



NEW LIFE: EMBRACING HOPE & RENEWAL

As spring awakens the earth and Easter celebrates resurrection, we gather in the promise of new beginnings.

At Parkview, we nurture seeds of hope, tend gardens of justice, and bloom together in love. This season reminds us that transformation is always possible, and that we are called to rise—individually and as a community—into our fullest, most compassionate selves.

No single leader directs the flock; instead, each bird responds to those around it, and together they create something stunning. I like to think this is how Parkview works. Each of us chips in our small part, responding to one another with care and intention, and together we create something truly special.

Moderator Message

by **Brett Godsey**

We kicked off the new year with our annual meeting, approving nominations for our Church Council and the many boards and committees that make things happen at Parkview. Thank you to all who give their time, energy, and talents!

The little things each of us does every day with our minds and hearts may not seem important on their own, but collectively, they create something beautiful. It brings to mind a murmuration of birds—that phenomenon where hundreds of birds fly in coordinated patterns, creating fluid, constantly morphing shapes across the sky.



A Festival of Trees Favorite!

Parkview took first place at the White Bear Lake Historical Society's Third Annual Festival of Trees!

Our tree stood out among 40 beautifully decorated entries—the most participants ever—and earned the top spot thanks to votes from nearly 2,000 community members.

The month-long celebration at the White Bear Lake Armory welcomed almost **3,000 attendees** who enjoyed crafts, cookies, visits with Santa, and the festive spirit of the season.

A special thank you to MaryLou Tyler and Cindy Arntzen-Haffely for leading this fun project for Parkview, and to everyone who came out and voted for us!

We're grateful to be part of this wonderful community celebration!

250 Strong for Dr. King



On January 19th, approximately 250 community members gathered at White Bear Lake Area High School for the annual **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast**—a powerful celebration of Dr. King's legacy and our ongoing commitment to justice, equality, and beloved community.

Parkview was proud to co-sponsor this meaningful event, which featured a panel of community leaders alongside students from the **White Bear Lake High School Black Student Union**, who facilitated powerful table discussions that engaged the entire community in dialogue.

This year marked a significant transition as the event moved from Parkview to the high school for the first time—a logistical challenge met with grace and teamwork. Thank you to our dedicated Parkview volunteers who made this community celebration another great success!



STANDING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

When fear and uncertainty descended on our community due to ICE enforcement operations, Parkview responded with compassion and action. Throughout January and February, our congregation found meaningful ways to support vulnerable families in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

We joined La Viña Burnsville, a local church ministering to families afraid to leave their homes during this time of crisis. Their work is immediate and vital—providing food, supplies, and compassionate support to those who need it most.

Parkview members rallied at a moment's notice, gathering donations and volunteering on-site to pack boxes and deliver resources directly to families who couldn't safely access them otherwise. This is hands-on ministry at its core: showing up when our neighbors need us.

Our community also created gift bags for students at Willow Lane Elementary, filled with coloring books, activity books, healthy treats, and heartfelt notes of encouragement. These small gestures, delivered by school staff, carried a powerful message: you are seen, you are valued, you are not alone.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, and opened their hearts to our neighbors.



Mission & Movie Magic

On a chilly January evening, Parkview families gathered for more than just pizza, popcorn, and a film—we came together to support children and families facing crisis in our community.

Our **Mission & Movie Night** combined fellowship with purpose, collecting essential items for the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, an organization that provides safe, temporary care for children during family emergencies. The Parkview community responded with remarkable generosity, donating winter items and supplies from the nursery's wish lists.

The following Sunday, we were honored to welcome Megan Werner from the **Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery**, who received our donations along with a \$2,000 check from Parkview. Their words captured the heart of this mission: "When parents have support, children are safer. When children experience consistent care and predictability, their bodies and brains can settle and grow."

This event embodied what it means to nurture seeds of hope in our community!



Holy Week at Parkview

Parkview welcomes you to join us as we journey through Holy Week together. Whether these sacred traditions are familiar companions or new discoveries, you'll find a community that honors where you are on your spiritual path. Come celebrate the timeless story of hope, sacrifice, and resurrection that continues to inspire and transform us today.

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 at 10:00A

Celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we wave palm branches and begin Holy Week. This joyful service reminds us of the crowds who welcomed Jesus, even as it foreshadows the journey ahead. Join us for special music and a message that bridges the celebration and contemplation of this pivotal week in the Christian story. Join us as we wave palms and celebrate together—no prior church experience needed!

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 at 7:30P

Experience the intimacy of the Last Supper through our Maundy Thursday service. This evening service commemorates Jesus's final meal with his disciples and his commandment to love one another. Through communion, scripture, and reflection, we remember the foot-washing, the breaking of bread, and the profound acts of service and sacrifice that define this holy night.

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 at 10:00A

Celebrate the resurrection with joyful music, inspiring message, and the good news that transforms everything! Easter Sunday at Parkview is a celebration of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life. Join us for special Easter music from our choir, fresh flowers, and a service that proclaims the truth at the heart of our faith: Christ is risen! Bring family and friends to share in this glorious celebration.

***As spring awakens new life all around us,
we invite you to experience Easter at Parkview.***

Youth Shark Tank: Pitching for a Purpose

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 at 10:00A

Parkview youth are preparing to launch a Shark Tank project—a friendly competition where young people become advocates for causes they care about.

Working in pairs or small groups, students will research and select charitable organizations that inspire them, then create compelling presentations to share with the congregation during worship and Fellowship Hour.

Instead of voting with ballots, the congregation will "vote" with donations.



Each presenting group will have a collection fishbowl, and every dollar contributed will go directly to their chosen organization. The Christian Ed Board will match all donations received, plus award additional funds from the youth mission fund to the first, second, and third place teams.

This project combines creativity, compassion, and friendly competition while teaching our young people about research, public speaking, and the power of advocacy. Most importantly, it empowers them to make real impact for organizations doing meaningful work in our world.

You won't want to miss seeing our youth in action as they pitch for purpose!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Feed My Starving Children, Coon Rapids | Saturday, April 11 | 2:30-4:15p

Join us for another group packing event at Feed My Starving Children, where we'll come together in fellowship to pack nutritious meals for children and families suffering from hunger across the globe. We have **35 spots** reserved for our group. Families are welcome, though children must be at least 5 years old to participate. Christian Ed will make a \$10 per person donation from the children's mission fund to cover the cost of the food we pack.

Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or visit [FMSC.org/get-involved/volunteer](https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer) and enter **Join Code D8XZKL** - Please register by April 3rd so we can confirm our group size.

Top-Ten Choir Concert & Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 17 at 10:00A

Mark your calendars for one of Parkview's most beloved traditions—the Annual Top-Ten Choir Concert!

The Parkview Choir will present their favorite anthems from the past year, offering a powerful celebration of how music deepens our worship and strengthens our community.

This concert has become a cherished highlight for many in our congregation. The joy is palpable as familiar melodies fill our sanctuary, reminding us of the seasons we've journeyed through together—from quiet moments of contemplation to soaring expressions of praise.

Each anthem tells a story of our shared faith journey. After worship, stay for a pancake breakfast hosted by our youth! This delicious tradition supports our mission trip and children's mission funds, making it a perfect way to extend the celebration of community and service.

Many have shared that this service is among their favorite Sundays at Parkview—some visitors have even found their way to membership after experiencing the power of this musical celebration!

Whether you're a longtime member who never misses this annual tradition or a visitor curious about the music that animates our worship, you're warmly invited to join us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25

LENTEN SERIES: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

MARCH 29

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 26

YOUTH SHARK TANK: PITCHING FOR A PURPOSE

MAY 31

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & TEACHER APPRECIATION