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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.**

Shirley's Share

When our children were little we were always reminding them to say "please" and "thank you." It was certainly the polite thing to do. But I often have to remind myself to do the same thing. So, as this academic year winds up and we look toward summer, I would like to thank members of the staff of University Lutheran Church of Hope for the fine work they have all done this year.

Megan Koepnick is finishing her second year with us as part-time youth director. Dannica Montplaisir is finishing her year with us coordinating our new and emerging ministry to young adults in the congregation and beyond. She graduated from Luther Seminary on May 24. Megan is heading for internship in Washington State, and Dannica has accepted a full-time position at Westwood Lutheran in St. Louis Park. They have both done excellent work for us, and I thank them for their enthusiasm, their good humor, and for all the hours they have spent organizing and expanding our programs!

Tim Strand is beloved by the choir and is always positive and ready to make music. He directs choirs, plays the organ, organizes the worship services, prepares the bulletins, and loves to laugh. We are so privileged to have such a fine talent to help lead us in worship. Thanks, Tim, for all your good work!

Diane Shallue has taken on a new responsibility, over and above her great work with education. She has become our coordinator for adult small group ministry, and what a great job she has done! Small groups met in the fall and winter (and some continue now), leaders were trained, and people who had never led a small group are now doing so comfortably. She is also working hard on a national level to organize Christian Educators in the ELCA. Thanks, Diane!

Craig Wiester is behind the scenes for many in the congregation, but he gets so much done each week; bulletins and announcements, the Thursday Epistle, keeping up the web site, working with the budget, paying bills, answering the phone, etc., etc., etc. Thank you, Craig, for the important things you do that keep us all moving forward smoothly!

Pastor Esther Dant has become a friend to the shut-ins of the congregation. They love her quiet and gentle manner and her willingness to sit and listen and just be present with them. Her ministry is so important for the congregation, and she is such a great help to me as well. Thank you so much, Esther!

We have several people who work part time. Will Frank is the happy face you see as custodian on the weekends. He works full-time at the university. Kayla Else has been working with kids' choirs for a number of years now and is devoted to helping kids learn music and be part of worship. To them, also, a hearty word of thanks!

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians).
Pax.

—Pastor Craig Shirley

From Megan

Surprise! You get to hear from me one last time before I head off to the wilds of Everett, Washington, for internship. Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity to grow and learn during my time as youth director. University Lutheran Church of Hope has been a wonderful place to spend the last two years, and I will always have fond memories of time spent in community with youth, families, and so many other members of the congregation.

This summer brings lots of great trips and experiences for the youth. Many of our youth will be returning to Camp Amnicon for canoeing and camping adventures in God's beautiful creation. The High School youth will head to New Orleans in July for the National Youth Gathering and a week of "Jesus, Justice, and Jazz." Things might look a little different in the fall for the youth program with such a large number of students graduating and heading off to college, as well as a new face in the youth director office, but I am confident that youth ministry at Hope will remain strong and vibrant!

God's peace and love! <><

—Megan Koepnick

Music & Arts Camp

The Music and Arts Camp will be held on August 23–26 for children in grades 2 through high school. Vocal, chimes, percussion, and handbells instruction are part of the program, plus an art component. Times are: Sunday 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Monday – Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:45 p.m. Supper is included. Registration forms will be available after June 15.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Our High School Graduates

Gier Abrahamson – home school
Anna Bablitch – Minneapolis Southwest
Yarri Bryn – Minneapolis South
Ben Dickhaus – Roseville Area
Erik Grindal – Minnehaha Academy
Karis Hustad – Roseville Area
Maddie Kufus – White Bear Lake
Sarah Lauber – Minneapolis South
Dexter Nelson – Perpich Arts
Michael Rudi
Mark VanCleave

Our College and University Graduates

Johannah Dickhaus – B.A.,
Augsburg College – Elementary Education
Karl Grindal – B.A., Weysleyan University (Connecticut)
– Government

Lindsey Jaede – B.A., University of Minnesota (12/08) – Sociology and Criminal Deviant Behavior
Naomi Lane – D.D.S., University of Minnesota Dental School
Jeff Mathiason – D.D.S., University of Minnesota Dental School
Courtney Rud – D.D.S., University of Minnesota Dental School
Jessica Rustad – D.D.S., University of Minnesota Dental School
Beata Rydeen – M.A., St. Mary's University – Human Development
Chris Vaubel – D.D.S., University of Minnesota Dental School

Congratulations to all of these students! The coffee hour honoring the graduates will be on June 14, after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Lutheran Links

Here are URLs to a few key Lutheran organizations that should be of interest to members of University Lutheran Church of Hope. Have fun exploring!

www.thelutheran.org

The Lutheran (official magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, available for reading online)

www.elca.org

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

www.mpls-synod.org

Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA

www.luthersem.edu

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

www.augsburgfortress.org

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People of Hope

Bill and Anita Smith are living at Friendship Village in Bloomington, (952) 646-9113. Anita is “over with” her compression fracture in a vertebra, and they both have recovered from the bronchitis of this past winter. They are now in assisted living, and are looking forward to moving to a regular apartment soon. Stay tuned. Anita said, “Warm thanks for the inspiring and uplifting cards. The cards and your prayers have meant a lot to us.”

Congratulations! Congregation President **Jack Dant** and Penny Freeh are to be married on Saturday, May 23, at the Woman’s Club in Minneapolis. Pastor Shirley and Howard, the leader of Penny’s faith organization, will officiate, and Jack’s mom (Visitation Pastor Esther Dant) will lead them through their vows and pronounce them husband and wife.

Sad news – It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Pastor **David Johnson**, former Visitation Pastor of University Lutheran Church of Hope and member and friend of the congregation for many years. David had been hospitalized for more than four weeks, the past two in intensive care at Abbott Northwestern, where he died on Wednesday afternoon, May 13.

Pastor Johnson came full circle at Hope. We were his first call after seminary in the 1960s, when he was Assistant Pastor under David Preus, and we were his last call as our Visitation Pastor. Our prayers go out to his wife Karen and his family and friends.

Please send news about people of Hope to Ruth Fingerson, (651) 633-5316 or Rfingerson@comcast.net.

Check Your Biblical Literacy

Match the sayings with the Biblical passage. Check your answers on the bulletin board in the Church Library.

- ___1. Apple of my eye
- ___2. A friend that sticks closer than a brother
- ___3. Don’t let your right hand know what your left hand is doing.
- ___4. Turn the other cheek.
- ___5. Go the extra mile.
- ___6. The blind leading the blind
- ___7. Am I my brother’s keeper?
- ___8. For everything a time and a season
- ___9. Being a good Samaritan
- ___10. Separating the sheep from the goats.

- A. Matthew 25:32
- B. Zechariah 2:8
- C. Matthew 5:39
- D. Matthew 15:14
- E. Ecclesiastes 3:1
- F. Genesis 4:9
- G. Proverbs 18:24
- H. Matthew 6:3
- I. Luke 10:30-37
- J. Matthew 5:41

Facilities Update

First, the great news :)

- A thousand thanks to Gloria Circle for donating 50 new dining chairs to Fellowship Hall! Somehow, those old chairs either have fallen apart or have sprouted legs and walked away. Hopefully these will stay around for a long time.
- We found out that we can have the whole sanctuary roof re-shingled...with insurance money! Because we’ve had a few shingles blown off in the last few years, the insurance company gave us a very generous offer. And we found a very reputable roofing firm that gave us a very competitive bid.
- We are still getting information about the watershed plans and the energy savings that can also save us money.
- Look at the bird houses on the north trees that the Sunday School kids made!
- Remember, Kathy Knudson can always use help with the early planting and watering of the flower gardens.

Last, the bad news :(

- We were “tagged” again by vandals. We had spray paint over many parts of the east building. Craig Wiester contacted our graffiti removal company, and within a few hours the building looked as if it had never happened.

—Fred Kreider

Enjoy a Good Book with Us This Summer!

Join the Hope Book Club To Discuss the Following

June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library: *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia*, by Elizabeth Gilbert. "A wonderful book, brilliant and personal, rich in spiritual insight." —Anne Lamott

July 12: *Evil and the Justice of God*, by N.T. Wright. "A rich, wonderfully thought-provoking survey of Biblical theology as it relates to evil...Wright's purpose is to discuss God's solution to the 'problem of evil,' and by this latter phrase he does not mean the philosophical problem of how a good, all-powerful God could allow evil to exist, but rather God's solution to the existence of evil now that it is here. It is our understanding of the Biblical narrative that shows us how God solves the problem of evil as it actually confronts us today." —*Academic Initiative Review*

August 16: A getaway trip to Waterville, Minnesota has been scheduled to bike, swim, and discuss *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri. This is the first novel from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Interpreter of Maladies*, and is about a second-generation Indian-American immigrant who begins to feel the strong pull of his heritage and destiny.

September 13: *Report to Greco*, by Nikos Kazantzakis, author of *Zorba the Greek* and *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

For questions or suggestions, please call Sonja Peterson at (612) 789-0397.

Evil and the Justice of God

Join us this summer for four Sundays of discussion of the book *Evil and the Justice of God*, by N.T. Wright.

All people age 10 and older are invited to participate. Childcare will be provided during the discussion time as well as during the 10:00 a.m. worship.

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. in Heritage Hall

Donuts and coffee served.

July 12 & 19 – Discussion on themes from the book

July 26 & August 2 – View the DVD and discuss.

Questions? Contact Diane Shallue at dianes@ulch.org or (612) 331-5988, ext. 19.

Book Description

With every earthquake and war, understanding the nature of evil and our response to it becomes more urgent. We hear of child abuse, ethnic cleansing, AIDS, torture, and terrorism. For too long we have naively believed in the modern idea of human progress. In contrast, postmodern thinkers have rightly argued that evil is real, powerful, and important, but they give no real clue as to what we should do about it. In fact, evil is more serious than either our culture or our theology has supposed. How then might Jesus' death be the culmination of the Old Testament solution to evil but on a wider and deeper scale than most imagine? Can we possibly envision a world in which we are delivered from evil? How might we work toward such a future through prayer and justice in the present?

DVD Description

How can God exist in a world of skyrocketing violence and shocking exploitation? Walking us through this troubling puzzle, N.T. Wright explores 21st-century turmoil and the definition of evil from Old and New Testament perspectives. He then examines what Christians can do about it. The program is filmed in modern style, with a combination of actual place visits, reenactments, and special effects complementing Wright's direct address to the viewer. The program ends with a look at South Africa and the response there to many years of evil, and how through forgiveness recovery has begun in earnest. Filmed on location in Israel, South Africa, and England.

About the Author

N.T. Wright is Bishop of Durham and taught New Testament studies for twenty years at Cambridge, McGill, and Oxford Universities. Among his many other published works are *The Original Jesus*, *What Saint Paul Really Said*, and *The Climax of the Covenant*. He is also coauthor with Marcus Borg of *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* and the volume on *Colossians and Philemon* in The Tyndale New Testament Commentary series.

From the Visitation Pastor

Since coming on staff at University Lutheran Church of Hope, I've noticed and remarked on the vibrancy of our older adults. So recently, when a group I belong to had a book study on *The Blue Zones*, by Dan Buettner, I began to see many connections. These zones are areas in the world where an unusual number of people live well into their 90s and past 100. It tells of "Lessons for living from the people who've lived the longest." One lesson, from the Sardinian Blue Zone, is to *laugh with friends*. Adam and I were visiting Chiyeko Taragawa. She and Adam had a nice connection talking of Japan, we had communed, and it was time to leave. "Look at that walker over there," she said. "My son spent too much on it. It's my Cadillac. Then I have a cane. That's my Camry. And then I have a beat-up old Ford." "What is that?" I asked. "My legs," she said with a smile.

Stay active is a lesson that seems to come from all zones – Sardinia, Okinawa, Loma Linda in California, and Costa Rica. I had set up a visit with the Edstroms when Eleanor called and asked if I could come a half-hour later. When they met me at the door, she said, "I needed to get the ice chipped off the walk so you wouldn't fall." They walk at night in their basement, and Ludwig played a wonderful piece on the organ during my last visit. They will both be 95 in June.

Lula Guthrie twists back and forth while sitting in her chair, over 400 times each day. There is a stack of joke books on the table beside her.

More on the University Lutheran Church of Hope Blue Zones next month.

Servants together,

—Pastor Esther Dant

New Books in the Library

***TAKING BACK GOD: American Women Rising up for Religious Equality*, by Leora Tanenbaum**

The author recounts stories of religious women—Christian, Muslim and Jewish—who embrace the word of God but are critical of their faith's male-oriented theology and liturgy. She relates the conflicts they face while respecting their traditions and living a modern life.

***THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, by Marcus J. Borg**

Marcus Borg describes various ways of seeing Christianity and writes in depth about Christian faith, tradition, history, and the Bible. He describes how the Bible is always true but not always factual. This challenging book would be good for both personal reflection and as a Bible study guide.

***THE CROSS IN OUR CONTEXT: Jesus and the Suffering World*, by Douglas John Hall**

This book is a collection of lectures given at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio in 2002 and is intended to be an introduction to his three-volume work on "Christian Theology in a North American Context," but also may be read alone as a fresh look at the basics of the Christian theological tradition.

***DYNAMICS OF FAITH*, by Paul Tillich**

Paul Tillich was both a theologian and philosopher who lived through two World Wars and wrote this book in 1957 about his understanding of faith. This classic book has been reissued and will stimulate your thinking about faith in all its dimensions.

***MISQUOTING JESUS: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*, by Bart Ehrman**

World-renowned biblical scholar Bart Ehrman reveals the truth behind the many mistakes and changes that can be found throughout the Bible.

***EARTH GOSPEL: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*, by Sam Hamilton-Poore**

Earth Gospel offers four weeks of prayer, meditation with scripture, and prayerful reflection. "This is a utilitarian book—you will use it daily, and by the time you've worked your way through it the world will look considerably different. You may too." –Bill McKibben

***PEOPLE OF THE BOOK*, by Geraldine Brooks**

A rare book expert unlocks the mysteries of a 15th-century Hebrew manuscript—its eventful past and the dramatic stories of those who created it and those who risked everything to protect it.

President's Perspective

Mission Objectives! You've heard some talk about the work that the Vision & Governance Board has been up to regarding Mission Objectives for 2009, and it's time to fill you in. Here are the three objectives that were identified and a few key details about them:

Staffing for Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Youth Ministry – A decision has been made to hire someone to fill a permanent, half-time position for Youth Ministry. Many actions are in process to move this effort along—the goal is to hire a candidate by the beginning of August.

Young Adult Ministry – Plans still being developed; however staffing options include volunteer leadership, developing leadership internally, or hiring someone for a temporary, part-time position similar to that held by Dannica.

What can *you* do?

- **Get involved** – consider participation on the Dream Team or in other youth and young adult activities as you feel led.
- Pass along names of any potential candidates for ministry positions to anyone on the Vision and Governance Board or Personnel Committee.
- Financially support the ministry positions – additional funds will be needed over and above the current budget. More to follow on this in the future.

Addressing Economic Impacts of the Recession

The Vision & Governance Board set a goal of developing a menu of options to support those affected by the recession. We will develop this resource by discussing with those who are or have recently been unemployed or are otherwise negatively affected by the recent economic difficulties. Here are a few aspects of the plan:

- Formation of a Task Force to lead development efforts.
- Development of a Hope-specific resource that includes links to external/existing first, and then roll this out as an external resource.
- Creation of an information system (website) to implement this “Hope Exchange.”

What can *you* do?

- **Get involved** – consider participation on this task force or in its related activities.
- Contribute resource links or other ideas that you have found helpful in your life.
- Use the services once they are developed and let others know about what we have to offer.

Outreach/Inreach

The final mission objective discussed by the Vision & Governance Board is the further expansion of Small Group Ministry at University Lutheran Church of Hope. The following specific goals were established:

- Involve at least half of all members in small groups, with at least five small groups that include intentional efforts to involve nonmembers (by January 2010).
- Develop/implement an information table/apparatus/kiosk that will be available and hosted on Sundays.
- Develop a census of available small groups: contact person, group focus, etc.
- Publish the findings in as many places as possible.

What can *you* do?

- **Get involved** – join a small group; better yet, develop a *new* small group.
- Consider joining the task force that will work to coordinate and expand small group activities – see Diane Shallue if you are interested in this effort.
- Invite your friends, both within and outside of our congregation, to join in small group activities.

—Jack Dant, Congregation President

***A special service of
thanks and celebration
will be held on Sunday,
June 7.***



Volunteers Needed to Serve Congregate Meals at Ebenezer

Volunteers are needed to serve congregating dining meals for seniors at Ebenezer Park Apartments. Duties include setting tables, preparing the meal with the chef, serving the meal to about 60 seniors, and clearing and cleaning tables afterwards. Volunteer shifts are Sundays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and Mondays through Fridays, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Volunteers can donate their time once a week or once a month, and also receive a free meal! This is a great opportunity for groups, families, and teens! If you are interested and available, please contact me at (612) 872-8515.

—Sally Newbury,
Volunteer Director,
Ebenezer - Minneapolis Campus

June 7 Worship Celebration

Invitation to Hope—Capital Campaign Anniversary

On June 7, our congregation's Sunday morning worship services will observe not only the festival of the Holy Trinity, but also the one-year anniversary of the Invitation to Hope Capital Campaign.

The campaign anniversary will be acknowledged during the regular Sunday morning worship service by enhancing certain elements of the liturgy in a way that will help us focus on the themes of thanks and thankfulness. We will offer appreciation to the ongoing generosity of our members in supporting the capital campaign, and we will highlight some of the ways in which University Lutheran Church of Hope's renewed building continues to be a blessing, both for our congregation and for our community.

Please join us for worship!

—Bob Moluf,
Past-President and
Capital Campaign Chair

Hope Garden Club Update

The Hope Garden Club Syttende Mai Garden Sale was a success, with more than \$100 brought in and many useful items taken home by eager gardeners. There are enough items remaining that we will hold another sale on Sunday, May 24.

Madhu Bhat and her Sunday School class have planted a garden plot with a snake decoration and plants mentioned in or with a connection to the Bible: hyssop, Lamb's Ear, phlox (what the shepherds watched by night—get it?), Joseph's coat, and Star of Bethlehem lilies. Ask Madhu and her students about it!

The small rain garden on the 6th Street side of the parking lot will be enlarged this spring. A major rain garden in this location is part of the comprehensive plan for runoff abatement developed for University Lutheran Church of Hope by Emmons and Oliver, but in the meantime we can continue our modest start.

Now that the Hope Garden Club is part of the Community Gardens Connection of the Minnesota Horticultural Society, we are eligible for the many plant giveaways that happen in our area, especially in the spring. In one single week we will be receiving plants from the Hennepin Technical College horticulture department as well as from another individual who has many plants suitable for rain gardens. When we receive these giveaways we often have to act fast to get our share, and we appreciate any help you can give in either assisting with the pickups or getting the plants into the ground once we have them.

—Marty Lewis-Hunstiger



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Craig Shirley; Esther Dant

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Diane Shallue

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From the Director of Christian Education and Adult Small Group Ministries

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Why do we call the Bible “holy”? In what ways do the words of the Bible affect your life? In the next several years, you will be hearing much more about this holy book. The ELCA has established a five-year initiative called the Book of Faith. This initiative is to encourage people to learn more about the Bible and to read it regularly. Bible study as well as service will be built into the Hope Connections program in the fall. Other opportunities to learn more about the Bible will be offered during the Education Hour beginning in the fall.

I also ask you to consider attending the **Book of Faith Jubilee** at Luther Seminary from **August 14-16, 2009**. Eugene Peterson, who wrote “The Message” Bible, will be one of the keynote speakers. Find more information at <http://www.luthersem.edu/jubilee/>

New SPARK Bibles for children, which are very well done, are coming from Augsburg Fortress, Publishers. We hope to provide new Bibles for all the preschool and the lower elementary children in the fall. Could you be a sponsor for a Bible for a child and contribute \$15? If so, make the check out to University Lutheran Church of Hope (memo line: Bible sponsor) and give the check to Diane Shallue. Your name would be put into the Bible as well as the child’s name to build more connections between the generations. We hope to receive enough to purchase 25 new Bibles for the children to use in Sunday School and then take home at the end of the year.

Your partner in ministry,

—Diane Shallue

April Financial Report

Results can be summarized by noting that April net income was a loss of \$5,568 compared with a budgeted loss of \$2,454. Since expenses were close to budget (\$442 higher), the loss compared with budget was primarily due to income that was \$2,672 less than the budget. As mentioned last month, holiday giving had been misallocated, so that actually reduced the shortfall in giving compared to budget this month.

While January, March, and April have all been loss months compared with budget, a substantial gift in February (which we truly appreciated) makes the year look quite good. Net income to date, while showing a loss, is actually almost \$9,000 ahead of the budgeted loss.

It is worth noting that if the large February gift had been distributed throughout the year, we would now be more than \$4,000 below the projected value of net income for the end of April. So giving levels continue to be a concern.

—Mike Fingerson, Treasurer

Vision and Governance Board Highlights

The Vision and Governance Board of University Lutheran Church of Hope held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on May 12, 2009.

- Treasurer Mike Fingerson led us through the financial reports, indicating a mild cause for concern in the area of giving levels. He also has prepared and distributed some preliminary numbers on our possible hiring of a half-time Youth Ministry staff member.
- The Capital Campaign Task Force is busy preparing for an Anniversary Celebration Sunday on June 7. (See the announcement by Bob Moluf on p. 7 of this issue of The Visitor.)
- The Vision and Governance Board will likely coordinate Adult Forum discussions to address topics of interest from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly occurring in Minneapolis in August. The ELCA Statement on Sexuality will be addressed at this assembly; it is our responsibility to continue the discussion within our congregation.
- The next Congregational Meeting will occur on Sunday, February 7, 2010; an adult forum will meet the week prior to address financial matters.
- The mission objectives developed at the recent Vision and Governance Board Retreat were reviewed and further discussed. Please see my President’s Perspective article on p. 6 of this issue of The Visitor and/or the Meeting Minutes of the Vision and Governance Board Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2009, for more information.

—Jack Dant, Congregation President

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