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Pastor's Notebook

CHANGES

At the March 17 Council meeting, Pastor Wendy announced that she intends to pursue bringing the "call message" to a wider audience through the non-profit teaching ministry organization, "Call Incorporated." She will end her current responsibilities with Hope on June 30, 2009. At this time, Call Incorporated will begin paying her full salary. She is excited about bringing the call message to more individuals and churches. **Call Inc.** is a non-profit Christian teaching mission dedicated to helping individuals discover God's unique call by providing seminars and resources to assist in custom designing a life, family, church, or organization around God's call. **Call Inc.** was formed a couple of years ago by the Hars and Berthelsens, and to date has been a spare time project. In the recent past, God has provided several teaching and financial opportunities including a formal relationship with Association of Lutheran Older Adults to teach events for retirees on an ongoing basis.

After June 30, Wendy will preach once a quarter to give Joel a break. She will continue to conduct "call" events (1-2X/year). She will assist Matt and Joel with the work of ministry development, the "call" vision, and interns when needed. She will teach the Timothy Project Bible Study.

On June 30, Matthew Cleaver will assume some of Wendy's responsibilities (half-time): Ministry Development, communication/execution of the call vision, and administration. He will continue to devote the other half of his time to the youth ministry. He will preach once a quarter. Joel will assume Wendy's pastoral responsibilities. Both Matt and Joel will continue to communicate and build the "call" vision. The Council has given their approval to hiring youth and family ministry intern(s) on an ongoing basis to assume some of Matt's youth ministry responsibilities as he devotes time towards some of Wendy's responsibilities. In addition, Matt will supervise the intern.

The bishop's office has given their support to this endeavor and its timing. One of the options given by the assistant to the bishop was for Hope to redefine Wendy's call at Hope by giving her a new title (such as Pastor of Ministry in Daily Life") while allowing her to pursue this endeavor as an extension of Hope's ministry, similar to one of Hope's missionaries. The Council will be considering this option. Regardless, her current relationship with Hope will change on June 30, and **Call Inc.** will pay her full salary.

Our Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS

in unique ministries.

Sexuality Issues: August ELCA Church-wide Assembly VOTES

This summer, our August Church-wide assembly will take four votes regarding active sexual relationships that are “*lifelong, monogamous, same-gender*” relationships (pay attention to the italics). If the scriptures are crystal clear about same-gender sexual relationships, how is it that we now are going to vote on this? I think I can explain this with an illustration. Sometimes we need to illustrate absurdity with absurdity; so, if you do not understand what I am saying, read it again. It will become clear.

Here we go:

If one of the writers of “Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies” (a proposed document for vote at the ELCA Church-wide Assembly in August) would come to your house for dinner, I suggest you count your silverware and make sure it is all there after the guest leaves. “Why?” you ask. “Because,” I answer, “the scriptures do not say anything about borrowing silverware *for the remainder of the silverware’s life*, particularly in situations where the silverware is only used at *one home*, and particularly when only silverware of the *same pattern* is used.” (lifelong, mono-homed, same-patterned)

To this you might respond, “No, the scriptures do not say all that. However, the scriptures do say, ‘You shall not steal.’ So the scriptures do not have to describe every situation that might arise, even if life-long, mono-homed, same-patterned language is used. All the scriptures need to say is, ‘You shall not steal.’ So my guest should know that taking the silverware is not right.”

To this I say, “Well, what you just said makes sense to me, but I am not sure if it makes sense to the “Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policies” writers. After all, the place they should be looking, the scriptures, has 100 % consensus with Leviticus 18:22 (“A man shall not lie with a man as a man lies with a woman...”) Nevertheless, they move ahead, even while the church is constitutionally bound to make the scriptures the norm for its life and faith, as if the clear word doesn’t exist and only emphasize that there is no consensus in the church on the issue, as if man’s opinion is more important than the scriptures. So perhaps they might think “You shall not steal” has nothing to say about the above dinner guest and silverware scenario.

Of course this dinner guest and silverware scenario is utterly absurd. Sometimes it is helpful to illustrate absurdity with absurdity. The present state of our five-year (now seven) sexuality process is equally absurd. May the Lord help us defeat these upcoming votes. See the next page for a short description of the upcoming votes.

To read the new sexuality social statement, go to www.elca.org and enter the words **Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust** in the search elca.org box on the home page.

To read the document of what will be voted on the Churchwide Assembly in August enter the words **Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policies** in the search elca.org box on the home page.

Pastors Joel and Wendy

Summary of What Will be Voted on at the August Churchwide Assembly

1. *The assembly will vote whether to in principle allow certain congregations in the ELCA to bless the intentions of lifelong, monogamous, same-gender sexual relationships. If this vote passes by over 50%, then they will move to the next vote.*

2. *The assembly will then vote on whether pastors in lifelong, monogamous, same-gender active sexual relationships can in principle serve at approved congregations as rostered leaders in the ELCA. If this vote passes by over 50%, then they will move to the next vote.*

3. *Vote three (I think?) is about finding a way to implement the above two in an atmosphere of “respect,” even while there is disagreement. (I wonder what they mean by “respect” or “having a lack of respect.”) If #3 passes by over 50%, then we will go on to #4.*

4. *Step four paves the way for what is often called “local option.” This means that the above would be implemented only in approved Synods and at congregations that want the above. If this vote receives over 50%, then absurdity will become the ELCA sexuality policy.*

Pray for our Synod Assembly and other Synod Assemblies that we can change the Churchwide Assembly 50% voting margin for Steps 1-4 to 66%.

Call to Serve: Service Needs

Are you interested?

All of these tasks can be adapted according to the amount of time you would like to give and other desires you might have.

- **Adopt a Room:** You may adopt the kitchen, attic, nursery, or one of the Sunday School, keeping it clean and neat on an ongoing basis.
- **Adopt a Small Section of Gutters:** Periodically clean a small section
- **Assemble Music 15 Binders** —for blended worship
- **Funeral Coordinator**– We have one person and could use a couple of others.
- **Church Directory**– John Johnson has offered to assemble and print a pictorial directory. This will not be possible unless a few others assist with coordination.
- **Altar Guild**– Contact Hazel Linder if you would like to prepare the Lord’s Supper and the altar for one month out of the year.
- **Day Intercessors**– Pray for our church on assigned day each week.
- **Food Pantry Liason**– Communicate the needs (financial and volunteers).
- **Set-up Christmas Tree**– Next year!
- **Adopt the Playground**– Weed control and other basis upkeep
- **Church Scrapbook**–Assemble the church’s history
- **Vacation Bible School**– (June 14-18) Many volunteers are needed for small or larger roles—some of them behind the scenes and some working with the children.
- **Be a substitute for our regular mowers.** Our yard is divided into four sections. We have regular mowers for all four sections. Someone maintains the equipment and provided the gas.
- **Do you have a new idea for something that you personally would like to make happen?**

Contact Pastor Wendy to explore an interest!

Custom Designed: *A Life Worthy of the Call*

YOU are custom designed and custom called for a custom designed life! God does not only call pastors and professional church staff. Rather, God calls everyone. More importantly, God is **CALLING YOU**. God's unique vision for you will shape all aspects of life—from work, church, and community to family and friends.

Perhaps you are in transition? College-age, newly married, 40+ and restless, retirement is before you, a life-changing event, or the economic crisis is a concern to you.

Give your self a gift! Energetic and fun, this **seminar will provide** valuable scriptural insight, practical wisdom, and more importantly time for understanding your unique individuality, recognizing God's guiding hand, and even grappling with two of life's more practical yet significant questions: ***Who am I? & What am I to do?***

The presenters, Pastor Wendy Berthelsen and Steve Harr, together have nearly thirty years of experience teaching about God's call. They are co-founders of ***Call Inc.***, a non-profit Christian teaching mission dedicated to helping individuals discover God's unique call by providing seminars and resources to assist in custom designing a life, family, church, or organization around God's unique call. The seminar will be held at **Hope**. **Cost: \$25** (includes materials and refreshments). **For more info: www.callinc.org**

Let us know of your interest! Which dates **DO NOT** work for you? **Rank your preferences for dates** (1=1st choice & 3=3rd choice). The complete seminar will be held over three evenings from **6:15-9:00 PM**.

_____ **June 15-18 (M-Th): 6:30-8:30 PM**

_____ **June 8-10 (M-W): 6:15-9:00 PM**

_____ **April 28-30 (T-Th): 6:15-9:00 PM**

Fill out the preference form in your church mailbox, or call Wendy (972-291-7902) or Steve (972-780-9253)

Vision Raising Report

The Church (you and me) Going OUT

This vision raising held in January had several ideas for personal implementation in addition to these ideas that were adopted:

- Family Mission Trip: Matthew Cleaver
- Northwood University Bar BQ for Students: Steve Harr
- Neighborhood Needs: Matthew Cleaver
- Postcard to Neighborhood: John Johnson
- Cedar Hill Bike Rally Participation: Jill Heyerdahl



Appreciation

Dishwasher Repair: Clay York

Cleaning of Fellowship Corridor Windows: Vicki and Jake Tokle; Eddie, CJ, and Johnathan Bockarie; Philip and Wendy Berthelsen

Bushes and Removal of Leaves: Anonymous person

Return of Old Copier: Debbie Rushbrook

Wed PM Lenten Season Dinners:

Judy Knoll, Jan Koska and the Chimers;
Hazel Linder, Barbara York, Rose Janke,
Mary Strand;
Dwight Bengtson and John Johnson;
Matthew Cleaver and the Youth;
Janice Wessa and Panera Book Study Group;
Melanie Jones and the College Moms.

Newsletter Articles Deadline Date ...

is the **18th** of each month. Please email your articles as an attachment to: hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



Hope Women's News



April Birthdays

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Becky Cox | 04/01 |
| Steve Hawkins | 04/02 |
| Harriette Hedderick | 04/02 |
| Kristyn Emmons | 04/04 |
| Kaitlyn Kalsnes | 04/04 |
| Evelyn Armistead | 04/05 |
| Pam Armistead | 04/09 |
| Deana Gibson | 04/09 |
| Bryan Pender | 04/09 |
| Evan Dahl | 04/10 |
| Matthew Nelson | 04/12 |
| Vickie Tokle | 04/12 |
| Nathan Gilbert | 04/13 |
| Alyssa Hawkins | 04/13 |
| Scott Gilbert | 04/16 |
| Ron Trygstad | 04/18 |
| Ben Knoll | 04/20 |
| Amy Stetler | 04/20 |
| Fran Christensen | 04/21 |
| Mark Driscoll | 04/23 |
| Dennis DeWeerd | 04/25 |
| Derek Slayton | 04/25 |
| Peter Gaultney | 04/26 |
| Katherine Nelson | 04/26 |
| Debbie Emmons | 04/27 |
| Jeff Standerfer | 04/27 |
| Stefan Berthelsen | 04/28 |
| Austin Hill | 04/28 |
| Victoria Kilguss | 04/30 |
| Dick Snow | 04/30 |

April Anniversaries

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|------------------------|-------|
| Lynn & Pat Foster | 04/16 |
| Richard & Kathy Grace | 04/17 |
| Thom & Carolyn Gibbons | 04/21 |
| Harry & Vickie Tokle | 04/23 |

Mother ~ Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Watch the Bulletin page

for more details.

Mother-Daughter
Banquet



Faith Circle

Join Us

on the 2nd

Tuesday

In April

At 7:30 pm.



Judy Knoll weighed all the children and youth in Sunday School; they weighed a total of 2,500 pounds. She has challenged the congregation to bring 2,500 pounds of food for the Food Panty during Lent! There is still time!!



Watch The Bulletin

For More Information

About April's Let's Eat Out

On 4/26 After 10:30 Service

April 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | 1 Lenten Wednesday Schedule | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Maundy Thursday Practice | 9 Maundy Thursday Service | 10 | 11 Sky Ranch Retreat |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 New Wednesday Schedule | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast | 20 | 21 | 22 New Wednesday Schedule | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Sunday School | | | 29 New Wednesday Schedule | | Youth Garage Sale Setup | Youth Garage Sale |
| Inner Mission | | | | | | |
| 26 Sunday School | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| Youth Praise Team Practice | | | | | | |

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- 1 ~ Last Wednesday of Lent:
 - ◊ 5:45 PM—Lenten Meal (homemade!)
 - ◊ 6:00-6:50—Owning It (Confirmation)
 - ◊ 7:00-7:45—Worship Service
 - ◊ 7:45-8:15—Maundy Thursday Prep
- 3-5 ~ Friday-Sunday—Sky Ranch Retreat. Both the Junior High and High School are invited on the annual Sky Ranch Retreat. Confirmation students will continue their studies and the High School will go through Peer Ministry Training. Cost is \$115. Meet at the church at 6 PM Friday. We will return at noon Sunday.
 - 8 ~ Wednesday, 5:45-8:00 PM—Maundy Thursday Practice. We will have our final Maundy Thursday practice before the next evening's worship service. Pizza served.
 - 9 ~ Wednesday, 7 PM—Maundy Thursday Worship Service. Youth need to be here at 6 PM.
 - 12 ~ Sunday, 9:15-10:00 AM—Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We will have a special edition of our monthly pancake breakfast this morning. Youth need to be here at 8:00 AM to begin cooking.
 - 15 ~ Wednesday, 5:45-8:30 PM—New Wednesday Schedule begins. Note change for Cross-examination.
 - ◊ 5:45 PM—Pizza Dinner
 - ◊ 6:00-7:15—Owning It (Confirmation)
 - ◊ 7:30-8:30—Cross-Examination
 - 19 ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission. We will continue discussing what it means to be a Christian in suburbia. Location TBA.
 - 24 ~ Friday, 6:30-9:00 PM—Garage Sale Setup. Youth will set up for the following day's Garage Sale Fundraiser.
 - 25 ~ Saturday, 8:00 AM-Noon—Youth Garage Sale Fundraiser. Youth need to be here at 7:00 AM to begin setting up. We will likely need at least an hour to clean up afterwards.
 - 26 ~ Sunday, Noon-2 PM—Youth Praise Team Practice. Lunch Served.

Growing Your Faith: *Call to Know, Follow & Serve Jesus*

Adult, Youth & Kids Sunday School: 9:15 AM

* Adult Sunday School

Panera Women's Book Study facilitated by Janice Wessa. This year, they are studying memoirs. Contact Janice with any questions (972-617-7112)

April 5: Time of Quiet: *Contemplating the Cross* Experience the journey to the cross. A guided prayerful meditation exercise will be provided.

April 12: EASTER - BREAKFAST & Children's EGG HUNT

April 19: ELCA Sexuality Statement Forum Facilitated by Pastor Joel. Opportunity for review, question and answer, and discussion will be given.

April 26: Prayer Walk For the entire congregation. Led by Matthew Cleaver We will walk and pray in the neighborhood.

*Daily Devotionals and Study Resources are available on the table in the lobby. Take one!

Christ in our Home: Available quarterly, this devotional has daily Scripture readings, thoughts and prayers.

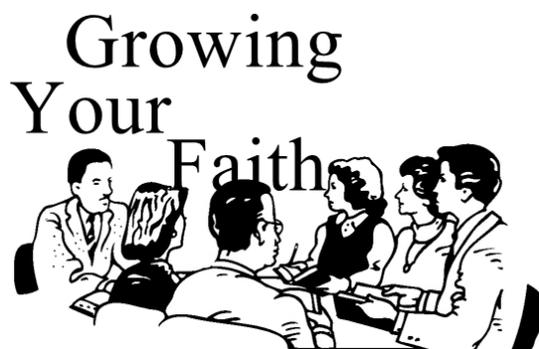
The Wise Economy of Your Life Balancing Time and Money ... This resource outlines scriptural principles for creating freedom and versatility as you "spend" your time and money.

• Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Timothy Project Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 PM (7:45-8:45 PM on April 1) Taught by Pastor Wendy Berthelsen. Learn to hear God personally speak to you through His word. Learn to study the Bible in an in-depth faithful manner. Begin to read the entire Bible. No prior Bible knowledge needed.

Women's Faith Circle ~ meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at the church. Come for fellowship, devotions, and Bible study led by Carolee Juergens. All women of the church are welcome.

Small (Spiritual Formation) Groups Develop faith relationships. Talk about faith and real life. To explore an interest in becoming a part of a group, see Pastors Joel/Wendy.



April 2009 Calendar

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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm | 4 |
| 5  Palm Sunday Time of Quiet 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 Silent Worship: Contemplating the Cross 6:30 pm | 9 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm  | 10 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm  | 11 Prayer Vigil 8:00 am ~ 12 midnight |
| ← Holy Week → | | | | | | |
| 12 Easter No SS Break-fast 9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am  | 13 | 14 Faith Circle 7:30 pm | 15 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resumes | 16 | 17 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm | 18 <i>Heralds Deadline</i> Game Night 6:00 pm |
| 19 ELCA Sexuality Statement Form 9:15 am | 20 | 21 Council Meeting 7:00 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm | 25 Youth Garage Sale 8:00 am ~ noon |
| 26 Prayer Walk 9:15 am Let's Eat Out 12 Noon | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |  |

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School

Wednesday Lenten Schedule: (4/1/09)

5:45 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Chime Choir
6:00 pm Owing it (Confirmation ~ Jr. High)
6:00 pm Cross-Examination (High School)
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Service
7:45 pm Timothy Project (Bible Study)
7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday Schedule: (Resumes 4/15/09)

5:45 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Owing it (Confirmation ~ Jr. High)
6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Service
6:30 pm Cross-Examination (High School)
6:30 pm Chime Choir
7:15 pm Timothy Project (Bible Study)
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

April 2009 Events & Schedules



April 8: Contemplating the Cross:
Silent Worship

April 9: Maundy Thursday Worship
7 PM

April 10: Good Friday Worship 7 PM

April 12: Easter Resurrection Celebration

Worship: 8AM & 10:30AM

Easter Egg Hunt for Children: 9:15AM

Easter Breakfast: 9:15AM

Easter Prayer Vigil

Our annual Easter Prayer Vigil will be held Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 am to Midnight. Please contact Jan Koska to let her know you will serve. She can be reached at: jan.koska@sbcglobal.net. All are welcome to come and sit and pray in the quiet of the Sanctuary.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN!!!

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

TIME: 9:30 AM

WHERE: CHURCH FRONT LAWN

**CHILDREN GET READY FOR A FUN-FILLED
EASTER EGG HUNT!!!**

**EASTER CRAFT AND SNACKS WILL ALSO BE
PROVIDED. FOR CHILDREN IN PRE-SCHOOL
THROUGH 6TH GRADE.**

**PARENTS – PLEASE BRING 12 PLASTIC EGGS
FILLED WITH INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
CANDY THE WEEK PRIOR. PLEASE PLACE
EGGS IN THE BOX MARKED “EASTER EGGS”
LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP CORRIDOR.**

FLOWER CHANGES

Betty's Flowers, the flower shop that we had been getting our flowers from has gone out of business. In checking with other florist in the area we have found that the price of two arrangements have almost doubled in price. Most of the florist have included a delivery fee in their price. We have been using artificial flowers in the past months when no one had signed for flowers. After much discussion at council meeting it was voted to go with the artificial flowers all the time. Several different arrangements will be provided so you will not be looking at the same arrangement year round. If you should want to provide flowers on a given Sunday for a special occasion you may make arrangements with your own florist and bring them to church yourself. Since we do not have a regular florist now, there is no way another florist could deliver them on Saturday since they would not have a key to the church.



Flowers

EASTER LILIES

You will find a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Lilies may be purchased to the Glory of God in memory of, in honor of, or just for yourself to take home and enjoy and then plant in your own yard. The price is \$12.50. Just mark your check “Flowers” and place in the offering plate.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

We will continue our tradition of flowering the cross on Easter Sunday. Please remember to bring some flowers for this event, so we can once again have a cross full of beautiful flowers.

Looking Ahead

Pancake Breakfast

Our youth will host a pancake breakfast periodically on Sunday mornings to raise funds for their Mission Trip this summer. Please mark your calendar and enjoy breakfast at Church!

This month's breakfast

Date: Easter Sunday, April 12

Time: 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Suggested Donation: \$5.00/person

The breakfast menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. For Easter Sunday we will have some specialty pancakes and syrups. We're sure you will enjoy it. Thank you for supporting our youth!



Garage Sale

The youth will host a garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 AM until noon. Start looking around the house for items you would like to donate that are in good condition.

You may begin bringing up your items as soon as you need to, although we would ask that you wait as long as possible so we don't have too many items piling up. You may place your donations in the red room in the Sunday school wing. All donations should be at the church no later than Wednesday, April 22.

Confirmation 2009: Calling all 6th Graders



Owning It, our Confirmation program at Hope, is a two-year program designed for students during their 7th and 8th grade years. That means all current 6th graders will be starting Confirmation in the fall. All current 6th graders and their parents need to contact Matt as soon as possible so he can get you on the Confirmation list for the fall (email him at matt.cleaver.hope@gmail.com). We don't want to leave anyone out! You will receive more information as it becomes available.

Introducing Youth Ministry Intern Zach Poulter

As you read in this month's cover article, when June 30 rolls around and Pastor Wendy focuses her time and energy on *Call, Inc.* Hope is left with a void in our staff. The church Council has decided in order to both fill that void and fulfill Hope's mission to help people discern God's call to know, follow, and serve Jesus Christ that we will hire a full-time youth ministry intern. The intern will allow Matt to focus part of his time and energy on Wendy's Ministry Development responsibilities while not neglecting the youth ministry.

To fill this youth ministry internship we have contacted John Brown University, Matt's *alma mater*, and will host Zach Poulter from June-December 2009. As a student at the same university that Matt graduated from, we are familiar with the quality and nature of the education that he has received. Matt completed the same youth ministry internship with a church in Oklahoma when he was a student at JBU.

The internship program at JBU is a very unique program. Almost every Christian university that offers a youth ministry degree requires their graduates to complete a full-time youth ministry internship; however, most of these internships are only for three months during the summer. JBU requires their Youth Ministry majors to complete a seven-month internship during the summer and fall of a student's senior year. There are numerous advantages to such a structure, both to the host church and to the intern.

Zach is currently a junior at JBU and will complete his internship with Hope. He grew up in Gravette, Arkansas and is a Youth Ministry major. Currently, he serves as the part-time volunteer youth minister at a local church in Arkansas and works at the JBU library. He enjoys music and loves working with teenagers and getting to know them through building relationships. Steve and Kathy Harr have graciously offered to house Zach during his internship.

While working full-time at Hope, he will also be completing one online class, reading a required book every month, and processing his internship experience regularly with his classmates and professor through online chats. The internship is supposed to be an educational experience, the capstone in the four-year Youth Ministry Bachelor of Science degree.

This internship fits right in to Hope's mission to help God's people discern His call on their lives. Though this internship will allow Zach to fill part of the void as Pastor Wendy devotes her time to *Call, Inc.*, it is primarily an opportunity for us to help train and prepare a member of the Body of Christ for full-time service in the church. The Council, Matt, and Pastors Joel and Wendy are excited about this opportunity and look forward to the months to come with Zach. We Hope that you will welcome Zach with open arms, pray for him, and support him as he goes through one of the most important times in his education.

Contact Matt Cleaver if you have any questions regarding this internship.

*Building Hope
Together*



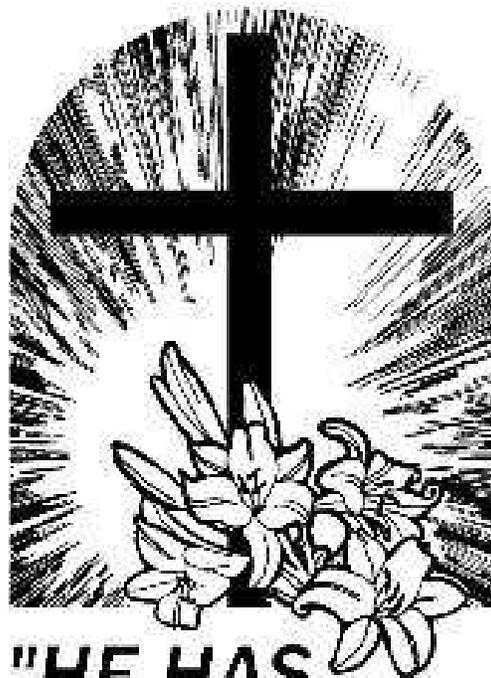
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Today
Yesterday*



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**"HE HAS
RISEN!"**

Luke 24:6

Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am