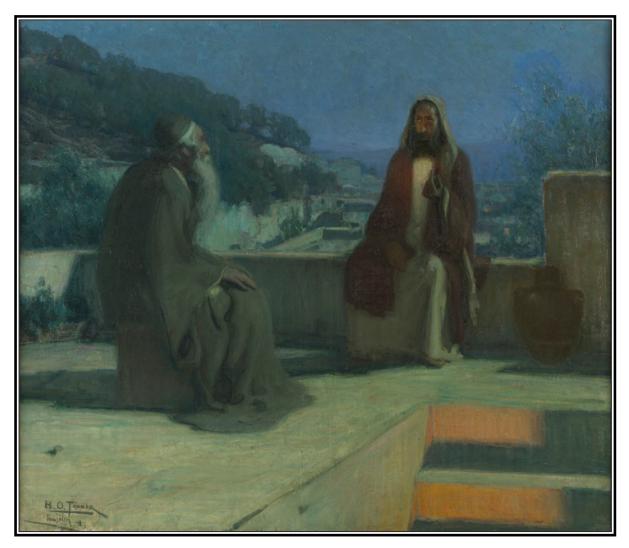
## LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

# ★ Second Sunday in Lent ★ March 5, 2023

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.



Nicodemus, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899

Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith, we are a loving and open community of worship, witness, and service in God's world.

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## **¥** Gathering **₹**

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

**Prelude** 

5ème Gnossienne

Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Welcome

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Call to Worship Psalm 121

Please stand as you are able.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will | keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

## **Gathering Hymn**

Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, & vs 4 All.

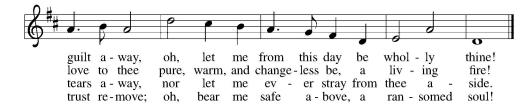


## My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW #759



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal va ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im part strength to my faint ing heart, 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran sient dream, when death's cold, sul len stream





Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## **Apostolic Greeting**

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

P: Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Kyrie
Assisting Minister
begins & Congregation
echoes.



P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Please sing to the previous music.

#### Christe, christe eleison Christe, christe eleison

#### Confession

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that wemay delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Please sing to the above music.

#### Kyrie, kyrie eleison Kyrie, kyrie eleison

## Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community, as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

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#### O God, You Are My God SS #132 C G D D God, you are my God, and will ev-er praise Dsus7 D7 G D C D O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. G Em Dsus D I will seek the morn - ing, and I will you. you in C G Am7 to walk in your learn ways. And step by step you'll lead C Dsus7 D7 G D and I will fol-low you all of days. me,

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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STEP BY STEP

Irregular

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

TEXT and MUSIC: David Strasser (Beaker), 1991

C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message Please be seated.

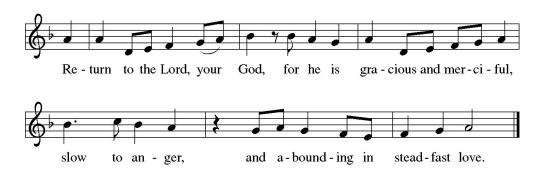
#### **Dismissal Song**



## Reading *Genesis 12:1-4a*

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing.

### Lenten Verse Please stand as you are able.



## Gospel John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⑦Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ®The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹¹0</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son <sup>17</sup> Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Please be seated.

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Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.



#### Hymn of the Day

Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, Vs 4 Choir, vs 5 All,

## Affirmation of Faith

#### **Prayer**

Please stand as you are able, Vs 6 All.

#### There in God's Garden

ELW #342



- 5 This is my ending this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
  "Thanks to Christ whose passion
  offers in mercy
  healing, strength, and pardon.
  Peoples and nations,
  take it, take it freely!"
  Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982 Music: Shades Mountain, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950 Text © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc. Music © 1987 Birnamwood Publications, a div. of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc.

## Affirmation of Faith

Please stand as you are able,

#### 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

Martin Luther's Explanation

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being.

He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil,

not with gold or silver but with his holy,

precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.



### Welcome New Members

Lynn Wehrman & Thomas Connors

Kristie & Richard Eklund

Jason Hurliman

Kim & John Olson

Elizabeth Hansen, Andrew Wallin, & Jane Wallin

## Prayers of the Church

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A: O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologian, seminary and college professors... Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen

## **Greeting of Peace**

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

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Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

#### God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son That whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart WOV #732



Text: Psalm 51:10–12 Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## Anthem

Offertory Please stand as you are able.



## **Offertory Prayer**

A: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of the gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

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We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

**Great Thanksgiving** 



- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Words of Institution



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C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

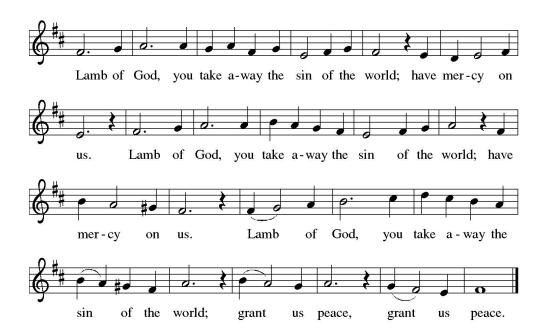
## **Invitation to Communion**

Please be seated.

#### Lamb of God



P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.



#### **Distribution**

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

#### **Distribution Music**

#### Noturno e Sereno

Kristina Rizzotto (b. 1989)

## Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

## Post-Communion Prayer

- A: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
- C: Amen.

## ■ Sending ■

We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.

## **Sending Hymn**



## Print Thine Image Pure and Holy



Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703 Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-1970 Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Announcements** 

Please be seated.

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**Dismissal** 

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

**Postlude** 

Introitus in D, Op. 1274

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

## **WELCOME**

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.

We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

| YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY | Pastor                       | Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                            | Organist                     | Dr. Kristina Rizzotto    |
|                            | Altar Servers                | Linda Nelson             |
|                            | Worship Assistant            | Mark Duff                |
|                            | Communion Assistant          | Michelle McCreery        |
|                            | Usher                        | Eric Mechels             |
|                            | Reader                       | Eric Amann               |
|                            | Coffee Hour Hosts            | Eivor Lund & Anita Duder |
| Church Officers            | President                    | Marty Carlson            |
|                            | Vice President               | Steve Hoyt               |
|                            | Treasurer                    | Ross Bartels             |
| Staff                      | Pastor                       | Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug   |
|                            | Director of Music            | Dr. Kristina Rizzotto    |
|                            | Children's Ministry Director | Diane LaMere             |
|                            | Worship Technical Director   | Joseph LaMere            |
|                            | Office Manager               | Linda Nelson             |
| Desi                       | gn & Communication Director  | Michelle McCreery        |
|                            | Custodian/Caretakers         | Sarah & Trevor Skorburg  |

## **CALENDAR**

| Sunday, March 5    | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School | ·                      |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                    | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                                 | Fellowship Hall        |
|                    | 2:00 pm  | Isles Ensemble Benefit Concert              | The Women's Club       |
| Monday, March 6    | 7:00 pm  | AA                                          | Fellowship Hall        |
| Tuesday, March 7   | 7:00 pm  | Men's AA                                    | Sunday School Rooms    |
|                    | 7:00 pm  | AA/Recovery & Spirituality Group            | Christy Room/Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, March 8 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study                                 | Library/Zoom           |
|                    | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting                               | Christy Room/Zoom      |
|                    | 7:00 PM  | Lenten Service                              | Sanctuary & YouTube    |
|                    | 7:30 pm  | Confirmation                                | Christy Room/Zoom      |
|                    | 7:30 pm  | Choir Rehearsal                             | Sanctuary              |
| Thursday, March 9  | 12:00 pm | Al Anon                                     | Fellowship Hall        |
|                    | 7:00 pm  | Punschklubben                               | Fellowship Hall        |
|                    | 7:00 pm  | Linden Hills Orchestra Rehearsal            | Sanctuary              |
| Sunday, March 12   | 2:00 am  | Daylight Saving Time Begins                 |                        |
|                    | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion                 | Sanctuary & YouTube    |
|                    | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                                 | Fellowship Hall        |

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Trygve Svard; Elena Glück & family, niece of Renate Amann; Barbara Koester, niece of Phyllis Dahl; Maureen Allen, friend of Carol Kuehn; David Zarling, friend of Kathy and Mark Hering; Sam Pederson, nephew of Jennifer Cook; Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench, friends of the congregation; Natalie Mozey, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; Allison Peterson, friend of Susanne Haas; Bunny & David Anderson, sister and brother-in-law of John Bergford; Anne Vaaler Richardson, friend of Jana Lindberg & Michael Kavoukjian; Nathan Anderson, nephew of Rick Pepin; Geof Witrak, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; David Cook, brother of Jenny Cook; Kathy Sawyer, niece of Philip Friedlund, Joey Juras & Fitz Loula, friends of the Gruys family; Dona Duff, mother of Mark Duff; Lyle Kuehn, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn; Sylvia Johnson, mother of Twyla Hobbs; David Nelson, nephew of Dave and Carolyn Hagford; Cathy Rosch, member of the Bergford family.

#### Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

## Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



## Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

## Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

## Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pat Nortwen 3/6 Lee Wilson 3/9 Debra Gilroy 3/9 Jill Gruys 3/10 Wesley Bartels 3/10

## Lenten Devotions 2023

Pick up your copy of *Water & Spirit; Devotions for Lent 2023*. They are available at both entrances.

#### Lenten Services

Wednesdays 7:00 PM Sanctuary & YouTube

Throughout the Lenten season, we will offer a midweek service.

## Sunday School Spring Break

Sunday, March 12th

We are taking a spring break in our program year on Sunday, March 12. There will be no Sunday School and no staffed Nursery on this day.

Programming will resume on March 19.

## Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Library

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by *Beth Moore*. Deb Gilroy LOTI Groups

#### Easter Flower Orders

Due by Wednesday, March 15th

Selections include:

\$10.05 Easter Lilies, 6": White

\$10.65 Mums, 6.5": Pink/purple, yellow or white

\$18.75 Hydrangeas, 6.5": Pink or blue

We have had to change our supplier for this year (*Lynde Greenhouse & Nursery*) because a fire at their facility last fall made it impossible for them to fill Easter orders.

Order online at MyVanco OR contact the Church Office or (612) 377-5095 & pay by check.

#### Saint Patrick's Celebration

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Sanctuary

We will celebrate the missionary life of St. Patrick in our worship service. Irish music will be performed by Tom Klein, a master uilleann piper. The uilleann pipes are a unique Irish bagpipe with which performers sit and pump a bellow with their elbows.

#### LOTI Women's Book Club

Friday, March 31st 5:00 PM

Home of Deb Gilroy
This month's selection is Faith of My Fathers, by

Bring a snack to share if you like.

**Deb Gilroy LOTI Groups** 

Lynn Austin. Join us!

## Our Saviour's Housing Meals

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church provides a meal by donation, on the first Friday of every month. The shelter orders & serves the meal.

Suggested donation is \$250.

Thank you to *Mary & David Goplen* for February. Our 2023 Schedule is complete. To sign up for 2024.

Contact <u>Cheri Moe</u>, <u>moeclana@aol.com</u> or (952) 431-5226 to sign up.

Our Saviour's Community Services

### Lutheran World Relief

You can rush aid to neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey.

Your generous gift to our emergency response fund will deliver urgent support, like temporary shelter and critically needed care and supplies for families who lost their homes.

You will reach children, women and men with the care they need RIGHT NOW, helping them endure immediate hardships and easing their suffering.

Thank you for sharing your God-given spirit of love.

**Lutheran World Relief** 

#### Fundraiser for Ukraine Benefit Concert

Today, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM
The Women's Club of Minneapolis 410 Oak Grove Street

LOTI, the musical home of The Isles Ensemble will once again co-sponsor a benefit concert for Ukraine with The Women's Club of Minneapolis.

The ensemble will perform chamber music by Ukrainian composers & will feature guest speaker,

Ambassador Eric Rubin, President, American Foreign Service Association.

The Isles Ensemble will perform chamber music by Ukrainian composers. The event will feature guest speaker *Ambassador Eric Rubin*, President, American Foreign Service Association.

Admission is free. Donations will be received through LOTI & distributed to:

### The Protez Foundation https://protezfoundation.com/

The Protez Foundation was established in 2022 by Minnesota-based Ukrainian doctor Yakov Gradinar to provide prosthetics for Ukrainians. Protez is the Ukrainian word for prosthesis. The project's goal is to aid children, soldiers, and civilians who have lost limbs during the war, helping them obtain free quality prosthetics in the U.S. The foundation covers all financial needs, including visa fees, lodging, and the prosthetics themselves. In the US, patients are hosted by volunteers who help with orientation, logistics, and psychological support. The foundation has hosted over 82 groups of patients in the last few months, and the need is ongoing and tremendous.

## Ukranian American Community Center <a href="https://uaccmn.org/">https://uaccmn.org/</a>

The Ukrainian American Community Center (UACC) coordinates local efforts to support refugees escaping the war in Ukraine. The center partners with the Department of Human Services and with a variety of public and private organizations to coordinate and develop refugee programs in Minnesota. They have successfully organized *Back to School* campaigns for refugee children, and the *Adopt a Family* campaign to provide mothers in need with Metro Transit passes, a mattress, a blanket, bedding, towels, and mats. Today their largest needs include emergency housing assistance, summer programs for children so mothers can continue to work, and driver's license training.

## Caritas - Transcarpathia <a href="http://www.caritas-transcarpathia.com/eng/">http://www.caritas-transcarpathia.com/eng/</a>

<u>Caritas – Transcarpathia</u> is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization has operated in Ukraine since 1998, providing services to those with special needs. After the loss of their parents, children with special needs usually end up being locked up in mental institutions. In spite of the ongoing war, Caritas is building an assisted living facility where children will receive assistance from social workers and volunteers. This will be the first community home of its type in the region and only the second in Ukraine. It will provide decent living conditions,

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dignity, and quality of life for some of the most vulnerable.

Donate online at <u>myvanco.com</u> OR

Make checks to Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church ("for Ukraine" in the memo line). Contribute now or this afternoon at the concert. Women's Club of Minneapolis



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