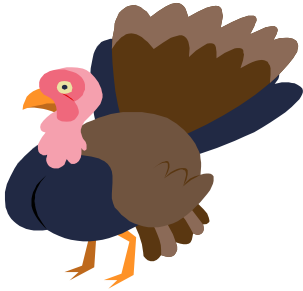




WORDS OF HOPE

November 24, 2009



While last year's national turkeys pardoned on Thanksgiving by President Bush found homes in Disneyland, this year a farm animal rescue group is petitioning President Obama to send the turkeys to them instead. There are

two simple parallels that can be drawn from a story such as comparing pardon turkeys to forgiven humans on a critical day and secondly the Christian's image of heaven as a Magic Kingdom, but these ideas are so basic that they are not really worth discussing. Digging deeper into the story I have thought of other comparisons in my life similar to the fate of the turkeys in this story.

Apparently, a farm animal rescue group thinks that Disneyland is not the best place for the turkeys because they typically die within a year, however, their death has little to do with the Magic Kingdom's care of these birds, but rather their internal condition in which they arrive. Turkeys today are genetically bred and fed in such a way to grow very fast and large. It's common for them to die of a heart attack in their first year of life. I often think of my personal life, and although I was not bred to grow fast or large, I have crammed my schedule to a pace that is challenging for me to keep up and others around me have done the same. The amount of activities, commitments, and work load is too much to fit into the day and so I and others give up sleep in order to meet the demands. Sleep deprivation limits healthy growth just as over feeding and genetic breeding can cause heart failure in turkeys. Unfortunately sleep is not the only negative outcome of being too busy, time spent in Bible study and prayer suffers too. My purpose in life is to serve God and love Him to my greatest potential. Activities and a self-induced work load distract me from my main purpose and I

have become as imbalanced as the fat turkey that grew too fast and too big. My hope is that I will change my course of action and prioritize my time so that I develop a relationship with Christ, share this news with others, and be ready to enter into a Kingdom like no other.

~ Mrs. Naranjo, 7th Grade Homeroom Teacher

Changes to 42nd Ave. Parking Zone

The city has finally changed the loading/unloading signs in front of the school and eliminated the parking spot in front of the church during the school loading and unloading times. We would ask your cooperation in getting in the end of the line and moving forward next to the front sidewalk as people move up and clear out. Please do not try to turn into a spot in the middle of the block or double park and ask your child to go into the street to enter your vehicle. If the area is full, please continue around the block and come back around or park in the lower playground or junction lots and walk to get your child.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ☞ **Thurs & Fri. 11/26 & 11/27 - NO SCHOOL/NO ESC: Thanksgiving Break**
- ☞ **Tues. 12/8 - 7:00 PM Sounds of Christmas Concert**
- ☞ **Fri. 12/11 - Free Dress Day**
- ☞ **Tues. 12/15 - Mid-Term 2nd Quarter Reports Sent Home**
- ☞ **Wed. 12/16 - 1:30 & 7:00 PM Christmas Musical**

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.

Notes And News / School Athletics

HOPE SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 PM

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come hear our middle school choir, bell choir and chapel worship band present their holiday concert in the sanctuary.

Wednesday December 16, 1:30 and 7:00PM.

Come kick off the Holiday Season with Hope School's 1-5th graders. The students will be performing the musical CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS. Come hear the joyous songs telling of the coming and birth of our savior Jesus Christ. See you there!



From your Crossing Guard Mrs. Ball

As we move into the rainy season please be extra cautious when dropping off and picking up the children of Hope Lutheran School. Cars coming up Oregon St. have a hard time starting and stopping on the hill due to wet pavement.

Here are some good reminders from the DMV Guide on Space to Cross or Enter:

*If you are turning left, make sure there are no **vehicles or pedestrians** blocking your path. You do not want to be caught waiting for a path to clear while stuck across a lane that has vehicles coming toward you.

*Even if you have a green light, do not start across an intersection if there are vehicles blocking your way. If you are caught in the intersection when the light changes to red, you will block traffic. You can get a ticket for blocking an intersection.

Remember, Safety 1st!

Thank You from the Nardella Family! Many thanks for the outpouring of support, prayer and well wishes that Hope school families and teachers have shown us! Abbey has a wall full of cards made by students in her class, the seventh grade class of Mrs. Naranjo sent a nice note and numerous people stopped by to visit Abbey and keep her company when she was really missing her friends. Dinners were brought, snacks and goodies were delivered. Mrs. Gruenhagen has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her care-giving at school lifting and wheeling Abby around. I even just received a nice note from one of Claire's classmates mothers. It's been incredible to see the love and support. Thanks to ALL of you!

Boxtops for Education Contest Results... Congratulations to the 8th Grade class. They had the top percentage of Boxtops per student. Special mention goes to Kayla Searle for being the student who brought in the most. Their class will be enjoying their reward soon. We also had fantastic results school wide with students turning in over 1,500 Boxtops total. Way to go! Start collecting now for the next turn in date.

Chapel / Prayer Group / PIP

Wednesday Morning Chapel

8:40 AM for K - 5 grades

Nov. 25: 2nd Grade Class, Thanksgiving

Dec. 2: Kindergarten, Advent

11:40 AM for 6 - 8 grades and SLHS

Chapel offerings will go to Morgan Wieland, a former Hope student raising money to serve as a missionary nurse.

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 gatherings will be on Friday, December 11th.

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



Keep these loved ones in prayer:

Landskov/Schulstad Family - transition of new job for family

Abby Nardella - leg surgery, fast recovery and free of pain

Mrs. Gruenhagen - comfort & peace as she recuperates from being ill

Hope Lutheran School students who are out sick - wellness and comfort

As there are additions to this list, please inform the school office at 206-935-8500. Thank you.

PIP Opportunities (Parent Involvement Program) K - 8

New PIP Opportunities: PIP hours can be earned by helping out in ESC for field trips or other special events. Please contact Mairi at 206-372-4001 if you would like your name on a call list to be contacted as needed. Thanks for your help and support!

School Activities

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Student Council Meetings: Dec. 2, 7:45 AM, Dec. 11, 3:00-3:30 PM, 3rd Grade Classroom

Dance/Drill Meeting: Nov. 24, 3:10 - 3:45 PM, Multi Purpose room

Cheer Practice: Nov. 29, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Multi Purpose room

After School Clubs / 2nd Quarter

Lego Club: Will now be offered to students in 3rd - 5th grade during our 2nd quarter starting Monday, November 30th.

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: Offered to students in grades 5 - 8. They will meet the 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM meeting in the computer lab. This club provides additional art opportunities through project and community enrichment.

Chess Club: Fridays immediately following school at 3:00 until 4:00 PM. All grades are welcome to join us in the 7th grade classroom! We will meet through January. Also 5th - 8th graders are welcome on Tuesday's to come at 12:30 to 12:40 to play chess in 7th grade classroom.

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 one of the clubs.

After School Classes

Life Skills Class: For 5 - 8 graders meeting on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 Pm! Life skills course is an opportunity to improve your cooking and basic sewing / mending skills. There will be a \$20 fee for supplies. Class runs through 2nd Quarter so there is still time to join us! Call the school office at 206-935-8500.

Hope Lutheran's Drama Class: Meets through November 19th from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

Seattle Lutheran High School News

The Seattle Lutheran Saints Soccer team makes it to State Final Four!

Congratulations to the girl's soccer team for advancing to the state semi-finals on Friday, November 20th! For the second year in a row, the Seattle Lutheran Saints soccer team has made it to State. They were able to repeat last years performance taking third in state! Hope Lutheran School Alumni on the team include Ali Bigliardi, Zair Blue, Jillian Smith, Kendra Rancich and Michala Watford.

Hope Church Activities / Hope Youth Ministry

Hope Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Day Service Nov. 26 at 10:30 AM

Hope's Christmas Giving Projects

The Wisemen gave gifts to baby Jesus to honor him. We can be like the the Wisemen and give gifts to Jesus, too! How? Jesus said if we give to people in need, it is really a gift to Him. (Matt.

25) Consider the following projects and decide which gift(s) you want to give the Christ-Child. Givng Tree Gifts - Jesus can use your gifts! **So, take a tag or two from the Tree by the school office when it appears on Nov. 23. Then bring your UN-wrapped gifts (with tag attached) to school by Dec. 11.**

Gift of Time -a precious gift for Jesus! Some ways: shop with group, wrap presents, bake cookies, visit an older person, etc. Detailed information & sign-up sheets will be by the Tree on Nov. 23.

Gift of \$\$ - If you want to help people but just don't have time or energy to do one more thing, you can give money for church volunteers to buy needed items. Just give to Hope Lutheran/Human Care Ministry. Every dollar helps.

It is amazing what God can accomplish when we all give a little!

Frosting and Candy and Gingerbread! OH

MY! Gingerbread Square – A Family 'Building' Event Sunday, December 20th, 3-5 pm.

Need a break from the Christmas rush? Take some time off from the mall and



join others from the Hope Community for some family fun and fellowship at Gingerbread Square - A Family 'Building' Event! Bring the kids, friends, neighbors and relatives, buy a house kit or two (or three!) and set to work building and creating a masterpiece of gingerbread real estate! Take your handiwork home and leave the mess behind! This family event is loads of fun for little architects, contractors and decorators of all ages! Watch for your invitation and pre-order information, available soon. Please call Julia Doerr at 937-9330 if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping with this event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM: On Sunday, Dec. 20, the Sunday School Christmas Program will be shared during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We'll be working on parts and costumes from now until then for a great celebration of the story of Jesus birth. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Karin Roney, 935-2365, Sandra Scragg, 935-4680, or Jeff Kranich, jkranich@hopeseattle.org.

Hope Sunday School! Sunday School for all children, ages pre-school 3 through grade 5, and Bible class for middle school and high school, grades 6 through 12, begins at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass Opening in the Multipurpose Room upstairs in Hope School. Come register your kids for a great year of growing together and learning about Jesus!

Middle School Youth

Our Middle School and Sr. High Youth will meet in the youth room on Dec. 13th at 5:00 PM. We'll warm up our voices and hit the streets to go Caroling to Shut-ins in our community. We will come back to hot cocoa, cookies and devotions, wrapping up by 8:00 PM.