

Non Profit  
organization  
Permit No.30  
US Postage PAID  
Luverne MN  
56156

The United Methodist Church  
109 North Freeman Ave  
Luverne MN 56156

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



October 😊 2020

# The Messenger

UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH of LUVERNE  
109 N Freeman Ave  
Luverne MN 56156



# From the Pastor's Desk



Grace to you and peace from God and from Jesus Christ!

These are the words I share with you from the pulpit every Sunday morning for worship! And it echoes the greetings Paul shared with the early followers of Jesus! I imagine that time often as a time of unknowns, but of excitement and hope.

As we, too, continue through our own time of unknown, I think it's important we remember that there is, too, a sense of hope knowing God is in control and is working in the midst to bring good and make known his plan for all of us.

It is, too, important to know that we can be excited knowing through the darkness, God can also bring some pretty special and amazing things. As a church, we have adapted and continue to work at bringing not only new things, but a fresh touch to some old things. Our worship service is now reaching out in ways we have not really thought of before the necessity to adapt. As we learn, so we tweak....as we tweak, we touch more people. It has been a great adventure and it has brought new faces to what we do! We will continue to tweak and improve and share the good news of Christ on Sundays.

Our FUEL area is, too, adapting and finding new ways to reach out and share. October 7 will be our first Wednesday night and through this time we will learn, tweak and adapt and hold Jesus close.

The financial area of our church continues to be a challenge, as it probably does for all churches. We have made many things available to help you be able to support your church, tweaking and adapting as best we can. We will continue to reach out to you and share those ways and any news we have as it becomes available.

But how about you? How have you adapted and tweaked life to make it fit during this time? Certainly, parents have had to adapt in the education/school area, making adjustments they probably never thought they had to make...as well as in other areas. When health issues present themselves as they often do, it becomes more of a stress than normal, with all the preparations and extra precautions. Shopping is even different than before COVID. Masks are a normal part of life.

How is it with your soul? Are you being fed? Are you connected to your God? Does Jesus fill your soul? Are you engaging in your faith family? Touching base when it becomes important to do so? Do you watch our services, do you stop by or call when necessary? Do you reach out when there is a need?

Are you drawing near to God so he may draw near to you? Are you letting God love you!

# BUDGET € T

## GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

September 6, 2020 thru September 27, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 6,560.00
Loose offering	\$ 177.00
Apportionments	\$ 220.00
Radio	\$ 90.00
<b>Online giving (Aug.)</b>	<b>\$ 2,585.00</b>
	\$ 9,632.00

**TOTAL \$ 9,632.00**

## NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 72.62
Upper Room	\$ 7.00
	\$ 79.62

**TOTAL \$ 79.62**

## TRUSTEES

General	\$ 25.00
Renovations	\$ 300.00
	\$ 325.00

**TOTALS \$ 9,632.00**  
**\$ 79.62**  
**\$ 325.00**

**GRAND TOTAL \$ 10,036.62**

### PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL  
INCLUDES THE  
ONLINE GIVING  
TOTALS FOR  
AUGUST 2020**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Tellers
October 4 10:30am	Sandy Vogt	Annabelle Frakes/Sondra Coulter	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson
October 11 10:30am	David Vis	Bryce Schomacker/Willy Baker	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Jack and Felicia Hanson
October 18 10:30am	Kim Donth	John and Jeanne Bowron	Jennifer Hilfers	Jason Kruse	Jack and Felicia Hanson
October 25 10:30am	Lola Donth	Bruce and Linda Reisdorfer	Jessie VandeHoef	Matthew Fick	Everett and Jan Brandenburg

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
October 4	Jeanne Bowron	NOT NEEDED
October 11	Josh Crabtree	NOT NEEDED
October 18	Jerry Rigney	NOT NEEDED
October 23	Manny Olson	NOT NEEDED

**Communion:** Paul Jr. and Lola Donth

**Video:** Beth Fick

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR OCTOBER 2020**

September 28, 2020 thru October 4, 2020 - Al Aanenson  
 October 5, 2020 thru October 11, 2020 - Roger Carlson  
 October 12, 2020 thru October 18, 2020 - Cody Gehrke  
 October 19, 2020 thru October 25, 2020 - Al Aanenson  
 October 26, 2020 thru November 1, 2020 - Jeanne Bowron

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

This is the time when it becomes even more important to connect to your faith. Whether it is through social media, reading books, taking quiet time to talk with Jesus, praying, having discussions with each other about faith matters or touching base with your church. Your soul, your faith, your walk is of the utmost importance, now more than ever! And you matter to us!

We are going to be walking through a time of learning about the promises of God. You know, God keeps his promises! He is faithful and can be trusted to keep them! And in times of uncertainty, more than ever we need our God!

Through the next weeks, please join us...on the radio, on Facebook live or even checking in through the week, on cable, and even in person...we are doing well with social distancing...but whatever you do, join us...don't put it to the side...draw near and let God draw near to you...and Fill you with his love!

Blessings!

*Pastor Dorie*



# LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ Pastor Appreciation Month
- ☒ World Communion Sunday - October 4
- ☒ RTE Ecumenical Food Drive - October 4
- ☒ October Community Meal - October 21
- ☒ All Saints Day Celebration - November 1
- ☒ December Christmas Eve Meal - December 24



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 4, 2020

COMMUNION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 11, 2020



Clyde, "The Can Man" would like to remind everyone to please remember to save your aluminum cans and drop them off at the bin outside the main entrance.

**ALSO PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PLASTIC BOTTLES!! CANS ONLY PLEASE!!**

Thank you and keep those cans coming in!





United Methodist Church

# Ways to Give

Remember to pass the plate during COVID-19

• Click on the "GIVE" Tab at [www.umcluverne.com](http://www.umcluverne.com)

• Mail a Check: 109 N Freeman Ave, Luverne, MN 56156

• From the Church APP – press GIVE

Sunday, October 4, 2020



## YOUR GIFT ENRICHES CHRISTIANITY AROUND THE WORLD

Growing up in a Christian family in 1980s China made Cangfu Wang an outsider. As a child, he struggled to be accepted. "I gradually realized," he said, "that school education merely provided me with a lens but not the lens. I was at peace with my faith."

Years later, Cangfu—now a United Methodist pastor—received a World Communion International Scholarship, supported by generous gifts on World Communion Sunday.

"The United Methodist Church has supported my studies for many years," he said. Cangfu, who is pursuing a doctoral degree in religion, ethics and society at Claremont (California) School of Theology, added, "The scholarship released my burden. I could focus on my studies for my preparation to be a scholar in the future."

Cangfu's goal is to become a seminary professor in his homeland. "Chinese Christianity," he said, "has undergone a revitalization. The number of Christians has increased more than 20 million in three decades. Thousands of churches—forced to shut down during the Cultural Revolution in the 1970s—have been reopened and established."

One of United Methodism's six churchwide special Sundays with offerings, World Communion Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday of October. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service Training. "Without such support," Cangfu said, "my studies at Claremont would be impossible."

**YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU!**

Stay connected To LUMC

When you are unable to attend... We will BRING CHURCH to YOU!



Vast channel 3 or 301  
Mediacom channel 3 or 117.2  
Monday 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 5:00 p.m.



Listen to KQAD Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 AM Radio



We will be working on LIVEstreaming on <https://www.facebook.com/umcluverne>

Our Youtube channel found on our website



[www.umcluverne.com](http://www.umcluverne.com)

***"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goals for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus"***  
***~ Philippians 3:13b-14 , NRSV***

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.



October is Pastor Appreciation month...please be sure to share your love and appreciation for her!



Passionate, patient and persevering...  
 Awesome, admirable and amazing, ...  
 Sweet, sensitive and selfless...  
 Trustworthy, talented and tender-hearted...  
 Open-minded, outgoing and original  
 Resourceful, reliable and respectful...

Dedicated, dependable and dearly loved...  
 Objective, optimistic and openminded...  
 Reverent, relevant, and really loves purple...  
 Impartial, important and immensely kind...  
 Exceptional, endearing, and ever-faithful...

Those are just a few words I can think of that describe her and I am sure there are many more...



**WEEK OF October 4, 2020** - Ellen and Skyler Wenninger, Annabelle Frakes, Jim and Nova Like, Tanya Hipkins Family, Autumn Barger Family, Justin VanWyhe Family and for our vision Team.

**WEEK OF October 11, 2020** - Kimberly Bennett, Jessa Dahl, Alyssa Frakes, Terry and Peggy Nelson, Cathy Rust, Marilyn VanWyhe and for people to fill our Sanctuary.

**WEEK OF October 18, 2020** - Jack and Joyce Bennett, Kat Dahl and Brooks Maurer Family, Bob and Dawn Frakes, Bill Holling, Buster Rust, Erica Menning and Jana Read and for our families.

**WEEK OF October 23, 2020** - Patrick and Andrea Bennett, Mark Dahl and Dr. Diane Kennedy, Marissa and Brett VanderPoel, Keith and Betty Luethje, Shane and Katie Sauer and for Senior Care Ministry.



**Please Join Us**  
**October 28, 2020**  
**November 25, 2020**  
**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**December 24, 2020**  
**Christmas Eve Dinner**  
**FREE OF CHARGE**  
**5:30 PM**



Please remember those members of our faith family that are homebound. Many are not comfortable or able to go out and about right now and that can get pretty lonely. It is so important to stay connected to our faith family during this trying time. Let them know they too are in our thoughts.

If you get the chance maybe you could call or drop a card in the mail for those listed below. You have no idea what such a small gesture means to people anytime, not just now...taking the time to reach out can bring joy, not just to those we don't see often, but ourselves as well!

Please call the office if you need additional info!!

Ramona McDowell  
120 N. Spring Street Apt. 107  
Luverne, MN 56156

Raymond Hankins  
1516 E Avenue  
Worthington, MN 56187

Kenny Swenson  
215 N. Cottage Grove  
Luverne, MN 56156

David Johnson  
1714 Cecille Street  
Worthington, MN 56187

Keith and Betty Luethje  
220 Oak Drive  
Luverne, MN 56156

Grace Boeve  
110 S. Walnut Avenue #130  
Luverne, MN 56156

Charles and Sally Cooksley  
203 Oak Drive Apt. 112  
Luverne, MN 56156

Bill Holling  
201 Oak Drive Apt. 301  
Luverne, MN 56156

Ardie Schmidt  
110 S. Walnut Avenue #101  
Luverne, MN 56156

Carol Ohlsen  
301 8th Street E  
Cresco, IA 52136

## UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes.

Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne  
- Ardith (Ardie) Schmidt - Grace Boeve

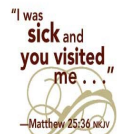
Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne  
- Bill Holling -

The Oaks - Luverne - Chuck and Sally  
Cooksley



*We have been limited in being able to visit our special members in nursing homes and homes. Christine and Pastor Dorie have been able to do some outside visits, but as of this date, those are on hold as well.*

*We will begin sending out monthly notes in order to touch base with everyone. You are also encouraged to reach out to those who can't be out and about as needed like we can.*





## BONFIRE AND GATHERING



We have had a Bonfire Gathering for several years now. In fact, it had gotten to be something very special, with kids' games and hayride scavenger hunts and singing! However, this year offers some challenges. We have put a survey out and it seems that most people would still like to gather to some level. Outdoor activities have been supported, so we will go ahead with our Bonfire this year.

We will more than likely scale it down, though. Calling for a Potluck and focus mainly on the bonfire with probably playing games there....

*Please join us on October 18 at Sandy and Roger Vogt's at 4 in the afternoon.*



## FUEL 2020

The teachers and leaders of the FUEL ministry met recently and decided to move forward with holding Wednesday classes. We have lots of room and a great group of kids and with a little planning and a lot of prayer, we feel God will bless us.

Cassie has also found a curriculum that allows for in house programming as well as an online option, which will allow for all of our kids to share the same lesson whether they are here with us or watching online.

Our classes will begin on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:15pm at the church, on the Education Level. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Dorie.



# October



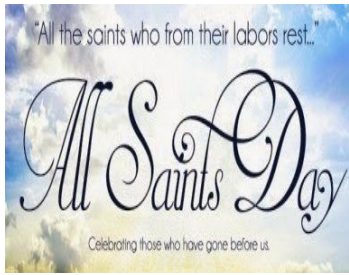
October 2020

- 2 - Brad Fick
- 4 - Manny Olson
- 7 - Wayne Kruger
- 9 - Loren Nath  
Stan Olson
- 10 - Marcia Mulder  
Nisha Cope  
Nick Jackelen  
Emma Jackelen
- 13 - Bernice Aukes
- 17 - Barb Ashby
- 18 - Heather Brown  
Deb Ward  
Emily Crabtree
- 19 - Ada Adams
- 22 - Andrew Hanson
- 23 - Ralph Watts
- 24 - David Vis
- 31 - Justine Miller

*Please remember to share well wishes with these members of our family*

**LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF**  
**109 N Freeman, Luverne MN 56156**  
 507-283-4529    luverneumc@iw.net  
 Pastor Dorie Hall (home)507-283-4551 (cell) 507-920-5278  
 pastor@umcluverne.com  
 Church Secretary - Jakki Lindsley - jakki@umcluverne.com  
 Youth Ministry Director - Manny Olson - manny@umcluverne.com  
 Children's Ministry Director - Cassie Snyders - cassie@umcluverne.com



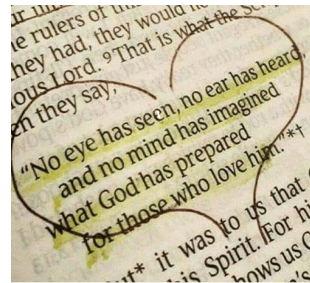


# ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday - November 1, 2020  
at our 10:30am Worship Service

We will once again be observing an All Saints Service on

Sunday, November 3rd during our Worship Service. This will be a very special service that we will honor all those who have gone before us and new life in the baptism of children and adults into our Faith Family. Please plan to attend this very special service honoring these very special people.



## PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

### **\*\*BULLETIN ITEMS:**

All items for publication in the weekly bulletin need to be on the secretary's desk or in her email no later than NOON on Wednesday's.

### **\*\*NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

The deadline date for newsletter items is published on the *monthly calendar* and the date is in the weekly *bulletin announcements*. A reminder *email* is also sent the week before the deadline date. Please be mindful of this deadline, the newsletter is full of wonderful information and it takes significant time to insert all of that information plus assembly, labeling, separating, counting, USPS paperwork, and mailing. FYI.. Newsletter Week takes priority over other projects.

### **\*\*SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

The office preference is to receive special projects on Monday or Tuesday as those are the "less" busy days. Please allow 3 business days for completion.

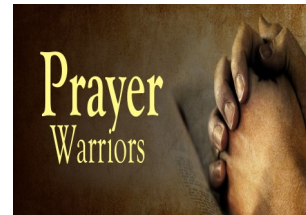
# Hey Everyone!!

Rock The Edge  
Ecumenical Youth Group  
Is Hosting A.....



On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> we will be canvassing the community on hay racks and collecting food beginning at 3:00 pm. If you would like to donate to our Rock County Food Shelf, we ask that you place food, preferably in bags, on your doorstep. This will help us respect social distancing and keeping everyone safe!

Thank you in advance for your help!  
If we happen to miss your house, please call 507-283-4529!



## PRAYER WARRIORS

The Prayer Warriors, who meet the second Sunday every month after church, will be going to the school on **October 11<sup>th</sup>** to have their prayer time. With all the ups and downs we face with COVID, our children and youth have been experiencing a crazy time as well. No school, sometimes school, no sports, maybe sports, maybe not....

In James, Chapter 5, verse 13, we are taught that great things happen when believing people pray. This has been our theme from the moment we began this prayer group, it has been proven many times over...

We invite all of you to join us at the school following worship on **Sunday, October 11, 2020** to lift prayers up our school, our children, our teachers, leaders, our community and all those in need of God's touch!

Everyone is invited to join us!!



## October 2020 Silver Bucket



**Sponsor a broadcast for \$90.** The chart for 2019 is on the bulletin board by the church office. Signup today!!!! **UMC TV** broadcast can be seen on Mondays @ 3:00pm and Fridays @ 5pm on Knology Local Channel 3. **Listen to KQAD** Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 Radio. Here is a list of our honoree supporters for September 2020:

**September 6, 2020** - Was sponsored in honor of the new members we will have joining our faith family. Please extend warm welcomes to the Kluever family. We are blessed to have you join us!

**September 13, 2020** - Was sponsored in honor of all of our Luverne High School 2021 seniors. May this pandemic slow down and get our seniors back in school. If that is not possible please support them and all other students during hybrid learning that they may adjust and thrive in their education.

**September 20, 2020** - Was sponsored in honor of the changing of the season. May the color of the leaves bring hope and beauty into our hearts. This change shows us that God is out there to show the world that even in times of chaos the world can be beautiful and change is possible around us and in our hearts.

**September 27, 2020** - Was sponsored in loving memory of Reverend Donald and Helen Lyon. We thank you and send blessings to Larry and Linda for sponsoring this broadcast.

### FOUNDER

In 1991, Janelle Hail founded the National Breast Cancer Foundation with the help of her husband and family. A breast cancer survivor herself, Janelle has made it her mission to educate other women about breast cancer and the importance of early detection.

### OUR MISSION

We provide help and inspire hope to those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education, and support services.

### OUR WORK

NBCF has provided over **1 million** breast health and patient navigation services, over **1.7 million** breast health resources, over **305,000** mammograms and diagnostic services, and partners with 26 hospitals across the country, serving the most vulnerable communities.

Donations are always appreciated, but there are lots of great ways to get involved.



Please give all you can this month for this Vital organization.



## 5 Facts about John Wesley and United Methodism - Part 1

### JOHN WESLEY WROTE ONE OF THE ALL-TIME BESTSELLING MEDICAL TEXTS.

Wesley was deeply convicted that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one. To that end, he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled *Primitive Physick*. The book detailed the current knowledge about home remedies and went through 32 editions, making it one of the most widely read books in England.

### JOHN WESLEY COINED THE TERM "AGREE TO DISAGREE."

Over the years, Wesley had serious theological differences with another popular pastor named George Whitefield. Though they both argued passionately, Wesley reflected on these differences in a memorial sermon for Whitefield by saying: "There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may 'agree to disagree.' But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials." This appears to be the first recorded use of the term. It was a hallmark of Wesley's way of holding to his convictions while remaining in connection with those with whom he disagreed.

### JOHN WESLEY RODE FAR ENOUGH ON HORSEBACK TO CIRCLE THE EARTH 10 TIMES.

Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. Asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay."

### WESLEY HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT HIS FAITH.

Questioning one's faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one's own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith, he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to "preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all our doubts.

### "METHODIST" WAS ORIGINALLY A DEROGATORY TERM.

Though the origins of the term "Methodist" are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement. Way to own it, Methodists!



Hey Everyone! Especially committee leaders.... Please remember to communicate with Dakki in the office about the happenings with or in your committee. There is so much happening – it is important that we share information with our Faith Family!

Meetings, announcements, events, pictures, etc. should be shared in all ways! There is so much good going on in the church these days!! We just want to spread the news and share the love! Get it out there!!!



We haven't shared this message for awhile and past experiences have prompted the necessity to bring this to your attention again.

For a variety of reasons, including privacy laws, it becomes more important for all of you to be aware that your pastor does not automatically get information about you, especially when you are in need of seeing your pastor. Because your pastor can be there for you only as she is aware, it becomes very important for you to communicate these needs to her or instruct a family member to do so. The days when caregivers/facilities automatically called the church no longer exist. The importance of letting your pastor know what's happening is completely up to you.

Please know your pastor is very willing to be with you whenever you need her — if she knows!





2020



# OCTOBER



2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>October is Pastor Appreciation Month!...show the love!</b> </p>				1 1-3pm - Food Shelf - curbside	2	3  8pm - AA Meeting
4 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 3pm - RTE Ecumenical Food Drive 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	5  8pm - AA Meeting	6  7pm - Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	7 6:15pm - FUEL  8pm - AA Meeting	8 1-3pm - Food Shelf - curbside	9	10  8pm - AA Meeting
11 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service - Communion <b>Prayer Warriors after Service</b> 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	12 7pm - PPR Meeting  8pm - AA Meeting	13  7pm - Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	14 6:15pm - FUEL  8pm - AA Meeting	15 1-3pm and 5-6:30pm - Food Shelf- curbside	16	17  8pm - AA Meeting
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>MEA WEEKEND October 15-18, 2020</b></p> </div>						
18 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4pm - Annual Bonfire at Vogt's farm	19  8pm - AA Meeting  MESSENGER DEADLINE	20 6:30pm - Trustee Meeting 7:30pm - Church Council Meeting	21 6:15pm - FUEL  8pm - AA Meeting	22 1-3pm - Food Shelf - curbside	23	24  8pm - AA Meeting
26 Reformation Sunday 9am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study 	27  8pm - AA Meeting	28 9:30am - Folding Team  7pm - Cub Scouts /Boy Scout	29 5:30pm - Comm. Meal 6:15pm - FUEL  8pm - AA Meeting	30 1-3pm Food Shelf- curbside	31  