

INTERSECT has proven to be a great way to move beyond the one hour on Sunday morning! My heart has swelled as I watched the multiple generations interaction around the tables in the Great Room during our Bible Class hour. July will propel the experience even further. Imagine what happens when multiple generations put their shoulder to the wheel, so to speak, to put flesh on the Gospel good news as we branch out into service to the community around us. Experienced folks tutoring the less experienced all for the sake of serving others. With our **ONE service at 9:30** and service projects following, July could become our most productive month as church!

Lutherans are blessed with the doctrine of the Two Kingdoms. The Kingdom of the right hand is the Church. The Kingdom of the left is the state, both the sovereign domains of our God. So we are called to be participants in both! Therefore, the fourth day of July in the United States brings out the pride of patriotism in all of us. We wave flags, parade down Main Street, thrill at the high school bands that lift our spirits with the strains of some Sousa march. I'm proud to be an American! Our form of government, a democratic republic, was established by very bright, experienced people who were at the right place at the right time...James Madison, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, et al. I am always amazed at the genius of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The disestablishment clause (not "the separation of church and state," as many contend) has given us the greatest freedom of religion the world has ever known. By forbidding a state religion and allowing the free exercise of religion, Christians have benefitted by the unfettered practice of their beliefs. We can be proud of our nation for that. BUT let me take you a step further. Remember the last time you saw a photo of the United States taken from the space station? Did you see any lines marking the boundaries of the norther and southern boarders of the US? That photo is the way God looks at his world...no boundaries! John 3:16 informs us that God so loved the **world**, not just the United States, our homeland. Maybe the high-flying fireworks of the Fourth of July should remind us that our mission reaches well beyond the boarders of the United States.

Vacations by design change the daily routine. To take time away from the responsibilities of a job, the time crunch of schedules, and the mundane, refreshes and re-creates us to return with renewed energy and vigor. We all agree that time away improves attitudes and relationships. We need it! Interestingly enough, there is a Biblical imperative that serves the same purpose. It's called the Sabbath. The seventh day was made holy by our God when he rested from his creativeness. Think of Sabbath as a weekly vacation to renew relationship with our Father and our family, physically rest, and mentally recover. God knows we would work ourselves to death 24/7 if given the chance. So take that vacation, but more importantly, take that Sabbath!

The 2018 Texas District convention has been gavelled to its closure. I was pleased to help chair the proceedings and lead the closing worship service commemorating those who have joined the Church Triumphant during the last triennium. My service as a Vice President is now concluded and I await the next opportunity to serve God's people here at Hope and in the community. Thanks are due to Pastor Jon and Larry Sieraski, our delegates. Our God continues to open doors to those who search!

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS





NOTES FROM PASTOR JON

Last year's experiment with a single worship service during the Sundays of July was a success and we will do the same this July. Last July, we experimented with different ways of serving others. This July, we have expanded those opportunities to serve. If this July is anything like last year, it will be an exciting time – something new every Sunday – a chance to work with and connect with people with whom you don't normally associate – a chance to build relationships all across the generations of the Body of Christ at Hope. If you are in town, I strongly urge you to join us on Sunday mornings for worship, for fellowship, for service, for lives intersecting each other in new and different ways.

OUTREACH

It's not a secret that citizens of Friendswood take advantage of our campus every time the 4th of July rolls around. Why? Because we are so close to Centennial Park – making our parking lots an excellent place to watch the fireworks! The people will already be here, so how can we serve them while they are here? Once again, we will be doing what we call "Parking and Popcorn." We will utilize our awesome popcorn machine to give these folks something to munch on while watching the show! It's that simple. It's a simple way for us to be hospitable to our neighbors and a chance to engage in conversation.

If you want to help out, let us know. And even if you just plan on being on campus for the fireworks, wear your "Got Hope?" t-shirt. Let's take this opportunity to show Friendswood some love!

CONFIRMATION

The next year for confirmation is coming up faster than you might realize. New classes will start on August 19th. For those beginning confirmation instruction in the Fall, look for information in the mail this month.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Larry Sieraski and I were your delegates to the Texas District Convention in June. The deadline for this newsletter was during the convention. I will offer a report in next month's Anchor Chain.

His Peace Be With You,

Pastor Jon

Youth Ministry

By the time you read this we will be back! More than 30 of the Hope faith family will venture to Rock Springs, Texas to climb the rocks, jump in the cool clear river and dig into God's Word while we trek through nature June 29th -July 2nd. Camp Eagle has become a favorite in our three year rotation for Senior High and the expedition does wonders for the unity and cohesion of the group. Upon our return we will start a small group Bible study focused on those youth interested in advancing their leadership skills among their peers as well as the church at large. We're excited for the potential harvest among these workers and disciples!

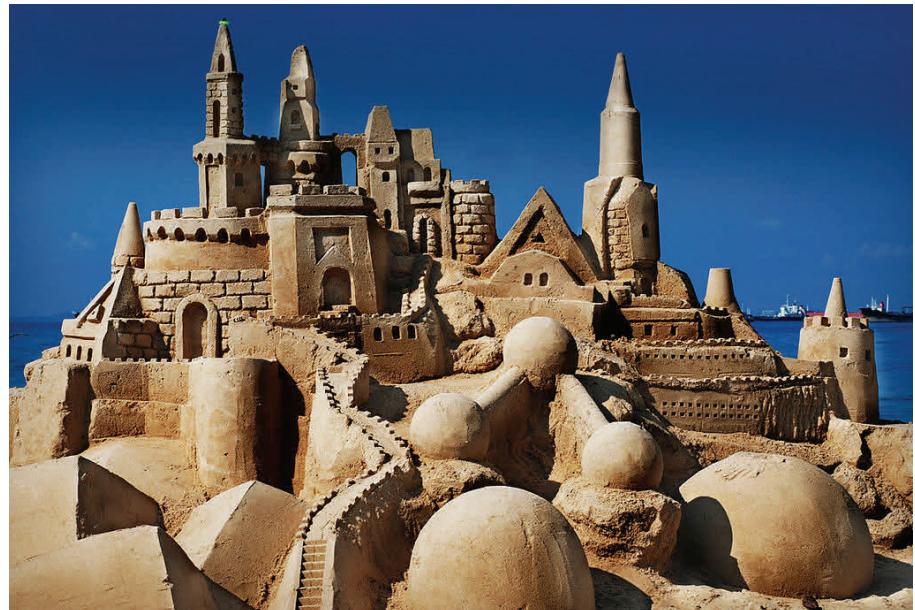
Did you get to participate in Intergenerational Bible study in June? It has been such a joyous blessing to observe old and young together at the tables laughing, questioning, teaching and learning! How many adults at Hope know your child's name? And how many adult's names does your child know? Our service projects in July are another great time to work together across age and generational lines to enrich the lives of those around you as well as your own! Plus, you'll have one more Sunday in August to venture into that Bible study—come see the joy we're talking about as lives Intersect at Hope this summer!

Point to ponder.... "Almost every believing parent prays with a toddler at bedtime—and almost none with a teenage. Who needs it more?" author, Richard Ross

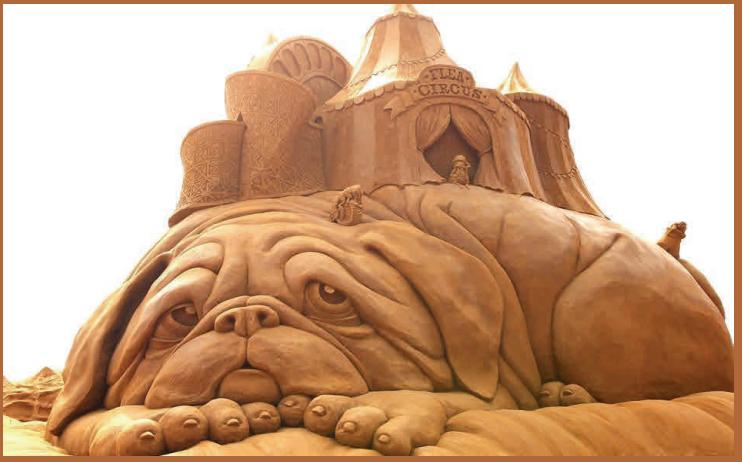
Popcorn in the Parking Lot

It's become a tradition!

We'll be popping up some fun in the parking lot of the 4th of July—free popcorn, water and glow goodies are part of our outreach to the community that gathers in the parking lot to watch the local fireworks. Come join the fun in being ambassadors of goodwill and patriotism—wear your Hope t-shirts if you have them!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



A thousand thanks to our 2018 VBS volunteers for making it a great adventure this summer!

Hope members, community volunteers, and over 200 children learned that Jesus rescues!

Over 100 volunteers prepared for and witnessed to the children in stations like Castaway Sing & Play, Bible Discovery, Ship Rec Games, Tropical Treats, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station Crafts, and Sail Away Sendoff. We even had some of our youngest members joining the fun in our Preschool Tide Pool! Together we experienced "God Sightings," seeing God at work in our everyday lives, and reviewed important Bible truths from stories throughout the Bible.

Through our mission project, we supported Group Cares and World Vision to bring long-term food security to the people of Haiti. Our donations collected at VBS will help provide drought-tolerant seeds for Haitian families. Since fruits and vegetables produce new seeds, these efforts can continue to feed families for years to come!

Our Family Night Ice Cream Social was a great success thanks to the ice cream sodas donated and served by Hope's Ladies Guild. A special thank you to all the ladies who donated supplies for the ice cream sodas, and to those who scooped up and served all that ice cream!

We count on every single one of our volunteers, no matter how small a part you think you had. The VBS staff this year has been a fantastic group! **THANK YOU!!**

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." Genesis 2:2

As you spend time with family and friends this summer, look around and see what you can notice that God has created ~ a sunset, a thunderstorm, a tasty snack, a bumblebee on flower, a kind word, a child's laugh.

I wish you abundant God Sightings this summer. They always make me smile when I slow down to notice.

Krista Beken
Director of Children's Ministries

Columbarium Dedication

The Columbarium installation is now complete and will be dedicated following the combined 9:30 AM service on Sunday, July 1, 2018.



Columbarium Background: A Columbarium is an arrangement of niches into which an urn or urns containing the cremated remains of a deceased loved one is placed for permanent inurnment. The cremated remains of the body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they came. Reverent disposition of the cremated remains in accordance to the Lutheran Church means remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or Columbarium. The Hope Lutheran Columbarium niches are designed to hold two vase or box style urns, so up to two people can be inurned in a single niche.

Construction Sale Continuing: Thank you again to those members who have already purchased niches – this has allowed us to proceed with construction. The pre-construction price of \$ 3,000 per niche will continue through the June 30, 2018. The Columbarium Committee has decided to offer an initial operation price of \$ 3,500 per niche from July 1 through December 31, 2018, at which time the price will increase to \$4,000 per niche.

If you are interested in purchase of a Columbarium niche or have questions related to the Columbarium Ministry please contact the Church office or one of the Committee members; Harold Benson, Margie Riley, Katherine Kohn, or Bruce Hunter.

2018 HOPEFEST GARAGE SALE

2 DAY EVENT!!!!

Friday, August 10th & Saturday, August 11th

The annual Hopefest Garage Sale is coming soon! It's time to start cleaning out your closets, house, garage, etc. and bring your donations to help make this event a success.

We are looking for the treasures you no longer need or want. We can take clothing, household and kitchen items, furniture, toys, baby items/furniture, etc. We will accept all types of donations that are clean and in functional condition; however, we cannot accept any computers, TVs, electronics or mattresses.



We will start taking donation on Monday, July 30th (please do not drop off items earlier as we have no place to store them). The last day for your donations is Monday, August 6th at 2:00 pm. Drop off hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Monday – Thursday: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will need volunteers to sort, price and make the event a success, come join us and help for any amount of time you can spare.

Call Debbie McFadden at 281-732-0449 or email: dmcfadden6@comcast.net for any

30-Something's Summer Gathering

Sunday, July 8th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Blake and Christina Beall's House

308 Winding Oak Lane South

(Oak Creek neighborhood in League City)

Dinner and drinks will be provided. No need to bring anything.

Childcare will be provided at Hope by HS youth.

This will be our only summer get-together. Small groups will begin in August after Promotion Sunday. Please RSVP to christina.beall@gmail.com.

Little Free Library

The Thrivent funding for the July outreach / service project "Little Free Library" has been approved. Please consider praying for or joining me with this project. Questions / comments can be directed to Jennifer Freestone at jfreestone@pasadenaisd.org.



Parking & Popcorn

Come join us 4th of July for popcorn & fireworks. Hope Lutheran Church will provide the parking & popcorn. The City of Friendswood will provide the fireworks.

Fireworks start at around 9:00'ish, so stop by the back sidewalk area for popcorn before the show begins.

Pop by...we'd love to have you!!
Bring your neighbors and friends!!

INTERSECT

Service Projects

Many service projects have been planned for the month of July. Having only 1 worship service in July (9:30 AM), this leaves time for Hope to serve the community in many ways. Signing up for service projects isn't required, but it does help us plan. Projects are open to all ages — generations coming together to work is actually proven to help with brain development in children and adolescents! This is what we have planned...

July 1 | Congregational Picnic | Family Life Center (gym)

July 4 | Popcorn in the Parking Lot

July 8 | Service Projects

- Benches for Camp Lonestar
- Quilts for Camp Hope
- Cookies for First Responders
- Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits
- Free Little Library

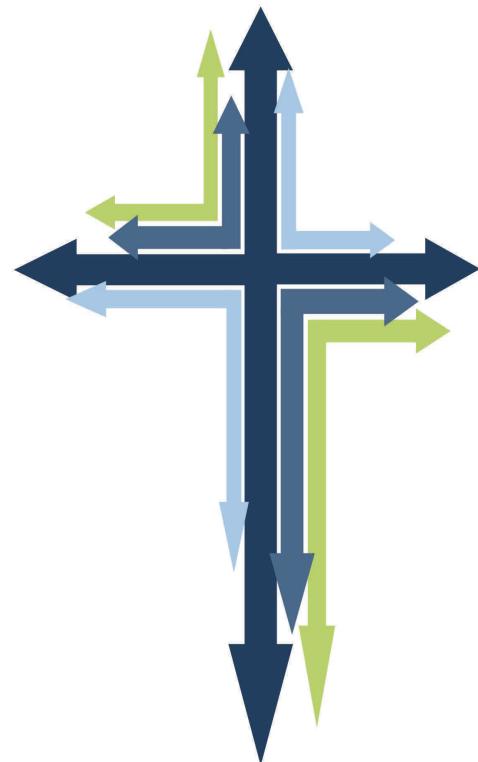
July 15 | Service Projects

- Benches for Camp Lonestar
- Quilts for Camp Hope
- Meal for Mercy Tree
- Global Health Ministries Hospice Kits
- Free Little Library

July 22 | Service Projects

- Mini-kits for Camp
- Global Health Ministries
- Back to School backpack sorting
- Set up for Family Promise
- Cook meal for Family Promise
- Wash Up! Laundromat outreach

July 29 | Potluck | Family Life Center (gym)



More information on all of these planned activities can be found on the bulletin / sign-up boards in the Grand Hallway. Won't you join us in July?



	ANNUAL PLAN	Y-T-D PLAN	Y-T-D ACTUAL	% OF PLAN
Operating Receipts	\$1,052,285.00	\$175,380.84	\$153,802.93	87.70%
Early Childhood Tithe	\$45,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	100.00%
Total Receipts	\$1,097,285.00	\$182,880.84	\$161,302.93	88.20%
Outreach	\$74,368.00	\$11,831.24	\$11,728.35	99.13%
Education	\$8,850.00	\$280.94	\$238.48	84.89%
Children	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Youth	\$13,200.00	\$861.25	\$774.58	89.94%
Music	\$6,600.00	\$68.73	\$60.00	87.30%
Assimilation	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc. Ministries	\$9,950.00	\$400.00	\$395.00	98.75%
Personnel	\$653,774.00	\$102,217.20	\$93,729.62	91.70%
Finance	\$50,243.00	\$8,373.82	\$8,297.76	99.09%
Facilities	\$227,450.00	\$36,694.60	\$28,777.96	78.43%
Office & Worship	\$40,850.00	\$5,700.48	\$4,644.84	81.48%
Omnibus	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$1,097,285.00	\$166,428.26	\$148,646.59	89.32%
Income Less Expenses		\$16,452.58	\$12,656.34	

Debt: \$1,038,967.60

**Fiscal Year (04/01/18 - 03/31/19)
As of May 2018**

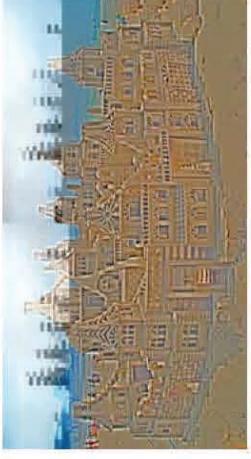
Birthdays and Anniversaries



Ellis, Jeff	7/1	Frank, Ian	7/17	Larry & Linda Davis	7/6
Adams, Marjorie	7/2	Melcher, Harvey	7/17	Sven & Kathy Bors-Koefoed	7/8
Dietrich, Alice	7/2	Rebstock, Emma	7/17	Sanjay & Rexanne Singh	7/8
Pfleeger, Jordan	7/3	Blankenship, Shelby	7/18	Matthew & Jennifer Tieman	7/10
Sikes, Joan	7/3	Schkade, Mike	7/18	Ron & Carolyn Ricaldi	7/11
Berg, Annette	7/4	Moller, Carolyn	7/20	Jim & Dina Connor	7/14
Frank, Andrea	7/4	Weiland, Joyce	7/20	Mathews & Brett George	7/16
Blankenship IV, Joe	7/5	Illerich, Daniel	7/21	Gerald & Saleena Butler Sr.	7/26
Tieman, Miranda	7/6	Pedersen, Makenna	7/21	Jonathan & Sheri Petering	7/27
Eaves, Wyatt	7/7	Weiss, Star	7/21	Slater & Carol Sauer	7/27
Fox, Sadie	7/7	Yarborough, Karen	7/21	Adam & Star Weiss	7/29
Dodd, Alice	7/8	Plumpton, Emily	7/22		
Petersen, Judith	7/8	Swanson, Linnea	7/23		
Westover, Shayne	7/8	Lemire, Fred	7/25		
Groeper, Alexander	7/9	Riley, Matt	7/25		
Cox, Carrie	7/10	Whitman, Joshua	7/25		
Hernandez, Sebastian	7/10	Akins, Gail	7/26		
Norris, Caitlyn	7/10	Connor, Jim	7/26		
Steakley, Shawn	7/11	Hamre, Debbie	7/26		
Gonzales, Chris	7/12	Knighton Sr., Marvin	7/26		
Fennell, Frank	7/13	Chew, Carol	7/28		
Sanchez, Jorden	7/13	Blaylock, John	7/29		
Lestishen, Jenae	7/15	Burtzlaff, Janet	7/29		
Orsak, Brooke	7/15	Garren, Happy	7/29		
Chew, Jim	7/16	Gonzales, Mark	7/29		
Tiracchia, Ronald	7/16	Morgenroth, Connie	7/29		
Watlington, Amanda	7/16	Butler, Evan	7/30		
		Zimmer, Lana	7/31		

THIS MONTH AT HOPE

JULY 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7/1/2018	7/2/2018	7/3/2018	7/4/2018	7/5/2018	7/6/2018	7/7/2018
Pastor's Forum Eucharist Columbanum Dedication Congregation Picnic Basketball (Haverty) Basketball (Van Chau) Small Group (Bolair)	8:15 AM Braille 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Small Group (Henderson) 11:00 AM Basketball (Ewing) 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	9:00 AM The Gathering 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Popcorn & Parking	Small Group (Hinga) 7:00 PM	Small Group (Petersen) 6:30 PM	
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FAMILY PROMISE RAD WOMEN	7/24/2018	7/25/2018	7/26/2018	FAMILY PROMISE RAD WOMEN	7/27/2018	
Pastor's Forum Worship Service Projects Basketball (Haverty) Basketball (Van Chau)	8:15 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Basketball (Ewing) 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry 5:00 PM	9:00 AM Volleyball (CHSA) 9:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	10:30 PM Basketball (Haverty)	Volleyball (CHSA) 8:00 AM 6:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting Small Group (Women's)	10:30 PM 7:00 PM	
FAMILY PROMISE RAD WOMEN	7/29/2018	7/30/2018	7/31/2018	GARAGE SALE SET-UP		
Pastor's Forum Worship Congregation Picnic	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Staff Meeting 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	9:00 AM			





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