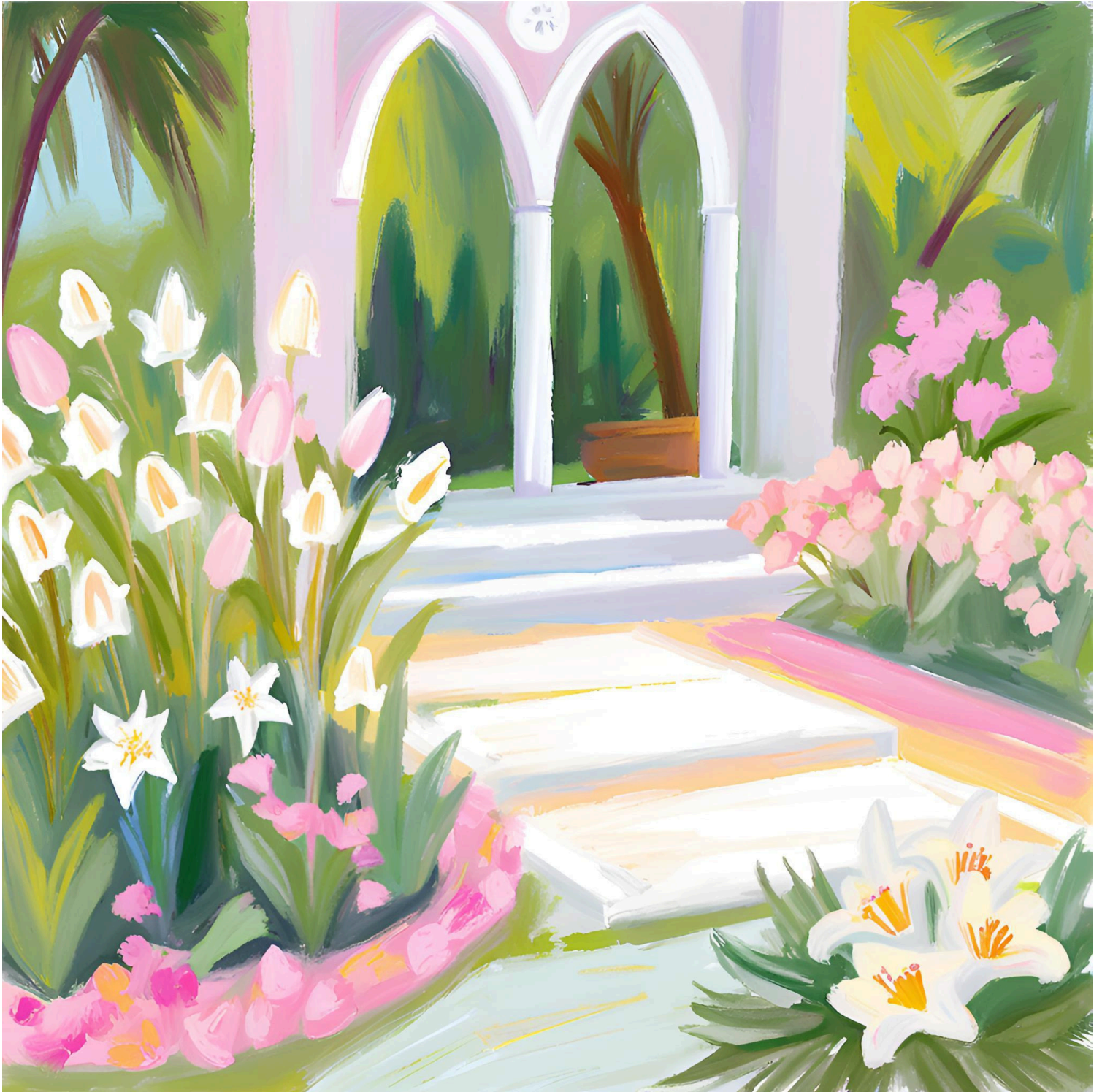


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On The Journey With You

Thank you for giving me time in this last two weeks to be with my dad, and in the time since then showing much love and patience as I am walking through the grieving process. A special thank you to Rev. MaryAnne Korsch who covered worship services and other pastoral needs, the rest of the staff, and others who made things happen in my absence. I am understanding more deeply than before the profound grief so many of you have experienced, and are experiencing. I am thankful we are here for each other.

Thank you for your outpouring of gestures of love and care for my family and your expressions of admiration and gratitude for my dad, Patrick Alexander. The two memorials we chose in dad's name are:

- **CHUM Food Shelf.** They are in great need of food donations, and especially money donations. Because of the state of the economy and the high cost of food they used to be able to purchase \$7 worth of food for every dollar we donated, now they can purchase \$3 of food for each dollar we donate. You can imagine the impact of that, and at a time when the need for food is increasingly significantly. A reminder that we have a cart at church for your food donations and we have special focus on bringing food (or financial gifts) for the food shelf on communion Sundays. You may also make financial donations through the church. Additionally our congregation also makes a monthly gift to CHUM.
- **Amsoil Northland Law Enforcement K9 Foundation.** K9s put their lives on the line for their human partners, track felons, search for and rescue lost people, and sniff out drugs, weapons and critical evidence. K9s are invaluable members of our law enforcement teams. They make officers' jobs safer, and help those officers work more efficiently because, with the K9's sharp sense of smell, it can detect suspects and evidence much more quickly than a person ever could.



I am delighted that several thousand dollars have been contributed to each of these worthy causes in the name of my dad. That makes me feel so happy as I know he would be pleased by this.

Many of you know my dad and mom sat in the back of this church for many years, and in recent years, due to his health, worshipped on line together. One of the Scriptures we included in dad's service is from Philippians 4. It talks about being gentle, not worrying, but instead praying. It implores us to focus on all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise. And it promises us if we do this, the God of peace will be with us. This is a Scripture that reflects my dad well. He lived his life for others – was generous, gracious and understanding. He was always helping others. He never held a grudge. He easily forgave. I never heard him talk negatively about anyone. His life is a model for faithful, peaceful living.

My dad had the deep and hope-filled confidence that though his earthly journey was ending, his life continues – he promised to always love us and watch over us. God promises us all the same thing – promises to surround and comfort us. Promises us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from love, and that nothing can eternally separate us from each other. Let's cling to that hope together!

On the journey with you! Pastor Jeanine

WORSHIP IN APRIL 2025

We worship in person every Sunday at 10am AND online on YouTube. The recorded service can also be watched anytime after 10am Sunday morning on YouTube.



- **Sunday, April 6** World Communion Sunday - Doug Wood, preaching in word and song
- **Sunday, April 13** Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday
- **Thursday, April 17** at 7pm – Last Supper and Service of Shadows
- **Friday, April 18** at noon – Good Friday Service
- **Sunday, April 20** EASTER SUNDAY 7:30am Contemporary Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary 10am Traditional Easter Worship both in person and online
- **Sunday, April 27** TBD



Congratulations to our confirmation students who will confirm their faith on Sunday, April 13th:

Keira Ball	Charlie Vidovic
George Bateman	Cooper Lawrey
August Boberg	Victoria Moses
Atley Collins	Delaney Nielsen
Renz Fairchild	Aiden Schlangen

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, April 13** Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday – The children will lead us in a palm parade as we begin the Holy Week journey.
- **Thursday, April 17** at 7pm – Last Supper and Service of Shadows will be held in the Sanctuary and will also be streamed for those at home. There will be childcare and an activity for children following communion and the children's message.
- **Friday, April 18** at noon – Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel and will not be livestreamed
- **Sunday, April 20** EASTER SUNDAY
- 7:30am Contemporary Sunrise Service will be in the Sanctuary with Tapestry Band. Spend some time viewing the sun rising over the lake before and afterwards.
- 10am Traditional Easter Worship with the Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, a brass quintet, timpani and organ will be both in person in the Sanctuary and online on our YouTube channel at 10am. The Easter sermon is titled "**HOPE ... In the MAZE of Life!**"

There will be coffee, doughnuts, and fruit available in Lakeview Social Hall from 9–9:45am. Please note Easter Sunday, fellowship time is before, rather than after, the service. Easter Egg Hunt and Activities for children – following the children's message at the 10am worship service. A nursery is available from 8am through Easter worship.

CHILDREN IN APRIL 2025

(NURSERY – 5TH GRADE)

Sunday School @ 10am: Sundays, April 6, 13, 20

- Children K-5th grade leave for Sunday school after the children's message in worship.
- NURSERY CARE on Sundays (5 years and under) 8:30am-end of worship
- Note: No Sunday School for elementary kids on April 27 (activity packets in worship available) – nursery available for kids 5 and under

Sunday, April 6 – 9am: Family continental breakfast and reading of the book, "Old Turtle" by author Douglas Wood (come at 8:45am to start eating)

- *Please sign up with us, or at church, so we can plan food*

Sunday, April 13 @ 10am – Children Sing in Worship & Palm Sunday Parade (Meet in the chapel @ 9:30am to practice)

Sunday, April 20 @ 10am – Easter Egg Hunt During Easter Sunday School there will be an egg hunt and Easter activities for all children, nursery–5th grade (following the children's message)

Wednesday, April 2

- 5-5:30pm – Jam Jr. Music: nursery - 2nd grade in the chapel, including Bible learning
- 5-5:40pm - Ringtones Bells - 3rd-5th grade
- 5:40-6:05pm - JAM Music: 3rd-5th graders singing/drumming ...
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- Dinner at 6:00-6:30pm
- 6:45pm – Tweens – 3rd-5th grades
- Nursery care available 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, April 9

- 5-5:30pm – Jam Jr. Music: nursery - 2nd grade in the chapel, including Bible learning
- 5-5:40pm - Ringtones Bells - 3rd-5th grade
- 5:40-6:05pm - JAM Music: 3rd-5th graders singing/drumming ...
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- Dinner at 6:00-6:30pm
- Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 16 NO ACTIVITIES/HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 23

- 5-5:30pm – Jam Jr. Music: nursery - 2nd grade in the chapel, including Bible learning
- 5-5:40pm - Ringtones Bells - 3rd-5th grade
- 5:40-6:05pm - JAM Music: 3rd-5th graders singing/drumming ...
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- Dinner at 6:00-6:30pm (Hulst family providing dinner)
- 6:45pm – Tweens – 3rd-5th grades
- Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 30

- 5-5:30pm – Jam Jr. Music: nursery - 2nd grade in the chapel, including Bible learning
- 5-5:40pm - Ringtones Bells - 3rd-5th grade
- 5:40-6:05pm - JAM Music: 3rd-5th graders singing/drumming ...
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- Dinner at 6:00-6:30pm
- Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

A look ahead at summer - Save the dates

Friday, June 20 5-8pm: VBS experience for children (with dinner) & Parent's Night Out

Monday, July 14th 5:30-7pm: Family Carnival Night (with Pizza)

Sunday, August 10 10am: Special Sunday School Preview followed by ice cream social

- Outdoor Worship & Picnic (dated TBD)

Text with any questions: Larry Ehresman 218-260-9577 Abbi Adamec 218-721-7626



YOUTH APRIL 2025

(Grades 6-12)

Wednesday, April 2

- Come anytime 6:00-6:30pm for dinner
- 6:45PM – YOUTH GROUP
- 7:45-8:45 -- Youth Bells/Class Ring

Sunday, April 6 – 9am: Continental Breakfast and reading of the book, “Old Turtle” by author Douglas Wood (come at 8:45am to start eating)

Wednesday, April 9 @ 6-8:00pm

EXTENDED CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 13 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 8:15am rehearsal, 9:00am brunch, 10am Service

Wednesday, April 16

No Wednesday Activities/Holy Week

Thursday, April 17 7pm Last Supper

Friday, April 18, Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20 7:30am Sunrise Service ... 10pm Easter Worship *Note: Youth can help with the children's egg hunt

Wednesday, April 23

- Come anytime 6:00-6:30pm for dinner
- 6:45PM – YOUTH GROUP
- 7:45-8:45pm -- Youth Bells/Class Ring

Wednesday, April 30

- Come anytime 6:00-6:30pm for dinner
- 7:45-8:45pm -- Youth Bells/Class Ring

A look ahead at summer - Save the dates

- **Sunday June 15** 10am MN Teen Challenge (adult/teen recovery) IN Worship Outdoor Worship & Picnic (dates TBD)
- **Friday June 20** 5-8 - VBS experience for children (with dinner) & Parent's Night Out
- **Friday, June 27** 10am-5pm: Rhubarb Mission Work & Fun At Canal Park
- **Monday July 14** 5:30-7:30 - Family Carnival Night (with Pizza)
- **Monday, July 21:** 10am-5pm: Union Gospel Mission & Water Activities
- **August 10** 10am – Special Sunday School Preview followed by ice cream social.

Text with any questions:

Pastor Jeanine 763-443-0570

Larry Ehresman 218-260-9577





Douglas Wood, Award-Winning Author, Musician, Environmental Educator, Outdoor Guide & Storyteller

Walking in Old Turtle's World April 6

The simple yet profound spirituality of this wise old being will be shared on Sunday, April 6. Join Douglas and ***Old Turtle*** in one another's faces. *Old Turtle* was first published in 1992 with beautiful watercolor paintings by Cheng-Khee Chee. It was recognized as a classic book about ecology, peace and the interconnectedness of all beings. It is simple and yet profound. It has brought hope and inspiration to children and adults around the world. A tale of peace.

"And the people began to see God in one another...and in the beauty of all the earth"

Let's come together for this Special Day

9:00 in the Social Hall a continental breakfast is available with Douglas reading *Old Turtle* and sharing wisdoms

If your family plans to attend, make a reservation and the first 25 families will receive a signed copy of *Old Turtle*

10:00 Church service with Douglas sharing a Care for the Earth message

3:00 Community Concert
featuring Music and Storytelling by
Douglas Wood

free admission free will offering accepted

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Jeanine	Georgia Keeney
Lincoln Alexander	Barbara Kim
Lynn Bode	Charley Korsch
Marlene Bowen	Mark Lanthier
Tessa Boyson	Caroline Latto
Jamie Ehresman	Greg Leiviska
Doreen Fegraeus	Anne Merry-Jumbeck
Claudia Fezzy	Jacob Miles
Rebecca Gruskin	Jim Miles
Linda Harper	Sandra Moe
Laura Hauschildt	Jennifer Redepenning
Stacy Jeannette	Robert Topliff
Tess Kantonen	Janet Yardley

*If your birthday isn't listed, please contact
the church office so we can update our database*

NURSES HONOR GUARD (MN AND WI)

The Twin Ports Area FCN/Parish Nurses have developed/ implemented the Nurses Honor Guard. It is a military-like ceremony consisting of the Nightingale Tribute recited during the funeral or memorial service for RNs and LPNs who have passed. For information on how this can be facilitated you can contact the nurse coordinator Pam Franklin at parishnursenemn@gmail.com
**If you have a friend who is a nurse that may have passed in a different state or region – here is the National Coordinator's contact: Honor Guard Coalition, Jody Schneider, President of NNHGC, 859-802-1161 Jschnei101087@gmail.com

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From Our Faith Community Nurse

Greetings to all. This month I would like to share with you *“For the Healing of the Nations”*
(Covenant Hymnal #724: Fred Kaan, Henry Smart)

*For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with
one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the
things that earth affords, to a life of love in
action help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead your people to freedom. From despair your
world release, that, redeemed from war and
hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us
how, through care and goodness, fear will die
and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth
be banned: pride of status, race, or schooling.,
dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common
quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written your great name
on humankind. For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our
response and service earth its destiny may find.*

I must say our nation is broken and we must join together to find our way to Justice and use Jesus as our foundation, and use his examples, and take heed at what Christianity stands for. It is my hope that many of you will attend Douglas Wood's message during the church service on April 6 and the concert at 3:00 pm. He will share many wisdoms and one thought that struck me in one of his “Old Turtle” books is that evil is live turned backwards. Life stretches for the light and evil is opposite turning life to darkness.

Blessings, Linda



Garden News

The beauty of the FUMC gardens is due to so many great volunteers each year. If you want to be a part in any way with planting, watering, shopping, designing, or weeding, we welcome you. Our first dates are in May, so we hope you can join us. There are about three large work days that require bigger projects each year to get things started. Men contribute greatly for these days. Then to maintain the gardens throughout the season, volunteers may be assigned to one of our 12 gardens with others, to cover about twice a month. You will be trained, and do not need previous experience. Actually, duty starts after the annuals are planted, the first week of June and run through late September.

Spring dates for 2025 are listed. Mark your calendars so you can be outside to get some exercise as well as have some fun meeting people.

Garden Sunday.... May 11th ... Mother's Day,

Garden Clean Up.... May 15 @ 9:00

Rain Date May 16 @ 9:00

Geranium Planting.... May 29 @9:00

Rain Date May 30 @ 9:00

Annual Planting.... Mulch Day June 4 @ 9:00

Rain Date June 5 (Men come later @

10:30 to give us time to get things planted.)

If you have any questions, or want to sign up for the first time, call Marlene Bowen 218-343-1314

Strikepoint News

Strikepoint has exciting plans for this year's concert season, as they fulfill Bill Alexander's wishes to continue sharing the joy of handbells throughout our community and the country.

Mark your calendars for upcoming concert dates! First up is an appearance as part of Duluth's Homegrown Music Festival! Strikepoint will be performing on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30pm at Zeitgeist Teatro (222 E. Superior St., Duluth). Then in July, they have been invited to be the featured guest performers at one of the Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra's summer concerts. This will be Thursday, July 24 at 7:00pm at UMD's Weber Music Hall. Finally, following this year's summer tour to Mt. Rushmore, Strikepoint's homecoming concert will be Sunday, August 10 at 7:00pm in our own Sanctuary.

Thank you for supporting our own internationally-acclaimed handbell ensemble!





TROPHIES

If you've ever wanted to own a piece of history or have fond memories of past achievements, now is your opportunity. The office is retiring the trophies from the trophy case, and they're offering them to anyone who has a special connection to them. Whether you were part of the team that earned it or have another sentimental link, you can claim your piece of nostalgia. Starting April 6, 2025, these trophies will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Make sure to express your interest to the office as soon as possible to secure your keepsake. Don't miss out on this unique chance to bring home a tangible reminder of shared victories and cherished moments.

Building Security

Please check in with the church office when entering the building during the week



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spring is the perfect time to refresh and renew, and our church is gearing up for a vibrant transformation with your help! We are organizing a volunteer-driven painting project to give our beloved space a fresh look. This endeavor will span over a few days, requiring assistance with various tasks such as moving furniture, washing walls, taping around doors and windows, painting, and finally, returning the furniture and ensuring the space is spotless. Our schedule kicks off with preparation on Friday, painting on Saturday, and a final clean-up on Sunday. We warmly invite you to join us—many hands truly make light work! Stay tuned for further details and specific dates. Your participation will make a significant difference, and we look forward to working together to enhance our church's beauty.

Connect Cards

Please remember to complete the connect cards. These cards are essential not only for tracking attendance but also for keeping you informed about upcoming activities, events, and opportunities within the community. By filling them out, you ensure you won't miss out on any important updates or events. Additionally, it's crucial to update your contact information if there have been any changes. This helps us maintain accurate records and ensures you receive all necessary communications. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us to serve you better.

2025 Faith Forum April 2025 9:00 –9:45 in the Fireside Lounge

April 6: *Change of venue:* All are welcome in the Lakeview Hall to welcome author and environmentalist Douglas Wood. Sign up in the Office if you are interested in continental breakfast or just come for the fun.

April 13: Michael Valentini will discuss the 2007 Ham Lake fire surrounding the Upper Gunflint Trail, and his role in helping fight it along with community and official responders. The story is told in the book "Gunflint Burning: Fire in the Boundary Waters" by Gary Griffith. Hear it from someone who was there.

April 20: Easter—no Faith Forum

April 27: Debbi King discusses her memoir: "Gravedigger's Daughter—Growing Up Rural". Her book is a collection of tales and essays recalling her family's experiences during the 1950s-1970s in west-central Wisconsin.

Ways to give to

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Film Plastic Recycling Guidelines

Accepted Films:	Not Accepted:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallet wrap • Grocery & retail bags • Bread bags • Dry cleaning bags • Zip top bags • Produce bags • Case overwrap • Air pillows • Bubble wrap • Shipping envelopes • Salt bags • Wood pellet bags • Newspaper sleeves • Ice bags • Winter window film 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad bags • Meat wrap • 6-pack rings • PPE (gloves, masks) • Pool covers • Boat wrap • Lamination film • Vinyl shower curtains • Vinyl tablecloths • Floral wrap • Bedding packaging • Frozen food bags • Chip bags • Candy wrappers • Mesh or net bags • Woven feed bags

Not on the list?
Recyclable films pass the following tests:

			
Doesn't rip or tear when stretched	Stretches with the poke of a finger	Doesn't sound crinkly	Must be clean and dry

SAVE THE DATE

Rhubarb Festival Save the Dates! Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour or whatever works for you. We always have fun! More hands make light work! Email anitazager@gmail.com to sign up.

May 7th - Rolling Dough to freeze - 10:00am - 3:00

June - Tuesday afternoons Chopping

June - Wednesdays pie making all day

Last Week of June - Volunteer opportunities all week

CHUM Rhubarb Festival Saturday June 28 at Holy Rosary

Reduce your fiber waste to reduce your garbage!

Are you wanting to reduce your garbage? Would you like to know about a new way to keep your old fibers (clothes, sheets, and so on) out of landfills?

The company Trashie.com offers "Take Back Bags" as an easy way to keep fibers out of landfills. Trashie has an innovative sorting and grading system that diverts 90% of unwanted clothing and textiles to the next right place. Some of it is given to homeless shelters, some is taken apart and reused, and only a small amount ends up in landfill. They accept clothing (anyone thinking of spring cleaning your closets??), shoes and boots of all kinds, home goods like towels, robes, sheets, comforters, and blankets, backpacks, purses, belts, hats, helmets, jewelry, and costumes etc.

How can you get involved? Go to Trashie.com, buy your take back bags (the more you buy the cheaper it gets!), fill them, get a label, and mail. It's that simple! If you're interested in this opportunity, I'd be happy to talk with you!

Diane Fortney
diafortney58@gmail.com.



Ponderings

"I would prefer to win, but struggle is about much more than winning. It always has been. And there is nothing revolutionary about fatalism. I suppose the question is, are you antifascist? Are you a revolutionary? Are you a defender of decency and life on Earth? Because no one who is any of those things has ever had the odds on their side. But you know what we do have? A meaningful existence on the edge of oblivion. And if the end really is only a few decades away, and no human intervention can stop it, then who do you want to be at the end of the world? And what will you say to the people you love, when time runs out? If it comes to that, I plan on being able to tell them I did everything I could, but I'm not resigning myself to anything and neither should you. Adapt, prepare, and take the damage done seriously, but never stop fighting. Václav Havel once said that 'Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something is worth doing no matter how it turns out.' I live in that certainty every day. Because while these death-making systems exist both outside and inside of us, so do our dreams, so long as we are fighting for them. And my dreams are worth fighting for. I bet yours are too."

– Kelly Hayes, from *Saturday Afternoon Thoughts on the Apocalypse*



LENT & EASTER OFFERINGS OF MIND, SPIRIT, GENEROSITY



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For many years, our congregation has explored spiritual practices that unite our faith to community service. Because giving is a vital part of this, special holiday offerings have traditionally been shared one half to FUMC ministries and one half to local missions. This year the First UMC Mission Team has selected two community programs to receive our gifts: The Bob Tavani House for Medical Respite and the NAACP Duluth's Economic Empowerment Center.

Learn more about these great local ministries online and in First Family.

Pray on how to respond to what you learn.

Give generously.

All offerings received during the Lenten season and on Easter Sunday will add to our support of ministries and mission. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate, sent by mail, or made online at <https://onrealm.org/FirstUMCMN/-/form/give/now>. Please indicate Lent/Easter.

Local Mission: Supporting Chum

So many of you have given generously to Chum over the years with donations to the Food Shelf, Stepping On Up and special offerings. Coppertop folks volunteer their time and talents to the Chum Rhubarb Festival and the Warming Shelter; others make monthly gifts through the church or directly to Chum. Your gifts of time, warmth, clothing, and shelter are helping to keep folks who live outside alive. Together we are making a difference for people experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and poverty in Duluth.

Please know that donations can go a long way:

- \$50 One Week Worth of Travel For Chum2Go Van
- \$162 One year of food for a household
- \$250 2-month supply of paper and hygiene supplies
- \$1,000 Provides 1 night of shelter for 50 people.

Learn more at <https://www.chumduluth.org/giving>.



Donations to Chum can be made easily with an offering to First UMC

When you give through the church, donations to Chum conveniently appear on your church giving statement. Be sure to indicate “Chum” on the memo line of your check or online gift. Choose a giving option that works best for you:

- Drop a check payable to FUMC in the offering plate or in the mail to First United Methodist Church, 230 E Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.
- eGiving is as easy as clicking this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstUMCMN/-/form/give/now>.
- Give through your bank.



The Bible teaches that we are to honor God with the “First Fruits” of our labor (Proverbs 3:9). By setting up a recurring contribution, you can ensure that your First Fruits are faithfully given back to God. Recurring gifts offer simplicity – You won’t have to remember whether you gave this month or send in an offering by mail when you’re on a trip. Like First UMC, most banks offer a recurring gift

option. Visit your bank’s website to make sure.

When you make payments to FUMC through your bank, use the ‘Description’ field your bank provides to denote CHUM.



Conversation with Church Friends: A group is meeting over Zoom every second and fourth Tuesday at 10am to catch up with each other and talk about what comes up that day. If you’re interested in joining the group, contact Pamela Brown at pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us



The Coffee Hour after worship on Sundays is a perfect way to connect with the people of our church and is viewed as a ministry. Currently, we have a 4-week rotation, working in teams of 2. Would you consider volunteering for this important mission? Training is provided. You may contact with either Linda Wiig (linda.wiig@hotmail.com) or Pamela Brown (pr.brown1906@gmail.com) should you like to find out more.

COMMUNITY THANK YOUS

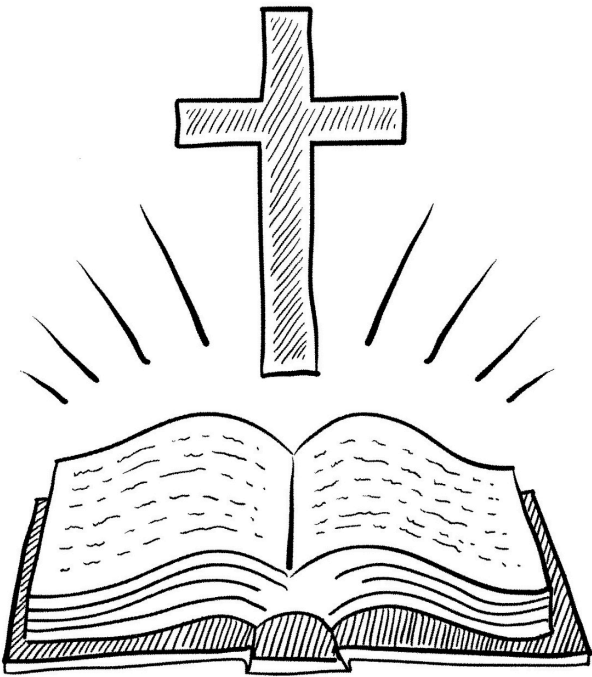
Dear First United Methodist Church, on behalf of the Duluth Public Schools, we wish to thank you for the in-kind donation for Washington ECFE School of the Duluth Public School District. You provided over 1,000 diapers and more than a dozen handmade blankets for the ECFE teen and home visit program. ... Thank you again for your generosity. It is truly appreciated!
Sincerely, John Magas, Superintendent and Kelly Durick Eder, School Board Chair.

Dear First United Methodist Church, Thank you for your recent donation of toys, and gift cards, to the union Gospel Mission. Your support helped provide gifts to local children this Holiday Season. Katie Hagglund, Executive Director

Dear First UMC Community, Minnesota Reconciling Congregations wish to thank you for your financial contribution. We use these funds to facilitate activities around Minnesota that support existing and building new reconciling congregations. Through this work, we share the message of God's inclusive love. This is important work as we respond to the outcome of the 2024 General Conference. Thank you for your support of our mission! Members of the MRC Leadership Team

Thank you First United Methodist Church for your monthly donation to CHUM's Chaplaincy program, for the Food Shelf and for the general fund. Thank you also for the additional donation in December. Chum started in 1973 with the purpose of overcoming the increase of hunger, poverty, homelessness, and isolation in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood. 50 years later, we are still here, providing life-saving services to our most vulnerable neighbors. The needs are great, and growing, and our services are expanding to meet those needs. ... Thank you for being part of our community. Grace Swensen, CHUM Development Director

Dear First United Methodist Church, Thank you for your recent donation to the Union Gospel Mission. Here at UGM, we are driven by a belief that everyone deserves food, shelter, and hope. And, because of the generosity of our donors, the Mission has been on that mission for over 100 years. Your thoughtful gift ensures we can continue serving our guests in a way that preserves pride and inspires belief in a better tomorrow. Because shelter fills a need, and food fills stomachs – but hope fills the soul. Thank you for making a difference in the Northland! We appreciate so much your ongoing, generous support of the mission. Katie Hagglund, Executive Director



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL		1	2 Music/Youth Groups 5pm	3 Trustees 4:45pm	4 Men's group 8am	5
6 Faith Forum 9am Douglas Wood "Old Turtle" Worship 10am Douglas Wood concert 3pm	7 Yoga Devotion 5pm	8 SPRC 5:30pm Conversation with Church friends via zoom 10am	9 Prayer Shawl 9am Music/Youth Groups 5pm	10	11 Men's group 8am	12
13 PALM SUNDAY Faith Forum 9am Worship/Confirmation 10am Sustainability 11:30	14 Yoga Devotion 5pm	15 Finance 5:30 Council 6:30	16 Music groups 5pm No evening youth groups	17 Last Supper Service 7pm	18 Men's group 8am Good Friday Service 12pm	19
20. EASTER Sunrise Service 7:30am Traditional Service 10am	21 Rachel Circle 10am	22 Conversation with Church friends via zoom 10am	23 Music/Youth Groups 5pm	24	25 Men's group 8am	26
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