

The Visitor

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Complex world. Thoughtful church.







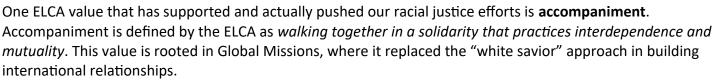


Our beautiful Steinway is back Home! The year long process of rebuilding is complete. A special thank you to Paul Klitzke for his amazing work on this historic piano.

Complex Call Process, Thoughts for the Interim

The The ELCA has been called "the whitest denomination in the United States." This unfortunate description comes from a 2015 Pew Research study available here: https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2015/07/27/the-most-and-least-racially-diverse-u-s-religious-groups/

You'll see the ELCA actually comes in second-to-last in this study of racial diversity– still, not our proudest day, to be sure. We have a lot of hard work to do, Church! Growing more racially and ethnically diverse is a widely-held value of the ELCA and is strongly supported around ULCH. However, this is not easy work. As Bishop Glenn Nycklemoe (SE MN, retired) was often heard to say, "It takes 8 miles to turn the *Queen Mary*."



Generations of missionaries shifted how we think about their work, <u>from</u> a lens of being sent to rescue struggling populations with the gospel and good works <u>to</u> one of being invited into relationships of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment and sustainability.

Growing up, I remember messages about missionaries as people who grew our church by converting far-off communities to Lutheran Christianity. The ELCA and I came of age together, and as we both grew up, I heard very different messages about international missionary work. The ELCA *doesn't* convert or consume communities in other parts of the world; rather, *we walk alongside* each other–recognizing God as already present and active in all parts of the world, and trusting the Spirit to guide how we accompany each other (respect, learn from, receive and share support). When racial diversity is measured, the ELCA doesn't count these partnerships as "members," because we recognize their autonomy. This sets us apart from some other denominations in the U.S. This doesn't excuse us from continuing the hard work of racial justice in the ELCA, but it does deepen our understanding and approach to it.

I share this with you because I think it is a helpful lens for welcoming a new lead pastor. The relationship between rostered leaders and congregations has many layers, and a range of incarnations. Seeing each other as "accompaniers," especially as understood by the ELCA, is a worthy goal. To accompany one another, as pastor and parish, is to walk together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. The ELCA offers these expectations for such relationships¹:

- Mutually: All of us have gifts to support God's mission. There is no mission to, only mission with and among.
- Inclusively: We seek to build relationships across boundaries that exclude and divide.
- Vulnerably: Just as Jesus became vulnerable to us, we open ourselves to others.
- Empowering: We seek to identify and correct imbalances of power, which may mean recognizing and letting go of our own.
- Sustainably: To ensure local ministries last for a long time, we seek to embed mission in ongoing relationships and communities.

What do you think, Thoughtful Church? Does this sound like the way ULCH shows up in this complex world? Looking forward to hearing your reflections,

Pastor Susan

¹ https://www.elca.org/our-work/global-mission

Worship and Music

June 1: Ascension Sunday with music led by the Hope Choir June 8: Pentecost Sunday with music led by the Hope Choir June 15: Outdoor Worship with music led by the ULCHers June 22 and 29 music tbd

Do you sing or play an instrument? Summer is a great time for solo and small ensemble music. If you have something you'd like to play or sing, please reach out!

Courtyard concerts will resume this summer. Stay tuned for dates and details.

In June (appoximately June 15-July 6), we will be learning a few pieces from Jason Lukis' "Seeking Refuge Liturgy." This is something he originally wrote several years ago as an evening liturgy people could sing and pray similar to the way communities sing Holden Evening Prayer or other evening liturgies. He has made adaptations for congregations wanting to learn his music in morning worship. We are hoping to sing the full evening liturgy again sometime later this year as well, so this will be a good reintroduction, as well as a chance to pray in these days for immigrants and refugees through excerpts of this liturgy.

Paul Stever, Minister of Worship and Music

Children's Ministry

Leadership Opportunities

The children's ministry team is looking for volunteers to support the planning and facilitating of the ministry with our youngest members at Hope. This could include being on the Children's Ministry Team, teaching Sunday School, leading a family gathering, or something else! Contact Pastor Maria if you'd be interested or would like to know more.

Summer opportunities

<u>Congregational Camp at Amnicon - August 22-24th</u> - for people of all ages! Further information and registration can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Building Beloved Community Ecumenical Day Camp - June 16-20

We are excited to welcome children between the ages of entering Kindergarten through middle school, and we hope to have a wonderful crew of high school leaders to support the elementary kiddos. Registration link is in the Thursday Epistle or can be found at <u>www.smplsdaycamp.org</u>.

Adult and High School aged volunteers are also KEY to making this a fun week for everyone. Please consider offering some time - or the whole week, if you have it available! - to shepherding the activities and kiddos throughout the week for day camp. A variety of opportunities are available! Let Pastor Maria know if you can volunteer.

Rev. Maria Anderson-Lippert

Celebrating our Graduates!

We will do a special blessing for the graduates connected to our community on Sunday, June 1st. We don't expect these graduates to be present, but we will pray for them as a community.



2025 Graduates

We celebrate members of Hope and our partner ministries and communities who have graduated this year. Although they will not be present, we will bless them in worship on June 1st!

Julia Qiao Gerloff, was awarded a Master's of Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota on May 15, 2025.

Jonathan Tetlie, received his PhD in Entomology on May 18th from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Yesenia Morales Bahena received her Masters of Divinity on May 18th from Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Lutheran Campus Ministry celebrated 16 seniors who graduated this year.

P.E.A.S.E. graduation ceremony is on June 10th at 6:30pm. Please show up to show support for these graduates. The students are a regular part of our Hope community. See you there!





June 14th, 2-3:30 p.m., Nicollet Island.

Join with your human and creation community to remember our relationship and connection with one another. This month we are partnering with First Congregation and University Baptist for a time of listening and connection. Contact Pr. Maria (<u>mariaa@ulch.org</u>) with any questions. And check out our new Wild



Church Twin Cities website: www.wildchurchtc.org.

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!



June Birthdays

June 07th – Jeanne Berkeland June 12th – Vadim Hillebrand June 15th – Mary Sorensen - 80! June 19th – Joan Campbell June 22nd – Allen Erickson June 30th – Marge Halvorson July Birthdays July 06th – Emily Quast - 80! July 10th – Marilyn Asp July 20th – Pauline Hendrickson July 20th – Nancy Miller July 23rd – Dick Hendrickson July 30th – Garvin Davenport



Hope Diamonds

Hope Diamonds is taking the month of June off this summer. Look for updates about July in next month's Visitor. Contact Pastor Maria with any questions.



Young Adult Ministry – Gather Twin Cities

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 @gathertwincities

Breaking the Cycle: Justice and Healing for Palestinian Children and Caregivers

A Presentation and Q&A with Rami Khader - Friday, June 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

New City Center - 3104 16th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Rami Khader is the Executive Director of Anar for Empowerment & Psychosocial Support, a nonprofit based in Bethlehem and operating in the West Bank that aims to break the cycle of intergenerational trauma and provide healing for Palestinian children and caregivers experiencing ongoing Israeli occupation, violence, and ethnic cleansing.

Rami will discuss Palestinian children's experiences as a lens into the larger social, political, and economic realities in Palestine, including child arrests and detention in Israeli prisons, settler violence, and expansion of illegal settlements. Rami will detail Anar's innovative approaches to working with children and caregivers in the West Bank, including community-based psychosocial support hubs, a youth mentorship program, and arts-based healing workshops with children.

With colleagues from Healing to Hope, Anar's sister organization in the U.S., Rami will also discuss the ways in which Anar and Healing to Hope are walking the path together to support Palestinian children. This event will include slides and videos of the work with Palestinian children, caregivers, and communities and end with an opportunity for audiences to ask questions and learn how they can support the work of Anar and Healing to Hope.

This event is sponsored by Veterans For Peace, Women Against Military Madness, Families Against Military Madness, Anti-War Committee, Middle East Peace Now, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community, the Palestine Partnership Team of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Edina Community Lutheran Church, and **University Lutheran Church of Hope.**

For more information go to www.healingtohope.org/breaking-the-cycle-tour.

CCC - Another way of reaching out to the neighborhood

Someone told me that the best way to bring in University students is to provide free food. So a few members and I have sat outside by the front patio with free beverages & treats and greeted those who walk by. Some people keep walking, some people grab a treat to go, and a few people stop and chat a bit.

Why is it called CCC?

It stands for **C**offee (or beverage), **C**ookies (or bars), **C**onversation (or not). We put up yard signs that tell people what we're doing. We set out snacks and beverages next to the sidewalk in front of the patio. We put up a white board with a list of topics we are interested in talking about. Sometimes we have a dog that appreciates extra attention (a big draw). And then we say hello to those who walk by and encourage them to take a treat.

What kind of conversation?

I ask those who are attending what topics they are interested in. In the past, topics included canoeing, football, gardening, knitting, the Timberwolves, LGBTQIA2S+ Support, and cats. The message is that we're interested in talking about many things and we are not there to try to convert them. If they want to talk religion, I'm sure someone would be willing to talk with them.

Why did this start?

After the election in 2024, I spoke with a University student and realized that people in our neighborhood may be looking for support & acceptance, especially in this very stressful, uncertain time. And one thing that ULCH has in abundance is people who care and can provide support to others in a variety of ways.

My initial response after the inauguration was to stand outside the church with my "Free Mom Hugs" T-shirt on and offer hugs. While that works some places, perhaps not in front of a church. What to do instead? Provide treats and a listening ear!

How can I be involved?

There are various ways you can be involved!

- Join us during our events. We're trying to have an event once a month, usually in the afternoon for a twohour period. Contact Ann Agrimson to get on the email list for reminders.
- Provide treats or beverages to share. (Sign up with Ann Agrimson)
- Sponsor your own CCC. Gather a group of friends and provide CCC to the neighborhood at a time that works for you! Ask Ann Agrimson for the details.

Our next CCC event is Friday, June 6th from 1:00 – 3:00. We would love to have you join us! Come join our Holy Experiment and have some fun at the same time.

Ann Agrimson (she/her) agrimsonann@gmail.com

Call Committee Update: Interviewing Candidates

The Call Committee is interviewing candidates, asking about their gifts for ministry, discerning how they align with those ULCH identified (in our Ministry Site Profile) as essential for the new lead pastor.

- Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice
- Provide care and nurture
- Be an effective administrator
- Be an effective communicator
- Be able to share leadership and work in a team

The Call Committee has thought hard about how best to formulate questions that will enable us to discern how these candidates might lead Hope in "Doing the next right thing."

Linda Herman; Call Committee Chair

April Financial Highlights

- General Giving was \$36k, 96% of the budgeted amount. YTD totals \$162k, 93% of the budgeted amount.
- Income totaled \$50k including general giving, PEASE Academy rent and rental income, 113% of the budgeted amount.
- Expenses contributing to the general administration and operations of the church totaled \$16k, slightly over the budgeted amount.
- We encourage ministry areas (Education, Hope in the World, Worship, Relational and Youth & Young Adult) to continue to utilize allocated funds for their dedicated purposes.
- Expenses totaled \$59k, 13% over the budgeted amount.

We will continue to monitor our generous sources of giving and income while maintaining a watchful eye over our expenses. The July Visitor will include a more detailed review of our position compared to the budget as discussed at the Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <u>finadmin@ulch.org</u>. Best,

Emma Carpenter, Interim Financial Administrator

Hope Book Club

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 7pm in the ULCH Courtyard

Sharks in the Time of Saviors, by Kawai Strong Washburn

One of Barack Obama's favorite books of 2020. Chosen for Friends' One Book/One Minnesota 2024 program.



"In 1995 Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on a rare family vacation, seven-year-old Nainoa Flores falls overboard a cruise ship into the Pacific Ocean. When a shiver of sharks appears in the water, everyone fears for the worst. But instead, Noa is gingerly delivered to his mother in the jaws of a shark, marking his story as the stuff of legends." <u>Www.goodreads.com</u>

July 12: *Democracy Awakening; Notes on the State of America*, by Heather Cox Richardson. "In Democracy Awakening, Richardson crafts a compelling and original narrative, explaining how, over the decades, a small group of wealthy people have made war on American ideals. By weaponizing language and promoting false history they have led us into

authoritarianism -- creating a disaffected population and then promising to recreate an imagined past where those people could feel important again." <u>www.amazon.com</u>

"A real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us." -W.H. Auden

Please contact Sonja Peterson for the Zoom link and/or with book suggestions at <u>dunn.pete.law@gmail.com</u> or 612-242-8711.

Bible and Brews June 16th at 6:30pm – Lake Monster Brewing Co.

Exactly what it sounds like: bring your Bible, your favorite brewed beverage, and a penchant for laid-back but totally engaging conversations about faith, scripture, and current events. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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Camp, Paddle & Potluck Event at Interstate Park June 12-14

You are invited to join the Camp and Paddle event at beautiful Interstate Park, located on the St. Croix River. This event, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages, will take place from June 12-14, offering a blend of recreation, relaxation, and spiritual connection. Join us for camping, paddling and potlucking any or all events! **Event Highlights:**

- Location: Interstate Park, St. Croix River
- **Potluck Dinner:** Friday, June 13th, at 6:00 PM. Grills will be available, so bring something to grill and a dish to share! Gather at campsite 8 & 9.
- **Paddling:** Enjoy scenic paddling opportunities on the St. Croix River on both Friday and Saturday. Meet at the Canoe Rental/landing at 9:00 AM
- **Camping:** Tent sites are available for those who wish to camp on Thursday, June 12th, and Friday, June 13th. See Bryan Kufus or Alden Tetlie to reserve a site.
- Saturday Potluck Lunch: Final potluck gathering after the paddle around 1:00 PM. Details to follow.
- Activities: Interstate Park offers a wide range of activities, including hiking trails, playgrounds, and more. (In other words, you don't have to paddle or even go by the river to enjoy this event. Participate in as much or as little as you desire.)

Two Days of Fellowship and Fresh Air

We are thrilled to offer this opportunity for our community to come together in such a beautiful setting. This event is designed to deepen our community connections through outdoor recreation while enjoying the beauty of God's creation. Whether you're an experienced paddler or new to the sport, there will be options for everyone. Canoes and kayaks are available at Taylor's Falls Canoe and Kayak rental located right in Interstate Park. Families are welcome, and the park's amenities offer something for all ages. Never been camping before? We can help you get started!



Please contact Bryan Kufus (bkufus462@icloud.com) or Alden

Tetlie (alden.tetlie@gmail.com) to reserve your camping spot or let us know you'll be kayaking or potlucking with us! We look forward to seeing you at Interstate Park!

Don't Think Twice, It's Alright

Lately I'm obsessed with Bob Dylan's song "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright." I especially like the cover version by Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors. Dylan wrote this painful breakup song during a pivotal time in his life. No, I'm not going through a breakup, but the song's words resonate with me. We too are at a pivotal time in our congregational life. We're calling a lead pastor, searching for a treasurer and preparing to recruit a financial administrator. We're deciding how to use the Donation fund in a responsible way. We struggle to open up to our neighbors. But many opportunities remain unfulfilled. Volunteers for many small groups and committees are dwindling. Worship attendance is stagnant. So when you're thinking and wondering about church life, don't think twice about thanking a volunteer on Sunday morning or any other day for that matter. Don't think twice about stepping up or lending a hand. Don't think twice about volunteering or serving on a committee or small group. Where we're bound no one can tell, but we need each other walking down this road. You have insights, talents and skills to contribute. Don't think twice.

John Pignatello, Congregation President

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.

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. We especially pray for Jean Albrecht at the death of her husband, George, and the friends and family of Carmen Macoskey, Pam McGowan, and former Hope Pastor Craig Shirley.

Significant Illness—We pray for those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, hospice, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles, including Cyndi, Zoe, Granger, Marge, Wendy, Miriam, Rosalie, Nyla, and Paul We also pray for caregivers.

We pray for all who are impacted by **new beginnings**, **separation**, **divorce**, **retirement**, **moves**, **graduations**, **and the civil rights movements of this time** trusting in God's love, grace, and guidance at all times.





Thank you Pauline Hendrickson for the Banner!

June 2025 Calendar of Events

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| 8 9:00am - 9:50am Hope Choir 10:00am - 11:00am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 12:00pm - 2:30pm Embodied Antiracism Cohort 7:00pm - 9:00pm Hope Book Club | 2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm - 8:00pm 2PAC Meeting Pastor Jack Hustad memorial | Graduation 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. | 11 Office Hours 9am- 2pm PEASE Students last day 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 6:00pm - 8:00pm Facilities Team | 12 Office Hours 9am- 2pm PEASE Staff last day 9:30am - 11:30am Dorcas Circle 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:00pm - 8:00pm Amnicon Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA | 13 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 7:00pm - 10:00pm Craft Group | Wild Church | | |
| 15 Outdoor Worship The Visitor Articles Due 9:00am - 10:00am ULCHers warmup outside 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Outdoors, w/ Zoom/YouTube 5:30pm - 8:30pm Community of the Black Rose | | 17 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 9:15pm PEASE After School Prog. 6:30pm - 8:00pm Vision & Governance Board | 18 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom | 19 Juneteenth Holiday - Offices Closed Office Hours 9am- 2pm 1:30pm - 2:30pm Solidarity Circle 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group | 20 Office Hours 9am- 2pm | 21 | | |
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