

Summer Activities Coming Up at Sammamish Hills

6/1: End of Year Confirmation Party at Beaver Lake

6/12: Congregational Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

6/12: Baptism Sunday

7/11-15: Vacation Bible School- "Road to Life"

7/24: Baptism Sunday

8/4-8/7: Summer Camp at Shoshone

8/28: Church Picnic



Spring Family Retreat



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Our capital campaign drive to raise funds to replace our ailing roof was a great success, bringing in over \$56,000! Wow! Thank you to everyone who gave money, time, and prayer in support of this campaign. With funds in hand, we are now formally evaluating bids for both the roof replacement and the related interior work. We hope to have the work scheduled soon, to occur mid-summer with the minimum possible disruption to our facilities and programs. We are all looking forward to a leak-free roof for many, many years to come. Thank you again!

- Your Congregation Council



Congratulations to all our Spring First Communion students!

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BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME...

LEAD PASTOR'S UPDATE



As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer.

Greetings in Christ! As this is written, Cheri and I are preparing for three months away from the daily life of our church home on sabbatical. The dual themes for the time away are "Renewal of Vision" and "Renewal of Being." Thanks to a very generous grant from the Eli Lilly Clergy Renewal Fund, the "Vision" portion of the sabbatical will be spent in northern Europe, interviewing, living, and serving with other Christians who are involved in the "missional community" movement.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pr. John is on sabbatical this summer and will be out of the office from June 1 until September 1. Please keep John, Cheri, and their daughters in your prayers as they travel in Europe and Canada.

The second portion of the time away, "Renewal of Being," will involve time in kayaks in the Isle of Skye in northern Scotland, the waters inside and outside of Vancouver Island, and even the local waters of the San Juan Islands. It is shaping up to be a fantastic trip and we are definitely looking forward to it all.

This is the longest break from the duties of daily living since I was a young child. It is certainly the longest break in over thirty years of parish-based ministry, both ordained and lay. Next year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination and the sabbatical will provide a good opportunity to pull away to "out of the way places" and prayerfully reflect on the ongoing call to serve Christ's Church at Sammamish Hills.

From June 1 through August 31, Pr. Will is going to be assisted by a part-time pastoral assistant, the Rev. Ken Carrothers. Ken is originally from St. Louis, MO and recently graduated from Luther Seminary. Ken has been a part of worship leadership at Sammamish Hills over the last few years as a preacher during Lent and on Sunday mornings. Ken and his wife Elisa live in Tacoma.

In addition, Shana Tischaefter, graduate of Luther Seminary, mother of Sam and Cora, and spouse of Council President Andy—all with the same last name—will be stepping in as a part-time volunteer pastoral assistant in the area of care for our infirm elders. Thank you, Shana!

All of which means you will be in great hands while I'm gone. Thank you for this very generous gift of time away. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as we travel. I look forward to rejoining the life of our vibrant community of faith in the fall. As the song goes, See you in September!

May the richest blessings of Christ be yours this day.

John



PLUM SCHOLARSHIPS

Who can apply? Any active member of Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church who is attending Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

What is the value of the scholarship? \$500, but it is matched with equal value by Pacific Lutheran University, thus doubling its value.

More information: Contact Tom Ryan in the church office for a scholarship form.

Deadline: June 30, 2011



GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Contributions to the Good Samaritan fund allow our pastors to assist members of the congregation and the communities we serve in time of need. Although the overall economy in our area appears to be improving, we do still have need of emergency funds, therefore, a "second-mile" contribution to the Good Samaritan fund is always appreciated. For more information, talk to Pastor Will.

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE



I love music. I love to play music. It gives me life and energy. If you spend any time with me you'll soon find out the bands I'm listening to now and why I think they are great. Music is a constant part of my life and it helps define who I am. Recently I was asked to bring a group of musicians from Sammamish Hills to come down and help open the doors of Luther's Table in Renton. Talk about a joyful noise!

Luther's Table opened recently as an outreach to the community and it came from the ashes of Renton Lutheran Church that closed in 2006. The vision of the people of Renton Lutheran was not to just hang on and fade away, but to bring new life. They made the difficult decision to close the doors of the church and open up a path to a new adventure.

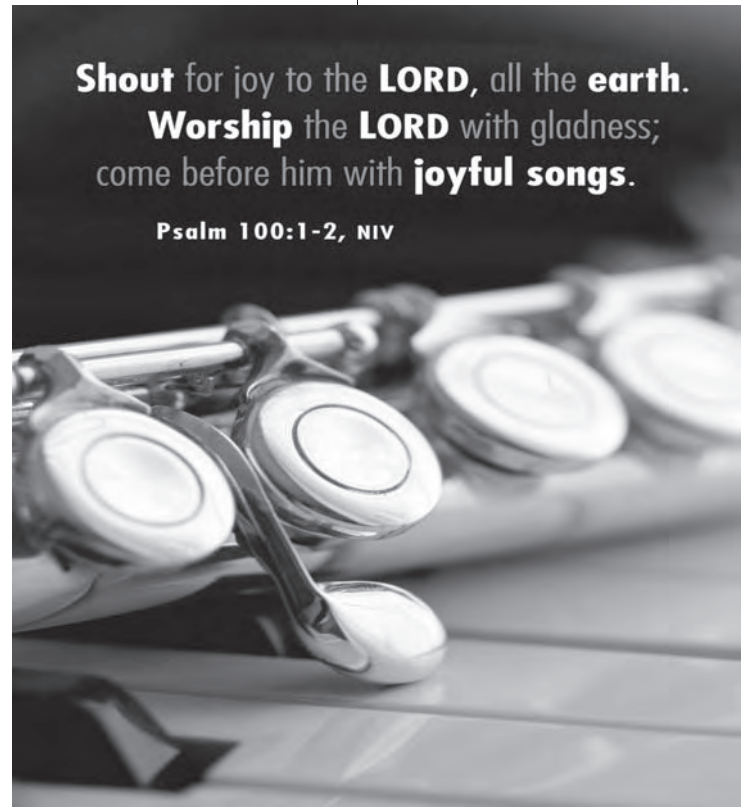
I greatly admire the strength and courage it takes to let something end so that a new thing can start. Even more I admire the joy that is in Luther's Table. The food is good (and cheap!), the people are fantastic, and the music is dynamite (I'm definitely biased here). There is new life in an old place.

If you happen to think that you have an excuse not to make a joyful noise to the Lord, I want you to watch the documentary Young@Heart. This film is about a senior chorus where the director has the members (who range in age from 73 to 92) sing rock songs. Their versions of these songs are amazing. After watching it I was determined not to let anything stand in the way of making a joyful noise.

So, what is holding you back from living your life as a joyful noise to God?

Peace,

Pr. Will



Shout for joy to the **LORD**, all the **earth**.
Worship the **LORD** with gladness;
come before him with **joyful songs**.

Psalm 100:1-2, NIV

Luther's Table

Renton Lutheran Church closed in 2006 after over 50 years of ministry in downtown Renton. Part of their legacy is Luther's Table. Their vision was "to share the gospel, the story of God's Grace

toward all people in Jesus Christ, with everyone whose lives touch ours. Our intent is to go out from here into our

downtown community, serving where needed." Luther's Table continues that vision.

Luther's Table is Open Tuesday - Sunday for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For exact hours, menu, upcoming events and more visit the ir website- www.lutherstable.org



WORSHIP LIFE IN JUNE

In June we celebrate Pentecost, that day of receiving the Holy Spirit. In this time we remember that although our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, we have not been left alone. We are God's people called, gathered, enlightened and sent by His Spirit.

Sunday, June 5: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Making God's Name Known

(Readings: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; Acts 1:6-14;

John 17:1-11)

Through the ministry of Christ we get to know God. (Jesus says just this in our Gospel.) If we are followers of Christ, how are we sharing this knowledge of God with others? How are we making God's name known in the world? Is this even our responsibility?

The Gospel
BEARING FRUIT AND GROWING

Sunday, June 12: Day of Pentecost *Fire!*

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; **Acts 2:1-21)**

This life of following Christ can cause others to look at you funny. Why on earth do you give up your time and money to something that is so out of fashion? Getting funny looks and having to answer why we live the way we do is nothing new to Christians. Come and hear how the first Christians were viewed.

Sunday, June 19: Holy Trinity Sunday
Go!

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; 1 Psalm 8;

Matthew 28:16-20)

There are times when God calls us to be still and there are times when we are called to go out. This Sunday hear how we are sent into the world with specific instructions. Does it get any clearer?

Sunday, June 26: The Second Sunday after Pentecost *Faith Is A Verb*
(Readings: Romans 6:12-23; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; **Matthew 10:40-42)**

When a thirsty person comes to you it does no good to say, "I really hope you get something to drink." A difference is made when we reach



out and offer the cup of cool water. Do you find yourself thinking, "I wish I could make a difference.?" Guess what, you can and God blesses those who try.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Dean Riskedahl (deanriskedahl@live.com) or sign up online at www.psbc.org

You can help give the gift of life!



Puget Sound Blood Center

**Kiwanis Sponsored
Blood Drive
June 27, 2011**

Come by the Fellowship Hall on June 27, 2011 from 1-7 p.m. to give blood. All blood types are needed.

**Blood
DRIVE**

PRAYER MINISTRY

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6

Summer is a time when we seem extra busy whether it is ferrying kids to their summer activities, taking vacation, or working in the backyard. With all the activities, it is sometimes hard to find time for a daily prayer life. We can, though, make some adjustments so that we can make the time we do have count. For instance, if you are travelling by train, plane or bus, take along the latest volume of "Christ in Our Home". This little book of daily devotions easily fits into a pocket and might also be a way of starting an interesting conversation with fellow travellers. You will find copies of this devotional at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

The sun is up early during the summer months so why not rise with it and spend some time alone with God before the rest of the family awakes. If that is just not feasible in your household, short little prayers during the day are just as effective. Pray as you wheel that cart through the supermarket, pray as you wait for the light to turn green, pray before you go into that meeting, pray as you pull those weeds. God hears us wherever we are.

... And remember to take some time to relax!

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord,

*help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of
your presence.*

*Slow down my restless heart and fill me with
gentle compassion for all your people.*

Amen.

(Anonymous)



•Prayer Chain: Are you receiving the prayer request emails? If not, please check your Spam folder as they can sometimes end up there. If you have changed your email address, contact Kim at the church office to have the correct address added to the mailing list.

•Don't forget you can retrieve your completed prayer cards from the box at the information desk in the Narthex. They are filed alphabetically under the name of the person who requested prayer.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

**END OF THE YEAR
CONFIRMATION PARTY
ON JUNE 1:** Come out to the Beaver Lake Pavilion on Beaver Lake for a great way to end this year of Confirmation! All guide groups are invited for a BBQ and games.

**WEDNESDAY SUMMER
GATHERINGS:** Trying to figure out what to do this summer? All middle school students (entering 6th-8th grade in the fall) are invited from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights starting July 6! These will be fun gatherings at the church, out in the community, or at someone's home! Watch for the summer schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
GROUP CONTINUES
THIS SUMMER:** Come, join other high school students from 7-8:30 p.m. EVERY Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Come to meet others, take time in devotions, have some laughs, and play games! New faces are always welcome, so finish that homework early! This

summer, we'll continue at the same time, but we will meet in new locations. Think about hosting something in your home or at a park this summer. Questions? Contact Kaitlin (kaitlin@shlc.org).

**GUATEMALA MISSION
TRIP 2012:** Interested in serving on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2012? We'll be holding an informational meeting on Sunday, June 5 at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for anyone interested in serving in Guatemala. All high school students must have completed 9th grade by the summer of 2012 to attend.

**SHOSHONE BASE CAMP
AUGUST 4-7:** Every summer during the first weekend in August, Sammamish Hills takes off for an awesome time at Shoshone Base Camp in Idaho. We load the charter bus up with campers entering 6-10th grade, counselors-in-training entering 11th & 12th grade, counselors in college, and awesome adult guides from the congregation and take off on a four-day adventure. Camp is a time where lasting friendships are created, deeper roots in Christ are developed, and where adventure is found around every corner. Early registration deadline

(for the lowest cost) is June 1, but forms can be turned in until July 5. Registration forms can be found on the church website, in the Narthex and in the church office. Hope to see you all there! Any questions? Please contact Kaitlin (kaitlin@shlc.org).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

6/5: Widows Offering:
Mark 12:38-44

06/5: Kids perform
Lord's Prayer in
sign language
during worship!

6/12: Outreach Sunday:
Summer backpack
assembly

6/19: Zacchaeus &
Father's Day
activity: Luke 19:1-
10

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

This summer we will
hold Sunday School
during the 9 a.m.
worship service only.

7/10: Lord's Prayer

7/17: John the Baptist

7/24: Forgive Us Our
Debts

7/31: Jesus, the Son of
God

8/7: Signs of the Times

8/14: The Kingdom of
Heaven

*We ask that all parents
of Sunday School
children volunteer at
least once a month. It
is easy and fun! Email
Karen Harmon (karen@
shlc.org) with dates you
are available to help in
June or throughout the
summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ROAD TO LIFE!

Registration is open
for this fantastic

week of FAITH, FUN
& FELLOWSHIP, July
11-15, 2011. Join us as
we travel from Palm
Sunday through the Last
Supper, Good Friday,
Easter and the Great
Commission! Enjoy Bible
drama, games, crafts,
singing and more! Our
program runs from 9-12
noon and is open to kids
ages 4-years through
5th grade. We have a
preschool program for
2 & 3-year-olds, and free
nursery care for children
of volunteers. Pick up
your registration packet
today in the Narthex,
office or online at www.shlc.org. Make sure to
get your free music CD
as well, with Pastor Will
singing the VBS songs!
We welcome volunteers
from kids entering 6th
grade through adults.
Contact Karen Harmon
(karen@shlc.org) for
more information.

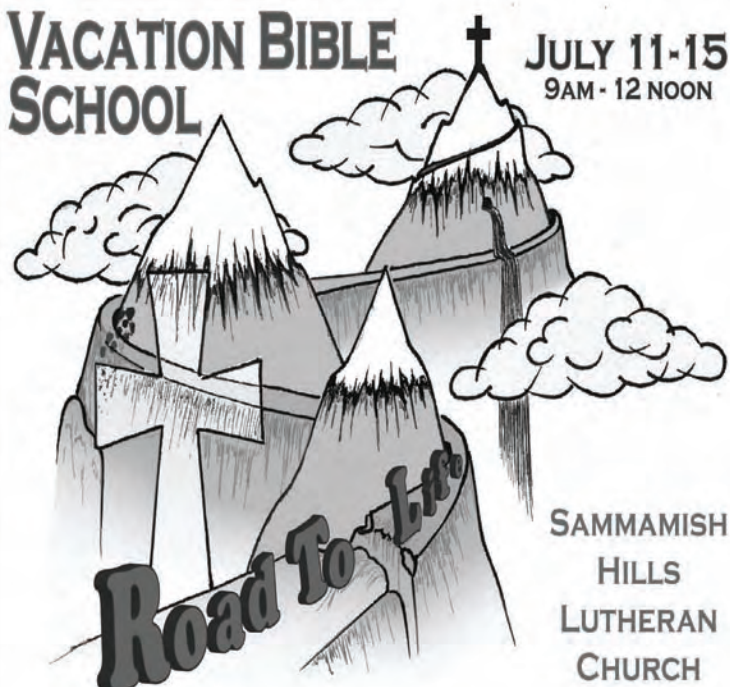
SPRING OUTREACH FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Many children in our
area are supported
during the school
year with lunch and
breakfast programs. The
summer months can be
difficult for these kids
and families without
this support. It is our
privilege to put together
Summer Backpacks
for these children! This

spring we are collecting
lunch and snack items
as well as some fun
summer activities.
During Sunday School
on June 12, we will
be assembling the
backpacks. Please look
for tags in the Narthex
for items you can
donate, or contact Karen
Harmon (karen@shlc.org) to help!

SAMMAMISH HILLS OPEN PLAY! (formerly Toddler Time)

Join us for Open Play
every Tuesday from
9:30-11:30 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall. This
program is for children
ages -5 years of age with
a parent or caregiver.
We have fun toys, good
fellowship and exciting
special events. In the
summer, on sunny days,
we get to be outside
on the preschool
playground! Tell your
friends and neighbors.
This program is for
everyone! \$1 donation
per child is suggested.





Is it really June? I truly can't believe how fast this school year has gone. It seems like it was yesterday that I was

meeting all of the preschool families and their sweet children.

This has been an incredible year. Not only have I done my "day job" as director, but I have had an opportunity to "moonlight" as the Older 2's teacher. It was an enlightening experience to be doing what our teachers do every day. It has given me an even greater appreciation of the hard work, commitment and dedication that each teacher displays. It wouldn't be a great year without the time that I spent with all of the children in the school. I have painted, made play dough pizzas, played trucks and cars, been served "ice cream" from the playground window ice cream shop and hung out during snack and lunch bunch. When I need a break from my office work, I can always find a smile and wonderful needed distraction in one of the classrooms.

I look forward to seeing many familiar faces next year as most of the 3's class will move up the 4's and pre-k classes and most of our Older 2's class will move to the 3's. It will also be great to have younger siblings joining us next year. I will truly miss the children that will not be here next and would love a visit from them any time!

Happy summer to all of you! I hope your summer is filled with sun, smiles, beaches, laughter, parks and time with friends and family. Fall will be here way to soon, enjoy this time of year with your families and friends!

(This is for you too SHLC members!)

Refer a new family to Sammamish Hills Lutheran Preschool and you will be rewarded!

- If you are enrolled for the 2011-2012 school year, you will earn a \$100.00 tuition credit towards tuition in the fall for each new student enrolled.
- If you will not have a child enrolled during the 2010-2011 school year or are a SHLC member, a \$100.00 donation will be made in your name to our Guardian Angel tuition assistance program.
- New families must enroll for the 2011-2012 school year for you to receive your credit.

Reach out and spread the word about our great preschool! Make sure to let your friends know to write your name on the "referred by" line on their registration form!



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Habitat for Humanity - East King County

Habitat for Humanity of East King County's mission is to empower families, build community, and create hope through an aggressive home-building ministry. We empower families by increasing their self-esteem through pride of accomplishment, strengthening their responsibility through the assumption of an affordable mortgage, and expanding personal options by limiting house payments to 30% of family income. We build community by providing opportunities for businesses, faith communities, civic groups, and individuals to work together with families as part of the solution to the affordable housing crisis. We create hope by lifting the burden of escalating housing costs and providing a permanent, decent place that children can call home.

We are a Christian organization that builds homes in partnership with families; giving them a hand up, not a hand-out and thereby honoring their God given dignity and encouraging them to work hard with us towards a shared goal of creating a safe and secure home. The work of Habitat for Humanity is driven by the desire to give tangible expression to the love of God through the work of eliminating poverty housing. Habitat's mission and methods are predominantly derived from a few key theological concepts: the necessity of putting faith into action, the "economics of Jesus" (God miraculously blessing and increasing what we offer, charging no interest and seeking no profit) and the "theology of the hammer" (bringing people of religious diversity together with a common goal of serving others in the name of Jesus).

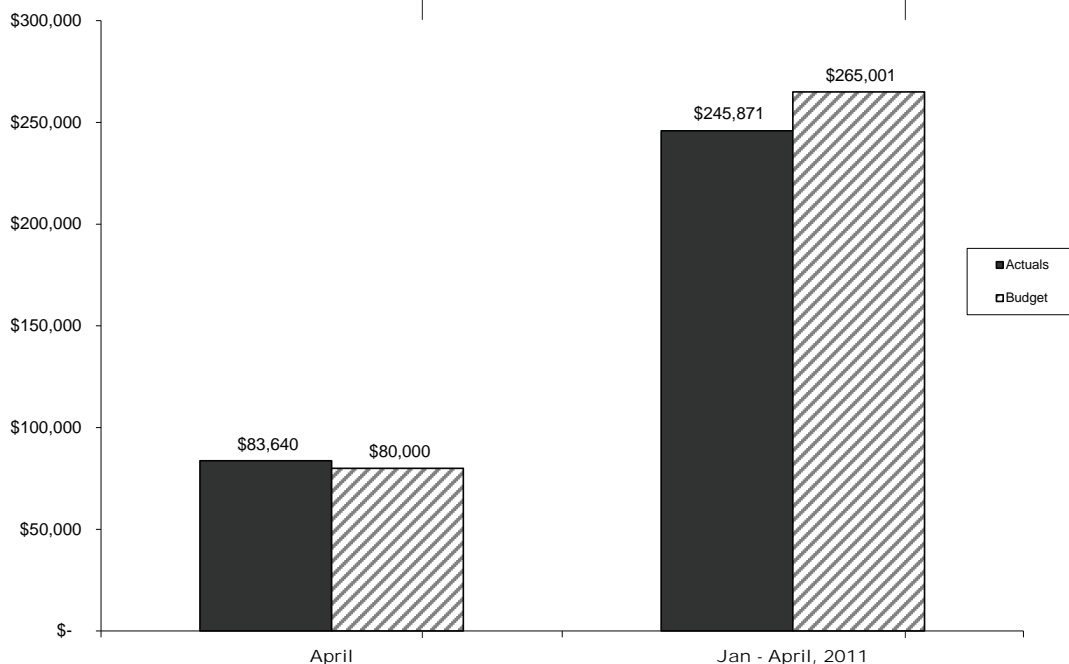
Currently, it is nearly impossible for hardworking, low-income families in East King

County to achieve long-term financial security and stability through home ownership without our support. The median price of a home on the Eastside in January of 2010 was \$520,000 and even the price of a "starter home" is well out of the financial reach of a low-income family. The families we serve earn between \$21,075 and \$42,150 annually (less than 50 percent of the area annual median income) and represent 14 percent of the Eastside's population. Their children play and go to school with our children, they worship with us in our churches and together we can help provide them a simple and decent place to live.

With 90% volunteer labor and donated or discounted building materials, Habitat EKC builds homes for significantly less than private builders. For example, our most recently built townhomes in the Issaquah Highlands sold for around \$120,000.

Please join the Habitat team by volunteering to help us build new homes. We are currently building in two locations: Magnolia Village in Issaquah Highlands and La Fortuna in Renton. Please contact us at www.habitatekc.org or call the office: 425-869-6007 to volunteer. Thank You!

Offerings
Budget Vs Actuals



WHO DO I CONTACT?

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SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - June 12!

**The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday,
June 12th, beginning at 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship
Hall.**

**All Voting Members of the Congregation are
encouraged to participate.**

BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME...

