



# Luverne UMC

## July 2024 Messenger

**For my piece this month, I would like to share this article with you:**

### **What the Rain Brings ~ Gretchen O'Donnell**

*We're you angry with the rivers, LORD? Was your wrath against the streams? Torrents of water swept by; the deep roared and lifted its waves on high. - Habakkuk 3:8, 10*

It's almost as if Habakkuk lived here in southwest Minnesota, isn't it? As if he could see the rivers and streams rushing by, the torrents of water scouring the land.

I like rain...or I did. Now I'm not so sure. I've even prayed for rain, for months now, seeing the level of lakes, worrying about our well... Now I'm praying for it to stop.

It's been so dry for so long that I'd almost forgotten what it's like to see our stream overflow its banks. To see the rain gauge actually measure rain rather than gather dust. As the deluge progressed, I found myself looking out the window every 10 minutes, unable to tear myself away from the spectacle taking place in the backyard: the stream creeping across the grass, devouring the asparagus with muddy, cold fingers, forcing the beavers from their dam and the turtles from their hidey holes. Our normally passive, unimpressive stream became a multi-dimensional river, rushing into Iowa.

As the rain continued and showed no signs of stopping, suddenly the roaring stream wasn't just interesting anymore...it was a little scary. What started out as thanks to God for the desperately needed rain became a plea for safety.

Am I as finicky as a cat? Asking for rain one day and begging for it to stop the next? Am I never happy with what I have, always trying to reach that patch of green grass on the other side of the fence? Or am I demanding and spoiled, wanting God to do things the way I think they should be done?

The truth is, we live in a fallen world, and that means that bad things happen. The perfect Eden God created was ruined a long time ago and now we are left to slog through the flood waters of our lives. And that, of course, begs the question: will we flounder, or will we float? When the deep roars and lifts its waves on high, will we come through it bitter and angry and afraid? Or will we be better for the scouring of our souls?

It's easy to say that we must "rejoice in everything" to "look on the bright side" to spout off scripture that admonishes us to trust God. But the fact remains that we have a choice.

I have a friend in college who, at the time, was going through a very difficult patch of life. The flood waters were overpowering her, and she had every human right to flail and scream and fight. But she chose, instead, to trust. It was she who pointed out Habakkuk chapter three to me. Yes, the waters were roaring, but Habakkuk and my friend didn't let that destroy them.

*"Though the fig tree does not bud and there's are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." -Habakkuk 3:17,18.*

Realistic in the face of the flood? Yes. If we choose.

*Pastor Dorie*

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live  
in Special Homes:

Mary Jane Brown Home

~ Bill Holling ~ David Johnson - Laureen Fick

MN Veterans Home

~ Keith Luethje

Poplar Creek Assisted Living

~ Annabelle Frakes - Phyllis Mohr



ElderlyCare

The Oaks

~ Sally Cooksley

The Tuff Home - Hills

~ Ralph Watts



COMMUNION SUNDAY

JULY 14, 2024



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

JULY 10, 2024

JULY 16, 2024



Happy 4th of July

Service at the Lake - July 7

Vacation Bible School - July 15-18

Confirmation Retreat - July

Annual Salad Luncheon - August 1

Baptism of Hallie Ruppert - August 4

Inspiration Hills Retreat - August 7-9

Journey Dwire Bridal Shower - August 11

Nicole Kraayenhof Bridal Shower - August 17

Rally Day - Hallelujah Hoolagins - September 8



### Prayer Chain

We are here to help! If you have someone special you would like us to pray for you may contact Jan Brandenburg at (507) 283-4-59 or you can call the church office during business hours.



For the month of June, there was 1 sponsored online broadcast. It was for the week of June 30, 2024. This broadcast was sponsored by Morris and Beth Fick in loving memory of our mom, Lucille Fick.

. 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 online broadcast is a very important piece of our ministry; any support is appreciated! Thank you!

Listen to our radio broadcast at 10:30am Sunday on our website or Facebook page!

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

**WEEK OF July 7, 2024** - Kim Donth, Pastor Dorie and Luther Hall Family, Jon and Erika Menning Family, Andrew Hanson, Thomas Porter and for our Prayer Ministry.

**WEEK OF July 14, 2024** - Jack and Felicia Hanson, Ed and Cherise Ray Family, Jordan and Andrea Sparks Family, Wendy Jamison, LaVonne Anderson and for our Leadership and Pastor.

**WEEK OF July 21, 2024** - Jean Bolluyt, Desmond Jones, Ian and Kristen Ruppert, Chris Scheaffer and Lordina Osei-Ofori, Adam VonHoltum, and for Evangelism.

**WEEK OF July 28, 2024** - Adam and Amanda Breheny Family, Bryce and Ginger Schomacker Family, Ralph Watts, Rick and Deb Ward and for Outreach Ministries.



July 2024 Silver Bucket and Trunk Ministry is the Rock County Food Shelf



All Silver Bucket/Trunk Donations will be going to support the Rock County Food Shelf located at 208 West Maple Street. They are open every Thursday from 1-3pm and now have an additional time available for pickup on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 5-6pm. We will also have a trunk located in the Sanctuary for soup donations to the Food Shelf Thank you for your support.



## Prayer for Living Expectantly

### Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray.

Amen.

Dakotas-Minnesota Area of  
The United Methodist Church



## Outdoor Worship Service

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 Service in July**. Depending on Mother Nature and her weather choices of course. All are welcome to join us!

The date and location is as follows:

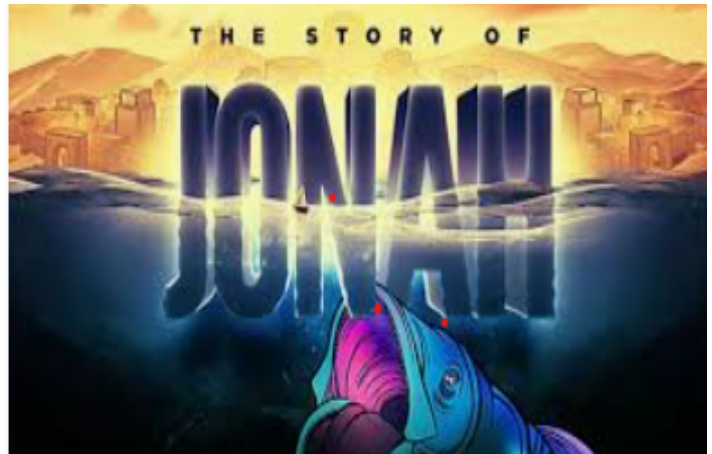
~ July 7th at The Lake ~

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!

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.



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!

Registration forms were sent by mail to our FUEL and ALIVE families. If you need a registration form or know someone who does, please speak to Pastor Dorie. You may pick one up in the church office as well during weekly work hours.



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!

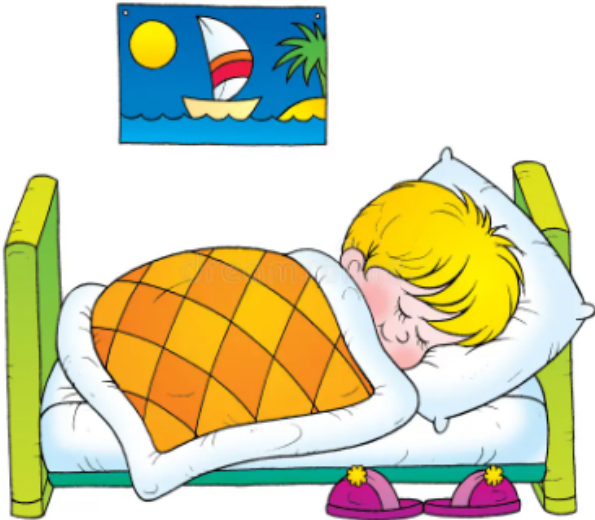
Our next meeting will be

**July 14, 2024**  
**after our service in our sanctuary!**

All are welcome!  
There is strength in numbers!

**“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**



*Rejoice In The Lord Always*

*... It's Kids Sing Sunday...*

**July 21, 2024**

A graphic with a white background and a light blue sky. At the top, the text "Rejoice In The Lord Always" is written in a cursive font. Below it is an illustration of five diverse children jumping joyfully on a green grassy field. At the bottom, the text "... It's Kids Sing Sunday..." is written in a cursive font, followed by "July 21, 2024" in a large, bold, purple font.

**Hello Faith Family! I am asking if anyone has a collection or a hobby (Example Anissa’s water paintings) that we can use as backgrounds for PowerPoint? If you have questions or if you would let us, use them, please contact me by phone or text to 507-220-4442. You may also let the office know. Thank you in advance.**

**~Jennifer Hilfers**

A pink gradient background with three speech bubbles (pink, green, and blue) containing question marks. Below the bubbles is a white rectangular area containing the text of the request.

**SEWN IN FAITH**

**Done for the Summer**

**See You in September**

A teal gradient background with a white rectangular area. At the top is a circular logo with the text "THE ONLY THING I LOVE MORE THAN sewing IS Jesus". Below the logo, the text "SEWN IN FAITH" is written in a bold, teal font, followed by "Done for the Summer" and "See You in September" in a bold, teal font.

**United Women in Faith**

**God’s Circle**

**Done for the Summer**

**See You in September**

A blue gradient background with a white rectangular area. On the left is the United Women in Faith logo, a stylized star with six points in different colors. To the right of the logo is the text "United Women in Faith" in a bold, black font. Below the white area, the text "God’s Circle" is written in a bold, black font, followed by "Done for the Summer" and "See You in September" in a bold, black font.



# TRUSTEES

To all Church members and friends:

This letter comes to you from the Trustees. Building physical needs and upkeep issues come to this committee for consideration and action.

Our summer rains, heavy snowfalls and ice have created church structure issues ranging from ceiling leaks, loose and fallen spouts, and most recently the upheaval of the sanctuary roof on the east and west sides. The roof over the pastor's office is leaking. The banner room ceiling needs attention due to the damaged roof surrounding the three crosses. These matters require immediate action. A Sioux Falls roofing and sheet metal business has been contacted and an assessment of the roof received. The existing sanctuary roof system needs to be replaced down to the substrate. Materials, labor, and taxes for repair are estimated to be \$78,630.

In addition to the roof, we are needing to replace the original two sewage pumps (55 years old). The temporary fixes will not work anymore. Estimated sewage pump replacement will be \$9,000.

We need your help to make these critical repairs. We would like to pay for as much of this project as we can upfront and keep our borrowing to a minimum. Estimated total cost \$87, 639.

We are asking our church family and friends to gift what you can. This is a large, beautiful church that has its drawbacks and challenges. We need to maintain pride in its appearance and function. We are asking you to give us a gift for this accomplishment. Checks can be written to UMC Trustees... (building repair). If you have any questions, please contact any of our Trustees. Thank you for your help.

Al Aanenson  
Jeanne Bowron  
Roger Carlson

Beth Fick  
Morris Fick  
Cody Gehrke

Bryce Schomacker  
Laura Hollaren  
Jack Hanson

It's new! We have a QR code This code will make it much easier to do online giving! Just scan the code with your phone and it will bring you right to it.

If you are not familiar with QR codes and need help with this, have questions, or want more information about the code or online giving you may speak to Shannon Dwire!



LUMC Scan to Give!

Food & Fellowship  
a free community meal



July 24, 2024

August 28, 2024

September 25, 2024



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.



Just a reminder to everyone: Ginny and Jon Menning are still collecting and taking care of the aluminum cans. Please drop off in the plastic bin – "Clyde the Can Man's" bin in the southwest corner of the courtyard. Thank you!



INK CARTRIDGE  
RECYCLING

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.



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| 3 - Randy Mulder                                      | 18 - Penny Cattnach                      |
| 4 - Dale Reverts<br>Dawn Cope                         | 19 - Travis Dwire<br>Sandy Vogt          |
| 6 - Jace Yamauchi<br>Emerie Sauer                     | 20 - Bruce Reisdorfer                    |
| 8 - Jerry Wieman                                      | 25 - Shane Sauer                         |
| 10 - Jakki Lindsley                                   | 26 - Everett Brandenburg<br>Linda Hanson |
| 12 - Anissa Vis<br>Harper Tapper                      | 27 - John Hilfers                        |
| 14 - Amanda Breheny<br>Nicole Davis<br>Sally Cooksley | 28 - Shannon Dwire                       |
|   | 30 - Raymond Hankins                     |

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Hey Ladies! July includes a fifth Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. As what has become our tradition is that we will hold a special activity for that afternoon, and enjoy some time filled with fellowship and laughter. It kind of works like a mystery date and plans are not usually shared right away. Please mark your calendars. We have also talked about having a special gathering in December as the fifth Tuesday will be on December 31, New Years Eve. So watch for additional information about this fifth Tuesday.



We are so lucky to share in the excitement of the bridal showers coming up **Journey Dwire** will have hers **August 11** and **Nicole Kraayenhof** will have her special day **August 17th**. More details will come as time gets closer. thank both of you for sharing your special day with us!



# Worship Responsibilities

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Asst.	Coffee	Gift Cards
July 7	Becky Anderson	Riley A. and Journey D.	Outdoor Service	David Vis	Jack and Felicia Hanson	Felicia Hanson	Bill and Maggie Paulsen	Outdoor Service
July 9	Lola Donth	Jan and Everett B.	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Jan and Everett B.	Willy Baker	Wyatte Kruse	Karis Dwire
July 21	Travis Dwire	Karen Buus	Jeanne Bowron	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby	Jack Hanson	Lola Donth	Sharron Betsinger
July 28	Mary Gehrke	Roger Carlson	Reegan Gabrielson	Luther Hall	Jay and Bev Mann	Emily Crabtree	Jeanne Bowron	Brenda Stickling

Communion	Video
Jim Hanson	Beth Fick

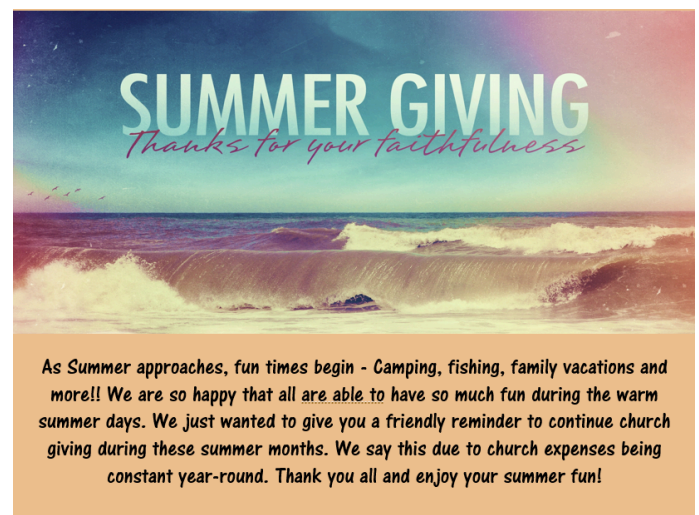
Trustee of the Week	
July 1, 2024 thru July 7, 2024	Al Aanenson
July 8, 2024 thru July 14, 2024	Roger Carlson
July 15, 2024 thru July 21, 2024	Bryce Schomacker
July 22, 2024 thru July 28, 2024	Laura Hollaren
July 29, 2024 thru August 4, 2024	Morris Fick

# June Budget



General Budget Totals		
June 2, 2024 thru June 23, 2024		
Envelopes	\$	11,260.00
Loose Offering	\$	422.51
Apportionments	\$	0.00
Broadcasting / LiveStream	\$	0.00
<b>Online Giving (May)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,560.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,242.51</b>
Non-Budget Donations		
Silver Bucket	\$	73.83
Holy Spirit Cafe	\$	17.00
Food Shelf	\$	0.00
Endowment	\$	0.00
Rent	\$	100.00
Upper Room	\$	0.00
<b>Total Non-Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>190.83</b>
Trustees		
General	\$	
Loan Repayment	\$	1,000.00
Roofing	\$	739.61
<b>Total Trustees</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,739.61</b>
<b>Misc. Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,172.95</b>

Hey everyone....i know my sweet tooth hits me all the time....The Alive Youth Group and FUEL Children's Ministry is planning a Cookie Sale on July 14<sup>th</sup>. On this Sunday, we will have a table set up with yummy, scrumptious goodies for you to purchase before and after church! We will also have some of our rugs out on display for purchase! Please consider helping us support our program and especially our trip to Inspiration Hills in August! Thank you so much!



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