



April 30, 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,

On Sunday, Leah Patton from the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition joined us as the Faith in Action speaker. What I remember most from her very informative presentation was one fact. Our voices are heard when more of us write emails. When our legislators receive 10 or more emails about a certain topic, they discern that the topic is very important to their constituents. They then pay more attention to that topic. I don't know about you, but I am going to find 9 people to join me in writing emails about important religious and political issues. I invite you to join me.

See you in church, in person or virtually,

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.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Thanks to the Congregation \$191.63 was given to Move Forward from Loose Coin Offering!**

## **Loose Coin offering for May and June is Sojourner.**

Their mission is to provide emergency shelter, support, and legal advocacy services to those victimized by domestic violence and other forms of interpersonal violence. They advocate for victim safety, support the transition from victim to survivor, and educate for the prevention and elimination of domestic violence.

**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 Spring Update:**

The Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services is four months into 2024 and has already welcomed 300 people, providing much needed items to families. Their donation shelves are in need of replenishing – especially hygiene products (towels & washcloths, bottles of shampoo, toothbrushes & toothpaste, unscented bars of soap/hand soap, deodorant, razors & shaving cream, feminine pads) and household products like all -purpose cleaner, dish soap, laundry detergent as well as shower curtains and hooks.

Please also see the “Build a Welcome Kit” handout on the information table at church for other needs. Many of you have donated things really needed by refugees. Keep up the good work!! The most recent new pillows and hand knit hats & scarves are always appreciated. Some like-new toys found a home with a refugee family.

Check with Janet Midtbo (612-414-5671, [jdmidtbo@gmail.com](mailto:jdmidtbo@gmail.com)) about gently used items you may wish to donate.

# Church 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.




## May Birthdays

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| Mark M.    | 5/4  |
| Rob C.     | 5/11 |
| Suzie W.   | 5/13 |
| Debbie B.  | 5/16 |
| Dorothy P. | 5/19 |
| Kathy D.   | 5/20 |
| Sharon W.  | 5/21 |
| Mary K.    | 5/26 |

## 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.

Grounded in God's  of wonder and inclusion,  
we work towards a just world.

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