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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.*

EASTER AT HOPE

Join us in worship for the cycle of liturgies at the very heart of our Christian story: the Three Days (Triduum) and the great festival of Easter. Special events and services lead up to this glorious celebration. Here are the worship highlights:

Pater Noster. Wednesday, April 10, 7pm: Evening prayer with world premiere of a new Bach cantata, *Pater Noster*, Martin Luther's hymn version of the Lord's Prayer, with music by J.S. Bach, compiled and arranged by Hope member John Setterlund. Featuring the Hope Choir, the Meadowlark String Quartet, Judy Ranheim (flute), Alexis Varghese (oboe), and soloists from the Hope Choir.



Palm Sunday. April 14, 8:30 and 10:30am: Festival worship with triumphal procession. Children sing and help lead.

Maundy Thursday. April 18, noon and 7pm services: This intimate liturgy remembers the Last Supper, includes the servant act of footwashing, and ends with stripping of the altar.

Good Friday. April 19, noon and 7pm services: This solemn liturgy begins with the procession of the cross and includes the reading of the Passion. The 7pm service includes darkness, silence, and candles.

Easter Vigil. Saturday, April 20, 7pm: This most eclectic liturgy of the church year takes us through the stories of God's salvation using storytelling and music. We keep vigil in the time between Jesus' death and his resurrection on Easter morning, remembering that, through the waters of baptism, we are born into this journey ourselves. This service includes lighting the new fire, an actual baptism, and holy communion.

Easter Sunday. April 21, 8:30 and 10:30am: With blooming joy we usher in the bliss of this holy day. Alleluias return in abundance, the aroma and color of flowers surround us, and brass music gives a celebratory exclamation point. We are alive again in Christ.

We hope you can join us for the complete stretch of this holy time in worship. Watch for the release of our Easter devotional book, written by members of the Hope community. Take a copy home and use it to help you keep the feast of Easter all 50 days. We especially thank our volunteer musicians and other worship volunteers in this exceptionally busy time of the year for their extra and effort and commitment to lead us in these observances. Their efforts make all of this come to life.

Zach Busch
Minister of Worship and Music

Faith in Community News

2019 Homeless Day on the Hill

On Wednesday, March 14 the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless hosted Homeless Day on the Hill. Many organizations involved in creating and advocating for affordable housing were part of this effort to advocate for more funding for our neighbors who are homeless or struggle to keep a roof over their heads, including Beacon Interfaith Housing, which encompasses 90 congregations including Hope in promoting affordable housing, sheltering families through Families Moving Forward, and advocating for the homeless. Sonja Peterson, our new liaison for Hope in the World, and Donna Neste attended this event. They heard speeches by Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, and visited senators and representatives to advocate for a Health and Human Services Bill that increases funding for affordable housing and services for the homeless.

Dinkytown Farmers Market

We are quickly approaching market season! The Dinkytown Farmers Market opens on June 5; be sure to come by for fresh produce, jam, pizza, and to meet our neighbors. Farmers markets are strong community builders, and we need each and every one of you to help us build and sustain this powerful ministry. One way you can support the Dinkytown Farmers Market is by becoming a market sponsor; sponsors financially support the work of the market, ensuring that we can hire a market manager and continue to expand our reach in the neighborhood. To learn more about supporting the market, contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org or check out the Dinkytown Farmers Market website at dinkytownfarmersmarket.org

District 60 Meeting with Legislators April 28

Join us on April 28 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary as we engage in conversation with District 60 Representatives Loeffler and Noor and Senator Diedzic about issues important to our community. We will discuss Driver's Licenses for All, renewable energy, health care for all, and much more. This is an opportunity for our community to ask our legislators to lead on the issues that are vital to Minnesota's living up to its reputation as a state that cares for all Minnesotans. It is important that we turn out powerfully at this In-District Meeting to make it clear to our legislators that the community is watching. If you have questions about this meeting or would like to help with set-up, please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Neighborhood & Campus Team Meeting April 7

The Neighborhood & Campus Team will meet during the Fellowship Meal on April 7 to discuss next steps and plans for the opening of the Dinkytown Farmers Market. If you are passionate about food security and/or sustainable agriculture, please consider joining us for this meeting to help strategize for the future of the Farmers Market. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Sanctuary & Immigration Strategy Meeting April 14

Hope's Sanctuary & Immigration Strategy Team will meet after worship on April 14. We will discuss the Driver's Licenses for All legislation, the In-District Meeting, and the many ways that Hope can leverage its collective power in support of immigrant rights. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Make us Bold to Pray

I'm writing this as news airs of the shootings at the two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. So far they tell us 49 new people have been killed, dozens more injured, many critically. By the time you read this, our attention will have turned (probably many times) to other pain, other devastation. I trust you know I condemn these killings, this hate, so that's not my focus this day. Rather, I'm thinking about our Lenten theme and how best to live it with this news in my ears and on my heart.



Make us bold to pray. That's our Lenten theme. Or, as we ask before singing the lovely new setting of the Lord's Prayer, "God, on this holy ground, make us bold to pray." Line by line, week by week, we're digging into the prayer that we know so well. "Our Creator, our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." "Give us today our daily bread." "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." "Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil." "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever."

This week, Nick Tangen, our Minister of Faith in Community, took his turn reflecting on a line of the prayer during the Wednesday Lenten services. We were pondering that second phrase about God's kingdom coming, on earth as in heaven. Nick told us how he was born with a hearty skepticism that easily can become cynicism. When a community on the other side of the planet is gunned down as they kneel to pray, that cynicism, and some powerful anger and grief and despair and disappointment and sadness and fire take hold of me. This isn't what God intended. That action, that killing, isn't the kin-dom for which we pray.

But then the bold and humble and strong and determined and urgently patient voice of Hope (we can call this God or God's grace) kicks in. While that pain isn't the kin-dom coming, our response just may be. And so on holy ground, with our Muslim neighbors, with all our neighbors, I am called again to pray. And prayer feels bold. Prayer feels counter-cultural. In the face of hate, I pray. In the face of pain and grief, I pray. When fears wash over, fears big and small, fears that you carry and share, fears that I carry for myself or my family, I pray. And, frankly, it feels bold. Of course, I act and listen and speak and weep and hold and march and teach and love and all the rest, but sometimes it's prayer that feels the most bold, the most out there.

In those bold prayers and in Jesus' prayer, Our Creator, our Mother, our Father in heaven...your kingdom come, your will be done, there is a simplicity in lifting our open hands to God and crying out in trust. That's bold. And it changes me. It transforms my cynicism into a holy action. It tempers my tears. It loosens my grip, so that I am aware of the holy ground on which I kneel, so that I'm rightly in awe of the holy mystery into whose care I place my life, so that I'm somehow able to accept the knowns and the unknowns, the immense joy and the numbing devastation, and hold it up to God's wide love.

It's Lent, Dear Ones, the cross is close, and Jesus' invitation to pray, and to pray boldly, is real. Perhaps it's the most sane thing we can do as the world keeps spinning. Make us bold to pray, O God. As Lent turns to Easter, make us bold. Amen.

Pastor Jen

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation for All Ages



Children's Ministry

In April, the children at University Lutheran Church of Hope will spend Sunday mornings exploring the Easter story through storytelling, music, art, and community.

April 7: Let's tell a story! Children will gather in Room 108 for First 15, a time to introduce the story and prepare for our time together. Then the 3rd through 5th graders will head to Room 101 for story time, and the K through 2nd graders will stay put for Godly Play.

April 14: Music day! Gather in the Sanctuary to learn some new songs, play some instruments, and explore music as a spiritual practice.

April 21: Easter Sunday. No Sunday School. Everyone is invited to join the fun and celebration of the Easter breakfast and Easter worship.

April 28: Art day! Gather in Room 103 for First 15 and to explore the Easter story through an art project. All children grades K-5 are invited to participate in Sunday morning faith formation. If you would like to learn more, please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org



Youth Group

High school youth will gather in the Youth Room on Sunday April 7 and April 14 for check-ins, study, and prayer. On April 18 (Maundy Thursday) the youth will gather at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and conversation and then join the congregation for Maundy Thursday worship. Please RSVP to Nick Tangen by April 14. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Centering Prayer Fridays at 1 p.m. in Thorpe Chapel



During Lent we lean into those spiritual practices of self-denial, silence, and contemplation. Join us on Friday afternoons for a time of sharing and silence in community. Centering Prayer is a silent method of prayer that prepares our faculties for the gift of contemplation. This time of resting in God encourages our listening and watching for God's action in our everyday life and helps build resiliency in the face of complexity and challenge. If you would like to know more, please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Elementary Students at Camp Amnicon

We are finalizing dates for our summer adventure at Camp Amnicon for elementary students. Hope has sent students to Amnicon for many years; last year a new batch of young students participated for the first time. By the time the April *Visitor* goes out we will have finalized dates, so keep an eye on the *Thursday Epistle* and Sunday announcements for updates. If you have a student in 3rd through 5th grade who is interested in heading north for a wilderness adventure at Camp Amnicon, please contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Bible & Brews April 29 6pm at the Tangen Residence

Exactly what it sounds like...Join us for a relaxed conversation about Scripture, the church, current events, and of course...beer! Bring your favorite libation to share and any snacks you find tasty. All are welcome (well, all over the age of 21)! Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org

Sunday Forums

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

April 7: The Courage to Teach. "If it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach" (Romans 12:7). Join Nan Knutsen and a panel of Hope members who are themselves teachers as they share their experiences from the frontline of education today. What difference has a teacher made in your life? We'll share those stories as well. Come join the conversation.



April 14: Holden Stories of Hope. Hope members who have found their time at Holden Village to be formative and transformative will share how their time at Holden, high in the Cascade Mountains, has shaped and nurtured their faith. Ann Beane, John Lauber, and Elizabeth Lincoln will take the lead. Others likely will join the conversation. Hearing the stories may enrich and enliven our lives together.

April 21: Easter Sunday. No Sunday Forum. We invite everyone to attend the Easter Breakfast.

April 28: Practices of Ramadan. Ramadan begins May 6, this year. We have invited a speaker from the Islamic Resource Center as our guest presenter to better inform us of the basic theology and practices of Ramadan. Since many people in the Twin Cities are Muslim, it is beneficial to be informed about Islam in order to be good neighbors to those in our community. Please join the conversation and expand your understanding.



Friendly Visitor Easter Flower Project

Now that we are in the midst of the Lenten season, contributions for those who would like to contribute to the Friendly Visitor Easter Flower Project are being accepted. Included below is a form if you do not have access to a church bulletin.



This annual Friendly Visitor Easter Flower Project provides an opportunity for people to make a donation in memory of, or in honor of, a family member or friend. Their names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The money is used to buy Easter plants that will decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the flowers will be delivered by caring congregational members to the homebound, those healing, and those who lost a family member this year.

To participate, fill out the form below and include a check, made out to ULCH Easter Flower Fund. Forms and checks can be put in the offering plate or mailed to Friendly Visitor Project, University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, attention: Rosalie Eldevik. Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 is the deadline for anyone interested in contributing to this project.

Please detach and return with a check made to ULCH Easter Flower Fund

In memory of _____

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Thank you for your contribution and being part of this wonderful ministry.

If you can assist in delivering Easter plants after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 21, please sign your name and phone number below.

Name _____

Phone _____

Treasurer's Report

January 2019 and Year-to-Date Income and Expense						
	Jan. Actual	Jan. Budget	Jan. Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	41,275	40,168	1,106	41,275	40,168	1,106
Rental Income	11,928	12,182	(254)	11,928	12,182	(254)
Total Income	53,203	52,351	853	53,203	52,351	853
Total Expense	58,242	52,351	5,892	58,242	52,351	5,892
Net Operating Income	(5,039)	-	(5,039)	(5,039)	-	(5,039)

February 2019 and Year-to-Date Income and Expense						
	Feb. Actual	Feb. Budget	Feb. Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	37,253	40,168	(2,916)	78,527	80,337	(1,809)
Rental Income	11,968	12,182	(215)	23,896	24,364	(469)
Total Income	49,220	52,351	(3,130)	102,423	104,701	(2,278)
Total Expense	55,651	52,351	3,301	113,894	104,701	9,193
Net Operating Income	(6,431)	-	(6,431)	(11,471)	-	(11,471)



General giving totaled \$41,275 and \$37,253 for the months of January and February, respectively. YTD we've received \$80,337, which is \$1,809 under budget. Rental income totaled \$11,928 and \$11,968 in January and February for a YTD total of \$24,364. Total income for the months of January and February were \$53,203 and \$49,220, for a total year-to-date income of \$102,423, which is \$2,278 under budget.

This year we continue to actively manage our expenses. Expenses totaled \$53,203 and \$55,651 for the months of January and February, respectively. In January, we paid December 2018 and January 2019 Mission Support. Additionally, insurance is paid four times a year, in January, April, July and October. Finally, in December 2018, we installed a new water pump in the lounge which was subsequently paid in January. In February, a portion of the winter's snow removal expense was paid. We expect to pay the remaining amount in March. Additionally, the natural gas expense was higher than usual due to the polar vortex in January. Finally, in February, we installed a new toilet tank. Year-to-date, expenses are \$9K over budget. We had a net operating loss of \$5,039 and \$6,431 in January and February, respectively.

We continue to pay our mortgage using the contributions from the Capital Campaign. As of December 31, 2018, our principal balance (remaining mortgage liability) was \$922,464. In 2018, we paid a total of \$124,597 (\$83,630 was applied to the principal balance and \$40,967 was paid in interest).

Thank you for all the ways you contribute to University Lutheran Church of Hope. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Emma Carpenter
Treasurer

Hope Library News

The Hope library has subscriptions to several periodicals. Recent issues are on display, ready to be read on the spot or checked out. Two are directly from the ELCA: *The Living Lutheran* is a monthly report of news, personal profiles, theological reflections, events in congregations, society, and global mission, plus crossword puzzles, necrology, and letters to the editor.



Gather is a monthly incentive “for faith and action,” intended mainly for women of the ELCA. Its ongoing Bible study is widely used, and supplemented by personal witnesses, short essays, and historical studies.

The library receives two publications from the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians: *Cross Accent* is a semi-annual journal that focuses on a certain subject or theme each time.

In Tempo is a “practical resource for Lutheran church musicians,” published three times a year, with instructions, resources, and opinions for on-going music ministry in congregations.

Other periodicals to watch for and enjoy include:

Spark Family, “fitting family faith into everyday life,” a quarterly magazine that uses Bible stories and related activities to teach ways of talking about God and Jesus with children, and raising issues of faith and ethics. It is written by St. Paul resident Marc David Olson.

The Christian Century comes bi-weekly, “thinking critically, living faithfully.” Published by ELCA pastor Peter W. Marty, this is the best available summary of religious news worldwide, with profiles of notable people, book reviews, left-leaning editorials, and thoughtful commentary on our Sunday scriptures.

Biblical Archaeology Review, “world’s most widely read biblical archaeology magazine” a non-denominational bi-monthly publication. Well illustrated, it reports scientific discoveries in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan, and interprets the influence they have on our understanding of the Bible.

The Atlantic a bi-monthly literary magazine, with articles of fiction, world events, business, social and political issues, and personalities; art; book reviews; and letters to the editor.

John S. Setterlund

President’s Report and Vision & Governance Update

*Embrace all persons through their life journey in a community of love, respect, and acceptance;
Be true to the journey of faith where there is safe space for doubt, questioning, curiosity, and genuine grace.*

Our practice at Vision & Governance Board meetings is to begin with a brief time for centering and devotions. Pastor Jen has been leading us in reflections on the Vision Goals that the congregation adopted earlier this year. In March the focus was on the lines quoted above. Sharing with one another how these goals guide our ways of welcoming and being in relationship with one another in this place energizes and grounds our service. The time to slow down and reflect on these goals is a welcome gift.

Vision & Governance Board Highlights for March:

- Watch for news about a blog from Nick.
- Watch for information from the new Outdoor Recreation Team (part of Relational Ministries). The snow, ice, and puddles should be gone soon!
- Watch for Bread Oven events and opportunities to volunteer. Bread and pizza bakes are in the plans.

Carol Flaten
Congregational President

Congregational Life

Dates to Keep in Mind, including some summer events to add to your calendar:

- April 10: Bach Cantata during Wednesday evening Lenten Service, with choir and orchestra
- April 14: Palm Sunday
- April 18: Maundy Thursday Services, noon and 7pm
- April 19: Good Friday Services, noon and 7pm, Good Friday Walk at 4:30pm
- April 20: Easter Vigil at 7pm
- April 21: Easter Morning Festival Services, 8:30 and 10:30am, Easter Breakfast between services
- April 28: Guest preacher and a focus on global ministry
- May 5: Pulpit exchange with University Baptist Church (and their bell choir)
- May 19: Final day of the program year; Fellowship Meal
- June 9: Pentecost
- June 14-16: Church camping and paddling (on Saturday)
- June 17-21: Ecumenical Summer Day Camp (9am-4pm)
- Aug. 12-16: Holy Ground Community Organizing Camp (evenings)

Life Events at Hope

We're a community called to hold one another in prayer in every season, in our deepest need and grief, and in our experiences of new life. 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 the church office. We include in prayer...

Welcoming children and baptism: Vanessa Pramann (child of Stephanie Vazquez Morons and Joe Pramann) was baptized on March 24; Harper Eberle (child of Ryan Eberle and Amanda Parsons) will be baptized during Easter Vigil on April 20 (Harper's March baptism plans were snowed out). We pray for those in our congregation who are awaiting children and holding hope in joyful and painful times.

Marriages: We pray for all those preparing for marriage, and for all relationships of commitment.

Deaths: We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, including Esther and Jack Dant at the death of Esther's sister-in-law Pat Faas; Joannie Minnetti and family at the loss of Joannie's mother, long-time Hope member Eleanor Edstrom, who died March 8 at the age of 104 (a memorial service at Hope is planned for May 14); Mary, Maja, and Siri Knutson at the death of former Hope member Paul A. Knutson in February; and the family and friends of long-time Hope member Jean Brovold, who died over the Christmas holidays.

Significant Illness: Those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles, including Peter Ostroushko, Bob Swanson, Janet Carpenter, Hannah Kiresuk, 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.

Fellowship Meal in April

We've had our share of snowy Sundays this winter. Our March Fellowship Meal was postponed because of snow. We hope for good weather and plan to gather for a Fellowship Meal after the 10:30am service on Sunday, April 7. This meal is a fundraiser for our elementary kids going to Camp Amnicon this summer. Please attend if you're able, enjoy the time together, and support our kids! Grad and undergrad students are our guests.

Camp Amnicon Packs and Paddles Benefit Fundraiser

Again this year, University Lutheran Church of Hope will host the annual Camp Amnicon fundraiser called Packs and Paddles. As a congregation with a long and deep relationship with Amnicon, please consider yourself warmly invited to this special evening on Saturday, April 6, 5:30-8pm. It will include good food and company, inspiring stories from the camp, and a chance to support the program. Please RSVP as soon as possible to 715-364-2602 or info@amnicon.org

Hope in the World News

Bread for the World Breakfast

This year the Twin Cities Bread for the World Team is serving a breakfast on Sat. April 6, 9-11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Edina, to commemorate and invigorate our work on behalf of poor and hungry people. Come and accept thanks as a Bread for the World congregation for years of prayers, writing letters, and keeping the poor in front of your advocacy efforts. Network with other churches that do the same, and be rejuvenated by the impact you have made. If you are interested in attending, contact Donna Neste at 612-244-6285 or d_nestea@yahoo.com.

This year's Offering of Letters (date to be announced) is about Global Maternal and Child Nutrition.

Donna Neste
Hope in the World

Hope Diamonds Senior Group Meets May 8



(Note the change of date). Lunch is served at noon in Fellowship Hall. The program following lunch will be led by Sara Tufvesson Doure, Ann Beane, and Pastor Barbara Johnson. They will share stories and pictures from their experience in Puerto Rico in February, when they helped to repair homes damaged by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Hope Diamonds will not meet in April (Holy Week).

Rev. Barbara W. Johnson
Pastor for Care and Nurture

Global Mission



Our guest preacher on Sunday, April 28, is Eamon Ormseth. Eamon spent 2017-18 as a volunteer with Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), serving as a teacher in Palestine. Hope members who travelled to the Holy Land last year met Eamon at Sunday worship in Beit Jala near Bethlehem and have maintained contact after his return to the US last fall. We're delighted Eamon is able to be with us the Sunday after Easter as we lift up Hope's Global Mission ministry area, including our Nigeria partnership and past connections with YAGM. Amanda Vetch, our current Riverside Innovation Hub coach (Rwanda), and Kjerstin Sanden Yager (Argentina) are also YAGM alums.

Our Internship Committee

Our Internship Committee at Hope (from left to right): Wayne Westwood, Karen Westwood, Erika Larson, Merrill Morse, Suzie Robinson, Jeanne Berkeland, and Nan Knutsen, all surrounding Intern Linqing Chu. This is a great group with lots of blessings for Intern Linqing.



Take the *Visitor* to the Next Level!

Marty Lewis-Hunstiger is retiring as layout/copy editor of the Hope *Visitor* after the August 2019 issue is put to bed. Donna Neste contacts current submitters of material and compiles all the content; someone with experience in desktop publishing is needed to lay out the material for each of the 11 issues (we skip one of the summer months). Anyone interested in taking on this role should contact Pastor Jen.

Hope Church Trust Board Grants for 2019

The Hope Church Trust Board is happy to announce grants for 2019. We're grateful for the many ways they reflect the energy and diverse interests of Hope's members as they put their faith into a wide range of actions.

- \$400 for Mental Health Connect, an interfaith collaborative providing mental health services.
- \$500 for Hope's Green Team, to help us become a Climate Justice Congregation.
- \$300 for a Hope in the World speaker.
- \$1,000 for equipment upgrades for Hope Sunday Forums.
- \$1,500 for recording the ULCHers music for outreach ministry.
- \$1,000 for hand drums for the new Hope worship drumming group.
- \$2,000 to sending representatives to a synod training event on community organizing.
- \$2,000 to support the Dinkytown Farmer's Market.
- \$2,000 for a racial equity training event.
- \$4,000 for Hope's Bread Oven landscaping.
- \$4,000 for the Arts and Environment Task Force.

Once again, generous support for the Hope Church Trust has made grants such as these possible for enhancing and extending the life and mission of our congregation. Through donations, memorials, bequests, and other such support, the Trust will continue to be a blessing that keeps on giving, both within Hope's walls and beyond.

The Hope Church Trust Board

Joan Campbell, Meri Hauge, Jack Dant, Robyn Swenson, Scott Hvizdos, Norm Aaseng, and Merrill Morse

Another Great Toni Morrison Book to Discuss with the Hope Book Club

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Nancy Miller's home, 2501 27th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, the Hope Book Club will discuss *A Mercy*, by Toni Morrison. "*A Mercy* joins Toni Morrison's celebrated body of work exploring the African American experiences of slavery and freedom.



But in *A Mercy*, Morrison's handling of those issues is more multifaceted than in her previous novels. Morrison goes back to the beginning of slavery in America, in the late 17th century, a period during which America was far more diverse and complex than is generally imagined today." www.goodreads.com

May 12: *Virgil Wander*, by Leif Enger. *Virgil Wander* is an enchanting and timeless all-American story that follows the inhabitants of a small Midwestern town in their quest to revive its flagging heart.

Please contact Sonja Peterson with book suggestions or questions at 612-789-0397 or speterson@dunnwald.com

"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light." Vera Nazarian

Facilities Team Update

The Facilities Team is pleased to announce the arrival of two new prep tables for Hope's main kitchen. Elizabeth Lincoln and the Bread Ministry team worked diligently to find two stainless steel tables to replace three mismatched ones. They feature four functional drawers and a better work height, and are commercial grade to serve our needs for many years to come. Together they form a sizable work area for all kitchen users.



Funding was provided by a Hope Trust grant to the bread ministry. Take a look the next time you're by the main kitchen--they're so shiny and bright you might need sunglasses!

Lounge Fireplace Update: Our new lounge gas fireplace suffered a breakdown in February. We called for service and found that major components and a wiring harness had to be replaced. All parts and service were covered under warranty. Thanks to Ken Lynes for making the service arrangements and being on site during the repairs.

John Pignatello
Facilities Co-chair

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