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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.*

Holocaust Remembrance Concert: The Garden of the Righteous

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope, *Naye Strunes* (*New Strings*), Yiddish music string ensemble, presents a program to commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), honoring individuals from Norway, Latvia, Germany, Yugoslavia, China, Bulgaria, and The Netherlands, who risked their lives to save others, motivated only by their compassion.

Leviticus 19:16 says: "You shall not stand indifferently beside the blood of your neighbor." More than 21,000 non-Jews risked their lives during the Holocaust to save innocent people. Designated as Righteous Among the Nations, these courageous individuals have been memorialized by trees planted in their honor in the Garden of the Righteous at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Weaving together original Yiddish music and the stories of fearless individuals, this program gives audience members an opportunity to reflect on the extent of courage and compassion during dark times.



NAYE STRUNES:

Judith Eisner, fidl
Beth Albertson, cello
Gretta Hunstiger, fidl
Diane Benjamin, tsimbl

Though most of us probably couldn't have done the same, today we can offer our support to medical teams who help people regardless of politics, religion, or race. A free-will offering will all be donated to Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) – suggested donation \$10, more if you can. Please take a moment to learn more about Doctors Without Borders at <https://vimeo.com/184731970/>

Hope's Community Bread Oven

Our Community Oven is getting closer to becoming a reality! Here are project highlights:

We are grateful that the oven was included in the current capital campaign. The Vision & Governance Board has signed off on the final design; the oven project has led to a necessary conversation among the many groups who use our church's kitchen, giving us a reason to re-imagine how we could reconfigure the space and storage areas, for the betterment of all users.

Being a church with an environmental conscience, we are researching how to minimize our impact on the environment. Last, but not least, there are all kinds of wonderful synergy between our outdoor oven and Hope's ministry around food – one example is locating the proposed mini-farmer's market next to the oven.

Calendar Notes

- Construction begins the first two weeks of May, weather permitting. Pastor Jen will lead a celebration marking the construction, after a worship service in May, date to be determined.
- A "soft opening" on Wednesday, June 20. First test of our bread and pizza oven.
- Official kick-off Sunday, September 2, featuring hearth-baked pizza from our very own community oven, during the 6th annual Welcome Back University Students Festival.

Volunteer Opportunities

The community oven offers volunteer opportunities for all. A sampling of roles:

- **"Fire starters."** On the day before the event, we will need folks to start what is essentially a small campfire in the oven, and then tend to it several times during the evening.
- **Dough preparation.** We'll need volunteers in the kitchen to turn flour, salt, yeast, and water into a batter, then shape into lots of loaves, then monitor the "rise."
- **Communications.** Keeping the bulletin board current, updating the web site, brainstorming with a team to clarify our oven's purpose and mission, etc.
- **Event set-up and take-down.**
- **Oven baking.** Using a pizza "peel," a several-foot-long slice of wood on which loaves are placed, then slide into the hearth.
- Or maybe you are super-organized and **like to shop?** We'll need people to buy ingredients prior to baking events, and manage supplies.

Interested? Have questions? Sign up at the welcome center or contact a Community Oven Implementation Team member: Stewart Herman, John Beane, Sharla Aaseng, Jack Dant, John Pignatello, Norm Aaseng, Bob Dickhaus, Bryan Kufus, John Bablitch, or James Flaten. For more information, contact John Bablitch at mplsjfb@gmail.com or 612-408-4595, or Bryan Kufus at bkufus462@icloud.com or 612-685-0402.

John Bablitch



7 members of Hope took part in a 4-hour bread-baking class held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on March 18, taught by Ross Safford, an experienced baker who has a passion for baking, and teaching, and works with outdoor community ovens around the Twin Cities.



Still Revealing Hope

In January and February we often spoke about our Revealing Hope capital appeal. Brightly colored materials landed in your mail boxes, a gathering was held, pledges were blessed, devotions graced our journey, and Tim Gustafson from the ULCHers even wrote a song for the occasion! As spring arrives, are we still Revealing Hope? The answer is Yes! The Revealing Hope appeal runs through January 2021. That's 36 months, and during this time we're going to keep a focus on this campaign and the exciting ways God is revealing hope in and through our community of faith.



So, what is this campaign all about? The funds committed to this campaign will:

- pay our monthly mortgage,
- gift significant benevolence monies to ten ministries/programs,
- build a community bread oven,
- erect a children's play area in the courtyard,
- maintain our grand organ, and
- renew the south view of our sanctuary with clear window coverings over the stained glass and lighting to make those beautiful windows visible from the outside after dark.

How is the campaign going? We're doing well, very well, and we're not done yet! Thank you to all who have made commitments or prayerfully considered this invitation. At the time *The Visitor* was printed, we've got commitments to this three-year campaign of \$382,061 from 93 households. That is great!

Can I still make a gift? Yes! We know that a number of members and friends haven't yet had a chance to consider this invitation, and we still expect more pledges. If you haven't yet considered this, please take time now. Contact the office with your pledge or gift. Gifts can be made in a lump, annually, quarterly, monthly, weekly, whatever fits your budget and desire. Many choose to use Simply Giving for their gifts, and Gayle in the office can assist you with these forms or renewing a previous gift.

How will we coordinate the projects? Our congregational leaders realized that in previous campaigns there was usually one primary big project (think renovating the education wing or putting a new roof on). Revealing Hope will support four projects, and this takes some coordination. We're grateful that Kristin Tangen is ready to use her gifts as a project manager to help us coordinate these four projects, keep tabs on the flow of money, and communicate and celebrate the work along the way. Watch for regular communication in *The Visitor* and a visual calendar and pictures at church.

What will we see first? In early May, the children's play area in the courtyard is scheduled to be built. It will be located near the welcome center; the designs are simple and sustainable, and will offer a creative space for our younger members.

May is also the time when the crew building the community bread oven plans to start their work. The bread oven will be located in our parking lot on the eastern island. This is an especially visible and well-traveled area for students and our neighborhood, and we intend to use the bread oven to reach out and engage our neighbors and our own community.

Along the way, we'll take time on Sundays to bless and celebrate how God is revealing hope and how Hope is being revealed. Thank you for your spiritual, financial, and physical support, which makes Revealing Hope and all our ministries possible. We're still Revealing Hope! Thanks be to God.

Pastor Jen

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation for All Ages

Children's Ministry

All children from ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in Children's Faith Formation on Sunday mornings. We gather initially for First 15, a time of singing, prayer, and sometimes yoga, and then gather in classrooms for Bible stories, art, and treats!



Youth Group



The Youth Group meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Youth Room for a time of games, scripture, and prayer. On the second Sunday of every month we will explore some of the themes and focus texts of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Camp Amnicon

In June, a group of youth and adult leaders will travel north to spend a week paddling a *voyageur* canoe on Lake Superior and exploring the Apostle Islands. We need at least ten people to make this trip possible, and are looking for youth and adults to fill the team. If interested, please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org



But wait...there's more! We are also planning a trip to Camp Amnicon August 12-16 for children entering grades 4-6. This group will spend most of their time at Camp, learning to canoe, swim, the endless joy of camp games, and getting to know each other better. If your child is interested in joining the group, please contact Paul Odenbach or Nick Tangen.

Thank You for your Generosity!

On March 11 the Youth Group hosted the Fellowship Meal as a fundraiser for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering and raised over \$1,000! Thank you all for your generosity and for your enthusiastic support of our youth. If you would still like to donate to the Youth Gathering you can do so online, or by writing a check to University Lutheran Church of Hope with "Youth Fund" in the memo. Thank you!

Centering Prayer Fridays at 1 p.m.

Centering Prayer is a silent method of prayer that prepares our faculties for the gift of contemplation. As a surrender method of meditation, Centering Prayer helps us to practice letting go of our attachment to thoughts, and to narratives that dull our awareness of God's presence and activity in our lives. Join us on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. for a short reading and 20 minutes of holy rest. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org



Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Millie Holmgren

On Saturday April 28 at 11 a.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope, all are welcome to join Millie Holmgren's family and friends in a service of remembrance and celebration to honor her life and faith. A lunch reception will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service. Millie passed away peacefully at the age of 101½ on January 28, 2018. Private interment was February 1 in Watertown, Minnesota.

The family invites memorial donations to be directed to University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, and to The Sheridan Story organization (noting Marcy Open School in the memo line), dedicated to fighting childhood hunger. www.thesheridanstory.org/

Sunday Forums

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

April 1—No Forum. People are encouraged to attend the Easter Breakfast.

April 8—Lutheran Campus Ministry: Making a Difference. Join Lutheran Campus Ministry students, alumni, and board members to hear gratitude expressed for their relationship with University Lutheran Church of Hope, followed by a conversation about LCM today, where they are headed, and what impact this ministry is having on students. Looking forward to seeing you there!



April 15—Martin Luther's Trek to Rome. In 2010, historian Andrew Wilson and his wife Sarah, an ecumenical theologian, retraced Martin Luther's pilgrimage to Rome. Along the way they saw much of what Luther saw, and a great deal that he did not. Come hear and see this winsome, visually stunning reflection on Luther, his world, and how to think about the Reformation 500 years later. Andrew and Sarah are friends of Paul and Melissa Odenbach.

April 22—Holy Land Reflections. Eight members and friends of Hope, led by John Setterlund, recently traveled to the Holy Land. They will present a sample of the holy places, historic sites, and local people they encountered during their two weeks in Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. We will see this holy place through their hearts and minds.



April 29—Mt. Sinai: A Sacred Place. Stewart Herman will show pictures from his trip April 5-17 to the Sinai in Egypt. A group of 12 is planning to build a dam to retain rainfall for Bedouin fruit orchards. The group also plans to attend Easter vigil and other liturgies in St. Catherine's monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai, and to become acquainted with this and other sites and traditions of desert spirituality.

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

Study after study reveals that fewer young people are attending church, and of those who do attend, they 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 at the university of Minnesota is privileged to walk alongside some of these young adults while they're in college, and we are looking forward to being present with you on April 8 for LCM Sunday!

We will present the Sunday Forum that day. A student will preach the sermon, proclaiming the Gospel and sharing stories about her life in college. We'll also have a board member present to share a bit about our ministry before and after the church service. Finally, we are grateful that University Lutheran Church of Hope will be taking a special offering in support of this vital young adult ministry. For more information, visit www.umnlutheran.org/lcmsunday

Faith in Community Activities

Mini-Market at University Lutheran Church of Hope

You may have heard that the Neighborhood & Campus Team has been exploring the possibility of hosting a mini-market in our parking lot. In January the board approved this measure, and the team is hard at work finding vendors. We hope to launch the market in June of this year.

A mini-market is a farmer’s market with five or fewer vendors, intended to serve low-income communities. Dinkytown has great restaurants, but access to fresh produce is limited; a market at Hope will ensure that our neighbors can get fresh, affordable food. Mini-markets are also great community builders, drawing the neighborhood together and creating a destination for fellowship. If you have questions or would like to help with this effort, please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

University Area Sanctuary Coalition Prayer Vigil April 29

Each month the University Area Sanctuary Coalition hosts a prayer vigil to bring together our congregations, to pray for the end of unjust immigration laws, for the safety and dignity of our immigrant neighbors, and to support the work of ISALAH’s Sanctuary Coalition and other immigrant-led organizations. Please join us April 29 at 7p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Church for this important worship opportunity. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Treasurer’s Report

	Actuals Feb 2018	Budget Feb 2018	Feb 2018 Variance	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	\$34,917	\$41,976	(\$7,059)	\$69,793	\$ 83,951	(\$14,158)
Rental Income	11,504	11,723	219	15,690	24,446	(7,756)
Total income	\$46,421	\$53,699	(\$7,277)	\$85,483	\$107,397	(\$21,914)
Total Expenses	\$46,305	\$53,699	(\$ 7,717)	\$102,208	\$107,397	\$ 5,189
Net Cash Activity	\$ 116	\$ 00	\$ 116	(\$16,725)	\$ 00	(\$16,725)



I’m sure some people would look at our total income numbers and be worried. There are a few reasons I’m not worried. There are always slower times in the church year when giving is down; the first part of the year is one of them. I have faith in our members. And, PEASE continues to be a faithful part of our community. So I’m not worried.

Our staff and volunteers continue to work diligently to do all we have to do and still keep expenses within our budget. Our current capital campaign, Revealing Hope, has pledges of \$382K. Thank you members. These contributions will allow us to build our bread oven, build the children’s play area, make some organ repairs, continue to pay our mortgage, and replace the plexiglass over the stained-glass windows with glass so our windows can shine to the neighborhood. We are truly blessed.

This is my last Treasurer’s report. Thank you for letting me be your Treasurer for the past two years.

Ruth Hedman
Treasurer

Hope Book Club

On Sunday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hope Library, the Hope Book Club will discuss *Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure.



“During the Nazi occupation of Paris in World War II, an architect devises ingenious hiding places for Jews.” Belfoure’s debut thriller is suffused with the pervasive apathy and subterfuge of the Nazi occupation of Paris, but the novel is inspired by an act of simple yet life-preserving kindness. www.kirkusreviews.com

May 13: *Birds Without Wings*, by Louis de Bernieres. An epic chronicle of the making of modern Turkey. Please contact Sonja Peterson with book suggestions or questions at 612-789-0397 or speterson@dunnwald.com

Congregational Life

Dates to Keep in Mind:

April 1: Easter Festival Sunday Worship. Easter Breakfast.

April 8: Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday. Hope Book Club.

April 15: Drop In Choir (practice in the chapel at 9:30 a.m. and sing during the 10:30 a.m. service)

April 18: Prayer Around the Cross at 7 p.m.

April 25: Garden of the Righteous Concert at Hope.

April 28: Camp Amnicon Packs and Paddles Fundraiser at Hope.

April 29: University Area Sanctuary Coalition Prayer Vigil at St. Anthony Park UCC.

May 4-5: Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly.

Life Events at Hope

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

Welcoming children: Welcome Constance Catherine, new child of Regina Skoy and grandchild of Connie Skoy; and Joel Michael Schreuder, child of Nick and Shannon Schreuder, grandchild of Steve and Betty Schreuder. We pray for those in our congregation who are awaiting children and holding hope in joyful and painful times.

Deaths: We pray with Carol Steinberg at the death of her godmother Aunt Betty; the family and friends of regular Hope visitor David Simpkins, especially David's wife Linda; Bill and Jan Sanden, at the death of brother-in-law Steve Bren; Sarah and Nathaniel Cooper-Evans, Samson, Juna, and Liv, at the death of grandfather/great-grandfather Olaf Grant. We continue to pray for the family of Hope member Millie Holmgren who died in January – her memorial service will be April 28; and for the family of Ken Anderson, whose memorial service will be April 20. Both of these services will be at Hope.

Significant Illness: Those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, addiction, and mental health struggles, especially Hannah Kiresuk, Janet Carpenter, Madeline Teske, Peter, Micah Anderson, Alexander Otey-Wold, Cyndi Ganzkow-Wold, Trish Gorbunow, and Chuck Lewis.

Separation, Divorce, Retirement, Moves, Graduations, and New Beginnings: We hold one another in prayer. God is with us through it all.

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast will be served from 9:15-10:15 on Easter morning. Please join us on this festive day and invite friends and family to attend. The high school youth at Hope will host the Easter Breakfast this year to raise funds for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Thanks to the youth and their families who make this possible.

Camp Amnicon Packs and Paddles

This year Hope is hosting the Packs and Paddles Fundraiser for Amnicon Outdoor Ministries on Saturday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. Consider yourself invited and watch for the official invitations soon. A silent auction is part of this gathering. Do you have items that could be donated? Not only is this a fundraiser for Camp Amnicon's ministry, but our youth and families will be preparing and serving the Packs and Paddles meal to raise funds for our congregation's two trips to Amnicon this summer. Plan to attend!

Still Looking... For a Sunday Morning Opener and Closer

As our current Sunday Morning Opener and Closer, Ben Hartmann, anticipates a move this summer, we are seeking someone who may be interested in this very part-time paid role. It includes opening the building at 7:30 a.m., and light clean-up and set-up. Then, around 12:30 p.m. the closer secures the building and turns out lights. This role involves security, hospitality and light cleaning. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, talk with Pastor Jen.

Hope in the World News

Hope Reads: *A Good Time for the Truth*

One of the ways that our church can live into its recently adopted Racial Justice Mission Statement is to intentionally read about the life experiences of persons of color. Many excellent books have been published recently and the Hope Church library has a number of them, but one in particular is by Minnesotans of color who, through one set of circumstances or another, have made this state their home. The book is *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, edited by Sun Yung Shin (St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press). To the end mentioned above, the Hope Racial Justice Team is sponsoring a congregational book reading opportunity to engage with the contributors and gain a better sense of the obstacles they have faced as non-white residents of our state.

Since its publication in 2016, the book has received very positive critical and popular attention, so much so that there is usually a waiting list to borrow it from a local library. To alleviate the problem of getting a copy, Racial Justice will be ordering copies and subsidizing their cost to enable Hope members who want to participate, to have a personal copy at a reduced price. Watch for more information in the coming weeks about what we are calling “Hope Reads,” as well as plans for a culminating event in early June for which we are inviting several of the authors to be with us for a panel discussion of crucial issues raised within its pages.

The Racial Justice Team
Hope in the World

Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly and Bishop Candidate Forums

Each synod of the ELCA gathers annually for a synod assembly. Our synod, the Minneapolis Area Synod, will gather on May 4 and 5 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey. Thanks to those who plan to attend from Hope: Voting Members Josh Felling (youth), Kirsten Mebust, and Nick Tangen; Pastor Barbara and Pastor Jen; and retired clergy Brian McCaffrey and Diane Greve.

This year we will be electing a synod bishop. Our current bishop, Bishop Ann Svennungsen, could be reelected for another six-year term, or another candidate may be elected. Please include this election and the synod assembly in your prayers. There are bishop candidate forums scheduled for Saturday April 7 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington and Saturday April 14 at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids (watch for times on the synod website). You are welcome to attend either or both of these forums. Speakers at the synod assembly include Archbishop Musa Panti Filibus (Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria), Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bible study leader Dr. Michael Chan, and musicians Jonathan Rundman and poet Joe Davis.

Summer Shared Day Camp for Kids

What? An ecumenical summer day camp shared by congregations (more than a dozen!) in south and southeast Minneapolis. This year’s theme is Love Your Neighbor. Mornings include Bible stories, music, art/mosaics, games, puppets, and more. Afternoons are larger activities and field trips.

When? June 18-22, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where? Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 South 17th Avenue, Minneapolis.

Who? Children entering K through 8th grade

Registration and Cost? Registration forms coming soon. The cost is low and subsidized by the congregations. Want to register or volunteer? Talk with Pastor Jen or Nick Tangen.

Helpers and Volunteers Needed? Youth helpers entering 9th thru high school, and adult volunteers.

President's Report

A lot of things are happening at Hope these days. That abundance of activities generated a very robust agenda for the March Vision & Governance Board meeting. Here's a recap:

As of mid-March, pledges to the Revealing Hope capital campaign totaled just over \$307,000. We are off to a good start, and pledges are still coming in. It's never too late to participate in this important effort to help us pay down our mortgage and make improvements to our facilities.

With capital fundraising well under way, the board authorized expenditures for two of the special projects that will be funded by the campaign. The community bread oven team will begin acquiring materials in the next few weeks, hoping to begin construction at the beginning of May. We will celebrate that occasion with a festive "bread breaking" ceremony following a Sunday service. Stay tuned for details. The group spearheading the effort to build a play area in the courtyard is working out the final details of the plan. A contract with the landscaper will be signed in the next few weeks, and construction will begin as soon as weather allows.

Aware that there are many components to the current campaign, the board joyfully accepted an offer from Kristin Tangen to help us keep track of the various projects. She will work with representatives from each group (bread oven, play area, stained glass, organ) to identify milestones, monitor expenditures, summarize tasks completed, and let us know how the overall process is unfolding. She will plot this information on a master project chart that will be posted in the hallway outside Pastor Jen's office. Watch for it.

With the new capital campaign under way, the board also took steps to close out the Hope for the Future campaign that began in 2015 and ended earlier this year. Among other things, the group considered how to allocate just over \$4600 in benevolence funds generated by that campaign. The board identified a list of potential local, regional, national, and global beneficiaries. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to select a recipient in each category during a Sunday service in April.

Members of the University Lutheran Church of Hope staff, Vision & Governance Board, and Capital Campaign Committee will participate in a planning retreat on Saturday April 14 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul. The group will revisit the 2015 "Igniting Our Life Together" visioning statement, review findings from the Listening Study created as part of the Revealing Hope campaign, and begin to formulate an updated vision for our future.

The board agreed to begin exploring a way to undertake an IT audit that will help us evaluate the current condition of our technological infrastructure, identify needs, and create a coherent and systematic plan for improvement. We will initiate the process by contacting churches and non-profit organizations that may have experience in this area.

As always, it was an interesting and exciting month at University Lutheran Church of Hope. Blessings,

John Lauber
Congregational President

'Tis the Season to Make Summer Plans

Here are a few summer dates to keep in mind and add to your calendar.

Outdoor Worship Services June 10, July 8, and August 12.

Apostle Islands Trip through Amnicon June 17-22. Youth and adults. (Yes, that's right: youth AND adults – This is your chance!).

Summer Day Camp June 18-22. Children entering k-8, youth and adult volunteers.

Paddling on the St. Croix River and/or Camping at St. Croix State Park June 22-24. Paddling on Saturday, camp overnight Friday and/or Sunday.

Paddling on White Bear Lake July 14.

Camp Amnicon for kids entering 4th-6th grade August 12-16. Talk with Paul Odenbach or Nick Tangen.

Paddling on Lake Bde maka ska September 15.



Care and Nurture Ministry

Let's Get Acquainted with Phil and Joy Thompson

Phil Thompson's parents came from Milan, Minnesota at a time when Norwegian was spoken in the churches and on the street. His father was State Superintendent of Schools in North Dakota, so Phil and his siblings grew up in Bismarck. His parents encouraged him to be a musician; he began piano lessons at age five, but found it difficult to reach all the keys, and as a shy Norwegian boy he didn't like performing at recitals, so he asked to play the violin instead. In high school he played French horn. As a student at Concordia College in Moorhead, he played with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra. Always a fan of classical music, when Phil acquired a musical saw, he took on the challenge of bowing *Finlandia*.



While he enjoyed music, Phil is most passionate about art. In 1959 he joined the faculty at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where he taught all phases of art: drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and stained glass. A talented calligrapher, he also had a successful sign painting business. Some of his stained glass pieces are displayed at Augsburg University near the chapel. *Christmas in the City*, Phil's painting of the Madonna and Jesus in front of a city skyline, hangs in the south transept of our sanctuary; other paintings by Phil are in the lounge and in Thorpe Chapel.

Joy (Anderson) was born in Clyde, North Dakota, a Scottish-American community near the Canadian border, and grew up in Gary, in northwestern Minnesota. Her father's ancestors were Norwegian; her mother's family were Scottish-Irish-English Presbyterians from Canada. Joy and Phil met as art students at Concordia. Joy worked on the college newsletter and was assigned to interview Phil for an article. She recalls that Phil always brought his best to an art project. Phil recalls noticing the brunette with blue eyes. Both remember a double date they shared, with Joy in the front seat with Phil's best friend and Phil in the back seat with another girl. They remind readers that it was an age of innocence, and all were back in their dorm rooms by 9 p.m.



After graduation they married and moved to Iowa; Joy taught art and physical education for two years in Cedar Rapids while Phil did graduate work at the University of Iowa. They returned to Minneapolis, making their home in Prospect Park, and started a family. Joy volunteered at Pratt School and taught art to children on Saturday mornings at Hope. She was also a leader of the Girl Scout troop sponsored by Hope. Joy and Phil have two children, Sarah and Eric, and four grandchildren.



An artist in her own right, Joy began weaving as an expression of her love for color and texture in the fiber arts. In the 1970s, Joy formed a neighborhood interest group, "Mostly Weaving," and set up shop in their remodeled garage.

Using natural dyes, she wove her original designs into cloth and tapestry and crafted them into runners, jackets, vests, hats, scarves, pillows, purses, bags, and gift items.



Phil and Joy found their way to University Lutheran Church of Hope through members of their extended family. Phil served on the board of commissioners. He says that his faith is easier to express in artwork than in words. Rather than impose his perspective on others, he offers viewers an opportunity to discover their own interpretation of a work of art. Joy and Phil live in their home in Prospect Park and are delighted to be surrounded by their weavings, paintings, prints, and sculpture, and pieces crafted by their students and other artists they admire.

Rev. Barbara Johnson
Care and Nurture Ministry

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