



## WORDS OF HOPE

March 16, 2010

### REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!

Last Friday, at our teacher in-service, we were reminded to REJOICE in where we are RIGHT NOW. It is easy to get busy, and bogged down in life and forget to take time to stop and rejoice for all of the blessings we have been given.

Here are some things I am rejoicing in.

\*We had a great turnout for Lutheran Schools' Sunday. With all of the student involvement, a joyful noise was made unto the Lord.

\*Families were generous in their giving to fill the Servant Boxes that were in the hallway.

\*Watching 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders learning how to be a part of a team playing basketball. The smiles when they have successes are priceless!

\*I am thankful to be in an environment where I can freely share my faith.

\*I loved rejoicing with families during parent teacher conferences over the growth their children have shown.

\*Watching children have "AH-HA" moments of discovery in their learning.

\*While we are in the season of Lent, I rejoice most of all that we are an Easter people. We have been redeemed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is because of Him that we have hope and a reason to rejoice in the first place.



God bless you as you think of reasons to REJOICE IN ALL THINGS!  
Mrs. Hood

### HOLY WEEK CHAPEL SERVICES

March 29 - April 2 our daily chapel services will feature a cross and a short explanation from each of the classes. Each class will receive a cross upon which they will attach discarded items which will symbolically represent behavior, attitudes, things that tempt, which they would give to Jesus on the cross so that they are taken away. It is a way to visually and meditatively help the children think about atonement.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- ↪ **Fri. 3/26 - Free Dress Day!**
- ↪ **Mon. - Thurs. 3/29 to 4/2 - Holy Week**
- ↪ **Fri. 4/2 - Noon Dismissal: Good Friday / ESC "XTRA" Open 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM / End 3rd Quarter (40 days - 9 Sundays)**
- ↪ **Mon. - Fri. 4/5 to 4/9: No School/No ESC for Spring Break**

### Holy Week and Easter Services

- ↪ **Maundy Thursday - Thurs., April 1 at 7:00 PM**
- ↪ **Good Friday - Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM**
- ↪ **Easter Vigil - Sat., April 3 at 7:00 PM**
- ↪ **Easter - Sunday, April 4: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

**Easter Pancake Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 11:00 AM**

### Hope Lutheran School's Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran School is committed to providing quality academic instruction; equipping students for lifelong learning; recognizing each child's unique abilities; and nurturing each child in body, mind and spirit in a community that shares and lives the Christian faith.

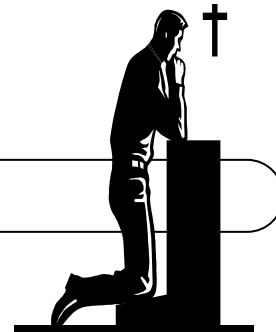
# Prayer Group / Chapel / Notes And News

## Parents Prayer Group

Please join us as we come together as parents to pray for all who learn and work at Hope School. This is an opportunity for us to pray together for our children's education, their relationships, as well as bless the staff by lifting them up in prayer. Throughout the school year, we will meet for monthly prayer gatherings held in the Commons area in Hope Lutheran Church. Childcare will be provided.

**Our next gathering will be on Friday, March 26, at 8:45 AM.**

Please contact Tonia Davidson at 206-568-7184 (toniadavidson@hotmail.com) or Ruth Rogers Lewis at 206-938-9646 if you have any questions.



## Chapel Services

### Wednesday Morning Chapel

8:40 AM for K - 5 grades

**March 17: Kindergarten, Living witness/giving, I Cor. 12:4-7, Acts 9:36-43**

**March 24: Chapel Worship Band, Giving, II Cor. 8:1-7, 11-15**

11:40 AM for 6 - 8 grades and SLHS

Chapel Offerings for third quarter of 2010 will be given to Family Promise. This is a ministry for homeless families with children supported by several churches in the greater West Seattle area.

## Kindergarten News!

Kindergarten had an A+ fieldtrip to the science center to see the Mars exhibits and the Bugs 3D Imax. We had awesome parents with us. The kids were fantastic. So fantastic that Mrs. B treated for popcorn at the Imax. Stop and see the Penguin drawings that the kinderkids have done. They are posted on the first floor hall. Then take a peek at the drawings of the dragon from the Elmer and the Dragon series in the classroom. Kindergarten is reading all of the books in the series.

## Pennies For Patients! MAKE L-E-U-K-E-M-I-A DISAPPEAR!

This is Hope Lutheran's seventh year supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! There are many exciting things happening around school to encourage you to contribute to this worthy cause. See the flyer included in your Tuesday communication packet, and learn how your family can participate and bring those coins & bills in. The collection begins today and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Parents and students, we have a lost and found bin located in the main lobby area of the school. Items that have been lost are placed there in hopes they will be found. **We STILL have lots of clothing items and several coats.** Please take time during the next few weeks to look for items you might be missing! Thank you.

## **Night Out for Parents!!! Friday, March 19, 2010**

This new exciting event is a great opportunity for Parents to enjoy a night out for themselves. During this time their children will enjoy a night of fun activities with other children while under the supervision of their PE Teacher and Athletic Director, Brett Kapels. I will also have a high school student or two to help if needed.

Some activities that may be included are games, coloring and drawing, watching a movie, etc. Snacks will also be offered to the children, but dinner will need to be provided by the parents. A sack dinner would be best! The time will be from 5:30 -8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child. The age range is Pre-School 3 and up. You can drop off or pick up your children whenever you want.

Children can be dropped off at Hope School in the Multipurpose Room. We will try to make use of Seattle Lutheran's gym (if available) during the 6:15-8:15 p.m. period.

Take advantage of this opportunity to have some time to yourselves!

Schedule for the night:

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Registration, games and activities (Hope Lutheran School)

6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Dinner and Movie or more games (Hope or SLHS)

8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Pick up at Hope Lutheran School

If you have any questions please email Brett Kapels – Bkapels@hopeseattle.org

### **Hope T-Shirt Fridays Continue!**

Students may wear Hope T-Shirts on any Friday (not just Free Dress Days). So get out those LEST and Lutheran Schools' Week T-Shirts and show your school spirit every Friday! In order to participate, the T-Shirts must be Hope Lutheran School T-Shirts. The rest of the school uniform policy applies (pants/shorts/skirts must be regular school uniforms). If you have any questions, please ask at the school office.

### **Hope Church Members – Church Attendance Slip Reminder**

This is a gentle reminder to please fill out an attendance slip when you attend services at Hope Church so that your attendance can be properly recorded. Please indicate by name, *each* family member who is in attendance. The attendance slips can be found in the pews. After filling one out, simply pass it to the center aisle where it will be collected by the ushers after the offering. Thank you.

### **Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day**

Wearing o' the Green

Mr. Allen says we can wear jeans and a green shirt on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17.

Your shirt must be mostly green.  
If you don't participate you are in uniform.

Thank you Mr. Allen and student council!



# School Activities / After School Clubs / Scrip Program

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## *School Activities*

**Student Council Meetings:** 3/26 at 3:00 PM, 4/14 at 7:45 AM, 4/23 at 3:00 PM, 5/12 at 7:45 AM, 5/28 at 3:00 PM and 6/9 at 7:45 AM. Please meet in the 3rd grade classroom.

## *After School Clubs / 3rd Quarter*

**Lego Club:** 3rd Quarter will be offered to students in K - 3rd grades.  
Meeting on Mondays in the Kindergarten from 3:15 to 4:15 PM.

**Math Club:** Math Club continues to meet the 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:05 PM to 3:45 PM. Meet in the 2nd grade classroom on the 1st floor. (If there is no school, there is no math club.) Math Club is open to students in grades 1 - 4. Bring a non-messy snack if desired.

**Math And Origami Club:** Students in grades 5 - 8 can meet with teacher Ms. de Luna on Mondays at Seattle Lutheran High School Room 22 from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. She will use origami to reinforce geometric concepts, learn the basic folds to transform a square sheet of paper into a variety of objects/shapes, come join us!

**Art Club:** We will postpone Art Club on Wednesdays during 5th & 6th basketball season due to a number of students participating in this sport. We will try to do a few field trips on Saturdays and will keep you posted when we do.

**Chess Club:** No longer meeting after school or during lunch time.

**Parents, please note that pre-registration is not required for the above clubs, however you need to call the school office to let us know if your child will be attending.**

## *After School Classes*

**Mandarin Class** For K - 8 graders meeting on Tuesdays from 3:05 to 4:05 PM started January 12th! Enrollment is closed. Call the school office with any questions at 206-935-8500.

## **Scrip Program**

We would like to encourage you to participate in the scrip program. It's so easy and nothing extra comes out of your budget. The cards we sell are for the things you already buy...groceries, gas, restaurants, books, coffee.... Buy Scrip cards, dollar for dollar, for your favorite store. The school receives a percentage in return for your patronage. You have the convenience of using a card for full value of what you paid, and the school benefits the reward. Families who purchase \$200 or more of Scrip per month will be credited with 1 PIP hour (12 hours maximum per school year). You can earn PIP fundraising hours by volunteering to sell scrip at school or at church or by co-chairing with Elissa Sommer (206-763-7534).

# PTH NEWS / PIP Opportunities

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## PTH Meeting Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM

Don't miss this very important PTH General meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM. We currently have board positions open and will need volunteers for next year as well.

At this meeting you will:

- ↪ Meet our new President
- ↪ Learn of upcoming events to help earn those PIP hours
- ↪ Hear about our Spring fundraiser
- ↪ Volunteer to help with Teacher appreciation week
- ↪ And much, much more...

You are an important part of our school community and we encourage you to attend and get connected at Hope. It's not too late! We look forward to seeing you there!



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## PIP Opportunities (Parent Involvement Program) K - 8

**PTH - The Ultimate PIP Opportunity!** We currently have 2 open "Board Member at Large" positions on the PTH School Board. One of these positions is for the role of Parent Communications Coordinator. Please call Mrs. Wallace at 206-935-8500 if you are interested in joining the PTH Board!

**Health Screening** - Assistance needed on Friday, March 26 with our health screening process. This was re-scheduled due to illness of our head nurse. Call Mrs. Wallace if you can give a block of time on that day at 206-935-8500

**Looking for PIP hours and coordinate a fun fundraiser?** Well, the Innisbrook Fundraiser is for you. All time spent, which is minimal, can be performed at your convenience. Starting in August of 2010, the student packets arrive which need to be labeled and distributed to each classroom. Then in September, monitor any activity and deliver the student orders when they arrive. That's it! This is a fun way to earn PIP hours and have a good time doing it. Please contact Becky Patterson at 206-650-2814 for more information.



# Hope Church Activities / Hope Youth Ministry

## **Lenten Mid-Week Worship and Soup Suppers**

LENT services continues through March 24<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Preceding each service the congregation is invited to the Fellowship Hall to partake in a simple soup and bread supper hosted by various ministry groups.

## **HUMAN CARE MINISTRY**

*During Lent we reflect on all Christ gave for us...plus, all He continues to give us.*

*Our response? Gratitude and love--which compels us to share what He gave/gives us. **THANK YOU TO HOPE SCHOOL FAMILIES for your generous donations to these giving projects!***

**Donations are still needed and being accepted for these projects:**

**TOYS-4-JOYS for girls and boys** new/like new toys ideally toys that do not require English skills and are lightweight/smallish for shipping. Fun things for older kids would be nice. Toys will go to a mission in Mexico run by Hope member, Diane Mebust. Your gift of joy to these kids is precious!

**Easter Baskets** - We are collecting items to fill 150 Easter baskets for children and "special seniors" at Hope and nursing homes. You can bring the joy of Easter to them by giving: items for kids (small toys, candy/jelly beans-needed, etc.); items for seniors (lotion, lip balm, cosmetics, food treats, sm. decorations, whatever!)

**Gift of Food** - Hope's Food Closet is pretty empty (need: cereal, rice, crackers, can fruit & tomatoes). Plus, we would like to give food to our two public food banks, who really need it.. Thank you for your generous hearts.

**Love for Haiti** - can be shown in a tangible way during the coming weeks. We are collecting things to ship through Lutheran World Relief, which has an aid agency there. We routinely collect "kits," etc. for LWR; but, in response to the Haitian disaster, we hope to greatly increase the amount we ship. (LWR has more requests for disaster supplies than they have available for Haiti--or other disaster areas of the world.) Items needed: blankets (good used OK), baby

clothes, blankets, soap, hand towels (good used OK), washcloths, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, combs, nail clippers w/ file - or your help with this project. Check thrift shops or dollar stores for good buys.

## ***Hope Youth Activities!***

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES**

Sunday School ~ 3 yrs - 5th grade - 9:15 AM - Hope School Multipurpose Room

### **Palm Sunday Festival!**

March 28th from 9:15 - 10:15 AM come join us in songs, Palm making and Palm procession at the 10:30 AM worship service!

### **3RD - 5TH GRADE EVENT**

***Keepsake Family Easter Crosses!*** Meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Palm Sunday March 28, at 12:15pm.** Bring a Lunch and \$5 (per cross) for materials. We will eat together then create some Wonderful Keepsake Crosses for Easter! We will provide Wooden Cross frames plus tiles, stones and other materials to fill your Cross. Parents Welcome to join in!

### **Middle School Merge**

***Sunday Morning Merge!*** We're right in the heart of a new study called "Ten Tough Things!" Come and be challenged to live more like Jesus every **Sunday, 9:15-10:15am** in the Youth Room! Donuts and juice!!

***Ice Skating Event!*** On Sunday, **March 21, 1:00-4:00pm** join us for some Cool Moves on Ice!! We'll travel to Highland Ice Arena and pretend we're Olympic Skaters! \$10 gets you entry & skates! Also bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Closet!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Church Picnic June 6 - Vacation Bible School July 26-30