



# Luverne UMC

## June 2024 Messenger

Greetings!

By the time you receive this, Mary, Bryce, and I will already be back from three days at the MN Annual Conference in the Cities. It is the first time it has been in the Cities since I have been a pastor. I began going in the year 1999 and stayed in dorms at the St. Cloud University. It moved to the Civic Center a couple of years later, but I always missed the University. It was a more comfortable atmosphere...and it was warmer...which was sometimes good and sometimes not so good!

This year we will have times of discussion of the decisions made at the General Conference and move to putting them in place in our Conference. I don't anticipate a great deal of changes as the biggest decision was to remove discriminating language, not to directly change what we have been doing. One thing the LLPS know is that we can choose our own chair as in the past it was up to the Bishop to appoint our chair. Other legislation we proposed did not successfully make it to the floor for voting. We will continue to submit legislation for our concerns.

It was over a year ago when our church entered discussions about what was happening in the Conference and the legislation offered in the meeting of 2019 allowing churches to disaffiliate "due to conflict of (conscience) in human sexuality." We offered many opportunities over weeks to learn about the issues, offering videos, sharing information to help that process, we offered discussion groups, and named people who were willing to meet with you, all of it to help us make an informed and well thought out decision.

It was an emotional time, though it also offered the ability to dispel some misinformation that was being shared, it also offered us to learn more about us as a faith family. This time went well, and we learned that we were and are happy with where we are, that we have come along way as a faith family and the warmth and fellowship we share is meaningful and important in today's idea of church! We have a deep concern for those in our pews, we have deepened our care for each other, and we enjoy each other more and more, we are building relationships! God has and continues to bless us.

We took a straw poll and discussed how that turned out and we chose US! We chose to keep nurturing the heart of this faith family. We chose to love each other and accept each other and to continue to spread the gospel of Jesus, which is all about living as his example in a hurting world. We are happy with what we have and are becoming. Jesus lives among us, and it is important that we not lose this.

What's important for us to remember from this General Conference, is that the heart of our faith is still intact. We will not be forced to make decisions we are not comfortable making, and the heart of Methodism, which is a "deep, unshakeable love for everyone is still at the top." And that really describes what we do in our faith family! It is our mission!

This has been a constant discussion for many years. Now a decision has been made and we can move on to what is at the heart of what we do.....It was an emotional and difficult time, but it is hoped we will all take time to digest and ponder what it all really means for us. And remember, your pastor is always available to talk, some of you have reached out already, and I encourage you to continue to do so.

Thank you for being a wonderful group of Luverne United Methodists! And thank you for loving your church!

Blessings

*Pastor Abrie*

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live  
in Special Homes:

Mary Jane Brown Home  
~ Bill Holling ~ David Johnson -

MN Veterans Home  
~ Keith Luethje

Poplar Creek Assisted Living  
~ Annabelle Frakes - Phyllis Mohr



The Oaks  
~ Sally Cooksley

The Tuff Home - Hills  
~ Ralph Watts



COMMUNION SUNDAY  
JUNE 9, 2024



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

JUNE 12, 2024

JUNE 18, 2024



Service in the Courtyard/Potluck - June 2

Pastor Dorie Vacation - June 10-16

Baptism of Lincoln Kracht - June 23

Courtney Kruger Bridal Shower - June 23

Rock The Edge Week - June 24-27

Service at the Lake - July 7

Vacation Bible School - July 15-18

Confirmation Retreat - July (Date TBD)

Annual Salad Luncheon - August 1

Baptism of Hallie Ruppert - August 4

Inspiration Hills Retreat - August 7-9



We will be having our Annual Outdoor Worship Service in the courtyard here at the church on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

After the service we will have our faith family potluck so please be sure to bring a dish to share and

Faith ~ Food ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend!

## 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!

ALL WHO  
**CALL ON GOD**  
IN TRUE FAITH  
WILL CERTAINLY  
**BE HEARD.**



For the month of May there was 1 sponsored radio broadcast. It was for the week of May 12, 2024. This broadcast was sponsored by Josh and Emily Crabtree in loving memory of their grandmothers, Beulah, Helen, and Minerva!

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast. The cost is \$95 and you may sign up on the bulletin board or Let Jakki know in the office. The radio broadcast is a very important piece of our ministry; any support is appreciated! Thank you!

Listen to our radio broadcast at 10:30am Sunday, Mon. at 3pm and Fri. at 5pm on VAST Channel 3, or on our Facebook page!

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

**WEEK OF June 2, 2024** - LaVonne Anderson, Carl and Yssi Entzie, Linda Hanson, Jason and Karla Kruse Family, Perry and Brenda Stickling, Sue Stroh and for praise and thanksgiving to Jesus.

**WEEK OF June 9, 2024** - Mike Aanenson Family, Roger Carlson, Deb Hanson, Carol Kor and Steve Ferguson, Keith and Melanie Peterson, Dr. Darrel and Eleanor Siebert and for our senior care ministry.

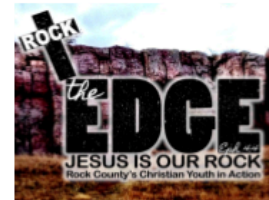
**WEEK OF June 16, 2024** - Justine and Andrew Miller, Wayne and Amy Kruger Family, Bruce and Linda Reisdorfer Family, Jacob Fick and for leadership in our country.

**WEEK OF June 23, 2024** - Al and Dixie Aanenson, Karen Buus and Charles Brezins, Paul Jr. and Lola Donth, Raymond Hankins, Jay and Bev Mann, Zachary Kruse and for our United Women in Faith (God's Circle).

**WEEK OF June 30, 2024** - Josh and Ashley Christensen Family, Brittany Remme Family, James Hanson, Journey Dwire, Ginny Menning and for senior dining.



June 2024 Silver Bucket is  
**Rock the Edge**



This Ecumenical Community Youth Group has joined together every Summer for several years now to take on projects directly from our community to assist and care for others. It has been a worthwhile time for our youth in the summer and at times up to 80 9 through to 12th graders participate. It is a worthwhile group, and they are asking for your support. Pastor Dorie has been acting as their treasurer since inception.

This year, Rock the Edge, along with other projects, is teaming up with the Lions and the Sewn in Faith group for the Sweet Dreams Mission Project. The number of beds and other needs is a fluid number right now, but if you would like to support the building of the beds, that specific request is \$325 per bed. Any donations will be given to Rock the Edge and used for that purpose.



Just a reminder that there are Sunshine Food Grocery 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.



Our Prayer Warriors meet the second Sunday of every month..Prayer Warriors are needed to help those we know personally and those who are in need anywhere around the world who are suffering with something in our world today!

Our next meeting will be

**June 9, 2024**  
**after our service in our sanctuary!**

All are welcome!  
 There is strength in numbers!

A quiet time with God  
 allows *my heart*  
 to connect  
 with *His heart.*

Do you need time to pray and reflect? Want to get away from the loud hustle and bustle of the world and sit with your thoughts...our chapel is now open every Wednesday from

9am-7pm.

Feel free to come and just be. Soft lighting and uplifting music will be playing to bring peace to your heart and mind.



United Women in Faith

**God's Circle**  
**June 4, 2024**  
**1:30pm**



**June 16, 2024**



The Men's Group had their first official Breakfast on May 18, 2024. We invited the Seniors and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast shared by Maggie Paulson. The group entered robust conversation regarding today's differences in automobiles and the differences they create in the way they need to be fixed. A great conversation for a bunch of guys! Bryce shared a devotion which caused us all to think a little bit on what life is like today and how important it is to keep Jesus in the front. Before we ended our time together, we made sure Hunter and Mitchell knew that they had a faith family behind them ready to help them through anything as they headed out on their first adventure as adults! As we ended in prayer, we embraced the guidance of God and the importance of being there for each other. Our next group meeting will be in August. It is hoped we will be able to plan more events and strength as the men of the Luverne United Methodist Church!

### **"Sweet Dreams" Mission**

The Luverne Lions Club is part of "5M3" which is a District Governor's program to help kids "get off the floor" and into a bed as many local kids do not have a bed of their own. The Luverne Lions Club has been tasked with making 20 wooden bed frames. The local project has been named "Sweet Dreams." Churches and quilters have been asked to make pillowcases and quilts. Our Sewn in Faith group was asked to make ten quilts for this project to be completed by November. Currently four quilts are completed with another three that will be completed by the end of May. If you would like to make a monetary donation for Sweet Dreams or have any questions, please contact:

**Steve Cattnach at 507-920-5190.**

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### **Sewn in Faith**

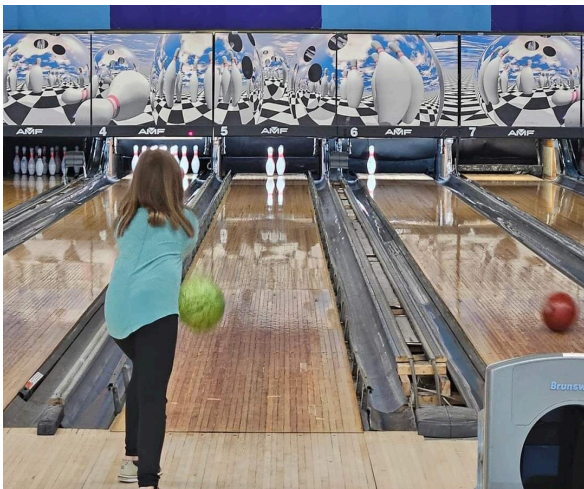
Sewn in Faith gave quilts to our three graduating Seniors Ella VanWyhe, Hunter Cope and Mitchell Sauer. Part of our mission has always been to care for our homebound family by giving them quilts, this is an ongoing mission. The Luverne Lions Club asked us to make ten twin size quilts for their Sweet Dreams mission. Currently, five are completely ready with another three nearly complete. The final two will be completed prior to the November deadline. **Also, our group will not be meeting in June, July, and August** - even though we might prop our feet up and eat some bon bons, we will still be making quilt tops to be put together in September. We would like to thank those that have bought quilts - this has helped our ministry tremendously.



### **Faith Family Feature**

We had quite the busy May with our youth end of the year party, Confirmation Sunday and our graduating seniors celebrating on Senior Recognition Sunday. It seems only fair to share some of that celebration with you...

Our youth had their End-of-the Year party on May 5th at the bowling alley with a tasty treat from JJ's after...



Fun time had by all!!

The Following Sunday, May 12, 2024 we had Confirmation Sunday. This year there were 3 Confirmands who knelt before the altar and during this special worship service. The Confirmands made the promises they have been learning about during their time in Confirmation.

This year's Confirmands were Danny Aning, Garret Cattnach and Reegan Gabrielson. Please join us in support of this spiritual milestone for them! Congratulations Confirmands of 2024!

Here are some pictures of that special day for them along with each of their faith Statements....



OUR 2024 CONFIRMANDS FAITH STATEMENTS:

Reegan Gabrielson

My name is Reegan Gabrielson, and this is my faith statement. I believe that God watches over me day and night. One way that I can talk to God is through prayer. It sometimes makes me feel better just knowing that he is always there, and I can talk with him at any time or in any place. God will always be a part of my life. I can show this by my actions towards others and the patience and understanding that goes with an open and forgiving heart.

I believe Jesus Christ guides me in my life. He allows me to make mistakes, but he is always there for me. I know he will help me when the going gets tough. He will forgive my mistakes if I ask him sincerely.

Christianity has affected me in different ways. I have studied the Bible in Confirmation class and heard many Bible stories during my years in church. I may not always show it, but I do remember some of the lessons that were taught through these stories. These stories have helped me to have a clearer view of life and they have shown me better ways to treat others. At home, I can show faith by having more patience with my parents and listening to some, not all, of the advice they give me. I know they are only trying to help me. By exercising my faith at school, I will build friendships with kids of all ages. We will be able to trust one another. My faith can help me to make wise decisions that will benefit me as much as the people around me. My faith can make me a better person.

I know that I will continue to go to church and participate in communion services. I will continue to sing at church services. By doing this, I feel that I would be giving my faith room to grow. As I get older and continue with my life, I hope I will become a strong Christian, who will be willing to help others.

Garret Cattnach

My name is Garret Cattnach, and this is my faith statement. God the Almighty, the Creator and judge of all. I believe in Jesus, that he is the redeemer of souls. He was the son of God and man. What he did for us and with us. We can only get redeemed through Jesus. He loves us and he negotiates for us.

I believe sin is flesh that separates us from God. We can only get redeemed through Jesus. I believe the holy spirit is the path maker. The one that's on our shoulder telling you what to do. I believe that my faith brought me through hard times and brought me closer to family.

Danny Anning

My name is Danny Anning, and this is my faith statement. I think my faith is knowing that if I ask God for help, he will be there for me. He will also guide me onto the right path and help me through tough times.

I remember we were on a confirmation trip to Inspiration Hills. A situation between me and another person at the camp happened. I got mad at the kid, so I planned on dumping the stuff out of his bag onto the floor. But I heard a loud voice in my head saying, "no Danny don't, you know it's wrong." That's an example of what I mean when I say God will always be there to guide me in the right way. This experience definitely strengthened my faith. Before this experience I was just going to church because it was fun. Now I know I have a good faith in God.



...We're not done yet...We also had three seniors to celebrate this year! On May 19, 2024 we had Senior Recognition Sunday honoring Mitchell Sauer, Ella VanWyhe and Hunter Cope. Each year our seniors receive a scholarship to help them get their college experience going...not only that but they were given a hand-made quilt by our Sewn in Faith sewing ministry...Check out these pictures from their special day...



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# HONORING OUR *Graduates*

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Vacation Bible school has been set for July 15-18 this year and our theme is The Story of Jonah. We are having a blast making plans and it should be a lot of fun! Our VBS is open to all our kiddos from Preschool and above. If you are older than fifth grade you are welcome to take part in leading and helping. We are also working hard to invite those in our community and friends to join us...we always have a great crowd for this fun week. From activities outside to programs inside, crafts and singing and even snacks, the fun will overflow! Please mark your calendars, make a list of who we could invite and share it with us to make sure we include them! Grandkids included!





Summer is upon us and therefore it is time to get back “out” there and enjoy the summer weather and sunshine!! So, we are going to hold Outdoor Worship Services on the first Sunday for next month. Depending on Mother Nature and her weather choices of course. All are welcome to join us!

The date and location are as follows:

*~ July 7th at the Lake ~*

Outdoor Services have been wonderful in the past...please mark your calendars! The Holy Spirit is felt outside, as well as in! Please bring your lawn chairs and join us!



The updated handbooks are almost ready! I hope to have them out by mid June...If not Worship Asst. List will be mailed out to all who need them. The books will be in boxes in the back of the sanctuary alphabetically by last name so it will be easier to find yours. This is so we may keep track of who has gotten theirs. Thank you!



Are you saving your ink cartridges? We would just like to remind you that we do send them in and receive money back. You may put them in the wicker basket in the entryway.


**Reminder!**

*We would like to remind everyone to please remember to save your aluminum cans and drop them off at the bin outside the main entrance. Thank you!*

**Reminder!**




**- Happy -  
Birthday**



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| 6 - Madison Crabtree | 21 - Marilyn VanWyhe |
| 10 - Jessica Hoiland | Karis Dwire          |
| 11 - Jon Menning     | Lola Donth           |
| 12 - Mark Dahl       | 23 - Quinn Connell   |
| 14 - John Bowron     | 24 - Bev Mann        |
| 15 - Bob Frakes      | Norbert Fick         |
| Duane Mulder         | 26 - Peggy Nelson    |
| 17 - Evelyn Reyne    | Brittany Mulder      |
| Carol Grimaldo       | 27 - Kaden Anderson  |
| 20 - Adam Breheny    | 29 - Hayden Sauer    |

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**June 26, 2024**

**July 24, 2024**

**August 28, 2024**




And last but certainly not least! To all those wonderful fathers or father figures out there....Sunday, June 16 is your day....



# Worship Responsibilities

| Date    | Lay Reader      | Hosts                          | Power Point       | Sound           | Counters                | Worship Asst.   | Coffee                  | Gift Cards       |
|---------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| June 2  | Outdoor Service | Outdoor Service                | Outdoor Service   | Outdoor Service | Jack and Felicia Hanson | Outdoor Service | Outdoor Service         | Outdoor Service  |
| June 9  | Lola Donth      | Laura Hollaren                 | Jeanne Bowron     | Jason Kruse     | Everett and Jan B.      | Sandy Vogt      | Vicki Slack             | Brenda Stickling |
| June 16 | Travis Dwire    | Wyatte and Amanda Kruse Family | Jennifer Hilfers  | Luther Hall     | Gene Ashby              | Josh Crabtree   | Felicia Hanson          | Karis Dwire      |
| June 23 | Mary Gehrke     | Paul Jr. and Lola Donth        | Reegan Gabrielson | Matthew Fick    | Jay and Bev Mann        | Becky Anderson  | The Dwire Family        | Christine VH     |
| June 30 | Laura Hollaren  | Christine VonHoltum            | Jennifer Hilfers  | Luther Hall     | Jack and Felicia Hanson | Felicia Hanson  | Josh and Emily Crabtree | Becky Anderson   |

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

| Trustee of the Week              |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| May 27, 2024 thru June 2, 2024   | Roger Carlson  |
| June 3, 2024 thru June 9, 2024   | Beth Fick      |
| June 10, 2024 thru June 16, 2024 | Laura Hollaren |
| June 17, 2024 thru June 23, 2024 | Al Aanenson    |
| June 24, 2024 thru July 1, 2024  | Jeanne Bowron  |

# April Budget



| General Budget Totals         |           |                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| May 5, 2024 thru May 19, 2024 |           |                  |
| Envelopes                     | \$        | 8,235.00         |
| Loose Offering                | \$        | 396.00           |
| Apportionments                | \$        | 30.00            |
| Key Chains                    | \$        | 133.00           |
| <b>Online Giving (april)</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,870.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$</b> | <b>12,664.00</b> |
| Non Budget Donations          |           |                  |
| Silver Bucket                 | \$        | 197.60           |
| Upper Room                    | \$        | 9.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$</b> | <b>206.60</b>    |
| <b>Misc. Giving</b>           | <b>\$</b> | <b>0</b>         |
| <b>Totals</b>                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>12,664.00</b> |
|                               | \$        | 206.60           |
|                               | \$        | 0.00             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>            | <b>\$</b> | <b>12,870.60</b> |

**We are off a Sunday Offering I will add it to next month's totals**

Our think tank group for our Finances met again in May! We worked to strengthen some of the ideas we have been working on from the past meetings. A pamphlet is close to being printed to help everyone know the ways we can support our church; from the Holy Spirit Café to our programming to the funds we have set aside for graduates and special projects. We also will now be asking for a special offering when we have five Sundays in the month to help specific areas. In June we will be sending out a special envelope to support our trustees (June 30). On September 29 we will set aside money for apportionments to avoid the last-minute rush to get them paid. And on December the 29<sup>th</sup> will set aside money for the Holy Spirit Café. Please put some thought into how we can use those certain Sundays.

We will also be sharing other ideas and thoughts about the areas of our finances, striving to help everyone learn how important it is to support our church. Summer is upon us and as our members and friends enjoy the special time of year traveling and spending time with family, it is also easy for us to forget our church needs us even when we are not there. We have a goal that we would like to get more people involved in Auto giving and have planned a couple of Sundays in June to introduce and explain how to go about making auto debiting a plan for your giving. There will be a time of sharing information as well as helpers to get you signed up when you choose to take this important step.

**SUMMER GIVING**  
*Thanks for your faithfulness*

As Summer approaches, fun times begin - Camping, fishing, family vacations and more!! We are so happy that all are able to have so much fun during the warm summer days. We just wanted to give you a friendly reminder to continue church giving during these summer months. We say this due to church expenses being constant year-round. Thank you all and enjoy your summer fun!