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Complex world. Thoughtful church.

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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.*

Welcome Pastor Barbara Johnson!

On March 19 at a special congregational meeting we voted to call Pastor Barbara Johnson as our part-time Pastor for Care and Nurture, pending completion of the required background check. Her ministry will include visitation and equipping us for care. Pastor Barbara and her spouse Swan are coming [home] from Colorado where she completes a call. She begins ministry with us on May 16; we anticipate an installation in early June. Thanks to the Call Committee for their diligence in this process. Welcome, Barbara and Swan!

Pastor Jen



A letter of greeting from Pastor Barbara:

Dear Pastor Jen and ULCH Congregation,

I write this letter to thank you for your gracious invitation to join your ministry team and to tell you I am very excited to accept your invitation to serve as Hope's Pastor for Care and Nurture. The scripture quoted here from Eugene Peterson's *The Message* expresses the core of my understanding of our God in Christ, who always provides what we need, when we need it, and never gives up on any of us. Ever.

Just think - you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that. I Corinthians 1: 7-9 (MSG)

My husband Swan and I have often ventured into unknown territory, living and working in Minnesota, North Carolina, Texas, North Dakota, and Colorado during our 46 years of marriage, including my 24 years of ordained ministry. We never guessed God might surprise us with this new spiritual adventure right back where we started in Southeast Minneapolis. The University Lutheran Church of Hope congregation is unknown to us right now, but we look forward to getting acquainted and making new friends, trusting in God to walk alongside us as we continue to grow in faith, hope and love. I pray for us all each day, to know God's peace and joy in this new adventure we begin together.

Pastor Barbara Johnson

Treasurer's Report

	Actuals Feb 2017	Budget Feb 2017	Feb 2017 Variance	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	\$30,214	\$37,392	(\$7,178)	\$60,919	\$74,783	(\$13,864)
Rental Income	9,644	11,610	(1,966)	14,546	23,219	(8,673)
Total income	\$39,857	\$49,001	(\$9,144)	\$75,465	\$ 98,003	(\$22,537)
Total Expenses	\$41,936	\$50,501	(\$8,565)	\$ 93,105	\$101,003	(\$7,898)
Net Cash Activity	(\$ 2,079)	(\$ 1,500)	(\$ 579)	(\$17,639)	(\$ 3,000)	(\$14,639)



I am starting my first report for 2017 as I ended my 2016 report: Our revenue is unfavorable to budget but because our ministry leaders are mindful of our resources and how they are spent, our expenses are under budget. This is something that I, as the Treasurer, and other leaders in the church should be aware of in our monthly reviews.

As an Accountant, the number I am concentrating on is our net cash activity. For the first 2 months of 2017 we have spent almost \$18K more than our giving and rental income. This means we have had to use some of our cash reserves that we have built up over the past few years. That is what those funds are there for, but it's not the best way to run an organization. I take my responsibility to be: to help run our church as a business so that we will have an organization that will allow us to continue our mission. I hope we can all agree that our cash reserves can be used for additional mission work – both inside and outside our church.

As I review the pledged amounts, giving, and other revenue in the past years, and the work that our church has in front of us for 2017 and beyond, I have hope that our congregation will continue to realize that all our gifts – both monetary and time and talents – are needed in our work.

As I like to remind us, Simply Giving is a great way to distribute your annual giving evenly throughout the year without have to worry about sending your check or even finding your checkbook. A link to Simply Giving is found on our home page at ulch.org. And don't forget, you can now give via text. If you'd like information on either Simply Giving or texting your donation, please let me know.

The activity in the Building Fund as of February 2017 shows net cash activity of (\$3.5K). The cash balance in our Building Fund is \$52K. We are blessed to have a wonderful building to call home. My hope is that we can continue to build this fund so that we will be able to continue to maintain our beautiful building.

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

Ruth Hedman
Treasurer

Hope Book Club

Join the Hope Book Club on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Hope Library to discuss *The Postmistress*, by Sarah Blake.



The Postmistress is an unforgettable tale of the secrets we must bear, or bury. It is about what happens to love during wartime, when those we cherish leave. And how every story—of love or war—is about looking left when we should have been looking right. Filled with stunning parallels to today's world, *The Postmistress* is a sweeping novel about the loss of innocence of two extraordinary women – and of two countries torn apart by war. (From the publisher).

May 21: *Bloodline*, by John Turnipseed, a story of transformation and restoration told with unflinching honesty and contagious hope. Please contact Sonja Peterson with book suggestions or questions at 612-789-0397 or speterson@dunnwald.com

Open Hands. Broken Hearts. Lusty Voices. And the Cycle of Death and Life.

In the midst of a sermon the other day, I found myself saying aloud (this wasn't written down), "You know, I'm preaching to myself here." That was my way of acknowledging how deeply this hard stuff we confess in Lent is not just someone else's "stuff" but truly, our stuff and, really, my stuff, too.



This Lenten season our theme is Confessing What Blocks Our Way to God. The picture on our weekly bulletin has captured my imagination. It is a gigantic boulder blocking both lanes of a highway. Dwarfed behind the boulder you can see a utility truck at work. Truly what blocks our way to God can feel tremendous sometimes. Inspired by our scripture, each week we focus on something different that blocks our way: temptation, our desire for control, walls or labels, privilege, and, finally, death.

Confession is at the heart of our worship this season. Quite literally we've moved it from the beginning of the service to the very center. The words we use are changing weekly and we each have an opportunity to write or draw our own confessions that we bring to the waters of forgiveness. These confessions lead us through the weeks of Lent and then into Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and finally to Easter morning.

In the dim light of flickering candles at a recent midweek Lenten service I looked around the circle. In that space, as we sang, we were a community at worship: tears streaming down someone's face, the hard decisions of caring for family resting on the shoulders of another, the pressures of work held by someone else, the growing hope of new adventures shining in others, the quiet love of an elder couple gently caring for one another, and the lusty singing of well-worn trust ringing out in song.

I looked down at my own hands and remembered that sermon just days earlier, the day I'd confessed, "You know, I'm preaching to myself here." We want to hold onto control and yet God invites us to come with hands open, entrusting Jesus with our everything. When we'd be tempted to clench our fists, to do it our way, to grip too tightly, in this season we're called again into this posture of confession and open-handed trust. How hard. How very hard. And, how good.



In the tears and hopes of that time of worship, and in so many of our services this season, I can see again God's way of death that leads to life. And I'm grateful: grateful for the beautiful ways we share this life of faith together, grateful for lusty voices and teary eyes that remind us again we are human before the Divine One, grateful for open hands and a God who daily hears our confessions and leads us always, always to life. Please join us for worship this holy season, and know my prayers for each of you, our community, and our world.

Pastor Jen

Earth Day Eve Event at Hope: #ResistReuseRecycle

Come to University Lutheran Church of Hope on April 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. for an Earth Day Eve celebration called #ResistReuseRecycle.

Grab a taco from the Taco Taxi, reflect on the impact of climate change with the Climate Ribbon, meet some of the University of Minnesota student organizations working for environmental justice, and watch the award-winning documentary *Planet Earth*. Come and celebrate our amazing planet and consider the ways in which we can care for it! Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org with questions or suggestions. See you there!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation for All Ages

April is Here!

Spring is in the air, Easter is coming, and April is officially here! April in the Faith Formation world looks to be a busy time for all. With Palm Sunday, Easter, and everything in between, we are spending our time together doing some amazing things in this faith community of University Lutheran Church of Hope. Our craft table at the front of the church has been running smoothly, classes keep on keeping on, and First Fifteen is going well. The kids feel like a part of worship, as they have really enjoyed being able to come into the space of the Sanctuary to share the songs they have learned with the rest of the congregation.



But as I said, with all that is continuing from month to month, we do have lots of fun and exciting things that are happening during the month of April. For starters, we are getting more and more people involved in First Fifteen, and that is such a blessing for all involved: it gives older students a chance to lead, and the younger students a chance to create a deeper sense of community. If you or someone you know would like to lead First Fifteen, there is a sign-up sheet on my office door. On April 9, Rosalie Eldevik will be practicing music with the kids to play on Easter Sunday, so be sure to get your kids there so they can be a part of this fun time. On April 23, we will have a Faith5-themed worship service as well as a Sunday Forum led by Monty Lysne and The Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim; see Monty's notice below and in the Sunday Forum schedule for more details.

Ashlei Buhrow
Interim Faith Formation Minister

Faith5 Sunday Coming April 23

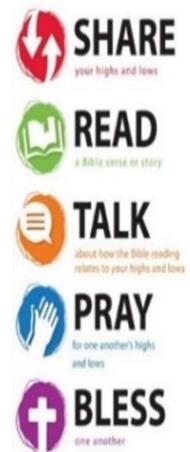
All year we've been exploring faith-talk at home and at church using the FAITH5. As a way of tying a bow on our exploration (and hopefully moving things to a daily and weekly habit) we're going to dive deep into the FAITH5 one more time.

In our Sunday Forum on April 23, Dr. Rich Melheim and I will be leading a session on the power of home faith practices like the FAITH 5. These are not just for families with kids!

That same day we'll also be incorporating the element of the FAITH 5 into both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services with an entire FAITH5 themed worship service. This service will make use of the five steps of the FAITH5 (share, read, talk, pray, bless) to create an interactive worship experience.

Rich Melheim will be our preacher that morning as well. He is an ELCA pastor and founder of Faith Inkubators, a Stillwater-based training and publishing house specializing in creating education systems that pull parents into the core of children, youth and family systems "every night in every home."

This is sure to be an interesting and lively Sunday with Rich visiting, and one you won't want to miss.



Monty Lysne
Faith Formation Coach

Sunday Forums

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



April 2 – The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon. This forum is the fifth in our series of Hope members sharing thoughts about their spiritual practices in everyday life. Marty Lewis-Hunstiger talks about the spirituality of gardening, at home and in the Gardens of Hope.

April 9 – Stories of Hope. Following our tradition at University Lutheran Church of Hope, two Hope members will share their faith stories: Marilyn Asp, who has provided leadership for many years, and John Hensrud, who recently joined Hope and is already active in leadership. Hearing their stories of hope and faith will also enrich us at this time in the church year.

April 16 – No Forum. You are invited to attend the Easter Breakfast.

April 23 – The Power of Home Faith Practices. Faith is not just a noun, but also a verb, active in love. Monty Lysne, our Congregational Faith Formation Coach, and Rich Melheim will explore the FAITH5 approach and how home faith practices like this enrich all ages and life circumstances.

April 30 – Community Engagement and Social Transformation. Nicholas Tangen, Community Engagement Coordinator at University Lutheran Church of Hope, will discuss this new role, along with his studies at United Theological Seminary. Questions we will discuss include: How is the Church called to be present in our communities? What is social transformation? What is the role of communities of faith in this work? Come, be inspired and better informed about this intentional focus for Hope.



Youth Group Activities

Annual Youth Group Spring Retreat

Youth are invited to join us Friday April 7 to Sunday April 9 for our annual youth group retreat. The retreat will be held near Crosslake at the Morse family cottage. We will spend the weekend hanging out, playing games, cooking food, watching movies, exploring nature, and worshipping together. This free 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

We invite you to enjoy a delicious breakfast on April 16, Easter morning, as the Youth Group continues its long-standing tradition of planning, cooking, and serving breakfast to the congregation. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Group as we prepare for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. We welcome volunteers from across the congregation, but particularly ask the youth for their help. If you are interested in volunteering to help at the breakfast, please contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu.

Camp Amnicon: Apostle Islands Trip

The Youth Group's annual trip to Camp Amnicon is scheduled for August 6-12, 2017. Join us as we take a 700-lb. canoe onto Lake Superior and spend the 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 for those who need them. If you have questions or are interested in attending, please contact Jim Vitale at jvitale001@luthersem.edu.

Packs and Paddles

You are invited to Camp Amnicon's 16th annual Packs and Paddles fundraiser on Saturday April 29 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. This fundraiser is an opportunity to support the transformational ministry of Camp Amnicon, which has benefited Midwest youth and particularly this congregation for decades. The cost of attendance is \$50 and includes hors d'oeuvres, a brief program, a silent and live auction, and an opportunity to "fund a camper." If you are interested in attending, you can RSVP before April 23 by contacting Jim Vitale, calling 715-364-2602, or emailing development@amnicon.org

Sanctuary: Charting New Territory

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.

On Sunday March 5, University Lutheran Church of Hope, along with members from St. Frances Cabrini Church and University Baptist Church, held a University Area Sanctuary Coalition potluck to discuss our roles as Sanctuary and Sanctuary Supporting congregations, to enjoy each other's company, and to dream about how the coalition might continue working together. Much conversation was had, and even more food was eaten. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish, and to those who helped to eat!

That same night, University Lutheran Church of Hope hosted a Rapid Response training for members of the University Area Sanctuary Coalition. More than 40 people attended to learn how to become moral and legal observers. If you would like more information on the Rapid Response training or would like to be a part of a training please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org.

As Hope continues the work of Sanctuary, there are a number of ways to stay involved and informed. Sanctuary is not only about providing a safe space for those facing deportation, but also about opposing unjust laws, educating ourselves on immigration and racial justice concerns, and praying as a community for justice, mercy, and safety. The most immediate way to help is by donating to Hope's Sanctuary fund. You can designate your funds on the check memo line, through Simply Giving, or by calling Gayle Bidne in the church office.

The University Area Sanctuary Coalition will host monthly prayer vigils focused on immigration justice. Look for dates, times, and locations in the Sunday bulletin and the *Thursday Epistle*. If you have any questions please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org or Ann Beane at spirit.beane@gmail.com

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Holy Week is soon upon us! We will hold services at the following times:

Palm Sunday April 9, 8:30 a.m. in the chapel, 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, beginning on the church steps. Procession of Palms, Reading of the Passion.

Maundy Thursday April 13, Noon and 7:00 p.m.: Foot washing, Holy Communion, Stripping of the altar.

Good Friday April 14, Noon and 7:00 p.m.: Procession of the Cross, Reading of the Passion. At 4:30pm with neighboring congregations we will partake in a Way of the Cross Walk in or near campus-watch for details.

Easter Vigil April 15, 7:00 p.m., begins in the Courtyard: Lighting the New Fire, Readings from the Old Testament, Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday April 16, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.: Festival Worship with Brass.

We're pleased to announce a new name for our band of musical leaders formerly and informally called "The Gus Band." Henceforth, this group is named The ULCHers (rhymes with vultures)! The ULCHers will play monthly from now through the spring, leading worship on April 23 and May 21. On these Sundays, we will also bring back the Drop-In Choir. If you're interested in singing on a drop-in basis, this is your opportunity! Arrive in the choir loft at 9:30 a.m. for a rehearsal with Zach before the service at 10:30. The music will be easy to learn, whether you are a music reader or not. Drop-In Choir doesn't wear robes and sits within the congregation, assembling at the front only for the offering anthem. Please join us and "drop in" on April 23 or May 21!



Zach Busch
Minister of Worship and Music

Congregational Life

Dates to Keep in Mind:

April 2: Bread Pickup. Quilt raffle tickets go on sale.
April 7-9: Youth Retreat
April 9: Palm Sunday. Fellowship Meal
April 13: Maundy Thursday
April 14: Good Friday
April 15: Easter Vigil
April 16: Easter. Festival Worship. Easter breakfast.
April 21: #ResistReuseRecycle Event
April 23: Drop-in Choir. Faith5 Focus.
April 30: Courtyard Quilt Raffle

Life Events at Hope

We're 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...

Welcoming children: We pray for many in our congregation who are awaiting children, pregnant, discerning, and holding hope.

Deaths: The family of Robert Morgan, including Troy and Nancy Morgan, Brinnen and Poonam, and Robert's wife Jean; the family of Beverly Brooks, Isabel and Jim Vitale's grandmother, and Beverly's husband Jim; the family of Richard Hollander, Coral and Ethan Dirks' grandfather.

Significant Illness: Those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, chemical dependency, and mental health struggles, especially Peter Anderson, 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 through it all.

Fellowship Meal

Our April Fellowship Meal is on Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday) after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us for a shared meal and a chance to strengthen our relationships and grow together. Undergrad and grad students are our guests and eat free. Help with setup and cleanup is always appreciated. See you April 9!

Centering Prayer

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed – Mark 1:35. Join Nick Tangen every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Thorpe Chapel for Centering Prayer. We will reflect on a short reading, discuss the guidelines and method of Centering Prayer, and enjoy twenty minutes of silent, holy rest.

Hatha Yoga Wednesday mornings 8:45-9:30 a.m.

Move your body this spring! Come to Wednesday Morning Yoga with Nicole Navratil of Wairaka Yoga. All levels (even beginners) are welcome and encouraged to practice in Heritage Hall from 8:45-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 and can be paid in cash or check. Learn more about Wairaka Yoga by visiting <http://www.wairakayoga.com> or www.facebook.com/wairakayoga Hope to see you there!

Summer Day Camp 2017 – June 19-23 – Sign up now!

We participate in a shared day camp in south Minneapolis. The theme this year is Blessed 2 Be. Children entering K through 8th grade (and youth and adult volunteers) are invited to participate during the week of June 19-23, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (note these dates are a change from previous newsletters). Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center at church or find it on our website at www.ulch.org.

President's Report

When I sat down to write my first essay for *The Visitor*, I thought maybe these grim times called for an inspirational quote from someone respectable, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer. But before I started writing, I thought I'd better check former president John Rydeen's most recent essay, to see whether there were any format conventions I should follow.

You know how this turns out: John had quoted Bonhoeffer too. In fact, he'd picked one of the very same quotes I'd planned to use. I wound up writing about our kitchen instead.

This time I'd like to feature an inspirational message from someone I turn to much more frequently than to Bonhoeffer: Bruce Springsteen.

"We're going to build us a house tonight," he told a crowd in London's Hyde Park a few years ago. "We're going to use the bad wood and we're going to use the good wood. We're going to use the bad news that's out there tonight, and we're going to use the good news that's in here tonight. ... We're going to take the fear that's out there and we're going to build a house of love. We're going to take the doubt, and we're going to build us a house of faith. We're going to take the despair and we're going to build us a house of hope."

He said some other things that aren't as appropriate, but you get the idea. If, like me, you spend a lot of time thinking about our congregation and its gifts, you'll agree that Springsteen seemed to be talking straight to us.

We are indeed using the bad wood and the good wood, and the bad news and the good news, and we're building a house of faith and hope – or Hope. In this month's Vision & Governance Board meeting, we talked about our sanctuary program, and the money we spend to support the ELCA's mission, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and other causes. We heard a proposed draft of a racial justice mission statement. We looked forward to calling a new Pastor for Care and Nurture and searching for a Minister of Faith Formation. As our meeting broke up, parishioners were arriving to serve as overnight hosts for Families Moving Forward.

It's a privilege to be able to help at a time when our help is needed. With so much going wrong around us, we have a chance to do good in the world and in our community. Even as we strive to bring about better times, we can give thanks that we get to make a difference.

God's peace to you and yours,

Eric Ringham
Congregational President

News from Nigeria

This July our congregation will have an opportunity to reconnect with Pastor Amson Hamman and his family, pictured from left to right: Daniel, Amson, Dorthea, Annette, and Nat (now a college student in the US.). Rev. Amson is the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Jos, our partner congregation in the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria.



In addition to visiting family in the US, Dorthea Hamman will be attending the triennial gathering of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) to be held here in Minneapolis July 13-16. Amson will be preaching at Hope on July 23 and a noon event to greet and hear from them is being planned. More details concerning their visit will be forthcoming as July approaches.

Bruce Eldevik
Hope in the World

Community Oven

Hope is exploring the possibility of building a community oven – Here’s why: Did you know that a team has formed (John Beane, Bryan Kufus, John Lauber, and John Bablitch) to explore the feasibility of building a community oven – also known as a wood-fired masonry oven, also known as the oven that people have been cooking in for centuries? These ovens can make fantastic-tasting loaves of bread. But they can also be used to cook pizza (Just 1-2 minutes each, due to the high temperatures they generate), delicious rolls, and even a full meal.



Why Hope Church?

There is a wave of support for this ministry that would help make Hope’s walls porous, feed our neighbors and students, demonstrate our welcoming spirit, and spread God’s bread of life in a way that is Christian and that supports our mission.

Ten community ovens have been built in the Twin Cities in recent years, and the number is growing. On May 7 a Sunday Forum will feature two key people in the Community Oven Movement: Pastor Bryce Johnson and Mike Faust, both of White Bear Lake United Methodist Church. They will explain the basics of the Community Oven Movement, the physics, the purpose, and how their church’s Bread Ministry Team has built up a mission-based program that allows them to share the bread loaves and pizzas with neighbors. We have learned that the economics of bread making are such that it can be sold for a modest price (usually around \$5 per loaf), and because the ingredients cost less than that, the majority of bread donation dollars can be directed toward supporting various worthy organizations. And all of this spreads goodwill on behalf of Hope Church, while spreading Christ’s good word and good bread.

How can I get involved with Hope’s Community Oven Project?

If you love the flavor of fresh-baked bread, be sure to sign up to reserve your loaf, to be picked up in the lounge during coffee hour on Sunday, April 2. Email John Bablitch (mplsafb@gmail.com) for a loaf, or sign up at the Welcome Center. The number of loaves is limited, so be sure to sign up soon if you want to ensure there will be a loaf for you.

On April 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., White Bear Lake United Methodist Church is sponsoring a community oven seminar designed to help churches and organizations understand the benefits of these ovens. Registration fee is \$35. If you would like to attend, please sign up at <https://mnumc-reg.brtaapp.com/BreadOvenMinistrySeminar> If you register, or if you have questions, please notify John Bablitch. If the fee is a concern, arrangements can be made to get it reduced.

Show your interest by signing up to support the community oven. We are looking for folks who would like to help us communicate our progress. Talk to any of the Community Oven Feasibility Team members and let them know of your interest.

The Community Oven Feasibility Study will be completed in July. We are hopeful that church members and leaders will decide to move forward and get it built. If we do build it, we will need to have a volunteer Bread Ministry Team come together for basic tasks such as providing and managing the firewood, preparing the dough, baking the loaves, managing the oven (which will reach temperatures as high as 1000 degrees on the inside, but will be warm to the touch on the outside bricks – 72 degrees or so), scheduling the month of bread baking events, setting oven use policies, and other activities.

Check the Sunday bulletins and *Thursday Epistles* for updates as our community oven moves forward, and reach out to project team members if you have questions.

John Bablitch

Upcoming Courtyard Fundraiser and Quilt Raffle

The courtyard is on our radar. Although the planting itself probably won't happen until May, we are working on the planting plan with our landscaper Tom Peluf of Terrapin Landscape, along with associated costs. We expect to have the planting plan and costs available soon for you all to see.



Also, starting April 2, we will begin selling raffle tickets (\$1 per ticket) for the quilt that has been donated to the Courtyard Project by the Hope Quilters. This quilt, which was blessed with the others on March 12, is a lovely stitched quilt, 63 x 76 inches, that would work well on a twin- or full-sized bed or on your favorite couch. It will be displayed on Sundays during the raffle ticket sales. The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 30, and as long as you clearly write your contact information on your raffle tickets, you don't need to be present to win. But you will want to be present, because we will also be holding a silent auction on that Sunday. We invite you to donate items for the auction, to bid on the auction items, and to come, snack, and visit after the service until the drawing and the closing of the silent auction at 12:30.

For your information, besides the planting plan, Jack Dant has been busily welding a firewood rack for the courtyard that will organize our wood pile and keep the wood off the cement. Bryan Kufus is working on plans for the courtyard pergola that we hope to build this summer. Ken Lynes is planning to add another electrical outlet in the courtyard, outside the library in or near the pergola. The garden shed fence is in progress, and we expect to see action in the Children's Play Area soon.

A musical fundraiser is being planned for this summer with Gus and Friends, probably in June, to raise additional funds for the courtyard. In addition, your contributions to the Courtyard Project and to the Children's Play Area Project will be gratefully accepted anytime.

Kathy Knudson
Courtyard Committee

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 10:30 a.m. Easter 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 for 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 our homebound members after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, please sign your name and phone number below.

Name _____

Phone _____

Staff

Pastors:

Rev. Jen Nagel

Rev. Barbara Johnson (in May)

Minister of Worship & Music:

Zach Busch

Minister of Youth &

Communications: James Vitale

Interim Faith Formation

Minister: Ashlei Buhrow

Community Engagement

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