



Livewire

Hillside United Methodist March 2022



CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Living with the Mind-Set of Christ

"be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind; In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:1-11"

Have you ever changed your mind about something? Not a little thing, like which restaurant you are going to, or what TV show you are going to watch. Something big. Something that really affected how you live. A new mind-set.

Our mind-set refers to the fundamental foundation upon which we build our lives, the internal frame of reference which we perceive everything else. It's the hard drive of our internal computer that directs all of our actions.

I know most of us reading this would consider ourselves followers of Jesus. We have faith and value the teachings of Jesus and strive to make our actions match those beliefs and values. In the scripture above, the apostle Paul is inviting us to wrestle with the deep issues of our lives and to discover new ways in which we can begin to live with the mind-set of Christ. It could mean a radical reorientation of our thinking.

How does that sound? Frightening? Exciting? Too much work? All of the above? As we begin the 40 days of Lent, we are invited to look deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, think like Jesus, act like Jesus. I promise you that this journey will be challenging, and exciting. We travel the road together, always learning, always seeking with honesty and vulnerability. And the best part, is that God is right there with us too.

Your Pastor,
Cynthia



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – MARCH 2
12 PM Noon at Hillside and 7 PM at Coppertop (First UMC)

HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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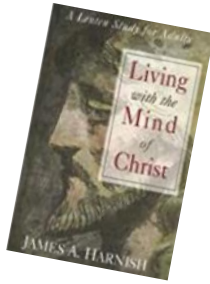
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April 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

Lenten Study Features ‘Living with the Mind of Christ’

During Lent this year, Pastor Cynthia will be offering a five-week study on the devotional book “Living with the Mind of Christ” by James A. Harnish.



The book consists of daily entries, which include a short scripture reading, a written reflection with some questions for

personal thought, and a prayer. This is a great way to center us during the season of Lent and discover new ways in which we can begin to live with the mindset of Christ.

We will meet in person Tuesdays using our Bible study schedule. You can also join online through ZOOM. If you are interested in the book, please sign-up downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. (\$10 donation for a book).

Even if you can't make it to the study, you may purchase a book. Sunday worship themes will be based on the book as well.

Here is our schedule for March and April:

- **March 8 – 11:00 am**
- **March 15 – 5:30 pm**
- **March 22 – 11:00 am**
- **March 29 – 5:30 pm**
- **April 5 – 5:30 pm**



Remember the time change on Sunday, March 13. It will be time to spring ahead and set clocks forward by one hour.

Ash Wednesday Services – Time of Reflection

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which begins a time of reflection leading up to Easter.

We will have two services Wednesday, March 2 — one at noon at Hillside and one at 7pm at Coppertop. The one at Coppertop will be live-streamed. Both will include the imposition of ashes, scripture readings, music and prayer.

This is the day we are reminded that life is short, and we want to live it to the fullest.

From dust we were made and from dust we shall return. Come, all are invited to worship together in our humanity and know that we are held in the loving hands of our Creator.



Pitch in for March Foodshare Month to Help Feed the Hungry

The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Our goal for March 2022 is to raise \$200,000 and 50,000 pounds of food to stock our shelves, and we can achieve that success in this campaign with your help.

FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have ac-



cess to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly and we invite you to join efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty.

Please consider dropping off non-perishable foods at the church on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday mornings. Making cash donations is especially encouraged because with the help of partners, local food shelves can purchase up to \$7 of groceries for every \$1 donated. Thank you for caring for those who are hungry. If YOU need food, please talk with Pastor Cynthia, and we will see to it that you are well stocked with healthy food.

March Sunday Worship

We will begin our journey through Lent with a sermon series based on the same book we are using in our Lenten Study: "Living with the Mind-Set of Christ" by James A. Harnish. Each Sunday we will look at an aspect of Jesus's core values, his mind-set, that guided his every action and life, and look for ways we can respond and live as his disciples.



- **March 6** – "Changing our Mind: Intro"
Philippians 2:1-11 – Holy Communion
- **March 13** – "Changing our Mind: What is Your Mind-Set?"
Luke 22:24-27
- **March 20** – "Changing our Mind: Called to Suffer?"
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- **March 27** – "Changing our Mind: Letting Go"
Luke 9:22-25, 19:1-9

Hillside's Emma Rustan to be Part of One Lenten Midday Organ Recital

The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be sponsoring Lenten midday organ recitals on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 pm. The first recital of the series will be at the Coppertop (First United Methodist Church).

Coppertop's **Velda Graham Bell** will present the first recital of the series beginning on March 9. She will be joined by **Shelley Gruskin** on recorder, **Rebecca Peterson** on cello and Hillside United Methodist Church's **Emma Rustan** on vocals and guitar. Both of Coppertop's Austin and Jaeckel pipe organs will be used.

A free-will offering will be taken at these recitals for the Arrowhead Chapter's Organ Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for young



people to study the organ. Youth from the Coppertop congregation have been recipients of these valuable scholarships.

There will also be a raffle taken at each recital with the winner receiving a free meal prepared by "Room at the Table Catering." Chef Paul Sapyta and Kevin Peterson will prepare a catered dinner for six with your choice of menu, date and time.

Other organists, vocalists and musicians will perform at

Lenten midday organ recitals scheduled on Wednesdays through April 6 at various locations in Duluth, Superior and Two Harbors:

March 16 – Karen Sande with Kristin Sande, violin, First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior St., Duluth

March 23 – Rosemary Guiney with Austin Engelhardt, baritone, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 227 3rd St., Two Harbors

March 30 – Rachael Kresha, Cathedral of Christ the King, 1410 Baxter Ave., Superior

April 6 – David Tryggstad with Jennifer Campbell, soprano, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, 2801 E. 4th St., Duluth



A Thank You from CHUM

Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church’s donation of \$250. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth’s most vulnerable residents.

As we leave behind the extraordinary year of 2021 and turn to the hope of 2022, we are grateful for the support of friends like you who make it possible to fulfill the promise of CHUM’s mission to create a future where every person has food, shelter, dignity and hope.

CHUM is proud to be a diverse community that celebrates together, welcomes all comers, stands in solidarity with our neighbors, demonstrates generosity, practices fellowship, and spreads love in the world. Thank you for being part of that community.

Gracia Swensen, CHUM Development Director

CHUM Opens New Lincoln Park Warming Center in Early February

A new CHUM Warming Center is located at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 2014 W. 3rd Street, and open from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. seven days a week from November 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. Warming Centers are a safe and welcoming space where people can stay warm.

At the Lincoln Park CHUM Warming Center, people can stay overnight. The new facility offers handicap-accessible restrooms and three showers. The warming center’s capacity is up to 100 people depending on staff availability.

The Lake Superior Community Health Center will provide services at the Warming Center every other week. The Warming Center is a partnership between CHUM, St Louis County, the City of Duluth, Duluth HRA, and Loaves & Fishes.

Additionally, the CHUM Drop-In at 125 N. 1st Ave. West is also open 24 hours as a Warming Center.

CHUM Contact Information:

Administration 218-720-6521

CHUM Center 218-726-0153

Food Shelf 218-727-2391

chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org

Loaves and Fishes

We made chicken chow mein on Feb 8 for the Dorothy Day House. We prepared brown and white rice and added cooked chicken, celery, onions, water chestnuts, bean sprouts and chow mein seasoning. We also made an orange jello salad with grated carrots, chopped celery, mandarin oranges crushed pineapple. We topped the salad with mayo mixed with Cool Whip. We additionally treated meal recipients with fortune cookies. For dessert, Diane Boris made bars and cookies. The homeless men look forward to meals from Hillside UMC on the second Tuesday of each month and are always waiting for it to come so they can help unload it from Cliff and Diane’s care.

Thank you to all who help with this mission project.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Cleo Smith, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, MJ Kuhlmeier, Shirley Olson, Giulio Giuliani; along with our men & women in military service and their families. We especially pray for everyone’s physical and mental health during this pandemic and those affected by extreme weather disasters.



Many Thanks to All of You Who Give Your Time, Your Spirit and Your Resources:

- Everyone who has donated to CHUM’s food shelf through Hillside United Methodist Church the last few months.
- To all those who quietly give their time, effort and skills to our church and community.
- To everyone who has participated in worship and other activities despite difficult weather and COVID-19 challenges.



Happy March Birthday to Hillside Friends!

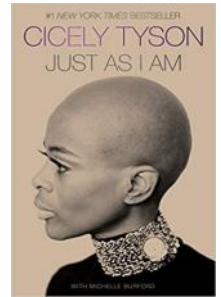
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| 1 MJ Kuhlmeay | 18 Sara Mavec |
| 3 Mary Lange | 19 Eben Britton |
| 9 Giulio Giuliani | 19 David McKowski |
| 14 Jon Hawkinson | 31 Cliff Boris |
| 16 Ron Mattson | |

If you don't see your name here, please call the church office so we can add you to the list. Our phone number is 218-727-4257.




Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM, Thursday, March 3 by Zoom. The book of the month is "Just As I Am" by Cicely Tyson. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Hillside COVID Policy

For the safety of all and erring on the side of caution, we continue to ask everyone, vaccinated or not, to please wear masks Sunday morning and whenever you are in the building. Your Ad Council takes into consideration the case rate in St. Louis County, the Bishop's recommendation, and the CDC and the MDH recommendations. We will continue to have Fellowship time before church at 10:30 AM, but will not be serving coffee and treats at this time. Please come and gather with your friends, but keep masks on. We will continue to offer childcare for our kids, but also ask kids (who can keep them on) to wear masks. Our staff will wear a mask and have all toys sanitized each week for the safety of your children.

| FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY | | | |
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| AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH | | | \$7,854.16 |
| Jan 30 | giving | \$ 638.00 | |
| Feb 6 | giving | \$ 661.00 | |
| Feb 13 | giving | \$ 1,780.00 | |
| Feb 20 | giving | \$ 1,425.00 | |
| Total | | \$ 4,504.00 | \$ |
| Balance | | | - \$3,350.00 |

If you have an emergency

Please call Pastor Cynthia on her cell at 218-260-3114. If you cannot reach her, please contact: Carole Hawkinson at 218-345-6874 or Carolyn Dahl at 218-727-6342. They usually know how to reach the pastor!

Hello my fellow Hillsideers;

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who is sending in their financial giving to the church. It makes a big difference and we are grateful for your generosity. We understand that some of you may be experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic. Please let us know if you are struggling to pay bills and buy needed supplies. We are family, and we are in this together. Give what you can, help where you can, and also ask for help when you need it.

Blessings to all of you, and be well.
David McKowski, Your Finance Chair

Hillside United Methodist Church
Zoom & in Person Administrative Council Meeting
February 1, 2022

Attendance: Diane Boris, Sandy Wilmot, Jim Leland, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, LeRoy Britton, Dave McKowski, Pastor Cynthia

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

Pastor Cynthia asked us what is our soul. It is different for everyone. It is deeper than just saying doing fine.

The January Ad Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by LeRoy that the minutes be approved. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Not much to report on in January. The Christmas Offering was sent to Campus Ministries. Our apportionments in the 2022 Budget were set at \$10,400 but they have been reduced to \$9,600.

Finance Report: Nothing new to report on.

Pastors Report: Bible study will continue on Jan 11 and is going well. It is on Zoom and in person. Phyllis Peterson is our CHUM Delegate. Brenna is doing fine with the little ones. She would like some curriculum to work with. On Ash Wednesday there will be a noon service at Hillside and 7 PM service at Copper Top. It will be the same service and the 7 PM service will also be online. A Lenten Study will replace Bible Study during the 6 weeks of Lent. It will start the week after Ash Wednesday. Pastor Cynthia sent a notice to the area churches to see if they are interested in Day Camp this summer. Those she has heard from say the children have not come back to church since covid. We need someone to hook up the Power Point on Sundays when Pastor Cynthia can't be there. She is talking to Jeannette about an e-newsletter to replace the paper copy, but some people don't have a computer or know how to use one and some people would rather have a paper copy.

Lay Leader: LeRoy gets together with other lay leaders from around the state online. They have a meeting once a month and the next one will be Thursday. They discuss how churches are doing, if they are growing and if they have kids coming to church. Pastor Cynthia is glad for his dedication and would like to see if any new ideas are working.

SPRC: There is a training for new SPRC members online with Susan Nienaber on Thursday, February 10, 6:30 to 8:30.

Trustees: The Boy Scouts that normally meet at Trinity church have not met here yet. Our neighbor has talked to us again about the water from our parking lot coming into his yard. We have had the city look at the situation and nothing can be done about it. Water runs downhill. He has called the police on us, and the police say we aren't doing anything wrong. We are using an old laptop that needs updating but it is too old to be updated. A new one would cost \$1,355 for the computer, software & labor. After some discussion a motion was made by Carole and seconded by Diane that we buy the new computer and software. Motion approved.

Mission: We currently have two missions. The Food Shelf and Loaves & Fishes. Sunday, February 6 Pastor Cynthia has asked everyone to bring an item for the Food Shelf. We will prepare and bring a hot meal to Loaves & Fishes on Tuesday, February 8. A member of a Lutheran church would like to know if anyone would like to help explore and work to ending predatory lending. ex. Loans before payday at high interest rates.

Worship: Two 4-drawer file cabinets are full of music. We don't know what to do with it. We will ask the Choir Director at Copper Top if they can use it. A church in Bloomington has had a water pipe break that ruined their music. We will ask them if they can use it also. Hymnals are also becoming dinosaurs.

Other: Our Bishop wants to leave the COVID policy up to each congregation. They can decide how much COVID Is in their county and city and make any changes. We do not know of anyone in our church who currently or recently had COVID. Our next meeting is March 1 at 7 PM. Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary