Shalom

RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC

Join Pastor Pam Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for **Live-Stream Worship Services** on Facebook. Just go to her "Pam Peterson" timeline and you'll find the live-stream video there.

The bulletin can be found on the Red Lodge Community Church website under Getting Involved menu, then off the Worship and Choir option, you'll see "**Weekly Bulletin**." You can follow along with the bulletin online or download a PDF version to print off at home.

As you all probably know by now, the church is closed to the public (except for emergencies). No in-house services, meetings, or events will be held until further notice.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Pam at: 1-203-631-9994.

Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

April, 2020

"Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees" (Revelation 7:3)
"There is…no knowledge of God together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing" (Hosea 4: 1b, 3)

My earliest memories are of running through fields of high grass, wandering through thick pines, hearing the songbirds in the early morning and the crickets in the evening. And now I wonder, will my grandchildren and someday my great-grandchildren ever have those same experiences? Oh Lord, I lament, what have we done? What good does a lament do? It takes us to the deepest place within ourselves to cry out to the Spirit for guidance and enlightenment.

> *O Lord, what have I done? Will my babies hear the crickets and the swan?*
> *How have I managed to be so exclusive to this Creation that I have lost sight of the future*
> *Hear my cry, O Lord, as I cry for the future generations and what I've left them…not much.*
> *Soothe my soul not by reassuring me but by groaning with me, carrying me through this*
> *What is it that you will have me do so that my babies will smell the pine and feel the breeze*
> *Give me the knowledge that I need to make a difference now, today, for all of the tomorrows*
> *O Spirit, guide my words and my actions to make the difference that you need me to make*
> *Use me, Holy Creator, in a way that will make the future of Creation as you intended it to be…*

As we celebrate our new life in Christ during this Easter season, may our laments be strong and our actions be even stronger. May our hope be ignited by the flame of an ever-loving Spirit who has the ability to guide and change us to re-create what God first created. As we contemplate a God who resurrects the self from a place of death, may we also contemplate how we, made in God's image, are called and sent to resurrect this earth from the place of death that has happened on our watch and by our hands. This year we are particularly aware of the need of a resurrection. A resurrection not only for the earth but for our community and the world at large. Reduced to social interactions by media, mail and telephone we are lamenting not only for our earth but for our world. We do not even know if we will be able to join in song and celebration in person on Easter Sunday. Lament the tomb still unvisited. Lament the women still voiceless. Lament our actions still untaken.
Lament as we must, not alone, but in a community lifted and carried by our faith through the cross of the Resurrected One.

Peace,

Pastor Pam

Happy 50th Anniversary!!

APRIL Birthdays

Norma Scheidecker	4/4
Bob Tirrell	4/4
Kelsey Gabrian	4/5
Evelyn Brown	4/7
Steve Glantz	4/7
Janis Williams	4/8
Nicholas Byrer	4/10
Jeanne Gainer	4/14
Ross Nordstrom	4/15
Loretta Sironen	4/15
Kirstin Herbert	4/18
Chris Quinn	4/18
Zach Ferguson	4/19
Brad Hauge	4/20
Greg Herbert	4/20
Cara White	4/20
Steve Roi	4/23

APRIL Anniversaries

Phil Robertson & Martha Sobral	4/5
Jerry & Mary Channell	4/26
Tricia Decker & Dick Forehand	4/29

I wanted to put a little something in the Shalom about Earth Day 2020 but....who knows if we'll even be able to go out and play, muct less plant trees. This year the UCC had hoped to help get 50,000 trees planted nation-wide. I will help us hang onto that hope by getting regular updates out to you all. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, 'the creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.' Just imagine the forests this tree planting campaign will bring to fruition as we live out our holy calling and care for God's creation.

Pastor Pam

This year's Easter Lilies will be given by the deacons in honor of all the front line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

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Our Mission Statement:

The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people to worship, fellowship and to study God's word. We seek to be servants of our Lord in the care of all people."

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