



Luverne YMC

September 2024 Messenger

Oh, my goodness...its September!!!!

Didn't summer just start? I could have sworn we were just planning VBS! I can't believe it. Can you? They have always said that time begins to fly the older you get...and boy, I get that now! But really!?

I read a devotion recently that talked about the simplicity of life. In the past, I may have had many thoughts on that...right, life being simple? Tell me how that happens! I mean seriously, I don't know what your calendar looks like each week, but wow! It shows nothing that looks simple. And as I read this devotion, it helped me to really think about life, what is all around me. As I get older and time goes faster and faster, it made me meditate a little on what is it exactly I want my life to look like, do you ever feel this way?

I have thought more deeply about sleep, about down time, the things I eat, what I like to do, where do I like to be, how should I spend my free time and what is my uber favorite thing to do...and interestingly, I have not ever really thought about that before! Can you imagine? Do you have the answers to all this?

In the past it's always been about what I need to do, where am I supposed to be, who needs me where.... you know the drill....! But then I was reminded of the scripture about the importance of having the faith of a child, being able to giggle at anything, being filled with simple joy, trusting without thinking too much.... how important it is for us to enjoy what's around them without thinking about it too much! Oh, what I thought! Can life be that simple...

In John 3: 16, God said that He loved the world so much that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life! All he wants is to hear us say that we believe. Well, that sounds simple, doesn't it? But us humans, especially adults, well, we make it very complicated. We put much thought into it and even add a few emotions to it as well! Oh dear!

I get a lot of grief because my heart really dictates a lot of what I do....it always has...my feelings get me into a lot of interesting situations! In some ways, too, I have this simple belief that speaks from my heart. When God tells us to bless our food so that it nourishes us.... I do it.... believing it will be what God says.... When God says we shouldn't swear, I believe it. When God tells me it's going to be okay, I believe it. When God says that God is working out that problem before me and that I should trust...I believe it.

How about you? There is a reason God says to do this or to not do that...and I truly do believe that! He tells us to listen to his word and do what it says.... put our trust in God and be obedient. But maybe this is too simple, after all we are human and with this habit of thinking way too much about stuff all around us! Do not be anxious about your life but give God everything in prayer! It works....it IS that simple! Watch the kids! Believe it and enjoy life!

Blessings

Pastor Dorie

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 - Marv Laackmann



The Tuff Home - Hills
~ Ralph Watts



COMMUNION SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



SHUT IN COMMUNION/VISITS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024



- VanWyhe/Kraayenhof Rehearsal Dinner - October 4
- VanWyhe/Kraayenhof Wedding - October 5
- All Saints Day - November 3
- Daylight savings Fall back - November 3
- Christmas program Practice starts - November 6
- Thanksgiving Day - November 28
- Annual Christmas Program - December 18
- Annual Christmas Eve service and Community Meal - December 24
- Winter is here ...sad day!



Sunshine Grocery Cards - available to buy Sundays and work hours

Prayer Chapel - every Wednesday from 9am-7pm

Prayer Warriors - 2nd Sunday of each month - September 8

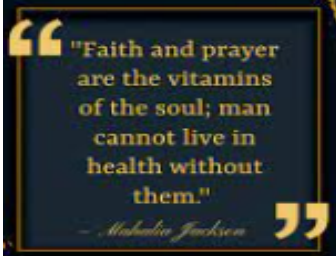
Kid Sing Sunday - Every 3rd Sunday of each month - September 15

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.



Morris and Beth Fick sponsored the online broadcast on Sunday, August 28, 2024. This was in loving memory of her dad Cletus Nuffer. Thank you Morris and Beth for sponsoring that broadcast.

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



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!

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


WEEK OF September 1, 2024 - Patrick and Andrea Bennett Family, Mark Dahl and Dr. Diane Kennedy, Lay and Mara Verepaw, Shane and Katie Sauer, Keith and Betty Luethje and for our District Superintendent.

WEEK OF September 8, 2024 - John and Jeanne Bowron, Shawn and Gretchen Davis, Cody and Elly Gehrke Family, David Johnson, Fran Vos and our Annual Christmas Eve Dinner.


WEEK OF September 15, 2024 - Jeff and Sheila Aukes, Bob and Dawn Frakes, Bill Holling, Kenny Swenson, Jerry and Ann Rigney and for Revival in our Community.


WEEK OF September 22, 2024 - Jack and Joyce Bennett, Josh and Emily Crabtree Family, Norbert and Laureen Fick, Todd Leech, Randy and Marcia Mulder and for the Care and Concern of our Property.

WEEK OF September 29, 2024 - Connor and Cicely Crabtree Family, Morris and Beth Fick, Duane Mulder, Darwin and Evelyn Reyne, Skyler and Jessica Hoiland, and for our Vision Team.



September 2024 Silver Bucket Emma Norton Services





A nonprofit organization that helps combat poverty by partnering with women, children, and families that are homeless and are experiencing challenges from mental and/or chemical disabilities. ENS provides affordable housing, basic needs and support services in an environment that fosters stability and encourages personal growth. Please support this important cause and organization this month.

Quote of the Month



WELCOME BACK!



United
Women
in Faith

God's Circle
September 3, 2024
1:30pm



Sewn in Faith
September 10 and 24, 2024
1:30pm



Welcome Back to school everyone! The first day of school for Luverne begins

September 3, 2024!



September 8 is a great day of Celebration! We will be hosting our usual Rally Day and welcoming everyone back after a crazy and busy Summer! We are happy to host the Hooligans leading our service and we will be taking a moment to lift up and pray for our kids! Giving out Backpack Blessings and Bibles, offering Prayer Pals with our kids, a special meal hosted and served by our Men's Group and maybe even the Bouncy House will be a part of this fun filled day! It is so important for us to come together this day, remember our kids are the future of this church as well as the future of God's Kingdom, loving on them and lifting them as the special (little) people they are is so very important. Please join us!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)



Wednesday, September 11, 2024

FUEL - 6:15pm



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6:15pm



We have made a silly decision to designate Sunday, September 15th as our official first Hat Day. The tradition of the church that can be found in the Bible at 1 Corinthians 11:5-13, hats are referenced as being a way to honor God. Certainly, we have seen many houses of worship reflecting the various ways people cover their heads, but it is the African American women who have been able to capture this ability with flair. Wearing hats really grew in popularity in the early 20th Century and into the Civil Rights marches of the 60's, using hats as a symbol of dignity and a declaration of who you are, how you worship and what you stand for! The grander the hat the better! On Sunday the 15th, join us in celebrating this unique piece of our history!



We continue to strengthen this fine group of young men! This group met on August 10th to talk about stuff guys talk about, but to also make plans and talk about ways they can grow as a group. They have decided to host the meal to take place after worship on Rally Day, as well as plan for future events. The group talked about a topic of study and have chosen the "Man in the Mirror" for their first book. This book has been called by some as the best book for men ever written. It is described as a book which helps men overcome common roadblocks to spiritual and personal growth and brings confidence and a path forward to becoming better leaders in their home, workplace and community. It is a simple, practical book and looks to be a rich guide to wonderful discussion. Please remember, this group is down to earth and serves to be a wonderful place to come together! Their next meeting will be scheduled for October, please watch for more information! If you have questions, please talk to Bryce Schomacker.



God Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd. The Salad Luncheon was a success - thank you to everyone who brought salads, worked in the kitchen and especially to all who attended.

Sewn In Faith will start meeting again after taking the summer off. Ten twin sized quilts have been made and will be donated to the Sweet Dreams project in November. All are invited to join us on September 10th and 24th at 1:30 - remember, you don't need to know how to sew. Fellowship held after the sewing projects are completed. There will be snacks!



The Last couple of months have and will bring 3 wonderful couples together to become husband and wife...

- Mara (Velasco) and Lay Verepan on July 20, 2024,
- Courtney (Kruger) and Brian Richters on July 27, 2024,
- Journey (Dwire) and Riley Anderson coming up on September 21, 2024
- Nicole (Kraayenhof) and Justin VanWyke will Marry on October 5, 2024.

Marriage is the first step into a lifelong adventure together! Life has its ups and downs, but when you have someone you love to share them with, it makes the ups amazing and the downs easier to bear!

Congratulations! May God's strength, love and blessings shine upon all of you!

WALK WITH US
TO PREVENT SUICIDE
REGISTER TODAY

Luverne Out of the Darkness Walk
September 14, 2024
Luverne City Park, Luverne, MN

Walk with us on September 14! Our 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.

Register at afsp.org/luverne



This years' Band Festival Parade is scheduled for


Saturday, September 28, 2024.

Come down early to get your favorite spot and have free coffee, water and donuts in the Luverne UMC Courtyard



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!

September 25, 2024

October 23, 2024

November 27, 2024






<p>1 - Zachary Kruse Travis Arends Cody Gehrke Andrea Sparks</p> <p>3 - Arya Rigney 4 - Keith Petersen 5 - Annabelle Frakes Jason Kruse 6 - Wayne Biever Mikayla Miller Christopher Brown "</p>	<p>12 - Mary Gehrke Jana Read 15 - Ryan Fick 16 - Sue Stroh 20 - Debra Vogt Carol Kor 21 - Cherise Ray 23 - Tammy Moeller 25 - Michael Aning 27 - Chris Schaeffer 28 - Madigan Flom Sheila Aukes</p>
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Date	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Worship Asst.	Coffee	Gift Cards
Sept. 1	Bryce Schomacker	Mike and Phoebe Flom	Jeanne Bowron	David Vis	Felicia Hanson	Becky Anderson	The Dwire Family	Christine VonHoltum
Sept. 8	Davis Vis	John and Jennifer Hilfers	Jennifer Hilfers	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan B.	Felicia Hanson	Josh and Emily Crabtree	Karis Dwire
Sept. 15	Sandy Vogt	Laura Hollaren	Reegan Gabrielson	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby	Willy Baker	Bill and Maggie Pausen	Sharron Bettsinger
Sept. 22	Christine VonHoltum	Gene Ashby	Jeanne Bowron	Open	Jay and Bev Mann	Jeanne Bowron	Lola Dint	Brenda Stickling
Sept. 29	Becky Anderson	Jason and Karla Kruse	Journey Dwire	Riley Anderson	Felicia Hanson	Emily Crabtree	Jeanne Bowron	Christine VonHoltum

Communion	Video
Jason and Karla Kruse	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
August 26, 2024 thru September 1, 2024	Al Aanenson
September 2, 2024 thru September 8, 2024	Roger Carlson
September 9, 2024 thru September 15, 2024	Bryce Schomacker
September 16, 2024 thru September 22, 2024	Laura Hollaren
September 23, 2024 thru September 29, 2024	Morris Fick

August Budget



General Budget Totals	
July 28 , 2024 thru August 25, 2024	

Envelopes	\$	12,902.00
Loose Offering	\$	530.00
Apportionments	\$	30.00
Broadcasting / LiveStream	\$	0.00
Online Giving (June)	\$	3,640.00
Total Budget	\$	17,102.00
Non-Budget Donations		
Silver Bucket	\$	193.31
Holy Spirit Cafe	\$	58.00
Food Shelf	\$	92.00
Endowment	\$	0.00
Rent	\$	0.00
Upper Room	\$	0.00
Total Non-Budget	\$	343.31
Trustees		
General	\$	0.00
Sump Pumps	\$	0.00
Roofing	\$	8,200.00
Total Trustees	\$	8,200.00
Misc. Giving	\$	0.00
Grand Total	\$	25,645.31

Happy September everyone!

As the Finance Team has been working together to make this area of our church stronger, we found ourselves with a challenge early in the year. Our beautiful roof was damaged by some wind and made us aware of the need of replacement. A BIG project, and one that put our work of being more diligent and consistent with our giving on slow motion. The Trustees are happy with the flow of giving for this project and that is great!

Since we are heading into Fall, our attention needs to shift to making sure we get our apportionments paid for the year. September has five Sundays and as we discussed, when we have five Sundays, we will be holding a special offering to energize various areas of our church. This Fifth Sunday, which is September 29th, we will be taking a special offering to focus on the area of our apportionments.

We are blessed! God continues to watch out for us and care for us! There are two scriptures that come to mind relating to giving. hold them tight, meditate on them and honor them in your lives!

Luke 6:38 reads,

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use it, it will be measured to you!"

And from Malachi 3:10 we read,

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and throw out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

And remember to bring a special offering for our Apportionments on September 29!