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**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH of LUVERNE**

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From the Pastor

Happy May everyone!

We are sitting on the verge of a beautiful season and frankly, I can't wait! It is always very refreshing to be able to spend time in the outdoors and watch the beginnings of Spring and Summer take place! With that comes a new season of worship!

How many of you would say that the concept of the Holy Spirit is unknown or maybe a little confusing? I have two ideas for worship over the summer and we will begin by spending some time learning more about the Holy Spirit. Once we get through some special events with our Confirmands and High School Senior, this will be our plan.

The end of May brings the celebration of Pentecost, a time when we acknowledge and remember the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and a group of people who were gathered in Jesus Christ's name. Do you remember Peter's speech when everybody thought him to be drunk? It was then, the Bible teaches us that Jews from every nation were gathered when the Holy Spirit came as was told to them. Here was the Acts Church, the beginning of The Way that strengthened and encouraged the teachings of Jesus and shared the ways of Christ for all who would listen. It was the Holy Spirit who came to help the people - us - understand those ways and teachings! The Spirit was poured out.

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

April 4, 2021 thru April 25, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 8,460.00
Loose offering	\$ 282.00
Apportionments	\$ 90.00
Misc. Giving	\$ 210.65
Online giving (Mar.)	\$ 3,485.00
	\$ 12,527.65

TOTAL \$ 12,527.65

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 89.93
Sunday School	\$ 100.00
Upper Room	\$ 9.00

\$ 198.93

TOTAL \$ 198.93

TRUSTEES

Renovations	\$ 100.00
	\$ 100.00

TOTALS
\$ 12,527.65
\$ 198.92
\$ 100.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 12,826.58

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS TOTAL
INCLUDES THE
ONLINE GIVING
TOTALS FOR
MARCH 2021**

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Tellers
May 2	Sandy Vogt	Gene and Barb Ashby	Carol McDonald	David Vis	Felicia Hanson
May 9	Laura Hollaren	Russ and Colleen Enga	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Felicia Hanson
May 16	Laura Hollaren	Marilyn VanWyhe Family	Jessie VandeHoef	Matthew Fick	Gene and Barb Ashby
May 23	Kim Donth	John Thies and Buster Rust	Carol McDonald	Jason Kruse	Jay and Bev Mann
May 30	Lola Donth	Keith and Melanie Petersen	Jeanne Bowron	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan Brandenburg

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
May 2	Jack Hanson	NOT NEEDED
May 9	David Vis	NOT NEEDED
May 16	Mary Gehrke	NOT NEEDED
May 23	Jerry Rigney	NOT NEEDED
May 30	Kim Donth	NOT NEEDED

Communion: Jason and Karla Kruse

Video: Beth Fick

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK MAY 2021

April 26, 2021 thru May 2, 2021 - Al Aanenson
 May 3, 2021 thru May 9, 2021 - Jeanne Bowron
 May 10, 2021 thru May 16, 2021 - Beth Fick
 May 17, 2021 thru May 23, 2021 - Jay Mann
 May 24, 2021 thru May 30, 2021 - Roger Carlson

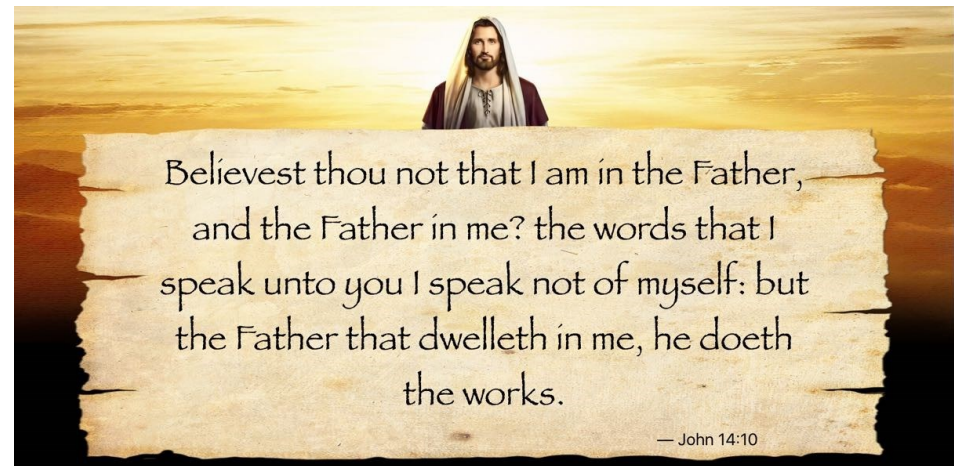


The Holy Spirit is an important piece of our faith. Jesus in John 14: 10 says, “the words I speak to you I do not speak to you of my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me.” Jesus was conceived by, taught and was empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit guided all his steps. The Holy Spirit seeks to guide our steps as well.

We teach our confirmands that the Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity and is considered their helper, the one who guides them in decision making. The Holy Spirit is their advocate and is often described as our Life Coach. We could benefit greatly from learning even more about this powerful third part of the Trinity. Join us in May and June for this impactful teaching!

Blessings,

Pastor Jorie



LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ UMW Spring Gathering via ZOOM - May 1
- ☒ Last Day of FUEL/Confirmation Party @ the park - May 5
- ☒ Confirmation Sunday - May 9
- ☒ Mother's Day - May 9
- ☒ Senior Recognition Sunday - May 16
- ☒ Graduation - May 30
- ☒ Service over Self Youth Mission Week - Jun 21-25



COMMUNION SERVICE
MAY 9, 2021 - 10:30 AM



Ways to Support Our Church

1 Online / LUMC App
www.umcluverne.com/give
 Online & our Mobile App on Iphone and Android!
 Options for 1 time or scheduled gifts.
 Use bank account, debit card, or credit card.



2 Sunshine Grocery Voucher Card
www.umcluverne.com/sunshine
 LUMC receives 5% of each dollar spent using vouchers.
 Available during office hours & Sundays.
 \$25, \$50, \$100 amounts. They work like cash!



3 Sunshine Grocery Receipt Rebate
www.umcluverne.com/sunshine
 LUMC receives a rebate of 1% on approved grocery items on receipts! Drop your receipts in the wood box in the sanctuary entry.



4 UMC Market
www.umcluverne.com/UMCMarket Or direct link to:
<https://umcmarket.org> A portal where you shop your favorite retailers, get access to exclusive savings.
 UMC Market splits promotion commission with us! Simply sign up email, select LUMC, and then shop!



5 Amazon Smile
www.umcluverne.com/amazon or direct link to shop:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0940929>
 Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to LUMC. AmazonSmile is the same products, same prices, same service.



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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.



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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



Don't forget to mark your calendars for our monthly Pizza Ranch Take Out Fundraiser Night! 10% of the proceeds will come back to the Church to benefit our Children and Youth Wednesday night programs!

It's easy! On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 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 next Take Out Night is May 12, 2021



PRAYER WARRIORS

Just a reminder...We are meeting regularly on the second Sunday of every month after church. We come together and lift up the cares and concerns of not only our Faith

Family, but also our community, our nation and our world. You are welcome to join us at any time. We are reminded in James 5 that "great things happen when believing people pray."

Because there have been many great things happening among this faith family, we feel it important to expand our prayers and expect God to do even more great things among us as we continue to care for each other.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2021.



May 9, 2021

We have had a special time in Confirmation this year. We will have two Confirmands who will kneel before the altar during the Worship Service and make the promises they have been learning about over the last four years. Our 2 Confirmands are

Hunter Cope and Mitchell Sauer

Please join them on their big day as they continue on their faith journey!



Congratulations!....

Riley Anderson ~ Nathan Lindsley

Please join us for Senior Recognition Sunday

as we celebrate their big accomplishment!



May 16, 2021

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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.



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Happy Mothers Day to all moms, grannies, great grannies, step moms, foster moms, and those who lost their mom. Moms are priceless!

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via LoveThisPic.com

WEEK OF May 2, 2021 - Wayne Biever, Travis Frakes, Wayne Holmgren, Carol Ohlson, Roger and Sandy Vogt, TJ Renken Family and the Rock County Ministries.

WEEK OF May 9, 2021 - Mike and Traci Davis Family, Charles and Alisha Jackelen Family, Stan and Connie Olson, Kathy Schadwinkel and the Revival of our Nation.

WEEK OF May 16, 2021 - Paul and Jean Bolluyt, Kerry and Christie Stoops, Wendy Jamison, John and Lisa Mahoney Family, Chris Schaeffer, Adam VontHoltum and for Evangelism.

WEEK OF May 23, 2021 - Dr. John and Jeanne Bowron, Shawn and Gretchen Davis, Cody Gehrke and Elly Schmitz Family, David Johnson, Ardie Schmidt, Fran Vos and for the annual Christmas Eve dinner.

WEEK OF May 30, 2021 - Everett and Jan Brandenburg, Sondra Coulter, Mary Gehrke, Marie Paulsen, Vicki Walker, Travis and Shannon Dwire and for the Advent Season.





UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Places.

Mary Jane Brown Home - Luverne

Ardith (Ardie) Schmidt -
- Ramona McDowell

Poplar Creek Assisted Living - Luverne

- Bill Holling - Annabelle Frakes

The Oaks - Luverne - Sally Cooksley

Evans Memorial Home - Cresco, IA - Carol Ohlson

Sponsor a broadcast for \$90. The chart for 2021 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 Vast Local Channel 3. Listen to KQAD Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 Radio. **Here is a list of our supporters for the month of April 2021:**

April 4, 2021 - was sponsored in honor of the Lenten and Easter season. A time of prayer, reflection, and gratitude to our Savior and His great love and ultimate sacrifice for us so we may return to live with Him.

April 11, 2021 - was sponsored in honor and gratitude to all of those in the Southern Prairie Leadership and the blessings and knowledge they share today in the video and always. We thank you so much for all that you have taught us.

April 18, 2021 - was sponsored in honor of all those who are in the cities helping with the recent riots that are happening. May the Lord watch over them and keep them safe while they try to keep others safe.

March 25, 2021 - was sponsored in honor of all law enforcement officers and officials, both locally and around our state. May they continue to serve and protect all of us fairly and justly. We thank you all for your service.



A very warm and heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you in this wonderful Faith Family! Recently you had a card shower for Bill Holling who lives at Poplar Creek.

We as a family would love to express the joy and love he/we felt from all of you! He loved the shower and birthday wishes so much! Thank you for wrapping your loving arms around him and wishing him well on his very special day and giving us all such a wonderful birthday memory!

Much love to you all,

~ Bill Holling and Family





From Your Church Council... March 16, 2021 Meeting Highlights



Staff Parish:

- Pastoral Reviews were done.
- Motion was made seconded and carried for Pastor's vacation - April 5-11th.

Trustees

- 3 lights out in the Sanctuary. We are looking into replacing canister lights.

W&M/Sanctuary Care:

Will have wooden cross out for Palm Sunday.

M&M:

- Got together to do cards for homebound.
- Have geraniums and pots for the FUEL kids to decorate.
- Meals on Wheels went well. Also receipts and gift cards are doing well.
- Considering taking over Pie and Ice Cream Social.

Children/Youth Ministries:

- Have 8-9 kids participating in FUEL. We have been using the 700 Club Super Books.
- Scheduled Teacher's meeting every 8 weeks. Cassie is unavailable now and teachers stepped up to help.
- Doing an Escape Room activity with the ALIVE Youth was discussed.

Pastor:

- We are only had 1 service for Easter and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids before service.
- No attendance limit was set for Easter Service with distancing.
- Pastor may be able to visit nursing homes soon.
- 3 couples for weddings/ premaritals at this time.
- 2 Confirmands this year - Mitchell Sauer and Hunter Cope. 6 total in Confirmation. Confirmation Sunday is May 9, 2021.
- Willy Baker, Hunter and Mitchell went on retreat. Willy and boys enjoyed their time together.

Scholarship Fund:

- Riley Anderson is the only senior this year. Funds are doing well.

Memorial Fund:

- From July 2020 –February 2021 several donations have come in.
- Fund would like to help purchase a new refrigerator after Food Shelf leaves.

UMW:

- May be starting Priscilla Circle and Bible Study is going well.

Food Shelf:

- New building is looking great. Sent letters to all churches - here as well regarding a \$5000 donation over 5 years. \$1,000/year.

Web/Technology

- Streaming quality continues to improve.
- Averaging 13-15 live views per week.
- Would like to get others involved to help with live stream.
- Matthew Fick helping a lot with Tech setup.

Our next Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021.



May.....2021

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| 2 | Bergin Flom |
| 4 | Carter Davis |
| 6 | Trent Seifert |
| 7 | Cathy Rust |
| 10 | Dale Hawes |
| 11 | Colleen Enga |
| 15 | Ty Petersen |
| 17 | Bryce Schomacker |
| 18 | Mitchell Sauer |
| 20 | Mary Knebel |
| 21 | Audrey Sparks |
| 22 | Hunter Ahrendt
Wendy Jamison |
| 23 | Clyde Menning
Patrick Bennett |
| 24 | Jennifer Hilfers |
| 27 | Matthew Fick |
| 29 | Caroline Mahoney |

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

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Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be held in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles. Mother's Day has also become an increasingly important event for businesses in recent years. This is particularly true of restaurants and businesses manufacturing and selling cards and gift items.

ROCK THE EDGE YOUTH ARE LOOKING FOR: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Need help with a project?

Rock County youth are setting aside **June 21-25, 2021** to assist individuals and/or organizations with projects around the county. The organizing team is seeking a variety of large and small projects such as painting, cleaning, organizing, yardwork, or anything else!

If you have a project, please contact Wanda at 507.227.1978, Becky at 605.261.4000, or rocktheedgemn@gmail.com

Monetary donations are welcome to cover supplies.

Send to UMC Compassion Fund, 109 N. Freeman, Luverne, MN 56156.

Adult Volunteers

If interested in volunteering, please call Nicole at 401.500.3427.



SERVICE OVER SELF 2021

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!**

*But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*



Luverne UMC celebrates its



It is that time again where we get to know and celebrate our Luverne UMC high school graduates...

This young man is Riley Anderson, son of Scott and Skye Anderson of Luverne.

When he was asked about his favorite memories and biggest adventure he has

had so far while growing up in the church and during high school, he says it was the trip to Okoboji.

Riley loves to hang out with friends. He really enjoyed being able to go to state with them where they got second place.

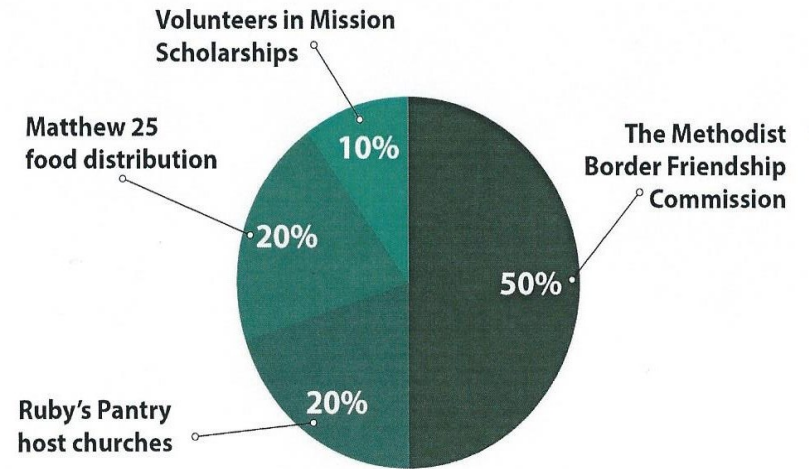
His favorite food is chicken tacos and when at home hanging out he loves to watch his favorite movie collection, The Fast and Furious movies. Riley has great taste! It is a great collection of movies!

Riley is a country boy through and through and in five years he sees himself living in Nebraska and working on the farm. Working hard and making it a success.

Well Riley, we as a church family know you are a wonderful young man and we are very proud of you and know that you will achieve any goal you set for yourself and we wish you nothing but the best as you move on to the next exciting adventure you have before you...have fun and work hard. We all wish you good luck in the upcoming years!



Where the Love Offering will go



How to support the Love Offering

Give to the cash or online offering through your church, and mark "Love Offering" on your memo line or giving envelope.

Churches should either mail in a single check representing their Love Offering or give electronically at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering>. If possible, please give before the 2021 Annual Conference Session, taking place June 22-24.

Thank you, in advance, for your extravagant generosity and your passion to reach others for Christ!



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May 2021 Silver Bucket



2021 Love Offering



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

Donations to the 2020 Love Offering totaled \$51,416, which went to Simpson Housing Services (40 percent), Emma Norton Services (40 percent), Joyce Uptown Foodshelf (10 percent), and the Minnesota Conference Committee on Native American Ministry's diaper drive (10 percent). Thank you for your generosity!

The theme of the 2021 Annual Conference session—taking place virtually June 22-24—is "Jesus. Waymaker." The Love Offering provides the opportunity to experience the joy of doing way-making work with Jesus—feeding the hungry, reaching out to the migrant, and providing ongoing opportunities to touch lives with God's compassion and grace.

The funds from this year's offering will go to four projects: The Methodist Border Friendship Commission (50 percent), three host churches of Ruby's Pantry (20 percent), Matthew 25 food distribution (20 percent), and Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent).

Seniors - Class of 2021!!!

This young man is Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, the son of Jakki Lindsley of Luverne and James Spillman of Sibley, Iowa.



Even though he does not attend the Luverne United Methodist Church, he sees this as a technicality...he has come to feel like part of the family over the last 4 years...

The best adventure Nathan has had during high school was his band trip to Walt Disney World where they hung out for a week and marched in the Disney parade. He also enjoyed being in Peer Helping.

His favorite pastime with friends is to go to Sioux Falls and eat at Buffalo Wild Wings. Nathan is a bit of a homebody when he gets the chance. When he isn't working at Sunshine, he loves to read and relax on the couch snacking on Doritos and Snickers while watching his favorite types of movies - any movie put out by Marvel or Star Wars. He also insists on lasagna once a month.

In the Fall, Nathan will be attending college at Minnesota West to study the 2 year Medical Assistant program. After working for a bit in that vocation, Nathan would like to continue his education and become an RN with a pediatric specialty.

Nathan remembers helping here at the church during our monthly Community Meals and being with all of the awesome people he has gotten to know here!



2021



MAY



2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10am - UMW Spring Gathering - ZOOM 8pm - AA Meeting
2 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	3 8pm - AA Meeting	4 7pm - Scouts	5 6:15pm - Last day of FUEL and Confirmation - Party at the Park 8pm - AA Meeting	6 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf - curbside	7	8 8pm - AA Meeting
9 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service - Communion Prayer Warriors after Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study Confirmation Sunday	10 8pm - AA Meeting	11 1pm - PD and Jakki Mtg 7pm - Scouts	12 8pm - AA Meeting	13 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf - curbside	14	15 8pm - AA Meeting
16 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service - Senior Recognition Sunday 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	17 6:30pm - Premarital - PD 8pm - AA Meeting Messenger Deadline	18 6pm - Trustees Meeting 6:30pm - Ch. Council Meeting	19 8pm - AA Meeting	20 1-3pm and 5-6:30pm - Food Shelf	21	22 8pm - AA Meeting
23 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10:30am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study	24 8pm - AA Meeting	25 7pm - Scouts	26 5:30 - Community Meal - pick up option available	27 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	28	29 8pm - AA Meeting
30 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:30am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS 10:30am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study Graduation Day!	31 8pm - AA Meeting	June 1 9:30am - Folding Team 7pm - Scouts	2 8pm - AA Meeting	3 1-3pm - Rock Co. Food Shelf	4 Pie and Ice Cream Social TBD Buffalo Days	5 8pm - AA Meeting