



# Livewire



Hillside United Methodist April 2024

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

## Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

Easter is our BIG PARTY Sunday. We get dressed up, we invite our family and friends, and we worship together. But what makes a *good party great*? Good parties have anticipation. There is a build up to the big event.

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When it comes to Easter, we have the entire season of Lent that builds up the importance and impact of Easter. Good parties have a reason to celebrate, like graduation, a wedding, or a birthday. With Easter we have the ultimate reason for celebration, Jesus' victory over sin and death and our own invitation to receive this victory as a gift of grace. All of these things added together give us the needed ingredients for a good party. The question is, how do we go from good to great? The worst kind of party is one that starts and ends on time. Great parties keep going long after the invitation said it would end. How do we keep our Easter party going? We start to live as Jesus instructed his disciples to live in Matthew 10; "Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and sent them out with the following instructions... "proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'... do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you... What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs."

Easter, like Lent and Christmas, is an entire season. We are now entering the Easter season that lasts until Pentecost. This is like the after-party. We keep the energy and hope of Easter going by taking this great Truth and sharing it. To help us in this wonderful effort we will begin a new worship series based on Eugene Peterson's book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. Discipleship will be our focus as we seek to honor God's call to proclaim the message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

Breathe Peace,  
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

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May 2024 Livewire deadline is Tuesday, April 18, 2023

## Shout Out to 2024 Graduates

Who is graduating this year? High school or college, we want to make sure we have your name so we can celebrate with you.



Please contact us if you are graduating or you know someone who is:

- 218-727-4257
- hillsideumcduluth@gmail.com.

## Good Luck Jeannette!

It is time to say goodbye to Jeannette. She will be leaving us at the end of March. We will miss her wonderful office skills and her ability to organize all the stuff we all throw her way. We will miss her great smile and cheerful greetings on Sunday morning. We all wish you well and hope you will be back for visits.



Our new office administrator will be Sue Brewer, and we look forward to working with her.

## Greeters Bring Hospitality to Hillside

What a better way to enter church than seeing a nice smile and hello from a Hillside Church greeter? Please join this hospitality effort on Sunday mornings by serving as a greeter at least two Sundays in a row.

Greeters arrive at church 15-20 minutes early to greet people as they enter. We would like one greeter at the lower parking lot entrance and another at the upper back sanctuary narthex. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Simply sign up for the dates you will be able to serve. Thank you for all that you do.



## 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!

## Do You Have a Green Thumb or a Blue Thumb?

We need you if you are willing and able to water the planted flowers in the front of the church, twice a week, this coming summer. The folks who have taken this responsibility for many years are not able to do so any more and we need replacements. It doesn't take long to do – just the commitment to do it!



If you are willing to take on this task, to help with the beautification of Hillside, please let Carolyn Dahl know. Her phone number is 218-727-6342.

## Easter Offering: Damiano Center

We are still accepting your Easter offering for 2024. The offering will go to The Damiano Center. The Center is 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.



## Loaves & Fishes

On Tuesday March 12, we made a sausage egg bake for the hot meal for the Dorothy Day House. We used pork sausage, bread, eggs, milk, and cheese to make the dish. We cut up cantaloupe and honey dew melons, added drained fruit cocktail and fresh grapes to make the fruit salad. Cinnamon burst bread and butter went along too. For dessert we had cookies donated to send along with the meal. The extra item we sent this month was paper towels. Thanks to the ladies who help make this meal each month and thanks to Cliff and Diane who deliver it. The men appreciate our meals very much. Always remember the homeless, the hungry, and the sick people in your prayers, and be thankful for all your blessings.

*Love from Carolyn Dahl*

# April 2024 Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship with us 11 AM each Sunday morning at Hillside United Methodist Church. Join us for coffee and conversation at 10:30 AM before service. We work hard to make our space warm with hospitality for all-comers.

- **April 7** – “A Long Obedience,” *Psalm 120*
- **April 14** – “Rhythm,” *Psalm 122*
- **April 21** – “The Daily Grind,” *Psalm 127*
- **April 28** – “New Life’s Smile,” *Psalm 126*



## Quilting for Chum's Rhubarb Festival

Chum raised \$6,995 for its quilt fundraiser last year at the annual Rhubarb Festival and hopes to achieve similar results this year. Want to be a part of it? Be a quilter.



Phyllis Peterson from Hillside will share with you how to join this effort. Much of the cutting and sewing can be done at home and brought to the meeting. Donations of any new fabric scraps are welcome. Call Phyllis at 218-390-6308, or visit with her on Sundays about how to put your quilting skills to use for a great cause.

## Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmeier, and Bob and Vi Lyness.



## Minnesota FoodShare Concludes

Chum continues its participation in the Minnesota FoodShare program until April 6, so there's still time to give cash donations or food donations. This year, Chum hopes to raise \$100,000 and collect 50,000 pounds of food to support our neighbors in need.



However, when it comes to maximizing impact, monetary donations go a long way for Chum's food shelf. As a member of the Second Harvest Food Bank, Chum's dollars stretch much further compared to shopping at a local grocery or convenience stores. With every \$1 contribution, Chum can purchase \$3 worth of food!

# Chum's Rhubarb Festival: Be There!



**Lots of good products to buy at the Rhubarb Fest for a good cause!**

This is going to be a big one! In commemoration of our 50th anniversary, we are hosting an extra special SUPER Rhubarb Festival June 29 at the Stella Maris Holy Rosary Campus.

What makes it super? More pie, more food, and more fun! We even heard rumors that Rhubarbara is planning another Mascot Race!! Just as our community came together 50 years ago to serve the community, becoming Chum, it does the same thing every year at the Rhubarb Festival.

Your attendance directly benefits our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness. Every pie sold, brat eaten, and lemonade enjoyed serves a much deeper purpose than having a good time! Your support helps us bolster our programs to better serve the people who depend on our services.

Chum cannot pull off the Rhubarb Festival without the help of literally hundreds of volunteers. Any and all help is incredibly important so please consider signing up today!

## Happy April Birthday to Hillside Friends!

9 Trevor Manisto            24 Rick Carlson  
 9 Bailey Manisto           25 Jeff Tibodeau  
 11 Shirley Olson            27 Stephanie Giuliani  
 18 Clareen Suomala       27 David Dahl

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.



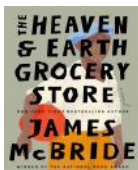
## FINANCIAL GIVING FOR MARCH 3 - 24 AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686

March 3	giving	\$ 915.00
March 10	giving	\$1,292.00
March 17	giving	\$ 755.00
March 24	No Service: Snow	
Total		\$ 2,962.00
Balance		- \$ 5,724.00

## Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, April 4, to discuss the April book "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride.

If you want to read ahead for next month, the May book will be "The Auschwitz Protocol" by Jake Carnegie. If you would like to join the book club or have any questions, please contact Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



**Because of the critical need at the CHUM Food Shelf, please give generously by placing your food donations on the CHUM Table in our church's Fellowship Hall. Thank you.**

## Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting – March 6, 2024

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The February 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. The cost of snow removal this year is low.

**Finance Report:** The Easter Offering will go to the Damiano Center. Pastor Jeremy is looking into online giving.

**Pastors Report:** The Conference delegates are coming on Saturday, March 9th. Pastor Jer-

emy will be gone from Sunday afternoon, March 10th until Saturday, March 16th. Pastor Brian Cornell will be available for pastoral needs.

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**SPRC:** Our new Administrative Assistant has been training with Jeannette.

**Trustees:** The door on the cabinet in the hall didn't stay closed all the way and has been fixed. There is a leak in the building near the Sunday School area. We are not sure what to do about it.

**Lamplighters:** Shirley Olson is at Pillars in Hermantown now. MJ is not doing well. She misses not being able to go to church. She will be having a heart procedure soon. The Lynesses are in assisted living in Esko. Rick

Carlson in rehab after heart surgery.

**Missions:** The Loaves & Fishes meals are being made and delivered each month. In March the Food Shelf gets extra food for each donation made in March.

**Worship:** There will be a soup supper on Maundy Thursday. The Easter Breakfast will be served at 10:15 AM. An Easter egg event is being planned for the kids. Communion will be served at the Easter service.

**Other:** Our next meeting will be April 3, at 10:30 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diane Boris,  
Admin Council Secretary