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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.*

Lent 2017: Confessing What Blocks Our Way to God

Lent begins on March 1, and Hope's Worship Planning Team has been hard at work preparing for our liturgical observance of the season. The team hosted a planning workshop on February 8 where we explored "roadblocks" that impede our journey to the cross. We drew inspiration from the readings for each Sunday, and from Martin Luther and his career-long demonstration of persistence and resistance.



Our theme for Lent will be "Confessing what blocks our way to God." We will focus on the practice of confession, specifically confessing thematic roadblocks designated each week. The roadblocks are Temptation, Control, Borders, Privilege, and, finally, Death. We will use images and different corporate confession practices to explore these themes. We will have a locked confessional box in which we place our written confessions around these subjects, and burn them on Easter Vigil.

Ash Wednesday March 1: Worship at noon and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5: Noon service in the lounge with soup following. 7p.m. Prayer Around the Cross in the chapel.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday April 13: Worship at noon and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Good Friday April 14: Worship at noon and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Vigil April 15: Worship at 7 p.m. only, begins outdoors and moves inside

Easter Sunday April 16: Festival worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Soup: Our noon Lenten services are followed by a simple soup lunch. Consider making this part of your Lenten practice this season. If you are able to provide soup for a Wednesday or warm up pre-made soup, please contact Pastor Jen to schedule. Thanks!

Last Third of Life Book Study at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, led by Hope member Brian McCaffrey, coordinates with our Wednesday midday services. Based on *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life: The 7 Gateways To Spiritual Growth*, by Jane Thibault and Richard Morgan, the study began on February 15, and you may still join in (it goes through April 5). Contact Brian at brianmccaffr@gmail.com or phone (651)225-6188 with questions.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Bible Study: Brian McCaffrey and John Beane will lead a 5-session Bible study, inspired by the book *Praying the Catechism*, on Wednesday nights (March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5) from 6 to 6:50 p.m. in Heritage Hall. The first three sessions will focus on the Apostles' Creed, and the last two on the Lord's Prayer. We will follow our theme and pray with each other. Join us as we journey together this Lenten season!

Treasurer's Report



I'm sorry for the lack of Treasurer's report for this issue of the *Visitor*. I will have a full report on January and February financial results in the April *Visitor*. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact me at treasurer@ulch.org/ Thank you.

Ruth Hedman
Treasurer

Youth Group Activities

Annual Youth Group Spring Retreat

Youth are invited to join us Friday April 7 to Sunday April 9 for our annual retreat. The retreat is held near Crosslake at the Morse family cottage. We'll spend the weekend hanging out, playing games, cooking food, watching movies, exploring nature, and worshipping together. This event is open to all students in confirmation and Youth Group. If you are interested in attending, contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu.

Easter Breakfast

It is a long-standing tradition for the Youth Group to sponsor, cook, and serve breakfast to the congregation on Easter Sunday. This year we will continue that tradition on April 16. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Group as we begin to prepare for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Keep a lookout for more information soon. We welcome volunteers from across the congregation, but particularly ask the youth for their help. If you are interested in volunteering to help at this breakfast, please contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu

Camp Amnicon

The Youth Group's annual trip to Camp Amnicon is scheduled for August 6-12. Join us as we take a 700-lb. canoe onto Lake Superior and spend a week paddling around the Apostle Islands! The trip is open to all high school students. There are 11 slots available, and the cost is \$500 per person. Scholarships are available. If you have questions or are interested in attending, contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu

Sunday Morning Options for Youth and Confirmation Students (adults welcome, too):

Pick what interests you on any given week:

- 1) Participate in Sabbath, a weekly Bible study with Jim Vitale in the youth room.
- 2) Check out the Sunday Forum in Heritage Hall.
- 3) On select Sundays, try out a "How to be a ..." training session. In these sessions we'll learn everything from being an assisting minister, to singing in a choir rehearsal, to exploring the church gardens.

We hope that all youth will find ways to be involved at University Lutheran Church of Hope in addition to Sunday mornings, whether serving as an assisting minister, participating in a pick-up basketball game, or marching with other church members at a demonstration. We ask youth to set up a one-to-one meeting with either Pastor Jen or Jim. Confirmation students will also continue to attend monthly mini-retreats and meet with their mentors. If you have questions, contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu

Hope Book Club

On March 12, 2017, at 7:00p.m. in the Hope library, please join us to discuss *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead.



From prize-winning, bestselling author Colson Whitehead, a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.

April 9: *The Postmistress*, by Sarah Blake. Please contact Sonja Peterson with book suggestions or questions at 612-789-0397 or speterson@dunnwald.com

"The only important thing in a book is the meaning that it has for you." W. Somerset Maugham

Care and Nurture

At the end of January our community gave thanks for the years of ministry Pastor Esther Dant offered as our Visitation Pastor. You may be wondering what comes next. The Visitation Pastor position has been expanded to 15 hours per week and we've renamed it: Pastor for Care and Nurture.



Around the turn of the year, we publicized this position and received a good response from many capable and interested candidates. Initially this position was posted as a contract position (which is what Esther and some of her predecessors held), but the great majority of candidates and the Minneapolis Area Synod inquired if we'd also consider this as a called position. For Esther, being close to retirement age and already a member of the congregation, a contract position was ideal. But for some candidates who still desire to be on the active roster of ELCA clergy, a call is necessary. Hope's leaders agreed we'd be open to consider this position as a contract or a call, as long as the budget implications remained the same.

Fitting with a search for a contract pastor, a search team was formed, and a final candidate rose through the interviews. This final candidate seeks a called position to this ministry at Hope. At the February annual meeting, in order to comply with Hope's constitution and bylaws, a motion was introduced, discussed, and approved, to expand the search team into a Call Committee, comprising John Rydeen (chair), Ann Agrimson, Joan Campbell, Garvin Davenport, Rosalie Eldevik, Brian McCaffrey, and Eric Ringham (I sit with this team *ex officio*).

In late February this Call Committee will interview our candidate and, if confirmed, a recommendation will move to the Vision & Governance Board, and then on to a Congregational Meeting for a vote on the call in March. At that time more information will be shared and there will be an opportunity to meet the candidate. The timeline for filling this position has been extended, but our leadership is optimistic that this is a good fit and we hope the new Pastor for Care and Nurture will begin in May.

This position encompasses much of what Esther did, including visitation as well as equipping lay leaders for caring ministries, in particular Compassion Care, Friendly Visitors, and communion ministers. Our congregation has a deep foundation for this ministry and a wealth of well-trained people in caring ministry. In this unexpected interim between Esther's retirement and a new pastor beginning, I'm grateful for the opportunity to get to know our homebound members better and for our congregation members to experience bringing Holy Communion and additional visitation. Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have questions or concerns, or are in need of visitation. And pray for our congregation, the candidate, and all those who are part of care and nurture at Hope.

Pastor Jen

Yoga at Hope

Wednesdays at 8:45-9:30 a.m. beginning March 1, join Nicole Navratil of Wairaka Yoga, for Hatha Yoga. Class is located in Heritage Hall. If you are a new student, please plan to come a few minutes early to fill out some brief paperwork. Bring a yoga mat and a water bottle. Try not to eat a large/heavy meal 60-90 minutes before class. This class is beginner-friendly and open to everyone. Cost is \$5 cash or check. Come breathe and move mindfully, in community.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation for All Ages

First 15

Children's Faith Formation is ready for March to be in full swing. As you have heard in previous announcements and articles, we are doing lots of cool and crazy new activities in the midst of our programming. One of these activities is First 15. Since the New Year we have been meeting for the first fifteen minutes of our programming hour; singing, dancing, playing games, and learning about God with one another. It has been a great experience, and something that has given us opportunities for branching out into the congregation. On February 12, we were able to teach the congregation one of the songs we like to sing during First 15!



This is something you can look forward to in the future. Any excuse we have to connect people across all ages, we take and run with it! It's such a great opportunity for those involved, but we can't do it alone.

That is why, on March 5, I will be leading a "How to be..." class with Kirsten Mebust. It will be open to our youth, and anyone else who feels called to help with things like First 15, or even our craft station, which will be staying around through Lent as well. We are still working on a name to call this table, but for those unfamiliar, it is a table in the front of the sanctuary where kids can work on crafts related to the sermon or scripture readings for the day. Having the kids up front and actively participating in a way that is engaging for them is one of the greatest reminders of how we are all connected, as a community of believers. Keep your eyes open for ways to get involved! Peace and blessings to all.

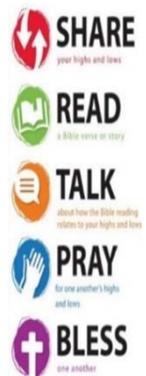
Ashlei Buhrow
Interim Faith Formation Minister

The Power of the Blessing in the FAITH5

As you get deeper into FAITH5, you may have noticed yourself getting more and more uncomfortable. Sharing, talking, and reading are easy enough, but moving on to praying and especially blessing – I mean, come on! Aren't those two things the Pastor's job?

Blessing one another regularly in Jesus' name may not be familiar, but that doesn't mean it is complicated. We bless one another to remind ourselves that we belong to God, and that God is always with us on our way, which is especially effective with kids at bedtime. You have not lived until you've had the pudgy hand of a two-year-old reach up and make the sign of the cross on your forehead and say, "May God bless Daddy!"

So, if you're having trouble getting comfortable with blessing one another, don't overthink it. Remember who we are and whose we are, and enjoy the opportunity to help others in your family remember it too.



Monty Lysne
Congregational Faith Formation Coach

Day Camp—Save the Date

Please save the date for South Minneapolis Day Camp 2017, June 26 - 30. This summer, our theme is "Blessed to be." We will be exploring the ways we are blessed by God to be a blessing for others, through stories from Scripture, song, art, play, field trips, and more. We will have day camp at Bethel Lutheran Church again this year. More information, including a registration form link, will be available soon.

Sunday Forums

(9:30-10:20 a.m. in Heritage Hall, below the Sanctuary)



March 5 – Our Language in Worship. Pastor Jen and Zach will lead a discussion about inclusive/expansive language in worship. They will discuss their own philosophies and experiences with inclusive language, share some resources they use, and invite sharing of ideas among the assembled group. This session will be very interactive so come and add your thoughts and experiences.

March 12 – Peace Across the Generations. This is an opportunity to experience an intergenerational exchange to be led by our own coach, Monty Lysne. The theme for our time together will center on Peace. The entire University Lutheran Church of Hope family of faith (all ages!) are invited and encouraged to attend for some energetic music, fun crafts, and hands-on learning. We hope for a good cross-section of folks. Come and contribute toward making this time come alive!



March 19 – Mission in our Midst. You're invited to come and learn about a brand new local mission start, Tree of Life Lutheran. Tree of Life is in its first year of becoming a Sunday evening worshipping community in the North Loop, a downtown neighborhood with many people but few churches. Mission developer Pastor Marissa Sotos will talk about the origins of forming a new faith community, the cultural questions involved, what's happening right now, and how you can get involved. Bring your ideas, insights and questions on what it means to gather a new church here and now!

March 26 – Ever Wonder...How Might I Die? As we approach the end of life for ourselves or for our loved ones, there are often hopes to be expressed and decisions to be made. It can be helpful for all involved if these can be considered and documented while one has the ability to do so. Please join a panel presentation and discussion with Hope members Paul Odenbach, Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Bill Sanden, and Alden Tetlie as we explore advance care directives (living wills) from the perspectives of two physicians, a nurse, and a chaplain. You don't want to miss this life and death conversation.



Lutheran Campus Ministry, Young Adulthood, and the Future of the Church

Studies reveal that fewer young people are attending church, and those who do, attend less regularly. What these studies fail to account for is the deep faithfulness of the students who are actively engaged with a faith community, the ways they are reaching out across borders and boundaries, the counter-cultural nature of their practice, the ways they're integrating their experiences in labs and classrooms with their faith, and the ways they are shaping and will continue to shape the church and world into the future.

Your Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at the University of Minnesota is privileged to walk alongside some of these young adults while they're in college, and we look forward to being present with you on March 26 for LCM Sunday! A student will be preaching on that day, proclaiming the Gospel and sharing stories about his life in college. We'll have LCM board members present to share about our ministry before and after the church service, and we are grateful that Hope will also take a special offering in support of the ministry.

We are so grateful for all of the ways Hope lifts up LCM, and cares deeply about the students on this campus. Your partnership is instrumental to our identity, and we look forward to being present with you on LCM Sunday. Thank you for your support and encouragement of our ministry.

Pastor Kate Reuer Welton
LCM Partner in Ministry

Sanctuary: Charting New Territory

After many weeks of learning, bible study, communication, conversations, and input, the Vision & Governance Board on January 26, 2017 passed this motion:

“Because the Gospel calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, University Lutheran Church of Hope declares our partnership with immigrants and others to resist unjust immigration policies and to offer our building as a holy sanctuary.”

We are heading down a new road. University Lutheran Church of Hope has now agreed to become a Sanctuary church. Many questions about what this means for Hope have been answered, but many more will arise as we venture forward. Here are a few points about Sanctuary from ISALAH that may be helpful:

The Role of a Sanctuary Church is to:

- Create a sacred space of refuge for immigrant individuals and/or families that are in immediate danger of deportation.
- Have individuals and/or families reside in your place of worship for an undetermined amount of time while the community of Sanctuary works on the Stay of Removal orders for each person residing in the space or until those individuals can safely arrive to another place of Sanctuary.
- Be a community of love, hospitality and fellowship for those living in your care.
- Provide food, clothing, toiletries, and company to those in your care. (This is also a huge role of supporting churches.)
- Be willing to accept the support of the ISALAH community of Sanctuary as well as surrounding community.

We especially want to recognize the Racial Justice Task Force and Karen Westwood for their leadership in lifting up issues of race in the midst of a larger national/global debate. They played a key role in initiating the conversation about the Sanctuary Church movement and the ultimate decision to say “yes” to becoming one under the guidance of ISALAH.

There are also churches who have declared themselves as “Supporting Sanctuary Churches”. St. Frances Cabrini on Franklin Ave. is one; they will work together with us in coordinating efforts, and we say “Thanks!” to them for partnering with us. Mike Hirsch will be Cabrini’s lead contact; he has already indicated to us that members at St. Frances Cabrini are eager to jump in.

So you ask, “How can I help?” For now, the best way to help is by giving to the new Sanctuary fund that has been set up. Just footnote the check Sanctuary. If you give through Simply Giving, you can make the changes on a Simply Giving card or call Gayle Bidne in the church office.

Join us for a potluck on March 5 after 10:30 worship as a way of celebrating together this work of resistance and growing as community with our partners. Please bring a food item to share.

We want to have as much clarity as possible in the midst of so much uncertainty for those seeking Sanctuary and those providing it. Please direct your questions to Nicholas Tangen, Community Engagement Coordinator, at nickt@ulch.org or Ann Beane at spirit.beane@gmail.com Lastly, let us pray for safety for those at risk, and wisdom for those who can speak out and act against injustices.

Nicholas Tangen, Community Engagement Coordinator
Ann Beane, Lead for Sanctuary Team

Welcome, New Members!

On February 12 we welcomed seven new members into the life of our congregation. They are a gifted group, coming from a variety of backgrounds and eager to partake in many aspects of our congregational life and service. Welcome: Collin Bradley, Coral and Ethan Dirks, Molly James, Connie Skoy, Regina Skoy, and Ann Wagner. On the bulletin board near the church office, look for the pictures and a short bio ⁶ about each of these new members. Welcome!

Congregational Life

Dates to Keep in Mind:

March 1: Ash Wednesday. Worship at noon and 7 p.m.

March 4: Bread Baking at White Bear Lake United Methodist Church

March 5: Potluck lunch and discussion of Sanctuary Church next steps. Garden Club meets.

March 12: Quilt Blessing. Fellowship Meal. Families Moving Forward guests arrive.

March 26: Drop-in Choir 9:30a.m. Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday.

Life Events at Hope

We are a community of faith, called to hold one another in prayer. Here are a few of the life events affecting our community. We need your help to know for what we can pray. Please alert a pastor or contact the church office. We include in prayer...

Baptism—Avery Kreger, child of Erika and Matt Kreger and grandchild of Beth Ubbelohde and Joe Erickson, baptized on February 19.

Deaths—Family and friends of Chiyeko Teragawa, long-time Hope member, who died February 9 at nearly 100 years old. A memorial service is planned for March 10 at 11a.m. at church; lunch follows.

Significant Illness—Those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, chemical dependency, and mental health struggles, including Peter Anderson, Dan Garnaas, Janet Carpenter, Hannah Kiresuk, Grace Wagner, Barry Brooks, Janice (Rising) Minnich, and Chuck Lewis.

Separation, Divorce, Retirement, Moves—We hold one another in prayer. God is with us.

Centering Prayer Fridays at 1 p.m.

“But there is greater comfort in the substance of silence than in the answer to a question.” – Thomas Merton

Join Nicholas Tangen in Thorpe Chapel every Friday at 1 p.m. for a time of silence and holy rest. Each Friday we'll have a short reading and discussion about the Centering Prayer Method, and then some time for silence, meditation, and holy rest.

Drop-In Choir

We will continue having Drop-In Choir opportunities throughout the spring. Drop-In Choir is an opportunity to sing a rehearsed piece for worship with minimal fuss! Just show up on any of the following dates at 9:30 a.m. in the choir loft for a rehearsal with Zach and whoever else shows up. The music will always be something you can pick up quickly, whether you read music or not. We rehearse before the service, disperse into the pews for the service, assemble at the front to sing for the Offering, and then take our seats again. No robe or anything. We had a lot of fun trying this out for the first time in January. Consider joining us!

Upcoming dates are March 26, April 23, and May 21

Fellowship Meal March 12

We'll gather on March 12 at 11:45 a.m. for our monthly Fellowship Meal. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and get to know one another more deeply. Graduate and undergraduate students are our guests and eat free. Help with set-up and clean-up is always welcome.

#HopeHappens Email List

If you would like to receive updates and information about opportunities in the community for advocacy, service, and education related to social justice and community engagement, sign up at the Welcome Center for the #HopeHappens email list. Any questions, please contact Nicholas Tangen at nickt@ulch.org.

Bread Baking

Beginning Saturday March 4 at 8:30 a.m., members of Hope are invited to join White Bear Lake United Methodist Church in monthly bread baking in their outdoor community oven. They call it "Baking With a Purpose." We join them to learn the hows and whys of this ministry and to continue the conversation about having a similar oven at Hope. Some of the bread will be brought back to Hope for communion and coffee. Contact Bryan Kufus to sign up at bkufus462@icloud.com or text or phone (612)685-0402.



President's Report

Ann and I are having some work done in our kitchen, and among the changes will be a nice new counter. We had scheduled time off from work so one of us could be home on each of the three days involved in the installation. On Tuesday, though, the retailer called to say we'd have to reschedule the project, because the counter installer now had other plans for Thursday.

This was a major inconvenience, because Ann books her patients weeks in advance. So I put on my big-dog voice and started barking at the store guy, telling him how deeply unacceptable this was. "I know, and I'm sorry," he said. "But he was the only installer available for your job, and he wants to go to the protest."

"What protest?"

"It's about immigration policy. It's a national work stoppage, to protest deportations. I'm so sorry."

Well, that shut me up. People are worried about their families being torn apart, and here I was in a lather about my new kitchen counter? I hope I sounded appropriately meek as we worked out a solution.

I'm proud to be part of a church that takes seriously its role in putting this and other social justice issues in a faith perspective. That evening, I attended the monthly Vision & Governance Board meeting for the first time in my new role as congregational president. We talked about immigration; our call process for a new part-time minister of care and nurture; setting priorities for benevolence spending; plans for Lenten worship; and other topics.

This is going to be a Spirit-filled year in the life of our church. As Pastor Nagel remarked at the annual meeting, we said when we called her that we wanted to light a fire. We seem to have ignition.

And this morning I made sandwiches on the same old kitchen counter. They turned out fine.

Eric Ringham
Congregational President

Tree of Life

On Sunday March 19 Pastor Marissa Sotos will be our guest preacher as well as present at Sunday Forum. Pastor Sotos is leading a new synodically authorized mission start up "worshipping community," called Tree of Life, in the North Loop (aka Warehouse District) of downtown Minneapolis.



Like our own Southeast neighborhood, the North Loop is an area that has seen a tremendous rise in the construction of new apartments and condos in recent years. In turn, this boom in living spaces has resulted in the rapid influx of young professionals who work downtown and older adults who are attracted to a core urban environment.

Yet there is no Lutheran or other mainline faith community in this repopulated corner of downtown. Tree of Life hopes to attract those who have had no prior church exposure as well as those who have grown away from the connection they may once have had. Pastor Sotos' goal is to be open to questions and show that faith is not antithetical to, for example, beliefs about science or that Christianity is narrow and exclusive.

In a Vespers format, Sunday evening worship will focus on spirituality, healing, cultivating relationships, and social engagement. Although Tree of Life is receiving some support from the Minneapolis Area Synod, the ELCA, and Central Lutheran, it is not fully funded. In anticipation of its launch sometime this summer, we will be taking a special congregational offering to help it on its way. Please bring your checkbooks or extra cash to worship on March 19 (special envelopes provided) and plan to hear more about Tree of Life at the forum. Also, consider paying a neighborly visit to Tree of Life sometime this summer or beyond. We'll keep you updated on service times and location.

Bruce Eldevik
Hope in the World

Talking about Mental Health

Mental illness is a reality for many of us and for many people in our communities. Unfortunately, there is still a significant stigma attached to mental illness, which hinders the necessary conversations that ultimately save lives and lead to individuals seeking help when it is needed. Communities of faith and faith leaders are often the first line of contact for individuals struggling with mental illness, and during times of crisis people will often turn to their church or their pastor for help. This means that it is important for communities of faith to be involved in these important conversations, to be prepared to direct people to appropriate care, and to support members and neighbors who are seeking that care.

According to the ELCA's social message on mental illness, *The Body of Christ and Mental Illness*, "In their lifetimes, one half of Americans will have a serious mental health condition, but fewer than half of them will receive treatment." That is a staggering number, and one that makes clear that we are routinely encountering friends and neighbors who are struggling and that, in fact, we may be struggling with mental health conditions ourselves. At the University of Minnesota, a 2015 College Student Health Survey found that "...32.7% of students say they have been diagnosed with a mental health condition." These numbers may help us grasp the importance that conversations about mental health have for the communities and individuals that worship at University Lutheran Church of Hope or live in the immediate neighborhoods.

The ELCA describes the role of the church in this way: "The church can be a powerful and welcoming place for people who are in recovery and experience healing, as they return to tell their stories of hope. The church can be a locus for proclaiming the good news of healing of body and relationships, not just *to* people living with mental illness, but *from* people living with mental illness." At University Lutheran Church of Hope we can help to foster an environment in which this is possible by doing some simple, but powerful things:

- We can educate ourselves about mental health and encourage those in need to seek help.
- We can talk about our own struggles with mental health and can remind others that people can and do recover, and that help is available.
- We can ask, "How are you?" and mean it, and express empathy in our families, small groups, committees, and neighborhoods.
- We can familiarize ourselves with the resources available in our communities, and can direct those in need to the appropriate help.

As Christians, we can heed the call of Paul in Galatians to "Bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2); reach out in support of our neighbors, friends, and family members; and reach out for support when we are in need. We can do our part to erase the stigma around mental illness, and continue to have these important conversations as a faith community.

If you are a student seeking mental health care, please contact Boynton Mental Health Clinic at 612-624-1444 or Student Counseling Services at 612-624-3323.

If you are seeking mental health care and are NOT a student, please consult your health care provider, or call Hennepin County Mental Health services at 612-348-4111. You can also search for a therapist or counselor at psychologytoday.com.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

Nicholas Tangen
Community Engagement Coordinator

Courtyard Fundraiser and Weekday Wizards

The date is set for our quilt raffle and silent auction. The raffle drawing and the silent auction will be held on Sunday, April 30. Quilt raffle tickets will be on sale at the Welcome Center starting Sunday April 2. Silent auction items will be accepted from Sunday April 23 through early in the morning of the sale. We are asking for support from the congregation and friends both for donations and bids for this fundraiser.



Need ideas? This won't be all handcrafted items, although I am still knitting like crazy. Use your imagination. What do you have that you don't need or want but think someone else might want enough to pay good money for it? A gift card that you're never going to use? Some house or yard cleanup time? House painting or a favorite painting? Time at your cabin? You have two months to think or create.

Meanwhile, the courtyard is as you see it. Tom Peluf is working on the planting plan and final drawing. Everything done so far is paid for. The future plants are not paid for yet – thus the fundraising. There will be another fundraising event summer, probably in June, which will feature a Courtyard Concert with Gus & Friends and treats like root beer and popcorn.

Would you like to be a Weekday Wonder/Weeder/Wizard or a Weekend Warrior? The Garden Club is meeting following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday March 5. We plan to set up two options for helping in the Gardens of Hope this year. One group will work in and maintain the gardens two weekday mornings a month, from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a social time (aka lunch). We will also have gardening on one Saturday a month for the bigger jobs plus anything else that needs doing.

The purpose of the March 5 meeting is to verify this plan, select the days of the week for the weekday workers, select which Saturday is best for the weekend work (might have to vary because of weddings or other scheduled events), choose names for the two groups, and decide who would like to help with planning. Note that people can be part of both groups. And this is a good time to decide if you want to dedicate yourself to taking care of and/or adopting a specific garden.

Kathy Knudson
Courtyard Committee and Garden Club

Friendly Visitor Easter Flower Project

It is that time of year again if you wish to remember or honor loved ones. This annual Friendly Visitor project is an opportunity to donate money for a plant to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning in memory of or in honor of a special person. Their names will be included in the Easter bulletin; after the 10:30a.m. service the flowers will be delivered to our homebound members, those who are ill, and those who have lost a family member.

To participate, send your request along with a check of the amount you desire to Rosalie Eldevik, or fill out the form below with a check to University Lutheran Church of Hope (write Easter Flower Fund in the memo), and place them in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Sunday April 9 is the deadline for contributing. Question or concerns? Contact Rosalie at (651)644-0287 or reldevik@msn.com

Please detach and return with check to University Lutheran Church of Hope Easter Flower Fund

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By the contributors _____

Amount _____

Thank you for your contribution and being part of this wonderful ministry. If you can assist in delivering Easter plants to the homebound after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, please sign your name and phone number below.

Name _____

Phone _____

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Rev. Jen Nagel
Awaiting a new Pastor for Care
and Nurture

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Zach Busch

Minister of Youth &

Communications: James Vitale

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Minister: Ashlei Buhrow

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