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

Sunday Service and Picnic in the Park!

Something different for your summer enjoyment! On Sunday, July 16, the **church service** will be held at **Wabun Park**, 4820 46th Avenue South, Minneapolis (close to Minnehaha Falls), at 10:00 a.m. ***There will be no worship service at the church that Sunday, only at the park.***

For your comfort, please bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. If the weather is less than ideal, don't worry. We have reserved the shelter so that we can be under cover. Following the service, the annual church **picnic** will be held. Please bring a dish to share. Members whose last names begin with:

- A-I, please bring salads;
- J-R, please bring desserts; and
- S-Z, please bring side dishes.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken patties, vegetarian options, buns, condiments, chips, coffee, and beverages will be provided.

A volleyball net will be set up and there will be children's games. For those needing or wanting to share rides and for those willing to help set up, cook, lead games, etc., **please sign up** in the narthex (Sundays, June 25, July 2 and 9) or contact Val Sayre at (612) 821-0326. ❖

—Pastor Craig Shirley

September 9: Outreach Rooted in Justice and Service

If we build it, will they come? Our remodeling gives us a great opportunity to share our values and tell neighbors why they should come inside to build community and hope.

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 9, the ISAIAH Core Team will host an afternoon of door-knocking and outreach in the neighborhood, inviting people to:

- Fill their household needs by coming to the University Lutheran Church of Hope rummage sale.
- Add their voices in the community by registering to vote and participating in ISAIAH's October 8 public rally.

- Grow deeper in faith by coming to worship or to Hope activities such as Adult Forums.

Training, a light lunch, and inspiration will be provided. Save the date and watch for more information in August. If you can't wait until then, contact Scott Hvizdos at (612) 861-2972 or shvizdos@msn.com ❖

QRS on the Go

We have arranged an outing to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres on Saturday, August 12, for their production of *Singin' in the Rain*. The cost is \$48.00 per person and includes bus, dinner, tip, and show. If you have not yet signed up, please do so soon. ❖

—Jack Parry

Anna Shallue Recital

Anna Shallue invites you to a recital for piano, flute, and voice on Sunday, July 23, at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. (763) 755-3530. A freewill offering will be received. Anna will be a participant in the Young Adults in Global Mission program through the ELCA and is required to raise funds to help support this program. She has been assigned to a site in the United Kingdom and leaves on August 20 for a year of volunteer service. More information is available from Diane Shallue. ❖

Book Club for July

Join the University Lutheran Church of Hope Book Club to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston. The Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 9, at Sonja Peterson's home, 1501 26th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, (612) 789-0397.

Free CDs of the book are available at the Minneapolis Public Libraries as part of the National Endowment of the Arts "The Big Read" initiative. ❖

Rummage Sale Update

Dates for this year's rummage sale are September 14, 15, 16. We will begin work on Sunday the tenth, after church. Because of construction we have much uncertainty about logistics, and we will need extra help from all of you. Many of our usual workers are unable to do as much as they used to, and we will need lots of manual labor, especially Sunday through Tuesday.

The biggest thing you can do for the sale is to come and buy. Many people are not aware of the mind-boggling variety of merchandise we have. This is not your usual "garage sale" type of event. We have many beautiful, high-quality items, as well as near-antiques.

Thank you for your support of this marvelous event. Questions? Call or e-mail Ruth at (651) 633-5316 or Rfingerson@comcast.net ❖

Rummage Sale Funds Meeting

The meeting at which rummage sale workers will consider proposals for funding from rummage sale revenues is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 6.

All workers for the sale are encouraged to attend and help decide how our money should be spent. Workers include not only those who work at the sale itself, but also those who help with publicity, haul items before the sale, and do other behind-the-scenes tasks.

Thanks to all of you who work, donate, and spread enthusiasm for this event. The sale is a community service that brings many different people together. It is also a good way to recycle items that we no longer need, but which are still in good condition. ❖

—Ruth Fingerson

Service To Be Held for Margaret Sihler Anderson

As previously announced, Margaret Sihler Anderson, longtime organist and music coordinator at University Lutheran Church of Hope, died at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 10 due to complications from Parkinson's Disease. A memorial service was held at her church in Cleveland on May 15.

Margaret was an integral part of the Hope community and the broader Twin Cities church music community for so many years, and was responsible for the selection and installation of Hope's Holtkamp organ in 1968. We will celebrate her life in a service at Hope on **Saturday, July 15, at 5:00 p.m.**

The service, preceded by a musical prelude at 4:45 p.m. and followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall, will include the Holden Evening Prayer Service and a number of musical and spoken tributes. Those who would like to join the choir that is being put together for this service should plan to arrive at 3:30 p.m. for a short rehearsal.

Margaret's husband, Ken, their daughters, Nadia and Elena, and other family and friends will attend the service. They invite all of you to join them and share this special time of remembrance for our dear friend, Margaret. ❖

Mission Renewal...What's on the Horizon?

Does our congregation want University Lutheran Church of Hope to establish a clear focus in our ministry? If so, what is it?

Or—are we a congregation with a multitude of passions—each seen by a significant portion of our membership as a mission “priority”?

How do we see ourselves today? What does that mean for what we are—or want to be—five years from now? Ten years from now?

Will the staffing structure in place today match what this Mission Renewal process identifies as our priorities?

We are currently governed by a Board of Commissioners overseeing various realms of committee responsibilities. Will this structure serve us well into the future? Will it enable us to maximize our potential? Or is there another framework more suited to what we as a congregation wish to accomplish?



These are some of the thought-provoking questions that the Mission Renewal Task Force (MRTF)—collators of Hope’s collective wisdom—is contemplating. We don’t have the answers yet, but we are charged with leading the congregation toward them.

Many thanks to all of you who have shared your thoughts and opinions with us during the data-gathering phase this past month. With feedback from more than half a dozen focus groups, some 30 one-on-one interviews, and nearly 200 completed surveys, the MRTF will spend the month of July analyzing what you’ve had to say.

In August, under the guidance of Kairos, a Christian resource development firm engaged by the Board of Commissioners to assist in our long-range strategic planning, the MRTF will bring forward mission directive recommendations to the Board and staff.

In September, the MRTF will present initial findings to the congregation during an Adult Forum. As the vision and mission directive takes on greater clarity next fall, more formal presentations of conclusions and proposals will follow. ❖

—Lisa Morse, Mission Renewal Co-Chair

Craig Wiester Receives Service Award

On June 14 it was announced that the F. Marvin Myers Service Award for 2006 has been given to University Lutheran Church of Hope administrator Craig M. Wiester, FCBA. This annual award is given by The National Association of Church Business Administration, and on July 28 Craig will be honored at the NACBA meeting in Chicago before approximately 1000 of his colleagues.

Recipients of this award are selected based on their strong commitment to the NACBA through chapter leadership, special service, chapter organization, national service, and professional support. The Myers Service Award is named in honor of F. Marvin Myers, FCBA, who led the organization in providing a network of support for administrators and a foundation of confidence through continued professional education and training. ❖



Leipzig Exchange: Shareholder / Prayerholder Program

Last August I had the pleasure of hosting Tobias Scherling and Martin Leistner and participating in the 2005 Leipzig-Minneapolis Youth Exchange. We got to know each other, as well as 19 other youth, through service projects, baseball games, art fairs, discussion, and an excursion to Wilderness Canoe Base. In those two weeks I discovered more about my own faith by learning about theirs.

This summer I have the opportunity to participate again, but this time I will be going to Germany! It will be even more “epiphanic” for me because I will be immersed in German culture so that I can better understand their faith. Comparative observation and discussion have been the most important catalysts for me in exploring my own faith, which is why I am so excited to have this opportunity.

This promises to be an amazing trip, but one must keep in mind the adage. “You get what you pay for.” I have been working concessions at Twins’ baseball games to raise money for the trip, but it will not be enough to cover half of the total cost. You will be seeing me at church (because of the construction it is hard to say exactly where) accompanied by a shareholder/prayerholder fundraiser, and I will appreciate any help that you, my congregation, are able to give. Please come talk to me if this interests you at all. Thank you! ❖

—Ben Tetlie

Youth and Family News

Tuesday Night Summer Fun!



All 7th–12th (entering) grade youth are invited!
7:00–8:30 p.m. each night unless otherwise noted

June 27–Campfire!

July 11–Mooooovie Night

July 25–Goin' Bowlin'

August 11 (Friday)–Twins Game!
This is for *youth AND their families!*

August 15–Campfire!

August 20–The 14th University
Lutheran Church of Hope Music Camp

*More information will be mailed home to you with
a summer schedule you can post on your fridge to
remember to join the fun!

Fresh Creations for a New Generation



*Thank you to all who came to the youth ministry
visioning summit on May 21!*

We want to keep the momentum going and
summer is getting away from us! We are planning
a follow-up meeting for mid-August with Terri Elton
from Luther Seminary.

National Gathering 2006!



We're GONE! Please keep our group in your
prayers as we travel to San Antonio July 5–9.
To see what we are up to, visit
www.elca.org/gathering/home

***Special thanks to everyone for your support
of this trip! We have been able to raise enough
money to pay for all of our hotel and airfare!***

A Note from the Youth Director

Helloooo Summer (and hello to you, too☺)!

I don't know about you, but I feel there is some-
thing about summer that is absolutely freeing. Partic-
ularly as a student or educator, we are able to close
another chapter of our lives and spend the summer
rejuvenating! We also have the opportunity to spend
some valuable time reflecting.

A whole year of school has gone by again. Think
back to the fall when you first started; the anxiety,
anticipation, fear, and excitement. You have been
through many different things during this school year.
Have you taken time to acknowledge where God has
been with you?

This past year has been a roller coaster for me!
I left communities of comfort and ventured into "the
unknown." As I look back I am in awe. There is no
way I could have made it through the past year
alone. Even when I wasn't taking time to give God
credit, he was holding me and guiding my path.

I challenge you today, when you are done read-
ing this, to get out a journal or maybe just take some
time in silence to remember all the ways God has
been present to you this year. Maybe it was in the
support of a friend when you were facing difficulty at
school; the energy you had to wake up another day
and push forward; the opportunities you have had
to laugh and to cry. I believe these are ways God
reveals herself to us. Where has God been with you
this year?

I thank God for being present to me in all of you
this year. I look forward to another year in ministry
alongside this amazing family at University Lutheran
Church of Hope.

**Verse to check out: Psalm 107 (it's a long one, but a
good one!)*

God's Peace and Love Be With You,

—Audrey

The Four Keys

For the next four months, your Christian Education Director and Youth and Family Director are teaming up to provide resources for you and your family in faith formation. The Youth and Family Institute has identified **four key** faith practices essential for nurturing faith, values, and character formation. The Four Keys are *caring conversations, family devotions, family service, and family rituals and traditions*. These Four Keys are for parents and or grandparents to use with children to support their faith development.

This month we are focusing on **caring conversations**.

Christian values and faith are passed on to the next generation through supportive conversation. Listening and responding to the daily concerns of our children make it easier to have meaningful conversations regarding the love of God. They are ways to express God's love to others

—Youth and Family Institute

Suggestions:

- *Highs and Lows/Roses and Thorns*. Light a candle at the dinner table and set aside this time as a family to share your “highs and lows” of the day with one another.
- *Share Church Experiences*. Take time to ask your children about their experience in worship, at Sunday school,

on a youth trip, at choir practice, or in other time spent in community with people from church. What did you talk about? What questions came up in your mind?

- *Share your faith*. Did you know that most kids do not know what their parents believe? Be intentional about sharing your faith stories with your children. Talk about a time you felt that God was present and supporting you. Talk about a time you struggled with your faith and what that felt like.

God bless you as you share your faith! ❖

—Audrey Keller and Diane Shallue

Education Volunteers Needed for Fall Classes

Sunday School is coming! Sunday School is coming! The Education Commission is looking for a few good men and women to teach classes in the fall or to be an assistant. This would be for ages 4 through grade 6. Are you interested in this adventure? For more information please contact Diane Shallue at (612) 331-5988, ext. 19. ❖

A Time for Renewal

Like many Minnesotans, I count the days until summer. I look forward to the longer days, warmer temperatures, and the change of pace summer brings. Most of all, I look forward to spending time at the lake. There is something in the air, water, and stillness of the forest that allows me to relax my body and mind. While there I sleep, work, play, and connect with family and friends in a different way than I do in the city. I return home refreshed and renewed.

This summer we at University Lutheran Church of Hope are engaged in a collective process of refreshment and renewal. The Mission Renewal Task Force is helping us identify who we are and define and clarify our values and mission. Maybe you attended a focus-group discussion or participated in the congregational survey. Maybe you were interviewed by a member of the MRTE. Participation in this process allows us to celebrate our strengths,

identify challenges, and renew our vision and commitment to Hope.

As we focus on Hope's mission and vision, we must also remember our financial commitment to Hope. We entered 2006 with a challenge—to stretch ourselves beyond the level of pledges to meet the budget necessary to support our mission. We decided to take the challenge. We made the stretch in April. We can make it again. The second payment in the “Baker's Dozen” plan is due now. Please take the time to renew your financial commitment to Hope. Keep your pledge current, make your extra week's payment for the second Baker's Dozen installment, and make an extra gift if you are able.

Thank you for supporting Hope's mission. I hope you are having a great summer. ❖

—Louise Dovre Bjorkman,
Stewardship Commission

The Treasurer's Report

Results for the first 5 months:

Actual revenue January—May is \$ 228,739, versus budget for same period of \$ 232,261. Difference is \$ 3,522. *This includes both General Giving and the Baker's Dozen—Combined.* General Giving exceeded budget and Baker's Dozen was under budget.

<u>The Baker's Dozen</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Year to date</u>	
Progress report through 5-31-06	<u>Received</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>
To be received by: Sunday, April 23, 1/3 of goal	\$ 7,061	16,500	7,061	16,500
Sunday, July 31, 1/3	300	16,500	7,361	16,500
Sunday, Oct. 15, 1/3	16,500		16,500	

The June goal is extended to July, three months after the April benchmark.

What is the Bakers dozen? Our congregation has extra needs this year. Support it by giving an extra month's worth, (actually 11%) to meet our budget. The budget was approved unanimously at the annual meeting. ***Help us reach our next goal on July 31, of \$ 16,500. Do this by continuing your giving to the general fund and /or to the Baker's Dozen.***

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: (these \$ do not include the Baker's Dozen) 2006 Revenue Comparison of Actual to Budget: Each Month & Year to Date as of May 31, 2006

<u>Month</u>	<u>Sunday #</u>	<u>Actual Month</u>	<u>Budget Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>		<u>Over (under)</u>
				<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
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	5	53,822	50,531	184,065	174,717	9,348
May		37,312	41,045	221,377	215,761	5,506
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. Together, we can meet our next goal at July 31. ❖

Norris Waalen, Treasurer

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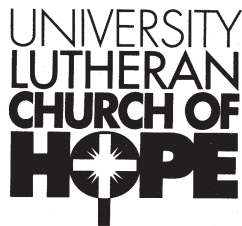
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