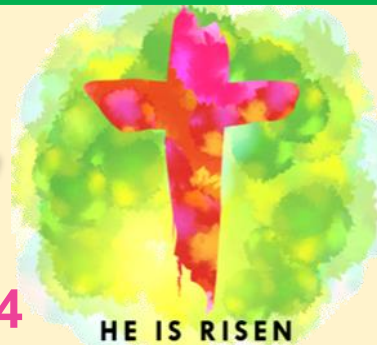




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Hillside United Methodist March 2024

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

We are currently right in the middle of the season of Lent and our daily and weekly study of the Psalms with the devotional, "Soundtrack," as our guide. I hope you have been able to engage with the daily singing, reading, and reflecting on the Psalm of the day as we have moved through Lent together. If you have not been able to make this a part of your daily rhythm, it isn't too late to start. The simplest way to join in is by going to the church website where you will find a link to each day's devotion under the News tab.

Jesus has filled the gap and overcome our sinfulness with his own righteousness and love.

At our first gathering to discuss what we have been reading in "Soundtrack," it came up that many of us were feeling the weight of this season of repentance and reflection on our need for the forgiveness of our sins. It certainly is a difficult thing to focus on our brokenness. It is difficult but also necessary. If you find yourself struggling with this, I want to offer some encouragement and maybe a reframing of the work we are doing. Instead of focusing on the ways in which we don't measure up and how we have fallen short, focus on all the ways that Jesus has filled the gap and overcome our sinfulness with his own righteousness and love. That righteousness and love is then imparted to us as a free gift as we make it our sole purpose to follow him. When we do this, the focus that was on us is now on him as it should always be.

I hope you continue to press into this season of fasting because it will make the upcoming season of feasting that much more enriching. Celebrating Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is infinitely more glorious if we have done the hard work of recognizing just how much we need a Savior!

Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley



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April 2024 Livewire deadline is Tuesday, March 19, 2024





Order an Easter Lily in Memory of Loved One

As is our custom here at Hillside, we plan to decorate our altar area for Easter with beautiful flowers, given by you, in memory or in honor of a special person or persons in your life. ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS NOW. We understand that Easter isn't until March 31, but we want to be ready!! Since we will receive the lowest price if our order is in to the florist by March 12, it is necessary to get your name on the signup sheet in the fellowship hall NOW. You should plan to accompany your order with your check (or cash) made out to HUMC for \$12.



Hillside Easter Breakfast Tradition Continues

Easter is March 31 this year, and you are cordially invited to begin the day with breakfast at Hillside. Serving will be from 10 -10:45 AM – a great way to fellowship first and then get ready for worship. Remember those GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL EGGS??!!



There is no formal charge, but donations will be accepted to offset the costs of the breakfast. Come, eat, enjoy and celebrate the triumph of Jesus.

Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, and Shirley Olson.

If You Have an Emergency...

Please call Pastor Jeremy on his cell at 281-825-2174. If you cannot reach him, contact Carole Hawkinson at 218-606-1236 or Carolyn Dahl at 217-727-6342. They usually know how to reach the pastor!

Holy Week

Easter Morning, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday

Maundy Thursday. Join us for a soup supper in The Fellowship Hall at 6 PM on Maundy Thursday. As we progress through the meal, we will work the Biblical narrative of Jesus' last night with his disciples into our time together. This simple meal, scripture reading, and Psalm singing will end with Holy Communion shared around each table. Experience fellowship and holy leisure as we prepare for Easter Sunday.



Good Friday. Opportunities for Worship in Duluth include a 12 PM noon Chapel Service at First UMC and a 6 PM evening service at Hope UMC.

Easter Morning. A 10 AM breakfast and an 11 AM worship.

Easter Offering: Damiano Center

Our Easter offering will go to The Damiano Center, the Center, the largest emergency meal provider in Northeastern Minnesota and has the largest free store in Duluth.



Damiano Center also offers children's programming, a clothing program specifically for people seeking employment, and it provides referrals and other basic assistance as well.

Hope UMC is hosting General Conference delegate Rev. Carol Zaagsma and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate Becky Borland at 1 PM, Saturday, March 9. They will discuss legislation and answer questions about General Conference 2024.

SOUNDTRACK: A Psalms Playlist

Pastor Jeremy will continue his discussion each Tuesday of Lent for the daily devotional *Soundtrack*, focusing on the bible's song book Psalms. Please join us each Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a brown-bag lunch and time to talk through all we are seeing and hearing from God during Lent.



March 2024 Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship with us 11 AM each Sunday morning at Hillside United Methodist Church and for our special services during Holy Week.

- **March 3** – “Out of the Darkness,” *Psalm 35*
- **March 10** – “Outdoors” *Psalm 19*,
Presentation of Bible to Eliza Woodley
- **March 17** – “Deliverance,” *Psalm 3*
- **March 24, Palm Sunday** – “Whose Son is This?” *Psalm 110*
- **March 31, Easter Sunday** – Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus



Join us for soup supper at Hillside UMC 6 PM, Maundy Thursday, March 28, commemorating of The Last Supper.

Christmas Cookies: Thank You!

Thank you for the cookies you brought to the St. Louis County Jail for our Christmas celebration. We were able to extend your love and care as you visited the inmates with gifts of sugar, color, and texture. So many varieties! Many thanks for your ministry joining ours.



***In Christ, Emmanuel,
Chaplain Kathryn Bell
St. Louis County Jail***

Scripture Readers Requested

Here at Hillside United Methodist Church, we enjoy the participation of our members and friends in various facets of church service. And that includes reading scripture during Sunday morning worship.



We invite adults and children to give their different voices to reading scripture passages as we learn what God wishes us to understand. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for a turn at scripture reading.

Wanted: Coffee Fellowship Servers

Our coffee fellowship time on Sundays before worship is very important to us at Hillside United Methodist Church. It gives us a chance to visit and catch up on what's going on in our lives. You can play an important role by signing up for a Sunday to make coffee and set up treats. The sign-up sheet is on the serving counter in the Fellowship Hall.



What does it involve? Making coffee at 10 AM so that it is ready to be served by 10:30 AM. Also, buy and bring some store-bought cookies and set up the treats for serving by 10:30 AM. There's plenty of time for you to visit with your Hillside family as well. Then we will need you to clean up shortly before worship or after. Thanks for everything you do for Hillside.



Loaves & Fishes

On Tuesday Feb. 13, we made meatloaf patties and brown gravy. Along with that, we made mashed potatoes and corn. For the salad, we made coleslaw with sliced apple. Rolls and butter went along with that too. For dessert, we made two bundt cakes, and for a treat, we sent a pail of ice cream. The extras that we sent this month were a can of coffee and paper towels. The men at the Dorothy Day house are always grateful and look forward to the second Tuesday of the month when we deliver a hot dinner to them. Remember all of the homeless and the hungry people in your prayers thanks to Cliff and Diane for delivering these meals each month and the ladies of our church who helped make the meals.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Needed: Food Shelf Donations

Minnesota's March FoodShare Campaign began on Feb.26 and will continue until April 6. Hillside UMC has always been generous and CHUM is grateful for our donations.



The 2023 campaign raised \$91,630 and 69,188 pounds. This year's goal is to raise \$100,000 and 50,000 pounds of food to stock CHUM's shelves

During 2023, the Food Shelf distributed 533,152 pounds of food to 15,781 people in Duluth.

So what is needed?? More money, or more food?? Although both are needed, the Food Shelf can do much more with money. For every \$1 that gets donated, Chum can buy \$3 worth of food.

Although all items are needed, Chum especially needs items like:

- Peanut butter (Small Jars-16oz)
- Canned soup (Non Cream)
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew and Canned Pasta
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce

A general tip: When possible, choose containers other than glass due to the possibility of breakage during storage and transport.

Attend Winter Assembly with Us

Winter Assembly will be on Tuesday, March 12, from 6-8 PM at Grace Lutheran Church (5454 Miller Trunk Hwy). This is considered the most important assembly of the year. Phyllis is planning to attend. Please contact her if you would like to come along, and she will get you registered.

CHUM Contact Information:
 Administration 218-720-6521
 CHUM Center 218-726-0153
 Food Shelf 218-727-2391
 chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org

Making Quilt For Rhubarb Festival

Raffle tickets for last year's quilt raised \$6,995, prompting quilter's from various congregations to create a new quilt for this year's raffle. Phyllis attended this year's first meeting of quilters, and having found that it is a very simple pattern, she has pulled out her sewing machine for the first time since the 1980s. Let Phyllis know if you would like to join in. Much of the cutting and sewing can be done at home and brought to the meeting. Donations of any new fabric scraps are welcome!



Chum Thanks Hillside UMC

Dear Pastor Jeremy,

Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church's donation of \$325. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents.

Chum started in 1973 with the purpose of overcoming the increase of hunger, poverty, homelessness, and isolation in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood. Fifty years later, we are still here, providing life-saving services to our most vulnerable neighbors. The needs are great, and growing, and our services are expanding to meet those needs.

Chum is proud to be a diverse community that celebrates together and 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.

Sincerely,

Gracia Swensen, Development Director

CHUM Fundraiser

New York, New York Performance

Join Chum and friends for a "Themed High Tea and Silent Auction" 1 PM, Saturday, May 4, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4831 Grand Avenue,



Duluth. Doors open at 12:15 PM. The event is a Benefit Commemorating Chum's 50th Anniversary. Advance sales only, with proceeds going to Chum. You may call Kris at 218-590-3256 or Beth at 218-624-7007.

UMCOR: Thank You Hillside Your Donation to US Disaster Relief

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR [\$100] may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did I am certain their response would be - thank you!



Since 1940, encore has served as the humanitarian Agency for the United Methodist church, providing Disaster Response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly frequent and destructive storms- sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic racial, cultural, and natural backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

*Grace and peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary
UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery*

Hillside United Methodist Church accepts food and cash donations for the meals we prepare for the Dorothy Day House of Loaves & Fishes. Please keep the homeless and the hungry in your prayers.

Happy March Birthday to Hillside Friends!

1 MJ Kuhlmeier	16 Ron Mattson
3 Mary Lange	19 Eben Britton
9 Giulio Giuliani	19 Dave McKowski
14 Jon Hawkinson	31 Cliff Boris

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

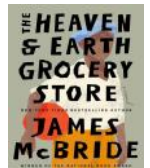
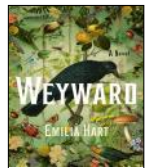
FINANCIAL GIVING FOR FEB 4 - 25 AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686

Feb. 4	giving	\$ 2,111.00
Feb. 11	giving	\$ 1,226.00
Feb. 18	giving	\$ 901.00
Feb. 25	giving	\$ 400.00
Total		\$ 4,638.00
Balance		- \$ 4,048.00



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet 7 PM Thursday, March 7 to discuss March's book, "Weyward" by Emilia Hart. If you want to read ahead for next month, the April book will be "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride.



If you would like to join the book club or have any questions, please contact Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.

Lenten Organ Recital Series

The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists continues its Lenten Organ Recital Series for 2024 to benefit the Organ Student Scholarship fund. Recitals will be from



12:15-12:45 PM during the March recitals and 7 PM during the April recital A freewill offering will be taken.

- **March 6:** Thomas Hamilton, St. Scholastica Monastery, College Of St. Scholastica, Duluth
- **March 13:** Barbara Erickson & David Tryggestad, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Duluth
- **March 30:** Vicki Anderson & Rebecca Hanson, Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet and Rosemary Guiney & David Tryggestad, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Cloquet.
- **April 12:** Karen Hanson Sande, Brian and Tasha Kapp, Rachael Kresha, Dr. Charles Sundquist and Rev. Dr. David Tryggestad, Cathedral of Christ the King

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – February 7, 2024

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Finance Report: The Easter Offering will go to the Damiano Center.

Pastors Report: He is putting together the reports that need to go to the Conference. They are numbers about how many members we have, how many died last year, how many we serve with missions, etc. We will be giving one third grader a bible this year. Our Superintendent will be having surgery. Pastor will be going to Texas in March.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: We have hired two new people to fill the Administrative Assistant position and the Janitor Job. The Administrative Assistant will be training in February. Jeannette's last day is March 31. We need to have a volunteer to tend to the nursery when Brenna can't be there. However, we don't have any young children.

Trustees: Our insurance renews in March. Our deductible will be raised so the premium won't be as much as last year. We had an elevator inspection. A timer has been put on the heat tape on the roof but as of right now we don't need the heat tape to be on at all. Our electric bill was quite a bit higher in January.

Lamplighters: Shirley Olson is still at Ecumen. She is working on getting stronger to be able to go back home. Bob Lyness and his wife went to a care center. Bea Jacobson was in church a couple weeks ago.

Missions: The food we collect is brought to the Chum Food Shelf each month. Loaves & Fishes is going well. A person looking to start up Habitat for Humanity was at church Sunday and asked Jim if we would be interested in working on getting this going again. Jim thought it was unlikely since we are an elderly congregation.

Worship: In Lent the Bible Study will be moving to noon on Tuesdays. People can bring a bag lunch. For Lent there will be daily devotionals available. We will sing Psalms to music we know. Palms will be bought for Palm Sunday. There will be an Easter Breakfast at 10:15 to 10:45 on Easter Sunday. The Pastor would like to have a State of the Church on a Sunday with a brunch. We talked about having a Sunday Service in the summer at a park like we used to do.

Other: We will be paying our annual fee to TPUMM. Our next meeting will be March 6.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary