



# Livewire

Hillside United Methodist

March 2026

WORSHIP AT 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY



## Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

Faithful Resistance: A Public Witness

Bishop Lanette Plambeck shares reflections on her experience of Feb. 25 in Washington, D.C., a day that included an ecumenical and interfaith worship service and march calling for the humane treatment of immigrants.



She writes, "We gathered for Faithful Resistance, yes. For immigrant families. For refugees. For asylum seekers. For neighbors, whose lives feel suspended between policy and promise. But what I witnessed was more than advocacy. It was alignment. A community grounded in the Great Commandment. And a witness guided by **Micah 6.8**. In a time when the Church is often described in decline, I saw expansion. In a season when fear can feel contagious, I saw courage travel just as quickly. When systems feel immovable, I saw bodies move. And you could feel the Spirit among us. We did not come to Washington to act in civil disobedience. We came to bear testimony. To ask for care for the immigrant that aligns to our Holy Scriptures. We came to consecrate the ground by our presence there.

We came to proclaim—what the old familiar song teaches us—"they will know we are Christians by our love."

You can read the Bishops full account at [Minnesotaumc.org](https://Minnesotaumc.org).

**Breathe Peace, Rev. Jeremy Woodley**

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**April 2026 Livewire deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2026**

# 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 **MARCH 29TH**. 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 5th** 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 . It's 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.

### Lenten Study with Minnesota Conference UMC: "To Be Made Well: Healing Stories in the Gospels"

The Conference is promoting this series. Check out the Website: **Minnesotaumc.org** to access, view, or download all six videos. This series of videos features messages from Bishop Lanette and other leaders.

- \*Week 1: The Pool of Bethesda with Rev Woojae Im
- \*Week 2: The Bleeding Woman/Jairus' Daughter with Rev. Michelle Hargrave
- \*Week 3: The Bent Over Woman with Rev. Laurie Kantonen
- \*Week 4: The Four Friends with Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink
- \*Week 5: The Demoniac with Rev. Kirkland Reynolds
- \*Week 6: Blind Bartimaeus with Rev. Gordon Deuel

### Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship

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



### Lent & Easter

#### Palm Sunday is March 29th

Join us on Palm Sunday to Wave the Palms as it is our tradition.

#### Good Friday is April 3rd

To prepare for Easter, we will be holding a service at a time to be announced soon.

#### Easter is April 5th

On Easter Sunday, each year we take a special offering at our Easter Sunday Service. This year we will be donating this special offering to the Damiano Center.



### Happy March Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

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| 1 MJ Kuhlmeier    | 19 Eben Britton  |
| 3 Mary Lange      | 19 Dave McKowski |
| 9 Giulio Giuliani | 31 Cliff Boris   |
| 16 Ronald Mattson |                  |

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 FEBRUARY 1, TO FEBRUARY 22, 2026.**  
**AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686**

<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$3,462.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>– \$5,224.00</b>



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

# Sunday Worship

Worship with us at 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.

- ◆ **March 1** Colossians 1:15-23 – “God Was Pleased”
- ◆ **March 8** Matthew 27:22-26 – “It is your Responsibility!”
- ◆ **March 15** 2 Timothy 4:1-5 -- “The Purpose of Judgement”
- ◆ **March 22** John 16:12-15 – “The Spirit at Work”
- ◆ **March 29** Colossians 3:5-11 -- “The Holiness That Binds”



## Loaves & Fishes

On Tuesday February 10th, the meal we prepared for the men at the Dorothy Day House was scalloped potatoes with cut up ham in them. For the vegetable we did whole kernel corn. We also sent rolls, butter, and milk. For dessert Diane made brownies and we brought ice cream too. The extras this month were coffee, dish soap, paper napkins, toilet paper, and paper towels.

### ON ANOTHER NOTE:

It's often said “All good things must come to an end,” and that end will be **April 14th** when we prepare and deliver the last meal to the men of the Dorothy Day House.

This has been a fun and rewarding hands-on mission project that Hillside Church has been doing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for over 13 years. The time has come, due to many circumstances, that we can no longer continue. Many people over the years have all helped make this mission project such a worth while project, by helping prepare, deliver, shop for groceries, donate food and money, and I want to thank everyone who has helped with all of this.

Be sure to remember the homeless, the hungry, and the sick in your daily prayers and count your blessings. God Is Good!

*Peace and joy from Carolyn Dahl*

### Youth Ministry/Conformation Class

We are excited to join with the churches of the Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries as we work together to provide programs for our youth! The group will be meeting **March 1st and 15th** at Norton Park. Focusing on relationships, sharing meals, har- ing thoughts, and growing in the Love of God and neighbors.



### 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 **March** includes:

**Peanut butter, jelly, and honey.**



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



### Items to Donate

Warm socks are always needed. Please drop off new or used men's and or women's socks at the church. Other items that are in great need right now include gloves, sleeping bags, and hand warmers for those who are living outside as the weather is so cold. Some of the other items in high demand are personal hygiene items. These items can also be dropped of at church or **you can drop items off at 21 W 1st street (ring bell)**. Please let me know if I can be of help in any way at 218-390-6308. Thank you, Phyllis.

## THE TEN TENORS - 30th Anniversary World Tour Performing @ the DECC March 9th 6PM

Get ready, North America! The vocal wonder from Down Under, THE TEN TENORS, are bringing their electrifying 30th Anniversary World Tour to your shores in 2026! After rave reviews, standing ovations, and sold-out tours across Europe and Australia, these ten talented and charismatic Aussies are thrilled to return to their favorite territory in the world.

Celebrated globally for their unique blend of soaring harmonies, dynamic stage presence, and genre-defying performances, **THE TEN TENORS** deliver an unforgettable musical experience.

This special anniversary show features a powerful mix of Classical Crossover, Neapolitan Classics, and Classic Rock anthems — all delivered with their trademark Aussie charm and vocal brilliance.

Fans will be treated to the group's signature medleys, including three brand-new arrangements created exclusively for their North American audiences. Whether you're a longtime fan or a newcomer, this tour promises an emotional, energetic, and deeply entertaining evening that showcases why **THE TEN TENORS** remain one of the most beloved vocal groups in the world.

**March 9 • 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm** \$54 – \$106 Monday, March 9, 2026 at the DECC Symphony Hall at 7:00PM. Tickets on sale now! Doors open at 6PM.



### Chum's Annual March Food Drive

CHUM's March food drive in Duluth for 2026 is part of the statewide Minnesota FoodShare Campaign, running from March 1 to April 6, 2026. The drive aims to restock the CHUM food shelf through community donations, often featuring partnerships with local businesses like Duluth Cider and events

like the "Cheerio Challenge". Here are the key details for supporting CHUM in March 2026:

**Purpose:** To replenish food shelves, with 100% of donations to Minnesota FoodShare going directly to the FoodFund.

**Donation Items:** Non-perishable food items, particularly canned meats (tuna, chicken), soup, and pasta.

**Where to Donate:** CHUM Food Shelf, along with participating local partners such as Whole Foods Co-op for round-up programs.

We encourage everyone to get involved in the Minnesota Food Share March Food Drive in whatever way they can. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who are experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your support!

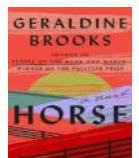


It is with sad hearts that we let you know of the passing of Jane Mavec. She passed away on Friday, February 6th. Jane was a lifelong member of Hillside United Methodist church and found meaningful work here, especially when she volunteered for Loaves and Fishes. She also loved reading, picking blueberries, and her beloved cabin on Lake Vermillion.



The Hillside UMC Book Club is back with the regularly scheduled Thursday evening meetings. The next meeting is **Thursday, March 5th, at 7pm** at Sandra Wilmot's house, and the book they will be discussing will be "**Horse**" by **Geraldine Brooks**.

If you want to read ahead, the next book of choice for the April meeting is "**Atmosphere**" by **James Taylor Reid**. If you would like to join the Book Club or have any questions, please contact Sandra at 218-348-2712.



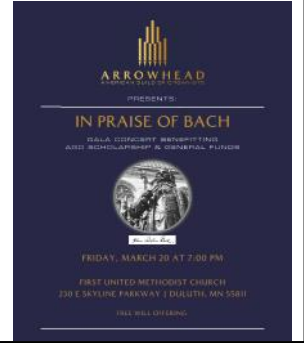


# Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th 2026 Don't Forget to move your clocks forward!

## In Praise of Bach Organ concert March 20th 7 PM

The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present "In Praise of Bach," our annual concert of the music of the master J. S. Bach, the most well-known composer of organ music.

This concert is a gala concert benefitting American Guild of Organists scholarship program and helping our general fund. This year's concert will be held at **First United Methodist Church**, 230 East Skyline Parkway, in Duluth, and will feature organists and other performers from the Twin Ports area. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow.



## Floyd Nation: A tribute to Pink Floyd: 6 Pm on March 22nd at the DECC

In 1975, Pink Floyd embarked on a journey to create a follow-up to The Dark Side of the Moon at EMI Studios, now the world-famous Abbey Road Studios. Now, 50 years later, Floyd Nation proudly carries the torch, celebrating this milestone with the "Wish We Were There" Tour! In a full-circle moment, Floyd Nation recently had the honor of recording at Abbey Road Studios, further solidifying their deep connection to Pink Floyd's legacy. Fans young and old will be transported on a sonic and visual journey with an album-inspired setlist and a custom-designed laser and light show created by an award-winning lighting director. This is one show you won't want to miss!



## Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting – February 2026

Hillside United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council Meeting  
February 3, 2026

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

Carolyn Opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

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

Finance Report: No Report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jeremy spoke on the ICE presentence in Duluth and how to be prepared. Pastor Jeremy will be in school until July.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: There is a new report from the Conference to fill out.

Trustees: The insurance is up \$1,000 a year.

Lamplighters: They visited Jane Olson at Viewcrest. Shirley Olson is at Pillars now. MJ Kuhlmeier is at Benedictine, and Linda Tomazak is in Essentia Health hospital.

Missions: It was decided to send the Easter Offering to the

Damiano Center. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Carole. Motion approved.

Worship: During Lent a Daily Scripture devotion will be in the bulletin. Bible study will begin on February 19th at 10:30 AM. Ash Wednesday service will be at 4 o'clock on February 18th. The focus will be on the Apostles Creed during Lent.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be March 3, at 9:30 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diane Boris  
Ad Council Secretary

**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.

# Hillside UMC January 2026 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC Jan 2026	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments			\$ -	\$ 9,436.00
1040 TPUMM			\$ -	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 9,511.00
<b>Worship/Music</b>				
2130 Pulpit Supply			\$ -	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies	\$ 21.75		\$ 21.75	\$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			\$ -	\$ 170.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 863.03		\$ 863.03	\$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 884.78	\$ -	\$ 884.78	\$ 9,020.00
<b>Committees</b>				
2300 Stewardship			\$ -	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 144.00		\$ 144.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			\$ -	\$ 150.00
Sub Total	\$ 144.00	\$ -	\$ 144.00	\$ 1,114.00
<b>Pastor's Compensation</b>				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,249.05		\$ 2,249.05	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 825.00		\$ 825.00	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 157.50		\$ 157.50	\$ 1,890.00
3070 Continuing Ed.			\$ -	\$ 350.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage			\$ -	\$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,231.55	\$ -	\$ 3,231.55	\$ 41,045.00
<b>Serving Our Congregation</b>				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 844.09		\$ 844.09	\$ 9,100.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.	\$ 412.00		\$ 412.00	\$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 236.00		\$ 236.00	\$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies			\$ -	\$ 500.00
4040 Office Equipment			\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
4050 Postage	\$ 3.20		\$ 3.20	\$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference			\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	\$ 71.57		\$ 71.57	\$ 1,100.00
4090 Website			\$ -	\$ 300.00
4095 Misc.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
SubTotal	\$ 1,566.86	\$ -	\$ 1,566.86	\$ 16,850.00
<b>Maintaining our build</b>				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 277.26		\$ 277.26	\$ 3,600.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.	\$ 16.28		\$ 16.28	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 1,051.74		\$ 1,051.74	\$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance			\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal	\$ 328.00		\$ 328.00	\$ 4,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint			\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint	\$ 130.45		\$ 130.45	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,803.73	\$ -	\$ 1,803.73	\$ 26,740.00
Totals	\$ 7,630.92	\$ -	\$ 7,630.92	\$ 104,280.00

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