



# Livewire

Hillside United Methodist  
May 2026

WORSHIP AT 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, 24th 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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June 2026 Livewire deadline is **Thursday, May 21st, 2026**

## 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 10th, 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.

PLAN AHEAD and come socialize with your church family members on **May 10th**.

**Speaking of Planning ahead...** We're going to celebrate dads too!! We're going to have a Father's Day Potluck. Keep that in mind for June 21st.

## FOUR CHANCES TO BREAK BREAD WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT HILLSIDE....

1. Mom's Day potluck breakfast on May 10th, from 10:00-10:45
  2. Dad's Day potluck breakfast on June 21st, from 10:00-10:45
  3. Farewell ham dinner for Woodleys on June 28th at 12:00
  4. Welcome for our new pastor with rootbeer floats on July 5th, at 12:00
- Please join us for food and fellowship on as many of these days as you can!!



## Annual Conference & Love Offering 2026

The 172nd Session of The Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place June 16-18, 2026 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, with additional pre-conference opportunities on Monday, June 15. The theme of the Annual Conference is "Created to Serve Joyfully." The scripture focus will be Philippians 4.

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a **Love Offering** for several missions. Our Love Offering is not simply charity, but a shared ministry, a way of joining God's work in the world. This year's recipients will be:

Midwest Mission 30%, Love Boldy Mental Health Minnesota 20%, The endowment for Theological Education 20% and the Minnesota Conference Emergency Response Fund 20%.



Minnesota Annual  
Conference 2026

June 16-18 | St. Cloud

## 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.

## Happy May Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

1 Katie Peterson	26 DeWayne Tomasek
4 Marge Dahl	27 Clara Britton
7 Steven Pederson	29 Carolyn 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.



## 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.



## Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship

We'll continue holding our weekly bible study. 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.**



## Loaves & Fishes

On Tuesday April 14 for the men at the Dorothy Day house, we baked 2 frozen Stouffers Lasagnas, made a lettuce salad with sliced cucumbers and cherry tomatoes, and buttered two loaves of French bread with garlic butter. For dessert we baked two pans of brownies and sent ice cream. The extras were toilet tissue, paper towels, and laundry soap. This was my last time to do the hands on mission project. I have been doing this for about 15 years and want to thank all the people who have helped me with this fun and much needed mission. Diane and Cliff Boris will continue doing this for a while. Be sure to remember the homeless, the hungry, and the sick in your daily prayers and count all your blessings. God Is Good!

*Love and Blessings from Carolyn Dahl*

## Youth Ministry/Confirmation 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 **May 3rd** and **May 17th** at Norton Park. We are focusing on relationships, sharing meals, sharing thoughts, and growing in the Love of God and neighbors.



## Thank you from Chum

Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church's donations of \$200 and \$240. Your gifts have been designated for Chum's Food Shelf. Our vision is a future where every person has food, shelter, dignity, and hope; where racial disparities are eliminated; and where everyone lives in a just and compassionate community. In uncertain times, your support shines even brighter. Every donation to Chum is a powerful act of compassion- helping our neighbors find shelter, food, stability, and dignity when they need it most. Your generosity ensures we can continue walking alongside those in crisis. Thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely, Gracia Swenson, Donations Relations

## 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 **May** includes: **toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, and diapers.**



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 Hillside UMC Book Club is back with the regularly scheduled Thursday evening meetings. The next meeting is **Thursday, May 7th, at 7pm** at Sandra Wilmot's house, and the book they will be discussing will be **"The Sweetness of Water" by Nathan Harris.**

If you want to read ahead, the book of choice for the June meeting is **"Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste NG.** If you would like to join the Book Club or have any questions, please contact Sandra at 218-348-2712.



## Asbury UMC has a Spring Donut Sale

Asbury UMC is having their summer donut sale on Friday, June 5 (National Donut Day) from 7:00 to 11:00 am in their Fellowship Hall. A dozen freshly made donuts are \$7.00 each. Preorders are recommended. Call 218-624-0061 to order by the deadline of June 4.



## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

As many of you know, my niece Leanne has been battling Stage 4 bile duct cancer for about 3 years. I've lifted her up for prayer in our worship service many times in these years. About 10 months ago her oncologist told her chemotherapy no longer would help her so she has been searching for a clinical trial she can be a part of.

Two months ago Leanne found a possible trial at the National Institutes of Health and she has qualified for a surgical procedure that could make her virtually cancer free. The surgery is very dangerous, but Lee has decided to have the surgery because it could give her life back. For these past 3 years the chemotherapy has made her very sick and she has endured allergic reactions and other difficulties.

Leanne's surgery is on May 6 in Maryland. I am asking everyone I know as well as those you might know to pray for Leanne and her medical team during the afternoon of May 6.

I am going to have a prayer gathering at Hillside starting at 9 am and going till 12 noon. Any amount of time you can spare is appreciated. I don't expect you to stay the whole time, but you're welcome for as much time as you can give. I will lead us in worship and then you will be invited to be in prayer for Leanne, her medical team, and her family. My brother and sister-in-law, as well as Lee's wife, Jamie, will be with her in Maryland. The reason I chose this time is because they have to be at the hospital at 11 our time and once all the surgical prep is finished I'm predicting it will be about 1 pm.

I hope to have handouts for you to use if you'd like to during our time together and also when you pray at home that will help you offer God praise for all God has done for us and to ask God to care for our loved ones who are in the midst of their battle. I humbly ask you to remember Leanne in your daily prayers and hope you will join me at church on May 6 for whatever amount of time you can spare. If you can't be with us in person I ask you to pray wherever you are. Thank you and remember, "Our God is an Awesome God!"

**Sincerely, Reverend Jan Barker**

## 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.

## Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Claren Suomala, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmeier, Vi Lyness, Bill Palusky, and Ron and Jan Mattson.



## HELP WANTED

Hillside has enjoyed the work of Hayes Woodley as our current custodian. However, when Hayes graduates in May he will be looking for full-time work. This leaves us looking for a replacement to keep our building looking good. The work takes about three hours per week and will make a great job for someone looking for a bit of extra cash. If you are interested please call or text Carole Hawkinson at 218-428-2706.

**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.

## Perspective

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return home from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool, that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches the front yard, and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on, and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have. Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! Share this with your friends and acquaintances and help them refresh their perspective & appreciation. "Live is too short and friends are too few..."

Passed along to us by Bonnie Frielund

## **Hillside United Methodist Church** Administrative Council Meeting – April 2026

Hillside United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council Meeting  
April 7, 2026

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

Carolyn Opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. We didn't have the snow removed from the parking lot this late in the season. It is costly to have that done.

Finance Report: Nothing to report on.

Pastors Report: A new form came from the Conference. Accountable Reimbursement Policy. We also got a Historian Report. We don't have a historian but we helped the Pastor fill out the form.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: Nothing to report on right now. There is a possible janitor change coming this summer.

Trustees: Nothing to report on. We have been told the elevator is in good condition considering how old it is.

Lamplighters: They will take communion this Thursday to the shut-ins.

Missions: Loaves & Fishes will be continuing for a few months. Diane has agreed to make a dinner for them until the money in the fund is gone. The food was brought to the Chum Food

Shelf. Ruby's pantry is ending after serving the people in need of food for years.

Worship: Easter Sunday service was very good. There was a joint Good Friday service at Elim Lutheran. After Easter the sermons will be on the book of Acts until Pentecost.

Other Things: We need to set up a date to meet with the District Superintendent. We will be hosting the youth again in the fall and be providing them with a lunch.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 5, at 9:30 AM

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris  
Ad Council Secretary

# Hillside UMC March 2026 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC March 2026	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments	\$ 603.48	\$ 1,210.96	\$ 1,814.44	\$ 9,436.00
1040 TPUMM		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ 603.48	\$ 1,285.96	\$ 1,889.44	\$ 9,511.00
<b>Worship/Music</b>				
2130 Pulpit Supply			\$ -	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies	\$ 32.50	\$ 21.75	\$ 54.25	\$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			\$ -	\$ 170.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 415.57	\$ 1,665.43	\$ 2,081.00	\$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 448.07	\$ 1,687.18	\$ 2,135.25	\$ 9,020.00
<b>Committees</b>				
2300 Stewardship			\$ -	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 72.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			\$ -	\$ 150.00
Sub Total	\$ 72.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 1,114.00
<b>Pastor's Compensation</b>				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,166.68	\$ 4,399.06	\$ 6,565.74	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 1,658.34	\$ 2,491.68	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 157.50	\$ 315.00	\$ 472.50	\$ 1,890.00
3070 Continuing Ed.			\$ -	\$ 350.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage		\$ 334.00	\$ 334.00	\$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,157.52	\$ 6,706.40	\$ 9,863.92	\$ 41,045.00
<b>Serving Our Congregation</b>				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 693.09	\$ 1,537.17	\$ 2,230.26	\$ 9,100.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		\$ 412.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 61.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies	\$ 48.00		\$ 48.00	\$ 500.00
4040 Office Equipment	\$ 108.00		\$ 108.00	\$ 1,000.00
4050 Postage		\$ 6.56	\$ 6.56	\$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference			\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	\$ 52.63	\$ 159.30	\$ 211.93	\$ 1,100.00
4090 Website			\$ -	\$ 300.00
4095 Misc.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
SubTotal	\$ 962.72	\$ 2,441.03	\$ 3,403.75	\$ 16,850.00
<b>Maintaining our build</b>				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 228.07	\$ 575.54	\$ 803.61	\$ 3,600.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.		\$ 16.28	\$ 16.28	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 1,498.29	\$ 1,900.88	\$ 3,399.17	\$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance	\$ 1,758.82		\$ 1,758.82	\$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal	\$ 410.00	\$ 738.00	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 4,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint			\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint		\$ 130.45	\$ 130.45	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,895.18	\$ 3,361.15	\$ 7,256.33	\$ 26,740.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 9,138.97	\$ 15,625.72	\$ 24,764.69	\$ 104,280.00

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