



Luverne UMC

August 2024 Messenger

Happy August!

Summer is screaming by, isn't it? It has been jam packed with showers and weddings, VBS and soon to be our summer retreat at Inspiration Hills for the youth...once it got going it has not disappointed! It's always been my favorite time of year just because of the activities we all get to enjoy. I really miss camping on the weekends...that was so relaxing!

We recently held Vacation Bible School and it was so fun! Our theme was based on the prophet Jonah and his reluctance to follow through on God's request for him to go to Nineveh and save the people there. He absolutely refused to do so because the people there were "naughty" and sinful! "Why should they get a pass?"

As the situation went back and forth, Jonah finally decided to do what God had asked and went to Nineveh. He preached to the people and yes, they repented! Jonah, not happy about that and went out to a quiet place and pouted!

It was a fun theme, and I don't think the kids will ever forget the story of Jonah and the whale. They may not always remember the depth of the story, but they got a good start!

As we begin thinking about moving into Fall, our planning has been revolving around the fact that God never leaves us, that God is always present in our lives. Even when Jonah was pouting out in the open, God was always present, waiting for Jonah to decide he was ready to talk about what had happened. God was present even as Jonah was screaming, "not fair, not fair!"

Isaiah 43:1 says,

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." - Isaiah 43:1.

Even though Jonah was not happy that God wanted to redeem the Ninevites, God continued to love Jonah. Sometimes as we live our day to day lives, we forget to embrace the idea that God loves us and has blessed us with purpose. We might be able to say the words, but the minute something happens in our lives, we tend to forget that no matter what God loves us and is present for us, even in those times when we may fall short or find ourselves really upset with God.

When the scripture speaks the words, "You are mine," they are words that have depth. God knows that we are not perfect and never will be. You are so deeply loved that Jesus gave his life so you could be free from the pain of sin and that you would be forgiven. You are precious to the Lord.

Even if you have moments like Jonah, when you get so angry with what God is doing you and you run off to a corner and pout. "Are you ready to talk?" just might be what you hear God ask.....Praise be to God! AMEN!


Pastor Jorie

UMC Laverne 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



The Oaks
~ Sally Cooksley

The Tuff Home - Hills
~ Ralph Watts



COMMUNION SUNDAY
AUGUST 11, 2024



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

AUGUST 14, 2024

AUGUST 20, 2024



- Confirmation Inspiration Hills Retreat - August 7-9
- Rally Day - Hallelujah Hoolagins - September 8
- Out of Darkness Suicide Walk - September 14
- Dwire/Anderson Wedding - September 21
- See You at the Pole - September 25
- Van Wyhe/Kraayenhof Wedding - October 5



- Sunshine Grocery Cards - available to buy Sundays and work hours
- Prayer Chapel - every Wednesday from 9am-7pm
- Prayer Warriors - 2nd Sunday of each month - August 11
- Kid Sing Sunday - Every 3rd Sunday of each month - August 18
- God's Circle - 1st Tuesday of each month - back - September 3
- Sewn in Faith - every 2nd and 4th Tuesday back - September 10
- We recycle ink cartridges - place them in the basket in the entryway
- We recycle aluminum cans - put them in bin on the SW corner of courtyard

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) 283-4059 or you can call the church office during business hours.



There were no sponsors of our livestream broadcast in July. This is such an important way for the church to reach others in our faith family who cannot attend for whatever reason. This ministry may reach others who are not part of our faith family as of yet, or just want a chance to worship,

Our Live Streaming area is being studied and researched to determine direction since the Radio has dropped our Broadcast. Please stay tuned for updates on this important area and continue watching and sharing the Facebook live stream. Thank you for your patience!

facebook.com/umcluverne/live

Quote of the Month




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

WEEK OF August 4, 2024 - Mike and Traci Davis Family, David and Amanda McDonald, Beverly Ford, Connie Olson, Kathy Schadwinkel and for Revival of our Nation.


WEEK OF August 11, 2024 - Journey Dwire, Brad and Heather Petersen Family, Christine VonHoltum, Stephen Foster, Laura Hollaren, Colby Crabtree and for the Rock County School Systems.


WEEK OF August 18, 2024 - Wayne Biever, Travis Frakes, Wayne Holmgren, Travis and Shannon Dwire Family, Vicki Walker, Roger and Sandy Vogt and for Rock County Ministries.

WEEK OF August 25, 2024 - Everett and Jan Brandenburg, Sondra Coulter, Mary Gehrke, Marie Paulsen, Perry and Brenda Stickling and for the Advent Season.



**August 2024 Silver Bucket
Suicide Walk/Prevention**




**Out of the
DARKNESS**
COMMUNITY WALKS
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about. If you are looking for support and/or resources, please visit:

www.afsp.org/get-help and www.afsp.org/resources.

You may also text HOME to 741741.



They are finally here! Our 2024 Handbooks are hot off the press. Please be sure to find yours! They are in alphabetical order and are in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary! If you don't see yours and would like one, please let the office know. Thanks

Salad Luncheon

All are Welcome!
Join Us!



Thursday August 1, 2024
11:00am - 1:00pm
Cost:
Adults \$10.00 12 and under \$5.00

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Please be sure to mark your calendars for August 7-9, 2024. Those are the days we will have our youth summer retreat. Everytime we go it is a fun, faith building and affirming learning experience for all involved! More details coming soon!

Staycation

Jakki will be taking a much needed Staycation on August 19-23, 2024. Of course there will be someone in the office manning the phones and greet those who stop in!



To quote Sloth from "The Goonies"

"Hey you Guys" We are planning another Men's Breakfast in August! We will meet at Bryce Schomacker's home:

8:30am on August 10, 2024

If you need directions/address please get in touch with Bryce!

These meetings give the guys a chance to sit down for a nice breakfast and go over projects, plans, etc. with the church.

It's not just that...they have a good time with each other! All guys welcome! If you are a newcomer we will enjoy getting to know you!

4TH ANNUAL ROCK THE EDGE COMMUNITY & YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

JOIN US AS TY SHARES HIS MESSAGE OF HOPE AND FAITH. HE HAS HAD HIS KNOCKS IN LIFE, BUT HAS GOTTEN BACK UP EACH TIME DUE TO AN UNWAVERING ATTITUDE AND PASSION FOR LIFE.

WWW.TYFOUNDATION.ORG

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024

HOSTED AT LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL



BREAKFAST: 6:30 AM IN THE COMMONS
PROGRAM: 7:00 AM IN THE PAC

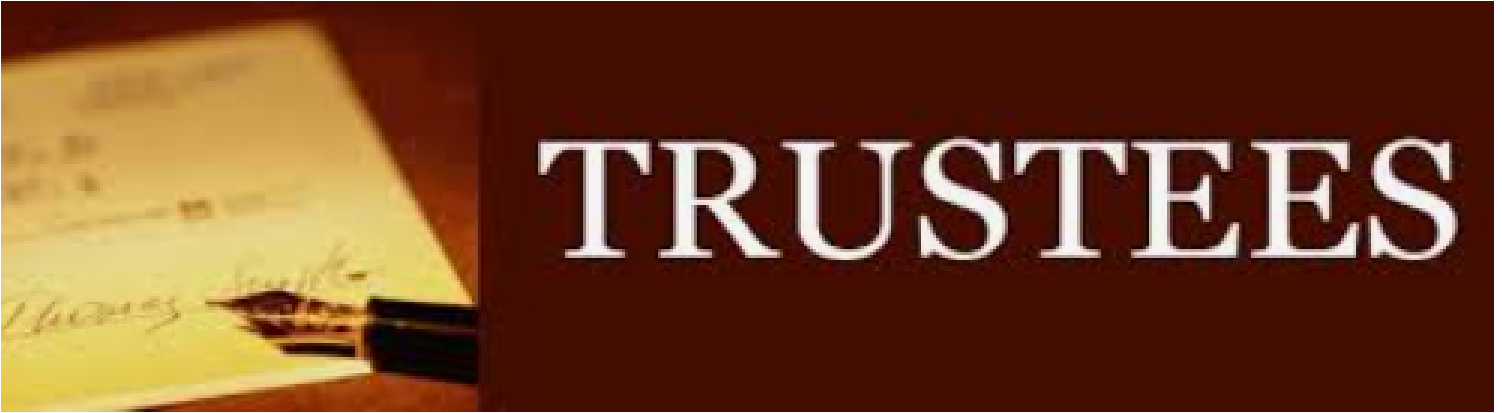
NO COST TO ATTEND.
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED.
FREE WILL OFFERING.

CALL LUVERNE AREA CHAMBER
507.283.4061

RSVP DEADLINE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 19 AT NOON

TY ESCHENBAUM
GUEST SPEAKER



TRUSTEES

Trustee update. We are happy to share that gifted money and a mature CD have allowed us to complete payment for the sewer pumps and upcoming repair of the roof over the pastor's office. We continue to campaign for money to proceed with the major roof repairs. We are waiting for an estimate review from the contractor. No word yet about the grant we applied for (\$4,000) and contacts have been secured about bank loans if needed. Again, as a church family we prefer to give money amounts towards the project to keep loans at a minimum. Please consider a gift for roof repair. Checks should be made out to UMC Trustees with a note designated to roofing project. Thank you!

Your Trustee Committee

Save THE Date

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

- Journey Dwire's bridal shower on August 11, 2024.
- Nicole Kraayenhof's bridal Shower on August 17, 2024.
- Mara Velasco's Bridal Shower on August 18, 2024

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Save THE Date



We are excited to announce that the Hooligans are going to be our worship and music leader for our Rally Day on September 8, 2024. We will do our backpack blessing this day as well as hand out Bibles for our new students, third graders and new Confirmation students. Following our worship service the Men's group is working on providing a meal for us! Mark your calendars as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

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!



August 28, 2024

September 25, 2024

October 23, 2024



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| 5 - Mark Moeller | 19 - Steve Cattnach |
| 6 - Todd Leech | Matthew Davis |
| 7 - Jeanne VandeHoef | Jack Bennett |
| Danny Aning | 20 - Summer Aning |
| Luther Hall | 21 - Christine VonHoltum |
| 10 - Richard Ward | 22 - Ginny Menning |
| 12 - Mike Flom | Roger Carlson |
| 15 - Al Aanenson | Ed Ray |
| Kim Bennett | Andrea Bennett |
| Russ Enga | 29 - Hunter Cope |
| 16 - Keith Luethje | 30 - Connie Olson |
| 18 - Dan Anderson | |

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Worship Responsibilities

Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Asst.	Coffee	Gift Cards
August 4	Jim Hanson	The Cattnach Family	Jeanne Bowron	David Vis	Felicia Hanson	Jeanne Bowron	Vicki Slack	Christine VonHoltum
August 11	Laura Hollaren	Ashley Christensen Family	Reegan Gabrieson	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan B.	Lola Donth	Mary Gehrke	Karis Dwire
August 18	Mary Gehrke	Shawn and Gretchen Davis	Journey Dwire	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby	Becky Anderson	Jeanne VandeHoef	Sharron Betsinger
August 25	Maggie Paulsen	Josh and Keela Fick	Jennifer Hilfers	Open	Jay and Bev Mann	Josh Crabtree	Felicia Hanson	Brenda Stickling

Communion	Video
Steve and Penny Cattnach Family	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
July 29, 2024 thru August 4, 2024	Morris Fick
August 5, 2024 thru August 11, 2024	Jack Hanson
August 12, 2024 thru August 18, 2024	Beth Fick
August 19, 2024 thru August 25, 2024	Jeanne Bowron
August 26, 2024 thru September 1, 2024	Al Aanenson

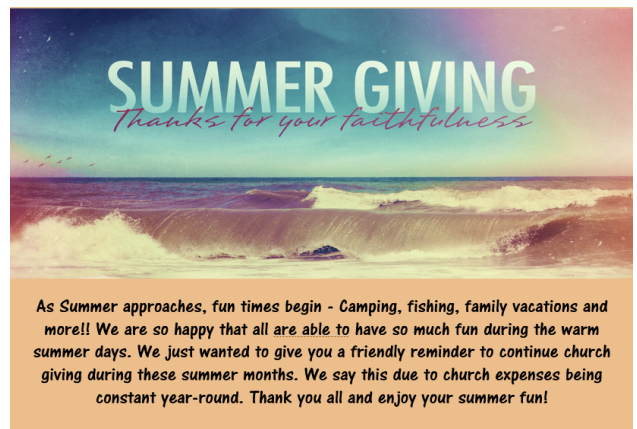
July Budget



General Budget Totals		
June 30 , 2024 thru July 21, 2024		
Envelopes	\$	10,279.00
Loose Offering	\$	558.00
Apportionments	\$	30.00
Broadcasting / LiveStream	\$	0.00
Online Giving (June)	\$	3,735.00
Total Budget	\$	14,602.00
Non-Budget Donations		
Silver Bucket	\$	95.10
Holy Spirit Cafe	\$	17.00
Food Shelf	\$	0.00
Endowment	\$	0.00
Rent	\$	0.00
Upper Room	\$	5.00
Total Non-Budget	\$	117.10
Trustees		
General	\$	0.00
Sump Pumps	\$	0.00
Roofing	\$	3,700.00
Total Trustees	\$	3,700.00
Misc. Giving	\$	0.00
Grand Total	\$	18,419.10

Every month we will try to highlight various areas of our church in the Stewardship Area. This month we will talk about the Silver Bucket.

One of the things we have been doing for many years is the Silver Bucket offering. Every month we lift up missions which may be from our own community, within our state, our nation and even internationally. We focus on one special area each month and ask for donations to go directly to that cause. From the Share Program to the Heifer Project, Emma Norton, Project Morning Star and our local Food Shelf. Our missions vary each month. This is a great way for us to support a mission program on a consistent basis. It is cared for by the Membership and Missions Committee (M&M Committee). Your support of these causes is greatly appreciated.



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