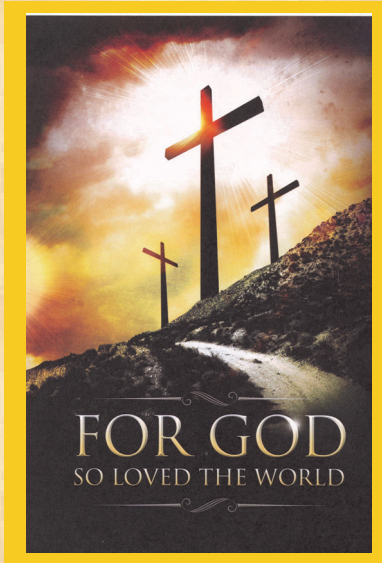


# The Hope Connection

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## EASTER CELEBRATION



April 24th

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Celebration Service

10 a.m.

Black Lake Bible Camp

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April 29 - May 1, 2011

**Black Lake**  
20eleven  
BIBLE CAMP

wisdom & faithfulness  
ELEV8

paintball disc-golf  
human foosball mini-golf  
and more...

 A Men's Conference geared toward men with manly food, manly games, a message tailored for men and...well, you get the idea... 

guest speaker: jon furman  
worship: kent borrer

## REFLECTIONS FROM PATOR KARL

I started to pray, Lord help me to.... and I was stopped in mid-sentence. Help me to what? I was about to pray help me to do ... something on my list. I have on my prayer list a lot of things to do and a lot of names of people that I pray for. I also have a lot of church needs and it seems that the list is endless.

But what about me? Is it okay to pray for me? Shouldn't we all be living a God-centered life and be sacrificing ourselves for the kingdom? And how about that acronym for joy as in, Jesus – Others – Yourself? Isn't that the proper way to arrange your priorities before God? The idea behind J-O-Y is to put yourself last and you'll find joy is the way I learned it in my early days as a Christian.

Lord help me to...

When was the last time you prayed for yourself? Not for your needs; not for your wants; not for your list. Do you take the time to pray for you? That may sound selfish but consider this. Jesus died for the person you call self. God loves that person you call self. God sent His Spirit on an all out search and rescue mission for that person you call self.

Since Jesus died for myself and God loves myself and Holy Spirit chooses to reside in myself, it seems that I need to give some attention to myself. This goes against the grain of many who claim that Christian maturity is attained by pushing self into the background in order to live for God and others. Yet if I don't adequately nourish myself I will have less to give to others. When I order my life to grow as a Christian, I have more of Christ in my character to give to others.

The one way we should focus on ourselves is how well we know God.

### **Jeremiah 9:24**

*But let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the LORD.*

To be clear, I need to be praying for me but not for my selfish needs or self-centered desires. I need to be praying that I will know God more deeply than I do each day that He gives me life.

I am called to know Jesus Christ and make Him known. I need to

pray for me to know Jesus and to make Him known to others. That's not selfish or self-centered. I need to pray for me that God would lead me to more effective ministry with others; that God would help me to see people the way He sees people. I need to pray that the Holy Spirit would minister to me in such a way that I would think the thoughts of Jesus and feel the feelings of Jesus (Christ lives in me – Galatians 2:20) to better represent Him to a world that needs to know Him. To pray like that is not being selfish, it's being realistic. There are some things I cannot do on my own.

I don't want to be the same person five years from now. I don't want to watch others grow while I remain as I am. I don't want to watch the church change and grow while I wish for the old days. I need to give attention to my personal spiritual well-being so that I can continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord and be the person He wants me to be. I invite you to journey with me.

~Pastor Karl

## *New Member's Class*

If you are new to our church family or have been around for awhile and would like a chance to learn more about our vision and direction, please consider attending the New Member's class on Saturday, April 16th at 9am – 10:30ish, in the upstairs Conference Room.

Attending this class does not obligate you to join but does give you a chance to meet some of our leadership and hear what it means to join our church family.

*Childcare is provided but it would help if you let us know how many kids need care by contacting the church office.*

## Lines from the Library

Thank you for your support of the library book sale on March 20<sup>th</sup>! We hope you found some great materials to add to your own library or to give to others.

The funds raised will allow us to purchase new books and DVDs to keep our library as current and relevant as possible. We never stop accepting donations, so if you have materials you would like to give to the Hope library, please drop them off in the donation box just inside the library. Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

We are continually adding new additions to the shelves. Our most recent additions are: Epicenter 2.0 by Joel Rosenberg; Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas; Pilgrim's Progress DVD; and Veggietales: Abe & the Amazing Promise DVD.

Visit the library in person - or the library database online at the church's website – and check out all that is available to you.

*Your Hope Library Team*

## News from the Woodshop

The Building Team is really excited to be moving forward with our building project! Our site work is 99.9% done and we want to thank all the volunteers for their countless hours of help to get it done. Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for the building team as we make decisions with contractors and sub-contractors, city officials, consultants, neighbors, etc.

If you would like to pray specifically for our team members, they are:  
Russ Gibbs, Jennifer Rossnagle, Steve Ewert, Phil Lundberg, Andrew Lundberg, Mike Olden,  
Nate Jacobs, Bill McGee, Lee Brodehl, and Jeff Shivel

*~ The Building Team*

# Youthful Happenings

## Youth Mission Auction for Jamaica

### Donations

Besides raising money to help get missionaries to Jamaica to share Jesus' love, the Youth Mission Auction for Jamaica is a great way to connect with our church family through giving & sharing of our times and talents!

Donations can range from homemade items to services offered, from events to creative baskets of goods. Example ideas are on the next page. Items in the Silent Auction should be in new or like-new condition. Items will be selected from donations for the Live Auction. Used garage-sale type items will go into Cash & Carry.

Please consider what you might like to contribute-- maybe even a combination of items if you are able. Thank you so much for your consideration. It will be a joy to see the creativity and clever generosity in the sharing of our church family's hobbies, talents, produce, hospitality, desirable household items, etc. as we work to support our youth in this endeavor!



**Please fill out a Youth Mission Auction Donation Form (below) and return it (in the offering plate, to the church office or to Pastor Nate) once you know what you'd like to donate. Any forms we receive early will help as we prepare auction materials. Our deadline for auction donation forms will be April 25th. Items can be delivered to the church Saturday morning, May 14th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon (or earlier that same week if Saturday is busy for you). Baked goods can be brought the morning of May 15th Youth Mission Auction For Jamaica**



#### DONATION FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Starting Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

(note: this may be adjusted)

Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check those that apply:** Item Service Other

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring my donation to the church between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring my donation the morning of the auction by 10:30 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a monetary donation in the amount of: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

(Please put your monetary donation in with the offering or deliver it to the church office.)

**EXAMPLES** of types of items that could be donated:**Household Items**

Laser Printer  
 Bread Machine  
 Original Water Color  
 Set of Farmland Prints  
 3-D Frame with Scripture Verse  
 Beautiful Paperweight  
 Wooden Jewelry Box  
 Teacup and Saucer Set  
 Keyboard  
 Delta 15" Scroll Saw  
 Crayola sidewalk chalk tools  
 Tee Ball Set  
 Fantasy Play Tower  
 FrigiGears  
 GT Express 101  
 Silicone Bakeware  
 Tiffany Mugs  
 Salad Bowl and Serving Bowls  
 Collector's Plate  
 Wilson Tennis Rackets  
 Room Noise Modifier  
 Shelf Clock  
 Sequin Top  
 Bookends  
 Talking Cookie Jar  
 Photo Album  
 Pasta Cooker  
 Waffle Iron  
 4 Slot Toaster  
 Sandwich Grill  
 Jesus Statue  
 Card Table and 4 Chairs  
 Exercise Bike  
 Twig Outdoor Furniture  
 Scale  
 Cardiac Exercise Machine  
 Coat Tree  
 Wooden Rocking Horse  
 Stick Horse  
 California King Sheet Set  
 Queen Sheet Set  
 Sewing machine plus extras  
 Longaberger Basket with Notecards  
 and Journal  
 Serger  
 Saber Saw  
 Sander  
 Photo Album and frame set  
 Crystal Pitcher (Tulip Style)  
 Crystal Pitcher (Fluted Edge)  
 Framed Bergsma Print  
 Table Cloths  
 Books

**Baskets, Services & Certificates**

Entire Salmon Dinner for 10  
 Beanie Baby Basket  
 Children's Craft Basket  
 Child's Basket  
 Gift Basket  
 Scrapbooking Basket  
 Hawaiian Coffee Gift Basket  
 Baby Bundle  
 Picnic Basket  
 Basket Box (Lavendar & Yellow)  
 Basket Box (Pink)  
 Stuffed Animals Galore!

**Baked Goods**

Pecan Pie  
 Triple Layer Chocolate Cake  
 Huge Chocolate Chip Cookie  
 A Second Huge Chocolate Chip Cookie  
 Cake and Cake Stand  
 Silver-plated "footed" Cake Tray  
 Bottomless Cookie Plate  
 Amish Friendship Bread

**Plants & Crafts**

Hand Felted Wool Purse  
 Baby Afghan  
 Cross Stitch  
 Learn to Cro-dat  
 Handbag by Leah Cardew  
 Summer Flowers  
 Grape Hyacinths  
 Poppies  
 Handmade steel and copper wire basket  
 Handmade Cards  
 Packages of Handmade Cards  
 Pottery-- Large Serving Bowl  
 Pottery- Small Serving Bowl  
 Pottery- Set of 2 Soup Bowls  
 Pottery- Batter Bowl  
 Pottery- Pie Plate  
 Pottery- Sugar & Creamer  
 Handmade Tote Bag  
 Wooden Stool  
 Second Wooden Stool  
 Wooden Corner Shelf  
 Quilted Pot Holders  
 4 Christmas Pot Holders  
 Quilted Place Mat  
 Oil Painting Print  
 Hand-Crocheted Scarf  
 1 Pair of Handmade Earrings  
 Necklace  
 Framed Watercolor

Flowers  
 Watercolor  
 Glass Doorknob Coat Rack

**Live Auction**

Quilt by Sew Happy Quilters Historic Sign  
 Youth Work Day  
 Beautiful Large Bouquet from My Garden  
 2 Hour Pottery Lesson  
 18 Wheeler Truck Ride  
 Mystery Box  
 Tea for 6 in my Home  
 Sailboat Trip on Budd Inlet with our family  
 Binoculars  
 Weekend Away in Family Cabin  
 Tickets to Scrooge and Dinner  
 2 Hour Interior Decorating Consultation  
 Hand carved Wood Duck  
 Gourmet Dinner for Six  
 Condo for Week in Florida  
 Planter with Flowers!  
 Picnic Under the Trees  
 Wood Utility Cabinet  
 Festive BBQ Basket  
 Mariner's Tickets  
 Antique Oak Desk  
 Birthday Bash! (We throw the party for  
 Your loved one)  
 Professional Services Certificate  
 A Second Youth Work Day  
 Picnic at Our Home  
 2nd Picnic Under the Trees  
 Private Concert-- Violin & Flute Duet  
 Sterling/Turquoise Earrings

**Cash & Carry  
(items in good condition)**

Books  
 Used Household Goods

\*Items in this category that are not sold will be donated

## Prayer Team

### Just Come and Be Blessed

When John the Baptist's disciples asked Jesus where He was staying, He answered with an invitation: "Come and see." What a welcome – no strings attached, no expectations to be met, just "come." I offer you the same invitation to our Prayer Rallies, led by Pastor Karl, on the first Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs rear classroom. (I hope we'll soon run out of space and have to move to the sanctuary!)

If you are like me, the thought of praying out loud in a room full of people is anywhere from uncomfortable to terrifying. But I will tell you from experience that you can come to these Prayer Rallies, listen, lend your heart, be blessed, and leave never having opened your mouth. One of the great things about talking with God is that He is equally there for the introvert and the extrovert, the young believer and the old.

**And speaking out loud is strictly optional.**

So come and see. Pray with us in your heart. Leave your cares with the Almighty. Be blessed!

~Sheryl Noble for the Prayer Team

### Ladies: We have two (2!!!) very fun functions coming up!

The first is April 9th! Barb's Brunch Bunch is having a **Tropical Rainforest Luncheon** at Barb's home, 8039 Shadybrook Lane SE. It begins at 11:00AM with wonderful tropical food! It is a time of great fellowship. Invite someone who is new to our church and come with her. It promises to be great fun. Please RSVP to Barb: 754-9099.

Friday night, May 6th, is our Spring Gala:

#### **Hats Off To Ladies.**

It begins at 6:30 p.m. at Black Lake Bible Camp. We will have a "light dinner," and Julia Valovich will be our speaker for the evening. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. There are "invitations" in the Lobby for you to pick up to give to your friends, and "reservations" will be made in the Lobby on April 17th and May 1st. There will be a minimal charge for the evening to cover the cost of the food. Wear a hat if you have one, and come prepared for a delightful evening of fellowship. Ladies of the church will be using their china for our refreshments. If you have 10 place settings of your china and would like to share it for the evening, let Janet (943-6054) know.

This promises to be a fun event!

To our wonderful church family at Hope,

Karl and I want to thank you so very much for the wonderful surprise anniversary party you gave us at the camp last Sunday. What an absolute joy the evening was for both of us! We are humbled by your love and generosity. We are also delighted to be serving a congregation that is so fun! Our extended family members who had traveled across town, and across the state all said they would attend this church in a heartbeat if they could. Karl and I count ourselves most blessed that God has us doing His Kingdom-work here with you folks in Olympia. Thank you also for the incredible anniversary trip to Hawaii you have given us. You just don't know how much this means to us. Karl has been working on his doctorate for the past eight years and his thesis project (The Truth Series we're now hearing in church each Sunday) for the last three years, so he's been a little busy. This trip is going to give us both refreshment and time to celebrate twenty-five years together...without him having to read a book and write a paper about it for school!

Sincerely, from the bottom of our hearts,  
we thank you and we love you!

Karl and Julie

# APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bridal Shower for Kailah Lenz 10 a.m. 
3 Communion Sunday Worship Service 9 & 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups 5-7 p.m. Prayer Rally 6 p.m. College Bible Study 7 p.m. Small Group 7 p.m. Small Group 7 p.m. SNL 7 p.m.	4 Ladies Prayer Fellowship 9 a.m. Small Group 1 p.m. The Marriage Course 7 p.m.	5 Prayer Time 7 a.m. Youth Small Groups 5:45 p.m. Leadership Team 7 p.m. Wildside 7 p.m.	6 Youth Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Men's Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m.	7 Men's Small Group 6 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship Team 7 p.m.	8	9 Ladies Tropical Rain Forrest Luncheon 11 a.m. 
10 Worship Service 9 & 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups 5-7 p.m. Couples Bible Study 6:30 p.m. College Bible Study 7 p.m. Small Group 7 p.m. Small Group 7 p.m. SNL 7 p.m.	11 Small Group 1 p.m. The Marriage Course 7 p.m.	12 Prayer Time 7 a.m. MOPS 9 a.m. Youth Small Groups 5:45 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wildside 7 p.m.	13 AWANA—Beach Night 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Men's Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m.	14 Men's Small Group 6 a.m. Worship Team 7 p.m.	15 T & T Movie Night 6:30 p.m. 	16 New Members Class 9 a.m. Classics—Stone Soup 1 p.m. 
17 Worship Service 9 & 10:30 a.m. AWANA Leaders 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups 5-7 p.m. College Bible Study 7 p.m. Small Group 7 p.m. Small Group 7 p.m. SNL 7 p.m.	18 Small Group 1 p.m. The Marriage Course 7 p.m.	19 Prayer Time 7 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Youth Small Groups 5:45 p.m. Wildside 7 p.m.	20 AWANA—Eggstravaganza 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Men's Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m.	21 Men's Small Group 6 a.m. Worship Team 7 p.m.	22 All Youth Good Friday Service 	23
24 Easter Celebration Breakfast-8:30 a.m. Service—10 a.m. Youth Small Groups 5-7 p.m. SNL 7 p.m. 	25 Small Group 1 p.m. Young Adult Group 6 p.m.	26 Prayer Time 7 a.m. MOPS 9 A.M. Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Youth Small Groups 5:45 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wildside 7 p.m.	27 AWANA—School Spirit 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Men's Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m.	28 Men's Small Group 6 a.m. Worship Team 7 p.m.	29 ELEV8 Men's Conference Black Lake Bible Camp 	30 ELEV8 Men's Conference Black Lake Bible Camp

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### **Assisting in Relief Work in Japan**

Two of our Missionaries have given us some suggestions on how we can individually contribute to relief work in Japan. *Mike Vanderpoel* who resides in Japan suggests CRASHJapan ([www.crashjapan.com](http://www.crashjapan.com)). This organization consists of local churches in Japan and has already sent out volunteer work teams to several areas in Japan where assistance is needed. The second opportunity to give funds comes to us via *Mark Halstrom* who is now in Japan to evaluate relief opportunities. He suggests the Evangelical Free Church/EFCA ([www.efca.org](http://www.efca.org)); EFCA has a missionary and church in Sendai, a city hard-hit by the earthquake/tsunami.