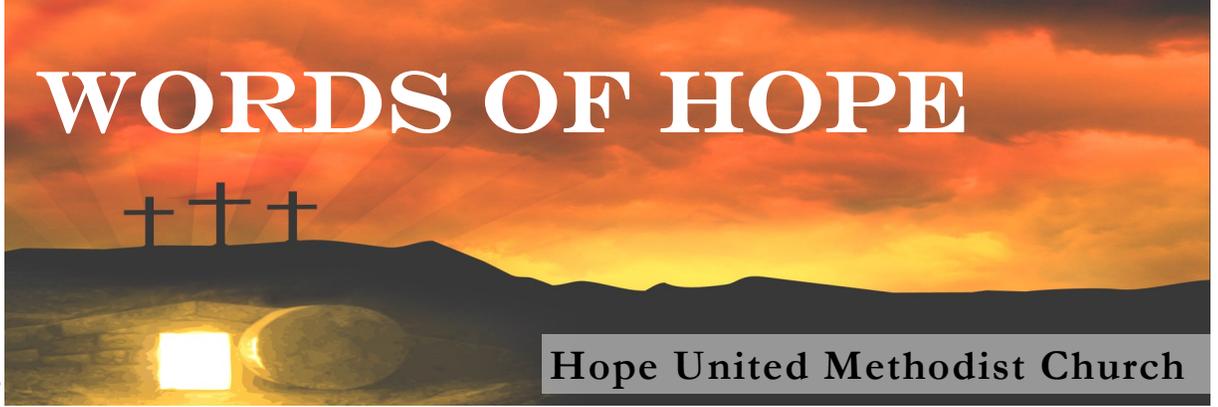


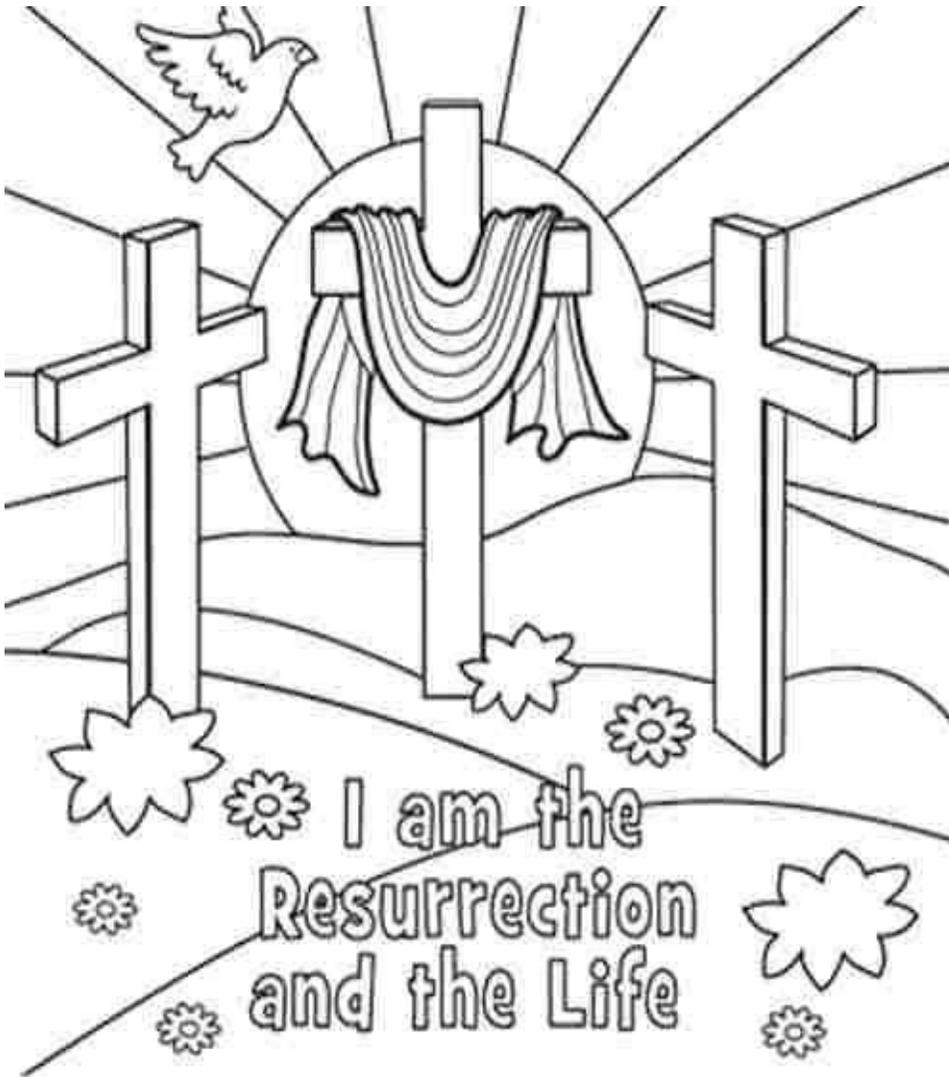


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WORDS OF HOPE



Hope United Methodist Church



How do you do that? There are many ways – prayer, walking, journaling – or coloring! As we found during our Advent study last year, coloring while we are focused on a picture or theme helps our mind to be freed to look at things in a new way. So, here is your focal point! Take time to color this picture and let your mind go to what it really means to you to be a child of God, saved by Jesus' resurrection. Take time to let God's voice be heard so you can embrace your faith fully into your daily life.

Let the Holy Spirit lead you into the resurrection life!

~ Pastor Laurie

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Christ is risen! As we celebrate another Easter and move forward in our lives, we need to take time to consider what resurrection means to each of us as well as to our

community. One way to do this is to take time during your day to focus on the resurrection and let your mind process how you personally go forward risen with Christ.

April Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 8th
Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 15th
Confirmands Lead Worship
Romans 13:1-7

Sunday, April 22nd
*Joint Service with
Grace Korean*
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 29th
Celebrating Graduates
Psalm 22:25-31
John 15:1-8

Check out our website at:
HopeMethodistChurch.com

Office Hours
Monday~ Friday
9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Events and Small Groups

Men's Breakfast: Wednesdays, 8:00 am, Mt. Royal Caribou Coffee.

Worship at Pines III: Pastor Laurie Boche will host a worship service at Pines III on Tuesday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will host a worship service on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm.

May Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, April 19.

Hope's prayer group usually meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month and we are always delighted to have more "prayer power!" (The more the prayerier!) In addition to praying through the Upper Room prayer requests, we pray for those in our circles of influence, our church family, and beyond.

Page Turners will meet on April 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room. The book is "*Beyond the Dreamers*" by Ombalo Mbu. The book for May is: "*The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*" by Lisa See. ***New members welcome.*** Contact Anna Allison at 724-5715.

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers in March!

A big THANK YOU to all the wonderful folks who did such a super job in putting together the Easter Sunday celebration! It was a great team effort and a real treat for us to have such good help.... the job was much easier and quicker due to them. And THANKS are also due to the folks who made and shared the delicious muffins and provide the beautiful flowers.
God bless, Barb and Pete Bergman

The Pines would like to thank Hope for donating the electric piano. They love it!

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hopeumcduluth](http://www.facebook.com/hopeumcduluth)

Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:

Dear Lord, thank You for Your Word.
Surround me with people who will pray for me, and place people in my life for whom I can pray.

Administrative Council

The Hope Administrative Council met on March 21st and discussed the following:

- Lester Park UMC's last worship will be April 8th. Because some of their members have said they will be moving to Hope after that, members of our church are invited to be at the last service to welcome the Lester Park members to Hope. A delegation has volunteered for that. Our prayers go out to Lester Park UMC as they make this hard transition.
- Pastoral transition – welcoming Rev. Sara Lawton when she begins on July 29th and saying goodbye to Pastor Laurie whose last Sunday is June 24th. Also discussed was cleaning up some of the administrative processes for our teams so that things are in good shape by July.
- Calendar for Spring – There are many celebrations and special Sundays coming up in April, May and June. Also, Lois Newman's memorial service date has been chosen. It will take place on Saturday, June 9th.

Finance

DIDJA KNOW that over the years folks make decisions about how their assets will be shared after they have passed away. It is often difficult to think about things as we age. We usually would rather delay... or ignore... the issue since it is so difficult. But we all have choices to make as time moves along.

DIDJA KNOW that in recent years Hope has been fortunate to receive gifts from families and individuals to our Memorial Fund or Living Endowment Fund as well as outright gifts from the estates of members and friends. These funds are resources that provide opportunity to further our work and improve our facilities.

During April most of us will have completed our taxes and may have been thinking about our assets and expenses. It is a good opportunity to give further thought to how to establish our legacy. The United Methodist Church has information about how to include our church in plans for distribution of personal assets in ways that include the church. Contact the church office or Pete Bergman, chair of the Finance Team, for assistance in getting that information,

*For your Finance Team
Pete Bergman, Chair*

Confirmands Lead Worship April 15th

On Sunday, April 15th this year's confirmation class will lead worship at Hope! This service is a team effort with the youth working with Pastor Laurie and the music staff to provide worship that will be engaging, thoughtful and fun. Please mark your calendar for a different worship experience and to support our creative youth.

JOINT SERVICE WITH GRACE KOREAN

On Sunday, April 22nd we will be welcoming our brothers and sisters from Grace Korean UMC to a joint worship experience at the 10a service. This will be a time to celebrate our partnership as congregations of the United Methodist Church as well as the differing ways we experience worship. We will also have fellowship time together after worship to catch up with old friends and make new connections.

Hospitality

Fellowship is an important part of our Sunday Worship. We have ladies who have signed up to make our coffee each week, serve and clean up. But we need your help! I have put some plastic containers in the kitchen, on top of freezer, marked 'fellowship'. If you know that you are going to do some baking think about making a little extra for church. Just bring it to church and put it in the freezer. It doesn't have to be a lot, we like a variety but we must keep in mind that we do have about 75 people who stay for coffee each week. Please be a fellowship provider and fill a container once in awhile. It is all used and greatly appreciated.



Questions? Please contact Bev Merritt at 724-8693.

MISSIONS

APRIL MISSION

A very special thank you for supporting the Easter offering for First Witness and Hurricane Relief! Food Share Month in March was also a great success. Your donations help change lives!

Our next CHUM dinner is on Tuesday, April 17th. We need volunteers to cook, serve, clean up and bring desserts. These dinners are always appreciated, and we get so many thank yous and smiling faces it just warms your heart! If you haven't been part of this experience here's your chance! Please let Robyn Christianson know if you can help out or sign up in the Narthex.

Also, Annual Conference is back in early June; time to start thinking about putting together health kits for UMCOR! If you're out shopping this month, look for the following items: **hand towels** (no microfiber or kitchen), **washcloths**, **combs** (6" or longer), **metal nail files or nail clippers**, **bath-size soaps** (3 oz and larger, no Ivory), **toothbrushes**, **adhesive bandages** (3/4 to 1"), **gallon-size plastic bags**, and **donations of \$1 to purchase toothpaste**.

Happy Spring!
Robyn Christianson

Easter Offering

This year's **Easter offering** will be divided between two organizations:

Hurricane Relief through UMCOR to continue to help those in the United States and Caribbean rebuild their lives and their communities. There is still much work to be done all of these months after the hurricanes.

First Witness Child Advocacy Center is a safe, child-friendly place for victims of child sexual and physical abuse to tell their story. The team protocol requires just one record, child-centered interview at the First Witness building in Duluth. Their goal is to make sure children are safe. The Services Include: Evaluation and Assessment, Family Services, Prevention & Training.

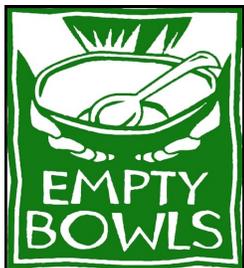
PASTY BAKE THANK YOU!

This past week 65 volunteers worked long hours to make our pastie bake a success. Sue, Helen, Celeste and Donna want to thank each



and every one. A group of UMD students helped put us over the finish line on Saturday. Not only did Lester Park church donate equipment that made our work easier several of their members volunteered to help us! The total made and sold was 1,123!!!

Empty Bowl Events



25th Annual Empty Bowl

April 17, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The Depot, 506 W. Michigan Street,
Duluth ~ \$20

Join us for Duluth's premiere charitable arts and hunger event – Empty Bowl. Choose a handcrafted bowl created by area professional artists, school children and community members. Dine on delicious soup, bread and beverage donated by some of the region's best chefs and purveyors. Participate in our Silent Auction featuring the works of professional regional artists and enjoy local entertainment. Proceeds benefit Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank.

For more information, 218-727-5653

Find Empty Bowl on [Facebook!](#)

Participate in our [online auction](#) now through Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 3 p.m.

Fabric, Yarn, Scrapbooking Sale AND Book Sale



Saturday, April 28th fro 9-1pm.

Tables are still available if you know of someone who would like to sell their own stash. This would also include books, patterns, notions, machines, & kits. Sponsored by the Hope Quilters to help fund their ongoing projects for Hope Methodist and the community. Contact Sue Beeman 728-2406

Book Sale with Pastor Laurie's books will also be held that day. Lots of books to choose from!

HOPE ACTIVITIES

Page Flippers Book Club

Page flippers is a book club for children and youth. We meet from 6-7 pm one Wednesday a month. Preschoolers through those entering Grade 2 and their accompanying adult will have a book read aloud to them and join in an craft project. Those entering Grades 3-7 will discuss a book they have read in advance. This month we will meet on April 11 at 6pm and discuss the book: "Fever 1793" by Laurie Halse Anderson. Please join us!

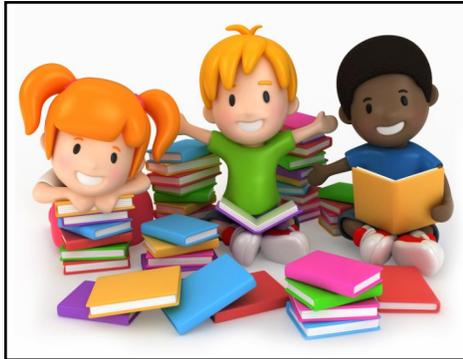
This event is open to the public, so come and invite your friends!

Check out our new facebook page for all current book listings and dates.

<https://www.facebook.com/duluthpageflippers/>

If you have any questions please contact Lori Amundson at lamundson@hotmail.com or call at 612-756-3077.

Plan ahead for May! The book is: "Rain Reign" by Ann M. Martin. June book is: "What the Moon Saw" by Laura Resau.



Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Hope, 6:30pm. Please join us for some great reads! Make sure to check with the office before 2:00 to confirm that this hasn't changed.

April 17: "The Wind and the Drum" by Katharine Johnson.
(Author talk at Fitger's, April 25 6:30 pm)

May 15: "Skinny Legs and All" by Tom Robbins

June 18: "A" is for Alibi" by Sue Grafton



Hope Quilters

Hope Quilters will meet on Thursday April 26th, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch.

The quilters -
Sue Beeman,
Barb Bergman,
Mary Bowker,
Celeste Daw,
Sally Herstad,
Rosemary Tripp
and Barb Vatalaro



Help us spread the word for our annual Fabric, Yarn, Scrapbooking, Stamping SALE on Saturday April 28th.

Age Well Memory Café

Hope UMC will be hosting a Memory Café here at Hope on Tuesday, April 10 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

A Memory Café is a group where those suffering from memory loss, as well as their care providers and family members, can find relaxation, fun, and the support of other people who are having similar experiences.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Kim Hileman, the Program Director of Age Well Arrowhead. 218-623-7805.



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Kid's Quest: Anita Rixe
Nursery Attendants: Sara Schutt, Cassidy Kelley

YOUTH NEWS

I am so happy to be working with you as interim Youth Coordinator! I look forward to getting to know you better.

We have several opportunities to get involved in the month of April!! It would be GREAT to have you help with Easter activities, read scripture or usher, as indicated below. We also have a couple of social activities that should be fun and friends are always welcome.

Easter Sunday, April 1st: Help serve coffee and juice at the tables during breakfast. All helpers will be able to take a break to eat! 8:30 am - 9:45 am.

Saturday, April 14th - Mercy Me Concert: This group sings awesome music ("Ten Thousand Reasons" which you learned on the South Dakota Mission trip and "I Can Only Imagine", the title song of the movie in theaters. Tickets are on sale now starting at \$40. Scholarships are available and friends are welcome!! 7:00 pm at the DECC. **Let me know by April 4th if you want a ticket!**

Sunday, April 15th - Bowling & Pizza: Noon - 2:00 pm at the Incline Station. \$12.00/person. **Let me know by Thursday, April 12th if you'll be joining us!**

Read Scripture and/or Usher - Any Sunday: Just sign-up on the forms in the narthex!

UPCOMING SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

CONFIRMATION

We are only a few weeks away from leading worship! Thanks to all of you for your work in putting this service together. We will NOT be meeting on April 2nd as it is break for most of you which leads **Monday, April 9th** as our final meeting before you lead worship! Be sure to attend and know we may run long since we have lots to do. Also look for snail mail from Pastor Laurie with the draft script before that meeting so we can finalize everything on that day.

On **Sunday, April 15th** be sure to be at church by **8:45 a.m.** so we can go over things one last time. Then plan to stay for Fellowship Time. It should be a great experience!

We will also meet on our regular night on April 16th and 23rd. Be sure to get in all of the items handed out last week.

Finally, I will set up a worship experience at another church in April or May. Let me know if you would like to go!

Blessings! *Pastor Laurie*

Kid's Korner

What a beautiful time of the year when the earth wakes up after a long, cold winter. Enjoy it.

March was a great month in Kids' Quest. We had a good attendance and the children were eager to learn. It is such a blessing when we review lessons and the children are excited to pop up with the correct answers. They were awesome. Our lessons centered around Mary honoring Jesus, Blind Bartimaeus, Jesus breaking bread with his disciples, and people welcoming Jesus. In April we will share the Easter story and distribute goodie bags to all children in attendance between the worship services on Easter morning. This is always such a special time with many children. In April we will also talk about Paul's change, his escape and how the church grows.

May 20 has been set for our annual intergenerational year end celebration. This is always a special time of fun, food, fellowship, family and faith. This will be shortly before Pastor Laurie will be leaving so let's make this a very special time as we celebrate the years she has brought God's word to us. We are so thankful for her guidance, inspiration, help & prayers through the years. We wish her well and God's blessings as she leaves.

Plans are in the making for Vacation Bible School June 12-14. Please see more information in another location in this newsletter.

Dates to remember:

May 20 - Intergenerational end of year celebration
June 12-14 - VBS

~Anita

Parents and Pals Playtime

Playtime for parents and toddlers in our FH will continue this month. This event will be offered on Tues and Weds from 9:30-11:30am in the church fellowship hall.

We provide coffee and treats for the parents.

We are still looking for people to volunteer to make coffee/treats and be here during that timeframe to talk with parents and supervise.



April 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:00 am Easter Worship 8:45 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean | 2 11-1 pm SWA 4-6 pm SWA 5:00 pm UCM Dinner Office Closed | 3 9:30 am PPP 11-5 pm SWA 2:00 pm Pines Worship 5-7 pm PEO Mtg. | 4 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 12-2 pm SWA 7:00 pm Alanon | 5 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:00 am Lester Park Final Service 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Music & Worship Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean | 9 5:00 pm UCM Dinner 5:30 pm Confirmation | 10 9:30 am PPP 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 11-1 pm SWA 1-3:30 pm Age Well 2-4 pm SWA, FH 4:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg. 6-9:30 pm PEO Mtg. | 11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 10:00 am Page Turners 12-2 pm SWA, FH 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Page Flippers 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon | 12 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong | 13 | 14 |
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| 29 10:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean | 30 5:00 pm UCM Dinner | | | | | |

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Key Stone Bluffs: Ralph & Marge Anderson, Bette Nord, Shirley Swapinski, Pat Eng

North Shore Estates: Marj McKee

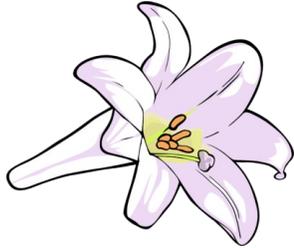
Hold in Prayer...

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| Margaret Kline | Pat Eng | Doug Tripp | Bette Nord |
| Family of Lois Newman | Jenny Pattison-Lundeen | | Shirley Swapinski |
| Lois Newell | Catharine Larsen | Fred Moen | Marj McKee |

All of our members and friends who travel south for the winter.

Easter Flowers

Pete & Barb Bergman, Janice Blazier, Pastor Laurie Boche, Jack & Phyllis Carlson, Julie Pattison Crisostomo, Deb & Art Hoff, Jim & Joanne Hubal, Darlene & Glenn Johnson, Troy & MaryLee Johnson, Jack Kraus, Carrie & Shawn Landman, Catharine Larsen, Char & Bob Mahai, Joel & Donna Manns,



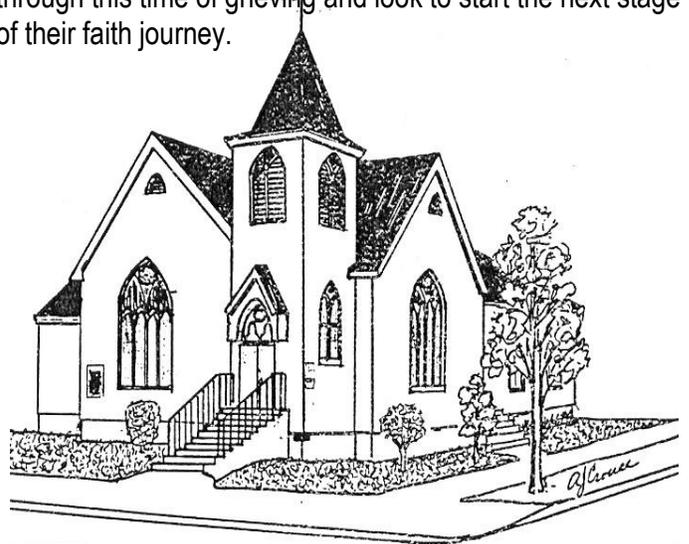
Marilyn Melhus, Beverly Merritt, Linda Morinville, Anita Rixe, Linda Rolland, Nancy Sivertson, Helen Stellmaker, Pauline & Bob Swanfeld, Lois Witzig & family.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES

It is always such a blessing to be able to celebrate together the graduation of Hope students from high school and college as they begin yet another stage of their life journey. We will take time to celebrate the 2018 graduates during worship on April 29th. We will celebrate their time at Hope and send them out into the world knowing we travel with them as their faith family. For those graduates who will not be done with their schooling by then, we will name them during worship and hope to celebrate them at a later time.

Lester Park Church's Final Service April 8th

After over 125 years of serving the Duluth area, Lester Park United Methodist Church will be closing. Their final service will be held on Sunday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. and former members and friends are invited to this time of worship, remembrance, and sending forth. Some of the Lester Park members may be joining Hope so a delegation of Hope leaders will be attending this service to welcome them as they move to another faith community. Please keep the members of Lester Park UMC in your prayers as they go through this time of grieving and look to start the next stage of their faith journey.



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1

Easter morning brings with it the light and love of resurrection! Hope will have two services – the 8:00 a.m. early service and the 10:00 a.m. traditional service. Both will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with music, prayer, praise and word. Between the services, beginning at 8:45 a.m. there is a free Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and just prior to the second service there will be a children's time where the Easter story will be told and the children can celebrate together.

Easter is the heart of the Christian faith. As you continue to grow in your faith you are invited to take part in these special Holy Week events.



NEW APPOINTMENT TO HOPE UMC

The Staff / Pastor Relations Committee is pleased to announce that it is the intention of Bishop Bruce Ough to appoint the Reverend Sarah Lawton as pastor of Hope United Methodist Church, and acting on behalf of the congregation the Staff / Pastor Parish Relations Committee has confirmed the Bishop's intension. Each church member's supportive prayers and acts of kindness during the transition period will be greatly appreciated by all of the involved persons.

Members of SPRC had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Sarah on March 9th and are looking forward to her anticipated start date of August 5th. She comes to us from Northeast United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. Fun fact: Pastor Sarah and Pastor Laurie were actually ordained together!

Stay tuned to find out how you can be a part of welcoming Pastor Sarah to Hope UMC!



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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United Methodist Church to celebrate 50th anniversary

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of our denomination.

"We celebrate this milestone in the midst of seeking a way forward—a renewed focus on unity, contextualized ministry, and mission within our global United Methodist Church," says Bishop Bruce R. Ough.

He invites you to read a sermon delivered by Dr. Albert Outler on April 23, 1968 at the formation of The United Methodist Church, a sermon that is startlingly relevant for us today as we seek to be the Church that God calls us to be.

