



## WORDS OF HOPE

March 30, 2010

Our school is doing a special project for Holy Week. Each grade received a handmade cross about seven feet tall, in a stand. We were asked to use it as a visual in thinking about the huge gift of forgiveness we have received as a result of Jesus' death on the cross.

We began to discuss this in Kindergarten and it was amazing to hear the honesty and openness with which the kids talked about things they had problems doing according to God's will. Teachers and kids were clearly honest as they expressed how easy it was for them to do the *wrong* thing, e.g. disobey parents, yell at parents, become greedy about having "things" like toys and video games, use hurtful words or disrespectful voice tones with friends and families.

Kids are not strangers to recognizing their shortcomings. The best part of the lessons came when we wrote down our sins and "nailed" them to the cross on red cloth which reminds us of Jesus' suffering.

As we did this activity we began to realize that we could never post all our sins, let alone those we are unaware of and those we have not yet committed. Then we said that if we multiplied our amount of sin times all the sins of all human kind, it would be impossible for us to grasp how many sins that would be.

Now, I am very quick to want children to know that it is not about what we do or don't do. The forgiveness from Jesus is free. We don't need to do anything to receive it. It is God's gift to us through his son, Jesus Christ. It is for us, for all, for all time, for past, for present and future sins. God knows we are not perfect and he gives us this gift of forgiveness, free of charge. That is the joy of being a Christian. And in response, we believe and love God to the best of our being. We try to love others and help others because God has loved us and helped us first. We do it in response to what God has done for us. That's what it's all about. Mrs. Burza, Kindergarten

### 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 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.

Come join us at 8:40 AM any weekday morning!

### Mark Your Calendars!

- ↪ **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**
- ↪ **Tues. 4/13 - 7:00 PM** PTH General Meeting

### 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.

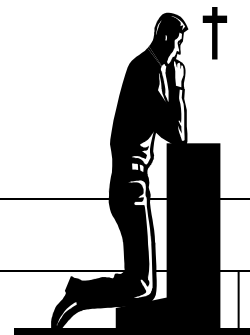
# Prayer Group / Chapel / Notes And News

## Parents Prayer Group

**Our next gathering will be on Friday, April 23rd, at 8:45 AM.**

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.

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

**Holy Week Daily Morning Chapel with Pastor Eilers**

**8:40 AM for K - 8 grades**

**Sharing of crosses: Mon. K & 8, Tues. 1 & 7, Wed. 4, Thurs. 2 & 6 and Fri. 3 & 5**

**Wednesday Chapel at 11:40 AM for 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.

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

This week put your "money" in the jars in the lower hallway to vote for your favorite activity you want to see done at school! The jar with the most coins wins! Coins only, please. Options are: Your student council reps will take a pie in the face, an 8th grader will wear the school mascot Eagle costume for a day, or an All School game day! The collection will end Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Parents and students, all lost but found items that have not been claimed by this Friday, April 2nd will be donated to a local Goodwill store.

## **Re-Stock Your School Uniform Supply!**

Hope Lutheran School will host a used uniform drive starting Monday, April 12th. Children grow up fast and parents have been spring cleaning and donating clothes back to the school. Before we donate the extra clothing from our clothes closet, we would like to offer them up to our school families. Clothing will be displayed in the 1st floor hallway. Take what you need and/or exchange clothes to help get you through the rest of the school year!

# School Activities / After School Clubs / SLHS Drama

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## *School Activities*

**Student Council Meetings:** 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:** Last club date was Monday, March 29th.

*Lego Club will not be offered in 4th Quarter*

**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:** Will resume after spring break! Art Club will again meet on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 and is offered to students in grades 5 - 8. We will meet in the computer lab.

**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.

**The Drama Department of Seattle Lutheran High School will present  
“Done to Death” by Fred Carmichael. Produced by special  
arrangements with Samuel French, Inc.**



**Synopsis:** The super-spy. The hard-boiled detective. The husband and wife detective team. The femme fatale. These are all stalwarts of the murder mystery. But what if they were all put in one story together? TV executive Jason Summers has decided to do just that. He assembles the literary world’s most famous mystery writers to develop the best TV mystery ever made, but unfortunately, the authors don’t get along very well. Instead of writing, they spend most of their time making fun of each other. But when a real murder is committed, the authors must band together to discover the killer before it is too late!

The performance times will be on the evening of Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. and the afternoon of Sunday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Seattle Lutheran High School gym, located between 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> SW on Genesee Street. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 7-12, and under 7 are free. For more information call Seattle Lutheran High School office at 206-937-7722.

# 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

**Book Exchange:** Help is needed the morning of Thursday, April 15th with our book exchange. Mrs. Gruenhagen will be here to direct you! Students will be bringing their books in and then returning to select books. We need help to place books out and then assist students as they select new books. Call the school office if you are available for an hour or two at 206-935-8500. Thank you.



**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!

### **Looking for PIP hours and want to coordinate a fun**

**fundraiser?** Well, the Fall Fundraiser is for you. All time spent, which is minimal, can be performed at your convenience. Starting in August of 2010 and usually wrapping up in late September. This is a fun way to earn PIP hours and have a good time doing it. Please contact the school office at 206-935-8500 for more information.

# Hope Church Activities / Hope Youth Ministry

## HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

**FAMILY PROMISE** - Our local shelter program for homeless families will be at Hope again April 11-18. You can give love, care and hope for a new beginning by: providing a supper, food staples for sack lunches, visiting in the evening, or overnight supervision. Info and sign-up sheets will be above the Mission Box and at the Easter Pancake Breakfast.

**A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS** - We all have thoughts about people, near and far, who are struggling, hungry, or homeless. We would gladly give them a penny along with our thoughts! And, if we put lots of pennies together, it can make a BIG change in many lives. So, if you still have loose change left over from the Pennies for Patient drive, (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars) bring that change each Sunday in April and place it as an offering in the change box in the Commons. Together our change can change lives.

**HELP FOR DISASTER AREAS** - We are getting closer to our goal of 250 hygiene kits. Way to go! Need: 76 hand towels (used, OK), 29 wash clothes, 43 combs, and LOTS of soap (\$4.99 buys 10 bars of Ivory). Imagine surviving an earthquake, then someone hands you things to clean yourself, it's a first step in restoring dignity and hope. Blankets also are needed, used OK.

## *Hope Youth Activities!*

### CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES

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

### 3RD - 5TH GRADE EVENT

**Easter Celebration April 4!** The first Sunday in April we will celebrate the Resurrection with a Special Sunday School Event! Join us for songs, crafts, snacks, videos & more! The rest of April we continue to follow Jesus in our Gospel Light Curriculum as we learn about what He did for us on the Cross, and how He describes Himself as *Living Water*, *Bread of Life*, *Good Shepherd* and *The Vine!*

**Snoqualmie Falls Hike!** Meet in front of Hope on **Saturday, April 24, at 10am** for a day trip to Snoqualmie Falls! We'll hike the trail to the base of the falls and back again, enjoy our lunch, then stop in town for ice cream on the way home. Wear good shoes for hiking, and BRING: Sack Lunch, Camera,

and *ice cream* \$\$! We'll **return to Hope by 1:30 pm** Sign up in the Commons! Parents are welcome to join in! Bring a pair of out-grown shoes to donate to human care!

## Middle School Merge

**Sunday Morning Merge!** We're finishing the study "Ten Tough Things!" and on April 25 we are starting a new video series called "Gospel Journey" based on the 10 most-asked questions about God. Seven Teens from different faith backgrounds take a wilderness journey through the rugged Northwest and discuss their responses to these questions! Middle School & High School will merge to watch the clip together each week, then di-verge with their own leader to separate spaces for discussion. Check out [www.gospeljourney.com](http://www.gospeljourney.com) for more details. **Sundays, 9:15-10:15am** in the Youth Room! Donuts and juice every week!!

## Middle School - High School Combo Event

**Big Youth Bash!** Meet in front of Hope at **6pm Saturday, April 17** to zoom south to Mt. Rainier Lutheran HS in Puyallup for this great FREE event - Movie Room, Open Gym, Video Game Room, Board Game Room, lots of friends and food!! We'll **return to Hope at 10:30pm.**

## High School Youth Group

### New Orleans Summer Mission Fund-Raisers Coming in April and May!

**Easter Sunday, April 4**, from 7am-11am Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for New Orleans Mission Trip! Bring the whole family. Free-Will donation. Plan to join us!!

**Gumbo Dinner / Total Experience Gospel Choir Concert! Sunday, April 18** - 12:00 Noon Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 1:30pm benefit Concert (Sanctuary). Free-Will offering for the Mission Team!

**Saturday, May 8** HUGE Sale!! 8am-3pm. Start saving those spring cleaning items you don't need any more and bring good used donations to the Church Fellowship hall starting May 2 after the last church service. THANKS!!

Details on these events and more can be found at [www.hopeseattle.org](http://www.hopeseattle.org).