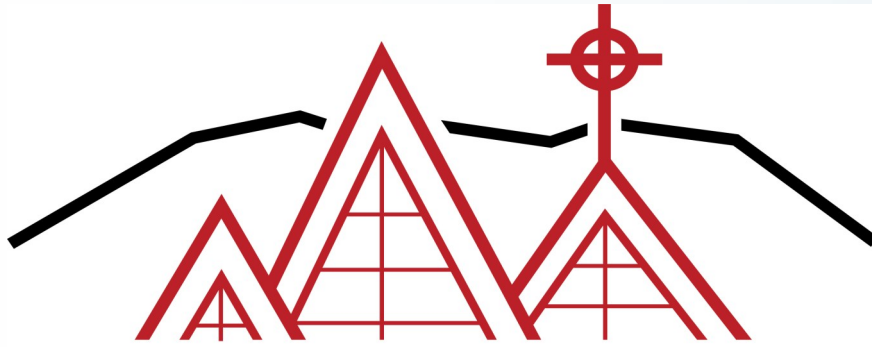


April
2025



Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Sunday Worship

10:00 am in person and via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/398434443>

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United Church is to
make disciples of Jesus
Christ through
God-centered worship
and people-centered
ministry.*

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Turning to Crucifixion

With the approaching end of the season of Lent, we move towards Holy Week and the gruelingly somber day of Good Friday on which Christians commemorate Jesus' death by crucifixion. I invite you to hold the tension of that fact for a moment.

Robert Frost once stated that the thing that made him most afraid was "scared people." Perhaps that was because truly scared people can quickly become very dangerous people. Frighteningly, we appear to be living in an age of truly scared people.

I write that because the crucifixion is a narrative of Jesus being executed by the powers that were. Further, we should truly consider that Jesus was, on some level, viewed as a person to be feared. To that end, the powers that were decided to make an example of Jesus – but not Jesus only.

While we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion, history teaches us that hundreds of people were crucified by Rome. Who were they? Anyone that the empire felt needed not only to be executed but humili-

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Sermon Series

As we conclude the Lenten Season and move into Easter, we continue to be challenged by the idea of choice and responsibility.

4/6 5th Sunday of Lent
John 12:1-8
Missing the Wonder

4/13 Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-40
The Mind of Christ

4/20 Easter Sunday

4/27 2nd Sunday in Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Fine Lines and Broad Strokes

Turning to Crucifixion continued

ated were crucified.

Jesus qualified. Jesus, the Christ, the one *we* strive to follow today *qualified* for crucifixion.

Which means that he was a threat. It meant that he was understood as a dangerous element to the functioning of society and the status quo. And for many in that day and age all Jesus meant was a threat.

Today, for many in our day and age, Jesus remains a threat. Sometimes, most shockingly, Jesus is most threatening to those who profess him the loudest. Especially, it seems, to those who insist on being both intolerant and maliciously *RIGHT*. For them, Jesus gets in the way of an agenda. As such, Jesus keeps needing to be crucified. He is an obstacle. Jesus gets in the way far too often.

But the original Christian community called itself “The Way,” (see Acts 24:14) and, as Robin Meyers wrote, “it was the only road that did *not* lead to Rome. It took travelers into the heart of God, singing all the way.” That way, though, is dangerous. At least it was perceived that way.

And yet, Jesus’ message isn’t that the powerful have no power. They do. They have *most* if not all of the power and the flexible morality to utilize it how they will. But Jesus teaches that his kingdom is not of this world (John 18). It is a kingdom of which the powers

that be are unaware and, at the same time, afraid.

Perhaps because Jesus’ message offers *hope*. Hope for a Kingdom that is not of this world and that remains rooted in the living God who seeks first justice, kindness, humility, and peace. Consequently, if *peace* frightens us, then what have we become? Who are we when the Prince of Peace must be executed for our state of mind to be at ease?

Consider it through this lens: by the time the Gospel of Mark was written (around A.D. 70), according to Christian writings, Peter, Paul, and Philip were executed by Rome. The other apostles, apart from John, were also executed for their proclamation of Jesus. As I once heard a writer exclaim, “What is this, bad luck?”

It seems, rather than bad luck, the deaths of the apostles are reflective of the fact that Jesus’ *message* continued to be threatening. I would go on to conclude that Jesus’ message *remains* threatening.

In times such as this, may we find our Way.

In Hope,
Pastor Charles

Robin Meyers *Saving Jesus From the Church* (New York: Harper One, 2009), p. 10.

Summer Lunch Program Coordinator Needed

If you enjoy spending time with kids and want to help provide a hot lunch this summer, this is for you!

KHNLUC will provide a Summer Lunch program for children at Geneva Woods Housing Complex in Douglas, Monday through Friday, from June 2 through August 15, 2025. We will be hiring a Summer Lunch Coordinator to oversee the program. This is a temporary, part-time position of approximately 25 hours per week and will include occasional hours for orientation, preparation and follow up paperwork. Pay is \$24 to \$26 per hour, depending on experience, plus mileage reimbursement. Minimum requirements: valid driver's license and personal vehicle, background check, food handler card, and completion of safe sanctuary and civil rights training (online, provided by KHNLUC).

Responsibilities include coordinating the Summer Lunch program with the help of volunteers. Additional duties include planning and shopping for food, assuring food safety requirements are being followed, and maintaining required paperwork. The Summer Lunch Coordinator will organize and help with food prep and cooking following recipes and a meal plan, transport meals to Geneva Woods and be onsite during food service, clean up after lunch and interact with the children with occasional games or activities.

To apply, email a resume to Christina Maddox, [Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church, office@khnluc.org](mailto:Kunéix_Hídi_Northern_Light_United_Church_office@khnluc.org) or contact Freda Westman fmwestman@gmail.com or Deb Reifenstein debreifenstein@gmail.com for additional information.



Birthday Celebrations for May Birthdays

The Deacons would like to invite the congregation to help us celebrate May birthdays by providing a cake and fruit for Sunday, May 4th. Gluten-free cake will be provided by the Deacons. We've set up a Signup.com app to sign up for providing a birthday cake!

First Sunday Birthday Cake

[Worship | Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church](#)

If you are interested in providing a cake or fruit, please contact Melody Millard at (907) 321-5067 or Peggy Metcalf at (907) 635-0955 or sign up online. Thank you!

Holy Week Services

We are planning Holy Week services (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday) with Douglas and Aldersgate UMCs. We will be posting that schedule soon.

There will be a Sunrise Service at Skaters Cabin on Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 am.

Bible Study

We continue to have our Bible Studies! We meet on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in Memorial Hall for an in-person study and, if you can't join us in person, on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 via Zoom (same study topic!).

During Lent, due to Wednesday evening community services, we will be meeting online at 7, but we will return to the 6:30 time on April 23rd.

Young Adults

The Young Adults (college age and above) are going to be getting together on Tuesday, April 8th at the Food Truck Court (near Safeway) at 6:30. It is going to be a time for fellowship around the tables. Come and be a part of the conversation!

Offering of Letters

Put your faith into action with Bread for the World's Offering of Letter!

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

By taking part in Bread for the World's 2025 Offering of Letters, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

Your letter matters. Combined with others from your church, campus or organization-and joined with the voices of thousands of advocates across the country-your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decision makers to pursue a world without hunger. God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.

Please join us on April 6th after church to participate in this year's Offering of Letters.

Easter Lilies



We will decorate the chancel of our church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate a cost of a lily, please send \$15 to the church office (or place in offering plate), and if it is given in honor or memory of a loved one, please include the name(s). The names will be printed in the orders of service on Easter. Those donating lilies may take them home after worship on Easter.

From _____

In *honor* of _____

Or

In *memory* of _____

Dottie Wasley



Jane Ginter recently visited new member Dottie Wasley in Medford when she was driving from Reno to Seattle.

Dottie lives in a beautiful senior living facility in Medford: Rogue Valley Manor. It's in the tallest building on the tallest hill in Medford. Dottie treated Jane to lunch and gave her a tour of the facilities.

If you find yourself on Highway I5 going through Medford give her a call and stop by.

She attends church every Sunday by Zoom.

Consider sending Dottie s birthday card for when she turns 90 on June 7.



Her address is: 1200 Mira Mar Ave Apt 720, Medford OR 97504, phone 541 857-6563.

How do you attend church on Sundays?

You can attend in person, you can attend on Zoom, or you can watch the recorded service at your convenience.

We noticed something curious about the last three recorded services. The length of the recorded service for the last 3 Sundays: one hour and 7 minutes, almost exactly!

3/23/25: 01.07.48 (3 views)

3/16/25: 01.07.52 (11 views)

3/9/25: 01.07.43 (14 views)

You can find recorded services from our webpage:

<https://khnluc.org/worship/>

Watch recorded church services on [our YouTube Channel.](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/@northernlightunitedchurch2978>



Thanks to Andi Story for many years of organizing the church library.

Deacon Hazel LeCount/Todd has now taken on the library. Here, she is checking in newly donated books, assisted by Laurie Daly.



Stop by the library and find some good books!

Kaayistaan Marie M Olson

Kaayistaan walked into the forest February 20, 2025. Kaayistaan was born November 28, 1924 in Juneau, Alaska to James (Kaajeexán) Williams and Amy (Mamie) Bean. She was a respected member of the Áak'w Kwáan, Wooshkeetaan clan, Xóots Hít (Brown Bear House), and Kiks.ádi yadí. She proudly carried her grandmother's Lingít name.

Kaayistaan's surviving family members are George Bonifant and sister Carol Trebian. Sadly, her daughter Legia Pate passed March 9, 2025. Kaayistaan is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sons Fred Bonifant and Thomas "TDB" Bonifant.

Kaayistaan attended Mayflower Indian School in Juneau, Alaska; Wrangell Institute Boarding School in Wrangell, Alaska; and later graduated from Garfield High School in Seattle, Washington. She earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and two certificates from the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), later receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Laws. She was also honored by Tlingit & Haida in 2019 with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Kaayistaan was a strong advocate for Lingít culture and education, serving as an educator in the Juneau School District and establishing the Alaska Native Studies Scholarship at UAS. As a birth speaker, she was committed to the preservation and revitalization of the Lingít language.

Kaayistaan joined the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) Camp 2 of Juneau in 1974, was appointed as the Secretary in 1990 and served multiple terms as President, and is Camp 2's Mother.



The Tlingit Gospel Singers and Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger participated in the Memorial Service for Marie Olson.

CCW News

The Community of Christian Women met in March to review the funds available for distribution this year from what we earned in 2024. We reviewed the list of 2023 and 2024 recipients. Treasurer Karen Dillon provide bank account information indicating we earned \$7,194.76 in 2024 and the total in the bank account was \$10,700.67 as of February 13, 2025.

A lively discussion took place regarding the financial needs of each recipient and as to the financial support the recipients receive.

Following is the 2025 distribution:

\$1,000	United Methodist Women
\$1,000	Presbyterian Women
\$1,000	Eagle River Camp
\$1,000	Alaska Child and Family
\$2,000	KHNLUC - food security
\$ 500	Days for Girls
\$1,000	Douglas Community United Methodist Church (food security)
\$1,000	SE Food Bank - food
\$1,000	Forget - Me - Not Manor
\$9,500	Total

We agreed to meet again in about 3 months to disburse remaining funds. We also agreed to sell luncheon tickets prior to the 2025 bazaar in November.

We have two members who have agreed to fill openings on Deacons and Social Justice and Service Committee, Nancy Jones for Deacons and Nola Lamken for Social Service and Justice Committee. Watch for an announcement of a special congregational meeting to approve.

Come see our own B.G. Loper, who attends KHNLUC, in this musical!



B.G. Loper is cast as Caiaphas in Jesus Christ Superstar

Theater at Latitude 58 presents:

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

music by
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

lyrics by
TIM RICE

April 17-27

Thur 4/17 7pm Thur 4/24 7pm
 Fri 4/18 7pm Fri 4/25 7pm
 Sat 4/19 7pm Sat 4/26 7pm
 Wed 4/23 7pm Sun 4/27 2pm

Directed by Karen Allen

McPheters Hall Tickets at the door or online from
 Juneau Arts & Humanities Council

2025 Kūneix Hídi Easter Church Cleanup

Saturday April 12

Saturday April 19

From 9 a.m.

And the rest of Spring and Summer when it's convenient for you!
(Contact Christina or a member of CPM for the key code to enter A Street door)

The Committee on Property Management (CPM) invites you to come help spiff up the church before Easter, which falls on April 20. Our wonderful Custodian, John Maddox, does a tremendous job keeping the church clean and organized. Be sure to thank him when you see him.

Here's some chores maybe you can help out with! Or if you see other things to do at church either let us know or take it on! Come on two Saturdays in April or whenever it's convenient for you. Some of these tasks will be better accomplished a little later in the Spring. We'd love your help anytime during the Spring and Summer. (Contact Christina or a member of CPM for the key code to enter A Street door)

Thanks from CPM: Duff Mitchell, Jane Ginter, Karen Dillon, Mike Story, Patsy Wright, Steve White, and Laura Doogan (Council Liaison)

· Church grounds
Help with church grounds any way that you think needs to be done!
· Clean the wooden pews
We have Murphy's Wood Soap and lots of clean cloths. There are pencil markings that
· Cleanup sidewalks
Sweep sidewalks all around the church and manse. Continue to clean sidewalks as needed.
· Communion Trays
Communion Trays Check out communion trays to see if they need to be cleaned or pol-
· Polish brass candlesticks, cross, offering plates
Polish the brass at altar and any other brass items around, such as candlesticks, cross, of-
· Power thatch yards at church and manse
We can rent a power thatcher from Don Abel. It helps the lawns a lot if we can get them

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Easter clean up continued

· Power wash parking lot & sidewalks
Do you have a power washer? Or could you use one that we rent? Could you power wash areas around the church, such as sidewalks, parking lots? We'd like to save the gravel for future use.
· Wash inside windows in the entrance way
Please complete when it is convenient for you. Thank you for your time and energy.
· Wash inside windows in the Skuse Room
Please complete when it is convenient for <i>you</i> . Thank you for your time and energy.
· Wash kitchen inside windows, screens
Please complete when it is convenient for you. Please call if you need more information. Thank you
· Wash preschool windows along the alley.
Please complete when it is convenient for you. Please call if you need more information. Thank you
· Wash windows on the front of the church
A water spigot is located along the wall of the flower bed adjoining the parking lot. Please complete when it is convenient for you. Please call if you need more information. Thank you for your time and energy.
· Weed the long front flower bed
Please weed and cut down any foliage in anticipation of spring. Especially dig out any dandelions.



ONSITE CAMP MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE



Eagle River United Methodist Camp

Part-time position living at ERUMC, maintaining the property, managing reservations, and supporting campers' safety and enjoyment of their time in nature

- Located at 27.5 mile on Glacier Highway across from Eagle Beach
- Position starts as early as May 1st 2025
- 2BR housing and utilities provided along with stipend
- Large property, garden, and chicken run
- Families and pets welcome
- Time with campers and community members; time alone in nature

Requirements: Working with diverse campers from all parts of the community in a welcoming and friendly manner - Basic construction and repair skills with hand and power tools - Basic computer & administrative skills - Remaining onsite through summer months (vacation/travel in shoulder seasons and winter) - Willingness and ability to perform manual labor and live in rustic accommodations - Background check & credit check



View the campground and facilities
at MethodistCamp.org

Fill out job interest form and learn more
at [Bit.Ly/Camp-Manager-Search](https://bit.ly/Camp-Manager-Search)
or using QR code



Eagle River United Methodist Camp (Juneau)
LINK TO APPLY: <https://bit.ly/camp-manager-search>

Eagle River United Methodist Camp is beginning the process of recruiting new camp managers. If you'd like more information please contact board members Nico Bus, John Doogan, or Jane Ginter at board@methodistcamp.org

CAMP

Get Ready

Saturday, May 10, 2025
9 a.m. or any time
during the day!
Eagle River United Methodist
Camp, Mile 28

We invite you to come out to volunteer at ERUMC to spruce up the property. We have jobs for everyone, ranging from garden clean-up to building maintenance. Volunteers will be offered a coupon for 50% off cabin rental during non-peak months. Volunteers interested in camping out Friday or Saturday night for free, are encouraged to email and reserve your cabin.

Seeking volunteers to:

- clean and organize cabins
- garden spring cleaning and planting
- brush cutting and burning
- various other building maintenance and construction projects
- tree felling. Looking for anyone with a chainsaw and the skills to fell or chop up large trees

Saturday
May
10
9 am



Make it a family event! We will gather in the lodge at 9 am, work for a few hours and lunch will be served around noon. You can keep working in the afternoon and even spend the night! This is a fantastic opportunity to help your community camp.

Donations designated "camp improvements" would be greatly appreciated and may be mailed to:

Eagle River United Methodist Camp, PO Box 20272, Juneau, AK 99802.

Can't stop by but would like to participate? Have an entire group? Please contact the managers, the work is endless and we would be happy to host anytime.

Please RSVP and direct all questions to manager@methodistcamp.org

<https://www.methodistcamp.org>

Thank yous

Many people and groups are involved in making sure things happen at KHNLUC. Each month we would like to recognize some of those individuals and groups for their special services. Special thanks to:

*those who served as Liturgists: Frances Graham, Anne Standerwick, Carol Barril, Laura Doogan, Sasha Soboleff

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Carol Barril, Patsy Wright, Karen Lipson, Natalie Norberg, Jane Ginter

*Those who provided flowers: Denise Carroll, Elizabeth Wheeler, Alison Browne, Jane Ginter, Anne Standerwick, Nancy Jones

*Mary Borthwick, Karen Dillon, Marianne Mills, John Pugh, Carol Barril, Pat Gorman, Jan and Don Kussart, April Rezendes, Patsy Wright and Jim Alter for their help in counting and recording financial gifts received by Kunéix Hídi Northern Light.

If you have a suggestion for a thank you, call Christina at the church office, 586-3131 or e-mail her at office@khnluc.org.

Sign Up!

You can be an important part of what makes our worship together a good experience.

Our web site, <https://khnluc.org/>, offers a section where you can help with worship. You can also tell Christina to sign you up if you prefer not to use the computer.

Everyone is invited to be part of our worship service.

The liturgist reads the scripture and helps lead the service with the pastor. Sign up to be a liturgist on the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall or call the office.

You can serve as liturgist if you worship with us via Zoom.

The ushers greet people before the service, pass out bulletins, pass the offering plate, and assist with the prayers and announcements from the congregation. [Sign up to be an usher.](#)

The altar flowers are provided by the congregation. [Sign up to provide flowers for worship.](#)

You can provide flowers even if you worship via Zoom. Flowers can be brought to the church before Sunday if that is more convenient for you. Ask Christina for the key code to enter the side door on A Street.

We encourage you to think ahead and plan to help out. Pick a special day for providing flowers to honor a loved one. Maybe sign up once a month to be liturgist or usher.



- 1 Joy Lyon
Waylon Hills
- 2 Andi Story
- 4 Rachel Searls Jeans
Madeline Germain
- 6 Sally Engstrom
- 7 Paul Beran
Kimberly Homme
TeLani See
- 8 Lucy Wall
- 9 Betsy Brenneman
- 10 Freda Westman
John Cryderman
- 14 Linda Miller
Duff Mitchell
Cindy Ensminger
- 16 Clarence Antioquia
- 17 John Pivar
- 18 Barbara Searls
Mana Gurung
- 20 Martha DeFrest
- 21 Katelyn Thomson
- 22 Bernadine DeAsis
- 26 Dick Deems
Ruth Scott

APRIL 2025

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