

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022

Pastor Search Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee is working through the process of calling a pastor as outlined by the Presbytery. The Committee on Ministry is surprised at how far along in the process we are, though they feel that the series of events leading to where we are has been “Spirit-led.” The PNC is currently in the process of contacting references. The Committee on Ministry will contact secondary references and meet virtually with Rev. Christianson. The next step will be to work out a proposed contract with Rev. Christianson, which will likely be similar to the contract we had with Rev. Stangl. Once the contract is presented to and approved by Session, a Congregational meeting will be scheduled to vote on extending a call. The earliest that this will take place will be June. The PNC will verify that we are meeting Presbytery requirements throughout this process.

Happy April Birthdays

1 – Abigail Keelin	14 – Rebecca Staver
1 – Katie Keelin	17 – Sam DeVries
2 – Sue Stevens	18 – Ariella Reynolds
3 – Dorothy Tyndall	20 – Nancy Judnick
4 – Arin Marks	22 – Alicia Atkins
6 – Andrew Lee	25 – Lauren Day
6 – Joel Moschler	25 – Marko Thompson
7 – Bob Prosen	26 – Kevin Koski
9 – Ben Remington	26 – Kathy Stanaway
11 – Carol Ewens	30 – Erin Hartline

Session Highlights

- Session voted to use CDC community levels as a guideline for masking requirements. When COVID levels are low in our community, masks will be optional. When COVID levels reach a high level, masks will again be required in the church.
- Session was informed by the Pastor Nominating Committee on our current pastoral transition status.

Sympathy

To the family of Brian Koski, who recently passed and was the nephew of Roger Koski.

Preaching Schedule

Sun, Apr. 3 – Sue Stevens
Sun, Apr. 10 – Judy Erickson, Palm Sunday
Sun, Apr. 17 – Rev. Frank Davis, Easter Communion
Sun, Apr. 24 – Rev. Mary Pol

Easter at Hope

Thurs, Apr. 14, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service
Fri, Apr. 15, 6 p.m. Good Friday Service at
Peace United Methodist Church
Sun, Apr. 17, 10 a.m. Easter Service

Easter Lilies

Lilies for our Easter Sunday service are \$12.00 this year. If you would like to purchase one in honor/memory of someone, please contact the church office.

Thrift Store Donations

Since our local Goodwill store closed recently, Chaplain Daniel Triestman saw a need in our community to find another way to provide necessary items to those in need. His answer was to open a new community thrift store, called “Jackie’s Attic,” located next to the church office building. There are no prices on anything - you can pay what you are able, or it’s free. It is run by volunteers, so there aren’t many regular hours. Currently they plan to be open Mondays 9-1 and Wednesdays 9-12, and other times as able. If you would like to drop off donations at other times, you can call Daniel at 218-780-2359 or bring them to the church and Dawn will get them there. Most-needed items are furniture, household items, and clothes.

April Concerts

Range of Voices – Admission \$5

- Fri, Apr. 8, 7 p.m. Chisholm Baptist Church
- Sun, Apr. 10, 2 p.m. Gethsemane Lutheran

Mesabi Community Band – Eveleth Auditorium

- Thurs, Apr. 28, 7 p.m. – Donations will be sent to help Ukraine refugees.

March/April Donations

- \$95 was raised for the March food drive for the Quad Cities Food Shelf.
- Donations for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be collected on Palm Sunday, but you can send your donation to the church anytime. You may write OGHS in your check memo, or there are OGHS envelopes available at the church. Please see the note below from the Presbytery on how those donations are used.



Showers of Blessings From your One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering provides a shower of blessings to those who are the recipient of those funds. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings are usually collected during Lent. One portion of this offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to those in need. I know that we are all horrified as we look at the war Russia is waging against the people of Ukraine. You will be pleased to know that some of our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be given through the Disaster Assistance portion of that offering to provide food, clothing and housing to the refugees who are fleeing Ukraine. Our denomination will work with trusted, established churches and ecumenical organizations who are providing aid to these refugees.

Another portion of your One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be available to our Presbytery for the Self Development of People (SDOP) Committee. This committee seeks to find groups of people who are living below the poverty line, who are trying to start a business, or to lift themselves out of poverty. This past year our Presbytery provided \$4,000 to the St. Mark's AME Church, which is seeking to teach people how to plant and maintain a vegetable garden in the Duluth area. Our Giving Garden offering will especially focus on working with youth. In 2020, \$2,400 was given to the Life House in Duluth as they seek to help extremely low income or homeless youth pass the GED (General Education Development degree) or find alternative pathways to economic self-sufficiency. In 2019, we funded The Legitimate Hustle Program of the Life House as they help to teach homeless teens legitimate ways to earn money.

Your One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings are making a tremendous difference in today's world. We hope that you will generously give your financial gifts to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Thank you,

The Presbytery of Northern Waters Self Development of People Committee

April 2022

Sunday School



April 10
PALM SUNDAY
 Legend

"Why Donkeys Have a Cross on Their Back"

April 15
GOOD FRIDAY
 Jesus died for us
 John 19



April 17
Easter/The Empty Tomb
 Hallelujah!
 He Is Risen!
 John 20

April 24-May 1
Road to Emmaus
 Luke 24:13-35

Soup Bowl Donations

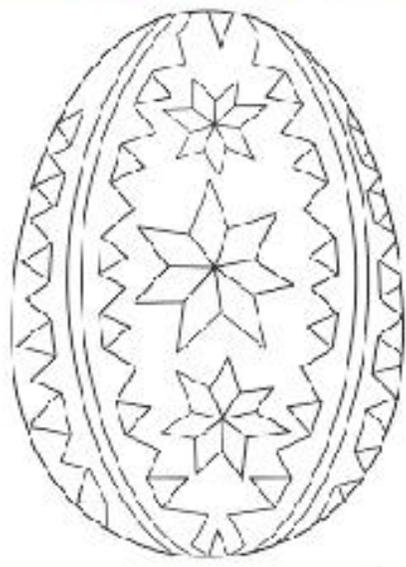
Thank you to all who helped with our Souper Bowl of Caring project this year. We were able to send a check for \$237 to the Salvation Army Supper Club.
Thanks so much

One Great Hour of Sharing

Bring in your fish banks to church on Palm Sunday or drop them off anytime at the CE building
 The church office is usually open
 T, W, TH 12 pm - 3 pm
 or use the mail slot. Thanks.



Color Me



Birthday Box

Ariella Reynolds April 18
 Lauren Day April 25
 Marko Thompson April 25



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday April 3	Sunday April 10	Thursday April 14	Sunday April 17	Sunday April 24
5th Sunday of Lent 	 <i>He is Risen!</i>	Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service	Easter Sunday <i>Easter</i> 	Road to Emmaus Week 1