

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

Endless Summer

In warmer climates such as Southern California, there are often t-shirts, posters, and other items that carry the caption "Endless Summer."



The caption is usually accompanied by an artist's depiction of two surfers standing in front of the ocean at sunset with palm trees gently swaying in the breeze. The image and the caption are meant to take the viewer back to a simpler time in history, really all the way back to the Garden of Eden. The idea is that Southern California or other warmer places experience "endless summer," endlessly warm and sunny days without ever experiencing the harshness

of winter. These images are meant to both celebrate warmer climates and instill jealousy in those who live in colder climates. However, the appeal of these images goes much deeper than that - people are drawn to these images because they represent rest - not just in the form of physical rest or even sleep, but rest for the soul and the deepest parts of our being. They speak of an experience of freedom from the hassles and stresses and pain and disappointment and angst of this world - they remind us of Eden and invite us to look forward to heaven and the day when Jesus returns and re-creates our broken world. Until then, we live in a world where all is not "endless summer" —neither literally nor figuratively.

The reality is that while many of us are drawn to the idea of an idyllic experience of "endless summer," our lives are often far from a dreamy day playing in the waves of a tropical ocean beach at sunset. We work hard, play hard, and live hard. As members of our culture, we often follow the pull to keep ourselves constantly busy, if not with our paid work, then with activities with our kids or projects around the house or more. Additionally, many people don't sleep enough and live out of a permanent "sleep deficit." The Centers for Disease Control say that "more than a third of Americans are not getting enough sleep on a regular basis, contributing to an increase in motor vehicle crashes, industrial disasters, and medical and other occupational errors. People who don't sleep enough are also more likely to suffer from chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, depression, and obesity, as well as from cancer, increased mortality, and reduced quality of life and productivity" (<https://www.cdc.gov/features/dssleep/>).

The bottom line is that sleep and other forms of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual rest are critical even for life and health!

It's for this reason that God commands us to REST. The 3rd commandment to "keep the Sabbath day holy" is the pattern for rest that even God follows in the creation story. While part of that idea is taking a day to do no work and to worship and otherwise connect intentionally with God, it is meant to be a bigger pattern for the rhythm of our lives. God is calling us to rest so that we can work with joy, not work ourselves to the bone just so we can finally rest. To that end, I encourage you to carve out and set aside time to rest this summer. That can look like a lot of different things for different people, but here are some suggestions: take a nap, read a book, watch a movie, watch a sunset or sunrise, travel somewhere else, go out for a leisurely lunch or coffee with a good friend or your family, or stay at home and literally smell the flowers in your yard on your street. Whatever it looks like for you, take time for REST this summer - you and your heart, mind, soul, and body need it, it's commanded by God for our own good, and it will slowly but surely rejuvenate you and prepare you for whatever is next is your life. Our Seattle summer may not be endless, but our need to build rest into our lives on a regular basis *is* endless and I encourage you to experience the God-given freedom to indulge in regular rest this summer and throughout the year. When we rest, we also foreshadow what we will experience with God in heaven one day and when He comes to recreate the heavens and earth: *"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his."* (Hebrews 4:9-10)

I encourage you to also make worship a regular source of rest for you and your family this summer - it's so important and restful in its own way to stay connected to God and His people and in that way. When you are out of town or otherwise unable to gather with others for worship, remember that each Sunday's message is available in our mobile app and on our website, as is the opportunity to give and invest in the Hope ministry over the summer. Also, take time to rest in God's Word and prayer each day as a source of grounding, perspective, and life throughout the days of your summer. Even though our summers are not endless, God wants us to endlessly do life from a place of rest rather than exhaustion. May that increasingly be your reality this summer and beyond!

In His Strength and Peace,
Pastor Peter

Hope 2016 Fall Retreats - Save the Date!

5th Annual Men's Retreat

Friday, September 29—Sunday, October 1
Tall Timber Ranch, Lake Wenatchee



Take one weekend and come to the mountains for breathtaking views, great adventures, friendships old and new, great life-changing messages of insight and encouragement, and tons of food!

We are excited to have a live speaker with us this year, Dr. Jim Masteller! Invite a friend and join in the adventure! Registration is open at hopeseattle.org.

Celebrate Recovery Update



The leaders of *Celebrate Recovery - Team Hope* continue their study and learning to more deeply apply Celebrate Recovery principles in their own lives while preparing to re-launch to the general public in the coming months. Please continue to pray for our leaders in this journey.

In addition, several in this group will travel to the Celebrate Recovery Summit West at Saddleback Church campus in August, where best-selling authors and Celebrate Recovery founders Pastor John and Cheryl Baker will host three days of training and fellowship.

We continue to see God's plan unfold in a way that will enable Hope Church to provide this amazing opportunity to the many in our community who are looking for healing from their "Hurts, Habits, and Hang-Ups."

This summer the leadership team will visit churches with well-developed CR programs. Anyone is welcome to join us - it's a great way to see first-hand how the program works and the wonderful spirit that it instills in the leaders and participants. If you are interested in finding out more about CR please contact Gwen Fraser: gfraser49@msn.com, or crteamhope@gmail.com.

Annual Women's Retreat

"Living Water"

An In-Depth Look at John 4:1-42

Friday, October 13—Sunday, October 15.
Pilgrim Firs Conference Center, Port Orchard



Come and meet the woman at the well!

Our weekend will include all of our favorite activities including prayer partners, creative crafts, a book study, and much more!

Watch for registration to open soon.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: September 10

Final Registration Deadline: September 24

Good News From LWML



Exciting announcement from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League - the goal of \$2,000,000 for 2015 - 2017 mission grants has been reached and exceeded!

Thanks be to God for His work of guidance and giving among His people to this Mite project. It happens "a Mite at a time," "one penny at a time." The Mighty Mite! Thank you to all at Hope Lutheran Church and School who so diligently and generously support the Mite project. If you are interested in seeing what these worthy grants are, please pick up a report by the large Mite box in the Commons. by Irene Gehring



Hope School News

Graduation Celebrations



8th Grade Graduation Celebration

Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow in the Commons

The class chose Jeremiah 29:11 for their Bible verse:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."*

Preschool 4's & Kindergarten Graduation Celebration

Thursday, June 8

A.M. 4's - 9:00 a.m.

P.M. 4's - 1:00 p.m.

Kindergarten 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join in the celebration as these young people reach a milestone in their life. These events will be held in the Sanctuary. Congratulations to all our graduates and we wish you God's Blessings!

School Summer Activities

Join us in West Seattle's Grand Parade on

Saturday, July 22. We will be driving our school bus and need parent volunteers along with your kids to decorate, walk and ride in the parade. Church and school families welcome! Let us know you are joining us by calling the school office at 206-935-8500.



Outdoor Movies on the Wall

Hope School will again host a summer movie night this year at Hot Wire.

Check dates and movie selections at:

<http://westseattlemovies.blogspot.com/>.



Seattle Lutheran High School News

Bob Dowding Inducted into the WSSAA Hall of Fame

The following is an excerpt written by David Sleighter, Athletics Director.



Seattle Lutheran High School would like to announce that we are all celebrating Bob Dowding's induction into the Washington Secondary School Athletic Administrator's Hall of Fame. His gift here at SLHS has transcended into the community at large and into the state athletic community. We are so blessed to celebrate this award with his family as well as uplifting his passion for young people daily. God has blessed this community and his induction is indicative of his love for God and the young people he served. His memory lives in the halls of this place daily and with this induction he will continue to be remembered across the state.

Mental Health Day Held at SLHS

Did you know 1 in 5 young adults are challenged by a Mental illness?

On Thursday, April 20, SLHS had a Mental Health Day with the entire day dedicated to teaching our students about mental health issues, as well as giving them resources that will not only promote sound mental health but also let them know where to go when they have concerns about themselves or others. That day was an example of how God has enabled Seattle Lutheran to address a challenge in the lives of our young adults. In the ministry we call education, we are honored to teach academics and life, as an example of our passion to share God's love daily. As the leader, I want to thank all the churches and supporters of Seattle Lutheran High School who have had this passion for close to 40 years. Our joy is to continue this everyday in the lives of teenagers in Seattle.

by Dave Meyer, Principal

Member Updates

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into the family of God:

The sons of Brian and Jaime Kersten, baptized on April 9, 2017.

The son of John and Holly Rotach, baptized on April 23, 2017.

The children of George and Nicole Pepper, baptized on May 22, 2017.

WEDDINGS:

God's blessings to *Jason Boline and Kristin Tarabochia* on their marriage. Their wedding ceremony took place in April, 2017 at Hope Lutheran Church.

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS:

We welcome new members on Sunday, June 25.

DEATHS:

We offer our Christian sympathies to the families of the following loved ones who went to their eternal rest.

- Charles Henke passed away January 19
- Pearl Sommer passed away January 30
- Eda Keith passed away May 21

ADDRESS CHANGES:

(Contact the church office for information.)

Jason & Kristin Boline
New Address

Evelyn Buxton
New Address

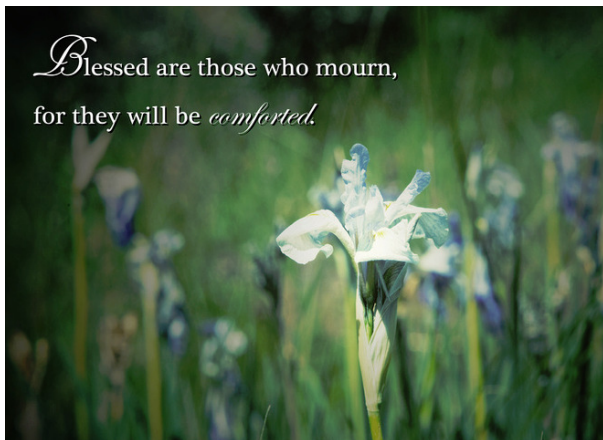
Pat & Victoria Gehring
New Address

Lorraine Huppert (now living with family)
New Address

Ruth Kaehler
New Address

Kaitlyn Morrison
New Address

Gordon & Ellaine Tagge
New Address



Hope Calendar - Upcoming Events!

JULY 30, 11:00 A.M. Annual Outdoor Worship & All-Church Picnic at Lincoln Park Join us for Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m. Meet at the south end of the park in the shade near the zipline. *Please note* - there will be a Traditional Service at Hope Church at 8:00 a.m. (no service at the church at 10:30 a.m.). If you worship at the 8:00 a.m. service, please come to Lincoln Park around 12 noon for a great time and delicious food! Worship, Fun & Food!

OCTOBER 29 - Northwest Reformation 500 - Puget Sound-wide celebration and service for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Service time: 4:30 p.m. Location: Overlake Christian Church. More details to follow.

Tranquili Tea Update

Joy was in the air and love was in the room as 110 women and a dozen girls celebrated the 3rd Annual Women of Hope Spring Tea! It was truly a celebration as we gathered together knowing that we are daughters of The King. Jocelyn Webster, accompanied by Amy Kopecky, shared beautiful worship songs reminding us of the greatness of God and His abundant love!



Our guest speaker was Amanda Hightower, Executive Director of REST (Real Escape from the Sex Trade).



REST serves the greater Seattle area and through their holistic continuum of care (prevention, intervention, and aftercare), serve those who are at-risk, actively in,

and those taking steps towards exiting a life of sexual exploitation. Amanda described this incredible ministry which works to help the wounded young women and men in our city. The tea participants responded with generous hearts knowing that lives touched by the love of Jesus are changed lives. Thank you for your generous gifts of over \$3,000 as well as 80 pairs of leggings, 150 pairs of underwear and 50 bras. There are many opportunities to continue to support REST. See details at iwantrest.com.

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Special Recognition to our Children's Ministry Volunteers!

At this time of the year, we recognize and thank our Children's Ministry volunteers!

A special thank you to the following people for their time and effort in sharing the Hope of Jesus with our children faithfully throughout the year!

Sunday School Teachers: Taylor Kuhn, Rachel Sommer, Carolyn Brugge, Marci French, and Geneva Machmiller.

Children's Church Leaders: Meagan Slawson, Jennifer Young, Brenda Darst, Jennifer Kistler and Dixie Steele.

Children's Choir: Director Terese Machmiller; Assistants: Geneva Machmiller and Simone Machmiller.

Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Harper-Cooley.

Vacation Bible School - July 24-28, 9:00-Noon

Join us at "Maker Fun Factory" We're excited for a unique, over-the-top adventure where kids will discover their individual identities as Children of God and experience the unconditional love of Jesus through music, games, crafts, and God's Word! Please pray for God's Word to touch each of our participants in a special way.



VBS Volunteer Teams

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 and high students are a key part of our volunteer team! All volunteers can sign up online.

VBS Registration - Children, entering grades 1st-5th in the fall, can register online at www.hopeseattle.org. The cost is \$30. *Preschool and kindergarten classes are filled to capacity.* Contact patramueller@hopeseattle.org to place your child on our wait list.

Would you like to join the fun? Volunteers are always needed. Contact patramueller@hopeseattle.org or call the church office at 206-937-9330.



If you poll a group of parishioners as to what book of the Bible they would most like to have taught to them, and you poll what book of the Bible preachers are most reluctant to teach, you would have the same top answer: Revelation. Revelation's appeal of sensationalism, of fantastic imagery in color, shape, and drama is an amazing read for sure. But, knowing that I am just a "B" student, and knowing that some scholars have devoted their lives to the study of the end times (eschatology) and come up with different scenarios, it's hard for me to get too excited about spending a lot of time studying Revelation until I have thoroughly studied other more plain scripture. Indeed, Martin Luther seems to have felt the same at one time as he wrote "Many have tried their hands at it (understanding Revelation), but until this very day they have attained no certainty. Some have even brewed it into many stupid things out of their own heads." (Latin exegetical works of Luther)

Why is Revelation so difficult to understand? Well, for one, it's apocryphal, and we aren't used to studying apocryphal books because they are mostly in the Old Testament. In fact, most of us aren't even cracking anything to the left of Matthew in our Bibles. But over half of the scripture references in Revelation come from Ezekiel, Daniel, Isaiah, and the Psalms. Revelation is also symbolic--hugely so. Those of us who just completed the lessons on how to study Revelation by Pastor Ken Klaus of the Lutheran Hour were given a start of some of the symbolism used. For instance, the number 10 in Revelation refers to all of something. If you square or cube a number, it intensifies the meaning. So if the number 10 means all of, 1000 means really, absolutely all of. The number 12 in Revelation is used to signify the people of God. If you square 12, you get 144. Multiply that by 1000 and you get 144,000, which represents really absolutely all of God's people. We were also warned of the dangers of switching back and forth between literal and symbolic interpretation of scripture. If you don't understand the symbolism and you start flinging around numbers like 144,000 and 1000 with a literal interpretation of the visions in Revelation, you can get into trouble. I listen to quite a bit of Christian radio and I constantly hear the preaching of a literal 1000 year reign of a physical Jesus on earth after Christians have been raptured. Next thing you know, you're trying to figure out where we are on a timeline and where 9/11 fits in. Revelation isn't meant to be read as a linear timeline. It's not meant to be a puzzle book either, where you get a newspaper, a globe, and a history book and look for missing pieces. That draws our

attention away from the focus of the book. Revelation is a picture book which includes several scenes of the end times, from different perspectives if you will. Kind of like when Jesus was teaching in Matthew 13 and he used several different parables in a row to explain the kingdom of God. So the "elephant in the room" question for lay-people like me is "How can Christian scholars who claim to be, and certainly appear to be, Bible believing, surrendered to Christ, praying, serving Christians who trust the Holy Spirit to provide their faith and guide their study, how can they have significantly different views on Revelation and eschatology?" I don't think it's because some aren't saved or they aren't reading scripture correctly. I think Jesus already told us why. In fact, he told us that when the disciples were pressing him about the future. In Acts 1:7-8 "He said to them: *"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."*⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Understanding every specific detail and the timing thereof isn't only unnecessary for our salvation. Jesus actually said that it wasn't even for his disciples to know. That's easy to skip over but think about that for a minute. He didn't say, keep puzzling about that and I'm sure you'll figure it out. He said it's not for you to know that, and then redirects them to what? To the Gospel, of course. Spread the good news of salvation.

Make your relationship with Christ your first love.

So I read Revelation, and you should, too. If you're going to study it I recommend you first study Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel (especially chapter 7) and the Psalms. Think big picture, don't agonize over the details. Heed the warnings given to the churches. Imitate what they did well. Make your relationship with Christ your first love. Become engrossed in the story. Praise the Lord. Cheer for the saints. Detest the beast. Notice the contrast between the Holy Trinity and the unholy trinity. Be filled with hope. Groan for the ending. Cheer for Jesus our Savior who is the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords! He comes as the triumphant Lion, not the sissified Jesus seen in paintings with blue eyes and perfect hair, looking more like a model on the cover of a romance novel. No, the picture of Jesus is on a white horse and He is wearing a robe dipped in blood, and He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. God's people are under duress, and Christ is coming to vindicate his name and save his people. Halleluiah!



It was a beautiful summer day. The small church had a view of a quiet bay on

Puget Sound. It was his second marriage and her fourth but I felt good about it as I watched them weave three strands of rope into one while the Pastor read Ecclesiastes 4:12 "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." They were a great couple and things seemed to go well for a while. Then an altercation happened between one of them and a fellow member of their church. Accusations were made and feelings were hurt. You can guess the inevitable response. Of course they left the church. And you can guess the next part too. They went church shopping but never found one they liked. I didn't see them often but when I did I would ask if they had found a church yet. The answer was always the same. It seemed there was always one they were going to check out. Now the cord was down to two strands. The next few years brought blended family issues that were incredibly divisive. Add some financial difficulty and the ropes were unraveling fast. That's when I got the text. There had been another argument and he had left for his mother's house. During the ensuing 30 minute conversation I think I got in 3, maybe 4 sentences, which was OK as he needed to vent. A couple days later I had a similar conversation with her. I was saddened by how much contempt they had for each other. They were two different people. They could not string two sentences together without accusing each other of something or assassinating their character. It absolutely broke my heart, because they used to be such a great couple together and I love them both.

Webster defines contempt as the state of mind of one who despises; lack of respect or reverence for something. While driving to work I was mulling over contempt (easy to do on the road around here) and I happened upon an interview with pastor and author Gary Thomas who was speaking about how to cherish our spouse. While trying to nail down a definition for the word "cherish", the interviewer said sometimes it helps to define what the opposite of cherish is. "Oh, that's easy," Gary responded. "It's the opposite of contempt." (I don't believe in coincidence.) Most of us promised "to love and to cherish" as part of our wedding vows. But which one of us has really spent any time thinking about what it means to "cherish." Is it different

than love? Webster defines cherish as "to hold dear, to feel or show affection for, to keep or cultivate with care and affection, to nurture, and to entertain or harbor in the mind deeply and resolutely." That does sound like the opposite of contempt, especially when you consider the definitions of "harbor in the mind deeply" and "state of mind." When you hold someone in contempt, you run over and over in your mind how bad they are, what bad things they have done, and rationalize why you are justified in feeling the way you do about them. You assassinate their character in your mind over and over. But when you cherish your spouse you hold them dear in your mind. You think about all the reasons you love them, deeply. Gary used the analogy of a guy who has a car that he is obsessed with. He will wash and wax it with care and when one of his buddies comes over he will say "Oh you have to come see my car." He will say all the good stuff about the car but won't point out any of the flaws. They talk about self-fulfilling prophecies about whether you see yourself succeeding or failing, and to some extent I believe that's true. I think it's also true that if you hold someone in contempt you will usually look for and find the bad, and if you cherish someone you will usually look for and find the good.

**Cherish adores, delights in,
showcases your spouse, enjoys.**

So, what's the difference between loving and cherishing? That's a bit tougher. Gary said you can love without cherishing, but you can't cherish without loving. 1 Corinthians describes love this way: *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."* Love is often best thought of as an action verb. Without cherishing though, love becomes a duty and discipline. Love calls you to perseverance, commitment, sacrifice, service, hanging in there. Cherish adores, delights in, showcases your spouse, enjoys. Cherishing is when my mind dwells on how much joy my wife brings me. Cherishing is when I hear the door open and I am happy that she is home. Just as love is, to cherish is also a decision. If we spend time cherishing our spouse we will fulfill our promise, and find it much easier to find the good in each other. Yes, I believe I need to study and practice the concept of cherishing more. You?

Ready for a Story?

Jonathan Kopecky, Youth Minister, jonathan@hopeseattle.org.

Are you ready for a story?

The story goes like this: a student of our middle school youth group called, "RüT" brought a friend, for the first time, about a year ago. This friend invited another friend and all three started attending regularly. This third friend invited another friend who's friend invited three other friends. All of them have been going to RüT regularly.

That alone is a great story; however, the invitations, as awesome as they sound, aren't nearly as amazing as the rest of the story...

This story is about the third friend's friend. When he was attending RüT a few weeks ago, we broke into small groups and he asked a question, "What if I don't read the Bible?" I responded "Why wouldn't you want to??" with a smile. He responded and said, "that would probably be a good idea." We laughed; however, the Spirit prompted me to ask him if he had a Bible of his own. I didn't really know his background. He answered, "no, I don't." I was super excited!! Not because he wasn't reading the Bible, but because a Hope student brought a friend who's life has a chance to be changed through the Holy Spirit, by personally reading God's word for the first time. I gave him a brand new Bible the following week and I have been following up with him about it. Praise God! Keep praying and supporting the youth at Hope! They are our leaders to their generation.

Can I tell you another story?

In a little over a month, I will be taking a group of nine youth to Mexico to build a home for a family!



This family is hand-selected, once they have been approved, they undergo a process of volunteering 100 hours in the community *and* at the local orphanage.

Next, this family goes on a waiting list for 4 months, and up to 2 years, before they receive a house. The greater the need, the sooner they will have a house built for them. **Now we get to build a house for a family!** We have a pretty big chunk left to pay towards this house and any help from you will be a blessing! Please consider helping us reduce the cost of plane tickets, van rentals, and the house we are going to build.

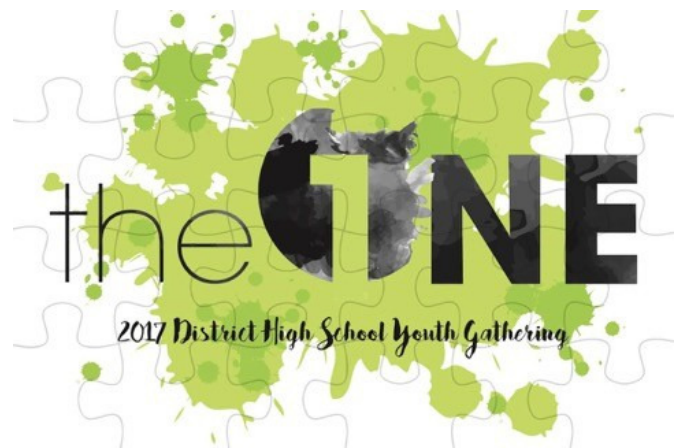
Thank you so much for those who have given towards this mission! You truly have inspired, encouraged and strengthened my passion for helping youth have this life changing experience.

I'll close with one last story: The toilets in the orphanage have to be flushed with a bucket of water. There's no lever. A bucket of water has to flush "it" down.

This will be a life changing trip, for me and for the youth!

blessings.

jonathan.



Upcoming Events:

June 24 - 30 Mexico Mission Trip

July 19 - 23 theONE Gathering for High School Youth

This high school district youth gathering happens once every 3 years!

Superbowl Champion Clint Gresham will be our Wednesday night speaker to kick things off.

For more information about youth events go to:

<http://hopeseattle.org/next-steps/youth/>

Human Care Ministries - Compass Housing Alliance

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

"Compass Housing Alliance provides housing, shelter and support services to people experiencing homelessness and poverty in the Puget Sound Region."



A LUTHERAN ORGANIZATION

Beginning in 1920, the Rev. Otto Karlstrom and Mrs. Alva Karlstrom had a vision to create a welcoming space for people in need. Today, this space and Compass Housing Alliance are providing services and affordable housing for men, women, veterans, and families who are low-income or experiencing homelessness. Their services include day services, emergency shelter, transitional housing and affordable housing at 23 locations. They are rooted in the Lutheran tradition of giving through service.

Have you noticed the campers and tent camps in the Seattle area, here, there and just about everywhere? Jesus said, "you will always have the poor among you." Along with that reminder He also encouraged us to help them. Be encouraged! There are wonderful ways in which YOU can help and make a positive difference. It happens continuously at the Compass Housing Alliance, 77 S. Washington, at Alaskan Way. This is a downtown mission which reaches out to thousands with help and housing.

One of the ways in which people are helped happens in the Hygiene Center which provides showers, laundry facilities, and haircuts, along with hygiene products. Homeless and low income people want to remain clean, well-groomed, and presentable but they don't have the resources. Long-time Hope member, Irene Gehring, has volunteered at the Hygiene Center for many years giving countless haircuts. Recently, as she completed a young man's haircut, she encouraged him to help himself to the hygiene items. He

was absolutely overjoyed! "A pumice stone? Styling gel? Q-tips? Foot powder? I can't believe it! And it's all free?" He was so joyful and thankful. Irene sees that over and over as people help themselves to whatever items they need.

Irene recently received a generous gift of \$100, wrapped in a newsletter page in which she had submitted an article requesting hygiene items! Her name was on the front and simply the words "Thank You" on the inside. She wanted to take this opportunity to "thank this generous person for donating towards the purchase of hygiene items. Thank you! Your gift, along with past gifts of money and items from people of Hope, has made a difference in many people's lives. Thank You, Lord, for leading Your people to be helpful, kind, thoughtful and generous."

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Gehring or Elissa Sommer. For more information on how you can support the mission of Compass Housing Alliance, you may contact directly at 206-474-1061 or visit:

www.compasshousingalliance.org.

Donations may be placed in the Common's Missions box.

In the month of June we are collecting the following:

- shampoo, body wash, men's deodorant, lotion
- hair brushes, combs, hair styling gel
- Vaseline petroleum jelly, Chapstick, lip balm
- pens, pencils, small tablets
- toothbrushes (hard or med), mouthwash (alcohol free), dental floss
- large toenail clippers, pumice stones, foot powder
- shaving cream, cough drops, bandaids
- reading glasses (only \$1 at Dollar Store)
- mirrors, small plastic containers with lids
- hand sanitizer/wipes, tissues, Q-tips

HOUSE OF HOPE - Providing Shelter for Families Tuesday, August 1 - Tuesday, August 15.

You are invited to help by:

- baking treats such as muffins, cookies
- giving food supplies or \$\$ for HCM to buy
- playing with kids
- rocking a baby
- sleeping overnight (in the Youth Room)
- many other ways to help a little or a lot!

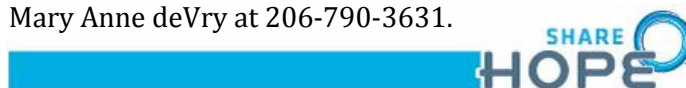
Your entire family can participate! This is a great way to "meet & greet" with other people of Hope. But the most rewarding and fun part is getting to know these delightful moms and kids and being part of God's love.

Watch for sign up information coming soon!

For more information contact:

Pam Johnson at 206-937-0459 or

Mary Anne deVry at 206-790-3631.



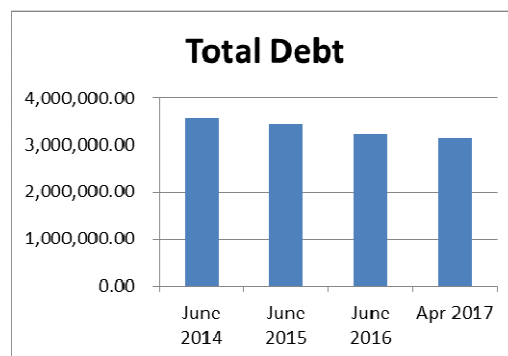
Financial Summary - April 2017

General Fund Summary of Revenue & Expenditures

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Offerings	\$ 52,382	\$ 601,492	\$ 562,692	\$ 38,799
School Income	129,401	1,221,378	1,222,183	(805)
Interest & Other	933	5,121	8,692	(3,571)
Total Income	182,717	1,827,990	1,793,567	34,423
Personnel Expense	175,414 ^a	1,217,244	1,291,667	74,422 ^b
Supplies Expense	16,043	161,496	162,167	671
Facilities Expenditures	10,966	153,987	150,500	(3,487)
Debt Service	17,694	176,940	176,942	1
Missions	1,500	6,000	5,000	(1,000)
Total Expense	221,616	1,715,668	1,786,275	70,607
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (38,899)	\$ 112,323	\$ 7,292	\$ 105,030

General Fund Summary Balance Sheets

	6/30/2016	4/30/2017
Cash - General	\$ 913,004	\$ 1,045,954
School Receivables, Net & Prepays	9,951	175,664
Total Assets	922,954	1,221,618
Designated Funds - Agency	3,538	14,542
Designated Funds - School	178,064	171,892
Designated Funds - Church	133,815	138,922
Unearned Tuition	117,953	243,822
Other Liabilities	3,345	0
Total Liabilities	436,714	569,178
Fund Balance	486,240	652,440
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 922,954	\$ 1,221,618



Endowment Fund Balance Sheets

Long Term Endowment Assets ^c	\$ 142,643	\$ 142,697
Fund Balance	\$ 142,643	\$ 142,697

^a Hope rolled out a new, fully compliant board-mandated employee handbook in July 2016. With this complex rollout came a change in Hope's pay dates (from the 15th and the last day of the month to the 5th and the 20th of each month). Because of this change, the total expenses in the month of July 2016 were understated by one pay period (because they were paid on August 5th and Hope's policy has been to record on a cash basis during the budget year). To account for this, we recorded a \$50,233 adjustment in the month of April, which approximates one payroll, not including benefits. This adjustment will be trued up to actual in June, 2017. At the end of each fiscal year going forward, we will accrue the June 30th pay period so that the amount payable is properly stated at year end.

^b This favorable variance is due to the following: Hope's ability to not hire a budgeted position due to slightly lower than expected school enrollment; lower enrollment in our medical plan, and a shorter than budgeted school summer camp program.

^c Hope's Endowment Fund contains funds that are permanently restricted according to the donor stipulations. The gifts were received between 1971 and 2006. The earnings from a majority of these funds are recorded in the general fund (in the church designated funds) and are to be used for financial assistance for those in pastoral training at one of the two LCMS seminaries or in training for professional church ministry. The funds are invested with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. These funds are separate from the Hope Lutheran Foundation.

Note: Please contact Julia Doerr, Parish Administrator, with any questions.

Behind-The-Scenes Volunteers - A Big Thank You!

We are thank ful for the incredible number of volunteers who regularly work behind the scenes to help Hope “run” on a regular basis. We are humbled by your service to God and your willing spirit.

The Eve Group – “The Eves” weed many of the flower beds on campus: **Jennifer Ancona, Sylvia Baxter, Carolyn Brugge, Irene Gehring, Elois Gruenhagen, Rachel and Bernadette Sommer.**

David Gehring – Dave mows and edges the lawn and provides other routine maintenance. **David Kannas** and **Gerry Tornow** fill in for him from time to time.

Omar Sommer – Omar maintains the irrigation system, making adjustments and replacing parts as necessary.

Irene Gehring – Irene prepares LWML Mite donations for the bank deposit and also tidies the church kitchen, keeping it free of clutter. She also collects donations for Compass Housing and regularly serves there.

Kay Zankich – Kay regularly arranges the beautiful flower displays in the entrance of the church Commons.

Paul Zankich - Paul purchases Hope’s Communion wine, and, along with **Kay**, provides flowers, lilies & palms to decorate the Commons and Sanctuary.

Loren, Bernadette and Rachel, and Omar Sommer – they collectively grow and plant the hundreds of beautiful annuals in the flower beds all around Hope.

Elois Gruenhagen – Elois maintains the hundreds of annuals in the flower beds and is also planting and maintaining the “courtyard garden” to the north of the church office. She has recently taken over the Sunshine Committee – sending cards to those who are sick or need encouragement. (**Lorraine Huppert** previously did this kind task.)

Pam Johnson, Carol Pera, Marilou Mick, and Kristin Boline – They all provide careful and accurate data entry for Hope (they are preceded in this task by **Darlene Roberts**).

Ken Wilke – Ken provides a lot of general campus clean up in addition to his paid duties.

Paul Rafert – Paul does so many things! He takes worship & Sunday school attendance, organizes welcome slips, orders light bulbs, maintains the locks on the doors/gates, and does many small building repairs.

Wayne Machmiller - Wayne has led the bidding process on all of our recent significant facilities-related projects.

Bob Magera - Bob keeps an eye on the entire campus: changing light bulbs/ballasts, making electrical & plumbing repairs, keeping gutters clear, and much more.

Darryl Clavey (and Rosalee) – They help with miscellaneous carpentry and repair projects.

David Follis – David provides expert guidance and troubleshooting assistance to our staff regarding our computer and wifi networks.

Margaret Walker and Greta Thode – They host countless numbers of hospitality events and special events at Hope and SLHS. They also oversee the Sunday morning coffee hour: purchasing supplies, setting up, and serving the 8 a.m. coffee service.

Finance Team – This team counts the Sunday offerings: **Bill Gehring, MaryAnne Erickson, Sylvia Baxter, Rueben Dockter, Mat & David Hemme, Gretchen Schmidt, Helga Caldwell, Mark Breslich, Briana Bowen.** Recently, **Owen Winter and Shari Wallace** served on these teams for many years.

Bulletin & Newsletter Teams - These teams prepare our weekly bulletins for each Sunday, and our quarterly newsletters for distribution: **Judy Parsons, John & Diane Schrage, Helga Caldwell, Zona Hoehne, Jeanne Wicklund.** Past teams have included: **Gordon & Ellaine Tagge, Ruth Kaehler, Caroline Garvey and Jim Ditmar.**

Eric Mueller and Kevin McFeely – Risking life and limb, these two change the reader board greetings about once a week.

Larry Koltz – Elder extraordinaire. Larry serves as an Elder almost every week and does much to manage Sunday morning logistics.

Loren Sommer and Paul Brott – Loren and Paul have taught weekly Bible studies for many years. We are so grateful for their leadership in this area.

To all of our faithful volunteers (and anyone we may have missed): Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of Hope Lutheran Church. You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving. For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of Hope, its leaders and staff. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation!



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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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HOPE'S ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 30,
Lincoln Park



**Contemporary Service, 11:00 a.m. at Lincoln
Park, followed by the picnic.**

Traditional Service will be held at
Hope Church at 8:00 a.m.

If you worship at 8:00,
please come to Lincoln Park around 12 noon.

Join the Fun!

MEXICO MISSIONS RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday & Saturday, 8/25-8/26



DONATE: Furniture, Housewares, Clothing,
Shoes, Toys, Sports Equipment, Books,
Tools...items in good condition.

Bring your donations the week before the
sale to the Fellowship Hall.

Proceeds Benefit:

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Sign up information coming soon.