
Hope's Mission is: "To know Christ and make Christ known"
by proclaiming the Saving Word of God through worship, community and service.

Mission Renewal

Some of you may recall that one outgrowth of the Room for Fresh Creations process was to move beyond sprinkler installation, wall painting, and asbestos removal to definition, renewal, and commitment to mission. The Mission Renewal Task Force has begun that work with help and guidance from Jeff Kjellberg of Kairos, and with financial support from the Hope Trust. The Task Force is committed to a fair, inclusive, and objective process. We ask your participation as we move forward.

The process begins with a listening and data-collection phase. This includes one-on-one interviews, a survey, perhaps a focus group, and a symposium. The symposium will be held on May 3, and all are welcome to attend. We particularly urge commission members and staff to be there.

Over the next few weeks we will finalize the questionnaires and the survey, as well as schedule interviews. On Sunday, June 5, as part of the worship service, attendees will be asked to complete the survey. On that day Jeff will be available for a focus group discussion immediately following the service.

Look for more updates in the bulletin and in future issues of the *Hope Visitor*.

Task Force members are Sharla Aaseng, Lorraine Berger, Joan Campbell, Chris Collin, Garvin Davenport, John Hustad, Lisa Morse, and Sonya Peterson. We ask for your prayers and participation. ❖

—Joan Campbell

Cathedral Choir from Malawi in Concert

The Cathedral Choir from Malawi will be singing at Bethel Lutheran Church in Hudson, north of St. Croix, on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The choir will be visiting the Northwest Synod from April 19 – May 9. Members of the Global Mission Group plan to go to the concert.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event! Please contact Jerry Johnson at (612) 789-7965 or Pastor Kwanza Yu at (612) 331-5988 with any questions. ❖

Fund-Raiser a Success

The 6th-grade Sunday School wants to thank the congregation for coming to the recent coffee hour fund-raiser and contributing generously to the Malawi Soccer Ball and Solar Oven Project. Nearly \$450 was raised, and it almost guarantees that the goal of \$1,000 to support the people of Malawi will be reached. We enjoyed making up the song, the cookies, and the posters about Malawi, and we are glad that you came to see and participate. If there's one thing we will remember about our 6th-grade class, this will probably be it. ❖

—Don Hauge

Shirley's Share

When I was called to University Lutheran Church of Hope some four-and-a-half years ago, one of the major things I was called to do was to lead the staff and bring stability to what had been a lot of coming and going in various job positions at the church. I am proud to say that we have a very fine staff at Hope, one that works well together to further the mission we are called to do together. Pastor Kwanza Yu and I have a good working relationship. The program staff has transitioned well with the “changing of the guard” in music (Tim Strand, Kay Else), Christian Education (Diane Shallue), and the addition of our part-time youth minister (Audrey Keller). Good things are happening.

At the same time, we did some restructuring in support staff by combining the positions of administrator and secretary (Craig Wiester). And our full-time custodian (Robert Bailey) has been an ambassador to PEASE Academy as he does his work each day. We have had regular changeovers in weekend coverage (Amber Janssen in Nursery and Adam Real as weekend custodian), but this has mostly been attributed to them moving on from student status to full-time employment.

But all of that could change. And not because of anything to do with personality clashes among the staff members. Instead, it could all change because of finances. The *Baker's Dozen* initiative that was voted on at the annual meeting of the congregation was meant to address the budget shortfall from 2005. In a simple and rather lighthearted way, the Board of Commissioners wanted to address both the budget shortfall and the need to replenish reserves (the savings account) with this challenge to increase giving to at least the equivalent of one month's total giving to the congregation (the first goal—an additional \$16,500 by April 24, 2006).

Since this is a nonprofit institution, the largest amount of cost to the organization comes from personnel and building maintenance. This is almost universally true of nonprofits. Because of this, any budget shortfall that is not replaced must be addressed by a reduction in staff. And that poses the question—who should go? Where do we make cuts?

It is my hope that, by the time you read this, we (the congregation) will have met our goal for this first term. If not, then a special meeting of the congregation will need to be held before summer to address our budgetary situation.

At the same time we are beginning a mission resource development process with the help of Kairos. That process will look at staffing needs, based on where we want this mission and ministry to go. It could also mean staff changes. But changing staff for future growth is different than reducing staff for budgetary reasons. One is a sign of growth and mission renewal, the other is certainly not. We do have a financial challenge ahead of us this year, but it is certainly one that you, the people of Hope, have said you can meet. Pax. ❖

—Pastor Craig Shirley

Families with Adopted/ Multicultural Children

Mark your calendars! Our summer picnic will be on Sunday, June 11, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. You'll be receiving a mailing with the location and other details by mid-May. We hope you can join us, so save the date! ❖

—Karen Jorstad,
Picnic Coordinator

Attention Scouts

All those interested in obtaining the Scout Religious Recognition Award for Boy Scouts (also Cub Scouts) or Girl Scouts (also Brownies) should contact Caitlin Wilke at (651) 636-5086. She is organizing some classes for this summer. Caitlin will need to know your name, age, and possible meeting times—such as after worship on Sunday mornings or which weeknight works best. The awards take about five hours of class time, plus work at home. ❖



It's Over!

By the time you read this, construction in the education wing will have begun! And the move of equipment and supplies from the education and office wings to outside pods will be over!

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in this move. It all came together because of your willingness to help and the suggestions you gave us.

I hope everyone had a good time in the process—because in August or September we will have to do it all again, in reverse! And I'll be contacting you! ❖

—Fred Kreider,
Facilities

Thank You

Iwish to thank everyone who prayed for me when I was on the prayer list. I especially thank Pastor Yu, Pastor Shirley, and Millie Holmgren for their support. ❖

—Margaret Vainovskis

Plants with a Prayer II—A Growing Thing

With warmer weather and plants sprouting up everywhere, please keep your eyes open for plants you are willing to donate to our second annual spring plant sale. We need your divisions, spreaders, starters, and excess houseplants! Cool plant stakes, plant picks, decorated pots, and other garden-type crafts will also make colorful additions to our sale.

We will be able to accept plants starting the last weekend in April. The Garden Club will be at the church that weekend, dividing and moving plants from the church gardens. During the following week, you should be able to drop off plants any day or evening; we'll be sure they aren't left too long. Recommended drop places are near the north entry (off the sidewalk, back in the shade) or in the courtyard near the east courtyard door. If that changes, we'll have a sign posted. Current information is that we will still have access to those spots in early May.

Our goal for this year is to raise money for an electric lawn mower for the church (quiet, no gas required), to fund restoration of the courtyard and north gardens after Room for Fresh Creations is done, and to establish a permanent garden fund to continue making other improvements.

If you need help digging or transporting plants, please call Kathy Knudson at (612) 623-3562, or leave a message for the Garden Club at the church (612) 331-5988. And as a hint for members—if you're buying, we will be making deals on Sunday afternoons. There are extra benefits for volunteers, too. Let us know if you have time to help. See Martha Swenson (Head Gardener), Kay Else, Risa Paulson, Marty-Lewis Hunstiger, or anyone else you see wandering the church gardens looking like they want to get their hands dirty. ❖



Faith Formation Opportunities

May 7 & 14 – Service Sundays. All are invited to these intergenerational events, where we put our Christian love into action. There will be treats, projects, and activities for all ages. We will be making welcome cards for the Outreach Commission and greeting cards for homebound members. There will be a Global Ministries project and a Shawl Ministry project where you can knit or crochet. Bring your yarn and needles. We will make 2-Cents-a-Meal Jars. There will be a special project for our youngest members. Please come. Practice your faith. Grow your faith. Show God’s love in truth and action.

May 21 – Celebration Day! Come to celebrate all the volunteers who make University Lutheran Church of Hope a wonderful, vibrant place. There will be music and fun and food in the Fellowship Hall from 9:50 – 10:45 a.m.

News for parents who use the Nursery: As you know, the current nursery space is no longer available, nor will we have a paid attendant again until fall. Children are always welcome in worship. The Quiet Bags at the entrance to the Sanctuary are available for children. If your child needs a break from the worship service, you could take your child to the Fellowship Hall, where there will be a few toys and a rug to unroll.

Monthly Confirmation Class

The confirmation program, which involves 7th and 8th graders, will meet Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. This will be our last confirmation class of this academic year. See you all! ❖

From the Director of Christian Education

Where does the time go? I have been married for 32 years. My baby—my daughter, Anna, is graduating from college on May 28. My son, Andrew, is getting married in Madison, Wisconsin, on June 10. Psalm 90:12 says, “Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.” Sometimes my days seem too many to count, and I am not sure that my heart is any more wise. Now we are in the midst of a remodeling project and counting the days until it is done. I wonder if it will be done on schedule. I wonder what it will look like when it’s finished. I wonder if more members, including you who are reading this newsletter, will invite others to come and see what we have done. I know that I can count on the steadfast love of God even in the midst of chaos. I can count the number of times and the number of ways God has shown love to me. If wisdom is trusting in the Lord, than maybe I am getting wiser as I am getting older. All will be well. I will praise the Lord, my God, even in the midst of many changes. Let us celebrate together what God has done for us and for our congregation! ❖

Your partner in ministry,

—Diane E. Shallue

Spring Break in...Biloxi (Not Your Usual Trip South!)

In March I helped lead a spring break trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. We took a bus with 35 people from Augsburg College and 15 people from Grandview College in Des Moines, Iowa. What follows is a blog entry I wrote from Biloxi. You can check out the blog (including entries that other students wrote), look at pictures from the trip, and follow the progress of our relief efforts by clicking on the hurricane relief logo at our campus ministry website: www.augsburg.edu/campmin

Today I woke up slowly around 5:45 a.m. to the growing chatter of people as they began their morning. The camp coordinator runs a tight ship around here. Lights out at 10:00 p.m., lights on at 6:00 a.m. “No exceptions,” says the retired Navy Chief. The camp has a Bible Camp/military feel. The atmosphere is like a Bible Camp in that we all say grace together before we eat, we sleep in a large tent together in bunk beds, and there is a freshness in the air of people experiencing new activities and meeting new people. The camp is like the military in that it is run by men who maintain tight schedules and exhibit a saltiness that shows they are experienced in their jobs. For example, the camp cook says, “If you are late to breakfast you don’t eat!”

This morning began with some difficulty finding jobs for our crew, so we took a trip to the coast of Biloxi. It is difficult to describe the damage, much like it is difficult to describe how awestruck one is when they see the Grand Canyon for the first time. Cement bridges are torn up and remain only as piles of concrete in the water, sides of large buildings are torn off and exposed for everyone who passes by to see, and many houses are just stacks of wood.

As I think about the disaster, it is difficult for me to empathize with the people here. I cannot begin to imagine the plethora of emotions that they are feeling. Sadness and despair for what they have lost, but they are also experiencing hope and love. They feel love from the family and friends that they have in their community, and they also feel love from all of the volunteers who have come to help restore their community. This community has lost many of its buildings and much of its infrastructure. However, it is clear that the glue holding this community together is the loving and caring relationships that people share. The future seems dark. Many anticipate that it will take 8 or more years to restore the community. However, the light of hope is shining into this darkness, and is giving people the strength to create a new community amidst the chaos of destruction. ❖

—Sam Kanenwisher

Conversations about Depression

The Adult Forum on depression sparked two more meetings on the topic for anyone who may have interest. A desire for more sharing of information and support led us to try having monthly meetings. You are welcome, no matter what your level of interest.

This will be a time to share stories, ask questions, and offer support as we continue to learn from one another.

We will try meeting on the second Monday of each month at University Lutheran Church of Hope, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you bring a sandwich, we will provide coffee.

❖

—Becky Halvorson and Ruth Fingerson

Senior Club

Senior Club will be held on May 17, with the meal at 12:00 noon and the program at 1:00 p.m. This will be a “Syttende Mai” Celebration, featuring Karen Solgard, a Norwegian Hardanger Fiddler, in a program of fiddle music, song, and stories. Karen grew up on a farm near Crookston, Minnesota, and learned Norwegian folk songs from her mother and grandmother. Initially a cellist, she began to play Hardanger fiddle more than 20 years ago. Karen has studied in Norway and received several awards from the Minnesota State Arts Board. You will want to hear her music and stories. The cost of the luncheon is \$5 and reservations are necessary. The program is free. If you are not called, please contact Diane Shallue at (612) 331-5988, ext. 19, by Thursday, May 11, to reserve a meal. Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Remember that friends are always welcome. ❖

A Fifty-Day Celebration of Easter

It is good that Easter lasts fifty days, for it will take us at least that long to explore the garden of God.

According to one of the creation stories in Genesis, the original home for human beings was a garden. But after the Fall, God expelled Adam and Eve from the garden so that they could not eat the fruit of the tree of life and live forever. Throughout the history of the faithful people, there remained a longing for the garden. The prophets anticipated a time coming in the future when the desert all around them would flourish like a blossoming garden. The Song of Solomon places the lovers in a garden, and during the Middle Ages, in particular, Christians found this poem a metaphor of what life with God will be like. The book of Revelation, with its visions of the end time, describes a garden inside a city—as if both God’s nature and human culture participate in what heaven will be.

With these biblical gardens in mind, we discover that the gospel of John describes both Gethsemane—the place of Jesus’ betrayal, and also the location of Jesus’ tomb as gardens. Of course John would do that—see the place of Jesus’ death as the site of vibrant life. Thus the Easter gospel readings from John take place in a garden, with Mary Magdalene even mistaking Jesus for the gardener. It is this garden that we enjoy for the fifty days of Easter, leaving finally on Pentecost Sunday to go out preaching to all the ends of the earth.

Easter is a fifty-day celebration; it is also the weekly celebration of meeting Christ in the breaking of the bread, as well as the daily “dying and rising” of each baptized Christian. The season concludes with Pentecost and the story of the tongues of fire, Luke’s way of saying what John said of Easter Sunday evening: that Christ gives to the community of believers the Spirit of his resurrected body. Christ is now alive in us.

While we are enjoying the garden, the natural world is also enjoying it. During these seven weeks, the Northern Hemisphere has been adorned with forsythia, crocuses, daffodils, tulips, azaleas, dogwood, flowering fruit trees, and finally roses. The spring processes by us in one bunch of flowers after another. Days are warming and lengthening. People are beginning to go outside, plant their own gardens, tend their yards, eat out on the patio, and pack away their winter clothes. It is as if the natural and secular world are celebrating God’s garden without realizing it.

But the fifty days of Easter do not ensure seven weeks of bliss for all the faithful. Sorrow will come and disappointment arrives. Herein lies yet another reason that we want Easter to last fifty days. Most folks can get excited one or two days each year, donning new clothes and enjoying the music. But we can keep up such glee for fifty days. John’s Gospel knows that, by placing both Jesus’ agony and his resurrection in a garden. Many Christians will have days among these fifty days that are not at all filled with light and happiness. But the hope is that each of the fifty days will be marked by the presence of the risen Christ in each of us and within the community. In spite of every sin and sorrow, we practice the joy of the resurrection. Even in the midst of the woods, we recognize the garden, and we practice pointing out to each other the tree of life.

So I invite all to come to church every Sunday during the fifty days of the celebration of Easter, to break bread and have fellowship. For we are now a continuation of God’s Easter story. The risen Lord goes before us, calling us to adventures yet to begin. But even more, the risen Lord goes with us. God’s story calls us on during the fifty days of Easter! ❖

—Pastor Kwanza Yu

The Flamingos Are Coming!

As a fundraising effort, the youth of University Lutheran Church of Hope will be decorating the yards of unsuspecting Hope members. If you wake up one May morning to find a flock of pink flamingos in your yard, you can send them on their way by making a contribution. You will then have the opportunity to choose their next destination. All funds raised will be used for the ELCA Youth Gathering in San Antonio. ❖

—Kjerstin Sanden

The Treasurer's Report

The Baker's Dozen

Progress report through 4-17-06	Actual		Year to date	
	Received	Goal	Actual	Goal
To be received by: Sunday, April 23, 1/3 of goal	\$ 4,458	16,500	4,458	16,500
Sunday, June 11, 1/3		16,500		16,500
Sunday, Oct. 15, 1/3		16,500		16,500
Conclusion: we are short (12,042).				

What is the Baker's dozen? Our congregation has additional financial needs for 2006. It is 10.6% *in addition to* your 2006 pledge. Some examples:

If your annual contribution is	\$ 100,	the extra is \$ 10,
if it is	1,000,	the extra is \$ 100,
if it is	10,000,	the extra is \$ 1,000.

The congregation voted yes, we can do it. It was approved unanimously at the annual meeting. *Can you also help us reach our initial goal on April 23 of \$ 16,500?*

These extra line items in the annual budget are items which are necessary this year.

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| 1. Making up 1/3 of the deficit | \$ 6,500 | 2. 42% utility increase | \$ 6,000 |
| 3. Boiler maintenance surprise | \$ 10,000 | 4. Lot: water assess't / ins. | \$ 7,000 |
| 5. Youth director & supervision | \$ 18,000 | 6. General (maintenance) | \$ 2,000 |

What is the General Fund? It is the operating budget that pays the bills: staff, programs, heat, and maintenance of our facilities. It funds our immediate needs now.

The General Fund: (does not include the Baker's Dozen)
2006 Revenue Comparison of Actual to Budget: Each Month & Year to Date
through Monday, April 17, 2006 (after Easter)

Month	Sunday #	Actual Month	Budget Month	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Over (under) Budget
January		\$ 41,699	37,854	\$ 37,854	\$ 41,699	\$ 3,845
February		48,316	46,708	90,015	84,562	5,453
March		40,327	39,623	130,342	124,185	6,157
April (partial)	5	50,531				
May		41,045				
June		33,068				
July	5	40,923				
August		38,071				
September		41,971				
October	5	39,951				
November		39,180				
December	5	<u>63,428</u>				
Totals	\$	\$ 512,351				

Action Steps: 1. Update your Simply Giving for the general fund. 2 Give to the Baker's Dozen. Indicate this \$ given on an envelope, a note with your check , or on the E-Simply giving web site. Together we can make it happen.

—Norris Waalen, Treasurer

Celebration of Ministry

After 14 years of dedicated service in Lutheran Campus Ministry,

Pastor Lamont Koerner

in the fine tradition of Lutheran Student Movement, is moving on.
This time of transition within LCM is amplified by the selling of our beloved Saint Paul building.

Sunday, May 7th, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.,
the Lutheran Campus Ministry Council invites you to a celebration of Lamont's ministry
and a Decommissioning of the LCM center on the Saint Paul campus.

Please join us for a reception that will begin at 3:00 p.m.
and continue with a program at 3:30 p.m. at the Saint Paul building (1407 N. Cleveland Ave.),
followed by the final student worship of this academic year
at Grace University Lutheran Church, where Lamont will preach.

Because our contact lists may be incomplete, please feel free to share this invitation with others.
All are welcome!

RSVP to Elizabeth Slagle, slag0028@umn.edu, (612) 418-8011.

If you cannot attend, please send your thoughts or memories of special moments on a note or card that
will be added to a guest book. Send to:

Elizabeth Slagle
1087 18th Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2550

(No gifts, please.)

Donations Needed for September Rummage Sale

As you see items in your household that you no longer need but which are still in good condition, please save them for the rummage sale. The dates this year are September 14, 15, 16.

Donations can be brought beginning on Sunday, September 10. If you need to get things to church earlier than the 10th, please check with our custodian, Robert Bailey, or our administrator, Craig Wiester.

Do you have a space we could use to store large items like furniture? If you do, please call Ruth Fingerson at (651) 633-5316. Thank you!

A blue list of things we want and do not want is posted somewhere at University Lutheran Church of Hope. ☺ (We will be so glad when the construction is over!)

This is a large sale that sells an amazing variety of usable items. Our departments are:

Furniture
Housewares
Treasures (extra nice items)
Linens
Clothing
Lunch counter
Books
Toys/Sports
Hardware

Our customers are very thankful for the merchandise that we are able to sell them at low prices, and our congregation needs the money earned—especially this year! If you have a high-value item, call Ruth now and we will make special plans. Thank you! ❖

—Ruth Fingerson

Lutheran Campus Ministry

This early spring has heralded what some would call progress in my backyard. Well, not exactly my backyard, but the acreage behind my house. My grandson calls them, “His Woods.” Almost overnight, it seems, monster machines crept in and did their dastardly deed of picking up decades of trees like toothpicks and shredding them into tiny bits.

As I watched, I was torn between tears and grief-wonder and awe. So sad to see nature destroyed and green space eliminated, while at the same time I was drawn into the marvel of human invention—machines that look like a combination of giant bug and dinosaur.

I have the same mixed emotions at the end of another academic year. It’s that consistent theme of change laced with tears and grief-wonder and awe.

Where did this year go? How come everyone leaves?

We congratulate all who have accomplished what they set out to do and are graduating. In LSM we call attention to Elizabeth Slagle, one of our leaders who has been: a Befriender small group facilitator; student leader; treasurer of the LSM region; conference planner for the National LSM Assembly (where she had responsibility for creating workshops on social justice in San Diego for over 300 students); co-creator of the Interfaith Student Partnership (which sponsored the Stop the Hate initiative on campus); nominated for and chosen to participate in the Social Justice Leadership retreat, and the next year chosen to be a facilitator; fair trade proponent with MPIRG and LSM; a tutor in the St. Paul public schools; as well as working on campus as a biology tutor and TA. She graduates Summa Cum Laude in Neuroscience. In the fall, Elizabeth will be serving with Young Adults in Global Mission of the ELCA in India or the Philippines.

Tears are sometimes of sadness in seeing people leave, but mixed with the wonder and awe of having had the honor to know these fine young people who move on to work for justice in this world.

Thanks Be To God!

Moving ahead, Lisa Simonsen and our Administrative Assistant Linda Tischer will be moving their offices to join me in the LSM House over the summer. Three students will be living on the second floor. Our Facilities Task Force will continue in its discovery phase to explore what might be the future location for campus ministry. We welcome three new people to our Campus Ministry Council, and they will be having an extensive training session in June.

The De-Commissioning of the Saint Paul Campus Ministry Center and a farewell for Lamont Koerner will be held on May 7. With gratefulness, we wish Lamont the best in the future.

All these events are a combination of sadness and tears, wonder and awe.

Thanks Be To God! ❖

—Jerie Smith,
for Lutheran Campus Ministry/Lutheran Student Movement

Craig’s Bouquet

A BIG thank you to Marian Jacobs, Nina Lee, Wayne Westwood, and Winifred Frolen for the hours they spent assembling 600 copies of those wonderful Easter bulletins! ❖

—Craig Wiester

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS!



High School Lock-In

Who? High School youth AND friends
What? A night of FUN and FELLOWSHIP!
When? May 19th-20th

Sunday Socials



When? The 3rd Sunday of every month
Join us May 14th for a special Mother's Day
Lunch!

Who? 6th-12th grade youth and families
What? Going out to lunch for fellowship
and quality time together!
Hope to see you there!

National Gathering 2006!



The next team meeting for May 21st is
being RESCHEDULED! Please check the
website and your mail for the new date.
This way we can all participate in Fresh
Creations for a New Generation.

*Thanks to all those National Gathering
participants and families who have been
working hard with fundraising—
YOU ROCK!*

Special Thanks to...

*Pat Frolen and Bob Dickhaus for
Coordinating the Easter Breakfast.
*We also want to thank **all of you** for your
donations. We raised over \$1000! All the
proceeds go to support the youth program.
*Scott Hvizdos and Tim Gustafson for
chaperoning the 6th-grade retreat!

A note from the Youth Director

Happy Spring!

It works out that I happen to be writing
this to all of you on Good Friday. The sun is
shining and it's beautiful out! For some
reason, I always thought it should rain on
Good Friday. The mood is reflective and
sorrowful. Rain, I thought, would best connect
with the feeling of today.

There is no denying that, this time of
year, we are forced to deal with the cross—the
intense suffering, both physically and
emotionally, that our Lord Jesus Christ
endured on that cross—the weight he bore and
the words he spoke are not easy to envision
and reflect on.

By the time you receive this, you will
have seen the beauty of Easter morning and
been reminded of the resurrection and the
hope we are given in this miracle!

In all I have learned from my time at
seminary, one thing stands out to me. There
IS beauty in the cross. God's grace. In this
suffering, in this sorrowful time, we are called
to immediately acknowledge forgiveness and
the most genuine of love.

The suffering of the cross is about the
love of God. The sorrow is about forgiveness.
We can never be reminded too often of this
love, just as we can never be apart from it.

No matter the sorrow in the cross or the
sorrow in our own lives, God's love is there. If
you are angry with God, if you are sick and
tired of the stresses of everyday, if you are
seeking to experience and figure out how this
whole faith and God thing really applies to you,
AND even if you don't want anything to do with
God...Her love is strong and carrying you.
You are not alone, you are not without love,
and you are forgiven. Nothing—no feeling, no
sin, no doubt—can separate you from His love.

Check out Romans 8:38-39!

God's Peace and Love Be With You,

—Audrey

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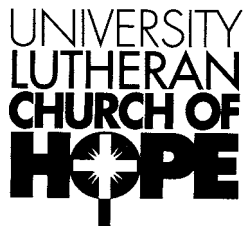
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