

The Visitor

February 2026
No. 26-02

Complex world. Thoughtful church.



Nightsongs
is Coming Soon, February 15th at 7:00pm
(see Page 4 for more information)

Thoughts From Pastor Amanda Simons

Come and follow me, Jesus says to the fishermen at the Sea of Galilee. They drop their nets and follow him.

As I was reading this scriptural story from the Gospel of Matthew in preparation for preaching, my mind continued to go between two stories: One by a fisherman of our Minnesota lakes, a member of Hope. The other of Alex Petti using his body as a shield to protect another person, and the subsequent response of our Minneapolis community with the outpouring of neighborly love, candlelit vigils, and calls for accountability and repentance (change).

One of the highlights of being a pastor is when people share themselves with you through stories and pictures. One of our Hope members is a fisherman who recently enjoyed an ice fishing expedition with friends. With a big grin, he weaved together tale after tale as he showed me pictures of fish he caught. How could one respond but with joy at such an infectious spirit and narrative? Later, in my office, I found myself reflecting upon fishing and my family's visit to the North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum Tofte. Fishing is a lot of hard work and takes a lot of persistence, preparation, waiting, and repairing. What gifts did the fishermen apply from their occupational calling to their vocational calling as followers of Jesus? What can we learn from fishing as we contemplate on Jesus' words "you will be fisher of men"? What does it mean to take what we've learned and experienced to come and follow him, especially in this moment of life?

As I said responded yes to the call to action for the Movement Chaplains to be present for people at the site of Alex Petti's death, I had a moment of fear and doubt. What will be the cost of my discipleship, of saying yes to Jesus' invitation to come and follow him? What does it mean for us to say yes to loving God and loving our neighbor in these heavy times of violence and fear tactics by our own federal government towards its people?

As a chaplain that day, I witnessed people gathering with tears and voices calling for change. I witnessed neighbors helping neighbors by holding hands, carrying signs like "Love Thy Neighbors", serving hot coffee, handing out water bottles and cleaning off tear gas from people's clothes. I stood beside a Somali-American woman who shared her story with me, telling me that she was a naturalized citizen, her children were birthright citizens, and that what was happening in this country was wrong, and that she was there as citizen to exercise her rights and mourn the death of Alex Petti. I prayed with a Jewish woman who recognized my stole as a marker that I was clergy. Together we prayed for God to break open the hearts of the pharaohs of our land. I met so many people who were showing up because they believe in something more than just themselves and their own self-interests.

I do not think Jesus' call to us is an easy one, especially in these current political times. I wonder what we can learn from his first disciples, from the fishermen, about how to apply both the knowledge and skills of fishing to discipleship, as well as the knowledge, skills, and lived experience of our own occupations and vocations to this deeply missional calling to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

What are you bringing forward into your call as a disciple for these times? And what are you letting go of?

For me, I am humbled by knowing that I now understand the scripture from Holy Week and Easter when the disciples are locked in the room for fear. As best as I can, I am trying to answer the call to come and follow Jesus and trusting that Jesus will enter in and give me the gift of peace as he did for his earliest disciples. I am not sure what it all means, however, I am grateful to share in our vocational calling as disciples together.

In gratitude, Pastor Amanda Simons



Lent is a season in our annual Christian liturgical calendar, in between Epiphany and Easter, in which we journey with Jesus towards the cross, remembering our own human mortality and navigating the complexity of the injustices of our world while faithfully saying yes to Jesus' discipleship call. This Lent we will journey together with the theme All In. Jesus shows us what it means to be all in as followers who love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves. Using resources from Barn Geese Worship, we will ponder together how God is all in for us and we will go all in for God's love for us and all people and creation.

Using the Revised Common Lectionary, each week we learn more about God's commitment to us and explore topics like repentance, creation, wonder, and relationships. Each week's scripture invites us into new considerations and commitments. We will worship together Sunday at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Weekly Themes:

Ash Wednesday: All In for Repentance

First Sunday in Lent: All In for Creation

Second Sunday in Lent: All In for the Unknown

Third Sunday in Lent: All In for Wonder

Fourth Sunday in Lent: All In for Relationship

Fifth Sunday in Lent: All In for Letting Go

Palm and Passion Sunday: All In for the Highs and Lows

Easter Sunday: All In for Resurrection

For this reflective season, we also invite you to join our community on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the chapel for Holden Evening Prayer or Prayer Around the Cross services. These services will be no longer than half an hour, with space in the chapel for individual prayer and reflection following worship.

Worship & Music

Sunday, February 1st at 10:30am - Hope Choir leads the music for worship

Sunday, February 8th at 10:30am - Hope Choir leads the music for 10:30 a.m. worship

Sunday, February 15th - ULCHers lead the music for 10:30 a.m. worship

Sun, Feb 15 Night Songs at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday service led by Hope Choir

Sunday, February 22nd - Music TBD for 10:30 a.m. worship

Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. - Lenten midweek worship

Paul Stever, Minister of Worship & Music

NIGHT) SONGS

UNDER STUNNING PROJECTIONS OF THE NIGHT SKY

Sit in the pews or bring pillows/blankets and lie on the floor to take in the view.

An evening of music and poetry featuring the choirs of University Lutheran Church of Hope, First Congregational Church, University Baptist Church, and Vocal U a cappella.

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave SE (in Dinkytown), Minneapolis 55414

FREE TICKETS (required, to reserve a seat: <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com>)

Fine Print A free-will collection will be taken at the event in support of the Nutritious U Food Pantry and music programming at ULCH. Parking will be tight – car-pool, if you are able. If the event sells out, tickets not claimed by 6:45 p.m. may be offered to a day-of “rush” line.

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Night Songs) Sunday, February 15 at 7p.m.

Save the date for another Night Songs performance with our own Hope Choir and other local choirs! Many things will be similar to past years, but last time this event was so popular that we weren't able to seat everyone who showed up. So, this time around all attendees will be required to reserve tickets online in advance, to help ensure there is a seat for each person who comes. Please also consider signing up to help with setup, cleanup, or other volunteer needs on the night of the event. Choir members are the only ones who don't need a ticket: <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com>

Beacon Congregations Convening event at United Methodist with John Beane, Sonja Peterson, Tim Hopkins, and Donna Neste.



Family Faith Formation Dates - Mark your calendars!

We're excited to continue with our experiment with Family Faith Formation gatherings. These gatherings are open to all parents with children ages birth - 4th grade and will take place after the fellowship meal. We'll have time together and time for parents and children to learn apart. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

February 15th - 12:30-2

March 15th - 12:30-2

April 19th - 12:30-2

May 17th - 12:30-2

These dates are subject to change, but we will do our best to give you plenty of advanced warning!

Additionally - we are looking for a volunteer, who is not a parent, who would be willing to spend some time doing a Bible lesson with the kids for about 20-30 minutes of these family gatherings. This would allow the parents to stay together in the parent time and build relationships. Contact Pastor Maria if you would have interest and availability to volunteer in this way.

Rev. Maria Anderson-Lippert

Wild Church Gathering



February 14, 2026, 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 Congregational and University Baptist for a time of listening and connection. Contact Pr. Maria (mariaa@ulch.org) with any questions.



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!



February Birthdays

February 3rd – Paul Quie
February 7th – CJ Robinson
February 7th – Steve Schreuder

March Birthdays

March 17th – Jo Shroeder – 80!



Bible and Brews February 16th at 6:30pm



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. The February Meeting will be at Uli and Beth's residence

Fellowship Meals

Mark your calendars! Fellowship meal in February will be on Sunday, February 15. Details will be posted as we get closer.

Sheila Hougen

Funeral and Memorial Service Coordinator

We greatly appreciate the many people always willing to help set up, serve or clean up for funeral and memorial receptions. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Sue Hanson and Jan Sanden are now looking for one more person to help them coordinate these efforts. A team of 3 would be helpful Interested? Reach out to Sue at 763-482-9466 to answer questions.

Thanks from Sue and Jan

February is Brief, but Forums Remain Strong

February 1: Treasurer's report by Jack Dant - This will be another forum in which the speaker will be zoomed into our gathering. Jack will be traveling but has graciously volunteered to present his treasurer's report while he is on the road. The last time we did such a forum was when Pastor Mark Hanson moderated while he had a speaker from the Middle East.

February 8: No Sunday Forum. Annual meeting following worship.

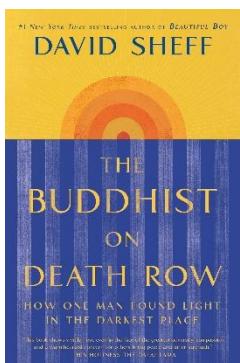
February 15: "The Devil Hates a Good Tune." - Tim Gustafson will talk about his songwriting philosophy and approach to music composition. He will also play some of his songs. As you probably know, he wrote an entire liturgy for our congregation. Come and be inspired by his amazing talent and his willingness to share.

February 22: Food Justice - Uli Koester - As a continuation of one of our ongoing themes for forums this year, we are grateful for our own Uli Koester to share his vocation dedicated to nutritional education. Previous forums have addressed concerns about food insecurity, and Uli will present an expanded view of what food justice means--especially for the consumer. In light of the sad news of the continued withholding of funds for SNAP in Minnesota, this presentation should give us a glimmer of hope for the future.

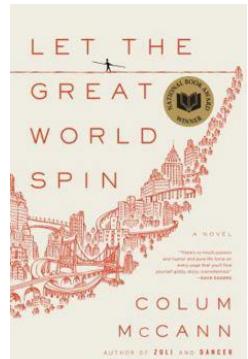
Hope Book Club

Sunday, January 11th, 2025, 7pm on Zoom

Feb. 8 - *Let the Great World Spin*, by Colum McCann: "A dazzlingly rich vision of the pain, loveliness, mystery, and promise of New York City in the 1970s." [Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann | Goodreads](#)



Mar. 8: *The Buddhist on Death Row*, by David Sheff. "How One Man Found Light in the Darkest Place. 'This book shows vividly how, even in the face of the greatest adversity, compassion and a warm-hearted concern for others bring peace and inner strength.' -His Holiness the Dalai Lama". [The Buddhist on Death Row — DAVID SHEFF](#)



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

"Books are the training weights of the mind." -Epictetus



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.

February 15th – Ice Cream Social Justice

President's Report

My term as interim president is soon ending, which means I will acquire a title that I trust is unique in the annals of church bureaucracy: interim former president. Vice President Kelly Brooks will assume the role of president in February. I will remain interim former president until a few months from now, when our president in absentia, John Pignatello, returns from his time in North Macedonia and formally takes up the role of former president. (And looking back over that paragraph, I believe no one in human history ever wrote those words until now.)

As I prepare to switch roles, I want to offer a few thoughts about the times we are living in. You don't need me to blather on about how awful they are; you know as well as I do. But I do want to recall the meaningful role the church played in my life during an earlier time of upheaval – roughly the period between the 1968 assassinations of MLK and RFK and the 1970 shootings of demonstrators at Kent State.

I lived in Akron, Ohio, which was convulsed by riots a few months after the assassination of Martin Luther King. The Ohio National Guard was called out, and for a time we lived under something that felt like martial law – helicopters overhead, a nightly curfew, armed soldiers in jeeps patrolling the streets. Two years later, the shootings at Kent State, 15 miles away, felt very much like the murder of Nicole Good. Even as teenagers, my friends and I felt threatened, encircled and alienated.

Two churches in my orbit – my own Lutheran church downtown, where my dad was a pastor, and an Episcopal church in our neighborhood, where my best friend's family worshiped – helped create a sense of safety. We could hang out there. There was a cool priest who organized an outdoor Eucharist with Girl Scout cookies and Kool-Aid. We held folk services. The church offices had tables stocked with pamphlets from the American Friends Service Committee and the War Resisters League, and they offered advice on how to establish a record of conscientious objection that could help us beat the draft.

Now I recognize that those days helped create in me an instinct to cling to the church in dangerous times. As I hear helicopters hovering in my neighborhood and read the awful accounts of shootings and predation by government thugs, I hope that our church can be a source of comfort for people who feel threatened. We might make some lasting friendships – maybe even with a future former interim president.

In Christ,

Eric Ringham, Interim Congregational President

Treasurer's Report

December Financial Highlights

- General giving for December came in at \$160K; a very strong finish to the year. YTD totals are \$625K, 109% of the budgeted giving.
- Total Income YTD reached \$822K, or 109% of the budgeted goal. This number includes general giving, PEASE Academy rent and rental income.
- Expenses YTD totaled \$742K, at 99% of YTD budgeted spending. Great thanks to the staff, V&G Board, and Facilities Team for their conscientious attention to spending.
- Ministry areas (Education, Hope in the World, Worship, Relational, and Youth & Young Adult) have continued their excellent work living out our mission in their specific areas, and are being encouraged to fully utilize allocated funds in 2026.

The December numbers are in and we have finished the year on a very strong note – both in terms of giving/income, and controlling spending. The many efforts that our leadership team, Catherine, and Pastor Amanda have undertaken to understand and regain control of our financial operations have had a strong, stabilizing effect. I'd like to offer a special thank you to Past President Linda Herman for her support of this and MANY other areas of need – her work and insights have been invaluable. All of this, combined with the strong response to our fall pledge drive, has allowed for the successful development of a balanced budget for 2026. We look forward to a new year of visioning and rebuilding, with knowledge that we stand on a strong financial foundation.

Please consider attending the Adult Forum on Sunday, February 1 to learn about Hope's financial status and the proposed 2026 budget. Thank you again for your faithful support of our community and mission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jackdant@comcast.net.

Best regards, Jack Dant, Interim Treasurer

ISAIAH's Path to Palm Sunday - Affordability Day of Action

On Ash Wednesday, February 18th from 1-3pm, join with people from around the state at the State Capitol for an Affordability Day of Action. Leaders across faith and across our state to repent from corporate and federal politics of greed and demand bold leadership to stand with the people and help us afford our lives. **The content of this action could potentially change given the current realities in our state. Still mark your calendars for the time!**

February 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube 10:40am - 11:30am Noisy Offering during worship	2 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline 1:00pm - 2:00pm Sunday Forum Committee 5:00pm - 6:00pm LCM Group 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE support group - 206 6:30pm - 7:15pm Personnel Committee 7:15pm - 8:30pm Executive Committee	3 Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School	4 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 12:30pm - 1:30pm Meeting with Geremew 6:00pm - 7:00pm Night Songs Mass choir rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir rehearsal	5 Office Hours 9am-2pm Pickup Basketball 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School	6 Office Hours 9am-2pm 2:00pm - 7:00pm Baking Hope preparation 2:30pm - 3:30pm LCM group	7 5:00am - 2:00pm Baking Hope Preparation
8 Annual Meeting after worship 9:00am - 1:00pm Baking Hope Team 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube	9 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline 5:00pm - 6:00pm LCM Group	10 2PAC - 2nd Precinct Advisory Council Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:30am - 2:00pm Piano tunings 11:00am - 12:00pm Memorial Service for Skip Mosby - Visitation at 10am, Luncheon following 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 5:00pm - 6:00pm Security Task Force Meeting	11 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm Facilities Team 6:00pm - 7:00pm Night Songs Mass choir rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir rehearsal	12 Office Hours 9am-2pm Pickup Basketball 9:30am - 11:00am Dorcas Circle 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School	13 Office Hours 9am-2pm 10:00am - 12:00pm Worship parament work 2:30pm - 3:30pm LCM group 7:00pm - 10:00pm Craft Group	14 9:30am - 11:00am Night Songs Dress rehearsal 11:00am - 11:15am UBC Night Songs Choir practice 11:15am - 12:30pm ULCHers rehearsals
15 ELCA Congregational Forms Deadline Gather Twin Cities The Visitor Articles Due 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube 7:00pm Night Songs	16 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline 5:00pm - 6:00pm LCM Group	17 Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 6:30pm - 8:00pm Vision & Governance Board	18 Ash Wednesday Office Closed 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship	19 Office Closed Pickup Basketball 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School	20 Office Hours 9am-2pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm LCM group	21
22 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube	23 Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline 5:00pm - 6:00pm LCM Group	24 Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 7:00pm - 8:30pm Racial Justice Team	25 Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 6:30pm - 7:00pm Lenten Mid-week worship 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir rehearsal	26 Office Hours 9am-2pm Pickup Basketball 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 5:00pm - 8:00pm LCM Group (Time TBD) 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 6:30pm - 8:30pm Hopeful Hope Team	27 LCM Retreat Office Hours 9am-2pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm LCM group	28 LCM Retreat 11:00am - 2:00pm Holden Village Gathering (tentative)

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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 especially in this holiday season.

Significant Illness—We pray for those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, hospice, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles. 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.