



April 16, 2024

# E-Pistle

Union Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Louis Park MN

**Please Join Us for Worship Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

## **Pastoral Musings**

Dear Church,

We are almost halfway through the Eastertide season. The liturgical color for this season is white, symbolizing the light of Christ and the resurrection. The season's lessons center on the history of the early church and on stories of the resurrected Jesus' appearances. The season asks us to discern where we see new life and Christ's light among us. In many ways it is fitting that there are two task forces which have started during the Eastertide season. These task forces are charged with discerning Union's future direction. May Christ's light be with them as they complete their important work. May our prayers and support be with them.

See you in church, in person or virtually.

With Eastertide blessings,  
Pastor Liz

**When does Pastor Liz work? How do we contact Pastor Liz? How do we meet with Pastor Liz?** Pastor Liz's workdays are Sundays 9 am to 4 pm with office hours from 11 am to 4 pm; Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday afternoons. To call Pastor Liz, call the church and leave a message by pushing "2". I check voice mails frequently. You may also call or text me on my cell phone which is listed in the member directory. If you would like to make an appointment with me, please call or text me.

## Table Talk

Following the 4-21-24 worship service, Pastor Liz will hold a table talk to present the members' responses from the March Table Talk. She will also present more information for discernment. The Chairs from the two Task Force groups will present a report about the work they have done. Come and learn how Union is planning for the future.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### **Loose Coin offering for March and April is Move Forward**

Their mission is to provide free, confidential, and immediate crisis and short term counseling services for youth and parents in the western suburbs. Program priority is to help families stay together and keep youth in school. Some transitional living sites and a drop-in center are also offered.

**STEP** is the St Louis Park community food and social service agency. They directly provide food and clothing to residents in need, as well as advocacy, referrals, and build a collaborative relationship. Their vision is to be the trusted resource for connecting community members with resources to fulfill their basic needs.

**MCC Refugee Services** (Minnesota Council of Churches' Refugee Services).

### **Refugee Service Update**

#### **Refugee Services is experiencing a high demand for:**

Feminine products, new pillows, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, disposable razors, all-purpose cleaner, dish soap

Please put one or two of these items on your shopping list and put them in the blue Refugee box at the back of the sanctuary.

Thanks so much for your contributions and working to supply these needed items.

Contact Janet Midtbo (phone or text:612-414-5671, [jdmidtbo@gmail.com](mailto:jdmidtbo@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

## Flower Pick-up and Delivery

Deadline for signing up for Sunday flowers is the Sunday before your request date. The cost is \$35.00 and you will need to pick them up at Arts & Flowers (6011 Excelsior Blvd, St. Louis Park) between 10 a.m. and their closing at 4 p.m. and then deliver them to church Saturday anytime or early Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet and request cards for flowers is at the back of the sanctuary.

### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

#### Those in need of support and healing:

Carol L recovering from broken hip  
Ben H. recuperating at home with chronic health issues  
Carl recovering from a stroke  
Michael's friend Jay  
Michael B.  
Owen Betty's friend  
The Clarno family and friends  
The White family and friends  
Mary K.'s sister-in-law Mary

#### Those \*homebound or under care:

\*Betty Jean  
Ray

If you are in need of prayer, please email [info@unionslp.com](mailto:info@unionslp.com) with your request to be added to the list.



### April Birthdays

Arlene J.	4/6
Betty W.	4/8
Barb E.	4/19
Bayli G.	4/22

## Epistle

Just a reminder regarding announcements for the Epistle. Please email requests to [info@unionslp.com](mailto:info@unionslp.com) by the end of the day on Monday. Thank you.

