

Complex world. Thoughtful church.



Clockwise from top left: Enjoying Easter Breakfast; good friends Donna and Ruth on Easter morning; Rick Chapman at Easter Vigil; Friendly Visitor Easter Flowers for the French family; a confirmation student (and big sister) preparing to run some of the “little kid” nursery toys through the big dishwasher for a thorough cleaning (thanks!); two of our Fellowship Meal chefs (Dan and Wayne) enjoying the fellowship; Pastor Emily Brown (former ULCH intern) presiding at Holy Communion during her ordination service; thanks, Craig Nelson and team, for cleaning up a “flood” during a rainy spell in April; CJ and Sandy Robinson, with Judy Ranheim after a recent Fellowship Meal; a stunning quilt made with love and prayers for Zoe; and (center) Jim and Granger send their greetings.

A Donation Update ... In the Middle of it All

When our congregation received a generous donation of \$416,000 nearly two years ago, who would have known the journey on which we would embark? Yes, the donation in itself is a gift, but the process of discernment—listening, praying, dreaming, exploring, planning—it turns out this is as much a gift as the donation. Today, in the middle of this journey, I offer this update. Some are deep in the exploration, others might be wondering when we'll ever “get there.” Here's the scoop from the middle of it all.

First, looking back: Early on, a discernment team helped us think about “how” we'd make this decision (and, really, it's decisions, plural, for it's a bunch of decisions, not just one). How would many voices be heard? Then a donation team invited your input... and, boy, did we receive it! Thank you. In a variety of venues, the team gathered and then began to organize 70-some pages of ideas and proposals (we call this the “raw data,” let me know if you'd like to take a read). Late this fall (2023) during a retreat, the Vision and Governance Board (VGB) looked more closely at the input. We found that the input and our sense of direction led to an initial sharing of \$42,000 with our partners in Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities (to seed their brand new endowment) and then four areas for exploration.

In the middle. Over the winter four exploration teams have taken big next steps: consulting, researching, going on field trips, asking more questions, getting bids, engaging with the Vision and Governance Board. These four teams are nearing the end of the exploration stage. On May 19, the teams will come together to share with one another their ideas, for it is clear that the exploration is best done in collaboration, not in silos, not in competition. By around June 1, we ask that the teams make specific requests for funding and move into an implementation phase, at least with some of the projects.

Below are ideas that are in the mix, but, as I've said, we're in “the middle,” so more prioritizing is yet to come with the guidance of VGB. You'll notice that some intentional synergy is emerging between the groups below.

<p>Hospitality Spaces. This group is focusing on updates to the lounge, kitchenette (potentially borrowing a few key feet from the library), another restroom, and the hallway near the lounge. These spaces are envisioned for the congregation, students, other neighbors, and outside groups, including incorporating some of the wellness team's ideas, so security doors are being explored to control building access. Contacts: Sheila Hougen, Deb Bordsen, Pastor Jen</p>	<p>Wellness. This team's working vision is: “a sober space where people who live, work, and worship in our neighborhood can experience community, safety, healing, and support for their whole wellbeing.” The current step is exploring the possibility of a pilot year of events inspired by the Themed Programming model as a way to build relationships with potential partners in the wider community. These could include meditation workshops, yoga, communal music, space for students, mental health support. Contacts: Ann Agrimson, Pastor Maria</p>	<p>Themed Programming. This team has created a structure for engaging a yearly theme (such as hospitality, wellness, justice) with dialogues, music, art, projects, things the congregation is already doing and potentially new opportunities. This team's vision includes part time staff to promote and coordinate events. The exploration phase has provided a structure that can be implemented by various Hope ministries. Contacts: Paige Whitney</p>	<p>Interior/Exterior/Infrastructure. This group has been exploring a variety of building and grounds related projects including sound in the sanctuary, the gardens and yard, an outdoor sign (for better communication), cleaning the building exterior, painting the sanctuary interior. Some of these projects will be possible, and others may need to be reconsidered or funded alternatively in the future. Contacts: James Flaten, John Pignatello</p>
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Through all of this, we're asking each of the groups to consider how Hope's ministry will be enhanced, improved or changed by this proposal, and also who will benefit (the congregation, the neighborhood, students, etc.). These kinds of questions will inform our decision making, for we won't be able to do everything.

What's next? This month will be key as the projects take shape and the Board hones our direction. We're on the cusp! It's a holy experiment to take the next steps and to try something, and that feels like precisely where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Looking back, many of these ideas aren't entirely new, they've been talked about over the years, they represent a commitment to porous walls and to being with our neighbors. And now, with this bold gift and a lot of care and energy, we can witness them coming to fruition. That's exciting!

What can you do? Pray for the process. If these potential projects intrigue you, talk with Congregational President Linda Herman, with the contacts above, or with me. Thanks for your support. God bless the “middle of it all!”

Pastor Jen Nagel, Lead Pastor

Worship and Music

The choir season is underway! Join us for rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We sing a wide variety of music from around the world and across the centuries, and rehearse in a way that allows everyone to feel comfortable and ready to sing on choir Sundays. Come as you are! Can't come every week? No problem, come rehearse with us when you can! Bring a friend! Our last choir Sunday for the program year is the Day of Pentecost, May 19.

Sing with the Choir Spring Dates: Sing with the choir Sundays have returned this spring, giving anyone who can't make a weekly evening commitment a chance to swing by for a Sunday morning choir rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. and learn something straight-forward for the service. The date in May is: May 12.

Music Series Concert - 10th Wave Chamber Collective, May 3, 7 p.m.: Join us as the 10th Wave Chamber Music Collective returns to University Lutheran Church of Hope, this time featuring a program of Korean/Western crossover music, using a combination of Western and Korean instruments, featuring vocal and instrumental music by Soomin Kim, Nicky Sohn, and more! Visit 10thwave.org for more details.

Summer Worship Time Change: We will begin worshipping at 10 a.m. on May 26th, and continue this time through the summer.

Outdoor worship setup volunteers needed: We are hoping to have outdoor worship approximately once a month this summer, but to do this we really need more volunteers to help us setup beforehand. Please email Robert Ragoonanan if you're available to help out. Our volunteer list for this task is very small and we could use more people to share the load.

Soloists and ensembles for worship are welcome! If you play an instrument or sing and would like to offer a piece of music in worship, please let me know! Our congregation has many musicians of all ages, and all are welcome to share their gifts. All are welcome, anytime.

Robert S. Ragoonanan, Minister of Worship and Music



Fellowship Meal on May 5

Join us for a fellowship meal on Sunday, May 5 following worship. This is our opportunity to gather as a community to nourish one another in body and spirit. Grad and undergrad students are our guests. Help with set up and clean-up is always needed and welcome. Talk with Becky Halvorson if you can help.

Synod Assembly May 2-4

The Minneapolis Area Synod will gather Thursday May 2 in the evening, Friday May 3 all day, and Saturday May 4 in the morning at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey. The theme is *Glad and Generous Hearts*. Dr. Michael Chan and Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad are the Bible Study leaders. As you've heard, this synod assembly includes the election of a new synod bishop.

Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be retiring at the end of July after 12 years (2 terms) of service. The Voting Members attending the assembly from Hope are Mary Perez, Karen Jorstad, Linda Herman, Diane Greve (attending as a retired clergy), and Pastor Jen and Pastor Maria. Please include these voting members and the whole synod in your prayers.

Hope Diamonds

Our most senior members will gather for a soup lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, May 15th from 12:30-2 p.m. All are welcome! We'd love to see you!

A Concert Outing with the Hope Diamonds

The Hope Diamonds would like to invite you to join them in attending the Singers in Accord concert *From Darkness to Light, Navigating the Storm of Life* on Sunday May 5, at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, MN at 4:00 p.m. The Cantanti Youth Choir, an exceptional high school choir, will be joining Singers in Accord under the direction of Philip Brown. The choirs will be singing a “tapestry of melodies that reflect the human experience and beauty of unity, through sharing our vulnerabilities.” The concert program will include works from gifted composers Elaine Hagenberg, and Aron Accurso. The music will beautifully lift your spirits.

We would meet in the church parking lot at 3:20 p.m. to carpool. The Tickets secured ahead of time are \$20.00 for seniors. Students are free. Tickets at the door are \$25.00. Concert length is approximately one hour.

There is a sign-up sheet and cards describing the concert at the Welcome Center.

You can either pay online at www.singersinaccord.org, or through me, Rosalie Eldevik Raldevik@gmail.com

Children’s Ministry

We are nearing the end of the program year (May 19th) and will move into our summer schedule by the end of the month. But don’t become strangers! There are some wonderful opportunities for Children to engage in camp and faith formation over the summer - we hope to see you there and around church over these summer months.

Sunday School - We continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in room 103. We will spend most of the month preparing our skit for worship on May 19th!

Families with Young Children - Families with children 5 and under, or not yet in Kindergarten, are welcome to play in the nursery before worship. This is a good time to get to know other parents with young children, build community, and encourage your children to build relationships, too. Though a parent at times may read a story for the children, this can just be a casual space for play and relationship building.

Family Social Time - Join other families with children of all ages for a low-key Taco Night in the courtyard at church on Saturday, June 1st at 4:30 p.m. Our hope is to start and end early enough for our littlest friend’s bedtimes. The Children’s Ministry team will provide all the taco fixings (shells, beans, meat, rice, cheese, lettuce, salsa) and all are welcome to bring something additional to share, if you can. If not, just show up and enjoy some food and good company. Contact Pr. Maria (mariaa@ulch.org) with questions or let us know you’re planning to come!



Wild Church Gathering

Our congregation will be experimenting once again with a Wild Church gathering on Saturday, May 18th, 3:30-5 p.m. Location: TBD. People of all ages are welcome. We will gather around story, song, and the practice of connecting with our kin in the natural world - the plants, critters, stones, and water. Come with an open heart and an open mind, ready to be moved. Contact Pr. Maria (mariaa@ulch.org) or check out the Facebook Event for more information.

Hope Birthdays

Let’s celebrate! The birthday list below is of Hope’s members who are 80 years and older, in addition to some who may be homebound, living in assisted living or a care center. Their contact information is in the ULCH directory. A phone call, card, or note from folks in our community is always appreciated!

May Birthdays

May 7th – Ruth Fingerson
May 23rd – Esther Dant
May 26th – Ana Moreno

June Birthdays

June 7th – Jeanne Berkeland
June 12th – Vadim Hillebrand
June 15th – Mary Sorensen
June 18th – Lyle Lutz
June 19th – Joan Campbell
June 22nd – Allen Erickson
June 30th – Marge Halvorson

Amnicon Retreat Camping Weekend on August 16-18, 2024

University Lutheran Church of Hope and First Congregational Church UCC are again planning for a weekend at Camp Amnicon. The dates are August 16-18, 2024. Camp Amnicon (<https://amnicon.org/>) is on the south shore of Lake Superior (about 20 minutes outside of Duluth). The Amnicon River also runs through the camp. They have great hiking,



canoes to borrow, and a fabulous beach for hanging out, swimming, and campfires. Meals will be provided by the camp under their outdoor pavilion. The lodging will be a choice between platform tents (permanent tents with beds - you bring your own sleeping bag), bringing your own camping gear and camping there, or renting one of their small cabins (please arrange this directly with Amnicon). Watch for more information, and save the dates!

Graduating This Spring or Summer?

Or did you graduate in recent months and want to celebrate? We look forward to celebrating all graduates. Whether you are completing high school, a certificate program, undergrad studies, or a graduate program, whether you are 18 or 65, let us know your name, what program you are completing, and, if you like, a little about your hopes and plans for what comes next. We'd welcome a picture, too, but are happy to take a quick one at church if that's easier. Parents, we know this gets to be a busy season for grads, feel free to pass the basics to us on their behalf. Please send this information to Pastor Jen at jenn@ulch.org by May 20. A graduate recognition Sunday will be held in June-watch for details.

Gather Young Adult Event on May 19: A Pint Sized Gathering

The May Gather event is on Sunday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at Broken Clock Brewing in NE Minneapolis. We will gather around a table for a night of asking questions, engaging in conversations, and connecting in community. We will be hanging at a table starting at 6:30 p.m., so feel free to come a little earlier!

Gather is a ministry for young adults in the Twin Cities; a place for those who are hungry for community and connection with other young adults in the metro area, setting the table for connection and rest through worship, meals, and monthly events. A place for you to deepen in faith as you discover your identity, uncover your vocation and develop as leaders who do justice in the world. Gather is LGBTQI+ affirming and eagerly invites siblings of any sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression into full leadership and participation. Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more information @gatherwincities.



May Sunday Forums

Forums take place in Heritage Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:20. They can also usually be viewed live on Zoom. Look for the link in the Sunday morning e-mail. You can also catch up on missed opportunities via the links in the Thursday Epistle. Please join us for a time of learning and growing together!

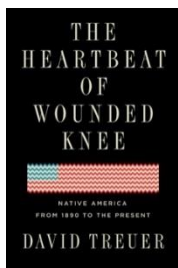
May 5: No forum this week, due to the fellowship meal after our worship service.

May 12: Racial Justice: A book discussion on *Solito: A Memoir*, by Javier Zamora.

May 19: Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly: Come hear a first-hand report from ULCH's delegates to the Minneapolis Area synod assembly, taking place on May 2 to 4. This year will be especially interesting with the election of a new bishop for our synod

This is the end of Sunday Forums for this program year. Thanks to all who planned, led, or participated! The committee is always looking for ideas that would be of interest to our congregation. We strive to offer a variety of topics from the following: theological issues, biblical studies, social justice, community concerns, care and nurture of one another, congregational ministries, and the arts. If you have suggestions, please contact Alden Tetlie: (651-402-2344) or alden.tetlie@gmail.com to pass them along.

HOPE BOOK CLUB



Sunday, May 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m., ULCH Adult Forum and May 12th, 7 p.m. via Zoom
Solito: A Memoir, by Javier Zamora

June 9: *Heartbeat of Wounded Knee*, by David Treuer.

“Heartbeat Of Wounded Knee' Demystifies The Modern Native Experience” - (NPR)

Please contact Sonja Peterson at speterson@dunwald.com or 612-242-8711 with book suggestions or for a link to the meeting.

The ULCH Racial Justice Team, Immigration & Sanctuary Team and Book Club Present

2024 ULCH Congregational Book Read: *Solito: A Memoir*, by Javier Zamora, Sunday, May 12^h, at 9:30 a.m. During the Adult Forum at ULCH.

“Trip. My parents started using that word about a year ago- ‘one day, you’ll take a trip to be with us. Like an adventure.”

Javier Zamora tells the inspiring story of his migration from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine in this “gripping memoir” (NPR) of bravery, hope, and finding family.

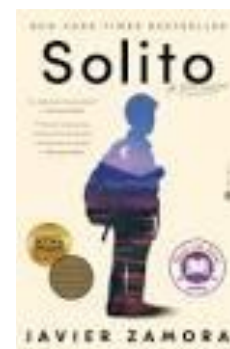
“Javier Zamora was born in El Salvador in 1990. His father fled the country when he was one, and his mother when he was about to turn five. Both parents' migrations were caused by the U.S.-funded Salvadoran Civil War. When he was nine Javier migrated through Guatemala, Mexico, and the Sonoran Desert” to connect with his parents in the U.S. www.goodread.com

The Hennepin County Library and Star Tribune used this book in 2023 “as a catalyst for conversation as we attempt to better understand past and current injustices – including systemic racism, other forms of discrimination, and bias that affects marginalized communities.”

The ULCH Racial Justice Team, Immigration and Sanctuary Team, and Book Club will host a Congregational Book Read discussion of *Solito: A Memoir*, by Javier Zamora during the Adult Forum on May 12th.

The book can be checked out at a Hennepin or Ramsey County Library. We also have some copies available at church.

Discussions, including with the author, are available online: [Replay the conversation with Myron Medcalf and Susana De León](#), [Fernanda Acosta and Teresa Ortiz](#). [Replay the conversation with Myron Medcalf and Javier Zamora](#).



Paddling and Camping

Our outdoor recreation ministry is looking forward to camping and paddling June 13-15. Come for a few hours or the entire three days. We have secured two group campsites at a great location. This annual trip has been a popular tradition at Hope. Here are the exciting details:

- It's at Interstate State park in Taylors Falls, MN. We've reserved two group campsites for up to 35 people on each. This park is less than an hour from the metro area.
- It will be on the nights of June 13 and 14...come one or both nights. Camping fee is paid for

by ULCH. Contact Bryan or Alden to reserve a spot. The campsite is on the banks of the St. Croix River

- The plan is for two paddling events ... a longer trip for those arriving Thursday or early Friday. It's from Osceola to Wm O'Brien on Friday morning (lasting about 4 hours). That start time will be determined once we know who is coming. Boats are available for rental. Instructions for renting boats are below.
- We also will offer the usual easy trip (about 2 hours) for those interested in arriving Friday night or early Saturday morning. It will start Saturday morning at 9:00 at Interstate Park and end at the Osceola bridge.
- For anyone interested there's great hiking and biking options in this park and vicinity.
- RV camping is also an option. Those interested in RV sites may call the MN DNR camping reservation line or go online for site options.
- There will be informal campsite meals. They will be Thursday supper through Saturday breakfast.
- Group restaurant meal or picnic at the park Saturday afternoon at about 1:00. Details on this to be determined.
- For Boat rental contact Taylor's Falls Canoe and Kayak Rental <https://www.taylorsfallscanoe.com/>

If you're interested and have more questions talk to or message Bryan Kufus at 612-685-0402 or Alden Tetlie at 651-402-2344. [Click here](#) for the recreation and retreats web page.

Baking Hope's New Vision & Mission

The wood-fired oven ministry team is fired up about our new name, and newly-crafted vision and mission statements! In the six years since the oven was built, we established a wood-fired ministry of baking bread, training volunteers and sharing the artisan loaves with a healthy dose of fun and community- building thoroughly sprinkled and mixed throughout. As a result, our enthusiastic crew of volunteers was driven to put these activities into a vision and mission of ministry. Led by Lisa Morse and Pastor Maria, our "Bread Board" spent a day in January talking through our purpose, ideals, dreams, and goals. Our passionate group recently finalized the ministry's vision and mission statements. Our vision serves as a broadly defined aspiration, while our mission provides an operational framework for purposeful decision-making:

Vision - A connected community, nourished in mind, body and spirit.

Mission - Baking Hope: We transform grain, water, yeast, and each other through craft, fire, and fun using a wood-fired oven in a spirit of generosity.

Upcoming Events:

June 23rd: Congregational Pizza Bake

September 15th: Congregational Pizza Bake

October 5th & 6th: Bread Bake

We welcome anyone who'd like to join in the fun to our next event on May 19th, when we switch over from bread to pizza bakes! We'll be par-baking pizza crusts on May 14 & 16th at 8:00 a.m. Pizzas will be topped and baked on May 19th. We welcome you to join in on any or all three events. These pizzas will be served to the congregation after church on the last day of Sunday School, May 19th. At this first bake, we'll be trying a new pizza crust recipe and using our newly refurbished dough press for the first time! Thank you, Trust Board, for making this purchase possible!

Interested in volunteering for an upcoming bread or pizza bake? Contact Bryan Kufus (bkufus462@icloud.com) or Rebecca Tetlie (rebecca.tetlie@gmail.com)

Treasurer's Report

March 2024 and Year-to-date Income and Expense

	March Actual	March Budget	March Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	45,453.25	42,434.00	3,019.25	149,928.65	125,384.00	24,544.65
Rental Income	11,161.50	10,835.50	326.00	45,254.96	32,656.50	12,598.46
Interest	1,413.44	1,415.00	(1.56)	3,305.06	4,245.00	(939.94)
Total Income	58,028.19	54,684.50	3,343.69	198,488.67	162,285.50	36,203.17
Salary & Benefits	34,980.15	34,837.00	143.15	119,358.96	118,446.00	912.96
Total Expenses	58,949.69	58,751.50	198.19	196,042.71	190,324.50	5,718.21
Net Oper Income	(921.50)	(4,067.00)	3,145.50	2,445.96	(28,039.00)	30,484.96

As mentioned in past Visitor reports, a donation that had been expected in 2023 was received in 2024 thus our General Giving is better than budget. Because of continuing construction around Dinkytown and PEASE, our Rental Income is out pacing the budget.

Operations had some repairs to the boiler and carpet tiles replaced for a total of \$6.2K. These expenses were able to be absorbed because of a warmer winter and thus lower heating bills. We spent \$4K less in heating costs than budgeted for Q1 2024. Worship Ministries was over budget in Q1 2024 by \$3.3K. Piano and organ maintenance was over budget by \$1.5K.

Our Building Fund has a value as of 3.31.2024 of \$217K. Our new front doors will be installed soon. The bill for these doors will be paid from this fund. This fund is also used to help pay our mortgage. Each month \$6.9K is transferred to our general fund to help pay for the mortgage.

ULCH's financial position continues to be strong. Thank you for your continued support .

If you have any questions please reach out.

Ruth Hedman, Treasurer

Life Events

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. Here are a few of the life events affecting our community. We need your help to know for what we can pray. Please alert a pastor or contact the church office. We include in prayer...

Welcoming children and Baptisms—We pray for all who await and welcome children through joyful and challenging times.

Marriages—We pray for all those preparing for marriage, and for all relationships of commitment, including Sonya Flaten and Kaleb Schwinefus who were married on April 21, 2024.

Deaths—We pray for God's strong embrace for all who grieve deaths and losses, those that are recent and those that were many years ago and whose memories fill us, including Kathy Carpenter, Emma, and Anna, and the whole Carpenter family as they grieve the death of mom and grandmother Janet (a memorial service will be held in New York this summer); Garvin Davenport and family at the death of Garvin's wife and long-time Hope member Bernice (Bernice died in March and a Memorial Service was held in April); and the family of long-time Hope member Anita Smith (Anita died in March and a Memorial Service was held in late April).

Significant Illness—We pray for those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, hospice, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles, including Zoe Odenbach, Marge Perko (in hospice care), Patrick Colombe, Tom Magnon, Miriam Hougen, and Chuck Lewis. We also pray for caregivers.

Separation, divorce, retirement, moves, graduations, new beginnings, and the civil rights movements of this time.

President's Report

We Show Up, *for* Each Other and *with* Our Neighbors

During Lent and Eastertide, our profoundly meaningful worship services were led by our creative and inspiring pastors, Jen, and Maria, and all the faithful others, who **Show Up** - musicians, greeters and ushers, acolytes, lectors, and those who pray, storytellers, those who set the table for communion and serve it, and the technicians who facilitate bringing worship services to those who cannot be present. I am grateful.

"The transformative nature of **Showing Up**," is the theme of Rabbi Sharon Brous' *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and the World*. As I read it, in my mind's eye I saw you – the people of Hope – living into the Amen Effect, which Rabbi Brous calls "the sacred mandate." "We celebrate and dance together, we mourn and weep together, because **showing up** – for the grief and the celebration – is a holy practice."

And the people of Hope do **show up** in countless ways, providing hospitality by contributing to a potluck, preparing a fellowship meal, baking bread with donations going to charity, making a Meal Train dinner for friends, serving receptions following memorial services, or volunteering with Every Meal to pack bags for children in need. Friendly Visitors strengthen the ties that bind, so that members know that they are not alone or forgotten. Dignity Backpacks are filled for our immigrant neighbors who are deported, too often with only the clothes they are wearing, and Hope members extend a hand of friendship to those who are detained. And there is much more, as the people of Hope live into Paul's teaching to the congregation in Corinth, "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16: 13-14).

Donation Discernment Exploration Groups dreaming about expanding access to meeting spaces in our building, making hospitality spaces more functional and aesthetically welcoming, and promoting the broadest vision of wellness (see the ELCA Wholeness Wheel: [WW Competencies.pdf \(elca.org\)](http://www.elca.org)) for our members and neighbors, will expand our capacity to **show up** to address the scourge of loneliness. As our friend, Nick Tangen, posted in "Facing an Epidemic of Loneliness in the Neighborhood" May 8, 2023, "Once we acknowledge that community well-being emerges from the depth of our relationships, we as the church can go out into the community armed with the practices like table fellowship, deep listening and discernment, intercessory prayer, and mutual hospitality."

Lutheran Campus Ministry, our partners in ministry with University of Minnesota students, hosts the Be Fed program, whose mission is to provide "a place for hungry bodies and spirits." Each week they serve soup and bagels to 50-75 students, one of whom said, "College is an emotionally and physically exhausting experience at times. Coming to Be Fed makes me feel cared for." (Lutheran Campus Ministry newsletter, spring, 2023). On Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday, we heard student preacher, Shelby Erickson, declare in her sermon, "Blessed Are the Doubters: Finding Faith in Questioning," that her experience with LCM has been life-giving. The Wellness Exploration Group envisions the development of "a sober space where people who live, work, and worship in our neighborhood can experience community, safety, healing, and support for their whole well-being." (ULCH Wellness Center Proposal) This isn't *just* about money, and this isn't *just* about the building. This is about Hope **showing up for ministry**.

Linda Herman, Congregational President

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Flower Project or distributed flowers on Easter Sunday. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, because of people like you, we are able to also remember the Saints before us and the Saints among us, whose faith keeps God's ministry alive.

The Friendly Visitors

Friendly Visitors Easter Flowers Dedication 2024

Memorial Given By

Muffi and Tim Abrahamson
Ann and John Beane
Jeanne Berkeland
Gayle Bidne and Andrew Birmingham
Esther Dant
Shelly Parry and Paul Demeules

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and Laura Fingerson
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Ann Agrimson and Tim Gustafson
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Linda and Stewart Herman
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Rick and Wendy Jaede
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Grandchildren: Rachel (Jonathan) Mullin,
Matthew (Maggie) Smith, Jason Kubiszewski

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Lynette Lamb and Rob Gerloff
Elizabeth Lincoln and John Lauber
Ann and Wayne Lee
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The Lundquist Family
Carmen Macoskey and family
Kirsten Mebust
Meyer family
Lisa and Merrill Morse
Becky Halvorson and Dan O'Loughlin

In Loving Memory of

Dear family and Bernice Davenport
Our parents, Janet and Harold Bonnell, Marjorie and Don Beane
Husband, Robert Berkeland, and son, Mark Berkeland
Pastor Arvid and Anne Bidne
Ruth Ann Gorsh
Chris and Jack Parry, David and Lorraine Demeules and
Verle Rhoades



Our parents
Our parents
Mike Fingerson

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Grandma, Judy Hawkins
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All who have gone before me who I have loved.

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Thanksgiving for the Zoom and livestream team members
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Save these Summer Dates

- Camping and Paddling the St. Croix River, June 13-15
- Amnicon week for 9-13 year olds, August 5-9.
- Amnicon Retreat for all ages, August 16-18.
- Building the Beloved Community ecumenical day camp, August 19-23, 2024

May Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Newly resurfaced Parking lot area next to the new doors. Facilities volunteers are always behind the scene keeping us in top shape!		1 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 9:30am - 10:30am Bread Leads 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly-evening Office Hours 9am-2pm 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm Men of Hope	3 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly Office Hours 9am-2pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm 10th Wave Setup 7:00pm - 8:30pm 10th Wave Chamber Music Collective Concert	4 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly-morning
5 9:30am - 10:30am Choir rehearsal 9:30am - 10:15am Families with Young Children 9:30am - 10:20am Sunday Forum Heritage Hall/Zoom 9:30am - 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:30am - 12:00pm Fellowship after Worship 11:30am - 1:00pm Fellowship Meal 11:45am - 1:00pm Bible Study 12:00pm - 2:30pm Confirmation Mini Retreat	6 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE support group 6:30pm - 8:30pm Energy Workshop 7:00pm - 8:30pm ACTION Project ULCH Cohort Meeting	7 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 10:00am Baking Hope Team 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. 6:30pm - 7:15pm Personnel Committee 7:15pm - 8:30pm Executive Committee	8 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 6:00pm - 8:00pm Facilities Team 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 10:00am Baking Hope Team 9:30am - 11:30am Dorcas Circle 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:30pm - 8:30pm Children's Ministry Team	10 Office Hours 9am-2pm 7:00pm - 10:00pm Craft Group	11 8:00am - 5:00pm UBC Discernment
12 9:30am - 10:15am Families with Young Children 9:30am - 10:30am Sing with the Choir rehearsal 9:30am - 10:20am Sunday Forum Heritage Hall/Zoom 9:30am - 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:30am - 12:00pm Fellowship after Worship 11:45am - 1:00pm Bible Study 2:00pm - 9:00pm TCB Meeting	13 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 5:30pm - 7:30pm PEASE Community Foundation	14 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 10:00am Baking Hope Team 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog.	15 Office Hours 9-2 The Visitor Articles Due 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 12:30pm - 2:00pm Hope Diamonds 6:00pm - 7:00pm Elena Dant rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 10:00am Baking Hope Team 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm Men of Hope	17 Office Hours 9am-2pm	18 2:00pm - 8:00pm Pizza Bake Prep 3:30pm - 5:00pm Wild Hope Gathering
19 Day of Pentecost-End of the Program Year 9:30am - 10:30am Choir rehearsal 9:30am - 10:15am Families with Young Children 9:30am - 10:20am Sunday Forum Heritage Hall/Zoom 9:30am - 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:30am - 1:00pm Pizza Bake and picnic 11:45am - 1:00pm Bible Study 12:15pm - Donation Exploration Team Gathering 7:00pm - 8:00pm Gather Young Adult Event at Broken Clock Brewing	20 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 7:00pm - 9:00pm ACTION Project 2nd Year Plenary	21 Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - 5:30pm Sanctuary Coalition Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. 5:15pm - 6:15pm Assisting Minister Session 6:30pm - 8:00pm Vision & Governance Board	22 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 7:00pm - 8:00pm Assisting Minister Session	23 Office Hours 9am-2pm 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group	24 Office Hours 9am-2pm	25 10:00am - 12:00pm Oblates group - Chapel and Lounge
26 9:30am - 10:20am Sunday Forum Heritage Hall/Zoom 10:00am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube (NOTE TIME CHANGE) 11:30am - 12:00pm Fellowship after Worship	27 Memorial Day Holiday Church & Office Closed 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm - 8:00pm Bible & Brews (location TBD) 7:00pm - 9:00pm ACTION Project 1st Year Plenary	28 Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. 7:00pm - 8:30pm Racial Justice Team	29 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom	30 Office Hours 9am-2pm 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary and Immigration Team on Zoom	31 Office Hours 9am-2pm 5:00pm - 8:00pm Seminary Fund Dinner	

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