

# The Visitor

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*University Lutheran Church of Hope  
is a welcoming, Christian community of faith  
centered in God's grace and  
called to demonstrate God's love for the world.*

## Lenten Schedule at Hope

**February 6 – Ash Wednesday** - services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m., with Communion and imposition of ashes

For February 13, 20 & 27

Worship at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. This will be a Bible Study/worship service built around the “I Am” statements from Jesus in the Gospel of John. Soup and bread will follow in Fellowship Hall.

The evening program begins with soup and bread from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. This is followed by an education time that concludes with worship at 7:00 p.m.

Youth and adults stay for discussion on “Caring for Community” from 6:00 – 6:50 p.m. Youth (grades 7-12) will meet with Megan Koepnick in the Youth Room. Adults will meet with Pastor Craig Shirley and Dr. Diane Shallue in Heritage Hall. Children will meet in the nursery and/or classroom 205 with Sarah Weber, for activities and movies.

Conclude the evening with quiet, meditative worship in a Celtic style, in the Sanctuary from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Lenten discussion: “Caring for Community”

### **Wednesdays from 6:00 – 6:50 p.m. in Heritage Hall**

Because of the enthusiastic response to the Wednesday night study during January, the topic of spiritual growth will be continued, but with an emphasis on loving our neighbor and caring for our community. During January, the Wednesday night discussion focused on faith maturity and spiritual growth. Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt. 5:37-39). Loving God is the vertical dimension of our faith, and loving our neighbor is the horizontal dimension. Growing in faith involves balancing these two dimensions. In January we looked at the

vertical dimension, and during Lent we will be centering on the horizontal dimension.

**February 13 - Seeking Spiritual Growth.** Growing spiritually involves time and effort for faith to mature. Growth also involves change. Working to integrate our faith and life and living out our beliefs is not easy. None of us is able to do this perfectly. How do we support each other as we work to live out our faith?

**February 20 – Nurturing Faith in Community.** How is faith nourished in a congregation? What aspects of a community of faith nourish your spiritual growth? Why do you need a community of faith? God through Jesus Christ created the church to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. How are you part of the Body of Christ?

**February 27 - Acting and Serving - Part One:** Who in our congregation is acting on their faith in service to others? What can we learn from their example? How does care for the environment or acts of social service help our faith to grow? How does advocating for peace relate to the horizontal dimension of our faith?

**March 5 – Acting and Serving - Part Two:** The discussion from last week will continue with some stories from members of our congregation who are living out their faith in various ways. How do we live so that the good news of life in Christ is told through our actions? Bryan Kufus will share about the Families Moving Forward project and how members of the congregation serve our community through this organization.

**March 12 – Improving Your Spiritual Health** – Now it is time for your spiritual check-up. Where do you need to grow? What types of support do you need to continue your spiritual growth? Family support? Congregational support? How do you exercise your faith so that it gets stronger? How can you avoid spiritual “junk food” and nourish your faith?

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## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, February 3, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. A light lunch will be served. At the meeting we will discuss the year-end financial results for 2007 and will vote on the 2008 budget. We will also discuss the next Room for Fresh Creations capital campaign and the possible addition of a Young Adult Ministry Director to our staff. We promise to have you home in plenty of time for the Super Bowl!

—Karmi Anna Mattson,  
Congregation President

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## Easter Memorial Plant Project

If you desire to contribute to a flower fund to have a plant placed in the chancel area for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call

Rosalie Eldevik  
1473 Hamline Ave. N  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be payable to “*Hope Church Friendly Visitors*.” You are welcome to contribute whatever amount you desire. The names for memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin. These plants will be delivered to our shut-ins after Easter services.

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## Easter Plant Distribution

If you can assist in delivering Easter plants to shut-ins after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, March 23, please sign your name and phone number below and leave it in the offering plant or in the church office. Thank you!

Friendly Visitor Committee

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Shirley’s Share

Is Lent obsolete? In our modern age of “Happy Clappy” worship (as one of our members describes it) and churches without crosses that celebrate success and prosperity, is there any place for penitence, for introspection, for reminders of death? Perhaps not, but we persevere all the same in observing this ancient rite of the church; the 40 days (not counting Sundays which are always considered resurrection days) of Lent that lead us step by step to Easter Sunday!

Lent and Easter are so ancient that their dates are still set according to the full moon and the Vernal Equinox! And this year the planets align in such a way that Easter is the earliest it can ever be—March 23. (You may have to wear your winter snuggies to church and save the sun dresses for Pentecost!) But worship will be a warm experience as we meet each Sunday and midweek. We begin with Ash Wednesday, February 6 (12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.), with a service of Communion and imposition of ashes, where we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Then for the next five Wednesdays we will have two worship/learning opportunities. At 12:00 noon there will be a Bible Study/worship service built around the “I Am” statements from Jesus in the Gospel of John (“I am the good shepherd,” “I am the living bread,” “I am the vine,” etc.). Soup and bread will follow in Fellowship Hall. The evening schedule will also follow the previous years’ pattern, with soup and bread from 5:30-6:15, followed by education time built around “Caring for Community” and ending with worship in a Celtic style from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

I will share more in the next edition of the *Visitor* concerning the events of Holy Week and Easter. There will be some changes this year. I hope you will make it a point to observe this important season of the church year in your homes and personal lives, as well as being a part of the worship and learning experience at church. Pax

—Pastor Craig Shirley

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## Lenten Soup & Bread—Can You Help?

**L**ent begins February 6, and we need your help for the evening events. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office (offering plate, online, snail mail, or hand it to someone who looks like they know what they are doing). We need volunteers to cook soup to feed 25 people (at least 2 people/week to feed 50), people to set up, and people to clean up. We are “people who need people”.

—Pastor Craig Shirley

### Please respond:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email or other way to contact \_\_\_\_\_

### I can help:

February 6 (No soup—Ash Wednesday—worship only)

#### February 13

- I can make soup
- I can help set up (be at church by 5:00 p.m. to warm soup, set out utensils and dinnerware, set up PBJ, and cut bread)
- I can help clean up (start cleaning up by 6:15 – rack and wash dishes in dishwasher, clean pots and pans, put food away, clean tables)

#### February 20

- I can make soup
- I can help set up
- I can help clean up

#### February 27

- I can make soup
- I can help set up
- I can help clean up

#### March 5

- I can make soup
- I can help set up
- I can help clean up

#### March 12

- I can make soup
- I can help set up
- I can help clean up



## Faith Formation News

Sunday morning programs \* 9: 15 – 10: 15 a.m.



The B-3 parent/child class will meet on February 17. The Bible story will be the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The parenting topic will be children helping others.

Contact Diane Shallue at [dianes@ulch.org](mailto:dianes@ulch.org) or (612) 331-5988, ext 19.

Date	Godly Play Lesson Topics	Faith Weaver Lesson Topic
	For ages 4- grade one	For grades 2-6
February 3	Transfiguration of Jesus	Peter and Andrew meet Jesus
February 10	Temptation of Jesus	News about Jesus spreads
February 17	Parable of the Good Samaritan	Jesus talks to Nicodemus
February 24	Living Water	Jesus & the Samaritan woman

**Acolyte Training** – Fourth-grade students will continue their acolyte training with Marty Dorow on February 3. They will be commissioned in worship at 10:30 a.m. on February 10. This is the Faith Step for our fourth grade students.

**The Second Grade Faith Step** will occur in worship at 10:30 a.m. on February 24. They will be reciting John 3:16 and leading the congregation in praying the Lord’s Prayer.



**Communion Instruction** for children ages 4 through grade 4 will take place on February 24 & March 2. Registration forms will be mailed out by February 10. Contact Diane Shallue with questions.

**Confirmation** on Sunday mornings for grades 7 & 8 is held each week. Adam Morton is the instructor for grade 8. Bob Moluf is the instructor for grade 7.

**High School Discussion** will be held in the Youth Room with Jack Dant, Ann Agrimson, and Megan Koepnick leading the discussion.

### **Adult Forums in Heritage Hall.**

February 3 & 10 - “Legacy Workshop” with Bill Sanden as Presenter:

- How do you want to be remembered? What would you like to leave for others?
- Come envision and work on your legacy (and *legacy* means more than money).

The sessions will include an opportunity to work on Healthcare Declarations and Ethical Wills.

February 17 - “Living with Grief and Loss” — Deaconess Diane Greve, supervisor of the Clinical Pastoral Experience program at Fairview Hospital, will share on this important topic.

February 24 - “Lutheran World Relief” — Every day, in 35 countries, Lutheran World Relief works to combat the causes of poverty and the indignity it brings to people’s lives. They teach people to better care for themselves, their communities, and the environment. They also advocate with and for them for policy changes. Come to hear Mary Duvall explain the work of this organization.

## Youth Update

**M**y mom always hated February. She was convinced that the house started shrinking in February. I can't stop your house from shrinking, but I can offer some ways for youth to get out of the house. February 17-18 we will have an overnight retreat here at University Lutheran Church of Hope, and then head out the next morning to join other youth groups for the Interfaith Day of Service. Youth and adult leaders/mentors from Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Secular, Unitarian Universalist, and other faith backgrounds will all come together for this wonderful opportunity to serve side-by-side while learning about our commonalities and differences. We also will continue helping with Loaves and Fishes and gathering together for Sunday Socials.

For more information and youth news, check out the weekly update on the Youth Page of the Hope website!

God's peace and love!

—Megan Koepnick, Youth Director

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## China Service Ventures

Have you thought about teaching English in China?

There is opportunity for you to share your English language knowledge with the people of Henan, one of the poorest provinces in China. Now is the time to consider teaching English in China this summer, from July 6 – August 4. Teaching positions are available with China Service Ventures, for volunteers with or without degrees.

China Service Ventures is a Lutheran, people-to-people organization dedicated to fostering relationships between Christians and individuals in North America with individuals and communities in China. For further information and/or an application, contact Jennifer Krueger at [chinaserviceventures@hotmail.com](mailto:chinaserviceventures@hotmail.com) or (651) 659.1396

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## Isaiah Fund-Raiser Dance on Presidents' Day Week End

**OK** everybody, hold the date for Friday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. Plan to bring the whole family to University Lutheran Church of Hope for dinner and dancing, put on by your Isaiah core team.

Tim Gustafson and friends will, once more, be providing the tunes for your dancing pleasure. The food will be served first and it will be delicious!

Tickets will be \$10 per person and \$25 per family, and can be purchased between Sunday Services from January 13th through February 10th. They will be \$12 and \$30 at the door.

—Donna NESTE

## Bread for the World

**B**read for the World (also known simple as "Bread") is a Christian anti-hunger advocacy group of 50,000 members nationwide. Through hunger-related research, recommendations of hunger legislation, and timely letter-writing to gain Congressional support of hunger bills, Bread has been able to gain passage of major improvements to the nation's food and development assistance laws in the United States and worldwide.

You have a once-in-a-year opportunity to get the inside story of Bread's success, on the morning of February 8 or 9, at the Metro Area 2008 Workshops. Tammy Walhof, Regional Bread Coordinator, and other regional experts will be explaining this year's hunger goals and showing what you can do to help our nation achieve them.

Choose your time and location: Friday, February 8, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 8260 Hudson Blvd. N., Oakdale, or Saturday, February 9, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave. S., Bloomington. For more information call (612) 871-9084, email [breadmn@bread.org](mailto:breadmn@bread.org), or just come!

—Diane Shallue

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## Children's Book Collection Continues

**T**he Library Committee is still collecting books for the Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning. The Council needs new or gently used children's books, especially chapter books for boys. The collection box is under the table in the library. These donations will be distributed to low-income children through reading programs at Van Cleve and Luxton Parks.

## President's Page: 2007 in Review

**2007** was a year of change for our congregation, and with change came the accompanying feelings of both trepidation and excitement. The Board and congregation of University Lutheran Church of Hope accomplished the following objectives in 2007:

- We ended 2007 with a budget surplus of \$24,000!
- We adopted a new Mission Statement that more accurately reflects our unique identity.
- We revamped our governance structure to make our board and our Ministry Teams more responsive and visionary and less time-consuming.
- We felt the loss of Pastor Kwanza Yu, but we boldly moved ahead into a new staffing structure that aligns more closely with our missional priorities.
- We welcomed four new staff members to our congregation: Visitation Pastor David Johnson, Youth Director Megan Koepnick, Weekend Custodian William Frank, and Nursery Attendant Sarah Weber. We thank all members and staff who assisted with these sometimes-lengthy hiring processes so that we were able to find staff who fit our congregation's needs.
- We safeguarded the children of the congregation by successfully implementing the Child Protection Policy discussed at the Annual Meeting last year.
- We ensured that members' confidential information would be handled appropriately by drafting and implementing a Confidential Information policy.

- Our Personnel Team made significant revisions and updates to our Personnel Policy, including the addition of a Code of Conduct for our staff and elected leaders.

- We changed our worship times and styles to reflect new needs in the congregation.

- Under the coordination of Lisa Morse, we began a highly successful Festival of Hope event on Rally Sunday, which we hope to continue for years to come.

- We reinstated the Staff Support Committee to provide support to our paid staff members.

- Our reinvigorated Fellowship Meal program, under the direction of Bern and Garvin Davenport, raised both fellowship and funds within the congregation.

We could not have accomplished all of this without the dedication and leadership of our staff and the members of our Vision and Governance Board, who spent long hours in strategizing, planning, and preparing. And there's more to come! We look forward to another congregational meeting in June, at which we will present revised Bylaws for the congregation that will reflect our new structure.

As the outgoing President, I would like to recognize the guidance and dedication of our Past-President Garvin Davenport, whose calm demeanor and level head helped to provide a balancing presence during heated discussions. I would also like to welcome incoming President Bob Moluf, whose visionary ideas and communication skills will serve the congregation well in the upcoming year. I look forward to more exciting endeavors in 2008!

—Karmi Anna Mattson,  
Congregation President

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## Hope Senior Club

All seniors and friends are cordially invited to the Hope Senior Club program, "Salvage Archeology," on **Wednesday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m.** in Heritage Hall. This will follow the noon Lenten worship service and soup and bread lunch. Philip Thompson, Professor Emeritus of Art at Augsburg College and University Lutheran Church of Hope member, will display and discuss artifacts, including bottles, pottery, china dolls, inkwells, marbles, coins, glass, jewelry, and other objects from the late 19th and early 20th centuries that were found in the Cedar-Riverside area of Minneapolis. Recovery methods will be explored with photographs, maps, and antique guidebooks. Your collectibles are welcomed for show and tell. Come for a stimulating and informative presentation!

## Lutheran Campus Ministry

Early in December I was approached with an offer of a position at the University of Minnesota. Initially I turned it down, but when approached again, I reconsidered and accepted. At the reading of this newsletter, I will have made the transition from Campus Ministry to becoming the Volunteer Coordinator at the Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education, and I will also be doing some special projects for the University Counseling and Consulting Service (UCCS) and also for Housing and Residential Life (HRL). I am honored by this new challenge in my life. I feel flattered to have been pursued, and I find myself eager to learn new things.

For those of you who don't know, the Aurora Center was previously named the Program Against Sexual Violence. I have been on their Advisory Board, have taken the training they offer, and have admired the courage with which the staff do this difficult work. With UCCS I may be working on a project in relationship to a more keen awareness and strategy for working with the issue of suicide. With HRL I may be doing follow-up for staff who are dealing with difficult issues. It all sounds interesting and overwhelming, but I'm up for it.

I thank you for the support, encouragement, and interest that the Covenant Congregations have shown for the agenda of campus ministry and my work with you. I have experienced an amazing journey just short of 35 years, and I can tell you that sorting through the things in my office has made me very aware of all the wonderful events that have passed by so quickly. It seems like only yesterday.

The best part is that I will still be working with students on the campus that I have come to love. So I don't feel as though I am really saying goodbye. I do, however, wish for all of you, as you continue on this journey with campus ministry, that you have a vision for the future and that you have an openness to hear from students what it is they are experiencing in their lives. Students today are living what many of us who are older could never imagine in terms of challenges and diversity.

As I write to you I am grateful for the past and for the future. Blessings to all, and a Happy New Year!

—Jerie Smith,  
(writing for the last time)  
for Lutheran Campus Ministry



## Book Club

### Year of Books of Faith!

For the year 2008, the Hope Book Club will focus its discussion on **Classic Books of Faith** – those of our Book Club members, and those of the staff of University Lutheran Church of Hope.

Join us on Sunday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge to discuss

*The Year of Living Biblically*, by A. J. Jacobs

“My quest to live the ultimate biblical life. To follow every single rule in the Bible—as literally as possible. I obey the famous ones:

The Ten Commandments

- Love thy neighbor
- Be fruitful and multiply
- But also, the hundreds of oft-ignored ones:
- Do not wear clothes of mixed fibers.
- Do not shave your beard”

So far our line-up for the rest of the year is:

March 9, *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus Borg & John Crossan

April 13, *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, by Mother Teresa & Brian Kolodiejckuk

May 11: *The Great Divorce*, by C. S. Lewis. Recommended by Pastor Craig Shirley.

June 8: *Mere Christianity*, by C. S. Lewis. Recommended by Diane Shallue.

If you have questions please call Sonja Peterson at (612) 789-0397.

# Highlights from Isaiah Fall 2007 Inreach Report

During the fall of 2007, 23 members of Hope were trained to visit and conduct “uncommon conversations” with a select group of members as a way of strengthening relationships in the congregation and developing leadership skills. Forty-four conversations took place.

What people valued about University Lutheran Church of Hope

Most answers fell under one of the following categories:

- A strong sense of *community*.
- *Music and liturgical worship*, with a mix of classical and contemporary styles.
- An *intellectual and curious faith* is honored in the pulpit and congregational life.
- *Liberal social issues* are addressed in the pulpit, forums, conversation, and action.
- The availability of *youth programs* and interest in developing them.

**What does spiritual nurture mean to you and what would you be willing to participate in?**

- Deeper *interpersonal relationships*.
- *Intellectual but biblical study and faith practices* were mentioned most often.
- Participation in *music and worship*, especially contemplative worship, centering prayer, and “singing.”
- Hearing about *social justice issues from the pulpit*.
- *Traveling together*. Camping, short trips, retreats, and the Malawi trips were mentioned as particularly nurturing for those who could take part.
- *One on one relationships* in the congregation, but especially with staff, in crisis and at other times.

**What concerns did you hear about in people’s daily lives?**

Two consistent deep concerns were heard:

- *Time is at a premium*. People feel overcommitted,

crunched, driven by career and family time constraints.

- There is a profound *spiritual loneliness* outside of life at Hope. People have few or no friends or deep relationships beyond the congregation with people of faith and religious values.

**What should happen as a result of this inreach?**

A number of possibilities for things to do were offered by visitors:

- A “Gamaliel fair” where we offer two to four options for action to all.
- Finding a new project for the “whole church” like the rummage sale to serve community both inside the congregation and in the neighborhood.
- Bring Lutheran piety into more adult programs (begin with prayer, use Bible study, for example) and help people make the faith-in-life connection.
- Don’t be afraid to spend money on ministry.
- Take risks, try new things, be provocative.
- Trust people to choose what they want to do and don’t try to predict needs.
- Build stronger young adult relationships around community and faith (similar to what is being done now in youth).
- Focus on small group ministries that develop relationships around faith and support for living faithfully in a secular world.

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## Women’s Retreat at Dunrovin Retreat Center

Mark your calendars for **March 1-2, 2008**, Saturday 9:00 a.m. — Sunday 12:00 noon. Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletin (theme yet to be chosen at the time of this submission). Sign up outside of the Lounge on the following Sundays: February 3, 10, and 17. **Deadline** to sign up is Saturday, February 23. If you can’t come for both days, think about coming just on Saturday. The best things about the retreat: fellowship, faith experience, your own private room, the outdoors, crafts, good food, and lots of free time! Questions? Call Ann Beane at (651) 481-8175, or email [spiritbeane@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritbeane@yahoo.com)



## Thank You from The Hope Church Trust

**W**e say thank you to the following members of University Lutheran Church of Hope for contributing to our Endowment Fund between July 1 and December 31, 2007.

Asp, Marilyn  
Berkeland, Bob & Jeanne  
Bonnell, Janet  
Brovold, Jean  
Butch, Dustin  
Cole, William  
Edstrom, Ludwig & Eleanor  
Fingerson, Mike & Ruth  
Frolen, Winnie  
Halvorson, Leroy & Marge  
Hanson, Bertha  
Hanson, Charles & Anne  
Hoisington, Bob & Jean  
Holmgren, Mildred  
Jacobs, Marion  
Johnson, Jerry & Julie  
Kamprud, Dagmar  
Koernig, Dick & Zona  
Langguth, Dean & Ila Mae  
Lien, Lillian  
Liljedahl, Brian & Lynn  
Livingston, Helen  
Lynes, Ken

Macoskey, Carmen  
Miller, Vicki  
Nyhus, Edward & Winifred  
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Priede, Vera  
Quie, Paul & Betty  
Ranheim, David & Judy  
Reyelts, Leona  
Rhoades, Verle  
Richie, Gary & Julie  
Saari, Inga  
Sarkela, Ken & Elaine  
Shallue, Bob & Diane  
Shivers, Esther  
Steinberg, Carol  
Stevens, Arloene  
Swain, Astrid  
Templin, Mildred  
Teragawa, Bob & Chiyeko  
Tetlie, Rebecca & Alden  
Waalén, Norris & Holly  
Westwood, Wayne

—Board of The Hope Church Trust

## Vision & Governance Board— January Meeting Summary

### Informational Items

- The Nominating Committee of the congregation has identified candidates to be considered at the Annual Meeting for all of the open officer positions and open Board positions. John Lauber has agreed to stand for the Vice President position.
- Lisa Morse mentioned that the Nominating Committee was looking for an individual to fill her role as Children's Ministry Team Leader within the Education Ministry Area.
- The Leadership Retreat for Board members and program staff will be held Friday evening, February 29, in Minneapolis and all day Saturday, March 1, in Lakeville.
- Lutheran Campus Ministries is in discussions with both University Lutheran Church of Hope and Grace Lutheran Church to develop a new staffing plan for campus ministry at the University of Minnesota. Pastor Shirley, Garvin Davenport, and Bob Moluf are representing Hope in the preliminary discussions.
- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 3, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. (See the notice in this issue of the *Visitor* by President Karmi Mattson.)
- Appreciation was expressed to outgoing Board members Garvin Davenport, Norris Waalen, and Lisa Morse for their service.
- The Board reviewed the year-end financial reports. Contributions for the month of December were \$27,054 over that month's budget. Expenses were under budget in several areas. Year-end revenue, including rentals, was under budget by \$1,757. The net revenue was \$23,798.

### Action Taken

The Board voted to present the congregation with a proposed budget for 2008 that represents a 2% increase over last year's budget. The 2% figure was selected in light of the new capital campaign for Room for Fresh Creations that will be need to be launched after Easter. The Board's budget proposal was discussed at the Adult Forum on January 20 and will be discussed again at the Adult Forum on January 27.

—Bob Moluf, Congregation Vice President

## New Books in the Church Library

*The Horrors We Bless: Rethinking the Just-War Legacy*, by Daniel C. Maguire

*Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light - the private writings of the "Saint of Calcutta,"* edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk

*Dissident Discipleship: A Spirituality of Self-Surrender, Love of God and Love of Neighbor*, by David Augsburg (recommended reading for Lowell Erdahl's Lay Theology course "Are We Following Jesus?" - Luther Seminary, fall 2007).

*Shaking the Gates of Hell: Faith-led Resistance to Corporate Globalization*, by Sharon Delgado

Stop by the library and check them out!

—The Library Committee



## A Gift of Warmth—Thanks

Scarves, hats, and mittens for the mitten tree in the Lounge were brought throughout the month of December.

Sent to Central Lutheran Clothes closet were:

- 34 pairs of mittens and gloves
- 14 scarves
- 12 caps
- 3 mittens and hat sets
- 2 shirts
- 7 stuffed animal toys

Also sent were quilts made by the Hope Church Quilters.



# The Treasurer's Report

## Contributions Report (includes all sources: Envelopes, Electronic, and Holiday)

We made it! Contributions for the month of December were \$27,054 over the month's budget. We made our overall 2007 budget. Expenses were under budget in several areas by \$ 25,556. Revenue including rentals was under budget by \$ 1,757. The net income is therefore \$ 23,798, a very positive result!

Our expenses are lower than budget for several reasons. Salary & benefits, Administration and most commissions were under budget for expenses.

Congratulations to all. You all helped meet our 2007 goal of a 7.4% increase in contributions. You helped keep our church fiscally sound.

### General Fund 2007 Revenue Comparison of Actual to Budget: Each Month & Year to Date As of December 31, 2007

Month	Sunday #	Actual Month	Budget Month	Year to Date		Over (under) Budget
				Actual	Budget	
January		\$39,250	\$45,352	\$39,250	\$45,352	<b>(\$6,102)</b>
February		46,284	47,963	85,534	93,315	<b>(7,781)</b>
March		40,851	44,355	126,385	137,670	<b>(11,285)</b>
April	5	50,923	53,768	177,308	191,438	<b>(14,129)</b>
May		49,631	42,934	225,662	234,372	<b>(8,709)</b>
June	*	42,436	41,167	268,099	275,539	<b>(7,440)</b>
July	5	46,901	48,259	315,000	323,798	<b>(8,798)</b>
August		35,740	40,624	350,740	364,422	<b>(13,683)</b>
September	5	43,783	53,749	394,522	418,171	<b>(23,649)</b>
October	*	40,628	44,171	435,150	462,342	<b>(27,191)</b>
November		39,876	41,496	475,026	503,838	<b>(28,811)</b>
December	5	87,903	60,850	562,929	564,687	<b>(1,758)</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$562,929</b>		<b>\$564,687</b>	

Our original budget reflected a full year at our former staff level. A reconfiguration of staffing will not change our expenses much, perhaps only \$20,000 in a full year.

Other expenses were also under budget.

**A little extra effort from everybody made a big difference. Thank you.**

—Norris Waalen, Treasurer

## STAFF

Pastors: **Craig Shirley, David Johnson**  
Cantor: **Timothy Strand**  
Director of Education: **Diane Shallue**  
Youth Director: **Megan Koepnick**  
Administrator: **Craig Wiester**  
Custodians: **Robert Bailey, William Frank**  
Working in partnership with Lutheran Campus  
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