

Finance & Attendance Update:

Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2017):	2,669.25
Amount received last Sunday:	2,553.00
Total received to date this year:	41,870.10
Remaining amount needed to meet our budget:	96,929.90
Amount received last Sunday for Capital Growth Fund:	20.00
Total received to date this year for Capital Growth Fund:	6,870.00
Attendance last Sunday:	76

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – *Graduate Recognition*
- 11:15 a.m. Music & Worship Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Finance Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean UMC Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth meeting at Portland Malt Shoppe

Tuesday, May 9

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, May 10

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal

Wednesday, May 10, *continued*

- 10:00 a.m. Page Turners
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon

Thursday, May 11

- 9:00 a.m. Painters Group
- 6:30 p.m. Qigong

Sunday, May 14

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – *Mother's Day*
- 11:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean UMC Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Intergenerational Mission Trip:** REGISTRATION is now OPEN for **ALL AGES** to participate in our June 23-25 weekend mission trip with Spirit River Community UMC! Cost is only \$25 (additional if you choose motel accommodations). Come make a difference, together!

***Counters Needed** to serve on a regular or substitute basis; please see Pete Bergman, Chair of the Finance Team, or contact the church office.

***Our new website address** is Hopemethodistchurch.com. Check it out! Thanks, Kevin Raihala!

***Have you noticed our new Little Lending Library?** The library and our newly renovated sanctuary will be blessed during worship on **Celebration Sunday, May 21**. Games and a meal will follow worship to mark the end of the program year; *another special opportunity to invite friends without a church home!*

***Our Hope Garden needs some tender care.** Looking for volunteers to help with some clean up, as well as regular weeding and watering this summer. See Sue Beeman for more info.

You can also support our Hope Garden by donating to the plant sale on June 3rd.

STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Amy-Dressler

Kid's Quest Director: Anita Rixe

CYF Director: Katrina Hagemeyer

Music Director: Liz Raihala

Custodian: Matt Johnson

Sounds of Hope: Nancy DeArmond



May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hope United Methodist Church

301 West St. Marie Street

Duluth MN 55803

Liz Raihala – Accompanist

Meredith Kuehl – Choral Accompanist

Pastor Laurie Boche

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday ~ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.

PRELUDE "Come Thou Almighty King" traditional

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is calling us into new and sometimes uncomfortable places.

Once there, we find hospitality and friends.

Jesus has brought the love of God and given us his peace.

The Holy Spirit is giving us the strength to go forth with confidence and compassion.

Jesus reminds us of our tasks as disciples and given us legs to walk again.

May we drink from the waters of your river of life today.

Let us worship our Lord.

***HYMN** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" #2221

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

Oh Holy One, we are seeing you lift up your people and give them the courage and strength needed to work with you. Give us the longing in our hearts to want to join them in doing your will and the joy in meeting new challenges. We know that with the Holy Spirit and your peace, great things can be done. Amen.

EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:3-11 p. 185 *Lori Amundson*

CHOIR ANTHEM "Remember Me" Gene Grier/Lowell Everson

CHILDREN'S TIME *sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come up* #191

TIME OF SHARING - JOYS AND CONCERNS

(We ask you to pass the registration pads at this time.)

SILENT PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

***HYMN** "Without Seeing You" #2206

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:42-47 p. 112 *Lori Amundson*

MESSAGE "We Stand Together in Christ"

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY "How Deep Is the Father's Love for Us" arr. Fettke

*** DOXOLOGY** #95

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SONG OF PREPARATION Sanctuary 2x #2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" arr. Hayes

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***HYMN** "The Servant Song" #2222

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Awakening Call" Paxton

**You are invited to stand as you are able*

LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher. Nursery Care provided.

A Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our Lord thanks and praise.

Almighty God, we bless you
For creation and all that you have made,
For your gracious covenant with a holy people and
For your steadfast love in sending the prophets
To call us to repent and to walk in your ways.
With thanksgiving we remember your love for the world
In sending your Son to live and die as one of us.

Before his death on the cross he took bread and said,
“Eat this bread – it is my body – and remember me.”

After supper he took the cup and said,
“Drink this wine – it is my blood – and remember me.”
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
You gave birth to your church and made all things new.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

By your Holy Spirit make this bread and wine
To be for us the body and blood of Christ.
So fill us with your love that being one with Christ
We may daily welcome your new creation
With acts of compassion and justice.
Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
All honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Katelyn Johnson

Graduating from: East High School

Summer plans: Working at Pet Smart and Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch

Plans for next year: Attending LSC and hopefully having time to play soccer for them!

Michelle Kuntz

Graduating from: East High School

Summer plans: Working at the Pickwick, attending grad parties, going on family vacation, and going to the beach as much as possible

Plans for next year: Attend LSC to work on generals and narrow down her many interests

Alyssa Hagemeyer

Graduating from: Proctor High School

Summer plans: Working as an AIS Watercraft Inspector for Canosia Township and spending time on the lake

Plans for next year: Attend Fond Du Lac for environmental science

Eamonn Mackinaw

Graduating from: Marshall High School

Summer plans: Working for Northshore Track to maintain the railroad tracks for the Scenic Railroad and grain docks

Plans for next year: Attend Northland College in Ashland, WI and major in Environmental Studies to become a Conservation Officer with the MN or WI DNR. He will also be playing NCAA Division 3 Lacrosse there.

Erin Teichroew

Graduating from: East High School

Plans for next year: Attending Gustavus.

Allison Boerboom

Graduating from: East High School

Jess Peterson

Graduating from: East High School