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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.*



**SPRING  
AT  
HOPE**

Top Left to Bottom Right: New Members in May, Gloria Circle, Easter Egg Hunt, LCM Grads, University Baptist Church's Bell Choir, Hope's Staff on Coach Amanda's Last Day, Bread Oven, ISAIAH In-District Meeting

## Faith in Community News

### Dinkytown Farmers Market

The Dinkytown Farmers Market opens on Wednesday June 12 at 4:00 p.m. Be sure to welcome our new Market Manager Sarah Holle, who began in May and will help expand the market to ensure that it can provide fresh and affordable produce to Dinkytown for years to come. This market depends on the patronage of University Lutheran Church of Hope members, so please join us as we build community in our neighborhood and enjoy the fresh food from our excellent vendors.



### Welcome Back Students

It's time to begin planning our annual Welcome Back Students festival! This year we will focus on building community in a neighborhood that is in a perpetual state of transition. If you are interested in helping to imagine creative and innovative ways to welcome incoming students and residents to our neighborhood, please contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)

### Riverside Innovation Hub

The Innovation Team has applied for a grant to expand our vision for public church and “porous walls” in Dinkytown. We will embark on a year-long listening campaign, within the congregation and in the neighborhood. As we begin this next leg of our adventure, please consider the ways in which you might lend your gifts to this experiment! If you have questions, or would like to help with this effort, please contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)

Nick Tangen

Minister of Faith in Community

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## Hope in the World

### Noisy Offering!

Our Noisy Offering total for May is \$49.00. Many thanks! We recently sent a check for \$548.58 to The Sheridan Story food program for students at Marcy Open School. Our donations and our volunteers help make sure that kids have enough food throughout the weekend. Kids bring bags of food home in their backpacks on Fridays.

### Bread for the World Offering of Letters: Doing Something New Along with the Old

On Sunday June 30, University Lutheran Church of Hope will hold our annual Offering of Letters after worship in the lounge. Take a few minutes to sign or write a letter urging Congress to advance global nutrition by increasing funding for cost-effective bills that help to nourish mothers and children, especially from conception to two years, the most critical time in a child's life. We are making progress, but it is far too slow. There are still 151 million children stunted, which affects them cognitively and physically for life. Almost half of all child deaths are due to malnutrition. This year we are doing something new. We are asking you to bring your smart phone or laptop to send an email instead of a letter to your legislators. All their email addresses and a sample letter will be available. Stamps, paper, pens, envelopes, and addresses will be available for those who would still rather put pen to paper or just want to sign a letter

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## President's Report and Vision & Governance Update

The gardens coming alive around our building remind me of the planning, planting, and ongoing nurturing that occur in a continuous cycle here at Hope and in many areas of our lives. Our Vision & Governance Board meeting was energized with the many initiatives that are taking place in ALL of the ministry areas. Highlights of the May meeting that involved board action include drafting and approval of a letter of support for the Dinkytown Farmer's Market for a grant application through ELCA Hunger Grants, and a resolution supporting the Conflict-Free Initiative, considering issues that impact countries from which the minerals used in computers and other electronics are extracted. Vision & Governance Board meetings will move to the third Tuesday of the month to accommodate the timing of the financial report data.

Carol Flaten

Congregation President

## Be Open

Time flies no matter what. Serving as intern pastor this year at Hope has truly been a blessing for me. I remember when I first started, there were many concerns hovering in my mind: Can people understand my English? Am I able to preach in English? Will people welcome me? How can I serve in a Lutheran congregation without a Lutheran background? Will I figure out my call after this internship? With numerous concerns and uncertainty, I began. Now, I want to say, I have the most supportive people with great energy for learning.



The journey began with a phone call from Luther Seminary. When the school first called me to meet with Pastor Jen, I was nervous because I thought about how all the churches I had interviewed with rejected me. Was this why the school asked me to meet with other supervisors? With this question in mind, I met with Pastor Jen, and the interview went very well. I went back and prayed, and the words “Be Open” kept coming to me just as it has always been in my faith journey. So, I said yes. And I’m so lucky to have Pastor Jen as my supervisor!

On my first day, I attended my first staff meeting and we went out for lunch at the Blue Door. In the coming days I also met with the Internship Committee and Nan Knutsen, who was my Internship Committee point person. One Sunday after worship, Karen and Wayne Westwood invited me to lunch with their family. I received many other invitations like that from members of the congregation. The whole congregation welcomed me and was very supportive in so many ways.

I remember all the encouraging words people gave me (“Remember, your call is very important.” “You have a special gift...”); I remember the suggestions (“Why don’t you try this?” “Always looking for the good news in your sermon...”); I remember how intimidating and scary it was preaching from the pulpit for the first time; I remember the moments I asked so many questions about the language and Lutheran traditions (and I still do!); I remember how nervous I was when I did the first Children’s Message; I remember the visitations with lots of great conversations; I remember the meals we shared together in Fellowship Hall, Hope Diamonds gatherings, meeting with my Prayer Partner Abby, and finally, many others within the Hope congregation that I did not mention directly. I remember the many great services, and the ornate decorations in the sanctuary; I remember some of the ups and downs during the year; I remember some of the funny moments (for example, when my friend and I got into the wrong car while browsing on our phones, right after I preached about our over-reliance on cell phones!). I remember some painful moments (the mass shootings, the wildfires that ravaged California, and the waves of immigration issues); I remember the smell of fresh bread, the taste of burritos, the sound of making bulletins, and numerous other activities.

“Be Open” and be still. I will carry and grow with all those moments and feelings as I keep advancing on this faith journey.

Intern Pastor Linqing Chu

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## Gratitude and Generosity Summer Potluck Picnic June 16



Save the date for a time to gather together on June 16 after the 10 a.m. service. It will be a time to celebrate both annual giving and the Revealing Hope capital campaigns (ending January 2021). We will do some Father's Day celebrating as well!

All are invited to bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. It will be held rain or shine. Hope to see you there!

Gratitude and Generosity Team

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS



## Faith Formation for All Ages



### Children's Ministry

We extend a major “thank you” to our teachers, volunteers, and other leaders who helped to make Children's Ministry at University Lutheran Church of Hope such a fun and vibrant experience this year! We tried out some new rotations, stretched our leadership, and learned a lot. Hope is lucky to have such quality and passionate congregants willing to spend their time accompanying the children of this community in their faith journey. We look forward to trying more new things in 2019/2020.

Parents and guardians, we would love to hear feedback about this year's programming. If you have comments, please contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)



### Youth Group

We give thanks for the youth of University Lutheran Church of Hope and bid Godspeed to those who graduate this year. Over the summer, leaders and volunteers will reevaluate and reimagine High School ministry at Hope to serve the needs of a small but dynamic group of middle and high school students, and to empower students to take leadership within the congregation. Your feedback and imaginings are welcome! Contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org) with any questions or comments.

### Camp Amnicon

This summer University Lutheran Church of Hope will send two groups to Camp Amnicon for wilderness adventures and treks in canoes! August 4-9 the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will head north for their first canoe adventure on the Namekagon River. This will be a mix of river travel, camping, bonfires on the beach, and storytelling. There is still room on this trip, so if you have a student in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to attend, please contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)



We are also in the planning stages for a high school trip to Camp Amnicon. This trip will take place in August, and we are seeking additional participants. If you have a high school student who would like to explore the north woods, please contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)



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

*Prayer does not blind us to the world, but it transforms our vision of the world, and makes us see it, all people, and all the history of humankind, in the light of God. – Thomas Merton*

Each Friday at 1:00 p.m., we gather in Thorpe Chapel for a short reading and 20 minutes of silence. In the practice of Centering Prayer, we release our attachment to our thoughts and allow ourselves to rest in God. You are invited to join us! Whether you have practiced Centering Prayer for years, or if you are curious and come for the first time, you are invited. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)

### Bible & Brews June 24 and July 22, 6p.m.



Exactly what it sounds like...join us for a relaxed conversation about scripture, the church, current events, and, of course...beer! Bring a libation and any treats you'd like to share with the group. We will gather at the Tangen residence in NE Minneapolis.

Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at [nickt@ulch.org](mailto:nickt@ulch.org)

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS



## Faith Formation for All Ages

### Sunday Forums 2019-2020

Sunday Forums begin again after Labor Day. In the meantime, the Forum committee is looking ahead to next season and is open to hearing from University Lutheran Church of Hope members for possible programs in the future. We are beginning to fill some of the dates but are open to ideas. Programs by Hope folks seem to be the most well attended and warmly received, but we also like to include outside speakers as well. Send ideas and suggestions to Diane Greve at [dkgreve@gmail.com](mailto:dkgreve@gmail.com) by Aug. 1 if possible.

### 2019 Day Camp: Come to the Table!

South Minneapolis day camp is a progressive ecumenical summer day camp experience offering faith formation in a fun, safe, Christ-centered and relational setting. A dozen or more congregations come together to lead and support this day camp. Our theme this year is "Come to the Table." We will explore food justice, creation care, radical welcome, communion, and being part of a global community as we play, pray, make art, sing, and learn together!

**Dates:** June 17-21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day

**Ages:** Entering K through entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade (separate tracks for elementary and middle schoolers)

**Where:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis

**Volunteers:** High school and adult volunteers needed

**Registration forms:** Available at church and on our website

**Questions:** Talk with Nick Tangen, Intern Linqing, or Pastor Jen.

### Holy Ground Community Organizing Camp August 12-16, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30

**p.m.** Holy Ground Community Organizing Camp provides an opportunity for children to learn the basics of faith-based community organizing through play, strategy, and storytelling. Students build their own neighborhood out of cardboard boxes and learn about what makes a neighborhood flourish, while gathering for singing, conversation, and creativity. Throughout the week an issue will confront the neighborhood and the students will need to strategize, build power, and seek a solution to protect their community. We will explore the ways in which Jesus' ministry, grounded in love, was able to transform communities. Each night will begin with a shared meal, storytelling, and singing. All students K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Cost is on a sliding scale up to \$30 per student. Register on the University Lutheran Church of Hope website.

### Children's Play Area: New Leadership and Events!

At the last Children's Ministry Team meeting, Ann Agrimson and Ann Beane discussed their desire to pass on leadership guidance for the Children's Play Area to adults of young children; Sarah Cooper-Evans and Paige Whitney graciously stepped up! The Anns plan to finish installation of a gutter ramp for water and ball play, and weave more fabric on the trellis. Though they are passing on their role to new leaders, they will continue to celebrate the use of the Play Area and get together with families for years to come.

Materials for the Play Area are in blue bins inside the fenced-in area next to the stage. Anyone is welcome to use them as long as children are being supervised and the materials are put back afterwards. The Play Area will be used this summer for an official summer time with families called Potluck, Picnic, and Playtime on June 9, July 14, and August 11 after the 10:00 a.m. service. Watch the bulletin board near the Welcome Center for more activities related to Recreation and Retreat. Help yourself to a pamphlet.

Still have questions or would like to help? Feel free to contact Sarah at [sarahcooperevans@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcooperevans@yahoo.com) or Paige at [lalunapagina@gmail.com](mailto:lalunapagina@gmail.com)

Ann Beane  
Children's Ministry Team

# Treasurer's Report

## April 2019 and Year-to-Date Income and Expense

	April Actual	April Budget	April Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
General Giving	45,413	49,225	(3,812)	163,671	164,690	(1,019)
Rental Income	13,376	12,182	1,194	52,109	48,729	3,380
Total Income	58,789	61,407	(2,618)	215,780	213,419	2,361
Total Expense	61,267	50,042	11,225	229,162	205,885	23,277
Operating Income	(2,478)	11,365	(13,843)	(13,382)	7,534	(20,916)



General giving totaled \$45,413 for the month of April. Year-to-date we've received \$163,671, which is \$1,019 under budget. Rental income totaled \$13,376 in April, contributing to a year-to-date total income of \$52,109, which is \$3,380 over budget. Total income for the month is \$58,789, for a total year-to-date income of \$215,781, which is \$2,362 over budget.

Expenses totaled \$61,267 in April. As expected, salaries and benefits were \$3,848 over budget due to the calculation error communicated last month. Additionally, operation expenses were \$1,094 over budget due to increased natural gas use. We continue to actively manage our expenses each month. Increased rental income has offset our higher-than-budgeted expenses; year-to-date expenses are \$23,277 over budget.

This month we received \$20,030 in capital campaign (Revealing Hope) contributions. After paying our monthly mortgage amount of \$6,919, we have net income of \$13,111. We are looking forward to organ repairs this summer and starting the improvements to the stained glass windows later in the year.

**On Sunday, June 23, we'll hold a Congregational Financial Meeting following the 10 a.m. service.** This will give us a chance for updates about our financial situation and conversation. Please plan to attend. 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

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## Holy Land, Anyone?

More than once have members of Hope asked me, "Do you have another tour of the Holy Land planned?" My answer has been (and is), "No real plans." Before I can begin to plan a tour, there needs to be a group of people who want to go. Eight of us from the congregation formed such a group in 2017, and we, together with friends recruited from many other places, made a highly successful pilgrimage to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine in the spring of 2018.



Personally, I am delighted and eager at the thought of leading a group to these places, but I'm not able to recruit individuals into the group. There are several parameters to consider:

- It takes about a year of planning, in order to reserve the desired guesthouses and local guides. A typical trip is two weeks.
- A good time to travel is in the spring. Palm Sunday in Jerusalem is hard to beat. Another good time is late October, when the olives are being harvested.
- Travel in the Middle East is safe. As tourism is the principal business, governments and commerce go out of their way to make visitors feel welcome and comfortable.
- Because I lived and worked in the West Bank for two years, I am personally interested in connecting with the people there and in Jerusalem.
- A rough estimate of per-person cost is \$4000, including air and land travel, hotels, and guides. We try to be careful with our expenses.

If forming a group from our church and friends is not possible, there are several Holy Land tours organized by local travel agencies, many affiliated with churches, which an individual may register with. I am happy to answer questions about the Holy Land and about getting there.

John Setterlund 6

# The Young Adult Innovation Team

The Young Adult Innovation Team has been busy engaging in practices that help us be intentional in living out “porous walls.” Most recently, we’ve practiced interpretation: the weaving together of Our Story, God’s Story, and Our Neighbor’s Story. Our practices included one-to-ones with church historians, survey questions in the bulletin, listening intently to the things that are spoken and sung, reflecting on the values University Lutheran Church of Hope lives out in shared activities and committees, and distilling some of the theological claims of this faith community.



We move from this practice of interpretation into discernment. The big question that we are contemplating is, “Knowing what we now know, what is God calling us to do and how is God calling us to be?” This question will guide the team as they write and submit a grant application to the Riverside Innovation Hub at Augsburg University.

This transition forward also signals that my role as Innovation Coach is soon coming to an end. I am full of gratitude as I reflect on the many things I’ve learned in my brief time with all of you. Your deep care and compassion for community, both inside and outside the walls, is inspiring. I value the way that you, as a faith community, live out your faith and theology. These are just the beginning of my learnings; the best might still be yet to come! I have a few more weeks remaining; my last Sunday in worship will be May 19 and my official last day is June 1.

Amanda Vetsch

Riverside Innovation Hub - Innovation Coach

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## Outdoor Fun: Hope Recreation & Retreat Ministry

Here is an invitation to build our Hope community having fun outdoors and getting to know people in a leisurely way. All members and friends of Hope are welcome. If you are new to things like camping, Hope members have extra equipment to share.



The best place for current information about any event is on the church website. Also there will be notices each week in the *Thursday Epistle* and the Sunday bulletin. If you prefer to stay a little closer to home, “Potluck, Picnic, and Playtime” will follow the worship service every second Sunday, June through August. We look forward to our times together! It would be good to put the following dates on your calendar now:

**Saturday June 1:** Walking at Cold Water Spring, south of Minnehaha Falls.

**Friday/Saturday June 14/15:** Camping and paddling at Interstate State Park. Stay one or both nights or just come to paddle on Saturday.

**Sunday afternoon July 14:** Biking on the Luce Line Trail in Plymouth.

**Saturday Aug.10:** Biking on the Cannon Valley Trail.

**Jan. 17-20, 2020:** Annual women’s retreat.

**Feb.15-17, 2020:** Presidents’ Day retreat, with hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and relaxing.

Alden Tetlie

Recreation & Retreat Ministry

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## Gardens of Hope Summer Schedule

Summer is finally here and our plants and weeds are growing. The garden work schedule for those that can help is like last year: Evenings, 6 to 8p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays, and mornings, 10a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Here are the dates and times for June and July; hope to see you in the gardens, either working or enjoying.

June 5 -- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

July 3 -- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

June 12 --10:00 a.m. to noon

July 10 --10:00 a.m. to noon

June 19 -- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

July 17 -- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

June 26 --10:00 a.m. to noon

July 24 -- 10:00 a.m. to noon



There will also be at least one workday for a special project; watch the *Thursday Epistle* for notices. There are garden spaces you can adopt if you would like. And, if you would like to be on the Gardens of Hope email list, please let me know.

Kathy Knudson for Gardens of Hope

# Congregational Life

## Dates to Keep in Mind:

June 5: PEASE graduation.

June 9: Pentecost Sunday. “Potluck, Picnic, and Playtime.”

June 12: Prayer Around the Cross. Dinkytown Farmers Market opens. Pizza!

June 14-16: Church camping and paddling.

June 16: Outdoor worship. Gratitude and Generosity Summer Potluck Picnic.

June 17-21: Ecumenical Summer Day Camp (9 a.m.-4 p.m.).

June 23: Congregational Financial Meeting after 10 a.m. worship

June 30: Bread for the World Offering of Letters.

July 7: Drop-in Choir. Graduation Celebration. Intern Linqing’s final Sunday.

July 14: Outdoor worship. “Potluck, Picnic, and Playtime.” Biking.

Aug. 11: “Potluck, Picnic, and Playtime.”

Aug. 12-16: Holy Ground Vacation Church School (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

## 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 contact the church office. We include in prayer...

**Welcoming children and baptism:** We pray for those in our congregation who are awaiting children and holding hope in joyful and painful times. We give thanks for the birth of Zoe Mae Wong, child of Anna Mebust and Terence Wong, grandchild of Kirsten and Bruce Mebust.

**Marriages:** We pray for all those preparing for marriage, and for all relationships of commitment. Gus Gustafson and Bessie Browne will marry on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Deaths:** We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, including Ann Wagner and Eric Ringham at the death of Ann’s father George Wagner; the family and friends of Trish Gorbunow (service details are pending) who died in late April; Stephanie and Joe Pramann at the death of Joe’s aunt Ruthie; and Paul Auguston and Edie French, and the whole Auguston and French family at the death of Paul’s father Allan Auguston.

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

**Separation, Divorce, Retirement, Moves, Graduations, and New Beginnings:** We hold one another in prayer. Soon...Please see information on the windows near the lounge hallway about the many in our community who are graduating this season. God is with us through it all.

**PEASE Academy** (Peers Enjoying a Sober Education) is the recovery high school that has graced our building for the last 30 years. The students at PEASE all have overcome addictions and now seek a sober place to continue their recovery and education. On Wednesday June 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, the seniors will graduate from high school with plenty of pomp and some powerful expressions of what they’ve overcome to achieve this success. You are invited to attend the graduation celebration, support the good work of PEASE, and glimpse what happens daily around University Lutheran Church of Hope.

## Graduate Celebration July 7

On July 7 we honor members of our community who are graduating from schools, and bid Godspeed to those leaving for further education. Join us for a reception following worship to celebrate our grads!

## Save Your Books to Donate to the Book Sale

Hope members read great books! Start saving your summer reads and all the rest to donate to the Annual Book Sale at Hope during the Welcome Back Students event in September!

## Worship and Music at Hope

The Holy Spirit rollicks through this community! It has been a fabulous program year of worship and music at Hope. For the tremendous gifts of time and passion that our worship and music leaders invest for the worship of God in this place: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Summer takes a quieter turn around the building, but we remain engaged in worship and community. We will hold monthly Prayer Around the Cross services in the chapel at 7 p.m. June 12 and July 10. These brief services offer silence, simple singing, and candles. We hold these services in conjunction with the Dinkytown Farmer's Market. Get your produce shopping and your praying done in one convenient location!

We'll do Drop-In Choir on July 7. Come at 9 a.m. to prepare an easily-learned piece to sing at the 10 a.m. service. We'll worship outdoors on June 16 and July 14; bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, and sunglasses on those days! Sundays when we are indoors, musicians from the congregation will offer special music.

At end of May we said goodbye to our 2018-2019 Choral Scholar Yilun Dong. His presence and beautiful tenor and countertenor singing has enriched Hope Choir's work and adorned our worship together. A message from Yilun: *I had a fantastic experience as a choral scholar during the past year. The variety of music styles selected by Zach brings more joyfulness to me and all the other choir members. Thanks to the multiple solo opportunities, I am gradually getting comfortable in communicating church music with the congregation. Their encouragement is what keeps me motivated to sing. I am very deeply touched by many University Lutheran Church of Hope choir members who came to support me at my first recital in Minnesota, as you made the major part of my audiences. Wish you happy forever in this big "choral family."*

I welcome your prayers as I plan to lead worship and music at Holden Village July 21-27 with my friend and colleague Leah Bergman. This will be my first time ever at Holden Village and I am very much looking forward to it. I will bring with me the spirit of this community and the exciting things we are doing.

Yours in the Spirit - in us, in All,

Zach Busch

Minister of Worship and Music

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## Great Summer Books with the Hope Book Club

On Sunday June 9, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Library, the Hope Book Club will discuss *Waking Up White - And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving.



“Debby Irving’s powerful *Waking Up White* opens a rare window on how white Americans are socialized. Irving's focus on the mechanics of racism operating in just one life—her own—may lead white readers to reconsider the roots of their own perspectives—and their role in dismantling old myths. Readers of color will no doubt find the view through Irving's window fascinating, and telling.” [www.debbyirving.com](http://www.debbyirving.com)

**July 14:** *Kristin Lavransdatter*, by Sigrid Undset. “Set in 14<sup>th</sup>-century Norway, Nobel laureate Sigrid Undset tells the life story of one passionate and headstrong woman. ... Undset immerses readers in the day-to-day life, social conventions, and political and religious undercurrents of the period.” [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)

**Aug. 11:** *Song of Solomon*, by Toni Morrison. “The novel with which the Nobel prize-winning author established her name is a kaleidoscopic evocation of the African-American experience in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.” [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

Please contact Sonja Peterson with suggestions or questions at 612-242-8711 or [speterson@dunnwald.com](mailto:speterson@dunnwald.com)

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## Green Team Update: New Energy for Solar Energy

Since our inspiring Green Team Sunday on March 24, our team has new members, new energy, and a new model for focusing our passion for Creation, thanks to our colleagues at Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light. We continue as stewards of the congregation's building, grounds, and physical resources, working to make sure they are used in healthy, sustainable ways, including our ongoing work with total recycling, diverting runoff, and monitoring our energy usage. A Solar Subcommittee led by Stewart Hermann is exploring ways for our congregation to pursue solar energy as a sustainable source of power. Watch for updates through the summer as this radiant group studies, learns, and plans.

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Marty Lewis-Hunstiger for the Green Team

# Care and Nurture

## Let's Get Acquainted

Geraldine “Jerry” Hanson is a recent newcomer to the University Lutheran Church of Hope community. She was born and raised in Albert Lea, MN where her parents lived in an upstairs apartment in her grandparents’ home.

Jerry first met John “Jack” Hanson when they were in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They were friendly, but not allowed to date until after confirmation in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Jerry worked in the “Teens” department of a local store, where she organized style shows and modeled the latest 1940’s teen fashions. Jack joined the Navy and was off to basic training two days after HS graduation in 1944. He was stationed in the Philippines. They married after he returned. Jack worked at the Albert Lea Fire Department for 30 years, also serving as photographer for accidents.



Jerry worked hard as a homemaker and mother to Jill, Tom, and Mark. She was a homeroom mother and a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader when her kids were young. A member of Grace Lutheran Church in Albert Lea for 48 years, she was active in her circle Bible study group. She was the chairperson of the Ladies Aid groups serving on the wedding and funeral committees and fellowship meals. She is a knitter and a quilter—making many quilts for Lutheran World Relief—as well as special ones for her own children and grandchildren.

Jerry and Jack enjoyed camping, fishing, and being summer campground hosts at RV parks in northern Minnesota after retirement. Eventually they moved to Savage, MN. There, she started a project to stuff dolls for Children’s Hospital, and recruited others from her apartment complex to help. Jack passed away in 2009.

Jerry lives in Richfield now. Her son Mark lives in Austin, MN. Her daughter Jill and son Tom live in the Twin Cities. Tom and his wife Sue are members of Hope. Jerry adores her 6 grandchildren and she especially delights in the antics of her 12 great-grandchildren. Jerry likes to read on her Kindle. She enjoys visiting with friends and neighbors, she is a gracious listener, and she makes a great cup of coffee.

## Hope Diamonds



Pizza & Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, June 19. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you’d like. Remember to sign up at the Welcome Center or tell your caller that you’ll attend. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

## Gratitude from the Friendly Visitor Flower Committee

Every year we receive gratitude from many of our flower recipients at Eastertime. What a joy it is to receive a beautiful plant in celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection, and a reminder that life continues to thrive. With this plant, one can resurrect wonderful memories of a family member lost, celebrate recovery from surgery, be reminded of something beautiful while recovering, or just know that people are praying for us during difficult times.

It takes many people to make this a vital and caring ministry. First there are the contributors to the Easter Flower Project, who honor and memorialize loved ones. Their support provides beautiful plants to adorn our sanctuary, which adds to the Easter worship celebration. Then, there are the deliverers who are sent out to spread the joy of Easter to the homebound with their presence, along with the plant.

Behind the scenes, we need the Flower Committee: Bruce Eldevik, who keeps track of all the people on the prayer list for the year; Kathy Knutson and Pat Lindquist, who calculate how many plants are needed and then arrange for volunteers to deliver each plant; the money counters who designate our funds to the correct account; Gayle Bidne, who works hand-in-hand with me as she types up all the memorials in the midst of the busiest week of the church year; and finally the altar guild who so beautifully arrange the flowers for Easter morning. Individually it is not a lot of work, but together it is huge ... and many lives are touched. We thank you all.



Rosalie Eldevik

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