



# Livewire



Hillside United Methodist May 2024

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

## Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

This may be a controversial thing to say but we are about to celebrate the most important day in our church calendar. Yes, even more important than Christmas and Easter! Those two get all the headlines and celebrations, but Pentecost is actually the most important moment in the history of the followers of Jesus. It's true that Pentecost isn't possible without Christmas and Easter, but those two moments were just that, moments. The power of God was on display in the incarnation of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus; but Pentecost is when we see that same power on display in the followers of Jesus as they become the church, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We might recall the story from the book of Acts, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." This outpouring of the Spirit launches Jesus' disciples into ministry that will spread throughout the entire world. As amazing as all of this is, the most amazing part is that we all have access to the same Spirit! We weren't there when the events of the book of Acts occurred. We didn't hear Peter's sermon that resulted in 3,000 people being baptized that day. However, our own personal Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit comes to reside in us as a result of our choice to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord. This is the greatest gift we can receive (even better than Christmas)! To celebrate please join us for an amazing time of worship on May, 19th as we carry on the tradition of wearing red on Pentecost Sunday. So throw on your best red outfit and lets have a 'Holy Ghost Party.'

Breathe Peace,  
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

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### HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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June 2024 Livewire deadline is Tuesday, May 21, 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.



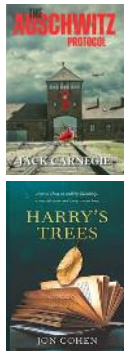
Long time member of Hillside Church, Lillian Talarico passed on Wednesday, April 24th. There will be no service but please pray for Lil's family.

## Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, May 2, to discuss the May book "The Auschwitz Protocol" by Jake Carnegie.

If you want to read ahead for next month, the June book will be "Harry's Trees" by Jon Cohen.

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



## Happy May Birthday to Hillside Friends!

1 Katie Peterson	26 DeWayne Tomasek
5 Marge Dahl	27 Clara Britton
7 Steve Pederson	29 Carolyn Dahl
14 Diane Boris	31 Ted Smart
14 Scott Patullo	31 Robert Lyness, Sr
16 Sam Ramsey Coffin	

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.

## 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.



## Loaves & Fishes

On Tuesday April 9th, we made Barbeque Beef on a bun. We had 5 pounds of pre-cooked beef donated. so we shredded the beef and heated it up with barbecue sauce. We sent 48 buns so the men at Dorothy Day House could make sandwiches with it. We also sent baked beans and potato chips as well as a large jar of dill pickles. For dessert we had home made oatmeal cookies. The extras that went along were a large can of coffee, toilet paper, paper towels, and bowl cleaner.

Always remember the homeless, the hungry, and the sick people in your prayers.

*Blessings from Carolyn Dahl*

**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!**

**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.**

# May 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 worship. We work hard to make our space warm with hospitality for all-comers.

- **May 5** – “New Life’s Smile”
- **May 12**– “Along the Road”
- **May 19** – “A Spirit of Assurance ” (Wear Red)
- **May 26** – “State of the Church”



## FINANCIAL GIVING FOR MARCH 31 - APRIL 28

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686

March 31	giving	\$	2,015.00
April 7	giving	\$	2,170.00
April 14	giving	\$	1,355.00
April 21	giving	\$	590.00
<u>April 28</u>	<u>giving</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>925.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>7,055.00</b>
<b>Balance -</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,631.00</b>



## Thank You from Chum

Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church’s donation of \$250.00. 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. 50 years later, we are still here, providing lifesaving 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, 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 Swenson

## Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

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



# Update on Chum’s Rhubarb Festival Quilt

Quilters from 5 different congregations searched through their scraps and constructed a beautiful quilt to be raffled at the Super Rhubarb Festival to benefit CHUM.

The Super Rhubarb raffle quilt is on the frame at St Paul’s Episcopal and they are stitching weekdays from 4-6 PM. 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.

Quilting is wrapping up soon, however. If you still want to volunteer for the event, which is the most important thing for them. Since at this point they have over 300 spots to fill, go to their website: [www.chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival](http://www.chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival)

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!



# 2024 Minnesota Annual Conference and Love Offering

Each year, United Methodist churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session.

The theme of the 2024 Annual Conference, which will take place May 29-30, is "Jesus. Redeemer." Leroy Britton and Kathie Gajewski will be attending and representing Hillside.

Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as an expression of our gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. Our Love Offering this year will help our neighbors- in Minnesota and around the world- heal from trauma and find safety.

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to a new trauma care center in Ukraine, thirty percent will go to immigration legal support in partnership with Volunteer Lawyer Network, thirty percent will go to special programming aimed at reducing trauma at Emma Norton Services' new Restoring Waters facility, and finally, ten percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants.



## Monthly Donation Ideas for CHUM

CHUM has compiled a list of ideas for donations for each month of the year. The list of items for the month of May includes:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, and diapers.



Monetary donations are always welcome at CHUM and anything you can give is very much appreciated.

## Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship

Join us for a weekly bible study and Fellowship Thursdays in May at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. During the Season of Easter, our focus will be Discipleship.



Join us each Sunday at Hillside United Methodist Church for worship at 11 AM and coffee fellowship at 10:30 AM.

Thank you for your donations to the CHUM table in Fellowship Hall.



Thank you

- To those who prepare and deliver the meal to Loaves & Fishes each month.
- To all those who quietly and generously give their time, effort and skills to our church and community.
- For your donations to CHUM's food shelf through Hillside United Methodist Church.
- To everyone who has participated in worship and other activities

## 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.



# Have Some Fun - Give it a Try this Mother's Day.

Since we just had Sunday School eggs for Easter we are planning a very different breakfast for Mom's Day this year and you are invited to participate! It's what Methodists do so well - A POTLUCK!!! Bring your favorite quick bread, bakery item, hard boiled eggs or whatever is easy and quick to eat. Starting at 10:15 on Mother's Day we will put everything out on the serving table and let you serve yourself. We are thinking this will be nice and easy for everyone and we are hoping you will think so, too.



PLAN AHEAD and come socialize with your church family members on May 12th.

## Volunteer Event: Gardening for CHUM on May 11th 9 AM - noon!

Let's bring spring to the CHUM building! We're calling on volunteers to join us for a day of flower planting to brighten our surroundings. No prior experience is necessary! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just eager to get your hands dirty, everyone is welcome to join in the fun. It's a fantastic opportunity to bond with fellow volunteers and make a positive impact on our community. If you have gardening equipment such as gloves, small shovels, or garden forks, please bring them along with you. Let's make this planting day a blooming success!

Sign up here! <https://www.tfaforms.com/5122459> Refreshments provided!

## Calling All Coffee Fellowship Servers

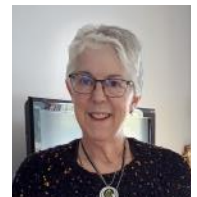


Our coffee fellowship time on Sunday's before worship is very important to us at Hillside United Methodist Church. It gives us a chance to visit and catch up on what's going on in our lives. You can play an important role by signing up for a Sunday to make coffee and set up treats. The sign-up sheet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

What does it involve? Making coffee at 10:00 AM to be ready by 10:30 AM. Also, buy and then bring some store-bought cookies and setting 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 after worship. Thanks for everything you do at Hillside.

## Welcome our new Administrative Assistant

Just thought I'd introduce myself: My name is Sue Brewer and I am pleased to be helping your church as your new Administrative Assistant. I'm a life-long Duluthian and I love living here. I grew up on the East side, (literally a block away from what used to be East High School.)



I went to college at Montana State University in Bozeman. It was beautiful there, but I missed Lake Superior. I got my Bachelor of Arts in English Literature there, and came home to eventually achieve my Bachelor of Applied Arts in English Teaching from UMD.

After teaching for 20 plus years, I decided to make changes. I've had many experiences to stretch my wings and learn new things. However, being an English Teacher at heart, I enjoy working with the written word.

Please don't hesitate to stop by or email me ideas of what I can put into the newsletter or bulletin.

## Hillside United Methodist Church

### Administrative Council Meeting – April 3, 2024

HILLSIDE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
MINUTES 04-03-2024

Those in attendance: Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave McKowski, Pastor Jeremy Woodley

The Administrative Council meeting was called to order and a prayer for guidance was offered by Chairman Carolyn Dahl.

MSC (Hawkinson/McKowski) to accept the secretary's minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting.

In the absence of Treasurer Jim Leland, his report was discussed and filed for audit. Carolyn will speak with Jim re: the TPUMM dues not being paid.

Pastor Jeremy has reviewed the information from Breeze (the financial accounting firm we use) and he and Carole will meet to view the tutorial for implementing the program for on-line giving.

Pastor Jeremy read a letter from CHUM thanking us for the recent check for \$250 we sent

them.

Charge Conference will be held May 29-30 in Minneapolis. Because of a conflict he will be taking his children with him. LeRoy Britton will be attending as our representative.

Sue Brewer has begun her work as our Administrative Assistant and Jeannette Spalding will be recognized in church on April 7th as she has left this position and is moving out of town. Jeannette has done an exceptional job for us while holding the position.

No further leaks have been reported since the large snowstorm recently and the ice melting system was re-started to help take the snow off the roof. The parking lot was plowed twice and the Piedmont Ave. sidewalk had to be cleared with a skid steer. We did, however receive some water in the furnace room so we will need to re-chalk the wall on the driveway side.

Carolyn and Carole have recently visited with Vi Lyness, Bea Jacobson and Shirley Olson. They have been in

contact, by telephone, with Bill Palusky, Jeff Tibodeau, Jan and Ron Mattson and Jan Barker.

Loaves and Fishes is going well with a monthly meal for 24 men prepared and delivered to the Dorothy Day home.

Pastor Jeremy was told how we all liked both the Maundy Thursday and Easter services. We discussed the possibility of moving worship to an earlier time. Carole will check with Emma and Brenna and then discussion will be brought up again at our next meeting.

Dave has volunteered to water the outside flowers this summer. He will also investigate and try to repair the Christ Candle as it will not light presently. Pastor Jeremy will obtain a new bible for Clara Britton and it will be presented to her on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Pastor Jeremy closed our meeting with a prayer. Our next meeting will be held May 1, 2024 and all are welcome to attend.

Notes taken by  
Carole Hawkinson

### CHUM Fundraiser

#### ***New York, New York Performance***

*Join CHUM and friends for a "Themed High Tea, Silent Auction, and Raffle" 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.*

