to their faith and even adventuring out into the world in full trust.

Where is your faith? What has it meant to you, yesterday, today and for tomorrow? Pondering on that is just as important today as it was for Adam and Eve and Jacob and Abraham. As we celebrate our church and where we've come from, where will we be in another 150 years. YOU make that difference!!

In God's love,

Dearest Faith Family ~

In Christ,

Pastor Grieb



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



COMMUNION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2023



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

NOVEMBER 8, 2023



NOVEMBER 14, 2023



Rock the Edge TGIF Bible Study - November 3
All Saints/150th Anniversary - November 5
Cecily Crabtree Baby Shower - November 11
Annual Bison Feed - November 15
Free Thanksgiving Community Meal - November 25
Endowment Fund Applications Due - December 1
Hanging of the Greens/Potluck - December 3
Annual Christmas Program - December 20
Christmas Eve Community Meal - December 24

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!

Today I pray for you
a heart free of sadness,
a mind free of worries,
a life full of gladness,
a body free of illness
& a day full of God's blessings.

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

WEEK OF November 5, 2023 - Skyler and Ellen Wenninger Family, Annabelle Frakes, Jim and Nova Like, Madison Crabtree, Justin VanWyhe Family and for Senior Care and Ministry.

WEEK OF November 12, 2023 - Willy Baker Family, Carl and Yssi Entzie, Brittany Remme, John and Jennifer Hilfers, Marty and Candice Rigney Family, Heather VanWyhe and Christopher Brown Family and for Wednesday's FUEL Children's Ministry

WEEK OF November 19, 2023 - Justine and Andrew Miller, Wayne and Amy Kruger Family, Bruce and Linda Reisdorfer Family, Sue Stroh and for Peace in our Nation.

WEEK OF November 26, 2023 - LaVonne Anderson, Linda Hanson, Jason and Karla Kruse Family, Courtney Kruger and for Answers to all Prayers and Guidance in all ways.



Sewn In Faith meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30 in the quilting room (one floor down from the sanctuary). In October we gave 15 baby blankets to the Alpha Center (home for unwed mothers) and 20 clothes protectors to the Minnesota Veterans Home. On the 2nd Tuesday we will put together quilts and the 4th Tuesday we will work on other projects. We will really enjoy having you join us especially if you enjoy fellowship and laughter. **NEED:** If you have light weight gently used bath towels that you no longer need, please leave them on the pew outside of the sewing room so we can make more clothes protectors for the nursing homes. Thank you!

**Our November Meetings are scheduled for
November 14, 2023 and November 28, 2023**

1:30pm



**Silver Bucket
November 2023
Red Bird Mission**

Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas:

Education, Health and Wellness,
Community Outreach,
Economic Opportunity and
Community Housing
Improvement.



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 October 2023:

October 1, 2023 - was in honor of World Communion Sunday. This is celebrated by Methodists to unite and make clear the commitment of this church as the people of God. WCS also gives the opportunity to contribute to special programs that are approved and supported by the church.

October 8, 2023 - was in support of the ecumenical food drive for the local food shelf and all the other services and support that we have in the community to help those in need and make life a bit easier during times of struggle.

October 15, 2023 - was in honor of Kid Sing Sunday! 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 in worship!

October 22, 2023 - is in anticipation for the upcoming holiday season. With Thanksgiving right around the corner we should be thankful for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his unending love for us and Christmas is a time of celebration of his birth and later his time of miracles and ministry here on earth.

October 29, 2023 - was in honor of Pastor Dorie and all of our committee leaders and teachers who serve this church with open minds, open hearts, and open doors. Leading by example to foster our youth as well as all of this Faith Family guide them down the right path with our Savior and Redeemer. May the Lord guide you in his ways to bring others to him and honor him with kindness and compassion.



ROCK THE EDGE

TEENS GATHER IN FAITH

WHO: 9th-12th grade LHS Students

WHAT: Bible Study

WHEN: First Fridays of the Month

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd - 7 AM

WHERE: Mrs. Thone's Classroom, #1508

Breakfast Provided

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
7:00 AM**

MRS. THONE'S CLASSROOM, #1508



We would like to invite you to share in the 150th Anniversary of our Luverne United Methodist Church! We will have a dinner and a short program after our 10:30am Sunday Worship service!

PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!

We hope to see you there!

The festivities begin at 11:30am on November 5, 2023 and will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.



United
Women
in Faith

God's Circle
November 7, 2023
1:30pm

Pizza Ranch

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
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

CHILDREN & YOUTH



a little cowboy is on the way

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING

Cindy Crabtree

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SATURDAY 11 12PM - 2PM
2023

TAKE 16 BREWING EVENT CENTER
509 E MAIN ST
LUVERNE, MN 55046
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE FROM 12PM - 2PM
REGISTERED ON AMAZON

Honoring all who
have served and who
are serving

**Thank you to all
Veterans**

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE..
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

All gave some, Some gave all

**Prayer+
Warrior**

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 November 12, 2023 after our service in the sanctuary All are welcome!

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**The Last Roundup Final
Bison Feed**

Wednesday, November 15, 2023
5pm - 6:30pm

Bison Meatloaf
Cheesy Potatoes
Vegetable
Dinner Roll
Dessert
Beverage

Adult \$10.00
Children \$5.00
(under 10 years old)
Take Out Available
(507) 283-4529



**ENDOWMENT
FUND**

This year's Endowment Fund grant applications are available. We will need them turned in to Josh Crabtree by December 1, 2023 so we will have time to review for grant disbursement. Thank you!

Faith Family Feature

This month's Faith Family Feature is dedicated to many...we did a lot of really fun things this month and we would like to share some of those pictures with you from our fun times, including See You at the Pole, Free coffee and donuts and a hand for the band at the Band Festival, the RTE Ecumenical Food Drive, visiting friends, a trip to the Pumpkin Patch and the Harvest Maze Event...whew that is a lot... !



We celebrate those who joined our faith family through baptism..



Harper Jo Tapper



Lo Kennedy Maurer



Cade James Ruppert



Sam Alan Schomacker



Jasiah Lashay Schmidt –Natte



Thomas Porter

Noah Charles and Zella Marlene Peterson (not pictured)

And also our loved ones who have gone before us.



Stan Olson



Chris Smook



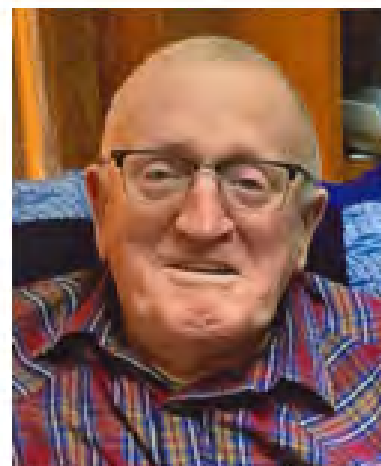
Frederick Wenninger



David Kruger



Connie Ohlsen



Paul Nath



Janet Lindsley



Ardath (Ardie) Schmidt



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.



PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING FREE COMMUNITY MEAL ON
NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AT 5:30PM. AND HAVE A
SAFE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WITH YOUR
FRIENDS OR LOVED ONES ON THANKSGIVING
DAY AS WELL!!

Food & Fellowship
a free community meal



December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Meal

January 24, 2024

February 28, 2024

Please Join Us
FREE OF CHARGE
5:30 PM



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| 1 - Joshua Fick | 17 - Leah Moeller |
| 2 - Stephen Foster | 19 - Reagan Gabrielson |
| 4 - Gene Ashby | 22 - Alisha Jackelen |
| 9 - Beverly Ford | 23 - Gretchen Davis |
| 10 - Justin VanWyhe | Abby Moeller |
| 13 - Nelson Hall | Melanie Peterson |
| 15 - Shawn Davis | 26 - Sam Schomacker |
| Marie Paulsen | |

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Worship Responsibilities

| Date | Lay Reader | Hosts | Power Point | Sound | Counters | Worship Asst. | Coffee | Gift Cards |
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| Nov. 5 | Bill Paulsen | Bill and Maggie Paulsen | Jennifer Hilfers | David Vis | Jack and Felicia Hanson | Mary Gehrke | Mary Gehrke | brenda Stickling |
| Nov. 12 | Maggie Paulsen | Mike and Phoebe Flom | Reegan Gabrielson | Luther Hall | Gene Ashby. | Josh Crabtree | Felicia Hanson | Mary Gehrke |
| Nov. 19 | Bryce Schomacker | Josh and Ashley Christensen | Jeanne Bowron | Matthew Fick | Everett and Jan Brandenburg | Becky Anderson | The Dwire Family | Christine VH |
| Nov. 26 | David Vis | Christine VonHoltum | Jennifer Hilfers | Jason Kruse | Jay and Bev Mann | Felicia Hanson | Emily Crabtree | Becky Anderson |

| Communion | Video |
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| Jim Hanson | Beth Fick |

| Trustee of the Week | |
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| October 30, 2023 thru November 5, 2023 | Morris Fick |
| November 6, 2023 thru November 12, 2023 | Al Aanenson |
| November 13, 2023 thru November 19, 2023 | Jack Hanson |
| November 20, 2023 thru November 26, 2023 | Bryce Schomacker |
| November 27, 2023 thru December 3, 2023 | Roger Carlson |

October Budget

| General Budget Totals | | |
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| October 1, 2023 through October 29, 2023 | | |
| Envelopes | \$ | 8,131.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$ | 443.00 |
| Apportionments | \$ | 20.00 |
| Coffee Shop | \$ | 62.25 |
| Online Giving (September) | \$ | 3,610.00 |
| Total | \$ | 12,266.25 |
| Non Budget Donations | | |
| Silver Bucket | \$ | 199.28 |
| Upper Room | \$ | 4.00 |
| Total | \$ | 203.28 |
| Bake Sale | \$ | 577.01 |
| Totals | \$ | 12,266.25 |
| | \$ | 203.28 |
| | \$ | 577.01 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 13,046.54 |



Happy November everyone:

Your church needs you! As we come to the end of the year, we have realized that our summer was not as good as we had hoped. We are finding ourselves short of our budget and need every one of us to step up and help support our church. We have discovered that a great percentage of our church is not giving. We realize that times are tough and there is a great deal of struggle in our world right now. Which makes what we do even more necessary than ever! If we could all come together to get things taken care of for this year, and then raise our regular giving even just \$5 a week, we would see an amazing change! We have reduced our budget by as much as we possibly can, we know some of you volunteer as a gift and we appreciate every bit of it! Unfortunately, we still have tangible bills to take care of on a regular basis. Thank you in advance!