



# BUILDING HOPE

A Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church of the Sierra, South Lake Tahoe

## *Words of WISDOM ... Fall Reflections...*

From Sundays & Seasons: (Augsburg Fortress, 2007)

With autumn comes great beauty, but it is also a season of great change. The Summer's abundance moves into autumn's beauty and towards winter's death. In the midst of change and new possibilities, we search for meaning and Hope. We desire what's familiar, We want answers to our questions, often discovering that the questions themselves and the journey into them in where we find the meaning.

Martin Luther said: *"This life is not concerned with health, but with healing. This life is not about our being, but our becoming. This life is not about rest but with exercise. We are not yet what we shall be but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished but it is going on. This is not the end but it is the road."*

These words remind us to let go of the outcome and live in the present moment. Autumn, in all of it's beauty teaches us to be present, knowing that living is hidden within dying. There is a hidden wholeness at work in the natural world and in our lives. This hidden wholeness speaks to the paradox found in the season of Autumn.... The paradox of seeding and dying, light and darkness, abandonment and trust.

In Addition: Matthew's gospel has community at it's heart. As we enter Autumn let us ask: What makes a community? What are the values we that create our communities and how do we live within them?



*May our harvest be plentiful and our community in Christ draw closer as the days grow colder... blessings for a sweet September !! ( from the Church Secretary)*



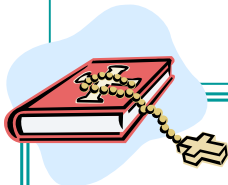
## Have you tried SOUL CAFÉ? WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 7 pm

A relaxed musical worship service, where you can experience God’s presence in a new and exciting way. Childcare is available, fellowship following service.

Re-fill your cup of faith mid-week, and see how it changes your life and your walk with God.

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**Invite your friends & neighbors,  
they may be needing this powerful infusion of faith as well!**



### BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS

- The Women’s group will meet at Church, & Men’s group meets at the host’s home.
- Call the church office, or check the website for details...
- Women’s Bible study will also be meeting **Saturdays @ 10 am** for those who can’t make it Thursday. Please come!



### The ROOF PROJECT...Sept 11th - 14th

**We are replacing the roof over  
the Narthex and Preschool. WE  
need help with the work (call  
Kerwin W 544-6048) and help  
with lunch for the workers (call  
Cindy M 577-0675) .**

**Donations to help may be sent  
to the church with a note  
“roof”...**

**Prayers for a safe and easy job  
are also needed**

### Indonesia Mission Presentation!

**Sept 14th at 6:30 pm**

Diane Martin is back and has lots to share, bring a dessert and we will join in celebrating her work abroad.



### Vacation Bible School!

**August 17 -21**

5:30 pm Dinner...Bible study, music, etc till 8pm. All kids ages 4 & up welcome!

### Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

This month, meeting on Sept 13th at 8 am, to integrate with the roof project. All are invited for some great food and conversation.

PRAYER Group meets every Wednesday at 9am in the Church... to pray for each other, our church, our community and our world. All are welcome!



## PRAYER UPDATES - from June Ellingson

Lisa Marsh - accepted the loss of one home as God's will and found a better home in town in good time.

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Russell Churchill - who had a stroke affecting the left side received immediate care and can now lift his arm over his head and lift his leg off the bed. He has been standing on his feet, but it is not known if he has walked yet. He is still in ICU due to a surgical hole in his head to relieve pressure.

Please continue to pray.

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Irene Morris - Heart is still racing and her breathing is difficult, please keep her in prayer.

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Ray Brown - is doing well following a seizure and difficult recovery.

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Reeves Family - Comfort for the death of Winifred ... God always comforts the bereaved. Continued prayers for the family for another month as God leads.

### COMING UP!!!

Celebration of Ministries  
Annual Meeting  
November 16th  
Mark your calendar!!!

"Seven days without  
prayer makes one  
weak."  
- Allen E. Vartlett

## *President's message*

Dear Friends,

Borrowing from Paul (Romans 12:6-8.)

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Let them use these gifts in proportion to their faith (And continuing with Bonnie's version) If someone's gift is climbing on a roof, let him do it; if it is cleaning up the roof debris, let her clean it; if it is encouraging the workers, let him encourage; if it is preparing lunch for the workers, let her do so generously; if it is contributing funds for the new roof, let them contribute cheerfully; if it is praying, let them pray continually.*

Our preschool and office roof has been in need of repair for some time. During the past few years water has leaked into the electric fixtures. We cannot put off this maintenance any longer even though we were hoping to begin our Sanctuary wall extension this summer. So on September 11, 12, 13 and 14 the roof will be removed and it will be insulated and prepared for the roofers who will replace the roof on September 15 and 16.



This project will cost about \$17,000 in spite of the savings of removing and preparing the roof with church labor. The funds will come from our new building funds and will need to be replaced so that we can use these funds for the Sanctuary in the future.

This is where we all come in. We need 10 strong men to remove the roof and prepare it and people to drag away the debris. We need lunch for the workers for 3 or 4 days. We need people to contribute funds for the project and we need encouragement and prayers for the safety of all involved.

Where do you see yourself? Can you be a worker? Which day/s can you work? Is your gift preparing food? Which day could you prepare a meal or part of a meal for 10 to 15 people? If you are unable to volunteer could you make a contribution equal to a day or two of work? Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone in our church family contributed in some way to maintaining our church home.

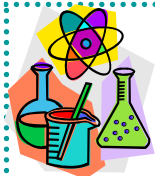
Blessings,

Bonnie Driscoll

### Many thanks to:

- ◆ *MR. Chris for pulling out all the stops (again) and making VBS such a great success..*
- ◆ *For all the VBS volunteers and organizers.*
- ◆ *For Those who donated and helped with the Annual Clothing giveaway, and to Arlene Wolfe for organizing the event!*
- ◆ *For all who continue to pray for our church, our world and each other.*

## Youth News & Events



### VBS Follow UP

The kids had a great time !!!

- ◆ There were 60-65 kids each night of the week.
- ◆ The food was great, as usual.... And many hands made light work.
- ◆ The TEEN Crew Leaders were energetic and inspiring “The best we have had in all the years of VBS!”
- ◆ **HUGE THANKS** to our own MR. CHRIS, MISS VALERIE of LT Presbyterian, and all others who helped from set up to tear down... We know this is an important outreach to our community and it is encouraging to see God at work in all who got involved and the kids who participated too!



### *From our Youth Group Kids ...*



*The Youth Group would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported them for beach camp. Whether you waited in the long line to have your car washed, or provided work for the youth to do, or prayed us through the week, we appreciated every bit. Beach Camp was a really important part of drawing our kids together. Thank you so*

*much!*

*Thank you to everyone who donated time, ENERGY, and meal supplies to Vacation Bible School. It was a vibrant, fun and inspiring week!*

*Also, thanks for involving these young voices of Christian Love into the VBS program. It is very special for the little ones to see “cool” teens walking the talk too!*

**\*\*\* STAY tuned - We will be announcing four or more NEW YOUTH EVENTS for fall & winter !!!!**

## September FELLOWSHIP HOSTING

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> ~ “5 yr Anniversary Celebration”  
Special Fellowship Goodies for Pastor & Amanda!

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Lynn Setnor & Kristin Hakansson (bring goodies)

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Arlene Wolfe & Lynn Setnor (bring goodies)

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Sandy Henigan & June Ellingson (bring goodies)

Fellowship hosting is a special way to serve. By either providing goodies or helping to clean up, it is a small contribution of time and a huge help for us all!

Please call Arlene Wolfe (530) 541.1933 or Linda Amundson (530) 577-6022

to offer your help in this ministry of service.

**BY THE WAY** -- We are in need of some regular Wednesday evening worshippers to fellowship host that evening as well, please let us know if you can bring goodies or stay and help clean up !!



*Faith has to do with things that  
are not seen and hope with  
things that are not at hand.  
- Saint Thomas Aquinas*



**Worship Assistant Schedule for September**

**September 7 Sunday**

Reader: Diane Martin Ushers: Sandy Henigan and Diane Martin  
Communion Assistants: Cindy Merhaut and Chris Triggs

**September 10 Wednesday *Soul Café***

Ushers: Robert Guebard and Wayne Danyow.  
Communion Assistants: Lynn Setnor

**September 14 Sunday**

Reader: Mel Stearns Ushers: Jeff and Mel Stearns  
Communion Assistants: Donna B and Arlene W

**September 17 Wednesday *Soul Café***

Ushers: Bonnie and Dave Carneggie  
Communion Assist Chris Triggs

**September 21 Sunday**

Reader: Carolyn Meiers Ushers: Lynn Setnor & Kathryn Klimek Communion Assists: Mort  
and Carolyn Meiers

**September 24 Wednesday *Soul Café***

Ushers: Dave and Bonnie Carneggie  
Communion Assistants: June Ellingson,

**September 28 Sunday**

Reader: Lisa Marsh Ushers: Kerwin Wolfgram and Suzanne Cochran Communion Assists: Phil  
Stevenson and Wayne Danyow

**October 1 Wednesday *Soul Café***

Ushers: Robert Guebard  
Communion Assistants: Donna Bray

In most instances I have assigned only one usher and communion assistant for Soul Café.  
If you are the ONE please ask another person to assist you  
Please check in with an usher when you arrive. And please find a substitute if you cannot serve  
when assigned

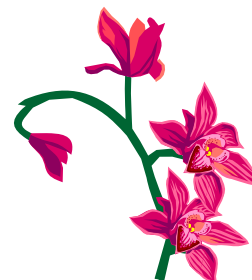
**Chancel Flower Dedications**

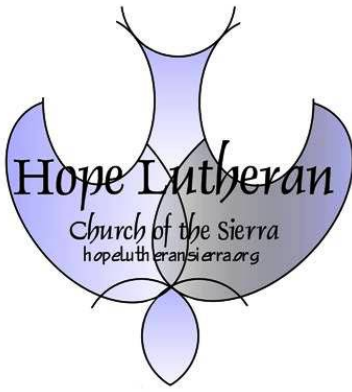
*7th ~ Joyce Gibson for her B-Day*

*14th ~ The Dupuy's for their 30th Anniversary*

*21st ~ Martin Family Birthdays*

*28th ~ Cromwell Family for Allyson's B-Day*





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*This is the church of the warm heart*

*That heals hurt lives,*

*That comforts old people*

*That challenges youth*

*That knows no distinction of class or station*

*The church of the people*

*High as the ideals of Jesus*

*Low as the humblest human*

**Our Vision Statement 1965**

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