



HOPE LUTHERAN C H U R C H & S C H O O L

"Engaging the disinterested to walk in the HOPE of Jesus"

August/September
2015

A Picture of the Future

Two years ago I saw a picture of beautiful Colchuck Lake, nestled well over 5,000 feet in altitude. Colchuck Lake is on a trail that ultimately leads to a high mountain part of the Cascades known as "The Enchantments." As soon as I saw this picture, my heart began to ache and hunger for the opportunity to see this lake in the shadow of mighty Dragontail Peak and Asgaard Pass with my own eyes. And five days ago, that opportunity came as I led a family expedition on an 8.2 mile hike climbing 2,200 feet in elevation. Upon our arrival at Colchuck Lake, it was even more spectacular than I realized it would be. The picture that had called out to me two years ago was now right in front of me, reflecting the glory of God the Creator. Crystal clear, ice cold, light blue-green water shimmering in the sunlight in front of a 3,000 foot rock wall towering high above into the sky. The picture made me hungry, but it wasn't nearly as incredible as the real thing. Pictures are just that—images, representations, clues as to something real and true—they point the way to the thing they depict.



The same is true for our lives as individual followers of Jesus and our life together as a church. We each have a picture of what kind of life we want to live and then we take steps to get there. The challenge is that sometimes our vision is blurred by concern for ourselves or the things immediately in front of us and we don't always see accurately where God wants us to be and to go. The writer of Proverbs describes this well: "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed." Proverbs 29:18, MSG. So often we stumble all over ourselves because we either can't see or find it inconvenient to see what God is doing. God's call to us is the opposite: to "attend to what He reveals." When we do, we will see an inspiring picture that will create a hunger in our hearts to go chase after that picture in reality, no matter how long or steep or difficult the road to get there.

As many of you have heard, twelve Hope members spent ten months and over eight hundred hours as a part of a "Vision Pathway Team" to "attend to what He reveals." I have shared about our new mission statement several times on Sunday mornings, and some of you were able to attend the special congregational meeting in January to hear more of the details. This September, I would like to paint a picture for you of what God has revealed to our Vision Pathway Team—a compelling and inspiring picture of where God is calling us as a ministry in the next year and beyond. Beginning in October, we will launch into a year of looking at beautiful pictures of where God is calling us, while simultaneously providing real life tools to begin hiking towards the real life places those pictures represent. Together, this theme will be called "HOPE 365." The idea is that we want to spend the next year trusting in God to make us as excited about our mission as we are about the Seahawks during the NFL playoffs. Tall order? Absolutely! But I have a deep belief and faith that God can do anything, so I invite you to join me in praying that He will grow a gnawing hunger in your heart and mine for Him and the mission He is giving us like never before. More details of this picture of our future and tools to hike towards it will be available early in the fall.

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I also invite you to consider the following opportunities for connecting with God and others this fall:

* **Sunday worship:** make a commitment to worship Him with your brothers and sisters in Christ every week you're in town.

* **Men's and Women's Retreat:** Go deep in your faith for an incredible weekend with other men or women in the beauty of God's creation - Oct 2-4 (Men), Oct 9-11 (Women) - more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

* **linkHOPE:** start or join a small group this fall. This year, our style of small groups will shift from being content-based on a curriculum for six weeks to being connected to the weekend message as well as discussion questions related to our mission as well as learning to "engage" and care for each other through listening, encouragement, and prayer within the small group time. More information about how to sign up will be available soon. Please contact our linkHOPE coordinator Karen O'Brien or myself, if you have questions.

Our new mission is "engaging the disinterested to walk in the Hope of Jesus." It's a pretty incredible picture that would take the miraculous power of God to become reality. Join me as together we spend the next year paging through pictures of the travel brochure of what that could look like and as we begin the journey to get there...this will be a great year!

In His Strength and Peace,

Pastor Peter



Women of Hope Ministry Action Team News

MAT members: *Gwen Fraser, Karen Webster, Ginny Eilers, Patra Mueller, Korene Schultz, Dianne Koltz.*

LWML District Retreat this September 25-27 in Leavenworth. *Come Into His Presence*



The convention starts at 7 p.m. Friday and runs through noon Sunday and will be held at the Best Western Icicle Inn. For a registration form or for more info, the district website is www.wa-aklwml.org. The convention fee is \$90 per person.

The fee includes Saturday's lunch and dinner. If you stay at the hotel, breakfasts on Sat-Sun are included in the room rate of \$169, plus 11% tax. Join Karen Webster, Ginny Eilers, and others for an inspiring event.

Coming October 18, 2015 - Women of Hope—Lutheran Women in Mission Potluck. Women of Hope (that is ALL women of Hope) mark this date following the 10:30 a.m. service for a potluck luncheon. Ruth Ann Shimoi, our LWML Lake Washington Zone president, attended the national convention as our representative and will briefly highlight news about our MITE Box projects.

Gift and Goodies Sale - November 15 - This annual



event has helped to fund many projects at Hope that just did not fit in the church budget (new chairs for the Fellowship Hall, furniture for the

Commons, to name a few). Once again we want to provide quality crafts and goodies suitable for gift giving.



Sometimes the best gift is a coupon with the promise of a service, special craft, or treat to be delivered at a later date.

Consider donating a talent or service, such as housecleaning, baking, gardening, walking the dog, etc. We all know how time flies, so start now to bring to life all those crafty ideas that are germinating in your mind!

Save the Date - May 7, 2016, it is not too early to get this date on your calendar for our annual **Spring Tea** (back by popular demand)!

God Loves MARRIAGE

Am I a Hog?

When I was a kid playing on the Hope Lutheran basketball team, we had a term for people who, once they got the basketball, would rarely pass it to someone else but would usually take the shot themselves. We called them a “ball hog.” It wasn’t fun to play on a team with a ball hog, and a team with one, usually didn’t win as many games as it should have, especially if the hog wasn’t as good of a shooter as he thought he was! Nobody really thought of themselves as that player, and to be called a ball hog was in insult.



As years went by, a group of us from the church met on Sunday nights at SLHS to play basketball just for fun. I remember the evening one very kind, tactful player who shall remain nameless (Jamie Hood) told me, “Loren, when you and your brother are on the same team, there just aren’t enough basketballs on the court!” Wow! That was a real eye opener to me. I began to ponder what it was like to play on my team and began to work hard at making good passes and encouraging others on my team rather than assume our best chance of winning was when I shot the most. I tried to quit putting people down for mistakes. You know who had noticeably more fun playing the game? Yep, I did. To this day, the high points that I remember from decades of playing hoops are of

the best passes I made, not just another shot. That even includes making a half-court shot at half-time (we lost that game). And, yes, maybe my favorite pass was a cross court no-look pass to Jamie for a lay-in that no one could believe I saw developing. My only regret was that the pass was a foot too low, otherwise he would have slammed it!

Marriage counselors Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott have a favorite question they like to ask couples. As you can imagine, the question is “What would it be like to be married to me?” Now, before you answer “Fabulous!”—take a moment, find a happy place by yourself, and replay the mental tape from today, last week, last month, and last year. Ask yourself, “What is it like for my spouse when I come home?” “Do I come in and start dumping my emotional garbage on my spouse or does my spouse find it refreshing when I enter the room?” “Do I spend a few moments finding out how their day was and what I can do to help, or do I wonder why the house isn’t cleaned or the lawn isn’t mowed yet?” “Do we unite and tackle adversity well together, or do we let it divide us and play blame games?” “Do I ask my spouse if it’s OK to invite friends over on a given day, or do I tell them when my friends are arriving and what I need?” “Do I discuss major purchases or changes with my spouse, or do I tell them about what I did?” “Do I communicate well when plans change or when I am running late?” “Do I think of ways to show my spouse how much I love them, or am I a ‘hog’ and wonder what they have done for me lately?”

I can tell you that when I come home, Bernadette always comes to the door and greets me with a smile and a kiss, no matter how hard her day was. She genuinely makes me feel like she is glad that I am home. That encourages me to reciprocate and show her how much I appreciate her. Try to envision yourself in their shoes and you are off to some good conversation and a stronger marriage. When you both try to out-love your spouse, marriage really rocks!

Enrich Your Relationship on a Fall 2015 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

November 6 - 8 - Seattle / Renton, WA

Married husbands & wives can apply at GodLovesMarriage.org. Contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley at carl.presley@comcast.net or 206-522-6849 or for more information. But hurry! Pre-registration is required and Weekends fill fast - don't miss out!

Notes & News

BIRTHS -

Congratulations to the following families:

Jonathan & Amy Kopecky welcomed a baby boy into their family.

Justin & Ashley Courtney welcomed a baby boy into their family. Proud grandparents are Chiquita and Michael Wilson.

BAPTISMS -

We welcome the following into the family of God:

Eve, daughter of Louis and Rachel Couwenberg, baptized on May 27, 2015

Jack, son of Louis and Rachel Couwenberg, baptized on May 27, 2015

Isaac, son of Nicolas and Cecily Boyd, baptized on June 28, 2015

Destiny, daughter of Heather Longnecker, baptized on July 26, 2015

Madison, daughter of Quentin Spaulding and Chastity Longnecker, baptized on July 26, 2015

WEDDING -

Congratulations to Tim Allen and Brianna Bywater on their wedding this past June!

MEMBER CONTACT UPDATES: - (CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION)

Lorraine Hell - (new phone number)

Bobbie Mowery (interim address)

Michal Allaire (Anderson) (address update)

Tim and Brianna Allen (address update)

NEW MEMBERS - The following completed the Hope 101 class or transferred and were welcomed into membership on June 7th, 2015:

Katherine (Katie) Begalke

Steven and Tami Clark & children

Dean and Ann Dahley & children

Michael and Louanne Dempsey & children

Grace Maier

Kristine (Krissy) Harvis & children

Stephen Ministry Meeting, Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All past and present Stephen Ministers are invited.

This meeting will be a continuation on the study:
"Our Feelings...feelings of the care provider and of the receiver".

Since the Stephen Ministry program was begun at Hope in 1986, over 100 individuals have been trained with the special Christ-centered caregiving life skills.

If you are interested, in need, or have questions - please contact Bob Christian at abchris2@comcast.net.





Spiritual Parenting begins Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose room. YES, it's true! We enjoyed this book so much, we are offering the class for a second time. Join us as we, together as parents, journey through this incredible book. We will learn how to create environments where God's love can be shared in tangible ways. This class will not focus on controlling a child's behavior. Rather, it will focus on passing on a vibrant faith so the love of Jesus will guide our children through each stage of life. Reserve your book by contacting patramueller@hopeseattle.org.

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 in the Music Room! This is for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Children will be studying the stories of the Bible in fun and creative ways. Our preschool children will be focusing on Old Testament stories such as the story of Moses, Samuel and David. First through Fifth grade students will be focusing on Old Testament stories including Creation, Noah, Abraham, and Isaac. Sunday School children will have the opportunity to participate in a quarterly mission project through their weekly offerings. It is a great opportunity to teach our children the importance of helping others.

Priscilla Women's Bible Study

The Priscilla Bible Study group welcomes all women to a new Bible study starting this fall:

Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.

We will use a LWML study, ***Focus Lost ... Focus Restored***, which deals with nine biblical personalities and examples of times when they lost their focus and when their focus was restored by God. Materials are available on line or hard copies will be made available. No cost. Please join this diverse group of women for fellowship in God's word. For further information or questions contact Ginny Eilers or Dianne Koltz.

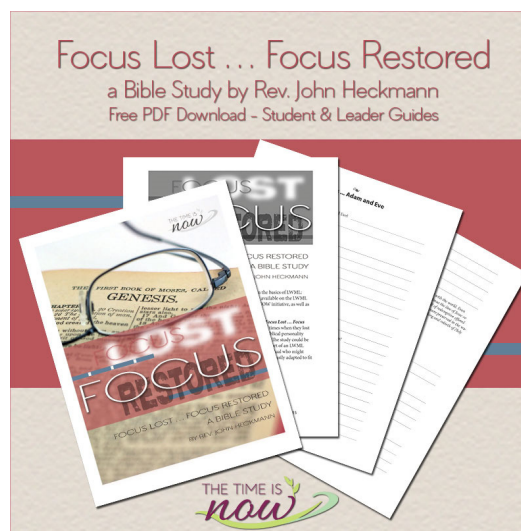
Family Faith Foundation Sundays - The fourth Sunday of each month families meet in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., for a special Family Faith activity. A great opportunity to live out your faith together as a family! Watch the weekly bulletin and e-news for more details.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Begins Thursday, September 10, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Commons. We will be studying Beth Moore's study on the book of James, *Mercy Triumphs*. This study is for women of all ages. Contact patramueller@hopeseattle.org if you would like to join the study. Childcare will be arranged with advance notice.



Hope Helping Hands - Do you need help around your house with a leaky faucet or changing a light bulb? The Hope Helping Hands are willing and ready to help. Contact Wayne Machmiller or the church office for more details and to arrange a helping hand.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters: 8:00 Leonard & Lill Pedde 10:30 Paul & Kay Zankich	Chancel Guild: Sylvia Baxter Darlene Roberts Dianne Koltz	1	2 First Day of School 8:40am School Chapel 6:30pm PTH Board (v) 6:30pm RüT Middle School Youth (y/f)	3 7pm Music Team(s) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Women of Hope MAT (v)	4 Church office closed 10am Bible Study(v) 6pm SLHS Athletics Pasta Night Fundraiser	5
6 6pm oFOUR2 High School Youth (y)	7 Labor Day - Church Office Closed 	8	9 8:40am School Chapel 6:30 RüT Middle School Youth (y/f) 7pm Choir (s)	10 8:30am Women's Bible Study Begins© 7pm Elders (v) 7pm Music Team(s) 7pm Line Dancing (f) NEWSLETTER: OCT/NOV DEADLINE	11 Church office closed 10am Bible Study(v)	12 8:00am Men's Breakfast (f)
13 9:30am Sunday School Begins 6pm oFOUR2 HS (y)	14 11am Saints & Shut-Ins 6pm Foundation (v) 7pm Stephen Ministry (fr)	15 7pm School Curriculum Night 7pm Priscilla Bible Study (c)	16 8:40am School Chapel 6pm Journey - Confirmation Orientation (y/f) 7pm Choir (s)	17 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Music Team(s) 7pm Line Dancing (f)	18 Church office closed 10am Bible Study(v)	19
20 6pm oFOUR2 HS (y)	21	22 4pm Church Staff Meeting (v)	23 8:40am School Chapel 11:30 am Mary Martha Bible Study 7pm Choir (s)	24 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Music Team(s) 7pm Line Dancing (f)	25 Church office closed 10am Bible Study(v)	26
27 9:30am Family Faith Event - (f) 6pm oFOUR2 HS (y)	28 7pm Board of Directors (v)	29	30 8:40am School Chapel 6pm Journey Begins (y/f) 7pm Choir (s)	Men's Retreat Oct 2 - 4		

Calendar code:	l = Library
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fr = Fireside Room	v = View Room
y = Youth Room	f = Fellowship Hall
c = Commons/Narthex	n = Nursery
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Women's Retreat

Sabbath: Rest, Renewal, and Relationship

October 9 - 11

Friday 3:00 p.m. to Sunday 12 noon

Sabbath – We all know what it is. Well, sort of. We all know what it is not. Well, sort of. In the thoughts of what it is and what it isn't are the following: "It's Sunday;" "It's supposed to be a day of rest;" "It isn't supposed to be about a bunch of rules." Do we need it? Well, we think perhaps we might potentially (add more caveats here) need it, "but I don't have time for that." Yet there is a longing in each of us; a longing for rest, a longing for spiritual renewal; a longing for time to cultivate a relationship with God and with each other. This year's retreat will focus on these longings.



Jane Rubietta, an international speaker and author, is our retreat speaker from the Chicago area. She said it took her a bit to realize just how important it is to practice the Sabbath. With a degree in business she was a buyer and worked in management before she was called to go to the seminary. All this was on top of being a minister's wife and the mother of three. To her, Sabbath is so important that she has authored two books focused on personal retreats and building Sabbath time into our busy, often harried, lives. How, you might ask? Come hear Jane speak. We also selected one of her two books on Sabbath for our book club workshops. Copies of *Quiet Places: A Woman's Guide to a Personal Retreat* are available from Delores Kannas for \$12 per copy, or purchase in the church office.

Location: Pilgrim Firs Conference Center, Port Orchard

Cost: Full weekend: \$145 / Seniors (62+) \$135

Early bird (registered & paid by 8/30) saves \$10

Saturday only: \$75 (no senior/early bird discounts)

Registration is open online at hopeseattle.org. Paper registration forms are available in the Commons.

Come for rest. Come for spiritual renewal. Come to cultivate your relationship with God and your sisters in Christ! Come for Sabbath!

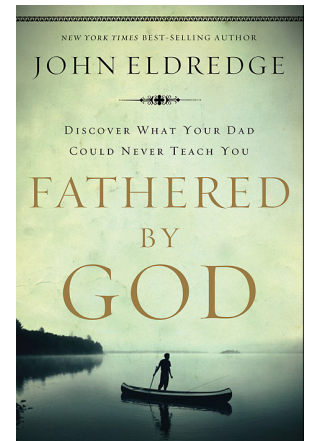
Men's Boot Camp

You Are Not Alone - October 2 - 4

Get away from it all for a weekend at the edge of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area at Tall Timber Ranch with a bunch of guys from Hope! Experience times of adventure, worship, teaching, rest, personal reflection, and laughter around the campfire with other guys. Our theme this year is "You Are Not Alone" and will be centered around the message of the book *Fathered by God* by John Eldredge.

Here is a summary of the book:

"There is a path leading to authentic manhood, cut by men who have gone before us, sons following in the footsteps of their fathers, generation after generation. There are perils along the trail, even disasters -- all the more reason to rely on the guidance of a Father who has gone before."



"But in an age when true fathers are in short supply, how do you find the path to manhood? How do you steer clear of the dangers?"

John Eldredge calls men back to a simple and reassuring truth: "God is our Father. In life's trials and triumphs, God is initiating boys and men through the stages of manhood from Beloved Son to Cowboy to Warrior to Lover to King to Sage."

"Fathered by God maps out the path of manhood -- not more rules, not another list of principles, not formulas, but a sure path men have followed for centuries before us."

"Find that path and become the man God sees in you."

For more information or if you have questions, contact Pastor Peter at pmueller@hopeseattle.org or 206-937-9330, ext 101.

Online registration is open at hopeseattle.org.

Rates: \$135 by August 31st

\$145 by September 17th

\$155 by September 30th



"You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? Have you suffered so much for nothing—if it really was for nothing? Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?" Galatians 3:1-5

I am very convicted by this passage. I read it as: "You are foolish, Jonathan! What are you doing? Why are you doing it? You know Jesus is real and yet you act as if it's not a big deal..."

Summer can be a very "time off/time away" season for me. I was just talking with my wife, Amy, about how we really haven't been entrenched in God's Word lately. We haven't prayed as regularly as we should, and recently anytime I'm in God's Word it has been for "work" purposes and not for the pursuit of God's heart. In other words, I have just been "doing" things, rather than actually believing.

I love the first verse: "Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified." This unbelievable act of genuine love seems to be forgotten during a season like the Summer. The Jesus who defeated death seems to get pushed into the background of our busy lives and we think we will make it up later. But as Amy says, we never "make

up" time with God; we miss out on time with Him. He wants to speak love into us and to encourage, teach, convict, and refresh us. Do we really want to miss out on all our Creator—the Creator of the universe and the one who knows us the best—has to tell us? If a good friend wanted to tell us every morning how much they loved us, would we turn them down?

Let's recognize that the devil is real and can deceive us to care about other things rather than the saving power and wonderful love of God. Let's pause for a moment and ask God to forgive us and get us back on His track.

blessings.
jonathan.

DEAR GOD,
PLEASE NEVER
LET ME BE
TOO BUSY
TO RECOGNIZE
YOUR BLESSINGS
OR HEAR YOUR
VOICE.

Seattle Lutheran High School Fall Athletics Pasta Night

Friday, September 4, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Pasta Dinner

Join us in the SLHS Gym for a spaghetti dinner to support our fall athletes –
Cheer, Cross Country, Football, and Soccer.

This event provides an opportunity to see old friends, meet new people, and celebrate our Saints.



Tickets \$15. You may purchase tickets from an athlete or in the SLHS office.
website: www.seattlelutheran.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Elder Extra - Parable of the Sower Wrap-up

By Loren Sommer

Wrapping up the parable of the sower, review the second part of Jesus explanation of the parable in Matthew 13:20-23: "The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Remember that the sower first casts the seed out, then tills the soil to bury the seed as able. The rocks kept the farmer from being able to cover the seed very deeply in the rocky ground so the seeds were barely



covered. They sprouted first of course, but since the soil was thin above the rocks it dried out quickly and the plants died. Jesus relates this condition to those whose faith has no root and dries up due to "trouble or persecution because of the word". Martin Luther explains this group as a "class of hearers who receive the Word with joy, but they do not persevere. These are a large multitude who understand the Word correctly and lay hold of it in its purity without any spirit of sect, division or fanaticism, they rejoice also in that they know the real truth, and are able to know how they may be saved without works through faith. They also know that they are free from the bondage of the law, of their conscience and of human teachings; but when it comes to the test that they must suffer harm, disgrace and loss of life or property, then they fall and deny it;...or keep silence about the Word, and work...For these fruits are not only the works, but more the confession, preaching and spreading of the Word, so that many others may thereby be converted and the kingdom of God be developed."

Right now we are still enjoying the peace and freedom of free worship, for the most part, in this country, but it is troubling to see the direction things are heading. In many parts of the world, Christians are being tortured and killed because of their belief in Christ. We must pray for them and ourselves that we may remain faithful to our Lord. It's also very important that we keep the company of seasoned Christians. By doing this, we can learn how to endure hardships and in turn, seek out people who may need that relationship with us.

The third group in this parable is the most troubling to me. Martin Luther describes this group as "those who hear and understand the Word, but still it falls on the other side of the road, among the pleasures and cares of this life, so that they also do nothing with the Word. And there is quite a large multitude of these; for although they do not start heresies, like the first, but always possess the absolutely pure Word, they are also, not attacked on the left as the others with opposition and persecution; yet they fall on the right side and it is their ruin that they enjoy peace and good days. Therefore they do not earnestly give themselves to the Word, but become indifferent and sink in the cares, riches and pleasures of this life, so that they are of no benefit to anyone. Therefore they are like the seed that fell among the thorns. Although it is not rocky but good soil; not wayside but deeply plowed soil; yet, the thorns will not let it spring up, they choke it. Thus these have all in the Word that is needed for their salvation, but they do not make any use of it, and they rot in this life in carnal pleasures. To these belong those who hear the Word but do not bring under subjection their flesh. They know their duty but do it not, they teach but do not practice what they teach, and are this year as they were last."

I find this description very convicting to me personally, and to the American church as a whole. Our linkHOPE coordinator, Karen O'Brien, tells me one of the most common excuses she hears when trying to get people to commit to a small group study is "I just can't squeeze one more thing in". Or how about the church who changed their worship service times because no one was coming to worship during Seahawk games? 2 Chronicles 16:9 says "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." I need to ask God if my heart is truly His. Am I bearing the fruit that He equipped me to do? If I come to worship because I have to or because I didn't come last week, that tells me that my heart is not fully His. But if I come because I want to, then like David in Psalm 122:1, I can say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." I believe that I have to ask God for supernatural power to be devoted to Him rather than be absorbed into the pull of this world, which in itself may not be bad, but when the pleasures of this world become my top priority, then it is a problem. Take the time to come clean and ask God, "Is my heart fully yours?"

Loren Sommer
Elder, Hope Lutheran Church

LWML Report - Mite Boxes

Hope Church and School is part of this success!

LWML exceeds record \$1.83 million mission goal!

(from the May Lutheran Reporter)

Is there anything that God - and the estimated 250,000 members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) - can't do?

The 18 projects to receive LWML funding from the current mission goal include:

- Training K-9 Comfort Dogs for LCMS chaplains to use in their ministries.
- Giving Lutheran children's books in southeast Asia.
- Rebuilding a Lutheran school and constructing permanent housing in Haiti.
- Distributing Bible story books to deaf children in places such as Kenya and India.
- Preparing Native American Lutheran leaders in ministry.
- Strengthening, expanding U.S. campus ministries.



You, caring men, women and children of Hope, are making a godly difference in the world with EACH AND EVERY cent that you donate to Mites. KEEP IT UP!

Collection boxes are in the church Commons and in the school hallway by the office.

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver!"

-Irene Gehring

Financial Summary - June 2015

Our fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th.

	Favorable (Unfavorable)			
	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Variance
Offerings	\$ 59,378	\$ 706,936	\$ 725,000	\$ (18,064)
School Income	144,155	1,382,576	1,334,900	47,676
Interest & Other	4,838	19,096	14,000	5,096
Total Income	208,371	2,108,608	2,073,900	34,708
Personnel Expense	115,334	1,482,775	1,477,100	(5,675)
Supplies Expense	17,032	169,216	182,400	13,184
Facilities Expenditures	37,434	133,415	155,600	22,185
Debt Service	17,694	220,626	254,800	34,174
Missions	-	4,000	4,000	-
Total Expense	187,494	2,010,033	2,073,900	63,867
Operating Surplus	20,877	98,575	-	98,575

Note: Please contact Julia Doerr, Parish Administrator, with any questions regarding our financial status.

Elissa Sommer, HCM Director, 206-909-0159, esommer@hopeseattle.org

Many families don't earn enough to cover basic necessities. It is a very stressful time when school is getting ready to start and an even greater strain on their resources begins. Their children need clothes, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies such as paper and crayons. The costs really add up.

You have been such a great help in providing for some of those needs. You give them hope for a brighter future. It is so amazing to see the gratitude on the faces of parents when they receive these items. It is amazing to see what can happen as we become the outstretched hands of Jesus. Touching just one life now can make such a difference later. It shows them how much Jesus loves them no matter where they are in life.

You are making a difference in the lives of many Hope families, local children, and even far across the world.

We are currently collecting items to make school kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are delivered to families who live in refugee camps. They have been forced out of their homes due to war, famine, disaster, or poverty. In 2012, over 7.8 million people have been helped in 35 countries. What a blessing!

How can you help?

Watch for dates and times to help assemble kits.

The following items are needed:

School Kits: ball point pens, scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, 70-sheet spiral notebooks, 24-count crayons.

Baby Kits: gowns, sleepers with no feet, sweaters, and jackets from sizes 6mo-24mo. Clothing for boys are especially needed

September Blanket Drive

During the month of September we will be collecting blankets-both NEW and OLD. These will be used in several areas of need, including homeless, Lutheran World Relief, and our Giving Tree. Please make sure that older blankets are laundered and in good condition, free of stains & tears.



COMING SOON

October Coat Drive

During the month of October we will be collecting warm coats-



both NEW and OLD. These will be used in several of our areas of need, including homeless and our Giving Tree. Please make sure that older coats are laundered and in good condition, free of stains & tears.

Seattle CROP Hunger Walk

The Seattle CROP Hunger Walk is a community event to help end hunger here in the Greater Seattle Area and around the globe. The event is organized by local volunteers and sponsored

by Church World Service, a global humanitarian agency. The Walk supports some pretty incredible grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts here at home and around the world. By participating in the Seattle CROP Hunger Walk you help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training, and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths, and their needs—something CWS has learned through some 66 years of working in partnership around the world. **Join us on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 1:00pm at Alki UCC, 6115 SW Hinds in West Seattle at Alki Beach. The Seattle CROP Hunger Walk: ending hunger one step at a time! For more information their website is <http://www.cwsglobal.org/>**



Food Closet – Our own food closet needs some help. All food is good, especially cans with pull off lids, fruit, soups, chili, stew, ravioli, Vienna sausages, cereal, back-to-school lunch items, cup noodles, etc. Perishable items such as milk, butter, frozen juice, meats can also be accepted as long as they are not expired. Please contact Elissa before donating perishables.

HCM would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts of time, donations, and money. You enable our church to share the love of Jesus with so many!





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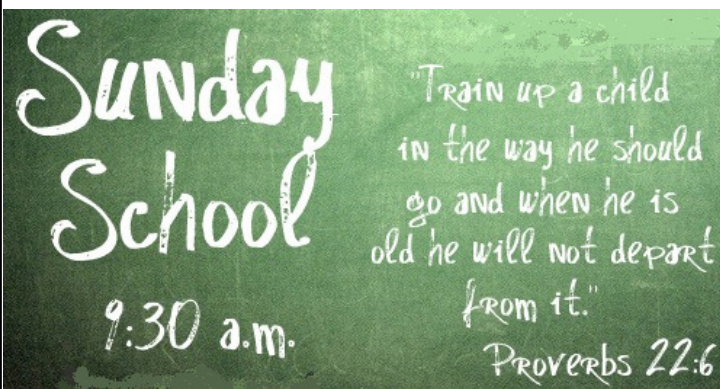
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8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Education & Sunday School Hour
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

Sunday, September 13th



Children ages 3 through 5th Grade
meet in the Music Room at 9:30 a.m.

**Children will be studying the stories of the
Bible in fun and creative ways.**

WELCOME BACK HOPE STUDENTS!

**First day of school is Wednesday,
September 2nd.**

Upcoming special day for school families:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

- 12:00 PM **Grade 6 Only** - Welcome Back Pizza Party
- 4:30 PM **Kindergarten Only** - Welcome Back Party
- 5:30-7:30 PM Welcome Back BBQ & Potluck **for all school families & staff.** BBQ followed by visits to classrooms!

