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The Messenger

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CHURCH**
109 N. Freeman Avenue
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From the Pastor

The Holy Spirit is a Body Builder, from the Seedbed Daily Text.

As we continue our time of getting the know the Holy Spirit, I thought I would share this text about another important aspect of the

Holy Spirit. PD

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NIV

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

CONSIDER THIS

How many churches are in the world today? That question may be a bit beyond the scope of our immediate trivia knowledge. Let's try another question. How many Churches are there in the world today? See what I did there? A capital "C" puts the question in an entirely different category. There is only one Church, only one Body of Christ, according to the Scriptures. Jesus alone knows who is in his Church. The

parable of the sheep and the goats is a parable for our time, but at the end of the day, there is only one flock of sheep. And Jesus knows each sheep by name (John 10:3).

The Holy Spirit, in 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, communicates to us that if we were

baptized by one Holy Spirit, then we are a part of the one Body of Christ. We all drink the water of God's love and power at the same fountain. Like little children on the playground, we may try to push one another away to get our turn, hog the fountain, or put our claim on it. But there is plenty for everyone, and, if you look around, there are many fountains at which to drink the same living water.

The Holy Spirit is all about making—bringing together—the Body of Christ. We are one Body, but there are many parts taking their place to embody Jesus' life and

ministry in their unique locales and neighborhoods across the planet. When we start complaining about the rest of the Church, or if we even lose ourselves in a whine-fest complaining in sweeping terms about how broken we as the Church are, I believe we have stepped over a very important line.

BUDGET

GENERAL BUDGET TOTALS

June 6, 2021 thru June 27, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 15,630.00
Loose offering	\$ 422.00
Apportionments	\$ 100.00
Online giving (May)	\$ 4,090.00
	\$ 20,242.00

TOTAL \$ 20,242.00

NON-BUDGET DONATIONS

Silver Bucket	\$ 78.85
	\$ 78.85

TOTAL \$ 78.85

TRUSTEES

TOTALS	\$ 20,242.00
	\$ 78.85
	\$ 20,320.85

GRAND TOTAL \$ 20,320.85

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Tellers
July 4 Outdoor Service	Sandy Vogt	Bryce Schomacker	Jennifer Hilfers (if needed)	David Vis	Felicia Hanson
July 11	David Vis	Shane and Katie Sauer	Carol McDonald	Jason Kruse	Everett and Jan Brandenburg
July 18	Laura Hollaren	Lavonne Anderson and Sue Stroh	Jennifer Hilfers	Matthew Fick	Gene and Barb Ashby
July 25	Mary Gehrke	LaVonne Anderson and Marian Eatherton	Jessie VandeHoef	Luther Hall	Jay and Bev Mann

Date	Worship Assistants	Coffee Makers
July 4	Sandy Vogt	NOT NEEDED
July 11	Josh Crabtree	NOT NEEDED
July 18	Mary Gehrke	NOT NEEDED
July 25	Jeanne Bowron	NOT NEEDED

Communion: Jim and Deb Hanson

Video: Beth Fick

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK FOR JULY 2021

July 5, 2021 thru July 11, 2021 - Beth Fick
 July 12, 2021 thru July 18, 2021 - Cody Gehrke
 July 19, 2021 thru July 25, 2021 - Jay Mann
 July 26, 2021 thru August 1, 2021 - Al Aanenson



First, when we complain about the Church as a whole, that is just a sorry, weak, lazy, and distorted replacement for biblical lament. We are welcomed to lament, to grieve, and to pray for the Body of Christ when seeming fractures and relational puzzles emerge. But it seems that God's Word gives us no quarter to stand as judge and jury over what is happening with our brothers and sisters in different parts of the Body.

Secondly, when we stage a whine-fest complaining in sweeping terms about how broken we are as the Church, it is like declaring: "I know all and see all, and this Body is a mess. It's a hot mess, I tell you." At that point, we are on the wrong side of God. Do we really think the gates of hell are prevailing against the Church, even when Jesus said they would not (Matt. 16:18)? No, they are not. Times are hard, yes. But the Spirit sees the true, robust, and unconquerable Body of Jesus rising with him toward the day New Creation's dawn breaks on the earth. Full stop. The Body of Christ is beautiful, and strong, and always the Beloved of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is a Body Builder, and that is who we are to become as well if the Spirit lives in us. If we spend our time lost in complaint, we are spending our energies in the opposite direction in which the Spirit is spending the Spirit's energies. Jesus is about building his Church, and the gates of hell will not topple it, divide it, or diffuse its power.

Let's turn our energies to pray for the Body of Christ in all its local forms to learn what it means to live in union with the Father and the Son once more. Then, let us pray for the unity that flows out of that intimacy. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the capacity for unity in a fallen world. The Body of Christ is designed to be a sign, a wonder, a declaration that unity can occur in any age.

Pastor Jorie



LUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☒ MJB and Poplar Creek Worship Service - July 4
- ☒ Outdoor Worship Service - July 4 at The Lake
- ☒ Rocky Railway FUEL Fun Nights July 7, 14, 21, 28
- ☒ Inspiration Hills Retreat - July 16-18
- ☒ Worship Service at Inspiration Hills - July 18
- ☒ Outdoor Worship Service - August 1 - Backyard

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



COMMUNION SERVICE
JULY 11, 2021 - 10 AM

Summer Giving



Now that the world has been brought to full swing as we come out of the COVID pandemic, I am sure Summer activities will resume in full force and we know that means fun vacations, time in the water, picnics and spending time with family!

That's awesome and we encourage all that, but while you are away, the church still runs and that means we still need to keep funds coming in to keep it going! Please do not forget your summer giving to the church! It is so important!! We do wish you all a safe and happy summer. See you soon!



GARDEN OF GRACE



Have you checked out our backyard lately...and the flowers in our courtyard WOW! It is so beautiful! If you haven't had a chance to take in our beautiful grounds,

you are encouraged to do so. It is our hope that we will have an outdoor service and potluck picnic on August 1st and have a special time of learning what our kids experienced about Jesus' power through our Rocky Railways Fun Nights this month. Mark your calendars...and pray for a pleasant day!



PRAYER WARRIORS

Just a reminder...We continue to meet 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 July 11, 2021.



Outdoor
Worship
Service

Since the start of COVID-19 last year was a pretty rough year with regards to our Sunday Worship Services. The adaptations we have made have worked considerably well and that is great but...it is time to get back "out" there and enjoy the summer weather and sunshine!!

So...we are going to hold Outdoor Worship Services the first Sunday of each month for the next three months (depending on Mother Nature and her weather choices of course). All are welcome to join us!

The dates and locations are as follows:

*July 4 at the lake ~ to be determined ~
August 1 here in the backyard*

Outdoor Services have been wonderful in the past...please mark your calendars! The Holy Spirit is felt outside as well as in!

Please join us!



Mary Jane Brown Home - 1:30pm

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**Poplar Creek - 2:15pm**

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**July 4, 2021**

**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, occasionally? The Prayer Chain list for the month is as follows:



God Bless America ~ July 4, 2021



**WEEK OF July 4, 2021** - Mike Aanenson Family, Roger Carlson, Tyler and Casey Elbers Family, Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson, Keith and Melanie Peterson, Dr. Darrel and Eleanor Siebert and our United Methodist men.

**WEEK OF July 11, 2021** - Steve and Penny Cattnach and Garret, Travis and Shannon Dwire Family, David and Anissa Vis, Dr. George and Carol McDonald, Jerry and Beth Wieman and for our UMC Bible Studies.

**WEEK OF July 18, 2021** - Jack and Felicia Hanson, Ramona McDowell, Ed and Cherice Ray Family, Jordan and Andrea Sparks Family, Rev. Dr. Deborah Mariya, Kristen Reisdorfer and for our Leadership and Pastor.

**WEEK OF July 25, 2021** - Jeff and Johnna Arendt Family, Josh and Ashly Christensen Family, Russ and Colleen Enga, James and Deb Hanson, Kevin Kraetsch and Sherri Smith, Clyde and Ginny Menning and for Senior Dining.





## 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 June 2021:**

**June 6, 2021** - was sponsored in honor of the summer months and all of the fun activities, retreats and services we have planned to start bringing us all together again after such a long and lonely time during the pandemic.

**June 13, 2021** - was sponsored in the hope of reacquainting with one another as we move past the restrictions of the pandemic. We pray that the Lord will bless us and help put the last year behind us and that He will bless us with new friends, and breathe new life into our church and faith family.

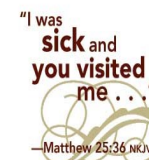
**June 20, 2021** - was sponsored by James and Gloria Rolfs in loving memory of Charles Cooksley. We bless you and thank you for sponsoring this week's broadcast.

**June 27, 2021** - was sponsored in honor of the newest members of our United Methodist family...Becky Anderson and Beverly Ford. We are so excited to welcome you and blessed to have you join us.



*Finally we have slowly began to start this again...Pastor Dorie will be setting aside time to visit members of our faith family who are home bound or living in our local care facilities.*

*If you have any questions, or would like us to visit your loved one, please contact Pastor Dorie. Any one of you and our Faith Family is also invited to join us anytime!*







# What's the real meaning of Independence Day?

(July 4th)

Independence Day, better known to some people as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday that commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776.

It's historically significant because the Continental Congress declared the 13 American colonies no longer were subject to the British monarchy. Let that sink in. In 1776, Britain was a global superpower, and to declare independence took a lot of spunk, to put it lightly. Of course, the United States had to win the lengthy American Revolutionary War, which it did.

So, although Independence Day celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Americans' quest for freedom went way beyond that act. Simple signatures don't always do the trick. However, Americans have been celebrating Independence Day for years, and, like Christmas, sometimes the true meaning gets lost in all the hoopla. That hoopla, such as fireworks, parades and cookouts, represents a good time for families and communities.

That's fine. They are a fun way for people to get together and have fun, hopefully in a safe manner. But Independence Day means more than sparklers, just as Christmas means more than presents under the tree. It represents people's efforts to earn and keep freedom, and that's a struggle that continues to this day.

Sometimes the struggles are big, such as the ongoing civil rights movement. Others are smaller and more personal in nature, and just about everybody probably has a story to tell on that front. However, a nation gaining independence from another nation is pretty big. The quest for freedom is noted on other national holidays, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Independence Day stands out more, though, because it's more festive and less contemplative in nature.

Again, we love a fireworks display and a July 4 parade, with its decorated floats, marching bands and U.S. flags. But people should remember all the sacrifices that went into the celebration, and those sacrifices, in some way or another.

July 16 - 17 - 18, 2021



**Alright....Last Chance! We need firm numbers as to those wanting to join us at Inspiration Hills!!**

We are aware of some of you, but have only heard.... "That would be fun!" from most of you.

Please call the church office or Pastor Dorie or stop by the church to sign up. We need your commitment by Sunday June 6 please!!

### Our plan includes:

Friday Afternoon Ropes Challenge: 1 to 5 pm for all kids 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and up.

Evening activities and Gathering

Overnight

Canoeing and other fun activities for the day (They also have a pool.)

Those younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade we would prefer a guardian.

Lunch and Supper included

Evening devotions and Gathering

Overnight

Morning Worship, with entire church invited.



Please know, you can come for the day, stay one night or two. We are planning on staying in rooms at one of the lodges. Camping is also available! We can fashion this to what's best for you and your family, but it is important to have you signed up. For sure, we need numbers for the ropes course and for the canoeing! Please talk to Pastor Dorie if you have ANY questions!

Cost \$20 per kid or \$75 for a family!



THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN AND AMAZING! Promise!! A great time for family!

Remember.....BY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>!

## A Little history of the Rock County Food Shelf...



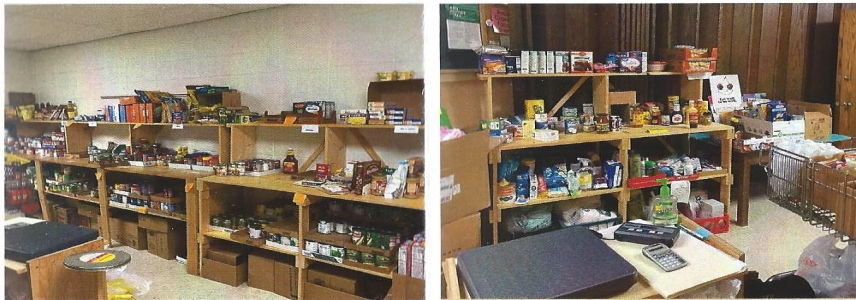
### **THE BEGINNING**

Rock County Food Shelf was started in 1983 by the Rock County Ministerial Association in a cupboard at Grace Lutheran Church. The food shelf which was only meant to be for a family in an emergency giving a three-day supply of food.



### **OVER THE YEARS**

In 1998 the Food Shelf moved to its present location at the United Methodist Church. The church graciously allowed us to move into a Sunday school room that has an accordion door divider for a distribution side and storage space. We have storage in one other room. There are steps so we use the elevator for handicap accessibility and pallets of food.



Currently we have outgrown the space. Each week having new families visit us. We give away anywhere between 4,000-6,000 pounds of food a month depending on the number of families that visit us.

Each family receives a grocery voucher for Sunshine to get milk, eggs, bread, hamburger, and fresh produce. Currently we serve about 30 families a week.

In 2015 the Rock County Food Shelf became its own independent entity and a 501C3 with all financial donations flowing through the Luverne Area Community Foundation and making donations tax deductible.



### **INSPIRATION HILLS RETREAT**

We are excited to plan a summer retreat for those interested in joining us! The fun begins on Friday, July 16th. The group will leave the church at 10:30am sharp and head out to our destination by Inwood IA! The Ropes Challenge Course adventure begins at 1:00pm for our youth and anyone who wants to join us. We will dine in the outdoor shelter house after that and enjoy a special ending to our day. Breakfast is at 8:30am on Saturday: after, we will enjoy a day of canoeing and other fun activities. Sunday we will have breakfast and end our day with Worship in the Outdoor arena area with other members of our church before we head home. It is our goal to grow relationships and learn other things like team building and caring for each other. Those signed up will be receiving information this week in the mail as well as a release to be able to participate in all activities. It is anticipated to be a full and amazing weekend!

### **SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE AT INSPIRATION HILLS RETREAT CENTER**

Because we will be in such a beautiful space, the leadership of your church has decided that we will join the youth and have worship at Inspiration Hills on Sunday Morning, July 18th. This service will be held at 11am in an outdoor space at the retreat center...unless the weather dictates otherwise. There are people who have agreed to drive, so if you are interested in carpooling, please sign up by calling the church or stopping by to do so. We will NOT have church in our building but hope to Livestream on Facebook for those wanting to join us remotely.

### **ROCKY RAILWAYS ADVENTURE ON WEDNESDAYS IN JULY**

Last year, we experimented with once a week in the evenings for our FUEL kids to gather and enjoy a VBS like experience. It seemed to go well, so we are going to do it again this year. Beginning July 7, we are going to meet at the church beginning at 6:30 and have fun learning about Jesus' Power while riding the Rocky Railways. Our team will consist of meeting our Train Conductor and other special characters, we will do a craft each night which will detail how Jesus' Power can work in our lives and enjoy special games and snacks which fit our subject. We have a great host of adults who will help us each week and we know the kids will enjoy each evening. Please sign up soon if you have not done so...We would love to see our kids enjoying this time! On August 1<sup>st</sup>, we will enjoy a special service to share this time with the congregation.



## July 2021 Silver Bucket

# Food Shelf



All Silver Bucket donations for the month of July will be going to support the Rock County Food Shelf.

The Rock County Food Shelf is at its new location: **208 W. Maple Street** in Luverne and is held once a week. Their times are as follows:

**The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday  
1pm-3pm**

**The 3rd Thursday has two pick up times  
1pm-3pm AND 5pm-6pm**

The food shelf is designed to help families in need by providing them basic food in an emergency.

Please give generously to this important cause!



Due to the overabundance of support, both with food and monetary donations, they are now moving to a brand new Location! Their own building, with more space and an on-site refrigerator and freezer to hold the meat and other items that they need! The plan sounds amazing! It sure will be strange not having the food around the church! What a great move though...to see how this wonderful service and mission in our community continues to grow and help those in need! The new location address is:

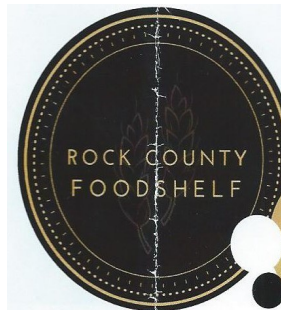
**208 W. Maple Street - Luverne, MN 56156**



### **THE NEW FACILITY**

Our new location has street access and a garage door to unload incoming pallets of food. It will also give us the ability to have a commercial refrigerator and freezer to offer more food options to our guests.

The building is a bare shell that needs an HVAC system, walls, lights, electrical, bathroom, garage door, and new doors and windows. Securing funds for these expenses are the responsibility of the Rock County Food shelf board.



**Hours:**  
• Thurs 1-3pm  
• 3rd Thurs of month 5-6pm

### **HOW TO MAKE DONATIONS**

Your tax deductible donations can be dropped off at Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF), located on the corner by the Palace Theatre on Main Street.

Or sent by mail to:  
Luverne Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 623  
Luverne, MN 56156

Best of luck to you as you continue to serve our community!

2021



# JULY



2021

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                           | TUESDAY                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                                      | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY                                                                                                            | SATURDAY                   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                 |                                                                                                | 1                   | 2                                                                                                                 | 3<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting  |
| 4<br><i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br><br>9:30am - Service at the Lake - <b>BRING OWN LAWN CHAIR</b><br>4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible                                                                                                                                                              | 5<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                        | 6<br><br>7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts                                                   | 7<br>6:30pm - Rocky Railway FUEL Fun Night<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                             | 8                   | 9                                                                                                                 | 10<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting |
| 11<br><i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br><br>9:30am - Adult Sunday School<br>10:30am - Streamed Worship Service - Communion<br>Prayer Warriors after Service<br>4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study                                                                                                  | 12<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                       | 13<br><br>7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts                                                  | 14<br>6:30pm - Rocky Railway FUEL Fun Night<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                            | 15                  | 16<br><br><div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">INSPIRATION HILLS RETREAT</div> | 17<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting |
| 18<br><i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:30am - Adult Sunday School<br>11am - Streamed Worship Service From Inspiration Hills Retreat Center<br>4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study<br><br><div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">INSPIRATION HILLS RETREAT</div> | 19<br>7pm - Lay Leadership Meeting<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting<br>Messenger Deadline | 20<br>6pm - Trustees Mtg<br>7:30pm - Ch. Council Meeting                        | 21<br>5:30pm - Community Meal<br><br>6:30pm - Rocky Railway FUEL Fun Night<br>8pm - AA Meeting | 22<br>LLP - Mankato | 23                                                                                                                | 24<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting |
| 25<br><i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br><br>9:30am - Adult Sunday School<br>10:30am - Live Streamed Worship Service<br>4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study                                                                                                                                          | 26<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                                                       | 27<br>9:30am - Folding Team<br>6:30pm - PPR Meeting<br><br>7pm - Cub/Boy Scouts | 28<br>6:30pm - Rocky Railway FUEL Fun Night<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting                            | 29                  | 30                                                                                                                | 31<br><br>8pm - AA Meeting |