Livewire

Hillside United Methodist
August 2025

WORSHIP AT 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY

Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,
Last week was 'back to school' time for me. Thank you to everyone who prayed for my trip to South Dakota and the week I spent there for orientation. I am excited about this educational opportunity, mostly for the applied project portion that will focus on ways to help our church thrive in the future. Our online classes began with this discussion prompt: Describe a time when you "failed" at a project and what you learned in the process. There isn't anything like starting off with failure.
My response in the discussion was focused on a time I was working as a youth pastor in a small town and we decided to put on a concert at the fairgrounds' outdoor theater. The project was a chance for the youth students to put on a show that they organized themselves and I would hire the band to play. We went to work and the youth were excited about the concert and did everything possible to make it a success. The day finally arrived for our show and everything was in place… except the audience. After all of their hard work the youth were visibly upset that we hadn't drawn a crowd. I pulled them all aside and went behind the stage to pray together. Looking each one of them in the eye I told them I was proud of their hard work and we would pray for God to send us everyone who needed to be blessed by our free concert. We prayed and afterwards everyone felt a little better so we headed back to our positions to run the concert. As we rounded the front to the stage a yellow school bus pulled up and a hundred kids from one of the local ministries poured out. We had a crowd and more importantly we had an instantly answered prayer. I don't know exactly how prayer works but I do know that Jesus ALWAYS wants to meet us there. I want to encourage you to meet with Jesus in prayer this month and to keep coming back for more. Maybe we will have some stories of our own answered prayers to share with one another.
Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

The Power of Prayer

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September 2025 Livewire deadline is **Thursday, August 21, 2025**

FINANCIAL GIVING FROM
JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 27, 2025
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH $8,686

June 29	**$**	**650.00**
July 6	**$**	**1,170.00**
July 13	**$**	**1,045.00**
July 20	**$**	**1,130.00**
July 27	**$**	**1,415.00**
Total	**$**	**5,410.00**
Balance	**– $**	**3,276.00**

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!

Mission Trip

The Youth Group went on their mission trip on Monday August 28th through the 31st. We look forward to hearing all about their travels and adventures!

Thank you! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the people who sponsored students to go on this trip. We had some very generous donations for this trip and we appreciate all the love shared to give our youth the experience of a lifetime.

August 24th – End of Summer Youth party
Focusing on relationships, sharing meals, sharing thoughts, and Growing in the Love of God and neighbors.

Thank you to all those who quietly give their time, effort, and skills to our church and community.

Service Opportunities

We're always grateful to have our community members helping out around the church. We have so many opportunities for you to get involved:

- **Scripture Readers**
- **Coffee Servers**
- **Greeters**
- **Ushers**
- **More**

Sign up in Fellowship hall, or ask any church member!

Happy August Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

4 Zoie Pederson	22 Carol Hawkinson
11 Cindy Giuliani	24 Ginny Tibodeau
17 Todd Manisto	25 Jon Peterson
21 Kathie Gajewski	25 Ellie Pederson

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 in July, we made a Mexican hot dish for the Dorothy Day House. We used ground beef, taco seasonings, noodles, picante sauce, diced tomatoes, black beans, corn, and cheese. We sent 2 bags of corn chips and sour cream and more cheese to put on top. We made a lettuce salad with greens, cucumber, and grape tomatoes. Ranch dressing went along too. For dessert, we had homemade cookies.

The extras this month were paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, pine cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, and a large can of coffee.

Thank you to all who helped make all this possible by donating money and time to do this. The men and staff at the Dorothy Day House really appreciate all we do for them. Remember to keep all homeless, hungry, and sick people in your prayers. Count your blessings.

Peace and joy 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 218-727-6342 or Carole at 218-606-1236.

Sunday Worship

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.

We are the Lamp on The Hillside:
Living for Jesus
Assisting the needy
Making Disciples
Praising God Together

Welcome to Chum Quilters

Food • Shelter • Dignity • Hope

A group of quilters meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to craft a beautiful quilt each year to be raffled to support the ministries of Chum. This year's quilt is based on artwork "Love is Here to Stay" by Jordan Sundberg at Tin Cup Design. With Asher Estrin-Haire's assistance (Stitch Craft Quilt Factory), we will have a pattern and a selection of fabrics to send home for block construction. Are you an accomplished quilter? Help us plan which fabrics to use with various pattern pieces! Strategizing will begin in August to prepare for a quilting bee after Labor Day, when sewing will begin! If you want to join us or have fabrics (100% cotton) to share, please contact Rev. Patricia Benson at pbenson@chumduluth.org.

Thank you from The Salvation Army

Warm greetings from The Salvation Army! We are deeply grateful for your partnership and support as we work together to serve those in need. On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generosity, compassion, and kindness. Your gift helps up provide for some of the most essential needs in our community- from warm meals to safe shelter- and your support truly makes a difference.

Here in the Duluth area, many of our social service programs depend on additional support. Thank you so much for your very generous donation of $565.

Cyndi Lewis, Community Engagement Director.

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 August includes:

Hot or cold cereal, breakfast foods.

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

CHUM Drop-in Center is virtually out of socks! The need is so basic but becomes critical for those with foot wounds, including many clients who have diabetes. If you wish to help, please drop off new or used men's and or women's summer weight socks at the church. I would be willing to facilitate an online order to purchase socks at a local store. Please let me know if I can be of help in any way at 218-390-6308. Thank you! Phyllis

Thursday Book Club is on hiatus, but the Summer picnic is August 7th at 6 pm at Sandra Wilmot's house. Questions? Call Sandra at 218-348-2712.

Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship is taking a break for the summer.

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.

Save the date: National Night Out August 5th

National Night Out in 2025 will be held on Tuesday, August 5th.
It's a nationwide event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to enhance crime prevention awareness and strengthen community bonds. It's an opportunity for communities to come together, meet their neighbors, and build relationships that can enhance safety and security.
Piedmont Neighborhood National Night Out PICNIC CELEBRATION is a great way of meeting our friends and neighbors. Of course, it takes lots of hands to make this a success. Information and sign up sheets, for both donations and workers, are in the Fellowship Hall, and it's not too late to sign up. Let's get ready to picnic in the parking lot!

The Great 2025 Meatball Dinner September 8th!

We know it's about a month away yet but we also know that some of you like to get the date on your calendars so you can volunteer to help at our annual **MEATBALL DINNER**. If you want to help with a specific job please call early to get your position on "the list"!! If you call either Carolyn Dahl or Carole Hawkinson, it will mean we don't have to call you!! See you there.

Carolyn	Carole
218-727-6342	218-606-1236

Service Project Opportunity for Piedmont Elementary

SCHOOL IS OUT BUT NOT FOR LONG!

Last year we helped the teachers and parents of children at Piedmont School with supplying the necessary items needed on a daily basis for the children to do their work.
As the summer sales begin on school supplies, please keep in mind any donations you can make. Please bring your donations to church and leave them on the designated table in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting school supplies through August 17th for Piedmont Elementary School such as:

backpacks, boxes of crayons, markers, composition books, spiral notebooks, plastic and regular folders, glue sticks, bottles of glue, rulers, pocket-size facial tissue packets and boxes of Kleenex, markers, pencils, plastic pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, colored pencils, scissors, dry erase markers, highlighters, watercolor sets, and more.

A Rhubarb Filled Thank You!

More than 4,000 people came together on June 28th to celebrate community, music, and all things rhubarb — and thanks to you, the 2025 Rhubarb Festival was a huge success.
From the early-morning food prep to the last tables packed away, over 150 volunteers helped create a beautiful, joyful, welcoming, and mission-centered event. Together, we raised significant funds in support of Chum's programs, with the final numbers expected by month's end.
The bake sale and café were once again festival highlights, with more than 2,000 pies, crisps, jams, scones, and more donated by our incredible baking teams from across the region. Whether you baked, volunteered, donated, performed, or simply showed up to enjoy the day, thank you.
We also took our first big step toward becoming a Zero Waste event, diverting 360 pounds of compost and recycling from the landfill with the help of our Green Team volunteers.
At its heart, the Rhubarb Festival is more than a fundraiser. It's a celebration of Chum's mission, where music, food, community, and compassion come together in one beautiful, delicious day.

Wester Garden Tour & Continental Breakfast: Saturday August, 2, 2025

Norton Park UMC is hosting this Garden tour and Continental Breakfast. The breakfast is from 9 to 11 am, with homemade muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. You will have the opportunity to "Ask A Master Gardner," as well as check out the garden and craft items for sale. This is a self guided garden tour that starts at 9 am and is open until 2 pm. Cost is $10 at the door and there are no presale tickets. For more information, call Kathy at (218) 590-1964. This is a rain or shine event!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

It is official! The window repairs will begin in August. We could not have proceeded with these repairs without your generous donations! Thank you again for contributing to the Window Fund!

Heads Up: Just an FYI

Just to let you know, the Scout Troops that stayed overnight at our church last year will be staying here again on August 1st. As with last year, they may even stop by on their way back

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – July 1, 2025

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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

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

Finance Report: The Candles are in working order. A question was asked whether the Christ candle should be lit every Sunday. It will be lit part of the year.

Pastors Report: We received $500 from the Moose Lake UMC for Conference expenses. In Mitchell SD. there is an education class Pastor Jeremy will go to on the !4th-17th of July. The pastors from Norton Park and Hope will attend also. July 28-31 is the Youth Mission Trip to the Twin Cities. Overnight and Food will be provided for the Youth. Pastor Jeremy will begin to serve half time at the Barnum UMC in July. He will be in their office on Monday and Wednesday. He will be in our office on Tuesday & Thursday. He will no longer be at the Moose Lake UMC.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: The reviews are done and everything went fine.

Trustees: The window repair is now scheduled for August. The state permit for the elevator is going up to $145/year.

Lamplighters: Carolyn & Carole visited with Shirley. They tried to see the Mattsons & Vi Lyness but couldn't get a time scheduled. They talked to MJ two times.

Missions: Sandy will put up posters for School supplies. For National Night Out we need donations for food or gift cards to give away as door prizes. Loaves & Fished is going well. We need women's white socks for CHUM.

Worship: We have two new members to possibly join our church. We are going to end the music for the passing of the peace. July 27th will be an outside worship for blessing the animals. The youth will talk about their mission trip on a Sunday after their trip.

Other: The next meeting will be August 6 at 9:30. The time has been changed from 9:00 to 9:30am.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary

Hillside UMC June 2025 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC June 2025	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments		$ 2,972.50	$ 2,972.50	$ 9,265.00
1040 TPUMM	$ 75.00		$ 75.00	$ 75.00
Sub Total	$ 75.00	$ 2,972.50	$ 3,047.50	$ 9,340.00
Worship/Music				
2130 Pulpit Supply			$ -	$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies	$ 19.15	$ 229.22	$ 248.37	$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			$ -	$ 165.00
2180 Accompanist	$ 670.96	$ 3,295.92	$ 3,966.88	$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	$ 690.11	$ 3,525.14	$ 4,215.25	$ 9,015.00
Committees				
2300 Stewardship			$ -	$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership		$ 432.00	$ 432.00	$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			$ -	$ 250.00
Sub Total	$ -	$ 432.00	$ 432.00	$ 1,214.00
Pastor's Compensation				
3010 Salary	$ 2,148.03	$ 10,896.86	$ 13,044.89	$ 26,400.00
3020 Housing	$ 825.00	$ 4,125.00	$ 4,950.00	$ 9,900.00
3030 Pension	$ 202.12	$ 1,004.81	$ 1,206.93	$ 2,560.00
3070 Continuing Ed.			$ -	$ 330.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage			$ -	$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	$ 3,175.15	$ 16,026.67	$ 19,201.82	$ 41,995.00
Serving Our Congregation				
4010 Administrative Assist	$ 666.77	$ 3,947.95	$ 4,614.72	$ 9,936.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		$ 757.28	$ 757.28	$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	$ 51.00	$ 664.00	$ 715.00	$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies	$ 127.63	$ 48.59	$ 176.22	$ 600.00
4040 Office Equipment	$ 190.72	$ 561.60	$ 752.32	$ 1,700.00
4050 Postage		$ 163.28	$ 163.28	$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference	$ 1,130.87	$ 700.00	$ 1,830.87	$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	$ 87.73	$ 409.91	$ 497.64	$ 1,081.00
4090 Website		$ 141.53	$ 141.53	$ 475.00
4095 Misc.			$ -	$ 150.00
SubTotal	$ 2,254.72	$ 7,394.14	$ 9,648.86	$ 18,692.00
Maintaining our build				
5010 Custodian's Salary	$ 307.06	$ 1,151.66	$ 1,458.72	$ 2,500.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.			$ -	$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	$ 434.52	$ 4,348.11	$ 4,782.63	$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance	$ 940.25	$ 992.03	$ 1,932.28	$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal		$ 1,476.00	$ 1,476.00	$ 5,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint		$ 420.00	$ 420.00	$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint		$ 1,775.82	$ 1,775.82	$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	$ 1,681.83	$ 10,163.62	$ 11,845.45	$ 26,640.00
Totals	$ 7,876.81	$ 40,514.07	$ 48,390.88	$ 106,896.00
Envelopes	$ 3,967.00	$ 25,238.00	$ 29,205.00	
Other income	$ 475.00	$ 8,661.00	$ 9,136.00	
Total	$ 4,442.00		$ 38,341.00	
YTD Difference			$ (10,050.00)	

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