

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

A New Season in God's Story with You

It is undeniable the last few mornings that the weather is changing and that the calendar has correctly marked the beginning of the fall season. Already, we have more frequent rainfall, the first leaves are falling while others begin to change colors as they dance in the increasingly windy air. The days are getting shorter and the nights longer, and yet in the midst of it all, our Maker and Father, our Savior and Lord, our Comforter and Counselor is still constant and faithful as ever with His unstoppable love, presence, and faithfulness - and for this we can be filled with joy!

The stories of our lives bring all kinds of ups and downs, and this summer has been no exception for most of us I'm sure. We are surrounded by all kinds of uncertainty in our world - the most unpredictable and unique presidential election in decades, the threat of terrorism around the world, the sudden and unexpected loss of people close to us and more rattle our cages and remind us that not all is well on planet earth. And yet, in the midst of all this, God gifts us with beautiful sunsets, spectacular mountaintops, acts of unexpected love and beautiful kindness, and His constant love for us. How do we make sense of how to fit these seemingly disparate parts of our lives and life stories together? What does God's Word in the Bible have to say to us about all of this?

This fall, I will be preaching for seven weeks through some of the concepts in the *ReFrame Course* that I encourage you to be a part of in a small group or in your personal devotions.

The goal of *ReFrame* is to help you see how the story of the Bible can bring new and deep meaning to all of your life and your world. We'll look at how we are often tempted to try on different identities of what or who we think we should be, but that only God's Word can define our true



identity. Our world was created good - and even though it is now broken, God calls us to be part of the work of taking what once was only good and restoring it. The people of Israel teach us that God can and does use anyone - even you and me, despite our weaknesses. Jesus is the one who proves Himself to be the ideal human and also true God - He is a role model who also provides the means to be in a relationship with Him and become like Him. Jesus started the work of renewing and restoring the broken things and people of this world, and will complete that work when He returns again. In the mean time, He has sent His Spirit to pull us into the story and catch us up in the adventure. He sets us up as His ambassadors in a foreign land, working from and with the embassy of the church to invite others into our home country of the Kingdom of God.

No matter whether you make cookies or high-rises, design airplanes or coloring sheets for kids, no matter whether you work with people or with things, use your back or your brain or both, this larger story can provide deep meaning to the story of your days on this earth. I encourage you to be in worship this fall to catch something of the wonder of this story and how a deeper understanding of it can enrich your life! I also strongly encourage you to form a new linkHOPE small group with some friends - you can contact me at

pmueller@hopeseattle.org for help on how to do that, or you can email church@hopeseattle.org to join an existing linkHOPE small group. And if being in a small group this fall really doesn't work for you, I encourage you to sign up online at hopeseattle.org to receive an online link to watch the small group videos on your own time - these feature a fast paced documentary style with a combination of world class teaching and interviews from regular people like you and me.

Lastly, our new Hope website will be live very soon - I encourage you to watch for more information and check it out as soon as it is live! Thanks so much for being part of the Hope community - God has called you here for a reason, and I am thankful to Him that you are a part of it!

In His Strength and Peace,

Pastor Peter

Hope Church Choir - A Very Special "Small Group"

I have an engraved plaque on my desk that reads – "When words fail...music speaks." I reflect often on this sentiment, thinking about the myriad ways that music has brought joy and healing to my life, and the lives of so many with whom I have listened to and participated in musical activities.

Some years ago, my wife and I volunteered for a time at a local nursing home. Weekly, we would arrive as dinner was being served and visit with the residents. Then, I would play some familiar old popular tunes on the dining room piano as they were finishing their meals. We were astonished and most gratified to observe that many residents who had been unable to respond vocally to our earlier attempts at conversation, broke enthusiastically into song, exhibiting broad smiles as they recognized old favorites. It was such an affirmation that music touches a place in our hearts and minds that is often inaccessible by any other means.



At Hope, our choir program has a long and distinguished history, and even today, as additional contemporary forms of music are added to our worship structure, choral music retains an important role as a unique and inspirational element of our worship experience, as we minister not only to our own members in worship, but also others in the community. The time we share together in weekly rehearsal is, in many ways, the ultimate "small group", comprising time not only for music rehearsal, but also for the study of scripture which informs the music we sing, for humor and fellowship, and for dedicated prayer time to lift up each others' joys and concerns. Joining in the preparation of music for concert or worship, is challenging but enormously energizing. Choir members frequently comment that while they arrived fatigued from a long day's work, they departed from rehearsal energized and with renewed optimism for the remainder of their week.

If you have sung with the Hope Choir or other choral groups in the past, or if you have just wondered whether singing with a choir would be something you would enjoy, we would love to have you join our group. Familiarity with note-reading is helpful, but many choir members are very successful without training in reading musical notation. Our church choir rehearses weekly at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft of the sanctuary (where the organ is). Although we understand that the challenges of work and family schedules will cause most choir members to miss some rehearsals, participation does require a commitment to be present both at rehearsals and performances as often as is reasonably possible. Our performance schedule includes one or two 8 a.m. worship services per month, along with one visit most months to a local senior residence for Sunday afternoon worship. In addition, we prepare selections for several special theme concerts each year, and of course for festival occasions such as Christmas and Holy Week.

I would be delighted to answer any questions that you may have about participating in our choral music program, and we can often arrange transportation to and from our rehearsals if that is needed. You are welcome to call me at any time at 206-779-7704, or e-mail at mdart@seattlelutheran.org. Be sure to let me know if you plan to join us, so that I can provide you with information on accessing the building through our security system.

Looking forward to seeing and singing with you!

-Michael Dart, Hope Church Choir Director

**Church Choir meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
in the choir loft of the Sanctuary.**

Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Organ Concert**
Sunday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.
- **Advent Sing-Along**
Sunday December 4, 2:00 p.m.

Hope School - November Open Houses

Spread the word! Invite your neighbors, friends and family to visit and meet our amazing staff, tour the school and learn more about the great programs here at Hope.

Referrals by our current families are still the most impactful way in which we are introduced to new families.



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.

We will provide information regarding kindergarten readiness and what to look for in kindergarten from our Preschool Director Mrs. Figgins, as well as hear more about our kindergarten program from our teacher, Mrs. Neafcy.

ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

All School Open House gives you a time to meet all preschool – 8th grade staff and visit the classrooms. This is a great time to invite friends or family who are looking at private school options.

Onsite childcare and refreshments will be provided. Please call the school office at 935-8500 or email admissions@hopeseattle.org for more information.

4th Annual Men's Retreat - "Invited Into Adventure!"

**Tall Timber Ranch, Lake Wenatchee
Friday October 21—Sunday October 23**

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 will take us deep into the core desires of the masculine soul through live and video teaching, personal stories, individual reflection time, and more!

This is the year to make the investment if you've never experienced this before - and if you've been in the past, we look forward to seeing you again!

Registration is open online at www.hopeseattle.org.
\$149 until October 6, \$164 until October 19

Member Updates

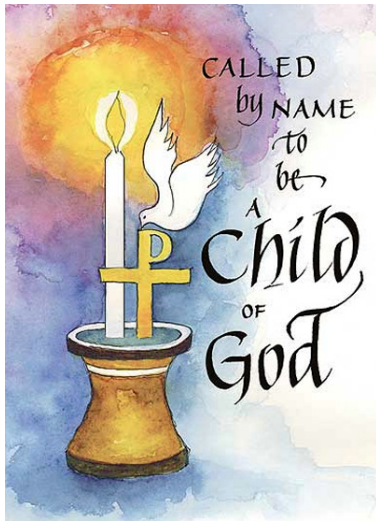
BAPTISM:

We welcome into the family of God:

Daughters of Kyle and Joanna Lonzak, baptized on August 21, 2016.

Son of Joshua and Michele Menashe, baptized on August 21, 2016.

Son of Robert and Andrea Cantu, baptized on September 25, 2016.



ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL UPDATES:

Please contact the church office for more information.

Jennifer Ancona

Mark and Pauline DeHart

Scott and Mary Anne deVry

Elois Gruenhagen

Kris and Sara Kunkel

Ken McKim

Walt and Karen O'Brien

Lois Turner

Dorothy Wicklund

Stephen Ministry Update

Perhaps some of you have wondered why you haven't heard anything recently about Stephen Ministry. First of all, emotionally, physically, and practically, at my age, I've taken the difficult step of terminating my role as Stephen Leader. Stephen Ministry began at Hope in 1986 with Pastor Iben, and continued in 1994 when I took the training to become a Stephen Leader for the program. Altogether now, over 100 persons have been trained to be caregiving Stephen Ministers, reaching out to those needing help in facing challenges in life.

Meanwhile, a very special new caregiving ministry, "Celebrate Recovery," is in its early stages here at Hope, for assisting anyone struggling with hurts, habits, or hang-ups in their lives. These could be anything from full-blown addictions to more simple, but nevertheless destructive habits. This group meets Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Hope Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact crteamhope@gmail.com, or Gwen Fraser.

Will Stephen Ministry ever take place again at Hope? It could. Celebrate Recovery, and Stephen Ministry, could both function, parallel to each other. They are both special caregiving ministries, with somewhat different objectives and program approaches. In the long term, to restart Stephen Ministry, it will be necessary to have several persons willing to be trained as Stephen Leaders. Should you wish to explore this possibility, please talk to Pastor Peter Mueller.

Meanwhile, I wish to support the Celebrate Recovery ministry in every way, while thanking all those who have been part of the Stephen caregiving Ministry in the past.

-Bob Christian

CHOOSE JOY!

I recently found the following prayer scribbled on a scrap of paper where I had cried out to God during a difficult situation:

"Lord, help me to choose joy today regardless of the situation. Help me to learn to say, 'It is well with my soul, even when life is not well.'"



At our fall women's retreat, many of the women in our congregation had the opportunity to discover that choosing joy can change the way we look at life day in and day out. We learned that as we trust in Jesus and make the conscience choice to "choose joy" in every, even hard situations, something changes in us. We relax and rest as the Holy Spirit fills us with his life giving peace.

James, the brother of Jesus said it this way,

"Consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds because the testing of your faith produces perseverance and perseverance will finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1: 2-4

Mug Mates

Mug Mates is a group designed to promote greater connection between women of Hope by sharing prayer needs and special interests. Contact throughout the year is encouraged to establish a friendship.

How do I participate? It's easy! Simply:

- 1) Bring a mug in a brown paper bag to church on Sunday, October 16, or to the office during the following week. Make sure to fill out and include a Mug Mate form in the bag.
- 2) Pick up a brown bag on Sunday, October 23, in the

Paul wrote something similar to the Romans,

"We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, not only so, we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given to us." Romans 5:3-5

Paul also wrote from prison to the church at Philippi,

"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13

Patra Mueller

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

Third Grade Bible Blessing will be celebrated on Sunday, October 16, during the 10:30 service. Parents will receive an email with all the details in early October.

First Communion Class Begins Sunday, October 9 - 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. We invite children age 10 or older, and their parents to learn and review the basic teachings of our distinctive Lutheran Christian belief about the Lord's Supper. To help us prepare, please pre-register by contacting Deacon Dan Jackson at djackson@hopeseattle.org, or the church office at 206-937-9330. Save the date: First Communion for the children who attended these classes will be on Sunday, November 6, at the 10:30 service.

Commons. Write down your name and who you got on the list by the Mug Mate box.

- 3) Contact your Mug Mate right away to let her know you are her Mug Mate.
- 4) PRAY!

Mug Mate Forms are available in the Commons.

Sylvia Baxter will host a *Meet Your Mug Mate Dessert* on Friday, November 4, at her house, providing an opportunity for you to meet in person. Questions, call Sylvia Baxter, or the church office.

Elder Extra: The Amazing Relationship

by Loren Sommer

Chip Ingram tells the story of when he was a young pastor in his late 20s at a church in Texas. At that church there was a kind man named John, who was in his 70's, and had been a Christian for about 10 years. He had been broke a couple of times, and before coming to Christ had lived his life in such a way that he felt he had wasted much of it.

Chip and John had nothing in common. Chip was young, cool, and full of energy but not much knowledge. John was full of knowledge, but was a little different in Chip's eyes and didn't have much energy. John was not into sports as Chip was, but owned a CPA firm in downtown Dallas. John was the chairman of the Elders. They would see each other once a month at Elder meetings, and then again at church—except once a month when John would miss church because he and a friend would visit prisons for the weekend. During Elder meetings at the mention of some good news John would rare back with a "Praise the Lord!" that made Chip think "O brother, I hope he doesn't do that one in public!"

After Chip had been at the church for about a year John asked Chip to drive to Dallas and have lunch with him. Chip agreed and John added that Chip would need to wear a coat and tie. When Chip got there he was amazed at the all-glass building as he took the elevator up to the 38th floor. As the doors opened he could see it was a big firm, and one of those "Mr. Saville will see you now." intimidating kind of environments. As he walked back to the office John saw him and said "Hey! Chip, how you doing?" and put his arm around him as they went to the glass elevator and rode it all the way to the top floor. At the top there were glass racquetball courts and a restaurant where you could see all over the city. Someone came with a white towel and a menu with no prices on it. "I really want you to get something you'll like, Chip. The filet is great here." "Well, thank you, Mr. Saville," Chip replied. "No, no, it's John!" was the warm reply.

After lunch, John handed Chip a checkbook labeled "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" which had a balance of \$5000. John said "Chip; here's what I'd like to do. I've been watching for a year and I think I can trust you. I want to have a secret pact—you can't tell anyone about this. I'm not going to live that much longer. I have a real heart for people that are hurting and people that are poor. And you, every day, are touching people that are hurting and poor. I'd like you to put the checkbook in your pocket, and any time you feel God prompting you to meet the need of a

poor or hurting person, or some sort of ministry that you think would bring joy to my heart and glory to God, I want you to take care of it. Do it in my name, but don't tell anyone it's me. Every three or four months I'll call you and we'll have lunch like this and you can tell me the stories of what you did with the money."

At first Chip said he was a bit nervous about making wrong decisions. He would think, "Now how would John want me to spend his money?" But after a while it became a real blast. He helped people in line at the grocery store that didn't have enough to cover the groceries, people that couldn't pay their utilities, etc. It was fun to meet with John and tell the stories of who he had helped. After a while he noticed that when he gave money in certain ways John would give a loud "Praise the Lord!" and other things got an "Oh, praise the Lord." So, Chip learned to give the money where it would really fire John up. After every meeting John would refill the account. Chip said three things happened in this amazing relationship. First, there was rarely a day that Chip didn't think of John. Second, although Chip admitted that he is lousy at detail and never balanced his own checkbook, he got really meticulous at balancing John's checkbook. After all, he would have to give an account to an accountant! The third thing that happened, Chip said, was totally unexpected. He and John became best friends. Chip started visiting the prisons with John. They hung out together. Two friends united in a cause. It was like an adventure, a celebration of supplier and representative just having a blast loving people.

The parallel is obvious. Isn't that a great way of thinking about our lives as Christians? God supplies us with time, talent, and treasure and we get to love on people and supply ministries with whatever God has given us to pass on.

God is looking for people to be liberal and generous with His supply, and when we do He fills up our accounts again.

Proverbs 11:25 says "A generous man will prosper and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." So why don't we all live generously? *To be continued...*





When my two brothers and I were kids and old enough to be left alone, my parents would leave a list of chores for us to do while they were gone, especially if it was for more than a day. Apparently, they did not realize what good children we were and that we would be fine just playing around the house while they were gone! The first thing we did was read the other brothers' lists to see how easy they got off before reading our list. Of course, since I was the oldest, I felt I had the most and the hardest jobs, so I always got a raw deal. It turns out each of us thought the other brothers got off easy and they had to do the most work. Like a "strike three" called on the outside corner—there are rarely two identical opinions. It's a principle we humans try to apply to so many relationships. C'mon now, you *know* you have compared yourself and your workload to others at your place of employment, right?

Many marriage relationships today are trying to run on the 50/50 principle. You do your half of keeping the household going and I'll do mine. It is a strategy that is doomed to fail. You would have to have coefficients for the equation of difficulty, time of day, areas of expertise, extra work done while your spouse was sick, physical requirements, torture (crying children, etc.), and just how many bonus points does she get for doing that task that activates my gag reflex anyway? No, when you focus on how much your spouse is or isn't doing, or doing right, it's a super-highway to vanity and bitterness.

A graphic with a dark, rocky background and a sunset or sunrise sky. The text "Self-interest is the enemy of all true affection." is written in white. Below it, in a small red box, is the name "Franklin D. Roosevelt".

Self-interest is the enemy
of all true affection.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Philippians 2:3 says *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."* That's not a suggestion, it's a command. I am commanded to humbly serve others just like Jesus did.

The only way I can do that is through the power of Jesus in me. As soon as I shift the focus back to what I think others should do for me I open myself up to resentment and frustration again. So if I humbly serve Bernadette, and she humbly serves me, there will be no scorekeeping and we

will try to out-love each other. Problem is, ever since the fall, this ideal has been hard to pull off. I realize that a healthy marriage will require two people who are willing to put in the effort. If there is a lot of baggage already it may be hard to put in the effort, but remember, love is an action, not just a feeling. I believe one of the highest forms of worshiping God is to be obedient when it is the hardest. I find these familiar words in 1 Corinthians helpful: *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails."*

I should point out that this doesn't mean that you don't each have separate tasks. For example, one of the ways Bernadette feels loved by me is to have me put gas in her car. And I wouldn't expect her to start the lawnmower or work on the cars. Similarly, I can't seem to plan ahead for a meal until I'm getting tunnel vision from hunger, I can't fold a shirt to save my life, and some types of shopping are like kryptonite to my knees! It *does* mean, however, that you don't add all the things you've done to see what the bottom line is for comparison.

As my brothers and I got older, we found it was faster, more efficient, and more fun to look at the whole list of chores and work together to get them all done as quickly as possible so we could get back to more important things, like riding our bikes or playing ball. And, looking back, it brought us closer together. The same thing can happen in marriage. There is tremendous satisfaction in completing a task with someone. So, in the spirit of not focusing on the quantity of tasks you each do, ask yourself "how can I love him/her today?" and then go at it with purpose. You might ask them "Is there anything I can help with?" You might bring a surprise home, or leave a card in their book or car. You could try asking them, "what is one of the things you usually do that you really dislike", and then do that for them if you can. Pretty soon you will realize you are both trying to outdo each other, and that's when marriage really rocks! You might even find yourself wearing a "love you more" t-shirt!

"Our love was made fresh." Put a breath of fresh air into your marriage relationship. Register now for the next **Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend coming November 4-6 in our area.** For more information visit our website at www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

"I'm an idiot."

"I'm the worst."

"I just don't know how to parent."

"My family is messed up."

"I'm not good at anything."

"I'm a loser."

Have I caught your attention?

There are so many false agreements we make with ourselves. Can you think of others? Maybe our parents' voice rises to the top when we feel like a failure. Maybe it's your coworker who says you're not the best on the team. Or it's your son who says their friend's parents let them stay out later. Or other parents who brag about all the cool things their kids are doing and you feel bad in comparison. Or perhaps we have enough self-talk to mask all other noise we hear.

John 10 talks about how a sheep knows his shepherd's voice but will run if it hears a stranger's voice: "The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." John 10:3-5

Jesus speaks to us in many ways: that subtle tug of your heart; the overwhelming love and joy you have just by taking a deep breath, looking into the sunlit sky and saying, "thanks God;" reading scripture and hearing the ways Jesus is walking with you.

But what happens when the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, isn't familiar to us? What happens when we hear Jesus' voice as the stranger's and turn away from him? When you hear yourself say, "I'm a terrible parent, or I'm the worst," do you think that is the voice of the shepherd or the voice of the enemy?

Think for a moment when you have become familiar with the wrong voice in your life. Ask God, in Jesus' name, to erase those thoughts.

Perhaps we are the ones who have been aiding the enemy's voice. Maybe we've said something false about someone. Approach that person and ask them to forgive you. Ask God, in Jesus' name, to forgive you and give you a new heart and a new start.

You cannot do anything to change the way God cares about you. He loves you. He has always been there, will always continue to be there and will forever love you. There is no voice you can listen to that will make God turn away from you. Through Jesus' blood, everything has been made new - including being able to forgive yourself.

Let's ask God for a new heart and a new start.

Let's accept His forgiveness, which He freely gives.

Let's seek to listen to the Good Shepherd.

God has opened the gate, and Jesus calls us - because he knows our name. If you hear your student voicing similar comments, know that these aren't from God and talk about it. Another way to help your student is to invite them to come to weekly youth gatherings where we talk about this stuff.

blessings,

Jonathan.

Youth Gatherings

Middle School Sunday Morning - 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

RüT Middle School Youth - Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

oFOUR2 High School Youth - Sundays from 8 - 9 p.m.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits Make a Difference

Elissa Sommer, Director of Human Care Ministry, esommer@hopeseattle.org

For many years, Hope has collected items for kits for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We will be assembling **250 school kits** as part of LWR's "Project Promise" and *we need your help*. Please come to the Fellowship Hall on either Sunday, October 23, at 9:30 a.m. as part of the Family Faith Event (open to all) or on Tuesday, November 1 from 6-9p.m. *Read the following excerpt from the LWR.org blog about how these kits make a huge difference.*

Why Lutheran World Relief School Kits Make a Difference.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) states that access to education is a basic human right...

In places where education is not affordable or accessible to all, many families are forced by their economic realities to choose which of their children go to school. Most often, though the decision is difficult, the oldest male child is the only one who has the opportunity. That means that essentially half of that community's or country's population does not have the means to explore and reach their potential as productive and active members of society.

Educating girls has what UNICEF calls a "multiplier effect." Girls who go to and stay in school are less likely to marry very young. They tend to be able to contribute more equally to family income, and have fewer children, whom they can more easily care for and invest in. Educated women prioritize nutrition, health care, and yes, education for their families. Their investments and decisions impact not only their own families but the community as a whole, helping break the chains of chronic poverty.

Providing simple tools such as those found in LWR School Kits helps many families have one less difficult decision to make. Through the generosity of Lutherans and others across the U.S., LWR is able to distribute hundreds of thousands of School Kits every year. And yet we still didn't have enough of these precious kits to meet all the requests we received from our partners.

That's why you are invited to take part in Project Promise: Build Kits of Care, a project of Lutheran World Relief.



These children in the community of La Carbonera in Somoto, Nicaragua, are so grateful for your School Kit donations!

Help assemble 250 kits!

- **Sunday, October 23, Family Faith Event: 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 1: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Join in! Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Financial Summary - August 2016

General Fund Summary of Revenue & Expenditures

					Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Variance	
Offerings	\$ 47,317	\$ 90,747	\$ 115,096	\$ (24,349)	
School Income	117,869	231,242	243,117	(11,875)	
Interest & Other	331	561	1,738	(1,177)	
Total Income	165,518	322,550	359,951	(37,401)	
Personnel Expense	113,614	177,482	258,333	80,851	
Supplies Expense	15,478	24,338	32,033	7,695	
Facilities Expenditures	9,756	16,353	30,100	13,747	
Debt Service	17,694	35,388	35,388	0	
Missions	1,500	1,500	1,000	(500)	
Total Expense	158,041	255,062	356,855	101,793	
Operating Surplus	7,476	67,488	3,096	64,392	

General Fund Summary Balance Sheets

	6/30/2016	8/31/2016
Cash - General	\$ 913,004	\$ 1,010,508
School Receivables, Net & Prepaids	9,951	985,487
Total Assets	922,954	1,995,995
Designated Funds - Agency	3,538	9,448
Designated Funds - School	178,064	193,631
Designated Funds - Church	133,815	135,318
Unearned Tuition	117,953	1,100,788
Other Liabilities	3,345	3,080
Total Liabilities	436,714	1,442,266
Fund Balance	486,240	553,729
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 922,954	\$ 1,995,995



Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

LCEF REBATE NEWS!

Susan Olson, from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, our loan provider, will be at Hope on Sunday, October 30, to present our mortgage rebate check to the congregation. (We receive a rebate each year if we have at least 61 investors – we currently have 65). The rebate is \$8,196.70! This rebate will be applied to our outstanding mortgage principal.

If you would like to know more about this program and how to become an investor, please contact the church office at 206-937-9330 or go to their website: www.lcef.org.

Celebrate Recovery - Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

The Celebrate Recovery Team Hope is off and running!

Weekly Monday meetings start with a 6:30 p.m. optional potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the 7:00 p.m. program in the Sanctuary.

The mission of this Christ-based program, which originated at Saddleback Church, is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 12 Steps and their Biblical comparisons and "8 Recovery Principles." By working and applying these Steps and Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually, emotionally and socially mature. CR is not just for those struggling with drugs or alcohol, but is perfect for anyone who is struggling with any number of hurts, habits or hang-ups.

Hope's CR Team launched earlier this summer and has a solid base of early participants and volunteer support crew. Following the roll-out of the basic program including child care, two youth-based programs will soon be introduced, Celebration Place (serves ages 5-11) and The Landing (for ages 12-18).

We have been blessed with several Hope members who are lending their gifts to this program, including putting

the program pieces into place, volunteering organizational and coaching skills, and building a volunteer cadre. A crew of Hope members and partners from other Celebrate Recovery groups and churches have stepped up to help launch this program, including assisting with training, outreach, large and small group meeting facilitation, personal sponsorship/accountability partners, agenda development and speaker line-ups, child care, dinners, security/facility management and music worship.

The planning team is extremely grateful to each person for their efforts, and to our Hope family for continued prayers for the success of this important work. It is not uncommon for individuals who show up to help crew for this program to end up discovering ways in which they personally benefit from its offerings, and become participants themselves. Please consider yourself officially invited to drop in to a meeting and see what it's about – you might be inspired to plug in at some level for your own personal growth as well as to support others in theirs, and we are in need of additional volunteers in many areas. Please contact crteamhope@gmail.com for more information.

Come as you are...It will Change Your Life!

Roses Turn Into Supplies for the Homeless

"This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4: 10 - 11

God has provided lovely, fragrant, beautiful ROSES in the rose garden where I work at 61st SW and SW Beach Drive. When my neighbors, Joe and Mary (not their real names), were going through hard times, I took bouquets of these special roses to them frequently. They were cheered and encouraged. Then Mary died. Joe specifically asked me to "Keep those roses coming!" Knowing of the needs of homeless people at the Compass Hygiene Center, Joe has given



me money whenever I bring a bouquet of roses to him. That's when I head to the Dollar Tree and stock up on essential items for homeless/low income people. Joe's helpful and practical love for the folks is his way of putting God's love into action in downtown Seattle. Oh, that you could peek in and see how these items are appreciated! The items make it possible for needful people to be clean, smell good, look well-groomed AND to move forward positively and encouraged in life. Folks at the Compass Hygiene Center often express their appreciation for the items which are given from people like Joe and those at Hope Lutheran

Church and School. They also receive a Gospel tract along with a printed Lutheran Hour devotion. (This is sharing God's love and His promises.) If this story encourages you to help, give me a call (or the church office) to find out what specifically is needed or simply bring hygiene items in a sack to the Commons, marked CC. - Irene Gehring.



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Project Promise: Build Kits of Care



Lutheran World Relief invites you to be part of something simple that is changing the world, one student, one school, one community at a time.

(See more about assembling kits on page 9.)

What is Celebrate Recovery?

A Christ centered program that gives people the resources and relationships to help recover from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This is a program for anyone struggling with past or current dysfunctions or compulsions, whether they are affecting their own life or the lives of those around them.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

(See more about CR on page 11.)