

Complex world. Thoughtful church.



***Clockwise Beginning at Top Left:** Children's Message on Baptism of Jesus Sunday; some of our Community Photo Directory leaders (Susan Carlson, Kristin Tangen and John Hensrud); a few of the newest art pieces thanks to the Arts and Environment Task Force and a grant from The Hope Trust; Prayer Around the Cross in January; and the Sanctuary and Immigration Team creating a strategy.*

## President's Report

February is a transition month for the leadership team. The three-year terms for the president, president-elect, and past-president of the congregation are an important model for learning details of the roles, and include wonderful support. I had the opportunity to follow Eric Ringham and John Lauber. Now Tim Abrahamson is positioned to assume the role of president of the congregation. Nearing the end of my year as president, I am grateful for the variety of talents, gifts, generosity, love and acceptance that we share in this community. I look forward to this next year with the energy I feel in our communal worship.

Please join us on February 2 at 9:30 for the Sunday Forum where we will discuss the proposed budget. Emma Carpenter (treasurer) will lay out the details for 2020. We welcome your questions and hope you will be part of this discussion.

—*Congregational President Carol Flaten*

## Annual Meeting on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

The University Lutheran Church of Hope Congregational Annual Meeting is on Sunday, February 9, beginning after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will gather in Fellowship Hall, share a light lunch, review the year past, elect congregational leaders, approve a budget, discuss resolutions, update our bylaws, and do other congregational business.

One of the actions at the Annual Meeting will include attention to our University Lutheran Church of Hope Bylaws. Earlier this year a task force looked at the ULCH Bylaws and Trust Document. It was recommended that minor clarification related to nominations be made to the Bylaws. See changes at [bit.ly/35tyyR2](http://bit.ly/35tyyR2). Print copies are available at the Welcome Center for review. Please plan to participate.

## Bible & Brews

Exactly what it sounds like... Join us at our home on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m. for a laid-back conversation about scripture, the church, current events, and of course...beer! Bring your favorite libation or brewed beverage and a snack to share and join us for a fun evening of discussion. Contact me for the address.

—*Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)*

## *Walking in the Dark Watching for the Light*

Late in the summer, or perhaps early in the fall, I wrote an article about my morning prayer walking. The birds, the rabbit colony, the neighbors. Now it's winter. And, I'm still walking, still praying. The birds are much quieter and it's not unusual for me to hear the song of just one or two in a morning. The rabbits are jaunty and their tracks (along with



those of the neighborhood cats) are fun to notice. Neighbors are rising, bundling kids out the door for school, warming cars, waiting for buses, heading for work. All that, and it's still dark out. I wear my big jacket and strategic layers so the cold doesn't usually bite. And, yes, in full geeky disclosure, valuing this beloved, God-given life, I wear a reflective vest and some days even my yak tracks. Can you picture this? It's okay to laugh. I do.

I laugh, and I love it. As much as I love walking in the spring and summer and fall, I surprisingly love walking in the dark winter time just as much. So I walk, thinking of you and those you love, thinking of myself and those I love, thinking of our congregation and our neighbors, thinking of the world, thinking of the birds and the rabbits, lifting before God the joys and concerns, the uncertainties, the heartbreaks and the hopes, the devastations, the mundane daily, sacred tasks.

Our congregation (along with Saint Paul's Lutheran on 28th Street and Mount Olive



Lutheran on 31st and Chicago, both located in south Minneapolis) is focusing on EcoFaith this season. We are part of a pilot program sponsored by the EcoFaith Network of the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod.

*Walking, cont'd on p. 3→*

## Tour the Fed

Hope Diamonds Senior Group will tour the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis on Wednesday, Feb. 19. (The sign up date has been extended to Feb. 5). The 75-minute walking tour is free. We need to turn in names of attendees to the FRB this week. Contact Pastor Barbara today!

← *Walking, from p. 2*

This season we have the theme “Season of Growing Light.” We committed to incorporating ecofaith and ecojustice in varied ways: preaching on creation care, Sunday Forums, participating in synod events like the one on February 8 (see information in this newsletter, p. 6), supporting our Green Team and ecofaith leaders.

Around Hope these themes were already part of our schedule so we’re integrating them more fully. Three recent examples: The gorgeous community art piece in the front of our worship space incorporates creation and promise. A Thanksgiving for Baptism in mid-January poetically drew us into images of water and its power. On Feb. 13 we’ll host another Night Songs, this year with a theme of climate justice (p. 8).

In this season of growing light, I’m also aware of how easily and often our tradition has spoken of light as good and darkness as bad. Given the dangers of the night, particularly in ancient times, that doesn’t surprise me. And yet over the centuries, sometimes intentionally, often unconsciously, we’ve transferred this symbolism to race and skin tone. Subtly this message and these symbols permeate society.

As worship leaders, Zach and I seek to be more mindful of these dynamics and the messages they send. In that Spirit, we’ve often uplifted the blessings of the light, but we’re also trying to uplift the blessings of the darkness: rest and sleep, renewal, trust, intimacy, waiting, the chance to view the stars. By widening the images (there are blessings in both darkness and light) we seek to avoid perpetuating these unhelpful symbols.

As I walk in the dark morning hours, I savor that time and space. Sometimes I watch the eastern horizon for the subtle tones of dawn, but I’m learning to dwell where I am. Thanks be to God for darkness and for light.

—Pastor Jen

## Calendar of Events

Sun. Feb. 2 – Presentation of Budget  
Fri. Feb. 7 – Youth Lock-in  
Sat. Feb. 8 – EcoFaith Network Power-up  
Sun. Feb. 9 – Annual Meeting  
Thu. Feb. 13 – Night Songs  
Feb. 15-17 – Winter Retreat  
Feb. 16-23 – Families Moving Forward  
Wed. Feb. 19 – Tour the Federal Reserve  
Sat. Feb. 22 – Work day at church  
Mon. Feb. 24 – Bible & Brews  
Tue. Feb. 25 – Caucuses  
Wed. Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday  
Sat. Feb. 29 – CMT retreat

*Looking ahead to ...*

March 1 – Lenten Bible Study (weekly)  
March 4 – Mid-week worship (weekly)  
April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday  
April 12 – Easter Sunday  
June 15-19 – Shared Day Camp  
June 18-20 – Camping and Paddling

## Facilities Block Party

The Facilities team is hosting our now annual work day on Saturday, February 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (OK, it’s not really a block party, but close.) Come for the whole time or just part of the day. We’re planning light duty, inside projects to complete in one day. This could be painting, repairing, organizing or light cleaning. Any help is greatly appreciated and all skill levels are welcome. It’s a great opportunity to support the ongoing upkeep of our building and visit with other members and friends. While the pay isn’t much, the people are amazing. We’d love to see you there. Lunch, I mean Dinner, will be provided. Contact [johnpignatello@usiwireless.com](mailto:johnpignatello@usiwireless.com) or 612-743-3448.

—John Pignatello, Event planner and Facilities Co-chair

**WORKDAY**

### *Did You Know That*

FRIENDLY VISITORS started at University Lutheran Church of Hope 50 years ago?

In 1970, there was a big need to support, visit and connect with the Homebound. Verle Rhoades, Bertha Hanson and Marvel Kingsley, at the request of Pastor David Preus, gave birth to this program. Over the next forty years, they organized, developed, and extended the effort. They were strategic in training leaders and delegating responsibilities, so that this ministry would continue even after they were no longer involved.

Watch for interesting tidbits about Friendly Visitors in each monthly newsletter throughout the year to commemorate this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## The Outdoor

### Bread Oven Ministry

The Outdoor Bread Oven Ministry has completed its first full year of operation. Since the completion of the bread oven in August 2018, it has been fired up nineteen times: eight times for bread and eleven times for pizza. We've made hundreds of loaves, hundreds of pizzas, made major changes to the Hope kitchen facility, provided money for church causes, and enhanced the lives of many in our church community and neighborhood. We have baked ...

❖ More than 700 pizzas! These have

been distributed free of charge at numerous events: Farmers' Market (eleven times), Student Welcome Back Sunday (twice), Hope Diamonds' annual picnic, summer Day Camp, and the end of Vacation Bible School. These events involved hundreds of students and neighbors. Our nimble staff was able to accommodate requests for various toppings. It was rewarding to be able to interact with our neighbors and hear their appreciation.

❖ 673 Bread loaves! Most have been made available on Sundays within the congregation, where a free-will offering has raised more than \$4,000. Some have been used for communion or donated. Over \$1,000 has been given to causes such as the Nutritious U Food Pantry, The Sheridan Story, Dinkytown Farmers Market, Groveland Food Shelf, and the University Lutheran Church of Hope kitchenware fund.

Still, the Bread/Pizza Oven Ministry involves more than kneading dough and fragrant baked goods. Our mission is to foster and strengthen community right here in our congregation and to build bridges to groups outside of Hope. For starters, more than 50 Hope members and some non-members have donated thousands of hours in planning, in the kitchen and at the oven. It has been a great way to meet new people, reinvigorate current members, and get to know each other better.

Outreach is just starting. As summer 2019 ended, one neighboring landlord, who rents out hundreds of apartments to students, was so pleased with the project that he funded an additional pizza bake to thank his tenants at the last Dinkytown Farmers Market of the season.

Construction was funded by the generous donations from Hope members and \$15,000 from the capital campaign. A combination of \$5,000 from the Trust Fund and other donations was used to upgrade Hope's kitchen with a commercial mixer, stainless steel tables, freezer, and refrigerator.



These improvements have been greatly appreciated by the Fellowship Meal kitchen team and Families Moving Forward. In addition, the Trust Fund provided \$4,000 for landscaping.

Our Oven Ministry operates in the black. Revenue from the bread bakes covers the cost of all bread and pizza ingredients, operating expenses, and remaining equipment needs, with enough left over for donations. Now that most of our equipment has been purchased, and only some landscape work remains, a greater portion of the proceeds will be available for other worthy causes in the future.

We invite you to join us. Usually volunteers are needed for short periods of time ... for two or three hours at most, either in the kitchen or outside at the oven. This is a new ministry at ULCH, and more volunteers are needed to shape and sustain it.

If you would like to learn the skills involved from a lively bunch of people, contact Sharla Aaseng, John Bablitch, or Bryan Kufus.

## Sunday Forum Schedule for February

✳ February 2 – 2020 Budget Presentation.

As our congregation begins another year of ministry, we will review the proposed budget for 2020. Our treasurer, Emma Carpenter, will share how we are doing and where we are headed in the upcoming year. Come, learn, and ask your questions.

✳ February 9 – Origins of Islam.

Where and when did Islam start, and how? Stewart Herman, who taught some of the world religions at Concordia College in Moorhead, will present high-lights from the history of Islam, featuring the life of Muhammad and the amazing expansion of this faith. Where possible, the talk will be illustrated with pictures he has taken from his travels in the Middle East.

### Families Moving Forward

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD will be at Hope beginning Sunday evening February 16, 2020 through Sunday morning February 23, 2020. There are lots of opportunities to prepare for our guests and welcome them. These include set up and tear down of the rooms that will be their homes for the week, shopping for lunches and breakfast items, preparing and serving the evening meal, hosting children's evening activities, and over-night hosting. How can you help with this important mission? Sign up at the Welcome Center. Peace!  
—Gretchen Peik

✳ February 16 – Faith Sexism and Justice, Part 1.

The new ELCA social statement *Faith, Sexism and Justice* was approved last summer at the Church-wide Assembly, at which Nick Tangen was a Voting Member. He will share his thoughts on this important document of the ELCA and how it might connect with the youth and young adults in the church today. This is a first of two conversations regarding this social statement.

✳ February 23 – Faith, Sexism and Justice Part 2.

Sexism continues in our world and church today, after 100 years of women's suffrage, by taking new forms. Prof. Mary Lowe will return to Hope to lead a conversation drawing from the recent ELCA Social Statement, *Faith, Sexism and Justice*. She is Associate Professor of Religion at Augsburg University and was on the committee that drafted this document.

✳ March 1 – Ecosong.

Tim Gustafson and U of M colleagues Mark Pedelty and Bob Poch will offer a multimedia presentation about their Ecosong project, a series of community partnerships aimed at environmental stewardship via songwriting, science, and award-winning videos.

*Note:* Sunday Forum programs begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. (and conclude at 10:20). All are welcome. Bring your coffee cup and come. The Forum planning committee is eager to receive suggestions for program themes and possible presenters.

### *The Visitor*

*The Visitor* is published monthly by University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Avenue. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-1437. Articles for *The Visitor* may be submitted via e-mail or directly to the church office. They must be signed. Electronic submissions in either Microsoft Word or plain text format are preferred. Articles may be edited for length. Contributors are responsible for clearly identifying any material that is from published sources and for obtaining appropriate permission(s) to republish. Send submissions and correspondence to [visitor@ulch.org](mailto:visitor@ulch.org). Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of every month, for the following month's issue. Copies of the current issue of *The Visitor*, as well as back issues, are at [www.ulch.org/VisitorArchive.asp](http://www.ulch.org/VisitorArchive.asp) or by contacting the church office.

## Life Events at Hope

We're a community called to hold one another in prayer in every season—in our deepest need and grief, and in our experiences of new life.

We need your help to know for what we can pray. Please alert a pastor or contact the church office.

Here are a few of the life events affecting our community. We include in prayer...



✦ Welcoming children and baptism—We pray for those in our congregation who are awaiting children and holding hope in joyful and painful times.

✦ Marriages—We pray for all those preparing for marriage, and for all relationships of commitment.

✦ Deaths—We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, especially Nancy Swanson and family at the death of Bob, husband and father; Ruth Hedman and her family at the death of her mother Joyce; Jo Schroeder and her family at the death of her brother John; Ken and Elaine Sarkela at the death of Ken's brother Jim.

✦ Significant Illness—Those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, hospice, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles, including Esther Shivers, Steve Schreuder, Leroy Halvorsen, Edward Nyhus, Peter Ostroushko, Janet Carpenter, Hannah Kiresuk, and Chuck Lewis.

✦ Separation, Divorce, Retirement, Graduations, Moves, and New Beginnings—God is with us through it all.

## Centering Prayer

Fridays at 1 p.m.

Silence is an underappreciated element of healthy human living. Each Friday at 1:00 p.m. we hold space for Centering Prayer; a silent method of meditation focused on releasing out attachment to our thoughts and resting in God. Join us for this time of holy rest!

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## Financial Administrator and Church Administrator

Currently University Lutheran Church of Hope has two position openings: a 16-hour a week Financial Administrator and a 30-hour a week Church Administrator. See the ULCH website ([www.ulch.org](http://www.ulch.org)) for these position descriptions and share them with those who may be interested. We are accepting resumés and cover letters now through February 10. These can be sent to [employment601@ulch.org](mailto:employment601@ulch.org). Talk with Becky Halvorson or Pastor Jen if you have questions. Gayle Bidne will conclude her position in April or May.

## Youth Lock-In

There is a youth lock-in on Friday, Feb. 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Games, art, a time for prayer or Bible study, community building, and movies.

Join us! We're hosting this lock-in jointly with First Congregational UCC, and friends are welcome to attend. It is for young people 5th grade and up. A permission slip is available. Let Pastor Jen ([jenn@ulch.org](mailto:jenn@ulch.org)) know if you'll be attending.

## EcoFaith Network Power-up:

Determining our Collective Path Forward

Saturday, February 8 ❖ 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

1701 West Shakopee Road, Bloomington

Join the EcoFaith Network for this first-time event that invites members of congregations across the Minneapolis Area Synod to engage in conversation around creation care, identify common environmental issues to galvanize around, and move forward with collective, concrete action. Featured speaker: Ruth Ivory Moore, the ELCA's director of environment and corporate social responsibility. You are invited to attend.

## Farmers Market

In 2020, the Neighborhood & Campus team will be in search of new partnerships and sponsorships for the Dinky-town Farmers Market, to ensure that this important community resource can continue. This may be a transition year for the Market, as we seek new opportunities.

This means that we may not have capacity to host it in the same ways as in the previous two years. Keep an eye on the announcements for additional information as it emerges.

Thank you for your support, both financial and communal, for this successful and engaging experiment. We hope that together we will continue to find innovative ways to connect with our neighbors and address the most immediate needs in Dinkytown.

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## Sanctuary & Immigration

University Lutheran Church of Hope's Sanctuary and Immigration Team had a productive meeting in January, laying out some next steps for our work together for a just immigration system in Minnesota and the US. There are incredible opportunities to get involved at the congregational, synodical, and legislative levels, so please consider joining us in this important work.

At the State level the best thing we can do is participate fully in our district caucuses and to carry our vision for immigrant justice, including driver's licenses for all and an immigrant bill of rights, to Senate District (SD) Conventions and beyond. We will be organizing SD caucus groups from ULCH to go as a team to caucuses on Feb 25.

Contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)

## Riverside Innovation Hub

In January, University Lutheran Church of Hope's Riverside Innovation Hub team participated in the event Discover Dinkytown: Winter Wander, holding space for a "Listening Post," gathering stories and information from our neighbors about the issues important to them. In February we will continue to prepare for additional listening events and community engagement opportunities. If you are someone who loves to hear other people's stories, or if you are passionate about any of the issues impacting our neighborhood (food insecurity, affordable housing, safety, etc.), please consider joining the Riverside Innovation Hub team and help us to think big about building "porous walls" in Dinkytown.

Contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)

## Children's Ministry at University Lutheran Church of Hope

In February the children at University Lutheran Church of Hope will explore the story of Moses and the Burning Bush, reflecting especially on Moses' belief that he was not the right person for the job God was calling him to do.

- ✓ February 2 Story Day: PreK-4th Grade meet in Room 108 for First 15. 5th & 6th-Graders meet in Room 101 for Bible Study
- ✓ February 9 Music Day: All grades PreK-6th Grade meet in the Sanctuary to explore our story through music and singing.
- ✓ February 16 Art Day: PreK-4th Grade meets in Room 103 for a time of exploring story

through art and creativity. Grades 5 & 6 meet in Room 101.

- ✓ February 23 Community Day: All Grades, parents, grandparents, guardians, and friends are invited to join us for breakfast and community building in the Lounge. We'll have some creative activities for the group to explore the story together.

The Children's Ministry Team (CMT) meets on February 19 at 6 p.m. The Team will also gather for a CMT Retreat on February 29. Contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org).

## Worship Notes and Night Songs 2020

**Join us on Thursday evening, February 13th at 7:00pm for the return of Night Songs!** This special program bridges music, poetry, and cosmic imagery in a 60-minute experience that is beautiful and transporting. Musical selections will include anthems from Hope Choir, anthems from a combined choir of guests and friends from the neighborhood, instrumental and piano music, music from a string quartet of University students, and songs sung by University a cappella group VocalU. James Flaten will transform our sanctuary into a wondrous viewing chamber for the night sky projected into the rafters. A mammoth screen installed especially for this event guides the audience through images of space in tandem with the music and poetry. This year's Night Songs program focuses thematically around climate justice and the role that we as individuals play in the grand scheme of the cosmos. The event is free and open to all. Pew seating is available, or guests are invited to bring pillows and blankets to lay on the floor in the front of the sanctuary to take in the program that way. A freewill offering collection will benefit Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light (MNIPL), a campaign to mobilize a religious response to climate change. Don't miss this special event, and invite many friends to join you! You'll have lots to talk about afterward.

On February 5th, we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer. This service is part of a wide network of communities praying this special liturgy on the same day. This event is called **Holden Evening Prayer Around the World**. The service is at 7pm in the Chapel.

**Drop-In Choir returns in 2020 on February 23.** This opportunity is for anyone who likes to sing. Gather with us at 9:30am in the chapel for rehearsal of an easily learned anthem for the 10:30 service. Drop-In Choir doesn't participate in the processional or wear robes - we just gather to sing for the offering and then disperse. Any and all are welcome.

Please note that we will be launching **a new schedule on Ministry Scheduler Pro this month**. The current schedule runs through the last Sunday of the month. The new schedule will carry us from March through May. Take this opportunity to update your preferences and availability on your profile if you are a worship volunteer. You will also be prompted via email. If you would like to be signed up as a new volunteer for any worship role, please contact me (zachb@ulch.org)!

And finally, the season of **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 26th of this month**. Our worship pattern intensifies during this season of reflection and prayer. On Ash Wednesday, we worship at Noon and 7pm. Each Wednesday thereafter until Holy Week, we continue the pattern of Noon and 7pm worship, with a simple soup lunch offered after the noon service. Holy Week is the first full week of April, and Easter Sunday is on April 12 this year. I hope you can join us for these extra opportunities to gather and worship the One at our center.

*-Minister of Worship and Music Zach Busch  
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*Bring the sky beneath your feet  
and listen to celestial music everywhere.*



Go to current calendar  
using this link

<http://www.ulch.org/calendar>

## Community Photo Directory

The new community picture directory is in the works and many dozen individuals and families have had their pictures taken already. Wonderful! Remember, we're creating this directory in-house, so we're not using a professional company. The response has been great and the picture-taking with one of our members, Kristin Tangen, is quick, easy, painless, and, yes, fun. If you haven't signed up for a time to get your photo taken, do it now! Here are the basics—

- Kristin has arranged for photo opportunities on Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons, and Monday evenings through the end of February.
- The Goat Room (next to the Library) is our photo studio.
- Sign up online here ([www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4faaa629a7ff2-ulch](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4faaa629a7ff2-ulch)) or on the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center, so we know on which date to expect you. Sundays are our most popular days, so the other sessions happen only if someone has signed up and requested pictures.
- When you come for pictures, you'll be asked to confirm the information we have so that our records are up-to-date.
- This is a community directory, not simply a membership directory, so encourage all those who are connected to Hope to get their photo included.
- Feel free to bring pets, your beloveds, your talents.
- We'll make sure that our home-bound members and others who have trouble getting out are included. If you are concerned about this, talk with Pastor Barbara, Pastor Jen, or call the church office.
- Submitted photos can be used in some cases.
- This isn't *Lifetouch*, and there won't be a "sell" inviting you to buy a package of photos.
- If you'd like the picture of you/your family, you can request the jpeg of your photo, and then this can be used to order your own prints from Target, etc. We realize some will want to get a picture and may need some help. We can offer some direction or someone to help.
- We'll also include some pages with pictures of groups and activities. Watch for more information about including these active shots or groups.
- We anticipate the directory's completion by spring, or May.
- Can you help? We could use volunteers to work a shift or more at the photo sessions, take photos of homebound members and others, or offer technical support. (sign up here [www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4faaa629a7ff2-ulch1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4faaa629a7ff2-ulch1)).
- There will be no cost to receive a community picture directory and we seek to produce enough directories to share them with new members in the years to come.



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## Lenten Bible Study

“The Passions of Christ” are the focus of the Lenten series of studies. Rev. John Setterlund will lead a discussion of the Passion accounts in the four Gospels, on the Sundays in Lent, beginning March 1st, at 11:45 in the Library.



Long-time member, Leona Reyelts (r) and her granddaughter Erianna Reyelts. Erinna performed Scottish dances at a luncheon for the Hope Diamonds on January 15.

## More Good Books for 2020 to Enjoy with the Hope Book Club

On Sunday, Feb. 9, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Note the time change), the Hope Book Club will meet at book club member Holly's house, 890 19<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Minneapolis, 55414, and discuss: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. "A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time." ([www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)). "A story about the Equal Justice Initiative, the people we represent, and the importance of confronting injustice. *Just Mercy* is a bestselling book by Bryan Stevenson that has been adapted into a feature film." (<https://justmercy.eji.org>)

March. 8: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens: "In a good book the best is between the lines." (Swedish Proverb) Contact Sonja Peterson with book suggestions or questions at 612-242-8711 or [speterson@dunnwald.com](mailto:speterson@dunnwald.com)

## Summer Camping and Paddling Details

Our outdoor recreation ministry is already looking ahead to camping and paddling this summer. Here are the exciting details—

- It will be on the nights of June 18 and 19 (overnight Thursday and/or Friday).
- At William O'Brien State Park we've reserved a group campsite for up to 35 people. This park is less than an hour from the metro area.
- Come one or both nights. Camping fee is paid by University Lutheran Church of Hope.
- The camp is on the banks of the St. Croix River.
- The plan is for two paddling events—one is a standard 2-3-hour trip from Osceola to William O'Brien Park on Saturday morning. This is new scenery but the same easy degree of difficulty as in the past. Boats are available for rental.
- There will be an additional longer trip for those interested in arriving Thursday night or Friday morning. It will either start or end at the Park. An exciting option, which is new this year.
- For anyone interested, there are also great hiking and biking options in this park and vicinity.
- Informal campsite meals served at Thursday supper through Saturday breakfast.
- Group restaurant meal on Saturday afternoon in Marine on St. Croix.

If you're interested and have more questions, talk to or message Bryan Kufus or Alden Tetlie.



William O'Brien State Park

## Summer Is Coming! Day Camp Dates.

Families, mark your calendars for our shared summer Day Camp—June 15-19. We team up with more than a dozen other Minneapolis congregations. It will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More details and registration to come. Please talk with Pastor Jen if you'd like your child to participate.

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