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centered in God's grace and
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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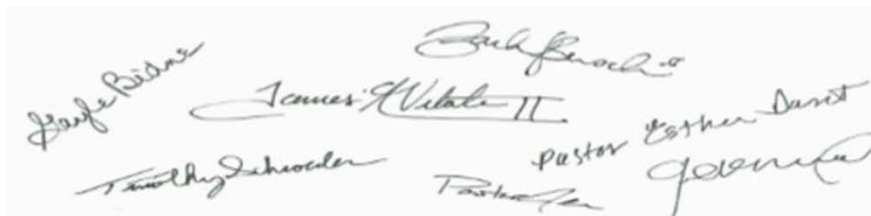
May the Christ Child make a home in your heart and in our world this holy season.

Advent and Christmas Greetings from the staff at University Lutheran Church of Hope.

We are so grateful to partner with you in ministry.



Our love and gratitude this season, and always.



Treasurer's Report for October 2015

October giving was \$33,311.99 and our rental income was \$5,430.59, for total income of \$38,742.58. Our rental income was \$1,297.41 under budget and our giving was \$3,504.34 under budget. Total income was \$4,801.75 under budget. We are \$14,265.55 under budget for the year to date, down 3.2% from projections. Our expenses for October were \$47,545.38. Our budget for October expenses was \$55,238.86, which put us under budget by \$7,693.48 (we spent less than we budgeted for the month). Our net income (income minus expense) for October was (\$8,802.80) (our expenses were greater than our income). Our net income for the year to date is (\$3,761.75); we budgeted net income to be (\$15,685.78). We are doing better than projected, but have spent \$3,761.75 more than our total income to date. This is less than a 1% differential between income and expense.

Thank you again, for your gifts financially, and in all the other ways you contribute to the life and health of this congregation, as it serves the community here in Southeast Minneapolis, and around the world. It is wonderful to see our members contribute not just their financial resources, but all of the volunteer hours that make this congregation a vibrant and thoughtful presence in the community.

October 2015 and Year-to-Date Income and Expenses						
Summary	Oct. Actual	Oct. Budget	Oct. Over / (Under)	Year to date Actual to 10/31	Year to Date Budget to 10/31	Year to Date O/(U) to 10/31
General Giving	33,311.99	36,816.33	(3,504.34)	354,853.75	364,313.30	(9,459.55)
Rental Income	5,430.59	6,728.00	(1,297.41)	75,379.00	80,185.00	(4,806.00)
Total Income	38,742.58	43,544.33	(4,801.75)	430,232.75	444,498.30	(14,265.55)
Total Expense	47,545.38	55,238.86	(7,693.48)	433,994.50	460,184.08	26,189.58
Net Income	(8,802.80)	(11,694.53)	2,891.73	(3,761.75)	(15,685.78)	11,924.03



Total income for Hope for the Future capital campaign in October was \$6,225.48. In October we paid out \$6,918.89 for the mortgage and \$23,247.00 for a new roof over the chapel. Net income was \$23,940.41. Our building fund balance is \$256,851.13.

Note: If you were present at the financial update meeting in October, a question was raised about the graph that I presented. The 1st quarter income on the graph did not truly reflect actual income; it only included the giving portion and did not include the rental portion.

Numerical values on item #1 for 1st and 2nd quarters were also incorrect: 1st quarter income was under budget by (\$1,643) not (\$2,356) as reported and 2nd quarter income was over budget by \$2,107 not \$471 as reported. The remaining numbers are correct. I apologize for my error and thank James Flaten for pointing out my discrepancy. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at treasurer@ulch.org.

Tim Abrahamson
Treasurer

Stewardship: Igniting our Life Together

Thanks to so many who have already made Stewardship Pledges for 2016. If you haven't yet had a chance, please consider this opportunity. At this time of year, your congregational leaders do their best to wisely and faithfully plan for next year's budget. Pledges are one piece of this planning. Feel free to be in touch with anyone from the Vision & Governance Board if you have questions or concerns. We are grateful for your support of this ministry.

Pastor Jen and the Vision & Governance Board

Strong and Loving and Fearless

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
May God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory.

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, ELW #242, Vs. 4
Marty Haugen

Meek and mild? Or, a revolutionary in our midst? My vote for “Important Advent character” has so often gone to John the Baptist. There’s just something about that scraggly fellow and his locusts and honey, the street corner preacher with orange crate in hand unplugged in the wilderness, crying out, “Repent. Prepare the way of the Lord. Make God’s path straight.” Most years John the Baptist gets my vote.

But this year? This year, I’m thinking about Mary. Each Wednesday evening of Advent we’ll sing Mary’s *Magnificat*, a staple of Holden Evening Prayer. Whether on the 3rd or 4th Sundays of Advent, Mary’s song will be one of our lessons.

So often we picture Mary as meek and mild, clad in pale blue, a passive vessel. Take some time this year to read again (more than once, perhaps daily) Mary’s *Magnificat* in Luke 1:46-55. To be blunt, she’s not so meek and mild. She’s daring and bold: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” For what God is doing *in* her and *through* her, and what God is doing for the lowly, she is in awe and not afraid to say it. This God, she sings, scatters the proud, brings down the powerful, lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry, and keeps ancient promises. No wonder Jesus talks like he does. Perhaps her words in Luke are enlivened by those of Hannah (1 Samuel 2) so long before. Perhaps Mary’s energy is bolstered by the visit with Elizabeth. Regardless, her song is full of strength and love.

She’s a revolutionary. She doesn’t just birth the Christ child; she brings to life—literally—the promises of our God who is doing a new thing, an incarnate thing, and a turn-the-world-upside-down thing. God is filling the hungry and tumbling the usual power structures. And it’s Mary who names it. Mary not-so-meek-and-mild. Mary the revolutionary, strong and loving and fearless. While I hope we heed John’s call to repentance, I don’t expect you’ll take up locusts. I do, however, hope and pray that we can be a bit more like Mary this season: strong and loving and fearless. May Mary’s words fill and inspire you as we wait for the birth of the Christ Child. May you be a humble revolutionary, raising kids or caring for a friend, challenging the powers or loving the earth. Advent and Christmas Peace,

with deep gratitude,
Pastor Jen



Staying in the Justice and Advocacy Loop

Like some of you, I regularly get information with opportunities to... advocate, rally, pray-in, write letters, and learn more about all sorts of issues of justice and faith. Whether from ISAIHA faith-based community organizing, the ELCA, or local ministries, there is a lot of prophetic (think Isaiah in the Hebrew Bible) ministry happening. I know many of you have passions that run deep and that are rooted in your life of faith. I’ve been asked to begin an email list for those who’d like to receive these notices. If you are interested, send me (jenn@ulch.org) your name/email address and I’ll include you in the loop. There is no expectation that you’ll attend, agree, or participate, but I’ll forward the good ones I receive, and will also try to let you know when I’m planning to be present, too.

Pastor Jen

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation for All Ages on Sunday Mornings

Music Focus: The Children's Ministry Team has added more music to the children's program on Sunday mornings this year. Singing connects to our spiritual selves in new ways. Godly Play students will have music time once a month. Creation Stations students will have music every Sunday beginning at 9:15 a.m. Once a month the Creation Stations music time will be extended to the full period with time to play Orff and other rhythm instruments, led by Rosalie Eldevik.

Nursery: Clair Gustafson supervises the youngest members in the nursery on the second floor of the education wing.

Godly Play

Classes for children ages three through six are held on Sunday mornings in room 103. Godly Play creates sacred space to hear and learn Bible stories using objects and play. Students and teachers wonder together and then children are encouraged to respond to the stories on their own terms using art materials. The structure of the Godly Play lesson models worship, with: Gathering Time, Hearing the Story/Word, Response Time/Offering, and Feast/Communion. Teachers are Madhu Bhat and Sara Tufvesson Doure. Helpers are Stephanie Struthers, Melissa Odenbach, and Ann Beane.



See detailed schedule of lessons on the church web site.

Creation Stations



Creation Stations

The goal of Creation Stations is to learn about the Bible through hands-on activities such as drama, cooking, crafts, music, and games. Fun and learning about the Bible can go together! These classes are for students in grades 1-6.

Teachers for grades 1-2 (Room 101) are Kristine Robinson and Mary Greenwaldt, with helper Suzi Robinson.

Teachers for grades 3-6 (Room 102) are Arthur French and Sonja Peterson.

See detailed schedule of lessons on the church web site.

Confirmation

Sunday classes meet at 9:15 a.m. in Room 203-204 with Kirsten Mebust.



Youth Group

Youth Group meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:25 a.m. in the Youth Room. The discussion will focus on topics of interest to the group. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome.

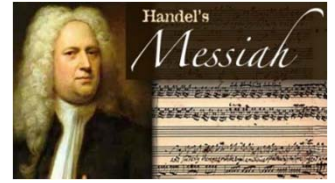


Adult Forums

(9:15-10:25 a.m. in Heritage Hall, below the Sanctuary)

December 6, 13, and 20: Handel's *Messiah* – The Music and Text: A study led by John Setterlund.

Messiah is one of only two of Handel's 18 oratorios that consists entirely of biblical verses. It is therefore not overtly dramatic, but rather meditative. The text itself is a broad selection of Old and New Testament verses, lifted out of their contexts and applied to Jesus, although he is never named. Handel's music for soloists, chorus, and instruments ingeniously expresses the meaning and emotional impact of the text, becoming popular and enduring from the time of its composition in 1742 to the 21st Century. The three parts of the *Messiah* will be discussed at the Adult Forums on December 6, 13, and 20, respectively.



John Setterlund, a retired ELCA pastor and missionary, is a life-long student of Baroque music, and has directed and sung *Messiah* many times. He performed with and served on the Board of Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana (Illinois), and is an honorary member. He is presently singing in the University Lutheran Church of Hope Choir.

December 27 and January 3: No Adult Forums

Thank You for Your Song

“Nothing that lasts stays the same, and nothing that’s beautiful lasts longer than it needs to take root inside you.” So reads a line from one of my favorite poems, “Redbud,” by Michael Carey. I’m into my second month of serving as your Minister of Worship and Music, and it has been a significant first few weeks. I came to you in the midst of a lot of change in my own life, and I find there’s a lot of change going on in your life as a congregation, also. Two leaders among you are brand new. That’s a big deal.



I’ve seen grace and beauty already, and it takes root. Thank you for the congenial welcomes, the encouragement, and the singing! Your voice as a congregation – its heights and depths, the divine we all hear within it – that’s the reason I am here. Thank you for your song. Keep singing.

As I continue getting to know you, please know that you are welcome to participate in any musical ensemble you feel suits you. There are no skill level qualifications to join. You can join at any time. Choir meets on Wednesday nights, and the bell choir will soon start rehearsing on Wednesday nights as well. If you play an instrument and would like to play in worship, I would love to hear from you if I haven’t already. Thank you all again for a lasting welcome to Hope. I am so glad to be here. I can’t wait to see what’s next for us. Warmly,

Zach Busch
Minister of Worship and Music

From the Visitation Pastor

Several months ago, in a conversation with Leona Reyelts, who has been volunteering her time coordinating Hope Senior Group programs and activities, she shared that it was time for her to step down from her leadership position with our seniors. For some years she has been caring for, planning, and leading our monthly Senior Group meetings. She has energy and attention to details for each event that is appreciated. Fresh flowers often grace our tables, and colorful decorations match each season. To paraphrase I Thessalonians, her faithfulness is known. We are grateful for her servant heart and her years of service.

At our December 16th Senior Group meeting, we will have a time for honoring and thanking Leona. Cards for her may be brought to the December meeting, or mailed to the church office if you are unable to attend.

We are beginning our search for a new coordinator.

Serving together,
Pastor Esther Dant

Congregational Life

Welcome, New Members

This November we welcomed new members to our University Lutheran Church of Hope community. Watch for their pictures and a little more about them, coming soon to a bulletin board near you! These beloved souls come with tremendous gifts and stories. It's a pleasure to welcome them formally into the community.

John and Sharlene Hensrud

Kaiya Hoyer-Leitzel

Lynette Lamb and Rob Gerloff, and Julia

Jane McBride and Jen Nagel, and Eliza and Alice

Susan Williford

Christmas Caroling

We'll head out for some Christmas Caroling after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 6 (bring a lunch, or sandwich fixings available). Let's visit some of our homebound members and savor the season singing together. Song sheets will be available. All ages, all singing abilities expected! Have some extra Christmas cookies to share? Bring them along for those we visit. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if possible; this helps us plan our route and lunch.

Festive Potluck and Smorgasbord

It's the December Fellowship Meal. It's a Potluck extraordinaire. It's a holiday smorgasbord. By whatever name, we'll gather at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 13 to celebrate the Advent season together. Meatballs, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring your favorite side, dessert, or salad to share. Help is needed with set up and clean up. Don't miss it!

Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 20 during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Watch for sheep and donkeys, and talk with Shelly Parry to learn more or get involved!

Schedules Over Christmas

There are no formal Faith Formation activities (Sunday school, Youth, Adult Forum, and Confirmation) on Sundays December 27 and January 3. We will have our regular worship service schedule on both of these days.

A Thank You from Diane Shallue

To the faith community at University Lutheran Church of Hope: I write with deep gratitude for the celebration of my ministry event that you planned on my behalf on October 11. What fun it was!

Thank you for:

- The Kindle Paperwhite and cover.
- The generous cash gift. Bob and I will apply it toward a cruise at the end of February.
- The wonderful meal.
- The lovely table settings and decorations at the meal.
- The many blessings.
- The statements of appreciation for my years of ministry.

Bob and I enjoyed our retirement trip to Florida and back. Thanks to you all for your partnership in ministry for many years!

Diane Shallue

Youth Ministry Update

Jim Vitale and Jen Nagel will host the biennial youth group sexuality retreat Friday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. to Saturday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope. This overnight event is open to any youth who wishes to attend.

The purpose is to provide a safe environment for youth to learn and ask questions about sexuality, faith, and the Christian witness. We will balance our time together preparing meals, sharing in discussion, relaxing, praying, and worshipping. If you have questions, or would like to attend, please contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu.

The youth group meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and on the first and third Sundays of the month at 5 p.m.

Luther Seminary Students

During seminary training, students at Luther Seminary are encouraged to be part of a ministry setting. For many years, University Lutheran Church of Hope has been a “context” for students learning to be leaders in the church. The program for this contextual education is called Christian Public Leaders (CPL), and this year Hope has four CPL students gracing our community’s life.

You likely know three of these students: Jim Vitale serves as our Youth Director; Tim Schroeder is the Lutheran Campus Ministry liaison to Hope; and Sarah Tufvesson Doure is an active member, Sunday School teacher, and more. Joe Pinzl is the other student connected to Hope. He is a first year student at Luther Seminary and a Marine Corps Reservist, interested in both congregational ministry and Navy Chaplaincy. Thanks to each of these students for the gifts they share, and thanks to the congregation for understanding our vocation as a healthy learning context.

Senior Group Christmas Gathering Dec. 16

All seniors and friends of any age are cordially invited to our gala Christmas Gathering on **Wednesday, December 16**, beginning with punch and a social time at **11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. (Please note the earlier start time). A festive luncheon including traditional Swedish meatballs, rice pudding, and other delicacies will be served at **12 noon**. Please make reservations for the meal with your caller or Pastor Esther Dant at (651)636-7834 or (612)331-5988 x818 by **Thursday December 10**.

At **1:00 p.m.**, carolers from Singers in Accord will sing carols from around the world and lead us in singing our favorites. Singers in Accord is a uniquely structured singer-led organization, dedicated to enriching lives and building community through the power of choral music. It has rehearsed for several years in the past at University Lutheran Church of Hope. Rosalie Eldevik, a member of our congregation, sings with the group.

Come; enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music as we share together the joy of this Blessed Season! **Invite others! Everyone is welcome!** If you cannot come to the luncheon, please know you are welcome to attend just the program.



Green Team and Gardens of Hope Update

The Courtyard

With landscaper Tom Peluf, we are developing a plan to refresh and revitalize the courtyard. The sculpture donated by John and Anne Beane will be installed and blessed. Along with new plantings, dreams for currently underused space include a grill, a children's play area, and/or a labyrinth (a path for contemplation and prayer). Contact Kathy Knudson with ideas.



Butterfly Gardens

Our raingardens are technically butterfly gardens because they are planted with native perennials. Next spring we will establish an official butterfly garden in the northwest corner of the parking lot, with plants recommended by the U of M Extension Service for the various phases of butterflies' life cycles. We hope to involve PEASE students as a science project. Contact Marty L-H with questions or suggestions.

Recycling

Hope members continue their conscientious efforts to sort our waste, and our trash bills are half of what they were before our move to total organics recycling. Watch for added signage to help PEASE students.

Reinforcements Needed and Welcome

Both the Green Team and Gardens of Hope comprise people with a passion for caring for Creation. We welcome your participation: adopt a garden, attend Green Team meetings (4 or so a year, after Sunday service – next one is Dec. 6), learn more about our recycling program so you can help others decide which bin to aim for, and/or join in the effort to make our courtyard as successful a gathering space as our patio has become.

Advent and Christmas Worship

Advent Evening Worship

Join us Wednesday evenings in Advent (December 2, 9, 16, and 23) at 7 p.m. in the chapel as we await Jesus' coming, singing together Holden Evening Prayer, lighting candles, trusting the light that shines in the darkness. Speak with Zach, our Minister of Worship and Music, if you would like to help with evening worship.

Lessons and Carols

You are invited to this year's Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 13. The choir will lead us at both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services.

Christmas Eve Worship

Come, and worship. We have two opportunities for worship on Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Both services will include the Hope Choir, the Nativity story, the carols of Christmas, and the lighting of candles. If you are in town, please, come and worship, and invite others to join in the worship, too.

Things to Look Forward To in the Dark of Winter

Women's Retreat at Dunrovin Retreat Center (north of Stillwater) coming in January!

Friday evening til Sunday noon, January 29 - 31.

Watch for more information, and sign up soon at The Welcome Center.

Contact – Ann Beane, spirit.beane@gmail.com or Beata Rydeen, beatarydeen@comcast.net

Annual Meeting

Save the date: Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016.

Mount Carmel Winter Retreat

Looking for a winter get-away and a chance to get to know our community better? You are invited to participate in a winter retreat at Mount Carmel Ministries on Lake Carlos near Alexandria, Saturday, February 13 to Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Weekend). Ski, skate, snowshoe, explore the frozen lake, take some quiet time, and enjoy board games, fellowship, and good conversation. All meals provided. We'll take time for worship on Sunday. This is a great opportunity for all ages, singles, families, kids. If you'd like to attend or to learn more, talk with Brian Kufus, Jill at Mt. Carmel (340-846-2744) or jill@mountcarmelministries.com or Pastor Jen.

More info at www.mountcarmelministries.com

Lutheran Campus Ministry Update

Greetings from Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota. We have a full semester of activities this fall with weekly student worship on Wednesday evenings, small groups focusing on Lutheranism 101, Service and Social Justice, and a Men's Group of hospitality and learning. We also have an assortment of other outreach and engagement with the Black Student Association and the Muslim Student Association. Our Student Leadership Team is passionate about ecumenicalism, inter-faith dialog, and social justice. We had a great Fall Retreat in October in which we sought to experience "Sabbath" and what it means to find Sabbath in our daily lives. The students and staff of Lutheran Campus Ministry are preparing for the season of Advent, the season of waiting. We are waiting for the coming of Christ, but also the anticipation of the close of another academic semester. Please hold all the University students, faculty, and staff in prayer as the semester ends and the stress of finals and grades are upon them. Grateful for our partnership,



Tim Schroeder
ULCH Lutheran Campus Ministry Liaison
University of Minnesota–Twin Cities

Young Adult Activities

Beer and Hymns: Songs of Light

Join young adults and students from Grace University Lutheran Church, University Lutheran Church of Hope, and Lutheran Campus Ministry–Twin Cities to sing some favorite hymns over a brew. Bring yourself and your friends! In this Advent season, we'll sing some "Songs of Light". We'll see you at Blarney's Pub and Grill at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10. Parking is available at Hope.

Biscuits, Cookies, Wafers, Cakes!

What? You say those are all the same thing? On Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm the Young Adults invite you to a gathering in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen for an evening of baking holiday treats in an attempt to discern the difference between a biscuit and a cookie. All ages are welcome to join us (though childcare is not provided). Since this is also craft night, bring a project to work on, a desire to bake, or a board game. Whatever you choose, it'll be a great time to relax as we prepare for Christmas! No advance response is necessary (but if you are definitely coming please let Liz Fry know your favorite holiday cookie at ulch.youngadults@gmail.com so we can plan for ingredients).

Hope Book Club

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME!

What Jesus Meant

by Garry Wills

Come join the Hope Book Club this holiday season to discuss *What Jesus Meant*, by Garry Wills, on December 13, 7 p.m. in the Hope Library.

"Garry Wills brings his signature brand of erudite, unorthodox thinking to his latest book of revelations. . . . A tour de force and a profound show of faith." *O, the Oprah Magazine*.

"In what are billed 'culture wars,' people on the political right and the political left cite Jesus as endorsing their views. But in this *New York Times*-bestselling masterpiece, Garry Wills argues that Jesus subscribed to no political program. He was far more radical than that. . . . *What Jesus Meant* is a brilliant addition to our national conversation on religion." www.goodreads.com

"So what was – what is – the ultimate meaning of Jesus? The question will be with us always, even to the end of the age. But we do know this: One cannot read his story without seeing that there is no life without love."

www.nytimes.com

Please contact Sonja Peterson with suggestions or questions at 612-789-0397 or speterson@dunnwald.com

January 10, 2016: *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*, by Naomi Klein.



President's Perspective

Since becoming congregational president last February, I can't say there has really been any "slow time" – a time when you can relax a bit and just let things follow their normal course. Although it has felt like a whirlwind at times, we have been forging a path. As I reflect on just the past 4-6 weeks, I feel good about our progress: we aren't just plowing ahead, but rather strategically moving forward. Let me share with you some highlights.

Since establishing our three vision areas in early October, we've taken the following actions:

Connecting with the University and Community: Four Hope leaders, Pastor Jen, and our two congregational representatives on the Lutheran Campus Ministry Board (John Bablitch and John Setterlund) participated in the triennial review of LCM at the U of M. We met with LCM board members, leaders from Grace University Lutheran Church, and representatives from LCM programs beyond our local area to talk about the strengths of the current program and how we can collaborate more in the future. The Vision & Governance Board also voted to financially support LCM through a benevolence donation in 2016 of 0.5% of our budget. LCM is an independent organization that is no longer funded by the ELCA, but rather relies on grants and donations by congregations and individuals.

Igniting Worship, Deepening Spirituality: A new worship planning process has been created to ignite deeper participation, engagement, and corporate ownership of our worship at Hope. Under the guidance of a 5-member Worship Planning Team, there will be free-form worship planning workshops open to all to generate ideas and practices for our worship together. Look for more information soon!

Revitalizing our Ministry with Children and Youth: We have asked InterServe Ministries to lead us through a 6-month discovery process to determine how we can best minister to children, youth, and families in our changing congregational landscape and neighborhood. At the end of 6 months, they will provide a report, recommendations, and suggested next steps to implement and staff this ministry.

Other committees of the congregation are also taking action. The Financial Controls Committee is organizing a "Financial Control Check-up" with a certified public accounting firm. The Leadership Development Team is reaching out to congregational members, asking them to serve in important board and committee positions in 2016. The Hope Church Trust and the Vision & Governance Board are taking steps to improve communication with each other as we plan to continue the vibrant ministries and faithful stewardship of this congregation. Finally, the Executive Committee is assembling the 2016 budget for approval in January by the Vision & Governance Board and to be voted on by the congregation on February 7, 2016. What an exciting time to be part of this community!

Beth Kautz,
Congregational President

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Zach Busch

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