



June Birthstones

# Livewire

Hillside United Methodist

June 2026

WORSHIP AT 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY



## Pastor's Message

**The Power of "I in them" Makes it work!**

Greetings friends,

Annual Conference is almost here! Each year the clergy and laity of the Minnesota Annual Conference meet to do the business of the church. If you want to see a rundown of all the business to be conducted you can find all the information on the conference website at [minnesotaumc.org](http://minnesotaumc.org).

Alongside all of this, delegates to the conference worship together and are challenged to continue to seek out the ways God is at work in our communities and beyond. Surprisingly, (ok it isn't surprising) everyone doesn't agree 100% on how best to move forward. For a lot of folks that seems like a negative; but I am not so sure it is. Our differences of opinion challenge us to reconsider and look more closely at what we have determined to be our best way forward.

The connection we belong to as part of a denomination that is represented around the world, serves to broaden our vision of Jesus Christ's mission. A big part of that mission is the unity of all followers of Jesus. It is so important that he prays for us this way in John 17, "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you... I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity."

This seems impossible with all the things that continue to divide us, but I will never call impossible what Jesus specifically prays for. How do we achieve this unity then? It is the, "I in them", part that makes it work. Our responsibility is to allow Jesus to be in control over ALL aspects of our life and to, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38). Let's try it out together!

**Breathe Peace, Rev. Jeremy Woodley**

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July 2026 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026**

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST June 21, 2026

Let's honor all the men in our congregation with a great he-man breakfast on June 21st. This will be POTLUCK, so sign up to bring your favorite breads, eggs, fruit, juice, or whatever you want to bring and share on the serving table. **PLAN AHEAD** and come to socialize with your church family members on the 21st.



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

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



## Thank you for your service!

As you are possibly aware, Pastor Jeremy will be leaving our church at the end of June. As he prepares for leaving, we should also make preparations for his last weeks with us.

We would like you to contribute by sharing your thoughts and prayers for the change. Please write a note or a letter with your feelings about Pastor Jeremy and how he might have affected your life. Have your children draw a picture and sign it or write a note to him. You can give these items directly to Carole Hawkinson, or mail or email them to her before the **deadline of June 21, 2026** at:

**Carole Hawkinson, 16 Olive Street, Duluth MN 55811 or carolehawk22@gmail.com**

We will be holding a **farewell ham dinner for Pastor Jeremy and his family immediately after the worship service on June 28th**, at which time you can verbally share your thoughts with them.



## 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%, the Minnesota Conference Emergency Response Fund 20%, and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships 10%.



Minnesota Annual Conference 2026

June 16-18 | St. Cloud

## Thank you!

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



**FINANCIAL GIVING MAY 3, TO MAY 24, 2026.**

**AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686**

Total Received	\$3,569.00
Balance	- \$5,117.00

## Happy June Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

1 Morgan Durfee  
9 Jane Olson

30 Joan Duff

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.



## Shout Out to our 2026 Graduate!

We are happy to announce the graduation of Hayes Woodley, son of Jeremy and Kara Woodley, from Superior Senior High School this year! Hayes plans on pursuing a career in carpentry.



## Loaves & Fishes

On Tuesday May 12th, For Loaves and Fishes, I made spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread and a garden salad. Dessert was a cake and ice cream. Additional items were salad dressing, parmesan cheese coffee, paper towels, and toilet paper. Cliff and I delivered the meal. *Diane*

## Youth Ministry/Confirmation Class

The youth ministry group/confirmation classes are on summer hiatus and will start up again in the fall.



## HELP WANTED

Hillside has enjoyed the work of Hayes Woodley as our current custodian. However, when Hayes graduates, 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.

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

### Thank you from Damiano Center

Thank you for the generous gift of \$479.00 to the Damiano Center! Your support is crucial to serving the most vulnerable in our community. Each day, hundreds of people visit Damiano seeking to have their most basic needs met.

Because of you, Damiano can offer nutritious meals to the hungry: dinner, activities, and a safe space for children; free apparel, hygiene items, a hot shower, and connections to community resources for our neighbors in need; and so much more. Together we are able to offer a safe, accepting, and dignified space for those who struggle.

Thank you for partnering with us to strengthen our community by providing for the most vulnerable among us. We could not do this important work without you. Gratefully, Christopher Paris, Associate 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 **June** includes:

**soup (larger cans or 2 of the same kind) and canned vegetables.**



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

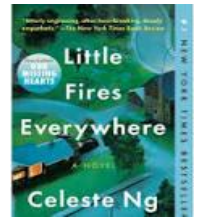


## Items to Donate

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.



## Changing the Day for June!



The Hillside UMC Book Club is changing things up for June. The next meeting is on a different day this month! They will meet up on **Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7 pm** at Sandra Wilmot's house, and the book they will be discussing will be **"Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste NG.**

The book club will be taking a **Summer Hiatus** after this meeting. However, they will be having a **Summer Picnic on July 20th at 6 pm**, at Pat Malkovich's House! Contact Sandra for more information on that as well as 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 of freshly made donuts is \$7.00 each. **Preorders are recommended.** Call 218-624-0061 to **order by the deadline of June 4.**



## Summer Day-Camp Offering at FUMC

First United Methodist Church (230 E. Skyline Pkwy) will be trying something new this year. Their Vacation Bible School will be an evening event for all ages, including adults. They will be gathering July 27th through the 30th, from 5:15 to 7:30 pm. Contact FUMC.



## June 27th: 21ST ANNUAL CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL

Chum's 21st annual Rhubarb Festival promises lots of rhubarb- including hundreds of pies, muffins and crisps. This year's festivities will include crafts, games, kids' activities, live music and several newly-debuted activities for the entire family. 9 AM – 3 PM @ Asbury United Methodist Church | 6822 Grand Avenue, Duluth, MN .



## 4th Annual Duluth-stämman Fest @ Nordic Center

The fourth annual Duluth-stämman: Folk Music & Dance Festival will offer dances, workshops, jam circles, performances, youth workshops and activities and a unique experience that is inclusive to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Admission is free for any youth who participate in a music or dance workshop. This year's musical performers will include many Nordic musicians from around North America and two special guests from Denmark. Tickets and the schedule are available at [nordiccenterduluth.org](http://nordiccenterduluth.org).



## Grandma's Marathon is Celebrating its 50th Anniversary!

This June is set to be the biggest Grandma's Marathon so far, and organizers have been working hard to make the 50th anniversary a celebration worth remembering. A Northland tradition since 1977, Grandma's Marathon is one of Duluth's signature events, drawing more than 20,000 runners from around the world each June. The 50th annual Grandma's Marathon will take place in Duluth, Minnesota, on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Check out their website to see all the events scheduled for this extraordinary, celebratory weekend! PS: There's still time to sign up to be a volunteer!



## 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, Clareen Suomala, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmeier, Vi Lyness, Bill Palusky, and Ron and Jan Mattson.



**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.

## Sara Thomsen and Paula Pedersen: to Perform Parking Lot Concert

Folk duo Sara Thomsen and Paula Pedersen will be in concert at Duluth's First United Methodist Church (aka The Coppertop Church) on **Monday, June 29 at 6:30pm**. They will perform an outdoor concert in our parking lot. The concert is free for everyone in the community, so bring your lawn chairs (some chairs will be available), friends, and family for some great music and fellowship. Concessions will be available starting at 5:30pm.

A freewill donation will be accepted, with proceeds split between Churches United in Ministry (CHUM) and First United Methodist's Choral Scholar Program.



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

HILLSIDE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
DULUTH MINNESOTA

Minutes of Administrative  
Council May 5, 2026

In attendance: Carolyn Dahl-  
Chair, Carole Hawkinson, Jim  
Leland, Dave McKowski, Sandra  
Wilmot

Pastor Jeremy opened the  
meeting with prayer and then  
needed to leave.

MSC (Carole/Dave) to approve  
the minutes of the April  
meeting.

Jim explained our cost for the  
new Paid Family Leave is about  
\$35/month for our four  
employees. Payroll Processing  
charges extra to do this  
paperwork each month and for  
our quarterly tax reports.

We still have funds in our Assist  
Fund – monies donated to help  
purchase food for folks during  
COVID. Some churches are still  
working with those people and  
we could call around to see if  
anyone could use our funds,  
donated for that purpose.

The recent sale of brass items  
yielded \$40.80!

The Bridge Club has made

inquiry re: meeting an extra day  
every week, for a six-month trial  
period. They would pay \$75 per  
week because of the smaller  
number of people and the  
shorter time needed. If they  
decide to continue through the  
winter months the charge will be  
increased to \$100 per week  
because of the heating season.  
Wednesday would be their extra  
meeting day. They also inquired  
about hosting a State Bridge  
Tournament in November, for  
three days, paying us \$150 per  
day. This would probably  
include about 50 people from  
9:00 – 6:00, with no cooking on  
site. MSC (Sandra/Dave) to  
approve both of these.

We discussed cutting down/  
cutting hours of our current staff  
going forward. MSC(Sandra/  
Carole) to eliminate our  
childcare person as we have no  
small children anyway and there  
is no education happening.  
Sandra will speak with Brenna  
next Sunday and advise her this  
will take place July 1st. Sandra  
will also speak with Sue today to  
find out if she could complete  
the needed work in fewer hours.  
We will discuss possibly having  
volunteer custodial works in the  
future.

We will have a new quarter time  
pastor beginning July 1st so the  
time of worship may change.

Carole will ask Emma if she is  
open to a change.

Pastor Jeremy, Carolyn and  
Carole visited four shut-ins and  
provided communion for them  
this past month. Since then,  
visits have been made to Shirley  
Olson, Vi Lyness and Jane  
Olson.

Diane and Cliff Boris will  
continue preparing/delivering  
Loaves and Fishes meals until  
the current funds are exhausted.  
After that, they will see about  
continuing.

We will not be hosting National  
Night Out this year because of  
low neighborhood attendance.  
We are not getting many  
donations to our CHUM Food  
Shelf mission project.  
MSC (Sandra/Dave) to have  
only two donation askings this  
fall: warm clothes, etc. in  
October and Toys for Santa at  
Union Gospel Mission in  
December.

Dave will continue to water the  
flower pots at the front of the  
building this summer.

Our next meeting will be  
June 2, 2026

Minutes taken by Carole  
Hawkinson

# Hillside UMC April 2026 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC April 2026	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments	\$ 605.48	\$ 1,816.44	\$ 2,421.92	\$ 9,436.00
1040 TPUMM		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ 605.48	\$ 1,891.44	\$ 2,496.92	\$ 9,511.00
<b>Worship/Music</b>				
2130 Pulpit Supply			\$ -	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies	\$ 14.97	\$ 54.25	\$ 69.22	\$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			\$ -	\$ 170.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 757.26	\$ 2,081.00	\$ 2,838.26	\$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 772.23	\$ 2,135.25	\$ 2,907.48	\$ 9,020.00
<b>Committees</b>				
2300 Stewardship			\$ -	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 72.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			\$ -	\$ 150.00
Sub Total	\$ 72.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 1,114.00
<b>Pastor's Compensation</b>				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,166.68	\$ 6,565.74	\$ 8,732.42	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 2,491.68	\$ 3,325.02	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 157.50	\$ 472.50	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,890.00
3070 Continuing Ed.	\$ 36.87		\$ 36.87	\$ 350.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage		\$ 334.00	\$ 334.00	\$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,194.39	\$ 9,863.92	\$ 13,058.31	\$ 41,045.00
<b>Serving Our Congregation</b>				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 942.12	\$ 2,230.26	\$ 3,172.38	\$ 9,100.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.	\$ 442.93	\$ 412.00	\$ 854.93	\$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 261.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies	\$ 54.69	\$ 48.00	\$ 102.69	\$ 500.00
4040 Office Equipment		\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 1,000.00
4050 Postage	\$ 156.00	\$ 6.56	\$ 162.56	\$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference	\$ 367.97		\$ 367.97	\$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	\$ 86.19	\$ 211.93	\$ 298.12	\$ 1,100.00
4090 Website			\$ -	\$ 300.00
4095 Misc.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
SubTotal	\$ 2,310.90	\$ 3,403.75	\$ 5,714.65	\$ 16,850.00
<b>Maintaining our build</b>				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 271.62	\$ 803.61	\$ 1,075.23	\$ 3,600.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.		\$ 16.28	\$ 16.28	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 965.55	\$ 3,399.17	\$ 4,364.72	\$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance		\$ 1,758.82	\$ 1,758.82	\$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal	\$ 574.00	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 4,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint			\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint		\$ 130.45	\$ 130.45	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,811.17	\$ 7,256.33	\$ 9,067.50	\$ 26,740.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 8,766.17	\$ 24,766.69	\$ 33,532.86	\$ 104,280.00

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