



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist May 2025

WORSHIP AT 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY

Pastor's Message

We have a rare opportunity this month to celebrate a holy occasion together...

Star Wars Day!

Ok, it isn't really a holy occasion, but the first Sunday of the month is May 4th. If you aren't familiar with this phenomenon then you may not know that the traditional greeting on this day is, "May the Fourth be with you" and the response is, "And also with you." Our youth group students have planned a party to celebrate the new

confirmands on May 4th and it will have a Star Wars theme. Fans of Star Wars follow the franchise religiously, integrating the values found in the narrative into their lives, and yes there are a lot of costumes involved as well. As crazy as it might sound, as followers of Jesus Christ we do the same thing as we integrate the truth of Scripture into our lives; minus the costumes of course. Whether we realize it or not we all pick up pieces of the world around us and make them a part of our lives. Our challenge as disciples of Jesus Christ is to influence the world around us in ways that display the love of Christ at work. Instead of drawing inspiration from the culture we belong to we accept what Jesus has to say about things and make his wisdom the guide for our thinking.



Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

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June 2025 Livewire deadline is Tuesday, May 20, 2025

**FINANCIAL GIVING FROM
MARCH 30TH THROUGH APRIL 27TH
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686**

March	30	\$ 200.00
April	6	\$ 2,740.00
April	13	\$ 1,280.00
April	20	\$ 441.00
April	27	\$ 1,605.00
Total		\$ 6,266.00
Balance		– \$ 2,420.00

**Happy May Birthday to our
Hillside Friends!**

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Katie Peterson | 26 DeWayne Tomasek |
| 5 Marge Dahl | 27 Clara Britton |
| 7 Steven Peterson | 29 Caroln Dahl |
| 14 Diane Boris | 31 Ted Smart |
| 14 Scott Patullo | |

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 Thursday April 8th, we made an early Easter Dinner for the men at the Dorothy Day House. We cooked a nice ham that was donated to us. We made scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, and cole slaw with pineapple and Craisins in it. We sent rolls along with that too. For dessert, Diane made two angel food cakes and we sliced up frozen strawberries and added sugar so they could put the berries on top of the cake and add whipped topping. For a treat we sent two bags of chocolate Easter candy.

The extras this month were toilet paper, paper towels and two bottles of Dawn dish soap.

Thanks to Sue, Jane, and Diane for helping make these monthly meals and thanks to Cliff and Diane for delivering the nice hot meals to the hungry men. Keep the hungry, homeless, and lonely people in your prayers.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

**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, May 4th: Sunday Youth group gathering: Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character for our celebration of the confirmands and welcoming them into the youth group galaxy.

Focusing on relationships, sharing meals, sharing thoughts, and Growing in the Love of God and neighbors.

**Asbury UMC has a Spring Donut Sale
June 6th**

Asbury is having their donut sale in June and you can get a dozen for just \$7.00! This will be happening **Friday, June 6** from 7:00 to 11:00 am in their Fellowship Hall. If you happen to be in the area, they will have order sheets in the Asbury Narthex. Otherwise, preorders are recommended.

Call **218-624-0061** to get your name on the list.



Thank you so much!

We raised \$240 to donate to the Salvation Army through our Easter Offerings. They wrote us a note to say they are also grateful for our previous donation of \$641.



Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Clareen Suomala, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmeier, 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 218-727-6342 or Carole at 218-606-1236.

May 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.

- **May 4** John 21:1-14 – “Full Nets”
- **May 11** Acts 9:36-43 – “God’s Glory, My Good “
- **May 18** John 13:31-35 – “A Secret Disciple”
- **May 25** John 14:23-29 – “Peace Be With You”



Rhubarb Fest is Moving to Asbury

Join the fun and support our neighbors at the 2025 Chum Rhubarb Festival on Saturday, June 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church (6822 Grand Ave). We’re inviting our congregation to take part by baking rhubarb treats, volunteering, and spreading the word! Whether you’re a seasoned pie-slinger or brand new to the Rhubarb Festival, we’d love to see you at our **Volunteer Kick Off Day, May 15th at 6 PM at Asbury UMC**. Questions? Contact Bud Trnka at btrnka@chumduluth.org or visit chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival.

Register for Chum's Spring Assembly and Business Meeting!

6 PM Tuesday, May 20th

Hosted by First United Methodist Church (230 East Skyline Pkwy). Join us for a cookout at Coppertop, with the greatest view in town! We'll gather in the parking lot for a Chum Family Reunion with hotdogs fresh from the grill. Travel through the Ministry Fair where you can meet staff and volunteers and learn about the many Chum programs we offer and how you can connect. Pick up your Rhubarb Festival signs and banners. Get the latest updates on the Shelter expansion. Your presence is crucial for the quorum needed to help us adopt changes to our constitution that will support us as we move forward with our shared mission.

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:

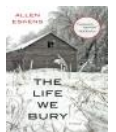
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, and diapers.



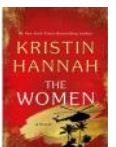
Monetary donations are always welcome at CHUM, and anything you can give is very much appreciated.



The Hillside UMC Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. May 1st at 7 PM they will be discussing **“The Life We Bury”** by Allen Eskens at Sandra Wilmot’s house.



The next meeting will be June 5th 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.



The group will be taking a summer break after this.

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.



Confirmation at Hillside

Hillside welcomed our newest members on Easter Sunday when we confirmed Eben Britton, Harmonie Woodley, and Rhys Woodley, in their faith! Our confirmands worked hard throughout the last year studying theology, church history, and the vows of membership in the United Methodist tradition. In addition to their studies our confirmands also participated in acts of service to the church and community through our Loaves and Fishes ministry and volunteering at Bentleyville preparing hot coco and cookies for the thousands of guests they served. We are proud of all they have accomplished and their commitment to continue their relationship with Jesus through membership and service here at Hillside UMC.



BREAKFAST WITH MOM

Let's celebrate Mother's Day with mom and our other friends and neighbors. It will be potluck style again this year. May 11th, from 10:00 – 10:45 we will be offering a variety of food and hope you can celebrate the day with us by bringing something to contribute to our serving table.

Bring your favorite quick bread, bakery item, hard boiled eggs or whatever is easy and quick to eat. 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.



Arrowhead American Guild of Organists Event at St. Michael's Church

Our annual **In Praise of Bach** Gala concert and silent auction will be held **Friday, May 2 at 7pm** at St. Michael's Church in the Lakeside neighborhood of Duluth. Several organists from the chapter will play pieces by the best-known composer of organ music, J. S. Bach. The concert begins at 7, and the silent auction is open before and after the concert. Admission to the concert is by free-will offering (\$15 donation recommended), and refreshments are served following the concert.



Bridge Club is Enjoying our Space

The Bridge Club has settled into their weekly meetings here at the church. They meet here at Hillside every Monday from 10-4. EXCEPT May 5th and Memorial Day, May 26th, they will not be meeting.



If you have an emergency... Please call Pastor Jeremy on his cell at 218-825-2174. If you cannot reach him, contact **Carole Hawkinson** at 218-606-1236 or **Carolyn Dahl** at 218-727-6342 for assistance.

2025 Minnesota Annual Conference and Love Offering

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

The theme of the 2025 Annual Conference, which will take place June 11-13, is "Created for Love" drawing from 1 John 4:7-21. **Leroy Britton** 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 go to student scholarships at Africa University, the Immigration Law and Justice Network, OC Ministries, and Midwest Mission.

Ten percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants.



Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting – April 1, 2025

Hillside United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
April 1, 2025

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

Carolyn gave the opening
prayer.

The March Ad Council minutes
were reviewed. A motion was
made by Carole and seconded
by Carolyn that the minutes be
approved. All approved.

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

Finance Report: The Finance
Chair people need to have a
meeting after Easter.
They will meet April 27th after
Sunday Service.

Pastors Report: Three of our
youth will be confirmed on
Easter Sunday. They are Eben,
Harmonie and Rhys. The
website has been updated and
more could be added about the
church. Stoles were made for
the Confirmation youth. The

youth heard the Rabbi last
Sunday. The youth will meet
once a month in the summer. In
July they will be going on a
mission trip in the Twin Cities.
They will be spending the night
in a church there.

Lay Leader: There was no
report from LeRoy. At the
General Conference same sex
marriage was passed by 78%.
Now, because some countries
don't allow it they are
letting regions vote whether or
not they want to allow these
marriages. This is being done in
order to keep the Methodist
church together.

SPRC: No report.

Trustees: The choir music was
put on marketplace. A piano
tuner from Gilbert took it all. Jim
took a file cabinet we no longer
needed. A few folders were
taken to Piedmont School. The
elevator maintenance was done.
The bridge club that is using the
church on Monday's is working
out. The sewer froze up during
an inopportune time when it was
really needed. Rick & Jim tried
to clear the sewer but

professional help was needed.
Paper towels were also found in
the line. The service for the
security cameras was renewed
and paid.

Lamplighters: They haven't
visited anyone in a while.

Missions: Loaves & Fishes is
going well.

Worship: There will be a Good
Friday service at 12 noon on
April 18. This will be put on the
website and Facebook page.
Confirmation will be on Easter
Sunday. On Maundy Thursday
Pastor Jeremy will have a
service at Moose Lake UMC at
5PM.

Other: The next meeting will be
May 7, 2025 at 10:30am.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary

Hillside UMC March 2025 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC March 2025	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments	\$ 1,189.00	\$ 594.50	\$ 1,783.50	\$ 9,265.00
1040 TPUMM			\$ -	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,189.00	\$ 594.50	\$ 1,783.50	\$ 9,340.00
Worship/Music				
2130 Pulpit Supply			\$ -	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies		\$ 210.30	\$ 210.30	\$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			\$ -	\$ 165.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 547.44	\$ 1,351.22	\$ 1,898.66	\$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 547.44	\$ 1,561.52	\$ 2,108.96	\$ 9,015.00
Committees				
2300 Stewardship			\$ -	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 72.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			\$ -	\$ 250.00
Sub Total	\$ 72.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 1,214.00
Pastor's Compensation				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,148.03	\$ 4,322.87	\$ 6,470.90	\$ 26,400.00
3020 Housing	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 9,900.00
3030 Pension	\$ 202.12	\$ 398.45	\$ 600.57	\$ 2,560.00
3070 Continuing Ed.			\$ -	\$ 330.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage			\$ -	\$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,175.15	\$ 6,371.32	\$ 9,546.47	\$ 41,995.00
Serving Our Congregation				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 666.77	\$ 1,655.28	\$ 2,322.05	\$ 9,936.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		\$ 356.42	\$ 356.42	\$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 51.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies	\$ 24.65		\$ 24.65	\$ 600.00
4040 Office Equipment	\$ 190.72	\$ 185.44	\$ 376.16	\$ 1,700.00
4050 Postage		\$ 17.28	\$ 17.28	\$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference			\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	\$ 70.18	\$ 163.79	\$ 233.97	\$ 1,081.00
4090 Website			\$ -	\$ 475.00
4095 Misc.			\$ -	\$ 150.00
SubTotal	\$ 1,003.32	\$ 2,704.21	\$ 3,707.53	\$ 18,692.00
Maintaining our build				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 236.88	\$ 500.96	\$ 737.84	\$ 2,500.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.			\$ -	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 838.01	\$ 1,739.24	\$ 2,577.25	\$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance	\$ 992.03		\$ 992.03	\$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal	\$ 410.00	\$ 656.00	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 5,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint			\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.82	\$ 500.82	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 2,876.92	\$ 2,997.02	\$ 5,873.94	\$ 26,640.00
Totals	\$ 8,863.83	\$ 14,444.57	\$ 23,308.40	\$ 106,896.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,556.00	\$ 9,888.00	\$ 14,444.00	
Other income	\$ 6,605.00	\$ 211.00	\$ 6,816.00	
Total	\$ 11,161.00		\$ 21,260.00	
YTD Difference			\$ (2,048.00)	

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