

Pastor's Message

Easter is coming! In the earliest Christian communities, Easter was not only the celebration that we think of, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, it was also the celebration of the new members of the Christian community. Easter was the one day in the year that new members were baptized and confirmed as followers of Jesus Christ and initiated into the local and universal church. This marked their identity as those called out of the world and into God's Kingdom. This is a wonderful opportunity we have to encourage those who are coming after us in their life of faith.

This Easter we will be following in the pattern set for us

over the last two-thousand years as we celebrate and confirm our newest members in our worship service! Please plan to join us for a special confirmation service with our youth, who have spent the last year learning about and claiming the Christian faith as their own. It is important that we not only celebrate their hard work and decision to become full members of our church, but that we also reaffirm our commitment to support them in their faith.

Our liturgy asks that you promise to, "Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love," and that we will "renew our vows to uphold the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness." This is a wonderful opportunity we have to encourage those who are coming after us in their life of faith. We are blessed at Hillside to have current members who were confirmed in this church over the years. Many of you have a picture of your confirmation class hanging in the basement of the church. We can't wait to celebrate together as the Confirmation Class of 2025 follows in your footsteps!

Breath Peace Rev. Jeremy Woodley



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May 2025 Livewire deadline is Tuesday, April 22, 2025

FINANCIAL GIVING FOM MARCH 2ND THROUGH MARCH 23RD AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686

March	2	giving	\$ 1	1,945.00
March	9	giving	\$ 1	1,350.00
March	16	giving	\$	540.00
March	23	giving	\$	<u>521.00</u>
	Total	\$	\$4	,356.00
Ва	lance	<u>\$ –</u>	\$4	, <u>330.00</u>

Youth Ministry/Confirmation Schedule

We are excited to join with the churches of the Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries as we come together to provide programs for our youth! These events will be at Norton Park UMC from 5 to 7 pm.

Here are some important dates to remember: **Sunday, April 6th:** Sunday Youth group gathering: Bring your favorite potluck dish to share! **Sunday, April 20th-Easter Sunday:** Confirmation Sunday. This will be the day we will be confirming our students who have spent the last year preparing to make their public declaration to their faith and join the church as full members. This is also Easter Sunday. Focusing on relationships, sharing meals, sharing thoughts, and Growing in the Love of God and neighbors.

International Day of Conscience April 5

Imagine a world where every action is guided by love, a clear sense of right and wrong, a genuine care for one another. This is the essence of a culture of peace, a vision embraced by the United Nations and global communities. Central to this vision is the International Day of Conscience and highlights the vital role of conscience as a guiding force in achieving global peace, tolerance, and mutual respect. Established to inspire individuals and communities, the day underscores the power of ethical reflection and compassionate action in addressing today's global challenges. It calls on societies worldwide to promote dialogue, cultivate empathy, and adopt conscientious behaviors, upholding human dignity, contribute to sustainable development, and foster peaceful coexistence among diverse cultures. Through this annual observance, the UN reaffirms that collective responsibility, moral awareness, and solidarity are essential to building a more harmonious, fair, and inclusive world.

Happy April Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

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





Loaves & Fishes

On the second Tuesday of March, we made Spanish Rice using white rice, fried bacon, green peppers, diced tomatoes, and tomato sauce for the men at the Dorothy Day House. We also made a green jello salad (for St. Patrick's Day), using jello, fruit cocktail and pears. The topping was Cool Whip with mayo mixed together. For dessert, Diane Boris made cupcakes. We also sent rolls and a bag of oranges.

The extras this month were coffee, paper towels, toilet bowl cleaner, and multi purpose cleaner.

Remember to pray for the homeless, the hungry, and the sick people. Count your blessings.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Clareen Suomala, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmey, and Vi Lyness.



Help Out With PRAYERS

We all know how much prayer helps us at special times. Hillside has a prayer chain that we start when someone needs these special prayers but we need more of us on that "chain". Could you be a prayer warrior? It works like this: Either Carolyn or Carole receives a call from one of you or from Pastor Jeremy to start our prayer chain. We would call you and ask you to say a prayer for the person that needs it and then call one other person (to pass on the message). So, you would only be calling one person but more prayers are better than one person praying. Right now, we are down to six people on our prayer chain and we really want more of you to participate. If you are willing, please call: **Carolyn at 727-6342 or Carole at 606-1236.**

PASTIE SALE FOR APRIL 2025/FORBES UMC



They will begin taking orders for the \$6 pasties April 7th! To call to make an order, there are different numbers to call according the first letter of your last name: **A** thru **G** Barb Kivisto 218-590-3993, **H** thru **N** Carol Lonke 218-624-2981, and **O** thru **Z** Lorrie Parmeter 218-390-4957.

April 2025 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 and hospitable for all-comers.

April 6

- "Specific Sins"
- April 13- Palm Sunday
- April 20- Easter Sunday
- April 27

- "Probably Sure"– "The Party Just Started"
- "He Is Risen, You're Next"



Rhubarb Fest!

Food - Shelter - Dignity - Hope region. Chum and Bud

Trnka, the Volunteer and Events Coordinator are looking ahead. They are looking to learn more about those involved. If you have prolonged experience with the event and have notes you'd like to share from your unique experience, Bud

would love to meet with you for a conversation. His preference is in-person, but can arrange time over a virtual meeting if that's your preference. And they are always looking for volunteer help, such as baking goods, helping prepare, be at the event! Plan ahead now!



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 April includes:

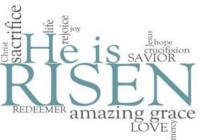
Potatoes, rice, noodles in sauce, pasta, and spaghetti sauce



Monetary donations are always welcome at CHUM, and anything you can give is very much appreciated. And it seems they are currently in dire need of **gloves, mittens, and warm clothing** at the shelter, if you're looking for something to donate to help out!

Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship

Join us for a weekly study and Fellowship **Thursdays at 10:30 AM**. It's a great way to enjoy each other's company and to learn more about what the bible has to teach us.



United Church/Two Harbors Food Shelf Annual Fundraiser

Music to Feed the Soul Concert 2025

Sunday, April 6th at 3:00 PM

United Church of Two Harbors, 531 3rd Ave., Two Harbors

Local Musicians, Lots of Great Music!

THUG, Lighthouse Lyrics, Scott Radke and Bonnie Hundieser, Jim Holbeck, Jim Madison, The Swedish Trio to name a few!

Free will donation at the door or online



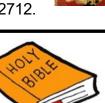
Great Music for a Great Cause!



The Hillside UMC Book Club is meeting on the second Thursday of the month for April. On April 10th at 7 PM they will be discussing **"The Life We Bury**" by Allen Eskens at Sandra Wilmot's house.



The next meeting will be May 1st and the book of choice is "**The Women**" by Kristin Hannah. If you would like to join the Book Club or have any questions, please contact Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



ORDER AN EASTER LILY IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A 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 honor of a special person in your life. ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS BY April 13th. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We will buy the lilies in bulk- or you can bring your own. You should accompany your order with your check (or cash) made out to Hillside UMC for \$10. Our contributions will help beautify our altar on Easter.



JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST AT HILLSIDE



Easter is April 20th this year and you are cordially invited to begin the day with a potluck breakfast at Hillside. Serving will be available from 10:00 – 10:45 – a great way to fellowship first and then get ready for worship. If you want to contribute to "the cause," please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. If you don't want to sign up just bring whatever you want and add it to our table. If you want to come and eat without bringing a dish to share, please feel free to do so – we never seem to run out of food. Come, eat, enjoy and celebrate the triumph of Jesus with your friends.

Community Earth Day Concert, Sunday April 06,3:00 PM

As Earth Day approaches, enjoy Doug's songs about nurturing your soul and connecting to the earth. Award-winning author, musician, environmental educator, and storyteller, Douglas Wood presents a Community Earth Day Concert **Sunday, April 6 at 3:00pm. First United Methodist Church** (The Coppertop). Perhaps best known as the author of Old Turtle, Doug Wood has written forty books and recorded nine albums. His music evokes the beauty and mystery of the Northwoods wilderness, capturing the wild spirit of the north and our connection to it. Admission free: Goodwill donations accepted.



CAIN The Jesus Music Tour: Friday April 25, 7 PM



Get ready for a night packed with joy, music, and moments you'll never forget — it's the **Jesus Music Tour with CAIN**, Katy Nichole, Ben Fuller, Caleb & John, and Joseph O'Brien! If you love singing your heart out, dancing like nobody's watching, and celebrating faith in the most fun and uplifting way, this show is for you. It's going to be a night that leaves you smiling all the way home, so don't wait to get your tickets! The performance will be at the DECC Symphony Hall. An Awakening Foundation Event.

Alice in Wonderland Jr April 26th & 27th At NORSHORE

Fall down the rabbit hole with Alice as she navigates the curious world of Wonderland on a journey of self-discovery. This stage adaptation of the classic Disney animated film features favorites such as "The Golden Afternoon," "The Unbirthday Song," and "Painting the Roses Red," along with brand-new songs from the 2010 live-action film. Whether this is your first experience with Alice or your hundredth, you'll fall in love with this timeless story of adventure, imagination, and pure fun!



Thanks and More Thanks



It was a sad day for my family and me when Jon passed away so suddenly. The support from friends, clients and all of you has been overwhelming and we so appreciate you. Thanks for your memorial gifts to the church, as well. Carole Hawkinson

Duluth Fiber Guild Rummage Sale

Huge fiber Rummage Sale hosted by the Duluth Fiber Guild on Saturday, April 26th 9:00-12:30 at The Coppertop (First United Methodist Church), 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth. Come find great deals on yarn, fabric, fiber-related books, tools for weaving, knitting, and other fiber-related crafts, and a whole lot more!

Do you have a stash of fiber supplies you want to get sell? Anyone can participate and retain a share of the proceeds. See our sellers page for more information: https://duluthfiberguild.org/fiber-rummage.../sellers-page/.



Check out the Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/670262148847650

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – March 12, 2025

Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council and they will be getting a Meeting March 12, 2025

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The February Ad Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Jim that the minutes be approved. All approved.

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

Finance Report: Dave is taking care of the candles on the altar.

Pastors Report: The reservations for the Conference in June have been made. The Pastor at Hope UMC is being relocated halftime Pastor. Bible study is tomorrow. They will be discussing chapter 2 of the book.

Lay Leader: There was no report from LeRoy. The conference will be June 11-13 wear. On Maundy Thursday in St. Cloud.

SPRC: No report.

Trustees: No report. The window repair has been all paid for now.

Lamplighters: MJ is home now. Shirley Olson, Vi Lyness and Ron & Jan Mattson were visited.

Missions: Jim is volunteering at the Hope Cener in the former Wesley UMC building. It is open Thursday morning. People can come and take whatever they want from there free of charge. Drop off items should only be made

when the Hope Center is open on Thursdays. Loaves & Fishes is going well.

Worship: Confirmation will be on Easter Sunday. Each church will confirm their own youth. Asbury UMC made stoles for the confirmands to Pastor Jeremy will have services at both Hillside UMC & Moose Lake UMC.

Other: Easter Lilies can be purchased for \$10 to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday The next meeting will be April 2, 2025, at 10:30am.

Pastor Jeremy gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris. Admin Council Secretary

Hillside UMC February 2025 Treasurer's Report

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Hillside UMC Feb 2025	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget	
1000 Apportionments		\$ 594.50	\$ 594.50	\$ 9,265.00	
1040 TPUMM			\$-	\$ 75.00	
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ 594.50	\$ 594.50	\$ 9,340.00	
Worship/Music			•	с́ 450.00	
2130 Pulpit Supply	¢ 170.00	ć 22.21	\$ -	\$ 450.00	
2140 Worship Supplies	\$ 176.99	\$ 33.31	\$ 210.30	\$ 300.00	
2150 Copying License	¢ 547.44	ć 000 70	Ş -	\$ 165.00	
2180 Accompanist Sub Total	\$ 547.44		\$ 1,351.22	\$ 8,100.00	
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Committees					
2300 Stewardship			\$-	\$ 100.00	
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 144.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 864.00	
2900 SPRC			\$-	\$ 250.00	
Sub Total	\$ 144.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 1,214.00	
Pastor's Compensation					
3010 Salary	\$ 2,148.03	\$ 2,174.84	\$ 4,322.87	\$ 26,400.00	
3020 Housing	\$ 825.00		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 9,900.00	
3030 Pension	\$ 202.12		\$ 398.45	\$ 2,560.00	
3070 Continuing Ed.	ý <u>202.12</u>	ý 190.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00	
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage			\$-	\$ 2,805.00	
Sub Total	\$ 3,175.15	\$ 3,196.17	\$ 6,371.32	\$ 41,995.00	
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4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 85.00) \$ 241.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 1,350.00	
4030 Office Supplies	¢ 02.7	\$ 92.72	\$ - \$ 185.44	\$ 600.00	
4040 Office Equipment 4050 Postage	\$ 92.72	2 \$ 92.72 \$ 17.28		\$ 1,700.00	
4050 Postage 4070 Annual Conference		ş 17.28		\$ 500.00	
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4090 Website	\$ 70.18	\$ 93.61			
4095 Misc.					
SubTotal	\$ 984.86	\$ 1,719.35	\$- \$2,704.21		
Subiotal	Ş 504.00	Ş 1,715.33	Ş 2,704.21	\$ 18,692.00	
Maintaining our build					
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 280.74	\$ 220.22	\$ 500.96	\$ 2,500.00	
5020 Custodian's Sup.			\$-	\$ 200.00	
5030 Utilities	\$ 611.75	\$ 1,127.49	\$ 1,739.24	\$ 9,340.00	
5040 Insurance			\$-	\$ 5,000.00	
5060 snow removal	\$ 410.00	\$ 246.00	\$ 656.00	\$ 5,000.00	
5080 Elevator Maint			\$-	\$ 1,500.00	
5090 BuildingMaint	\$ 49.99		\$ 100.82	\$ 3,100.00	
Sub Total	\$ 1,352.48	\$ 1,644.54	\$ 2,997.02	\$ 26,640.00	
Totals	\$ 6,380.92	\$ 8,063.65	\$ 14,444.57	\$ 106,896.00	
Envelopes	\$ 4,260.00		\$ 9,888.00		
Other income	\$ 211.00		\$ 211.00		
Total	\$ 4,471.00		\$ 10,099.00		
Difference			\$ (4,346.00)		
Difference			Ş (1 ,540.00)		