

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LE SUEUR

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*We are a Christ-centered community, called to serve,  
where you can come as you are,  
share who you are,  
and experience the power of God's love.*



October 2016

## rel·e·vant/reləvənt

*adjective:* **relevant**

closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand.

"the applicants experience is **relevant** to the job"

*synonyms:* pertinent, applicable, apposite, material, apropos, to the point, germane; connected, related, linked...

"Face it," the young millennial said, "The Church isn't relevant anymore. It's not you. It's the whole church in general—it's just not relevant."  
It felt like a punch to the gut. Not relevant?? What does that even mean-not relevant? So I took a deep breath and said, "You have other things you would rather do on Sunday?"  
"Yeah, but it's more than that. Church is just not important anymore."  
"Well," I said, "How do we make it more relevant?"  
"You can't," the millennial said before walking away, "It's bigger than you. My generation doesn't need church like you did. You can't change that."  
Under my breath I muttered, "Watch me; I have 'connections'."

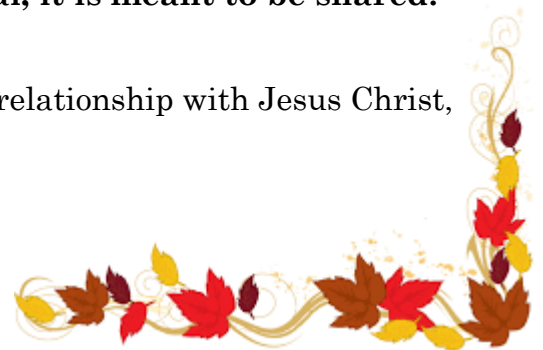
That is the point, isn't it? Connections. That's the mission of the church, sharing a meaningful connection with Jesus Christ, greatest hero of the universe. But, how many of us have ever shared even one personal story of that relationship with our kids? They only know what they see or hear. If we hold all those spiritual stories of connections deep inside our Minnesota niceness, well...our kids will never know a single reason for being connected to Jesus, let alone attend the church that points the way. We will just be a bunch of nice people visiting on Sunday morning.

Church, I have to tell you something. It's not me, it's you. Millennials expect it from me, but you—that's proof that church is more than nice people. Church, in the name of Jesus, show the millennials why! Share YOUR faith stories about 'why Jesus matters'. Share it out loud so our kids hear it! Write it, claim it, speak it at JAM, put it the newsletter, or post it on our web site. But, don't hold it in! **Faith is NOT personal; it is meant to be shared!** Faith in Jesus IS relevant.

Why? Because, if there is no story after a lifetime of a relationship with Jesus Christ, then there is no relevance and the millennials are right.

Be bold. Be faithful. Be connected. Be relevant.

Pastor Terri



**Sharing Jesus!**  
**We are on a mission and it's not  
about us, but Jesus!**

## MUSTARD SEED GROUPS

**“Half Truths - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say” Host: Margo Bjork. Sundays 7pm. Oct. 9 - Nov. 6 in the Tabor Room**  
Adam Hamilton in explores popular sayings that miss the point. *"God helps those who help themselves," "Love the sinner, hate the sin,"* and others. Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in scripture.

**Sunday Morning  
Tailgating at the UMC café  
Tables.** Coffee and  
conversation between 9 &  
10am. All are welcome.



**Journey through the Bible  
Sundays at 9am.** This fall, the  
Book of Romans thru Philippians.  
Join in at any time.

Sign up for all groups at [lesueur.umc@q.com](mailto:lesueur.umc@q.com)  
or [www.lesueurumc.org](http://www.lesueurumc.org) or call the church  
office 507-665-2314.

## Missions updates:

### Reach-Renew-Rejoice

calls for launching seven new churches,  
partnering with seven existing churches to  
launch new sites and assisting 140 churches  
in revitalizing their ministries over seven  
years. We pledged \$17,000 over 5 years and  
gave \$7,000 in 2015 and 2016. We continue  
to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.

On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> we will serve the  
**Mankato Salvation Army Meal.** A sign-up  
sheet is in the narthex or call  
Janet Dickinson. (665-2330)  
A box is in the library for  
caps/socks and gloves to take  
with us. Monetary donations, personal care  
items and toiletries are also appreciated.



## J.A.M. Wednesdays



If you have not been to JAM yet  
it's not too late. Join us any  
Wednesday night at 6pm.

5:30pm – Casual Communion  
6pm - Family supper  
6:30-7pm- Youth and Family Worship  
7-7:30pm - Bible school for 3 yrs -12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Register on-line at [lesueurumc.org](http://lesueurumc.org)  
**Parents**—need to wait? Hang-out in the  
Upper Room with Wi-Fi and comfy seats!

On Sunday's there is Kid's Church for those  
that are age 3 to 10. This is part of the  
regular Church service so come to 10:15am  
worship then send the kids for their own  
lesson after the Children's time

## Important Dates:

- \* Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> JAM kids sing during Worship.
- \* Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> NO JAM due to MEA.
- \* Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> JAM kids sing during Worship
- \* Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> NO JAM attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this week
- \* Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> JAM kids will present a Christmas Program during the Worship service.

## Share your gifts with JAM:

We are very excited about our JAM program.  
Our church is alive and bustling on  
Wednesday nights. The children are  
enthusiastic and learning. Not everyone has  
the special talent to be a teacher or a leader,  
but we all have gifts we can contribute to the  
JAM program. The meal is an important  
part of the evening as the children have an  
opportunity for social interaction and to “talk  
things over” in a safe environment. We are  
grateful for the people who have already  
donated food for the evening meal. When  
you get a call to donate, this will be your  
opportunity to share your gifts with our JAM  
program. Thank you. Jane King



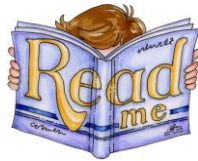
## Carol's Church Mouse Library

"Take a Book – Leave a Book"

The Little Free Library

program is sponsored by the City of Le Sueur, the Knights of Columbus and the Le Sueur

Public Library partnered with individual homeowners or businesses. This free book exchange program is intended to promote literacy throughout the community and encourage young people to read. Stop by the corner of the North parking lot and enjoy a book from Carol's Church Mouse Library.



## Choir

The choir rehearses at 7pm on Wednesday

nights. We meet in the choir room in the lower level directly below the church office. Choir members participating in JAM are welcome to join rehearsals when their responsibilities are completed.



Our non-auditioning, all-volunteer choir participates in Sunday services at 10:15 AM with special services during Christmas, Lent and Easter. New members are welcome! Interested? Contact Cheryl Amundson, at [camundson@mchsi.com](mailto:camundson@mchsi.com) or 507-665-2743.

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is  
**BIBLE SUNDAY!!**

If you are a **3 year old thru 1<sup>st</sup> grader** that has not received a children's bible from the UMC in the past, come to 10:15am worship on Sunday to receive your Bible.

**all kids 2<sup>nd</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

It's Deep Blue Bible time!! If you do not have one, come to worship on Sunday to receive your Deep Blue Bible.

## Food Drive:

YUM will trick-or-treat for the Le Sueur Food Shelf on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Let Sue Bienfang know you are interested in participating. Adult drivers with pickups are also needed.



## Opportunities to Serve

Committee and Team meetings are usually held monthly unless otherwise notified. Contact the church office or a member of Nominations if you are interested in serving.

Education, Missions, Trustees and Go & Grow meet at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. We meet in the Chapel for Devotions first then meetings which should last no more than 1hr.

Finance meets at 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

The Administrative Council meets at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

Worship Design meets monthly or as needed.

Staff/Pastor/Parrish Relations meets as needed.

Memorials and Gifts meets 3-4 times a year.

Leadership (Nominations) meets 3-4 times a year

### This month we put the spotlight on:

**GO & GROW** (formerly Evangelism): This team's primary goal is to connect with unchurched people in new and different ways, particularly youth and young adults (under 40). This includes members who rarely attend, young families, single young adults, and infants/children who are baptized but not yet confirmed. The team develops an all-church plan with strategies from entry to engagement; to reach out and retain this population and ensuring that all aspect of the church contributes to this outreach; e.g., music, education, and missions, etc.

**LEADERSHIP/ NOMINATIONS:** Identify and recruit team leaders and members based upon their passions, skills and abilities. This also includes training of team members and supporting them during the year. Emphasis is given to leaders and members who understand the mission and emphasis on reaching new people. Members must include the pastor as chair, lay leader, one youth, one young adult and one at large.

**MISSIONS:** Identifies, recommends and supports mission activities during the year, including local and global ministries. They oversee volunteers to local missions such as the Le Sueur Food Shelf, Salvation Army Diners, and Christmas Baskets. They also educate and promote missionary trips among church goers to help deepen their sense of caring for all of God's people.



**FROM THE CHURCH  
OFFICE  
THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Office Phone #:** 507-665-2314  
**Pastor's Phone#:** 507-593-0006  
**Church Website:** [www.lesueurumc.org](http://www.lesueurumc.org)  
**Office e-mail address:** [lesueur.umc@q.com](mailto:lesueur.umc@q.com)  
**Pastor's e-mail address:** [umcpastor@q.com](mailto:umcpastor@q.com)  
**Pastor's office hours:** W & Th 9am-12pm or  
 call the church office to make an appointment.  
**Secretary's office hours:** M-F 8:30am-12:30pm



Find us on Facebook. You can watch our worship services on YouTube.

*If you have dropped your land line and are now using only a cell phone, please call the church office and let us know your number. If you have a child in college, please let the church office know their address so we can keep in contact.*

Daylight Savings Time Ends on  
Saturday night, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Our Sympathy to:

Sue Bienfang on the 9/14 death of her mother, Mary Magalis.

Melissa Hagemann on the 9/20 death of her father.



**In our thoughts and prayers:** We have telephone and e-mail Prayer Chains for anyone wanting prayer support. If you or a loved one is hospitalized and wishes a visit from the pastor or would like to be included in the prayer chain, call Frances Schwarz (665-2873) the church office (665-2314) or e-mail at [lesueur.umc@q.com](mailto:lesueur.umc@q.com). **If you wish to be a prayer companion for those on the prayer list contact the church office.**

## Congratulations:

Lydia Thibodeau was Confirmed during worship on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please hold Lydia in your prayers and give her your support as she continues her faith journey.



Thank you to everyone who helped at the Food Shelf in September. *Mission Committee*

Just wanted to say "Thanks" to everyone for the donation of school supplies. *Pat Haley*

Thank you to Henry Kress for building Carol's Library Mouse House and to Larry & Lana Beck for finishing it.

### Memorials & Gifts Committee:



The All-Saints service will be November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have someone you would like to lift up during the service contact Judy Dahn. (665-2139)

### United Methodist Women



UMW Circles meet monthly at the church or in members' homes.

Rebekah Circle: meets on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Tabor Room.

Ruth Circle: Next meeting is on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Serendipity Circle of Friends: meets on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**UMW Fall Harvest Dinner**  
 October 30<sup>th</sup>  
 11:30am-1:30pm



## October Birthdays

- 1 Micah Hylarides
- 3 – Betty Moser  
Amber Balder
- 5 – Caylee Huber
- 9 – Margo Bjork  
Sandy Dell
- 10 – Betty Purdy
- 12 Doug Kiewatt  
Joyce McCargar
- 13 – Lois King  
Phyllis Disher
- 14 – Gwen Schultz  
Madison Uballo
- 15 - Alice Breaker
- 16 – Rachel Bjork
- 21 – Gary Jones  
Darline Jones  
Chloe Conrad
- 23 – Jim King
- 24 – Wade Yahnke  
Mylee Conrad
- 25 - Matthew Bjork
- 26 – Brianna Sippo
- 27 – Gene Aufderhar  
Lindsey Kolden  
Becky Schmid
- 28 – Linda Sunderman
- 29 – Chad Andresen
- 30 – Leon Tellijohn
- 31 – Morgan Jones



## Volunteers are needed



Contact the church office or Margo Bjork (665-3981) if you can commit to serve for any of the following:

**Greeters and Ushers:** If you enjoy meeting people, especially newcomers, consider serving as a Sunday Greeter or Usher

**Coffee Host:** Coffee is provided by the UMW. Simple after worship snacks can be home-baked or purchased.

**Worship Assistant:** Reading scriptures and assisting the Pastor with the worship service.

**Nursery Attendant:** Contact Peggy Sullivan.

**Worship Tech Team:** Recording our services for CATV#7, Facebook and You Tube is an important ministry to our homebound.

## Those serving in October

### Greeters



- Oct. 2 Don Bauleke
- Oct. 9 Chuck & Vicky Yahnke
- Oct. 16 Pauline Liebhard
- Oct. 23 Agnes Milam
- Oct. 30 YUM

### Worship Assistant

- Oct. 2 Judy Dahn
- Oct. 9 Joan Schwarz
- Oct. 16 Vicky Loewe
- Oct. 23 Sue Bienfang
- Oct. 30 YUM



### Coffee Host

- Oct. 2 Susan Jones
- Oct. 9 Dick & Julane Budke
- Oct. 16 Angie Kroehler and Rachel Malkow
- Oct. 23 Cheryle Wilke & Sue Wolter
- Oct. 30 YUM



### Nursery Attendant:

- Oct. 2 Nicole Krenik
- Oct. 9 Jeanne Doebbeling
- Oct. 16 Cheryl Tellijohn
- Oct. 23 Rachel Malkow
- Oct. 30 Jeanne Doebbeling



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**LifeTree Café** – Thursdays at 7pm at 206 Valleygreen Square Mall. A coffee house style discussion about today's issues.









Pastor Carl Bruhler will host a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. for leaders from area churches to look into the possibility of a Flood Recovery Mission Trip to Baton Rouge, LA. Bring your calendar and ideas to share with others. Call Pr. Bruhler at (507) 665-2615 for more information.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Homecoming dance	1
2 9am Tailgating 10:15 Worship Communion Bibles for Kids 6:30 Scouts 7pm Book Study	3 9am UMW Dinner mtg.	4 	5 5:30 open Communion 6pm JAM 7pm Choir	6	7	8 
9 9am Tailgating 10:15 Worship 7pm Book Study – Tabor Rm	10 7pm Bird Club	11 7pm Education, Missions Trustees 8pm Finance	12 5:30 open Communion 6pm JAM 7pm Choir	13	14 	15
16 9am Tailgating 10:15 Worship 6:30 Scouts 7pm Book Study – Tabor Rm	17 7pm Serendipity	18 2pm Ruth Circle 7pm Adm. Council 7pm Rebekah Circle	19 NO JAM	20	21	22
23 9am Tailgating 10:15 Worship/Missions 7pm Book Study – Tabor Rm	24	25	26 5:30 open Communion 6pm JAM 7pm Choir	27	28	29 
30 9am Tailgating 10:15 Worship 11:30am-1:30pm UMW Harvest Dinner 7pm Book Study 	31 YUM trick or treat for food shelf	November 1 	November 2 5:30 open Communion 6pm JAM 7pm Choir	November 3	November 4	November 5  Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Sunday Mornings: **Tailgating** – at the UMC café tables. Coffee and conversation between 9 & 10am, drop in for a chat. **Journey Through the Bible**: Sundays at 9am **JAM** – Jesus and Me - all are welcome to open Communion at 5:30pm. Family meal at 6pm, Worship 6:30 and Class time 7-7:30pm. Free meal, singing, learning, sharing. **“Half Truths”** 7pm Sundays October 9 - Nov. 6 in the UMC Tabor Room, hosted by Margo Bjork. Discover the whole truth about Christian clichés.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*United Methodist Women  
Harvest Dinner  
Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am-1:30pm*

*Menu*

*Herb Roasted Pork Loin with Rustic Mashed Red Potatoes  
Glazed Baby Carrots, Home-Made Salads  
Pumpkin or Apple Bars*

*Adults: \$11 Children: 5-10 \$6*

*Children under 5 eat free*

*Tickets on sale at Le Sueur Methodist Church and Corner Drug*

