

Complex world. Thoughtful church.



*New Growth in one of our Hope Gardens*

## Hope With Creation

During the season of Lent, we are invited to repent, to return, to turn, again, toward God. “Return to the Lord your God,” the prophet Joel proclaims in our Ash Wednesday readings.

We are living in a time in which we are encouraged to believe that nothing is sacred except an individual's ability to consume and profit at any cost. The social safety nets we have counted on are more precarious than they have been in many of our lifetimes, the climate crisis is becoming more obvious every year, and the anxiety caused by such realities can easily cause us to turn inward, or toward despair.

Gus Speth, Co-Founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council, once said, “I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystems collapse and climate change. I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems. But I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy... and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation and Lawyers and scientists don't know how to do that.”

We, as people of faith, do know a thing or two about spiritual transformation - or at least I hope we do! As a congregation during this season of Lent, we seek to focus on our relationship with creation as a part of this spiritual transformation. During worship you will notice themes of creation and the promises God makes through creation.

In addition, the Hope with Creation Team, in partnership with the confirmation students, have put together a list of resources for your lenten journey that seek to help you turn toward God through relationship with creation. These resources encourage us to remember that God loves the whole world - not just you, not just people like you, not even just humans - but all of creation! Through these practices we seek to slow down, to de-center ourselves, and re-center God's love and grace for us and for all creation. You will find a tri-fold brochure and some exercises or ideas printed out at the Welcome Desk at church.

A couple of events you may want to attend in partnership with this theme:

- March 8th, 2-3:30pm - Wild Church Gathering on Nicollet Island
- March 30th, 9:30am - Join the Hope with Creation team at the adult forum.

Blessings on your lenten journey. Rev. Maria Anderson-Lippert

## ***Complex Call Process, Thoughts for the Interim***

Pastor John Hulden is one of the Assistants to the Bishop for our synod, and he is the administrator for Hope's call process for a new Lead Pastor. Last month, Pastor Hulden was here to ask us about the strengths and challenges of being a pastor at ULCH and to orient the Call Committee for their work. Here are some highlights from his visit on February 23:



- ULCH has many, many, many strengths! And a few challenges. Collectively, they are part of the fabric of Hope reflected in the Ministry Site Profile, which is now available on the ELCA website for congregations seeking a new rostered leader.
- The synod staff will continue to support, pray for, and walk with ULCH.
- Across the next 6-8 weeks, candidates for the Lead Pastor position will be sought. There are three ways for candidates to enter the process:
  - Names of potential pastors can be offered by members of ULCH (watch the *Thursday Epistle* for more info on this)
  - Pastors who are aware of the search can submit their names to the synod
  - The synod will think and pray and search for good candidates to invite into the process
- The names generated in this way are vetted through the synod office. A list of candidates ready for interviews will be established and provided to the Call Committee in 6-8 weeks.
- Candidate names and interview status are kept strictly confidential. The congregation will get regular updates on the process, however.
- When the Call Committee reaches consensus, a final candidate is presented to the Vision and Governance Board after which a congregational meeting can be scheduled for a vote.

These are the broadstokes of the process; there are a number of additional dots and wiggles along the way. When asked how long this will take, Pastor Hulden compared it to a kitchen remodel—which can be tricky to predict. Many factors impact the timing, and it matters to do things faithfully and well. We have a wonderfully skilled set of contractors leading us through this process, so we trust it will take the time it takes. You are always welcome to ask Linda Herman, chair of the Call Committee, or me about things, and we will keep you as updated as possible.

An additional part of the call process is the work of a Prayer Team. We are grateful for Alden Tetlie, Elaine Reed, Jim Hougen, and Ann Rolle who will help us wrap this season in prayers. Each month, we will include a prayer for the call process in the Visitor for your use at home.

In Hope and with hope, Interim Pastor Susan

### **A Prayer of Hope for the Call Process written by Jim Hougen**

Gracious and loving God, we praise you for sending prophets and apostles to guide your people through the ages and we thank you for providing pastors to serve this congregation, including Pastors Susan and Maria. Now we ask that your Spirit may give discernment to the Call Committee: Linda, Kelly, Stephanie, Mary, Dan, John and Tom; Synod staff; and potential candidates in the process of selecting and calling a Lead Pastor for ULCH. In Christ's name, Amen

## Worship and Music

- March 2:** Transfiguration Sunday; music led by the Hope Choir  
**March 5:** Ash Wed; 7 p.m. service, music led by the Hope Choir  
**March 9:** First Sunday in Lent; music led by the Hope Choir  
**March 12:** Bless this Night; Vespers service 6:30 p.m. (in the chapel)  
**March 16:** Lent 2; Music led by the Hope Choir  
**March 19:** Bless This Night; liturgy at 12:30 p.m. for Hope Diamonds with lunch and open to all! (no evening service this week)  
**March 23:** Lent 3; Music led by Maureen Armstrong and ULCHeRS band  
**March 26:** Bless this Night; Vespers service 6:30 p.m. (in the chapel)  
**March 30:** Lent 4; Music led by the Hope Choir with LCM preacher  
**April 2:** Bless this Night; Vespers service 6:30 p.m. (in the chapel)  
**April 6:** Lent 5; Bach Cantata 131 music led by the Hope Choir and instrumentalists  
**April 9:** Bless this Night; Vespers service 6:30 p.m. (in the chapel)  
**April 16:** Palm Sunday; Music led by the Hope Choir  
**April 17:** Maundy Thursday; 7 p.m. service (in the sanctuary), Music led by the TB singers from Hope Choir  
**April 18:** Good Friday; 7 p.m. service (in the sanctuary), Music led by the SA singers from Hope Choir  
**April 19:** Easter Vigil; 7 p.m. service  
**April 20 Easter:** Music led by the Hope Choir and guest brass quartet



During Lent this year we will learn a new liturgy "Bless This Night" Holden Vespers '23. Created in the Holden Village community, this service seeks to honor night and darkness as times of blessing and renewal in our lives. It also has themes of creation, embodiment, and justice. Songs include Evening Hymn, Psalm 121, The Angel's Appearance, Mary's Song, and The Prayer of Jesus. You can read more about the service on their website: <https://fireweedliturgies.com/about> and you can find recordings on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/pfZpikNq6N4>

Paul Stever, Minister of Worship and Music

## Easter Breakfast

Join our community on Easter morning, April 20, from 9-10:15 a.m. for a breakfast to support our young people and their faith formation opportunities at camp or on service learning trips. If you'd like to help with the breakfast, contact Sheila Hougan, [shougen03@gmail.com](mailto:shougen03@gmail.com).

## Wild Church Gathering

**March 8th, 2-3:30 p.m. at Nicollet Island Inn.** 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 ([mariaa@ulch.org](mailto:mariaa@ulch.org)) with any questions. And check out our new Wild Church Twin Cities website: [www.wildchurchtc.org](http://www.wildchurchtc.org).



## Bread for the World 2025 Offering of Letters

This March Hope will be holding the Bread for the World Offering of Letters during the Congregational Meal after worship on Sunday, March 16. Bread's focus this year is on saving and increasing the budget for our national and international anti-hunger programs, with a special focus on student hunger and funding food shelves on college campuses. Please come to our table after your meal and sign or write a letter to your legislators in Washington. We will have everything you will need for this important action.

Donna Neste, for Hope in the World

# Children's Ministry

This year in Children's Ministry we will have opportunities for three different age groups to build relationships and deepen their faith at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings:

**Birth-3:** Join with other families with young children in the nursery for a time to play and connect. This is a casual gathering. A story and snack will be shared and there will be lots of free-play time.

**Pre-K - Grade 1:** This group will meet to learn Bible stories, explore nature, and build relationships in a small group environment. A snack will also be shared.

**Grades 2-6:** This group will meet to connect Bible stories and faith practices together, and begin to think about how we connect our faith to the rest of our lives.

**There will be no Sunday School on March 30th due to Spring Break.**

If you are not already receiving emails (they don't come too often), contact Pr. Maria to get on the list. You can also contact Pr. Maria ([mariaa@ulch.org](mailto:mariaa@ulch.org)) with any questions.

Rev. Maria Anderson-Lippert



## Summer opportunities

There are some opportunities for children, youth, and people of all ages to connect at church this summer.

Namekagon Camp Week at Amnicon for 10-14 year olds - August 3-8. Spend one night in camp, three nights canoe camping on the river, and one last night back at camp. Build relationships, get outside your comfort zone, and enjoy time in God's good creation. Contact Pr. Maria ([mariaa@ulch.org](mailto:mariaa@ulch.org)) if you'd like the registration link sent to you once it's available.

Youth Camp Week at Amnicon for youth ages 14+ - July 28-August 2. The exact details of this trip are still being solidified, but save the dates on your calendar!

Congregational Camp at Amnicon - August 22-24 - for people of all ages!

Building Beloved Community Ecumenical Daycamp - June 16-20

Please save the date for a great week of fun and faith formation! This year, our ecumenical day camp will be at - Diamond Lake Lutheran Church (5760 Portland Ave). Our program arc will be Monday - Thursday, with a family celebration on Thursday night. Friday is a bonus fun day. 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. The registration link is in the Thursday Epistle or can be found at [www.smplsdaycamp.org](http://www.smplsdaycamp.org).

## Hope Diamonds

Hope Diamonds is our ministry geared toward the most senior members of our community, yet all are welcome to join in this time of fellowship. We will gather on March 19th for midweek Lenten worship at 12:30 p.m. followed by a light lunch. We will conclude around 2 p.m. All are welcome to both worship and the lunch following worship. Rides can be arranged for those who need them! Contact Pastor Maria ([mariaa@ulch.org](mailto:mariaa@ulch.org)) with questions.

# Hope Birthdays

This Birthday list of Hope's members and friends includes those who are 80 years and older, in addition to some who may be home-bound, residing in assisted living, or a care center. You can find their contact info the ULCH directory. Cards, notes and phone calls are always appreciated! (We have no March birthdays)



## April Birthdays

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Leonard Hrcir

April 8<sup>th</sup> – James Solem

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Jean (Donna) Albrecht



## Breadth and Depth for March Sunday Forums

The topics for March cover the waterfront so to speak. Please take a look at the schedule. No doubt you will find at least one topic for which you have an interest and maybe even a passion. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

**3/2: Struggling to Communicate—Understanding Aphasia** - When Hope member Robert Gerloff suffered a major stroke in 2006 at age 45, it strongly affected the verbal centers in the left side of his brain. In the nearly 20 years since, Rob has worked diligently to improve his speaking, writing, and reading skills. Hear the story of Rob's odyssey with aphasia and what he would like people to know about this communication challenge that impacts more than 2 million people in the U.S.

**3/9: P.E.A.S.E. Academy: How ULCH has contributed to the success of the foremost provider of adolescent recovery school in Minnesota.** - Michael Durchslag, the longtime Director of P.E.A.S.E. Academy, will share about the longest running recovery high school in the country. The University Lutheran Church of Hope has been an essential component in P.E.A.S.E. 's success not only as a school but in its growth to become the go-to provider of adolescent recovery services.

**3/16: Hope for Gaza's next generation** - Healing to Hope is a US based organization formed to support the work of Anar, a community based psychosocial support and arts program that is offering healing for Palestinian children and caregivers. Our presenter, Dr. Sarah Myers, taught at Augsburg for 12 years in the drama department and now leads the organization. She is Jewish with a deep commitment to the Palestinian people seeking an end to the occupation and genocide. (Of note is that our former pastor and former bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson, has recently joined the board of Anar.)

**3/23: Music by Ministers of Worship and Music at University Lutheran Church of Hope, Part Deux** - In December we heard and sang Advent and Christmas music composed or arranged by Bill Beckstrand, Zach Busch, and Paul Stever, and talked about the choices they made to bring this music to life. In this session looking toward Easter, we will study and sing Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen, with music composed by Tim Strand, and a familiar hymn with a fanfare arranged by Bobby Ragoonanan, and talk more about musical choices, including meter and rhythm and the effect it has on our experience. Our presenter is Marty Lewis-Hunstiger.

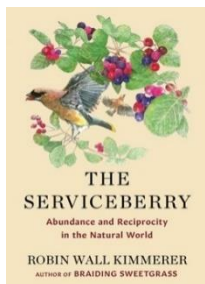
**3/30: Hope for Creation** - Tim Gustafson, Karen Jorstad, and Pastor Maria will be presenting information about this important task force of ULCH. Please check the Thursday Epistle the week prior to March 30 for more details.

## Bible and Brews

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. Watch the Thursday Epistle or contact the church office for the meeting location.

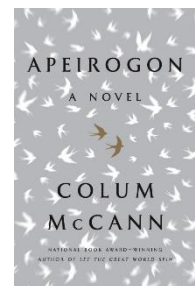
## Hope Book Club

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Via Zoom



**The Serviceberry, by Robin Wall Kimmerer** - By the author of Braiding Sweetgrass. “A bold and inspiring vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity, and community, based on the lessons of the natural world.” McNally Robinson Bookseller.

**Apr. 15: Apeirogon, by Colum McCann.** “Bassam Aramin is Palestinian. Rami Elhanan is Israeli. They inhabit a world of conflict that colors every aspect of their daily lives, from the roads they are allowed to drive on, to the schools their daughters, Abir and Smadar, each attend, to the checkpoints, both physical and emotional, they must negotiate. Their worlds shift irreparably after ten-year-old Abir is killed by a rubber bullet and thirteen-year-old Smadar becomes the victim of suicide bombers. When Bassam and Rami learn of each other’s stories, they recognize the loss that connects them and they attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace.” [Apeirogon | Colum McCann](#).



“Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled ‘This could change your life.’” –Helen Exley

Please contact Sonja Peterson for Zoom link and/or with book suggestions at [dunn.pete.law@gmail.com](mailto:dunn.pete.law@gmail.com) or 612-242-8711.

“A book must be the ax for the frozen sea within us.” Franz Kafka

## Young Adult Ministry – March 16 Ice Cream Social Justice



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

## Seeking Soup Makers -Sign-up dates still open!

We invite you to be a part of this ministry by providing LCM with soup! Each week we feed 75-100 hungry students. Because this event has grown so much we are asking that two volunteers sign up and provide soup for 25 each (and we will fill in the rest). We will also provide bread and treats. You are welcome to make (or buy) any soup that you like and we will provide options for people with dietary restrictions. Once you sign up, we will email you to confirm and we can work out the details for your soup drop off. Please email Michelle at [info@umnlutheran.org](mailto:info@umnlutheran.org) with any questions or sign up below. [Sign up Here to make soup!](#)



## Opportunity to Move Beyond Land Acknowledgements

During the Sunday Forum on January 19, we spoke of one of the opportunities for University Lutheran Church of Hope members and friends to move toward racial healing around the Doctrine of Discovery. Hope is co-sponsoring a presentation by Sarah Augustine on Friday evening, April 4 entitled, “Embodying Solidarity with Indigenous People by Becoming Kin.” She is the author of *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* and *So We and Our Children May Live*.

Sarah is a descendant of the Pueblo (Tewa) people and is a founder of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. <https://dismantleddiscovery.org/>

The presentation will be held at United Theological Seminary, 767 N Eustis Street, Suite 140, St Paul, beginning at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30. Free admission. It will also be live streamed for those who prefer that option. Mark your calendars. For more information, contact Diane Greve [dkgreve@gmail.com](mailto:dkgreve@gmail.com)

## The Women's Retreat is March 28-29, 2025

### Women's Retreat, March 28-29, 2025: “Awe and Wonder”

Created for, Calling out, and Cultivating Practices of Awe and Wonder

**Women's Retreat is March 28-29, 2025** - Registration for the Women's Retreat will begin Sunday, March 9. We're looking forward to being in the “New” lounge and kitchenette spaces. We'll be gathering Friday evening and Saturday morning. For more information please [click here](#). You can access and complete the registration form [here](#). Hard copies will be at the Welcome Desk in March.

Questions? Ann Beane [spirit.beane@gmail.com](mailto:spirit.beane@gmail.com) or Beáta Rydeen [beatarydeen@comcast.net](mailto:beatarydeen@comcast.net)

Link to the information doc:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15wpPxgiHpiufei3sUqOjBjkYnYmyFvGkD3\\_AaodqHA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15wpPxgiHpiufei3sUqOjBjkYnYmyFvGkD3_AaodqHA/edit?usp=sharing)

This is the link to the registration form: <https://forms.gle/joJHhmMHKyphiaaNA> Suggested donation is \$25.

Beáta Rydeen, MA

“If you have yet to be called an incorrigible, defiant woman, don't worry, there is still time”

Clarissa Pinkola Estés

## The Presidents Report

I'm following some writing legends in my new role as church President. My wife Karen served in this role about 10 years ago and wrote delightful pieces about her knitting life. My friend Uli Koester cleverly wrote about his experiences with backyard chickens. And of course my predecessor Linda Herman wrote thoughtful, relatable and inspiring words for this column. My friends, I'm not that interesting. But I will say that I'm honored and thankful to be in this role. Members and Leaders of Hope inspire, encourage and enlighten me every day and in every interaction. Emphasis on the enlighten. As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, I will keep my eyes and ears open to you, as well as keep an open mind. We have significant challenges and opportunities ahead of us this year: calling a Lead Pastor, hiring a Financial Administrator, processing the Donation, expanding our presence in our neighborhood and meeting our financial obligations. All while living our values and following God's word. I'm confident we will prosper because together we are generous and resourceful and most of all gracious and good. So my first Executive Order is...Let's appreciate and trust one another.

Cordially, John Pignatello - ULCH 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 family and friends of John Levy

**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, Granger Whitney, Miriam Hougen, Chuck Lewis, Rosalie Eldevik, Nyla Willie, and Paul Quie. 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.

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> Adolescent Substance Abuse Education P.E.A.S.E. Academy, MHC and Hope



**Adolescent Substance Use and Misuse:  
What You Need to Know**  
*An educational program for faith community members, parents and other interested persons.*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, March 22, 2025**  
**9 a.m. – 12 Noon**  
University Lutheran Church of Hope  
601 – 13th Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN

*A partnership between Mental Health Connect, P.E.A.S.E. Academy and University Lutheran Church of Hope*

Hope is excited to host this educational event in partnership with P.E.A.S.E Academy and Mental Health Connect. We will need volunteers from Hope to help host this event. Hosting roles could include helping to greet people and help them find their way, being present at the registration table, helping to monitor the refreshments throughout the day, and clean up. We'd need hosts from 8am-1pm and would welcome your presence for all or some of the time. Please let Pr. Maria ([mariaa@ulch.org](mailto:mariaa@ulch.org)) know if you can help to host. And spread the word in your circles about this important and informative event!



## We Invite You to Support Our Journey to Holden Village



At LCM, one of our primary calls is to build and sustain a community that centers Christ's unconditional love. This is hard, intentional and pragmatic work - especially when a community is as diverse in religious experience, culture and identity as LCM is. We also know that building community and belonging is some of the most important work we can be doing, now as much as ever before.

As part of this work, each year we offer two off-campus retreats and at least one service or immersion experience during Spring Break. This Spring, twenty students will travel by train, boat and buses to Holden Village to serve alongside community members in the work of the village, grow in faith, and build community with each other. Students will rest, play, pray in this beautiful place and learn, from the Holden community, what it means to welcome people with abundance and warmth and great attention to detail. They will volunteer helping with the work of the village by cooking, cleaning, chopping wood, and other odd jobs.

Our off-campus experiences are an important way for students to forge friendships outside of the more formally programmed worship and bible studies. The Spring Break Immersion trips are a chance to learn, serve and grow alongside other students – whether traveling to Holden Village, Northern Ireland, or to the US border with Mexico. Students report that LCM's off-campus retreats are one of the most memorable experiences they have in college.

It is essential that cost is not a barrier to any student on campus who wants to participate. To make these trips accessible, we charge students a nominal participation fee and provide full scholarships to anyone who needs it.

**Although we are budget travelers, this experience will still cost about \$1,000 per student. Our overall goal is to raise \$20,000. So far, we have raised \$6,000 and only need \$14,000.**

Can you help us reach our final goal? [Donate Here Today!](#)

## Piano Rebuild Update

The keyboard arrived this week and was unpacked today from its very safe shipping crate. It all looks great. Now I will be taking measurements for the new back action from the key ends. Installing the new back action and re-felting the damper heads, then mounting the new action parts to the new action rails and keys. Alignment of the parts to the new strings, action regulation, voicing, and key balancing. It's all coming along!

Paul Klitzke; Piano Technician



## Financial Administrator at Hope: Changing Leadership

After five years at ULCH, Kari Olson is leaving the position of Financial Administrator. ULCH member, Emma Carpenter, is stepping in as our Interim Financial Administrator while we update the job description and search for a new staff member. Thank you, Emma! Please be patient as we turn over this role; it takes time to do things carefully and faithfully.

**Due to this turnover, a Treasurer's Report is not yet available for February.**

If you have questions about anything, reach out to Pastor Susan ([susand@ulch.org](mailto:susand@ulch.org)), Emma ([FinAdmin@ulch.org](mailto:FinAdmin@ulch.org)) or congregation treasurer, Ruth Hedman ([r.j.hedman@gmail.com](mailto:r.j.hedman@gmail.com)).

## New Accordion Doors Are Being Installed

Hope has such a wonderful facilities team! These guys do so much behind the scenes for our building and systems. Much of the remodel work in the kitchenette, the new doors, accordion doors, to name just a few. It doesn't stop there, everything from light switches to toilets!

**Thank You All!**



# March 2025 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 5:30am - 2:30pm Baking Hope Bread Team 9:30am - 11:30am Pickup Basketball
<b>2</b> Transfiguration Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am Call Committee and Transition Team 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir <b>10:30am - 11:30am</b> <b>Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube</b> 12:00pm - 2:00pm Confirmation Mini-Retreat	<b>3</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm - 2:00pm Spiritual Support Group 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE support group - 206	<b>4</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE 6:30pm - 7:15pm Personnel Committee 7:15pm - 8:30pm Executive Committee	<b>5</b> Ash Wednesday Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 5:45pm - 6:50pm Hope Choir rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	<b>6</b> Administration Office Closed 4:30pm - 6:00pm Compassion Care 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hopeful Hope	<b>7</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm	<b>8</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Pickup Basketball 12:00pm - 1:30pm New Members 2:00pm - 3:30pm Wild Church Gathering
<b>9</b> First Sunday in Lent 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir <b>10:30am - 11:30am</b> <b>Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube</b>	<b>10</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm - 2:00pm Spiritual Support Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm 2PAC Meeting	<b>11</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog.	<b>12</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 6:00pm - 8:00pm Facilities Team 6:30pm - 7:00pm Blest This Night (Holden Vespers service) 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir	<b>13</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:30am - 11:30am Dorcas Circle 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group	<b>14</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 7:00pm - 10:00pm Craft Group	<b>15</b> The Visitor Articles Due 8:00am - 12:00pm Minneapolis Area Synod Toolkit 9:30am - 11:30am Pickup Basketball
<b>16</b> Second Sunday in Lent 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir <b>10:30am - 11:30am</b> <b>Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube</b>	<b>17</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm - 2:00pm Spiritual Support Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm Bible and Brews (location TBD)	<b>18</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 1:00pm - 3:00pm Hopeful Hope Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. 5:30pm - 8:30pm East Bank Neighborhoods Partnership 6:30pm - 8:00pm Vision & Governance Board	<b>19</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 12:30pm - 1:00pm 12:30pm Bless This Night liturgy 12:30pm - 2:00pm Hope Diamonds 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir	<b>20</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group	<b>21</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm	<b>22</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm PEASE & MHC Adolescent Mental Health 9:30am - 11:30am Pickup Basketball
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