

From the Pastor...

Blessed Easter season to all! With the current COVID trends, we do feel a bit like resurrection is happening in our lives. More people are coming back to in-person worship (we've had a couple of Sundays of 50 or more in worship, seeing people we haven't seen in Sunday worship in a LONG time). It's a joy to celebrate the new normal of seeing people's faces in worship as we continue to expand our reach through our online community.

I want to give you a "heads up" about an important date coming in May. On May 15 we are having a vote on our Inclusion Statement, a vote we had scheduled for March 2020 before COVID shut us down. I hope you can be there that day. In the year leading up to our March 2020 vote we, as a congregation, worked hard to figure out together what sort of welcome we want to extend to our friends, family and community.

Here's a brief summary of all we worked through together in 2019 and early 2020:

In June 2019 we had Dave Nuchols (lay leader of the Minnesota Conference) come and preach and lead a congregational meeting. In September we had a potluck (remember those?!) and informational meeting including table discussions about our personal interactions with the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) community. For several weeks we had available copies of the lengthy Resolution 100 passed by the Minnesota Conference stating the scriptural and Wesleyan reasons why the United Methodists of Minnesota as a whole supported inclusion of all people.

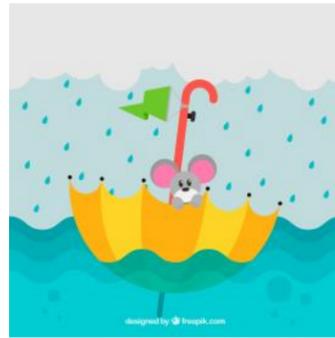
Meeting monthly starting in June of 2019, the Inclusion Team (Denny, Linda, Jane R., Deb H., Pastor Holly) developed a survey for the entire congregation. As a result of that January survey (which 56 of you filled out) we came up with this Inclusion statement: "All are welcome—people of all ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities—to fully participate in all aspects of our hometown church with a global connection."

We hope you can come to worship in person on Sunday, May 15 and stay after worship for the written vote on this statement which offers us greater clarity on who we welcome to our hometown church. Our District Superintendent, Susan Nienaber, will lead our meeting following worship that morning.

As we move forward, let us continue to focus on our mission to reach all people with the love of Jesus Christ, and follow our mission to "Building Bridges to Christ's Love" in our community.

~ Pastor Holly

April Birthdays



4/6	Darlene A.
4/7	Shurene E.
4/8	Nancy H.
4/9	Karen K.
	Elizabeth R.
4/10	Lisa I.
4/11	Molly B.
4/12	Heather S.
4/15	Pat R.
4/19	Bea Z.
4/22	Barb L.
4/24	Cyndi T.
4/25	Craig R.
4/26	Alyssa K.
4/28	Lynne C. Paul S.

*If you do not see your special date, please let Michelle in the office know!

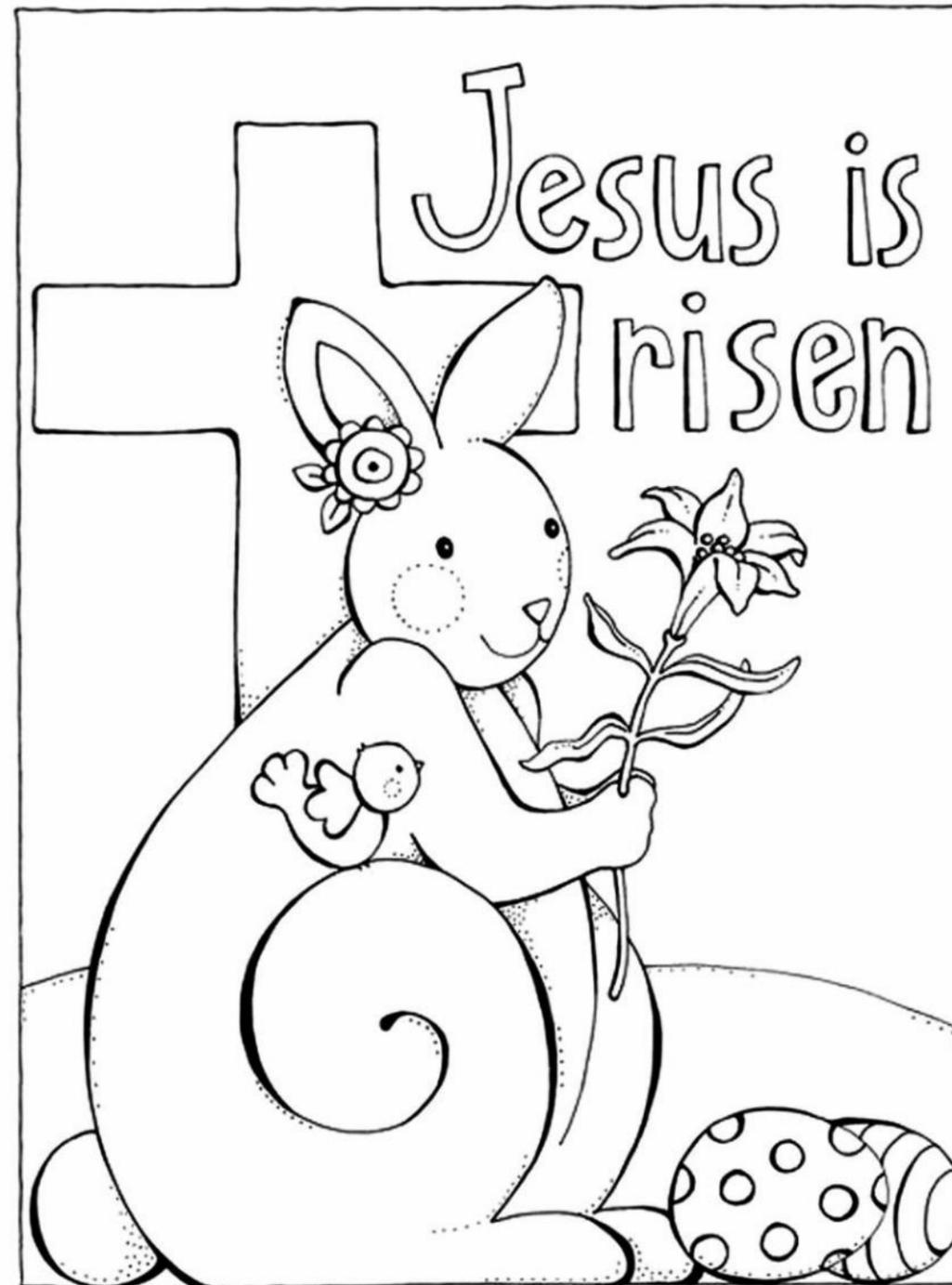
Prayer Requests

Please continue to send your prayer requests to Nancy H. at eldonlee1@q.com. Nancy will circulate the prayer requests to our online prayer chain.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

 by Jane Rylander

Due to the overwhelming success of the last mobile pack, Hosanna Lutheran Church is having another session of Feed My Starving Children meals in April. I (Jane) said, "Of course we will send a team of 8-10 people who will pack meals! Of course, we will collect funds to pay for the meals packed during the event!" Our usual/traditional packing day & time choice is Saturday morning so I'll let Hosanna know we want April 23 at 9AM-11AM for our team. If you would LOVE to pack meals (it's very fun and helps so many children) contact me as soon as you can by email (jane21475@aol.com) or catch me at church. Please contribute to the cost of meals by noting FMSC on your envelope, check (write your check out to Wyoming United Methodist Church), or online contribution. Many lives are saved with these nutritious meals! Thank you for helping out.



He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. - Matthew 28:6a (KJV)

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, April 10 we will be welcoming new members into our congregation. Darlene A., Jasmine B., Karen P., and Jeannine Q. are all joining the church on that day. Welcome!

FoodShare Month

Thank you for your contributions to the Family Pathways Food Shelf in March. So far, we have raised \$1481. There's still time to get your contributions in the first week of April, if you would like to be a part of this important annual food drive which helps benefit our local children.



OUR EASTER EGG HUNT IS BACK!

DATE: Easter Sunday, April 17

TIME: 9:30 AM

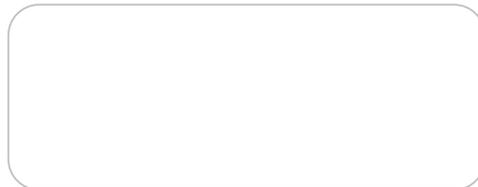
LOCATION: Wyoming UMC
5459 E. Viking Blvd., Wyoming, 55092

Come to the Fellowship Hall to gather as a group. Hopefully, we can hunt OUTSIDE but if not, we will hunt inside in the sanctuary and narthex area. If outside, we'll need parents/grandparents/helpers to be watchful for any little ones.

SEE YOU THERE!



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Easter Garden

Our Easter Garden is counting on you! Please sign up in the nook no later than Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, for your spring flowers. When our flower team goes shopping, they'll buy the most beautiful spring flowers that they can find. You may take your plants home following Easter Sunday worship.

Easter Breakfast?

We are trying to determine if there is interest in having the Easter Breakfast this year. If there is, we will need a couple of volunteers to help set up on Saturday, April 16. If you would like to help, or have questions, please talk to Denny H. or contact the church office.

Holy Week

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10 at our 10AM service, where we will remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the subsequent events of Jesus' last week on earth. On Good (or Holy) Friday, April 15 at our 7PM service, we will share in communion as we remember Christ's Last Supper with his disciples, then go into a contemplative service of remembering the events of Jesus' last night here on earth. During Easter morning's 10AM service we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead! You are invited to this Holiest of Weeks as we remember the depth and the height of God's great love for us.

Holy Week Schedule
at Wyoming United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday Worship: April 10 at 10 a.m.

Good Friday Service: April 15 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Celebration: April 17
9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10 a.m. Easter Worship & Flowering of the Cross

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Worship Services in April

In April, our big celebration is Holy Week, April 10-17, which starts with the Palm Sunday procession, welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem and goes through the pain and agony of Good Friday before experiencing Jesus' resurrection on Easter. The first weeks of April we'll be wrapping up our series on Wholehearted Faith and in the weeks following Easter we'll study some of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.

April 3

Wholehearted Faith:
Cultivating Calm
Philippians 4:4-9

April 10 Palm Sunday

Wholehearted Faith:
Cultivating Meaningful Work
Luke 19:36-40

April 17 Easter

Turn to Wonder
Luke 24:1-12

April 24

Faithing Thomas
John 20:19-31