

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

## ***Rebirth, Renewal, Restoration***

After one of the wettest winters on record in Seattle, I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling deep relief and joy at the sight of more regular sunshine and the feeling of warmth radiating down from the sky. And that sunshine brings new life - not just emotionally for hundreds of thousands of people suffering from months of vitamin D depletion. Sunshine brings new life through cherry blossoms, green leaves, and tulips. Sunshine brings new life with the first meals eaten outside in months, and the pulling of kayaks, canoes, and bicycles out of the nether regions of the basement or garage. All around us, new life is exploding and surrounding us, wherever we go! Fittingly, this is a completely appropriate time of the year to be celebrating the good news of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, the "firstfruits" of God's victorious work of resurrecting, renewing and restoring a broken world full of broken people (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). The good news of Easter is that despite our broken-ness and sin, not only is forgiveness available by faith in Jesus, healing of our hearts and restoration of our lives is available as well. Despite the relentless attack of winter, the spring of God's grace and love in Jesus is greater. This is a great time to trust Jesus for a deeper experience of the same!

Over the next several weeks, I will be preaching through a message series called "Stories of Hope." Together, we will consider the stories of various people in the Bible and within our Hope community and how they have experienced the second part of our mission statement: "walking in the Hope of Jesus." What does that mean? What does that look like? How can we pursue a deeper experience of that? I encourage you to attend worship regularly over the next several weeks as we pursue answers to these questions.

I'm also excited to let you know that after months of preparation, we will be releasing Hope's "LifeMarks" assessment. This is an in-depth, twelve question survey to help you assess and reflect on your own "walking in the Hope of Jesus." Each question corresponds to one of twelve core concepts that are part of the three things we want to measure at Hope as characteristics of what it means to "walk in the Hope of Jesus:" ELEVATION (Jesus-delivered Perspective), CONNECTION (Jesus-centered Friendship), and EXPEDITION (Jesus-motivated Purpose).

The survey will soon be available online. You will be able to complete it on your own computer or other device, or we will also have iPads available in the Commons for two Sundays to help facilitate people in completing the assessment. If you are unfamiliar with using the Internet, we will have volunteers available to assist you. The purpose of this assessment will be to help you gain a sense of where your spiritual life is strong, and where there might be opportunity to grow. You will also receive recommendations of resources for growing in each of the twelve areas. The combined data from all respondents will give our staff and lay leaders a better sense of where our congregation is collectively strong and needing growth and will be able to give us a much better sense how to most effectively plan the details of our ministry in the future. Thanks in advance for taking advantage of this useful tool!

Also, if you have a smartphone on the Apple or Android platforms, then I strongly encourage you to go get Hope's new mobile app by searching for "Hope Seattle" in your app store of choice. The app includes recorded sermons, calendar information, HOPE 365 devotional materials, mobile giving, the full text of the Bible and much more!

Finally, if you would like to share a story of how you've



been engaging a disinterested person or a story of what you've been learning about "walking in the Hope of Jesus," please let me know! You can also send it in written form to me by email. We would love to potentially share your story with the rest of Hope by including it in our app and on our website or

through you sharing it live or on video during a worship service. God is working in your life as you trust Him - share your story of God's new life in you to provide encouragement to others!

In His Strength and Peace,

Pastor Peter

# Women of Hope Ministry Action Team News!

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

*LWML: Lutheran Women in Mission News*

## **The LWML Lake Washington Zone Spring Joyshop -**

is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 30, at All Saints Lutheran Church in Bellevue. This is a great opportunity to join with women from other Lutheran churches in our area for a morning of fellowship.

The 2016 Joyshop theme is "Just a Cup ..." and emphasizes building relationships to build the Kingdom of God. The presentation is an encouragement to step out in faith and get to know one another—not just hang out with the people you already know. Jesus promises, *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."* (Matthew 18:30 ESV)

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m., and the program begins at 9 a.m. A \$5 fee covers the cost of a delicious breakfast. A carpool will leave the lower parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Korene Schultz or Karen Webster join the carpool.

**LWML WA-AK District Convention** - Donna Pyle, a nationally known speaker and author of numerous Bible studies, will be one the keynote speakers at the LWML District Biennial Convention to be held in Everett, June 17-19. All women of Hope are invited to attend the convention, which brings together women from throughout Washington and Alaska. For more info on Donna Pyle: <http://artesianministries.org/>.

The convention theme is "God's Gifts for God's Glory." In addition to seeing old friends, making new friends, and worshipping together, we will hear from the recipients of our mites both within and outside of our district.

For more information on attending the convention, please contact Karen Webster.

## **WOMEN OF HOPE SPRING TEA "GenerosiTea" SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2:00 P.M.**

A beautiful tea catered by Judy Burbrink is sure to be a special time for women and girls of all ages. Scrumptious fare including gluten free items will be on the menu.



Our mission focus will be WIN, Westside Interfaith Network; an informal network of 25 congregations of all faiths in the West Seattle area working on alleviating hunger and homelessness. A tangible way we can support WIN is with a *"socks and underwear shower."* If you would like to participate, bring items - in any size - for women and children to the tea.

Registration is available in the Commons. You may pay when registering or online. Take advantage of the early bird special, \$12 for adults and \$8 for girls under 12. After April 24 the price goes to \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

*If you would like to be involved in planning any of the Women of Hope events, please contact Gwen Fraser.*

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## **Men's Spring BBQ, Friday, May 13**

All men are invited to Hope's Men's Spring BBQ, Friday May 13, at Camp Long lodge house from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Bob Magera will be there with his giant smoker preparing some BBQ'd Beast, along with sides and beverages. You'll experience an enjoyable and encouraging message, kick back with some great guys, and be the first to hear about upcoming events. Sign-up in the Commons - invite a friend and we'll see you there!



# Hope School News

## NOW ENROLLING

Hope Lutheran School is now accepting applications for Fall 2016/2017 Preschool through Grade 8.



Looking for preschool, kindergarten, elementary or middle school options? Now is the time to get your applications into the Admissions office. Admissions Director, Sally Heit, gives weekly tours of the school Thursdays at 9:30 or by appointment. Pick up an admissions packets in the school office or apply online at [www.HopeSeattle.org/home/admissions](http://www.HopeSeattle.org/home/admissions). Or email Sally at [sheit@hopeseattle.org](mailto:sheit@hopeseattle.org)

## ANNUAL SOUNDS OF SPRING CONCERT WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AT 7PM

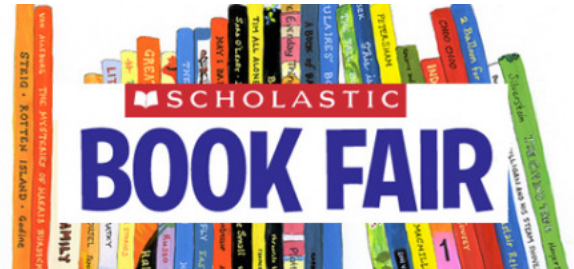


### Includes performances by

- Hope School's brand new Beginning Band
- Chapel Choir
- Glee Club
- Handbell Choir will perform a song written specifically for our students by Mr. Franklin.
- Seattle Lutheran High School band will perform an original song written by the prolific Chicago composer Matt Ulery, as well as songs by Eric Johnson, Pentatonix, and Gungor.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR MAY 16 - 20

Shop after school Monday, May 16 - Friday, May 20 from 3 - 4 p.m. at Hope School.



## SAVE THE DATE! 14TH ANNUAL EAGLE CLASSIC SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Mark your calendar for our 14th Annual Golf Tournament, Saturday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m. for the shotgun tee off.

This tournament has grown every year and we are looking forward to sending Mr. Kapels off with one last long drive!

Bring your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Kapels at [Bkapels@hopeseattle.org](mailto:Bkapels@hopeseattle.org).



## Member Updates

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### TRANSFER:

*Grace Maier* transferred by request to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Seatac

*Ken & Jennifer Neafcy*

*Roger & Luana Senske*

*Eric & Meagan Slawson*

### ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES:

*Chris & Katie DeSantis*

*Brett & Bailey Kapels*

*Ben Keith*

## Watercolor Workshop

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Join our workshop on Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Learn to "See what really counts!" First time? We welcome you! Please sign up in the Commons.

Bring a sack lunch; all supplies will be furnished.

Questions? Contact Roger Sylwester.



## Seattle Lutheran High School

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SLHS Drama presents "*Third Class*" by Brad Sleight, Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, April 24, 2:30 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

"*Third Class*" is the fourth in Brad Slaight's "Class" plays series and continues to explore the school experience from the students' POV via the many experiences they encounter as they interact with each other outside of the classroom. *Third Class* addresses a variety of contemporary topics and issues, both humorous and serious, that make up the important and unpredictable high school years.

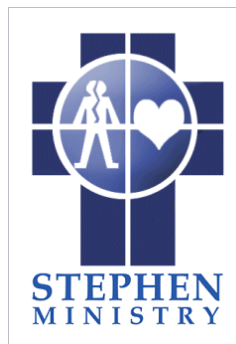
**Come see the play and enjoy being entertained by our thespians! Tickets will be sold at the door.**

**Performances are in the SLHS Gym,  
4100 SW Genesee Street.**

## Stephen Ministry Meeting, Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

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Stephen Ministry gatherings are bi-monthly on the second Mondays of the month have been small, the discussions have been interesting and helpful. The next gathering will be on Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. and will be held either in the Fireside Room or the Church Fellowship Hall, depending upon the availability of the rooms. Come to the Oregon Street entrance. Parking available in the lower parking lot.



**As is always the case, these discussion gatherings are not only for trained Stephen Ministers, but are open to any individuals who are interested in the topic. Please feel free to join us.**



*Partnering with Parents so our children will KNOW, LOVE, and SERVE Jesus.*

## Resurrection Power!

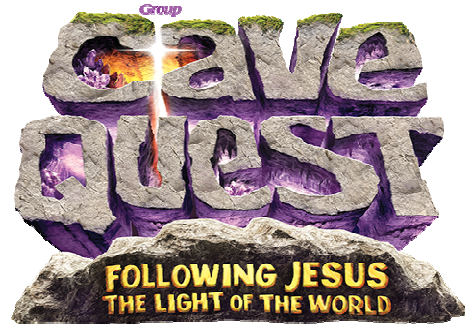
Do you need some power in your life? Perhaps your relationships with friends, children, parents or spouse could use some new life. I have good news for you! The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to each of us. *"And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his spirit, who lives in you."* Romans 8:11

The disciples were devastated when Jesus had to leave them. But, He said, "I am going to give you something better than ME living BESIDE you. The Father will send the Spirit to live IN YOU! Did you read that correctly? As believers, we know the Holy Spirit lives in us. But, do we claim his power in our daily lives, in our relationships, in our struggles? The Holy Spirit longs to breath new life into our hard situations. As we surrender to his power, the "Fruit of the Spirit"(Galatians 5:22-24) is unleashed in our lives. I agree that letting go is hard, but receiving the empowering fruits of the spirit will be well worth it.

As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out resentment and receive love.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out apathy and receive joy.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out fear and receive peace.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out impatience and receive patience.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out selfishness and receive kindness.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out and receive goodness.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out distraction and receive faithfulness.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out harshness and receive gentleness.  
As I breathe in the Spirit,  
I breathe out distractions and receive self control.

*Anyone need a breath of fresh air?*

**VBS is July 18 - 22, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**



**Join us on a Cave Quest!** We are excited for an unique, over-the-top, underground adventure where kids will experience the Hope of Jesus through music, games, crafts, and God's Word! Volunteer teams are forming! If you've never helped before or if you have been serving for years, there is a place for you on our VBS team! It is a life-changing week that will fill you with JOY beyond words. Middle school students are a key part of our volunteer team! All volunteers can sign up online. Children ages 4 (by September 1, 2016) through those entering 5th grade can register online at [www.hopeseattle.org](http://www.hopeseattle.org).

*Early bird special - \$25 by May 1; after May 1 - \$30.*

## A special thanks to our Children's Ministry

**Volunteers!** In May we will recognize the following people to thank them for their time and effort of sharing the Hope of Jesus with our children faithfully throughout the year!

Sunday School Teachers: Kelly Walsh, Taylor Kuhn, Rachel Sommer, Carolyn Brugge, Marci French, Geneva Machmiller, Leigh Chapple and Ryan Chapple.

Children's Church Leaders: Jennifer Porter, Susan Schrage, Meagan Slawson, Karen Wright and Jennifer Young.

Nursery Coordinator: Kaitlyn Morrison

## Save the dates:

April 6 - Hope 101 Begins

May 7 - Women of Hope Spring Tea

July 24 - All Church Picnic at Lincoln Park



## **"The Power of a Good Report"**

It had been a long week, but now Friday was here and it was time for a much needed break. Some friends had invited Bernadette and I over for the evening, but with slow traffic on the viaduct my commute home had taken longer than usual. "I told them we could make it by 6:30" she told me as I walked in. Seeing it was already 6:22, there was no time to do anything but change and head out the door.

Our hostess greeted us at the door, and within 30 seconds everybody there knew that I hadn't showered. I know - it's not what you think. It's because Bernadette was having a little fun at my expense and shared my time constraint dilemma. We have a great relationship, so I called her on it immediately, and everyone had a good laugh. But that's not how it would have gone 15 or 20 years ago, and that's not how it goes for many marriages today. Words like "On weekends in the fall, I'm a football widow" or "She will spend hours at the mall just to buy one pair of shoes" or "She always..." or "He never..." spoken to others in front of your spouse can be very hurtful. Sometimes the offended spouse takes the hit silently and incurs a wound. If the offending spouse is lucky, they will hear about it later. If not, the hurt can fester for days, weeks, or years, and then explode in an emotional outburst with possible catastrophic results, often to the surprise of the offending party.

What's a better way? For those of us who memorized parts of the small catechism for confirmation, I always remember the meaning to the eighth commandment "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." We could rewrite that, "You shall not give bad testimony against your spouse," whether it's true or false. The original meaning still applies: "We should fear and love God so that we do not misrepresent, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend them, speak well of them, and put the best construction on everything." Hey, there isn't a closer neighbor than your spouse, right? The power of affirming words spoken about your spouse in front of others really does wonders

for your relationship. Maybe your spouse is gracious to others, or perseverant at solving a problem, or kind, or can remember names well, or is a good cook. Words like "He is really good with the kids" or "she is wonderful to come home to" reinforces that behavior, since people love to get affirmed and will do whatever behavior got them those words of affirmation.

A little encouragement can go a long way. And it will change your own outlook from negative to positive as well. If you are looking for the bad things in life, you will find them. If you look for the good things in life, you will also find them. It's kind of like two people who pass a garden, where the first one sees all the flowers and the other sees all the weeds.

So, your assignment for this month is to practice praising the good in your spouse, and to catch yourself when you start pointing out the bad, especially in front of others. It doesn't mean that there isn't room for discussion in an area where behavior is causing a problem. I think you will be surprised at the power of a good report!



# Elder Extra - Devil in the Details

By Loren Sommer

Back when dinosaurs roamed the earth and I was a young lad attending classes at Hope Lutheran School, we had the option of taking a music class, playing in the bell choir, or singing in the school choir, which is what I chose. Jim Knittel was the choir director, and he ran a tight ship.

Each time we met he would have each voice practice their part separately, first by playing their part on the piano with them and then having them sing it a cappella. After he felt each voice had their part he would have the choir sing together and listen with his keen ear. When we got to the point we performed the song well, he would say, with a twinkle in his eye, “Not too shabby.”

Those words were, well, music to our ears. (Sorry, I had to say it!) I’m not a music guy, but people told us we were really good. As I look back, to have a four voice choir composed of junior high kids *was* pretty good, right? That is a tribute to Jim Knittel’s leadership and not that we were a group of specially gifted kids—trust me! He knew the music, how it should sound, and how to get the most out of us. Anyway, boys will be boys, and one day one of the blokes in fourth voice, let’s call him “Frank,” thought he could sing the soprano part in his falsetto voice. The sopranos always went first, so when they sang their voice a cappella, “Frank” sang along softly from the back of the room where we sat. I have to say, he did a pretty good job, but Mr. Knittel picked up on it right away. It was so hard not to laugh. Long story short, it ended up where each soprano had to sing alone standing next to Mr. Knittel, which, of course, they did flawlessly. By that time, we felt terrible, but like any deception, once you’re in for a penny, you’re in for a pound, and we felt we couldn’t say anything.

You’ve probably seen the ads on TV put out by the Mormons, or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They seem really positive, pro-family, and they have the name of Jesus in their title, so they seem pretty legitimate. We have all known some people who are Mormons, and they are some of the nicest people you will meet. But if you do some research there are some issues that are not quite right.

A group of us set out to learn more about Mormonism a few weeks ago on Sunday mornings and it was extremely interesting. We heard from several former Mormons, including the great granddaughter of Brigham Young. We learned about Joseph Smith’s checkered past with seer

stones, how the stories of his visions change and don’t add up, how there are thousands of plagiarized words from the Bible, and how he used his church for polygamy and self-gain. We learned that while there are many artifacts, maps and writings that support the authenticity of the Bible, there are no artifacts that support any of the stories of massive battles, weapons, animals, or armor spoken of in the Book of Mormon. We learned that their writings about the nature of God are confusing because there are many contradictions between their scriptures.

Their teaching about Jesus is especially confusing because it sounds a lot like what is in the Bible, but they say that Jesus paid for sin by suffering in the garden unlike the Bible where it states it was on the cross (Colossians 1:19-20). They also add works to grace with statements like “Obedience to God’s commandments helps us qualify for all the blessings of eternal life.”

One former Mormon sharing his testimony stated that when you’re a Mormon, you never know if you have done enough works. And then he stated that “it was never enough.” But the thing that sticks with me the most was how the series ended. A mother was sharing her testimony about her son, a young Mormon serving his two year mission.



During that mission someone let him into their house and shared the Gospel with him.

He ended up leaving the Mormon Church and became a Christian, eventually converting his family including her.

Her plea was to not ridicule the missionaries but to offer them the Gospel. She shared that while she was a Mormon she had some Christian friends who said nothing to her, and she was justifiably angry with them. You don’t have to convert them she said (that is the Holy Spirit’s job), but offer them the Gospel. They will be well prepared with answers, but if you know your Bible, you know what the Gospel sounds like, you can share that you **know** that you have eternal life by trusting in Jesus atonement completely (1 John 5:13). That is something they don’t have.



***The following is an article about youth culture that is hidden. I encourage you to read through this and pray for our youth. Visit the link below to read the full article.***  
- Jonathan

*Excerpts from "Q&A Secret Lives of Teens Online"*

Article take from <http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2016/march/too-sexy-for-this-selfie.html?paging=off>

Interview between **Rachel Marie Stone** and Nancy Jo Sales:

I talked to Sales about how porn culture is shaping teens' use of social media and the need for parents to simply have conversations with their kids about what they do online. We also talked about how screen time is impacting all of us and the ways reading - and religion - can serve as antidotes to the dehumanizing effects of social media abuse and overuse.

**You write that much of social media has come out of Silicon Valley, where "a male-dominated culture, some say a 'frat boy' culture, populated by 'brogrammers' and 'tech bros'" predominates. How has that shaped these apps and digital cultural more generally?**

Imagine it's the 1970s, and a girl had a snapshot of herself naked, or in a bikini, and took it around school saying, "Like this picture of me; like my bikini pic!" She would have been taken aside for some counseling.

**Right, and now that's fairly normal teenage behavior on social media.**

For me, the question of Silicon Valley goes back to [HotOrNot.com](http://HotOrNot.com), the site founded in 2000 that lets users rate the attractiveness of photos. I see this as an influence on the overarching trend of sexualizing girls on social media. The founder of Hot or Not didn't really disagree with me. Facebook began as "Facesmash"—a version of "hot or not" for Harvard. All these sites, notably Instagram, have that same "liking" feature, and the way that girls get more likes is to be "hot." Now, there are millions of teenagers - underage people 13-17 years old - on Tinder. [The hookup app that allows you to swipe on a person's profile picture to indicate whether you'd be interested.]

**So, to what extent are the conventions of pornography shaping how boys and girls behave on social media?**

Everything we're seeing [sexting and nonconsensual photo sharing, specific poses in selfies] has to do with the access to pornography that children have. I'm saying children because children do see pornography whether

on purpose or by accident, since social media is used to promote pornography.

It's having a huge effect on their idea of what it means to be a man or a woman, on their understanding of sexuality. It's absolutely a destructive factor, influencing how boys think about girls and how girls think about themselves. Sexting is sometimes dismissed as innocent, but it can be hurtful, damaging, and in some states, the sexting of images is considered a crime. It's not being talked about at the level of seriousness that it deserves.

**What can be done about it?**

There has to be awareness. Parents don't know what their teens are doing. Moms and dads of teenagers say, "I don't think my child is seeing pornography." Parents are so concerned about toxins in their kids' food, but not [seemingly] about pornography? It's not that we deny that kids are interested in sex. What's so alarming is the way that these healthy, normal impulses are being shaped by pornography in ways that are unprecedented. It's new. Sex on screens is a new kind of sex.

**And does it make a big difference that it's mediated by a screen?**

We know that communicating through screens makes people less empathetic, more aggressive, etc. Teenagers' limbic systems are just forming. They're really not equipped to deal with this. I think it's creating callousness in personal relationships.

**So what can parents do? You don't really prescribe a whole lot of recommendations besides talking.**

Talking sounds simple, but it's a big deal. Kids don't even talk to each other about social media. "We never talk about it, we just do it." After we talked, they would let out these huge sighs of relief.

Parents have to put down their own phones and talk with their kids about what they're doing online and talk about pornography, which is not real sex. If you want your kid to have a chance at a real sex life, you have to talk about it.

I don't think it's possible to completely monitor your kids on social media. They're better at the Internet than you are! My mother is horrified when we go to a restaurant and everyone's on their devices and there's even a baby playing with an iPad. The table is where we become people in a relationship.

**Absolutely.**

*Let's continue this conversation.*

*Jonathan.*



# Ensenada Christian Ministries - Family Fiesta

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## IT BEGAN WHEN DIANE MEBUST WAS INSPIRED TO TO SERVE ON A WEST SEATTLE MEXICO MISSION TEAM

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

As a young woman in 1982, Diane had just completed Evangelism Explosion at Hope, a training program which prepares people to witness for Christ. Putting it into her own words Diane says, *"I was eager to serve the Lord. I went on a mission trip to Mexico. As it was coming to an end, I offered to stay and work at an orphanage near Ensenada for a year. While I was there I discovered that the needs of the people living in low income areas were as great if not greater than what I had seen previously. The Lord inspired me to begin supplying food and clothing for poor Christian families. I rented a small house for \$100 a month and began Ensenada Christian Ministries distribution center."*

## That one year commitment has grown into 33 continual years of dedicated, committed service to the Lord and His people!

In the past 33 years here is some of what has happened:

- The Good News of Jesus has been shared and continues to be shared by those who carry ECM forward.
- Teams from Hope Lutheran have shared the Gospel and donated supplies for many years.
- Four semi truckloads of wood were donated, delivered and used for construction.
- Three churches were built.
- Small homes and roofs were built.
- 48 beds were built by one team.
- Presently, 250 people are ministered to each week with Bible Study, worship, Christian fellowship, food, and clothing.
- 407 students - this school year - were blessed with school uniforms and supplies which were gifts from Hope individuals and other Christian church people.
- Toys and blankets have been donated by Hope Lutheran School and Seattle Lutheran High School.
- People of Hope have supported ECM financially and prayerfully.

- Diane's family has supported the mission work tremendously.
- and much, MUCH more!

How about hearing more of "the rest of the story?" Come to the **Family Fiesta Potluck** at Hope on Sunday, May 1. Watch for more information in weekly bulletins. Who knows? Perhaps another young woman or young man will be Called by the Lord and inspired to serve the Lord in Mexico.



Come to this joyful occasion and support Diane and ECM. Questions? Contact Diane or the Church Office.

*"To God be the Glory! Great Things He Has Done."*

## Furnace Update

We are now evaluating quotes to replace the church furnaces and air conditioning units which serve the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the church office wing (the existing units are more than 20 years old and while they have been diligently maintained, they are at the end of their life). Thank you for your generous gifts to date toward this project which total \$6,715! We are still short of our goal of \$10,000. If you would like to give toward this important project, please mark your gift "furnace." Thank you!

## Financial Summary - February 2016

### General Fund Summary of Income & Expense

Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Offerings	\$ 46,765	\$ 476,353	\$ 447,615	\$ 28,738
School Income	118,145	938,097	883,467	54,630
Interest & Other	1,798	8,602	7,533	1,069
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>166,708</b>	<b>1,423,052</b>	<b>1,338,615</b>	<b>84,437</b>
Personnel Expense	122,488	969,697	980,533	10,837
Supplies Expense	13,024	122,475	123,807	1,332
Facilities Expenditures	8,887	75,101	103,173	28,072
Debt Service	17,694	141,552	141,553	1
Missions	-	3,375	3,000	(375)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>162,094</b>	<b>1,312,200</b>	<b>1,352,067</b>	<b>39,867</b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>4,614</b>	<b>110,852</b>	<b>(13,452)</b>	<b>124,304</b>

### General Fund Summary Balance Sheets

	6/30/2015	2/29/2016
Cash - General	\$ 796,580	\$ 852,854
School Receivables, Net & Prepaids	10,689	349,710
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>807,269</b>	<b>1,202,564</b>
Designated Funds - Agency	2,858	3,415
Designated Funds - School	99,710	115,104
Designated Funds - Church	184,528	120,313
Unearned Tuition	125,523	460,893
Other Liabilities	5,379	2,804
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>417,999</b>	<b>702,529</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>389,271</b>	<b>500,035</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 807,269</b>	<b>\$ 1,202,564</b>

April 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		House of Hope: Mary's Place Tuesday, 3/29 - 4/12 (f)			<b>1</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:40am School Chapel 6pm Journey (y/fr) 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s)	<b>7</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s)	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)	<b>9</b> 8am Men's Bible Study Breakfast (f)  Hope School Auction
<b>10</b> 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:40am School Chapel 6pm Journey (y/fr) 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s)	<b>14</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s) 7pm Elders (v)	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)	<b>16</b> 10am Watercolor Class (f) 7pm Journey Confirmation Project Night (s)
<b>17</b> 10:30am Confirmation Sunday 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)	<b>18</b> 11am Saints & ShutIns	<b>19</b> 7pm Priscilla Bible (f/c)	<b>20</b> 8:40am School Chapel 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s)	<b>21</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s)	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)  7:30pm SLHS Drama	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)  2:30pm SLHS Drama	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7pm Academic Fair (c)	<b>27</b> 8:40am School Chapel 11:30am Mary Martha 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s)	<b>28</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s)	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)	<b>30</b> VBS Early Bird Registration \$25 thru After 5/1: \$30

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<b>1</b> 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)  6pm Family Fiesta Potluck for ECM (f)	<b>2</b> 6pm HCM; LWR Kit Assembly (f)	<b>3</b> 6pm HCM; LWR Kit Assembly (f) 6pm Hope Foundation (c)	<b>4</b> 8:40am School Chapel 6pm PTH Board(sc) 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s)	<b>5</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s)	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)	<b>7</b> 2pm Women of Hope Spring Tea (c)
<b>8</b> 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)	<b>9</b> 7pm Stephen Ministers (fr)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:40am School Chapel 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s) 7pm Eve Bible Study	<b>12</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s) 7pm Elders (v)	<b>13</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)  6:30pm Men's BBQ	<b>14</b> 8am Men's Bible Study Breakfast (f)
<b>15</b> 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)	<b>16</b> Scholastic Book Fair All Week - School	<b>17</b> 7pm Priscilla Bible(f/c)	<b>18</b> 8:40am School Chapel 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm Choir (s)	<b>19</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s)	<b>20</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> HCM Community Meal (OLG) 10:30am Staff Milestones, SS Teacher Recognition 12:30pm oFOUR2 (y)	<b>23</b> 7pm Board of Directors (v)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:40am School Chapel 7pm RÜT (y/fr) 7pm Hope 101(v) 7pm School Spring Concert (s)	<b>26</b> 8:30am Women's Bible Study (c) 7pm Line Dancing (f) 7pm Music Team (s)	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed 10:30 Bible Study (fr)  Noon Dismissal - School Holiday(ESC open)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Holiday Church Office Closed School Closed/No ESC	<b>31</b>	<b>Calendar code:</b> ( ) fr = Fireside Room y = Youth Room c = Commons/Narthex l = Library s = Sanctuary sc = School Classroom v = View Room f = Fellowship Hall n = Nursery blank = off site			



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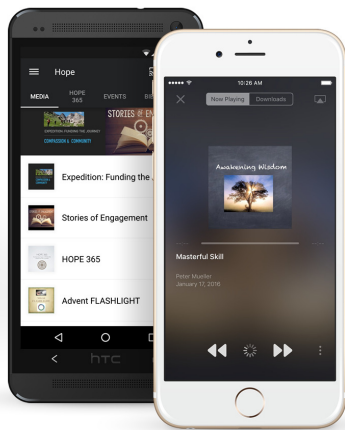
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8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Education & Sunday School Hour  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

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