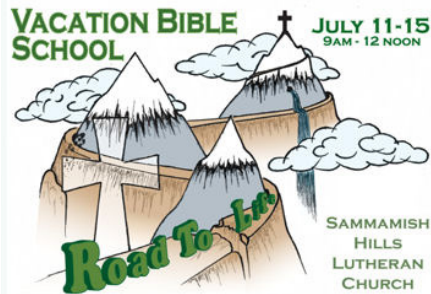


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**Get Ready for SHLC
Activities in:**



- May 1: Raise-the-Roof Fundraiser
- May 14-15: Family Retreat at Camp Colman
- May 14-16: Holden Youth Weekend
- May 21: Church Rummage Sale
- May 22: Recognition of Graduating Seniors



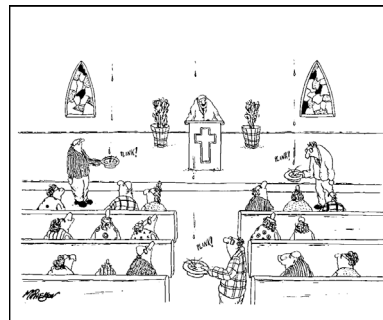
**RAISE-THE-ROOF SUNDAY
FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011**

The sanctuary roof is leaking and must be replaced!

Current estimates put the cost of replacement plus related interior repairs at \$50,000.

This is more than is available

in the general fund and building fund, so we are having a special “over-and-above” giving drive on Sunday, May 1, to raise the money. Additionally, special, colorful envelopes have been put in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday bulletins, as well as on the table across from the information desk in the Narthex. If you have chosen to contribute early by using one of those envelopes, thank you. If not, you can contribute on the day of the giving drive, during church services on May 1st or after May 1st by dropping your gift by the office or by on-line giving via the website. All contributions are appreciated, so please help by giving what you can. Thank you!



More details on our building needs can be found on the SHLC website or by contacting any member of the church council or the church office.



*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised is faithful.
And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

h Hebrews 10:23-25 (NRSV)

As this letter is written, the rain continues beating down on the office skylight which, at times, can reverberate with all of the energy of a three-year-old with a drum. The skies are grey, still, and it seems as if this winter's journey to spring will never end. In other words, perfect weather for a season of contemplation, which is Lent. During the season of Lent we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the ultimate season of new life: the resurrection of Christ from a painfully sure and certain death.

Such contemplation is best done in the context of Christian community, as it is all too easy to slip either into melancholy, which isn't the purpose, or some form of "self-help" strategy to make ourselves better. No, this contemplation is intended to echo Jesus' forty days walk through the wilderness, doing battle with the devil and all his empty promises. Having done battle, how much more prepared are we to shout those wonderful words: Christ is risen! Alleluia! And the response: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thank you to all who walked together during the grey season of Lent, making and serving soup, forgoing familiar dinner routines to gather in the Fellowship Hall, leading worship, participating in different classes to engage the soul in the quest for Lenten renewal.

Special thanks go to the artists in our midst who shared their creative arts of painting, fabric, music, hymnody, and so much more in an incredible tapestry of sight and sound.

Thanks also to all who so freely gave of their time to set the stage for others to join in the grand celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time, talent, and energy, and insight! It takes a community of faith to shout, "Alleluia!!" And we shout it well.

Now, let us walk together in to this new season of Easter. A week of weeks: the great Fifty Days. Together let us celebrate Christ's resurrection by taking Paul's urgings to heart, "provoke(ing) one another to love and good deeds."

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

John

Dry Bones

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and placed me in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones. He made me walk all around among them. I realized there were a great many bones in the valley and they were very dry. (Ezekiel 37:1-2)

The vision that God gave to Ezekiel was a valley of dry bones that represented the people of God. The people who had given up hope in the promise God had for them. The people of God complained that they were cast off, cut off, and forgotten.

If you've never been in that valley, then you aren't paying close attention in life. We all find ourselves in seasons of weariness, hopelessness, and loneliness. What is a person of faith to do when we feel as dry as those bones?

We are coming into the season of frenzied activity before the season of even greater activity. The last few weeks of the school year lead into a time when we are supposed to be relaxing and renewing in the summer months. Unfortunately this isn't always the case. We run fast so that we can rest, but instead of being refreshed we collapse in a heap.

I was at the gym not long ago when I very nearly passed out. I had finished my workout and suddenly things were not right and I had to sit down. I realized at that moment I had been negligent in drinking water. I was dry as a bone and my body was rebelling.

How do we stay hydrated as God's people and avoid collapse? We dig into God's word. We pray together. We stay connected in this community. Jesus promised the woman at the well a living water that would never run out. We have that promise too!

Partaking of Living Water does not mean we won't struggle, but it does mean we will have proper perspective. Do you have a difficult week ahead? You better hydrate with the Word. Have you had a great week? Stay hydrated in the Word.

This month I want you to think about your time with God every time you take a drink (whether it is water or any other beverage). How hydrated have you been today?

Peace,
Will

Worship Notes for May



Here then, is the core of the Gospel: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Our shouts of alleluia are still ringing through the Sanctuary and out into the streets as these words are written. We gave full voice to them halfway up Tiger Mountain, and we shouted them in the Sanctuary from early morning's light to the last light of the day on Easter Sunday. Now it is time to live their truth. Gone is the cruel sentence of death. Christ is risen. May our glad Easter shouts now echo throughout as we go to live the resurrection life.

Sunday, May 1st: The Second Sunday of Easter *The Hard Road*

(Readings: Psalm 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-32; **1 Peter 1:3-9)**

This first Sunday after Easter we rejoice with a “new birth” and a “living hope.” But we were never promised an easy life. In fact the assurance is that we will face trials. How do we face the hard road?

Sunday, May 8th: The Third Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) *Broken Bread*

(Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; **Luke 24:13-35)** There are those moments in life when all the disparate pieces come together in one huge awakening. And so they knew him, ... in the breaking of the bread...

Sunday, May 15th: The Fourth Sunday of Easter *Life Together*

(Readings: Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; **Acts 2:42-47)**

A friend asks, “When you go to church, what do you do? What difference does it make in your life?” This Sunday we look back at the earliest believers to how they lived and to see how we too should live.

Sunday, May 22nd: The Fifth Sunday of Easter *Once...Now...*

(Readings: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; **1 Peter 2:2-10;** John 14:1-14)

How clear was the difference in Peter's mind between who he once was and who he was now in the process of becoming? Very clear. To ensure it is clear to us, he tells us: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people. How is that transformation going?

Sunday, May 29th: The Sixth Sunday of Easter *Searching For A Heart*

(Readings: Psalm 66:8-20; **Acts 17:22-31;** John 14:15-21)

Jesus promises us the Spirit as an advocate and later Paul sees altars built to an “unknown god.” We have a truth to share and a direction to lead others to the very heart of God. Who are you pointing to?



Reflection Corner

“In my distress, I called to the Lord, and He answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry.” Jonah 2:2

As you know by now, the Prayer Team has been asking members of the congregation to tell us about your answers to prayer. Jen sent us this email:

“Two summers ago, I requested prayers for “Baby Ann”. Baby Ann was born 17 weeks early; needless to say she and her family faced a long struggle. Baby Ann is now a happy, healthy, thriving toddler. She continues to have some challenges, but overall has overcome a mountain of odds. Thank you all for your prayers and support.” Thank you, Jen, for sharing this story!

As a follow up to Pam’s struggle to receive the chemotherapy drug she needs (see April’s Newsletter), we have heard that after initially refusing to provide the drug for her, the pharmaceutical company has now agreed she may receive it and have renewed the prescription for the rest of 2011. She wishes to thank everyone for their steadfast prayers!

God doesn’t always answer our prayers in the way we imagine He would. Do you have a story like that? Let us know!

- 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 (kim@shlc.org) 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 by the name of the person who requested prayer.

Children's Ministry May Newsletter

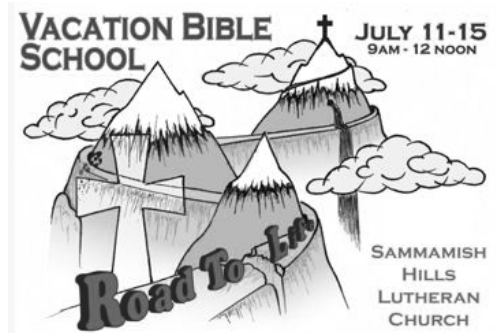
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:	
May 1	The Road to Emmaus & Doubting Thomas Luke 24:12-35, John 20: 19-31
May 8	BRING YOUR DAD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mother's Day Activities!
May 15	The Great Commission, Matthew 28: 16-20, Acts 1:6-14
May 14-15	Family Retreat at Camp Colman
May 22	Jesus Blesses the Children Mark 10:13-16
May 29	Families Worship Together
June 5	Widow's Offering Mark 12:38-44
June 12	Outreach Sunday: Summer Backpack Assembly
June 19	Zacchaeus & Father's Day activity Luke 19:1-10
*We ask that all parents of Sunday School children volunteer at least once per month. It is easy and fun! Please email Karen Harmon Karen@shlc.org with dates you are available to help.	

The Faith 5: Every night in Every Home

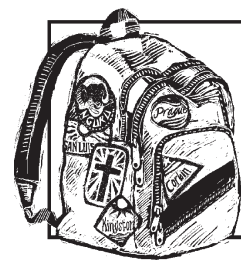
1. Share...your highs and lows of the day
2. Read...a story/scripture from the Bible
3. Talk...about the story
4. Pray....for each other and the world
5. Bless...each other with the sign of the cross on the forehead

Vacation Bible School– Road to Life- July 11-15th:

Registration is open for this fantastic week of FAITH, FUN and FELLOWSHIP, July 11-15, 2011. Join us as we travel from Palm Sunday through the Last Supper, Good Friday, on to Easter and the Great Commission! Enjoy Bible drama, games, crafts, singing and more! Our program runs from 9 a.m.-12 noon and is open to kids 4-years-old through 5th grade. We have a Preschool program for 2 & 3-year-olds, and free nursery care for volunteers children. 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, featuring Pastor Will singing the VBS songs! We welcome volunteers age 6th grade through adults. Please 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 12th, 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! Join us every TUESDAY from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This program is for children ages 0 – 5 years with a parent or caregiver. We have fun toys, fellowship and exciting special events. Tell your friends and neighbors! This program is open to everyone! \$1 donation per child is suggested.

Student Ministries

Confirmation Ministry

- Wednesday, May 4: Confirmation at 7 p.m., H2H—The Resurrection page 194
- Wednesday, May 11: Guide Group Night—Please talk to your student's guide for more information
- Wednesday, May 18: Confirmation at 7 p.m., H2H—The Great Commission page 204
- Wednesday, May 25: Confirmation at 7 p.m., H2H—The Holy Spirit Comes page 226
- Wednesday, June 1: End of the year Confirmation Party from 6-8:30 p.m. at Beaver Lake Park

Questions about Confirmation? Please contact either Pr. John (prjohn@shlc.org) or Kaitlin Torgerson (Kaitlin@shlc.org). If you have specific questions about your child's guide group, please contact one of their guides.

High School Ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP! Come join other high school students from 7-8:30 p.m. EVERY Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Come to meet others, spend time on devotions, have some laughs, and play games. New faces are always welcome, so finish that homework early! Any questions? Please contact Kaitlin (Kaitlin@shlc.org).

Important Dates:

- May 14-16: Holden Youth Weekend
- May 21: Rummage Sale at the church with all proceeds going towards a Mission Trip to Guatemala during the summer of 2012
- May 21-22: Issaquah Relay for Life—Come Support Sammamish Hills' team! If you're interested in joining the youth team, contact Connor O'Brien (connor3ob@comcast.net).
- May 22: Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- August 4-7: Sammamish Hills Summer Camp at Shoshone—registration forms and more information are available in the church office and online

Preschool News

The end of May will be here before we know it and in preschool-land this means the end of another great year. This year we will have 22 little ones moving on to Kindergarten and 29 families staying with us for the 2011-2012 school year! May is also a fun month as we celebrate looking forward to summer, Mother's Day and of course, end of the year picnics and gatherings.



This has been an amazing school year and I couldn't have done my job without the fantastic teachers that I get to work with every day. Without them, our school would not be what it is. Please keep our preschool staff in your prayers as they finish up another great year and get ready for summer with extra abiding time with their own families.

Older 2's: Kristine Meyer, Kandi McLachlan;

3's: Karen Bojanowski, Janine McKorkle

4's: Christy Elves, Sheridan Rockwell

Pre-K: Erin Pasley, Linda Sullivan

We are hiring for the 2011-2012 School Year- Lead Teacher Needed

We are very excited to be adding an additional 3's class to our offerings. The new 3's class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. With the addition of this class, we will be hiring a lead teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. This position will teach the Monday/Wednesday 3's and the Tuesday/Thursday Older 2's. The position will be about 16 hours per week.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in this lead teacher position, please contact Kristine Meyer at Kristine@shlc.org or 425-698-5777

Space Still Available for the 2011-2012 School Year

If you are interested in finding a preschool for your 2 ½ -5 year old this fall, our Older 2's, 3's and 4's classes have spots still available! Call Kristine for more information and a tour! Kristine@shlc.org or 425-698-5777

Clean-up Day a Success—because of those who helped! The weather cooperated, the high school students parking in SHLC’s lot were there and most importantly many church members gave of their time on Saturday morning, April 16 to pull weeds, edge lawns, wash windows, clean light fixtures and cut blackberry vines! Also there were people putting up coat hooks, replacing door molding that had rotted out, cutting and burning growth in the bio-swale and cleaning gutters. Thank you to all who gave of their time to help maintain the church property. Your gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated and certainly help in keeping the costs of maintaining our property manageable.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND allow our pastors to assist members of our 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 either of the pastors.



ARE YOU AN ORGANIZED PERSON? Do you like helping others get organized? Pr. John has need of a pastoral assistant to sort mail, email, etc., while out of the office on sabbatical this summer. The assistant will need to know how to use Microsoft Office programs, including Word, Outlook, and Excel. Interested? Talk to John!



Dear Sammamish Hill Friends,
Wayne and I would like to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, prayers, and meals during our illness and recovery. We couldn’t have done it without you.
Thank you again.
Love from Wayne and Asta Axelson



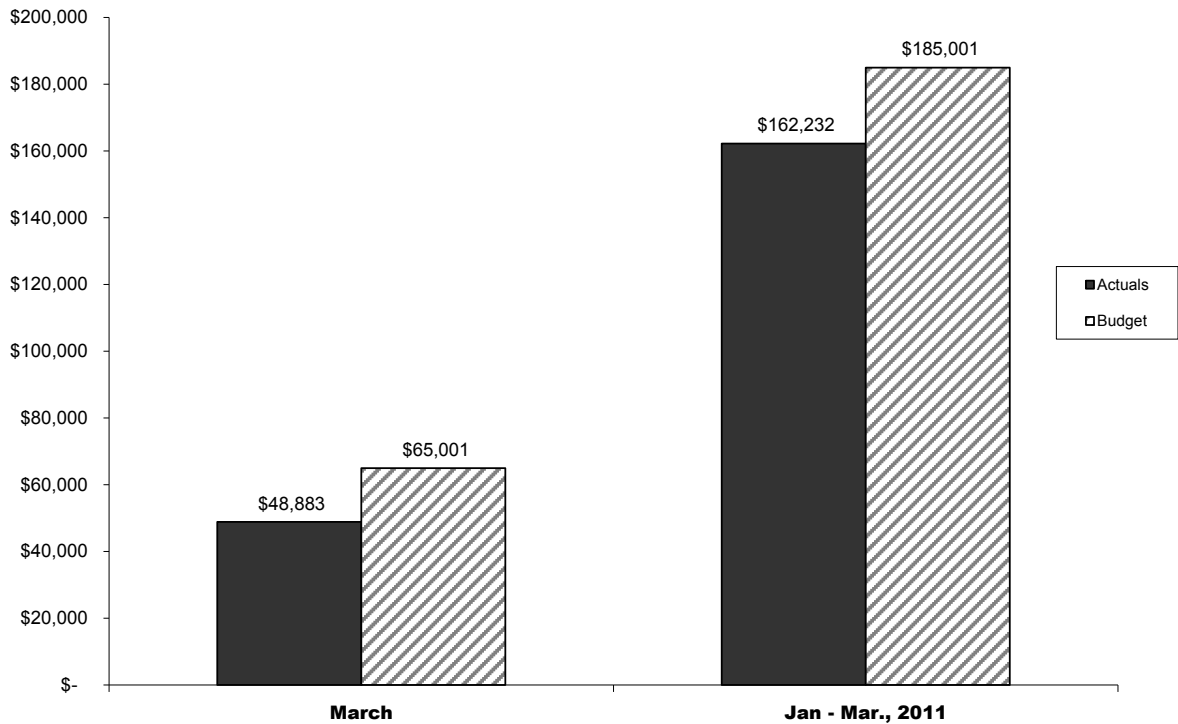
PLUM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

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 PLU, thus doubling its value.

More information: Contact Tom Ryan in the church office. Deadline: June 30, 2011.

Offerings
Budget Vs Actuals



Who Do I Contact?

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Lead Pastor: John LaMunyon, prjohn@shlc.org - ext. 13
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Thank you for your patience!