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The Thursday Epistle

June 2, 2016

Worship Schedule

June 5 – 10:00 am (summer schedule)

Nursery supervision during worship: Clair Gustafson
with assistance from Julia Gerloff

Coming Up...

- ❖ **June 5:** Graduation Recognition. Godspeed for Tim Schroeder (Liaison for Lutheran Campus Ministry). Summer Bible Study begins. 45th Anniversary celebrations for Rydeens and Hensruds. Get a Blessed Ramadan yard sign.
- ❖ **June 12:** Bread for the World Sunday. Bible Study on Acts.
- ❖ **June 19:** Healing Station during Holy Communion. Bible Study on Acts.

Begins this Sunday, June 5! A Summer Bible Study—Results of Pentecost: The Book of Acts. The Holy Spirit filled the Apostles and impelled them to take the message of Jesus to the “uttermost parts of the earth”. Some of this earliest missionary work is told in The Acts of the Apostles. Join us to study this fascinating story after Sunday worship this summer. John Setterlund has prepared a study guide and will lead the discussion, six Sundays beginning June 5, 11:15 am, in the library. Summer is busy and we know that few can make every week; pick up the study guide and join in the Bible Study when you are available.

Grad Recognition and Godspeed: This Sunday, June 5 we will celebrate Grad Recognition Sunday. Are you graduating this year? **Do you know someone in our community who is graduating at any level?** Please join in worship and the fellowship time this Sunday as we recognize our grads.

New: **News from the Facilities committee:** The next few months will see significant activity around our church building. In June the courtyard trees will be trimmed, pruned, and revived in preparation for courtyard improvements and roof work. Unfortunately, two trees need to be removed-one large honey locust and a maple (they are wrapped in yellow tape). Both trees are damaged and/or ailing, which makes them vulnerable to stormy weather. The good news is this opens up possibilities for the courtyard.

Later in June and into July, all the flat roofs on the education/office wing will be replaced, including the blue metal flashing that covers the perimeter. The roof system is long past its lifespan and is failing in some areas. This is a large project but we're confident that our contractor and excellent staff can manage. We will attempt to keep the disruptions to the congregation and all building users to a minimum. Parking restrictions should be minimal.

We intentionally scheduled these two projects for the summer months when PEASE is not in session and building usage tends to slow down somewhat. We will keep you posted as we learn more details. Until we're finished, pray for no severe weather.

Peace, John Pignatello, Facilities Co-Chair

New! **Garden Work Day Scheduled for June 11:** This winter and spring you have been praying for me and I have been gradually been getting better but I'm not up to active garden work yet. So now I'm praying that we can get enough help for the Gardens of Hope on Saturday, June 11. I will be there from 9 am to 2:30 pm to provide guidance, direction, and some supplies. Please come to help get the gardens in shape for summer, learn more about some of our native plants and weeds, and, if you are thinking about adopting one of the many gardens, a chance to get to know the gardens and select one you'd like to commit to supporting. There will be gloves, bags, and some tools available. You can also bring your own gloves, clippers, and other tools if you like (please label your tools so they don't get lost). The church will be open and if you can't find me easily, check the courtyard for both me and the tool shed.

Kathy Knudson, Gardens of Hope.

Will you participate? **Overnight Camping and St. Croix River Paddling—June 17 and 18!** People of all ages, members, friends, let's do some camping and/or paddling. We'll camp on Friday, June 17 at St. Croix State Park (east of Hinckley) using the group camp sites (for tents). On Saturday, June 18, we'll paddle on the St. Croix River, approximately 10:00 a.m. - mid-afternoon, and then enjoy a meal out later in the afternoon. The St. Croix is a beautiful river in this area, more wild than in the lower area, and very quiet. Canoes/kayaks can be rented near the river, or bring your own equipment. More information at the north entrance (parking lot doors) to church or contact Bryan Kufus (call or text) at 612-685-0402 or bryan@bkufus.com to **RSVP (by June 5)** or learn more!

Mark your calendars for another paddling opportunity, this time on the Rice Creek Chain—August 13.

Signs Available THIS Sunday: **Ramadan begins this Sunday, June 5:** Minnesota Council of Churches offers us the opportunity to show our respect and support for our Muslim neighbors by placing lawn signs in our yards saying: "To

Our Muslim Neighbors: Blessed Ramadan.” Hope joins other congregations in making these signs available. We’ll have signs available this Sunday for a donation of \$10. Please plan to pick one up if you’d like.

A few more youth volunteers needed! Register now for Summer Day Camp, June 27-July 1. Registration forms at the Welcome Center and ulch.org. Senior High youth are invited to leadership positions for the week. Adult volunteers are needed. Please talk with Pastor Jen.

Post It Notes and Word Clouds: Over the winter and spring, we’ve focused three Sundays on our vision goals. During worship on these Sundays we added our reflections on campus and neighborhood connections, worship and spirituality, and our ministry with children, youth, and families on post it notes on large “flames” on the sanctuary walls. All this input has been compiled. See the “word clouds” on the hallway by the north entrance, check them out on Facebook, or request a pdf of all the notes people contributed. Thanks to Kirsten Mebust and Rachel Tetlie for scribing!

Parents of Teens and Pre Teens: Parents, let’s support one another as we parent through the gamut of issues and emotions in adolescence. Please let Pastor Jen know if you’d like to be part of a conversation with others experiencing this stage of parenting. A group will gather in the coming weeks.

We continue to pray for the ministry and safety of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and Pastor Amson Hamman in Jos, Nigeria, and for the young women who were kidnapped as school girls, especially for Rebeca, Hadiza, and Lydia.

Social Media Savvy? Here at Hope we’re thinking communication. We’re looking to boost our social media presence and curious who is particularly into Facebook or Instagram. If that’s you, let Jim Vitale know. Thanks! Have you “liked” University Lutheran Church of Hope on Facebook? Please do, and check in regularly.

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) is a student ministry of the ELCA in partnership with University Lutheran Church of Hope and Grace University Lutheran. LCM’s schedule will resume this fall. Check out the website (www.umnlutheran.org).

From Pastor Kate Reuer Welton:

Because of your support, students on this campus have the opportunity to:

- Engage or re-engage with Christianity for the first time. Whether through friendships, our strategic location on campus, or online searches, students new to Christianity are seeking to know God and longing for a spiritual community to find meaning and purpose. You make it possible for us to receive them!
- Grow deeper in their faith. Whether it’s through weekly worship, small groups, intensive retreats or alternative spring breaks, students are given opportunities to learn, grow, ask questions, and be challenged.

- •Connect meaningfully with a pastor. Whether it's one conversation in a time of crisis, or an ongoing mentoring relationship - 18-24 year olds are going through an incredible time of transition. It matters that there is a pastor that they can turn to, with the capacity to walk with them through life's joys and sorrows.
- •Become immersed in meaningful Servant Leadership Development work, exploring what it means to live an integrated life with opportunities to lead from that place. Servant leaders are the heartbeat of our ministry - the hands and feet and beating heart of Christ on this campus.

Deepening our Prayers—Our staff and leaders are considering ways to deepen our practice of prayer in worship. If you have prayer concerns, please talk with Pastor Jen (jenn@ulch.org) or Pastor Esther (estherd@ulch.org). Help us honor privacy and yet grow as community by being clear if your prayer requests may be shared publicly or if you'd like them held in confidence by the pastors. Thank you.

Children's Ministry and Faith Formation Check out the music web site for the **Godly Play students**. Here you can download lyrics and hear the songs being sung by Tim Gustafson and Paul Odenbach. Also see the music schedule.

Schedules for Godly Play and Creation Stations lessons have been posted to the ULCH web site. You can view them at <http://www.ulch.org/education/>

Lyrics for the Creation Station songs and schedule of music themes can be found at <http://www.ulch.org/connect/children-and-families/>

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We need your help! Check it out - Located next to the Welcome Center. Contacts – Beata Rydeen – beatarydeen@comcast.net or Ann Beane – spirit.beane@gmail.com

Remember:

- Like us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with the latest announcements!
- The current week's announcements in the bulletin are always on line at <http://www.ulch.org/connect/announcements/> and they're posted typically on Friday mornings.
- Most recent issues of *The Visitor* are available on the web site at <http://www.ulch.org/connect/newsletter/> . Older issues of *The Visitor* are on line at <http://old.ulch.org/VisitorArchive.asp>.
- The church calendar is always up-to-date at <http://www.ulch.org/community/calendar/>.
- For privacy considerations, the church directory is no longer available on line. Please call the church office for updated information on members.
- You can donate to University Lutheran Church of Hope on line from the home page, www.ulch.org, lower right hand corner.
- The Thursday Epistle is available on the web site at <http://www.ulch.org/im-new/contact-us/thursday-epistle/> .
- The coffee sign-up sheet is available at <http://www.ulch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/CoffeeSignUpSheet.pdf>. Please notify the church office at ulch@ulch.org if you would like to sign up for a given week.

