



# Livewire



Hillside United Methodist March 2023

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

## Pastor's Ponderings... Jesus Taught Us ...



Wednesday, February 22 officially began the season of Lent with celebrating Ash Wednesday. We remembered that we are dust and to dust we shall return. As I heard someone say recently, "no one gets out of here alive!" We are human. We are mortal. As Lent continues, 46 days until Easter Sunday, (or 40 days if you don't count all the Sundays), we will focus our hearts on reflection, repentance and prayer through looking at the life of Jesus.

Some people give up, or take on, something for Lent to help them focus on their spiritual life. A devotional booklet for each day in the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday – Easter) is available for you at church. It contains a short scripture, prayer and reflection for each day. You may also receive it electronically; just let Pastor Cynthia or the church know if you would like that.

On Sunday mornings for each Sunday in Lent, we will focus on a different parable, a story, that Jesus told and used for teaching his disciples. It is called, "Jesus Taught Us ..." The six Sundays themes are:

- "Jesus Taught us ... **LOVE WINS**
  - "Jesus Taught us ... **FORGIVENESS FREES AND SAVES**
  - "Jesus Taught us ... **DON'T LOOSE HEART**
  - "Jesus Taught us ... **THE POWER OF HUMILITY**
  - "Jesus Taught us ... **DON'T OVERREACT**
  - "Jesus Taught us ... **FOLLOW ME**
- and finally on Easter, "Jesus Taught us ... **HOW TO FIND RESURRECTION and LIFE!**

I hope this season, this journey of Lent, will be meaningful and allow us to grow together in our faith.

Your Pastor,  
Cynthia



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April 2023 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**





## March MISSIONS: March FoodShare

During 2022, the Food Shelf distributed 572,349 pounds of food (123,996 more pounds than 2021) to 15,691 people in Duluth. For our monthly mission project, let's collect nonperishable food items for the food shelf and also make financial donations. For every **\$\$\$** \$1 that gets donated, CHUM can buy **\$\$\$** \$3 worth of food.

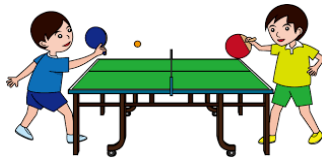


### A Thank You from CHUM

CHUM Development Director Gracia Swensen thanked Hillside United Methodist Church via letter for our \$275 donation. This money goes toward CHUM's Mission of providing food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents.

### Want a Ping-Pong Table?

Does anyone have a use for the ping-pong table that we have been storing at church for several years? We have one to give away at no charge. If you are interested, please contact Carole Hawkinson at 218-345-6874 to arrange to pick it up. It hasn't been used for quite a while, and we would like to take it out of the fellowship hall.



*Your Board of Trustees*

### Sympathies to Nancy Frink Family

Hillside Church lost another one of its members. Nancy Mae Frink passed away on Monday December 19, 2022 at the age of 89. She had lived in the Piedmont neighborhood since she graduated from High School.



Remember the time change on Sunday, March 12. It will be time to spring ahead and set clocks forward by one hour.

### LILIES: Honor Loved Ones & Decorate Sanctuary This Easter

It has been the tradition of Hillside United Methodist Church to decorate our sanctuary with Easter Lilies, and other spring plants, on Easter Sunday – honoring or in memory of loved ones. If you would like to order a lily please submit your check (or cash), in the amount of \$15, before April 1, and we will purchase it for you.



If you prefer to bring your own spring plant, rather than a lily, it needs to be at the church by 10 AM Saturday, April 8. Feel free to take your plant home following worship on Easter Sunday.

### Condolences to Rod Olson Family

We were saddened by the death of Rod Olson February 13. Active members at Hillside, Rod and Pat were such a warm and steady presence at worship each Sunday, as well as pre-worship coffee fellowship. The Celebration of Life Service for Rod will be Saturday, March 11, with visitation at 1 PM, followed by the service at 2 PM.

### Greetings to Hillsiders

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that we thank everyone who is giving financially to the church. It has a meaningful impact, and we are so grateful for your generosity and support. We understand that some of you may be experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic; please let us know if you are struggling to meet your basic needs. We are family, and we are in this together. Give whatever you can, help wherever you can, and ask for help whenever you need it.

*Your Finance Committee*

### FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

Feb 5	giving	\$ 2,630.00
Feb 12	giving	\$ 1,555.00
Feb 19	giving	<u>\$ 1,067.00</u>
	Total	\$ 5,252.00
	Balance	– \$ 2,925.83

# March 2023 Sunday Worship Schedule

- **March 5:** 2nd Sunday of Lent – “Jesus Taught Us...Forgiveness Frees and Saves” *Matthew 18:21-35*
- **March 12:** 3rd Sunday of Lent – “Jesus Taught Us...Don't Loose Heart” *Luke 18:1-7*
- **March 19:** 4th Sunday of Lent – “Jesus Taught Us...The Power of Humility” *Luke 18:9-14* – Pastor Jeanine Alexander guest preacher
- **March 26:** 5th Sunday of Lent – “Jesus Taught Us...Don't Overreact” *Matthew 13:24-30*

Join us for worship at 11 AM and coffee fellowship at 10:30 AM.



## Tuesday Bible Study & Fellowship

Everyone is invited to attend Bible Study on Tuesdays at Hillside. For the month of March, we will meet at 5:30 PM on March 7, 14 and 28. No Bible Study on March 21.



## Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, March.2. The book of the month is “The Big Finish” by Brooke Fossey. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Loaves & Fishes

## A Thank You to Hillside

Dear Members of Hillside United Methodist Church:

All of us at Loaves & Fishes, especially Dorothy Day House, so appreciate your regular support. The Tuesday monthly meal that you cook for us is always delicious and so appreciated. It truly takes all of us to care for folks on the margins.

*Happy Valentine's Day,  
Anne & Everyone at Loaves & Fishes*

## This Month's Hillside Meal

On February 14, Valentine's Day, we sent a meal made with love to Dorothy Day House. We made a pizza hotdish that included hamburger, Italian sausages, noodles, pizza sauce, lots of cheese and pepperoni. Also, a fresh green salad with romaine lettuce, carrots, cucumber, tomatoes and ranch dressing. Along with that, we sent dinner rolls. For dessert, we made two bundt cakes and included ice cream. Also we sent some cherry hearts candy. Remember to keep the homeless and hungry in your prayers.

*Blessings from Carolyn Dahi*

## Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

The family of Rodney Olson, who passed away on Monday, February 13. Also prayers for Marge Dahl, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, and Shirley Olson.

## Happy March Birthday to Hillside Friends!

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| 1 MJ Kuhlmeiy     | 16 Pastor Cynthia |
| 3 Mary Lange      | 18 Sara Mavec     |
| 9 Giulio Giuliani | 19 Eben Britton   |
| 14 Jon Hawkinson  | 19 Dave McKowski  |
| 16 Ron Matson     | 31 Cliff Boris    |



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 United Methodist Church**  
Zoom Administrative Council Meeting  
February 7, 2023

**Attendance:** Diane Boris, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave Mckowski, Pastor Cynthia, Jim Leland, LeRoy Britton

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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 and Jim answered some questions about a couple line items.

**Finance Report:** A meeting will need to be set up with the people on the Finance Committee.

**Pastors Report:** She attended the MLK Rally, we had the funeral for Bill Schilling. Bible Study is going well. There will be a new member class after church on February 19th. She is asking for some people to make a light lunch for those in attendance. She is going to the clergy gathering at Camp Koronis on March 21st. The new Bishop will be there. Our new Bishop will be in Duluth at the Copper Top church on Saturday, February 25th. Pastor Cynthia will be taking a few days of vacation at the end of March.

**Lay Leader:** LeRoy will be attending the new member meeting in February. He will try to go to see the Bishop in Duluth. He plans to attend the online statewide Lay Leader meeting in March. The Annual Conference this year is Wednesday and Thursday, May 31 & June 1.

**SPRC:** No report.

**Trustees:** The elevator had its semi-annual maintenance check and there are no problems. The water is still leaking at the top of the stairs and has ruined the new wall repair. Jim has been up in the attic to see if he can find the leak. The water heater was dripping water at a fast rate from the overflow tube. The water pressure valve was replaced. Now the dishwasher doesn't work. The error message says there isn't enough water pressure. The water pressure was checked and it is within the normal range. The dishwasher repair man will be here next week. Our current insurance carrier (Guide One) will be raising our rate by 71% for the same coverage. We will be going with a new insurance company and our rate will only be going up 10%.

**Lamplighters:** They visited Ron Scott last week and will see Shirley Olson this week. They will visit Rod Olson when he comes out of the hospital.

**Missions:** The Loaves & Fishes mission is going well. Jim is taking the food to the Chum Food Shelf. March is the month that any food for the Food Shelf is matched.

**Worship:** Scout Sunday is February 19th. This will be the last time our church will be sponsoring scouting. Our Charter will end on March 1st after 98 years. We first sponsored the Scouts in 1925. Ash Wednesday services will be at noon at Hillside UMC and 7 pm at the Copper Top. The Lenten sermons will be a Parable series.

**Other:** We will serve a light breakfast for Easter Sunday. We are looking into where we should buy Easter Lilies this year. It was decided the Easter Offering should go to the Damiano Center. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that the Easter Offering goes to the Damiano Center. Motion approved. The next meeting is March 7th at 7PM.

Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diane Boris,  
Admin Council Secretary