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Call inc: 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 HARRS 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.

Redefinition of Wendy’s Call: After June 30, Wendy will preach once a quarter to give Joel a break. She will preside at worship as needed. 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. Currently, the Council has considered redefinition of her call and has made this an agenda item for the upcoming semi-annual meeting. You will be hearing more in a letter.

Matthew Cleaver will oversee Ministry Development: 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.

Youth Ministry Intern—Zach Poulter: 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. Our first intern from John Brown University (Matt’s alma mater) will arrive on May 26.

Our Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS
in unique ministries.

We have no king but Caesar...

But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. John 19: 15

We have no king but Caesar
We have no king but winning ...
We have no king but money... we dream of it constantly... when we have enough we sleep comfortably... when we have more we burst at the chest
We have no king but Caesar...

We have no king but Caesar
We have no king but slenderness
We have no king but entertainment... we dream of eyes upon us... we desire to feast our eyes
We have no king but Caesar...

We have no king but Caesar
no king but comfortable living
We have no king but the possessions that make a statement... none but the fashion of our circle
We have no king but Caesar

We have no king but glory...
The glory of education, the glory of talent, the glory of skill, the glory of achievement, the glory of beauty, the glory of Buddha's lack of desire

We have no king but Caesar... and our king demands our allegiance



Looking

Confirmation Sunday: May 10

The whole congregation is invited to come support this year's confirmands as they are confirmed at the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, May 10.

A cake and punch reception will follow the service.



Semi-annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 17—following worship

Agenda: Elections & Redefinition of Wendy's call
You will be receiving additional information in the mail.

President Elect: Candy Moltz
Member at large: Carrie Hamilton
Member at large: Bryan Pender

Nominating Committee:
Carol Newman
Steve Harr
Margaret Bengtson
To be announced

Additional nominations may be submitted to the Nominating Committee Convener: Wayne Wooley.

COLLEGE MOMS NEED YOUR HELP

The college moms of Hope have decided to give a little encouragement to students at Northwood University the night before their finals begin and need your help. We are going to treat the kids with dessert and goodie bags on Sunday, May 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate cookies, brownies or other finger type desserts or items for the goodie bags, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Barbara Hawkins at 972-841-6101 or email barbara@polewskilaw.com.

Ahead

Youth Ministry Open House: Meet Intern Zach Poulter

Wednesday Evening Summer Worship

Come Away and Rest

Beginning May 27, 6:30—7:15 PM

Beginning on May 27, silent worship will be the format for the Wednesday evening worship through the summer. Come for silence, spiritual rest, and meditation. Listen for our Lord's personal and practical voice to you. Tips and guidance for listening will be provided.

The whole congregation is invited to a Youth Ministry Open House to meet and greet our new Youth Ministry Intern Zach Poulter. Zach will arrive to Hope on Tuesday, May 26. Details for the Open House:

- Date: Saturday, May 30
- Time: 5-8 PM, come and go as you like
- Location: Mark and Tammy Hill's house (maps will be available at church, or email Matt)
- At 6:00 PM we will have a formal, large-group time for introductions and Q&A with Zach.
- Dinner will be served. Bring a swimsuit if you want to swim.

Custom Designed *A Life Worthy of the Call*

June 8-10, 6:15-9:00PM (every evening)
Hope Lutheran Church, Cedar Hill, TX

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 upon 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 are Pastor Wendy Berthelsen and Steve Harr. Pastor Wendy A.W. Berthelsen is pastor of ministry development. Previously she was a biomedical engineer, receiving three US Patents. Steve Harr is a business attorney and founding partner of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. The presenters have nearly thirty years of combined experience teaching about God's unique call.

Together with their spouses, they are co-founders of **Call Inc.** (www.callinc.org), 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. **Cost: \$25 (\$10 if you already own a reflection guide)**

RSVP by calling Pastor Wendy (972-291-7902) or returning this form to her church mailbox. You may also pre-register by mailing the registration fee with your name, phone number and email to: **Call inc.**, 5321 Joe Wilson Road, Midlothian, TX 76065

The Next Few Months

Holy Week and Easter services were deep with heart felt meaning and hope. Thanks to: Pastor Wendy for the Wednesday prayer service; Matt for writing the Maundy Thursday service and the youth for leading us; Bob and the choir for leading the Good Friday service along with Pastor House and Pastor Wendy; and Jan Koska for organizing the Saturday prayer vigil. Then, Easter was glorious as it deserves to be. We have continued to celebrate the Easter season, and we move ahead always in Easter hope.

In May, we will focus on the Vocational Church. Here, I think of Kathy Longstreet before she retired from her job at Milliman. She started taking prayer requests at work to send out to her email prayer group. The church catholic (universal) rose up in mass and Kathy's co-workers came to expect *work* to be a place where their requests would be prayed by hundreds. The Vocational Church was on the move. We will reflect more deeply upon this in May.

In June, we will begin to focus on "The Jesus Way." Eugene Peterson has a new book with this title, and it is in our library. I encourage you to get it and read it. We are set with great Sunday School classes for the summer; so, we will study the book in fall Sunday School. Still get it now and begin to digest it.

In June, Renovare, Richard Foster's organization, is presenting a conference entitled "The Jesus Way." The whole conference will focus on various aspects of the book. Wendy and I have attended two Renovare conferences and give them the highest rating. Go to www.renovare.org for details about the upcoming June 21-24 conference in San Antonio. It will be well worth your time.

As we look at coming change, I move ahead with great hope and expectation.

Pastor Joel

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. Contact Deb Burleson
- **Be a substitute for our regular mowers.** We have regular mowers for all four sections of the yard. 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!

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School			Wednesday Schedule		Confirmand Evening Retreat	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School Confirmation Sunday Youth Praise Team Practice			Spirituality Seminar		Youth Night Out	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School Inner Mission			Spirituality Seminar			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pancake Breakfast Youth Praise Team Practice		Youth Ministry Intern Zach Poulter Arrives	Spirituality Seminar			Youth Praise Team Practice Youth Ministry Open House
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mission Trip Sun School Youth-led Worship Services	Matt in Minnesota for seminary class					

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- 6 ~ Wednesday, 5:45-8:30 PM—Last Regular Wednesday Schedule.
- ◊ 5:45 PM—Pizza Dinner
- ◊ 6:00-7:15—Owning It (Confirmation)
- ◊ 7:30-8:30—Cross-Examination
- 8 ~ Friday, 6-9 PM—Confirmand Evening Retreat for 8th Graders. Youth being confirmed May 10 will go over the Confirmation service and then go out to dinner.
- 10 ~ Sunday, 10:30 AM—Confirmation Sunday. Eighth grade students will be Confirmed during the 10:30 worship service. A cake and punch reception will follow.
- 10 ~ Sunday, Noon-2 PM—Youth Praise Team Practice. Lunch Served.
- 13-June 3 ~ Wednesdays—Spirituality Seminar. Between Confirmation Sunday and the summer, we will host a Spirituality Seminar for jr. high and high school to discuss 2 videos that dive deep into the area of spirituality.
- ◊ 6 PM—Pizza & Games
- ◊ 7-8 PM—Video & Discussion
- 15 ~ Friday—Youth Night Out. TBA.
- 17 ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Last Inner Mission of the year! Hosted by the Bengtsons.
- 24 ~ Sunday, 9:15-10:00 AM—Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Youth need to be here at 8 AM to begin cooking.
- 24 ~ Sunday, Noon-2 PM—Youth Praise Team Practice. Lunch Served.
- 26 ~ Tuesday—Youth Ministry Intern Zach Poulter arrives.
- 30 ~ Saturday, 10-12 PM—Youth Praise Team Final Practice.
- 30 ~ Saturday, 5-8 PM—Youth Ministry Open House. The whole congregation is invited to meet new Youth Ministry Intern Zach Poulter. Hosted at Mark and Tammy Hill's house. Dinner served. Bring your swimsuit if you want to swim. We will have a formal time of introductions and Q&A with Zach at 6:00 PM.
- 31 ~ Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30—Youth-led Worship services.
- 31 ~ Sunday, 9:15 AM—Mission Trip Sunday School. May 31-June 21 we will have Sunday school on the theme of missions. This is mandatory for Mission Trip participants.

Coming Events

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: May 24
Time: 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Suggested Donation: \$5.00/person



The breakfast menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. We're sure you will enjoy it. Thank you for supporting our youth!

The Wise Economy of Your Life

Balancing Time and Money

June 14-18, 6:30—8:30 PM (In conjunction with
Vacation Bible School)

How is the economy of your life? Trapped, frustrated, restless—do these characterize you? Freedom and versatility—sounds appealing but too good to be true? All of these may be clues that you are not living in the fullness of how God has custom designed and called you. You are called to be a wise economist. Come and learn scriptural principles and practical ideas for a wise economy of life. This class will combine teaching, self-reflection, and conversation.

The cost for the class will be \$10 which will cover the booklet, other materials, and snacks \$5 if you have a booklet. The Council has already purchased booklets for all Hope members. The class will be taught by Steve Harr and Wendy Berthelsen. It will be co-sponsored by Hope Lutheran and *Call inc.*

Briarwood Summer Camping

Information on Bible camping at Briarwood this summer for all ages can be found on the table in the Narthex (lobby) or on their website.



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)

May 3, 10 & 17: The Vocational Church Taught by Pastors Joel and Wendy. Scriptural principles and practical ideas for being the "church" at work or school will be shared. Remember you are the church and represent Jesus 24 hours a day/7 days a week in all that you say and do.

May 24: Memorial Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the youth

May 31 and June: Missions Class Youth and Adults taught by Erin O'Connor (One of Hope's new members and a missionary with New Mission Systems International and Pioneer Bible Translators). Preparation for being a missionary in all of life (that's everyone!) and the participating in the worldwide missionary endeavor

Timothy Project Bible Study will meet through May 20 and then will take a sabbatical for the summer, resuming in the fall.

*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.

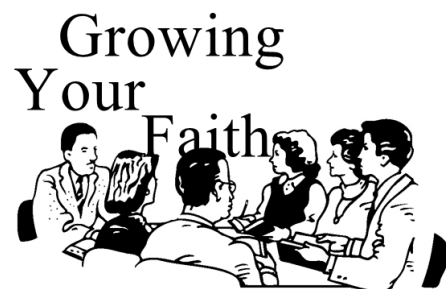
The Wise Economy of Your Life Balancing Time and Money ... This resource outlines scriptural principles for creating freedom and versatility as you "spend" your time and money.

• Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Timothy Project Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 PM (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. The Timothy Project will take a break for the summer beginning May 27.

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.



May 2009 Calendar

 Confirmation					 National Day of Prayer at 7:00 pm	1 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm	2 Mother Daughter Banquet 5:00 pm
3	4	5	6 Last Regular schedule* of Wed. activities	7	8 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm	9	
10 Mother's Day Confirmation Sunday	11	12 Faith Circle 7:30 pm	13 New Schedule** of Wed. activities	14	15 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm	16 Game Night 6:00 pm	
17 Congregational Mtg 11:45 am College Moms at Northwood Univ. 5:30-7:00 pm	18	19 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Tea and Notes 1:00 pm	23	
24 Pancake Breakfast 9:15 am	 MEMORIAL DAY Church office closed	26	27	28	29	30 Youth Ministry Open House 5-8:00 pm	
31 Missions Class Begins 9:15 am							

Sunday Schedule:

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

Wednesday Schedule:* (May 6th only)

5:45 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Owning 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)

Happy
Mother's
Day



Wednesday Schedule:** (Rest of May Schedule)

6:00 pm Jr/Sr High Pizza & Games (ends 6/3/09)
6:15 pm Chime Choir (ends 5/13/09)
6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Service (continues all summer)
7:00 pm Jr./Sr High Video & Discussion (ends 6/3/09)
7:15 pm Timothy Project ~Bible Study (ends 5/20/09)
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (ends 5/13/09)

May 2009 Notes of Interest

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Thomas Savins,

(Mike & Janet),

would like to proudly announce the marriage of their daughter,

Lauren Elizabeth Savins, to Olumide Oluseun Oshin,

on March 21, 2009.

Please pray for God's grace & wisdom to bless them and keep them

as they begin this new chapter of their lives together.

The lovely Easter Lilies in the
Sanctuary Easter Sunday

were given by:

Bitania Bereket & family

Kathleen Chiselbrook

H. Coffman

The Fosters

The Hackneys

The Hamiltons

The Harrs - In memory of Bill & Gladys Harr

The Jankes

C. Kelle - In honor of Sally

The Koskas

The Kyles- In memory of Joe's & Brenda's parents, in
honor of their children & grand children

The Linders

The Longstreets - In memory of their parents

The Moltzs - In memory of P.B. & Lee Carson

The Pleasants

The Stills

The Strands

The Wooleys

The Yorks



**Easter
Lilies**

Thank You

Appreciation

Bulletin Redesign: Melanie Jones, Margaret Bengtson,
Pastor Wendy

Painting: Bill Knoll

Changing of HVAC Filters: Bill and Austin Burleson

Easter Banner: Judy Knoll

Food Pantry Challenge: Judy Knoll

Food Pantry Challenge Press Release: Melanie Jones

Food Pantry Deliveries: Charlie Barnett

Building Repair: Leroy Linder

Easter Prayer Vigil: Jan Koska



Hope Women's News



May Birthdays

Joy Gaultney	5/04
Craig Mitchell	5/05
Tim Pfohl	5/05
Michael Hackney	5/12
Ashley Johnson	5/12
Herb Fechner	5/13
Nina Griggs	5/13
Malakai Ashenafi	5/14
Beatrice Kilguss	5/16
Al Armistead	5/18
Haley Hamilton	5/12
Julie Newman	5/21
Michael Still	5/21
Jaime Still	5/24
John Byrns	5/26
Lauren Hackney	5/26
Scott Clark	5/30
George Milyo	5/31

May Anniversaries

Scott & Debbie Rushbrook	5/05
Steve & Barbara Hawkins	5/09
Bill & Deb Burlson	5/17
Joe & Nancy Yedlowski	5/23
Stephen & Suzanne Dahl	5/27
Jeff & Kim Standerfer	5/31

Mother ~ Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 2, 2009

At 5:00 pm

Mother-Daughter
Banquet



Faith Circle

Join Us

on

Tuesday,

May 12

At 7:30 pm.

Watch The Bulletin
For More Information
About May's Let's Eat Out.

Vision Raising Report
The Church (you and me) Going OUT

Last month, ideas that were adopted by members of Hope were published. This vision raising held in January had several ideas for personal implementation as well:

WORK & SCHOOL:

- Bible Study at school
- Watching tone of voice
- “Be” the child of God that you are
- “Can I pray for you?”
- Devotions posted on door or other prominent place
- “We have been talking about _____ at our church.”
- “What do you know now that you didn’t know three weeks ago?”
- Invite others to tell their life story

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY:

- Pick-up trash
- Neighborhood security
- Transformation Vision of Cedar Hill
- Genuinely get to know others
- Be an example
- Kindness

TREATMENT OF “OUTSIDERS”:

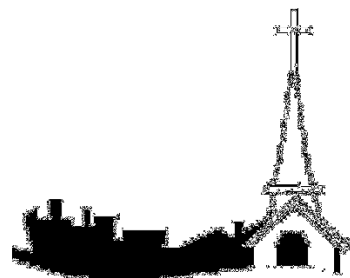
- Eliminate the term “outsider”
- Patience and care
- Facebook
- View people as people—not targets for coming to church or conversion
- Befriend
- Have relationship seminar

FAMILY

- Building faith traditions

EQUIPPING AND ENCOURAGING

- Sunday School class with concrete ideas
- Scripture
- God sightings



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Longhorn Stadium**