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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.*

Worship and Music at Hope

Watch the September *Visitor* for more about our fall schedule, and do note that on September 11 we transition back to two service times of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation for children and youth begins at 9:15 a.m. and Faith Formation for Adult Forums begins at 9:30 a.m. We have lots of exciting plans in the works. More to come!

Outdoor Worship – August 21, 10:00am

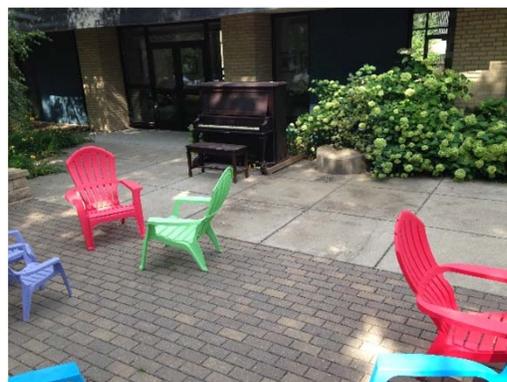
We will hold worship outdoors on the east side of the church on August 21. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and pray for good weather! Children and young at heart, arrive at 9:15 to help decorate the sidewalk with chalk to adorn our outdoor worship space! And if you're able, contact Zach (zachb@ulch.org) if you're interested in assisting with set-up for the service.

Courtyard Concerts

The evening of July 17 was the perfect summer evening for our first Courtyard Concert featuring lovely soprano Regina Stroncek. The concert was well attended with many visitors and new faces in the audience. The next concert in the series, **Sunday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.**, features University graduate students Ashley Ng and Nanyi Qiang performing music for violin and piano. The concert is free and open to the public – invite friends!

Prayer Around the Cross

We will hold our next Prayer Around the Cross service of the summer on the patio at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24. Come worship, sing, and pray using this reflective and peaceful worship format.



Making our Walls Porous

This gorgeous antique piano was parked on the patio back in June, offering our community and passersby a whimsical opportunity to pause and make music!

Zach Busch
Minister of Worship and Music

Treasurer's Report for June 2016

June 2016 and Year-to-Date Income and Expenses						
Summary	Actuals June 2016	Budget June 2016	June 2016 Variance	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	31,466	33,075	(1,609)	221,820	228,900	(7,080)
Rental Income	7,465	7,792	(1,604)	24,886	31,667	(6,781)
Total Income	37,850	44,367	(327)	262,980	277,151	(14,171)
Total Expenses	32,960	40,216	(7,257)	232,582	261,252	(28,670)
Net Income	(5,971)	650	5,321	30,398	15,899	14,499



June's total income is unfavorable to budget by \$2k; YTD our income is unfavorable to budget by \$14k. June's general revenue was actually closer to budget than indicates. Our bank rejected one of our deposits for \$1.2k; the deposit was submitted in July and will be reflected in July results. We are at full capacity for overnight parking rental which is reflected in our rental income for June. However, seeing all the positives about June revenue, we are still unfavorable to our YTD budget by \$14k.

While enjoying vacations and time relaxing with family and friends, please remember that the needs of our church are still as important as they are during the fall and winter. Your offerings keep our congregation together in fellowship and help our church continue with our mission to demonstrate God's love for the world.

Even with our total income unfavorable to our budget, our YTD net income is favorable to budget by \$14.5k. I continue to appreciate our leaders as they are mindful of our mission while using our resources wisely. It's a balance that needs to be in our minds when decisions are being made.

Income for Hope for the Future capital campaign in June was \$5k. This fund continues to pay \$6.9k toward our mortgage each month; in June we made a down payment of \$56k towards the roof project. With our expenses this month, our net income was (\$58k). This brings our building balance fund as of June 30, 2016 to \$214k.

As I mentioned at our May 22 congregational meeting, we are performing a financial review of all our accounts: Operating, Building, and Trust. Dave Leininger, CPA, is performing the review; he has reviewed bank statements, general ledger activity, and board minutes, and has met with Business Manager Gayle Bidne, Hope Church Trust chairperson Merrill Morse, and me. His last meeting with us was July 18 and he will send his report by end of July; based on conversations to date, I don't expect any concerns. This is not a full audit, but his questions and the documents he reviewed are the type I have provided when involved in a full audit; I feel confident in the scope of the work he is performing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at treasurer@ulch.org

Ruth Hedman
Treasurer

Staffing for Growth

It was a year ago this month that I joined you all here at University Lutheran Church of Hope. What a year—I am so grateful to be in ministry with you.



Through these months, I've learned plenty; let me name just a few of the biggies:

- This is a community blessed abundantly with strong and gifted lay leaders; you give of yourselves in so many ways: honest faith, time, wisdom, skill, sweat (I'm thinking here of the Gardeners and the Facilities folks, in particular!).
- We've got a capable, creative, and committed staff that works well together; I don't take this for granted and am immensely grateful for our whole staff.
- Way back in October, when our Vision & Governance Board took a short retreat and dared to articulate our vision, we entered into Spirit-led ministry much bigger than ourselves. We're connecting with our neighborhood and the campus and "making our walls porous"; deepening spirituality and igniting worship; and revitalizing how we do ministry with children and youth.

Early last fall, Zach Busch joined our staff as our Minister for Worship and Music. Zach has joined me in taking a lead role in the goal that is about worship and spirituality. There is a creative spirit in how we're approaching worship, and it's a joy to witness and experience how we can deepen this aspect of our ministry with Zach's leadership.

This summer we're working on staffing for the other two areas: neighborhood/campus and faith formation. Let me update you a little about both of these areas:

Neighborhood and Campus.

At the July Vision & Governance Board meeting, the Board approved a proposal from the Neighborhood and Campus Team, working in conjunction with InterServe Ministries, for a new 20 hour/week position called **Community Engagement Coordinator**. This person would work in the congregation and in the neighborhood, strengthening our relationships, developing partnerships, engaging those in the campus area as well as along the river in Marcy Holmes, inviting us into meaningful community connections, and collaborating with Lutheran Campus Ministry. Some aspects of what Tim Schroeder has done are folded into this position, but then we widened it to be more specific to the needs of this neighborhood and our congregation. A full position description is posted on our website and available at church; we hope to fill this position by September.

Faith Formation.

InterServe Ministries has led a team through a discernment process this spring. Together we've agreed that in the longer term we hope to merge our faith formation for children and our faith formation for youth into one staff position. Jim Vitale has been here at Hope as our Youth Director for two years, and we're excited that he will continue in this role through May 2017 while he finishes his studies at Luther Seminary. Running tandem to Jim's position with youth, we're currently seeking an **Interim Faith Formation Minister** (15-20 hours/week) who will focus on faith formation with children through May 2017. At that time we envision merging these two positions. This interim person would continue to help us implement some innovative ways to do intergenerational and children's faith formation. Like so many churches, we're realizing that we need to experiment with how we do this faith formation ministry to meet families where they are. InterServe brings needed experience and coaching as we make this transition. This position has been posted for some time and we've had some interest but have more work to do to fill the position. Many, many churches seem to be trying to fill positions for faith formation and there simply aren't enough candidates for all. This position, too, is listed on our website and we'd like to fill it immediately.

With both of these new positions, we're seeking to staff for vision. We'll keep you up to date as details unfold. Please, pray for the process, for our leaders, and for potential candidates. I'm grateful for this ministry we share, and for where the Spirit is leading.

Pastor Jen

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation for All Ages

Sunday is a Time for Learning Too!

This summer, the Children's Ministry Team is busy planning faith formation activities on Sunday morning in preparation for the return to our school-year schedule. For our younger children, things will look much like they have in the past few years, with Godly Play for preschool ages. There will also be a regular Sunday morning class for children ages 6-9.

For Sunday morning activities with fourth to sixth graders and Confirmation students, we will be initiating work with the various teams that support our worship and congregational life, so that students will be learning what our life together as the Body of Christ is all about. We are excited about these plans.

We want all children to have this opportunity to play and learn together about our faith. Please let us know that your children will be participating. Children's faith formation activities take place between services on Sunday morning, and the Confirmation classes include a series of mini-retreats which will be scheduled in consultation with students' families. Watch for more specifics in the September *Visitor*.

In order to create the best possible experiences for the children, we are in need of volunteers to teach and to support our teachers in the classrooms, and musicians. We especially need volunteers for the youngest groups. Please accept the opportunity to learn from and work with Hope's energetic, creative, and curious youngsters, and see how your own faith can blossom in the process. To volunteer or to let us know your children will participate, contact me at Kirsten.Mebust@gmail.com or Shelly Parry at mmparry@comcast.net

Kirsten Mebust
Education Ministry Area

Youth Service Retreat with Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

This summer, our high school youth will attend a service retreat with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). This overnight retreat will be held August 10-13 at GMCC in south Minneapolis. GMCC partners with dozens of local organizations. We will spend our days serving with these local groups and gaining some hands-on experience. In the evenings, we will return to the retreat center to learn more about the needs of our local community and to relax, worship, and talk together. Make sure to connect with our youth after the trip to learn more about their experiences and what we can all do to help our city! If you have questions about this event, please contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu.

James Vitale
Youth Minister

25th Anniversary Remembrance of Brian Coyle

A Remembrance of Brian Coyle on the 25th anniversary of his death will be Tuesday, August 23, at Wesley Church, 101 East Grant Street, Minneapolis at 7:30 p.m. Brian Coyle was Minneapolis City Council member, one of the first LGBTQ elected officials in the nation. He was an ardent advocate for peace, health, affordable housing, human rights, human dignity, and equality. He was a voice for people of color; people in poverty; people in transition to America; people of diverse social, cultural, economic, spiritual, and sexual identifies. He died of AIDS on August 23, 1991. Now, on this 25th anniversary of his death, his friends and colleagues will speak and reflect on his life. Jana Shortal and Bradley Traynor will read his words. Steven C. Anderson will share the gift of music. Representatives of supportive groups will share information on opportunities to live out Brian Coyle's legacy. Please join us in remembering Brian Coyle.

4th Annual Welcome Back University Students Festival

A planning meeting will be held on the patio, Sunday, July 31 after the 10 a.m. worship service for this year's Welcome Back University Students Festival. Come join us – whether you have volunteered for past events, have a question, or just have curiosity. Grab your coffee or tea, sit down and join the conversation. As this is the 4th annual festival, we have a great track record upon which to build – and we also want your fresh ideas.

Have you noticed that the Welcome Back Festival has essentially morphed into an Open House for Hope? And it also aligns nicely with one of Hope's three Vision Goals. As we Ignite Our Life Together, we have pledged to "Engage the surrounding neighborhoods and make our walls porous."

The event provides numerous opportunities to engage your time and talent, including but not limited to:

- planning
- promotion (social media and otherwise)
- knocking on neighborhood doors
- event set up and take down
- Student Welcome Center
- activities (including lawn games)
- event recycling and education
- entertainment
- photography

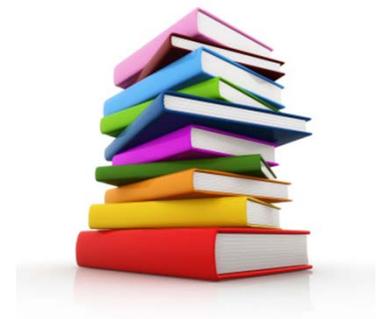
A bonus is that we're also having a book sale, which will be moving to a more prominent place near the main activities. This year's Welcome Back University Students Festival will be held Sunday September 4, starting at 11 a.m. Please contact me at mplsjfb@gmail.com or talk to me in person at Hope on Sundays between now and September 4 if you have questions or want to get involved.

John Bablitch

Book Sale!

Yes, we plan for a book sale this fall! Proceeds will go to a Minneapolis elementary school (possibly Marcy or Pratt) for classroom supplies. The more books we sell, the more we can buy for needy kids. The sale will be Sunday September 4, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. during as the Welcome Students event (Thanks, John.). Are there people who would like it to be on Saturday afternoon as well? We will need people to help set up the sale on Saturday and possibly Friday.

Ideas? Questions? Requests? Volunteer? Contact Ruth Fingerson at rfingerson@centurylink.net or call 651-633-5316.



Congregational Life

Dates to Keep in Mind

August 7: Godspeed for Dan Nelson

August 10-13: Youth retreat at GMCC

August 13: River paddling

August 21: Outdoor Worship

August 21: Courtyard Concert

August 24: Prayer Around the Cross

August 29: PEASE students return to class

September 4: Welcome Back University Students Festival and Book Sale

September 11: Worship schedule changes to two services. Families Moving Forward week begins.

September 18: Courtyard Concert

October 1: Open Streets Day near the University of Minnesota

October 2: Blessing of Animals

Life Events at Hope

We are a community called to hold one another in prayer. In these Life Events, we try our best to include everyone (members and others close to our community, births, deaths, marriages, and other pivotal events), but we need your help to stay up to date and connected. We include in prayer:

Baptism and Godspeed: We prayed Godspeed for Colt and Stacey Edin and their little one, Alton, in early July as their family moved to Fergus Falls to begin a new chapter. Alton was baptized in June, as well.

Deaths: We hold in prayer all who grieve, including Sue and Tom Hanson at the death of Sue's mother Ellen Harrison; the Pignatello Westwood family at the death of John Pignatello's mother, Jean Pignatello; and Leroy and Marge Halvorsen at the death of Leroy's sister, Helen Halvorsen. Our losses remain and we remember the gifts and stories of those who have died.

Significant Illness: Those living with illness, cancer, uncertain diagnosis, chemical dependency, and/or mental health struggles. We pray especially for Kathy Knudson, Chuck Lewis, and Hannah Kiresuk.

Marriages: Jennell Shannon and Ethan Mobley, who will be married at Hope on August 20, and many celebrating milestone anniversaries.

Transitions: Graduations, relationships, moves, job changes, retirement—God goes with us.

Milestones: Eleanor Edstrom, who turned 102 in June, and Millie Holmgren, who turned 100 in July.

Pastor Jen, Pastor Esther, and the staff

Godspeed for Dan Nelson

Dan has been with us as our Summer Pastoral Assistant. He concludes his time in August, and we give thanks for his ministry and will pray Godspeed on August 7. Dan will be moving to Chicago for a residency program in a new mission congregation launched from a multi-site ELCA urban and suburban church.

River Paddling in August



Who knew that we're a camping and paddling congregation? When we added camping to our paddling trips, our participation doubled. In June we had 32 campers (of all ages) and paddlers down the St. Croix River! Want to paddle together on August 13? Come paddle with us on the Rice Creek Water Trail and see a surprisingly wild side of our north metro area. We'll meet at 10 a.m. at Lake Peltier boat launch in Lino Lakes. This trip is a circuit, so we paddle back to Lake Peltier about 1 p.m. After paddling, we will have an opportunity to meet for lunch at a restaurant TBD. No boat rental is available on site. All ages and experience levels welcome. Contact Bryan Kufus for more information or to join in: bryan@bkufus.com Here is more information about Rice Creek: <http://www.ricecreek.org/index.asp?SEC=364B6096-1FCD-4922-A591-3A69D26CCF97>

Courtyard Happenings

Now that the unhealthy trees are removed, we are progressing on courtyard planning; by the time you see this article, you should have received a letter from the Courtyard Committee, the Facilities Committee, and the Vision & Governance Board, discussing our phased approach to the revitalization of the courtyard, our projected timeline, and how you can help fund this project. The Courtyard Committee – Sharla Aaseng, Kathy Knudson, and Bob Paschke – will have a display up and will be ready to show you the plan and discuss what we expect to do and when.



For summer and fall 2016, we hope to have the hardscape (including a large patio area) installed, along with a grassy area, and have the planting areas amended and mulched in preparation for spring planting. This work will be professionally done but there will be opportunities for volunteer labor too.

Besides monetary funding and volunteer labor, the courtyard will need stuff (see Phase 6 in your letter), including patio tables and chairs. We hope to get six patio tables, four chairs for each table, and an umbrella for each table (With the big honey locust tree gone, we suddenly have hot sun in the courtyard). There are specific criteria we have for this patio furniture, so please don't just drop something off. But if you or someone you know are moving and have patio furniture to donate, talk to Sharla Aaseng or Kathy Knudson about what you have, preferably with a photo. We may or may not be able to use it.

The basic criteria are: Tables should be either round or square, in good shape and paintable if needed, winter hardy, designed to seat four, light enough to move easily, and with a mounting area for an umbrella. We're thinking the color should be black, white, or gray to fit with our patio stone, but might be flexible on that. Chairs should be lightweight, in good shape, the same color scheme as the tables, winter hardy (or stackable if they need to be stored indoors), with no cushions. Umbrellas should be new or in good shape, and can be any color except black, white, or grey. Please keep the courtyard in mind. And thank you for whatever you can do.

Kathy Knudson
Facilities Committee and Gardens of Hope

New "Generosity and Gratitude Team" Update (formerly known as the Stewardship Team)

This may be the last time you see the name "Stewardship" for the new team that has formed. We will be focusing on all things related to the various gifts we offer to God in our Christian journey – time, talents, and money – in the coming months and year.



The new team includes Ann Wagner, Kathy Kufus, Elizabeth Ubbelohde, Molly Broin, John Hensrud, and Ann Beane. The group is reviewing ideas that University Lutheran Church of Hope has practiced before, but is exploring new ideas that will lift up the gifts that members have, and encourage all to practice from a place of **generosity and gratitude**. Here are ideas that have emerged as some things we may try in the coming months:

- A Bible or book study related to time, talents, and money
- A discussion of the challenges of our relationship to money
- What are "life keys?"
- Volunteer of the Month – lifting up members in their volunteering within and outside of Hope

Please feel free to share any ideas or thoughts you have with anyone on the team or send to my e-mail - spirit.beane@gmail.com With generosity and gratitude,

Ann Beane

President's Perspective and Vision & Governance Update

As I reflect on recent events around the world, shootings here in the U.S., the tragedy in Nice, France, I reflect on Henri Nouwen's words:

"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come."

The Vision & Governance Board met Tuesday, July 12, and acted on a number of issues. It was a very busy meeting. We took action in support of the Courtyard Committee's proposal (and experienced a wonderful Courtyard Concert on Sunday, July 17). Please look for a letter from the Courtyard Committee regarding funding of this project.

We approved the position description for a new Community Engagement Coordinator, and heard an update on the Interim Faith Formation Minister that we are also seeking. Please read Pastor Jen's article in this issue of the *Visitor* for a more thorough discussion of these issues.

In addition, we had updates from other ministry liaisons. Treasurer Ruth Hedman updated us on our financial situation. While we are currently 'unfavorable' to budget, our net income is 'favorable' to budget. Ruth reminds us that as we travel this summer, the work of the congregation continues. Ruth also updated us on our status with the audit process. Please read her report in this issue of the *Visitor*.

Just a reminder that if any congregation member has a question or concern, feel free to e-mail me at president@ULCH.org or talk to me in church at any time. Peace,

John Rydeen
Congregational President

Images of Summer 2016



Paddlers



Pastor Jen being interviewed



Summer Day Camp:
Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Farewell from Dan Nelson

Dear Friends at University Lutheran Church of Hope,

As my time here at Hope comes to an end, I wanted to extend a message of gratitude to you all. Thank you for letting me into your lives for these three short months: for sharing your stories, your joys, your sorrows, and teaching me how authentic a church setting can be. Thank you for being present during my sermons, my bible studies, my classes, and in the times between activities where we simply paused to do life together. This summer has been a period of growth and opportunity for me. It has been a delight to get to experience worship with you all in the earnest and honest ways that you each express your faith.

After this summer, I will be moving to Chicago for a Mission Developer (church planting) Residency with Redeemer Church in Park Ridge, IL. Redeemer has successfully planted a second congregation on North Avenue, and is looking at a third in the Portage Park neighborhood. They contacted me a few weeks ago to ask me to consider this opportunity, and it seems like a wonderful fit in this upcoming year. I think my time at Hope has also helped me be more open to the different expressions and experiences of faith in Christianity, and I am open to see what God is doing in Chicago.

So from the bottom of my heart, deepest thanks. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you in all that you do. Yours in Christ,

Dan Nelson
Summer Pastoral Assistant

The Trust and the Law

(Fifth in a Series about the Hope Church Trust)

Did you know that the Hope Church Trust has to obey the law (i.e. its Board members do)? Church trust funds, like similar funds in other organizations, are subject to both state and federal laws concerning their financial responsibility to donors as well as to their constituting documents. Unfortunately, perhaps, that means that the Trust Board cannot hold its meetings in Bermuda each year to make grant decisions (☺). It also means that the Board has to be thoughtful in its investment decisions. No betting on fantasy football, horse races, or the Vikings.

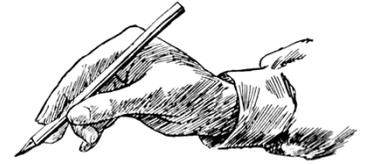
Instead, Hope's Trust Board is expected to invest the trust funds in stable, generally "safer" investments such as CDs, money funds, and investment vehicles that often have a lower but more reliable rate of return. In addition, Hope's Trust Board has chosen to invest in ELCA funds that not only provide a financial return but also support the wider church's mission. Similarly, Hope's Trust Board has leaned towards putting its money into socially responsible investments, e.g., funds that promote human health, a healthy environment, and socially responsible activity.

Currently, most of Hope Church Trust's holdings are in the ELCA Foundation, the ELCA Mission Fund, PAX World Fund, and Domini Social Investment Fund. Naturally, the Trust Board is responsible for tracking and reviewing these investments from time to time and for making appropriate adjustments. Market returns may vary, but the Hope Church Trust remains steady, thanks to the support of Hope's generous members.

Merrill Morse
Chairperson of Hope Church Trust

From the Visitation Pastor

Last fall, our church was contacted by a Marcy Open School teacher and Southeast Seniors, asking for suggestions of seniors who might be pen pals with third grade students at Marcy. My first two calls were both answered with an enthusiastic YES! I cannot describe it better than those who experienced this wonderful project.



Joy and Phil Thompson:

“There was communication through the medium of writing and drawing. The drawing became a way of expressing ideas. A small sketch was used to illustrate some idea or place. We had some discussion about books. Gavin was thoughtful and courteous. It was wonderful to meet such an interesting and creative third grader.”

Sally French:

“If somewhere in your youth or childhood you had a pen pal, you may recall the anticipation and pleasure of receiving a letter in your postbox, just for you! This year, thanks to Lydia McAnerney of Southeast Seniors and Rhonda Geyette, teacher at Marcy Open School, 30 seniors and 30 third grade students became Pen Pals. I was fortunate to partner with Vivian, who began her first letter to me with a question: *‘Were you alive in World War II? What was it like?’* In subsequent months we progressed to queries about our favorite books, our families, and our hopes. Just before school ended, Linda and Rhonda had a “tea” for the Pen Pals where we met for the first time. We were all so excited. The children with their parents, together with the seniors, spoke with great feeling about this important experience. Many thanks to Lydia and Rhonda. More to come? Check your mailbox!”

Please ask these great volunteers more about their experiences. I’m sure they have more stories to tell. Thanks to all for this very successful adventure.

Pastor Esther Dant
Visitation Pastor

Thanks for Welcoming Families and Writing Letters

Successful Families Moving Forward

The last Families Moving Forward week in May was very successful, with several members of our congregation volunteering during that week. One of our guest families moved into their new home on the Sunday they left us. Beacon Interfaith offers programs for volunteers periodically. If anyone would like more information about the programs, please call Christine Nielson or Julie Paschke (612-721-4664). Our next FMF week is scheduled for September 11-18. Please mark this week on your calendar and consider volunteering for this important outreach program. Thank you,

Julie Paschke
FMF co-coordinator

Offering of Letters - A Great Success



On Sunday June 12 after the worship service, the Hope congregation was invited to write letters to their representatives in Washington in support of appropriating more funds for the international health and nutrition of women and their children and for the passage of the Global Food Security Act, which would increase funding for agricultural development for small farmers in the developing world. The good news is, thanks to you and thousands across the nation who wrote letters, the Global Food Security Act passed. However, there is still work to be done in appropriations. University Lutheran Church of Hope wrote or signed 100 letters which were sent to Washington! That is a new record for us, which exceeded my highest expectations! Thank you for the generous giving of your time.

Donna Neste
Hope in the World

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