Luverne UMC
November 2026 Messenger

Not very long ago, I drove by a member's house on my way to an event and had a deep urge to stop by. Now, if you know me, you know that I don't just stop randomly at someone's house as I think it is most polite to call first. Well, I stopped and I have to say I am glad I did. We had a good talk about some things that were coming up and the timing worked well for both of us. I felt good listening to the tug in my heart.

I can't say it will be as easy to do that again anytime soon, but it caused me to think about the significance of our relationships with each other. Sometimes we get too into our heads and the other cares and concerns of our world, and we overlook the things God has placed right in front of us. It's funny because we keep listening to the lesson on how God sent Jesus to teach us and be our example. And his biggest example was the relationships he was building all around him.

Jesus didn't simply preach to crowds. He sat at tables with people others avoided, welcomed those who felt forgotten, listened to those who needed to be heard, and showed compassion to those who were hurting. He invested in His disciples, loved His friends, and even reached out to those who misunderstood or rejected Him. Through His example, Jesus showed us that people matter—not because of what they can do for us, but because they are loved by God.

Do you remember the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples…love one another just as He loved them. He went on to say that people would know him just by the disciples who loved one another. What a powerful reminder that our faith is not measured only by what we believe or what we say, but also by how we treat the people around us.

I don't know if you've ever thought of it this way before, but we get to be a faith family. Yes, it can be difficult sometimes, but we get to practice what Jesus preached…we can reach out to someone who we haven't seen in a while, offer a listening ear to someone carrying a heavy burden, welcome someone who feels like an outsider, or simply take a few extra minutes to get to know one another. Sometimes, the smallest gestures of kindness can make the biggest difference in someone's life.

And hey, we are not always going to agree with one another, and we will not always see things the same way; but Jesus calls us to something bigger than that…He calls us to love, have patience, forgiveness, and grace. Healthy relationships take time and effort, and they require us to see one another through the eyes of Christ.

As it is never without challenges…we must remember that good, positive and healthy relationships take time, it takes our willingness and its effort. But look at all that's happening around us.

May we continue to grow not only in our relationship with Jesus, but also in our relationships with one another. May our church be a place where people feel welcomed, valued, encouraged, and loved. After all, we are more than a congregation that gathers for worship; we are a family of faith called to walk alongside one another through life's joys and challenges.

When we invest in one another, we strengthen our church, deepen our faith, and reflect the love of Jesus to the world around us. Let us be intentional about building those relationships, because loving one another is not just something Jesus taught us—it is something He calls us to live every day.

Pastor Marie

UMC Luverne Members and Friends that live in Special Homes:

Mary Jane Brown Home
- David Johnson - Darrel and Eleanor Siebert
- Kenny Swenson

MN Veterans Home
~ Keith Luethje -

The Oaks
~ Sally Cooksley -

Good Samaritan Society of Pipestone
Wayne Holmgren

The Tuff Home - Hills
~ Ralph Watts - Annabelle Frakes ~
Norbert Fick

COMMUNION SUNDAY

November 8, 2026

HOME VISITS

November 11, 2026

November 24, 2026

LOOKING FORWARD

Thanksgiving Day - November 26 - Office Closed
Hanging of the Greens - December 6
Christmas Program - December 16
Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 2026
Christmas Day - Office Closed
New Years Day - January 1, 2027 - Office Closed
Chocolate Buffet - February TBD

On our November Sundays we will be praying for:

November 1, 2026 - Willy Baker, Brittany Remme Family, John and Jennifer Hilfers, Heather VanWyhe and Christopher Brown and the Wednesday night FUEL ministry.

November 8, 2026 - Roger Carlson, Carol Kor, Keith and Melanie Peterson Jakki Indsley Family and for outreach ministries of our community.

November 15, 2026 - Cathy Rust, Justine and Andrew Miller, Wayne and Amy Kruger, Bruce and Linda Reisdorfer, Sue Stroh and for peace in our nation.

November 22, 2026 - Steve and Penny Cattnach Family, David and Anissa Vis, Beverly Ford, Travis and Shannon Dwire Family and for the leadership in our community.

November 29, 2026 - LaVonne Anderson, Linda Hanson, Jason and Karla Kruse, Brian and Courtney Richters Family and for answers to prayers and guidance in all ways.

We are here to help! If you have someone special you would like us to pray for you may contact Jan Brandenburg at (507) 920-0555 or you can call the church office during business hours.

IN LOVING MEMORY WE CELEBRATE…

Evelyn Boone
January 31, 1925 - October 28, 2025

Wayne Biever
September 6, 1934 - November 16, 2025

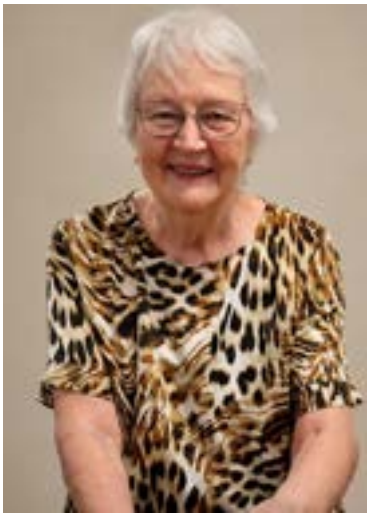
Joey Honken
October 8, 1944 - December 9, 2025

Betty Luethje
March 3, 1932 - February 14, 2026

Perry Stickling
October 1, 1961 - April 8, 2026

Janet Boone Jessen
January 29, 1947 - April 15, 2026

Duane Mulder
June 15, 1934 - June 28, 2026



Evelyn Reyne
June 17, 1936 - July 28, 2026

Sondra Coulter
February 16, 1940 - August 20, 2026

Karen Buus
September 25, 1938 - September 7, 2026

Christie Stoops
September 16, 1963 - September 16, 2026

WE WELCOME OUR NEW BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Brianna VanWhye baptized March 29, 2026
Parents: Nicole and Justin VanWhye

We also celebrate Gabriella Richters who was baptized on
December 30, 2026.
Her parents are Courtney and Brian Richters.

Grace Sands who was baptized on
July 5, 2026.
Her parents are Ally and Wyatt Sands.

Welcome!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Members of the local Ministerial group are planning a resurrection of sorts of the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service that had been held in the past.

Please join us on Sunday, November 22 at 3 pm at the Grace Lutheran Church for a special time of worship and celebration of the beginning of a beautiful season! An offering will be collected to support a local mission yet to be decided.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our youth and kids will be putting Thanksgiving Baskets together for their Third Sunday activity on November 15th. This is a special activity that we are blessed to share with special people in our church, everyone is invited to join us. Please watch your bulletins and emails for details.

5th Tuesday Event Dates	5th Sunday Offering Dates
December 29, 2026	November 29, 2026
March 30, 2027	January 31, 2027
June 29, 2027	May 30, 2027
August 31, 2027	August 29, 2027
November 30, 2027	October 31, 2027

ENDOWMENT FUND

It's that time of year again…The Endowment Fund Committee is taking applications for a grant given to benefit different areas of our church where we need to offer a helping hand.

Applications are in the Narthex on the credenza. Please fill it out with your request and return to the church office by **November 23, 2026.** They will be reviewed by the committee in December. Award letters will go out after that meeting.

Homebound Ministries

Our homebound ministry is thriving! The number of people we visit continues to rise! It brings such joy not only to those we visit, but to us as visitors as well! If you are interested in getting in touch with any of our homebound faith family members, please contact the office for an address or phone number for them. A kind gesture will not only make their day, but yours as well.

We had an extremely productive month in October by finishing 11 quilts!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 1:30pm in the Sewing Room (1st floor below the Sanctuary). We are always looking to have more members join us so if you have sewing talents (or even if you don't), we would love to have you join our group for a great mission project and fun fellowship time. Look what's coming up...

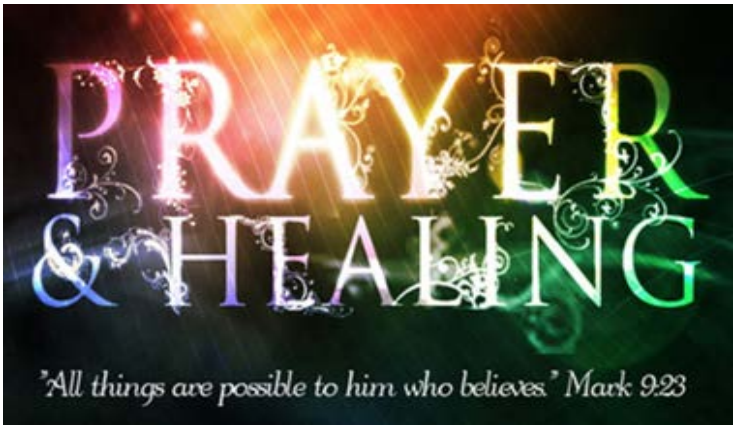
Sunday, November 8 – A Blessing of the quilts will be held. Quilts will also be available for purchase after the service.

Sunday, November 15 – There will be a Healing Service. We will have a special gift for everyone.

Tuesday, December 8 – Our annual holiday party/luncheon will be held. Everyone welcome! The event is currently TBD.

Please join us! We would love to have you!

- We had a very fun afternoon indoors due to the downpouring rain! Lanterns were made out of Mason jars, tissue paper and stickers. It was great to see everyone's creativity and excitement. Despite the rain, we had a great turnout.
- God Circle is held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm where we always have a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and snacks. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to join us on November 3rd!



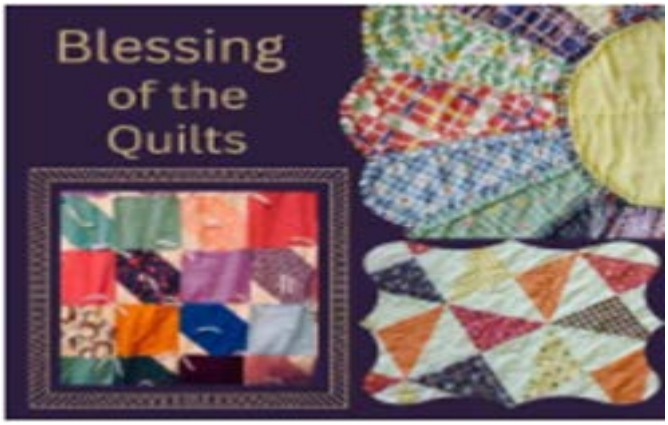
We will be having a Healing Service on Sunday, November 15, 2026.

A healing service in the United Methodist Church is a dedicated time of worship focused on seeking God's grace, renewal, and wholeness for the body, mind, spirit and relationships.

We will be having a blessing of the quilts on **November 8, 2026.**

A Blessing of the Quilts service is a special worship ceremony where a United Methodist congregation dedicates handmade quilts, comforters, or prayer squares before they are sent out to comfort people in need.

Some of the quilts will for sale after the service

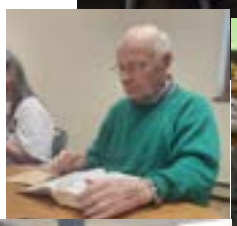


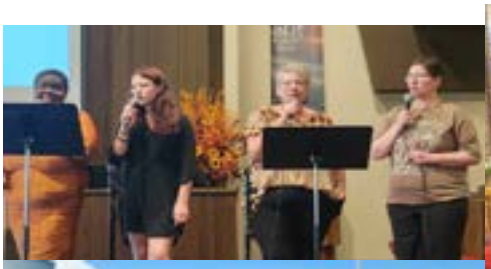
OUTSTANDING OCTOBER

The Silver Bucket for November 2026

Emma Norton
The Journey Home Begins Here

Emma Norton 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.





WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	Acolytes	Lay Reader	Hosts	Power Point	Sound	Counters	Coffee	Grocery Cards
Nov. 1	Sam K. Grace S.	Sandy Vogt	Dale and Vicki Slack	Jennifer Hilfers	David Vis	Felicia Hanson	Jeanne Bowron	Christine V.
Nov. 8	Myika M. Korie S.	Christine V.	Erika and Jon Menning	Reegan Gabrielson	Luther Hall	Everett and Jan B.	Willy Baker	Brenda Stickling
Nov. 15	Duane and Ezra Nelson	Laura Hollaren	Shawn and Gretchen Davis	Jeanne Bowron	Jason Kruse	Gene Ashby	Erika and Myika Menning	Karis Dwire
Nov. 22	Maddy F. Antonia T.	Becky A. and Antonia T.	Jesse and Ashley Connell	Jennifer Hilfers	Riley Anderson	Felicia Hanson	Journey Anderson	Sharron Betsinger
Nov. 29	Emerie S. Jessamy D.	Travis Dwire	Christine V.	Jeanne Bowron	Erika Menning	Felicia Hanson	The Dwire Family	OPEN

Communion	**Video**
Dale and Vicki Slack	Beth Fick

Trustee of the Week	
October 26, 2026 thru November 1, 2026	Al Aanenson
November 2, 2026 thru November 8, 2026	Roger Carlson
November 9, 2026 thru November 15, 2026	Bryce Schomacker
November 16, 2026 thru November 22, 2026	Laura Hollaren
November 23, 2026 thru November 29, 2026	Morris Fick
November 30, 2026 thru December 6, 2026	Jack Hanson

Our LUMC Scan to Give 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!

DOWNLOAD THE LUMC APP!

- Stay up-to-date with our church family right from your phone.
- Our app features our full calendar, easy website access, and notifications for our livestream services.
- Scan the QR code or visit www.umcluverne.com/app for simple installation instructions and start connecting today!

Pizza Ranch

Pizza Ranch Take Out Night!! On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, you go to or call Pizza Ranch and order your favorite pizza to go. Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of all orders back to our church... All proceeds will go toward our Children and Youth Education programs! It's as easy as that... The next take-out night is scheduled for

November 11, 2026

Please be sure to join us for food and fellowship at our free community meals! We have these meals on the fourth Wednesday of every month!

Our next meal is scheduled for:

November 25, 2026 ~ 5:30pm
Thanksgiving Dinner

~ All are welcome! ~ Bring a friend! ~
LUMC Fellowship Hall ~ 109 N. Freeman Avenue ~ Luverne MN 56156

See you there!

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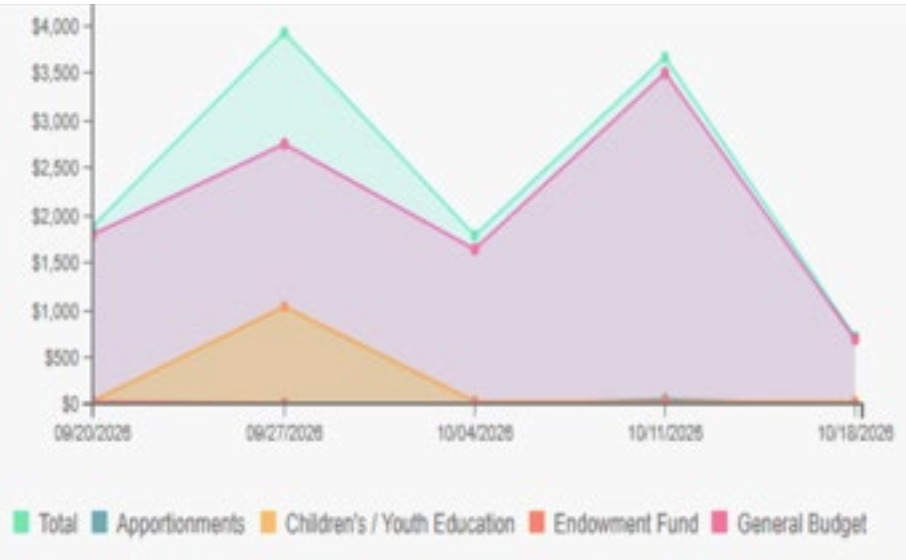
1 - Joshua Fick
2 - Stephen Foster
4 - Gene Ashby
5 - Brianna VanWyhe
9 - Beverly Ford
10 - Justin VanWyhe
13 - Nelson Hall
15 - Shawn Davis
Marie Paulsen
19 - Reegan Gabrielson
23 - Gretchen Davis
Melanie Peterson
26 - Sam Schomacker

Monthly Giving
September 20, 2026 thru October 20, 2026

Category	Amount
Apportionments	$40.00
Children's / Youth Education	$1,125.00
Endowment Fund	$25.00
General Budget	$10,323.00
Silver Bucket	$95.00
Special	$90.00
Trustees	$80.00
Worship & Technology	$140.00
TOTAL CATEGORY	**$11,918.00**



OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

It's hard to believe it is the 11th month of the year...! Soon we will be hot into all the festivities the end of the year brings! What a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings God has given us and to give thanks for the faithfulness and generosity of our faith family.

On November 29th, we will be collecting our Fifth Sunday Special Offering, which gives us the opportunity to meet specific areas of our church. As we look forward to year end needs, we ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift for this area. Your gifts help ensure that we can meet our budget needs as we continue the needs and missions God has entrusted to us.

If you have been giving faithfully throughout the year, we thank you! Your generosity makes a difference. If you have not yet had an opportunity to give, or if you would like to make an additional gift, we invite you to participate in this special offering. Small envelopes will be available on the ushers table at the back of our sanctuary.

Together we can finish the year strong! Through our shared generosity, we invest not only in the financial health of our church but in the lives of those we touch.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and being an important part of our faith family!