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Moving toward Glad Giving

Back in April I used this column to introduce and teach the topic of *tithing*—giving 10% of your income to your congregation. God clearly teaches tithing in the Bible, both by example and by challenge. Yes, God actually challenges His people to tithe and see how He will bless! See Malachi 3:8-10. April's article also ended with this interesting and, I think, inspiring quote from Lutheran pastor John H. C. Fritz: "*If the Christians of our day would give ten per cent. of their income,...the treasuries of the churches would always be filled to overflowing, and there would no longer be the proverbial church deficit.*" (*Pastoral Theology*, 259-260)

Now I can almost hear the voice in your head wanting to cry out: "Pastor, that's all well and good. But we have light and phone bills to pay. We have to buy clothes for the kids and put food on the table. We have to pay the credit card bills, the doctor bills, and the mortgage or rent. We can barely get by and make ends meet as it is! How can we possibly *tithe*, or give 10 percent of our income?"

Bear with me. April's article is not the only piece of the puzzle. It certainly was *not* meant to be a club to make you feel guilty. Not at all! Let's look at God's teaching on tithing as **the destination** (goal) where God wants us to live our life. Yes, God teaches it. Yes, He wants us to learn to give. And, yes, as His redeemed people, we do want to live life as He teaches and grow in His ways. After all, we do trust that our heavenly Father knows what's best for us.

But we also have to deal with our real life challenges, where we find ourselves right now—budgets stretched as tight as a drum, perhaps debt up to our eyeballs, maybe learning to live with lower family incomes, etc. Real life is **where we are now**.

So let's ask ourselves: How can we go from point A to point B? How can we move from where we are now to the destination God has for us in managing our finances? How can we move from our stress-filled financial pictures to the joyous and peaceful

goal of living and giving as God teaches? How can we move from money worries to glad giving?

A Matter of Grace

The first thing to remember about the Biblical teaching on *tithing* is that it *is* a matter of grace. Yes, God teaches it in the Bible. Yes, I devoted my April article to it. But it's not intended as a club, or a law, or a guilt trip – in any way.

If you cannot possibly give 10% of your income in the church offering at this time, God is *not* mad at you, and neither am I. Your salvation does not depend on whether you tithe or not. You are not a better Christian if you do tithe, nor are you a worse Christian if you don't.

Your heavenly Father loves you, saves you and provides for you completely by His grace and mercy as revealed in His Son Jesus Christ. He does not teach you to tithe in order to burden you. Not at all! Remember St. Paul's words: "*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich*" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Now that's grace.

Also take a look at Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-34. There our Lord Jesus exhorts you *not* to be anxious – *not* to worry – about your physical needs. God knows that you need food, drink, clothing, shoes and other bodily and daily needs. And God graciously provides for them purely out of His grace and goodness—because He already loves you.

So let's always remember that tithing is a matter of God's grace and learning to live in that grace He gives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Matter of Growth

Since tithing is one goal that God gives us, it also makes sense that God wants us to grow into that way of life, that is, move in that direction. It's part of what St. Peter says, "*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18).

Back in April I mentioned that God is the greatest Giver. He has created us and redeemed us to grow in His image, that is, grow into being better and better givers. This, of course, applies to all areas of life, including when we manage His gift of money.

So the question for each of us becomes: "How can I grow into tithing? How can I move toward being a glad giver?"

One practical step is to work at getting out of debt. (Yes, you read that correctly.) Debt is just plain dumb! I know, that's not how our government acts or what our society says these days. Radio ads routinely advertise taking out another loan (more debt) in order to get out of debt. Sorry, but you cannot dig your way out of a hole!

The Bible actually does teach us about the folly of being in debt. Proverbs 22:7 says, "*The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.*" Also look up Proverbs 6:1-5. Think about it this way. When you are in debt - any debt, no matter how big or how small - the money you must use to pay the credit card bill or the student loan bill, well, it does *not* belong to you. It belongs to the creditor. And since that money belongs to the creditor, you really do become "slave of the lender" until you completely pay off those debts! (Think fees and interest rates!)

Then consider this: what better things could you do with that money if *you* had the say so over where it goes? How would it make you feel to use your money for purposes other than paying creditors? Instead of playing endless "catch up" with VISA, MasterCard, or Sallie Mae, you could actually use the money God gives you for more productive purposes, such as saving for a rainy day, preparing for college for your children, or even giving to help those in need. Yes, when you get out of debt - when you have the real say in how to manage the money God gives you - then you can give more freely and more gladly.

A second practical step in moving toward being a glad giver is to plan and work at increasing the percentage that you give. (And if you are used to giving a certain dollar amount, then simply figure what percentage that amount is. Take that amount, either by month or by pay period, and divide by the amount of income per month or pay period. Presto, you have your percentage. ☺)

Let's illustrate. Let's say right now you can only give 5% of your income in the offering. Thank the Lord for that! That's a good gift and accomplishment. As you more carefully plan how to use the money God gives you, and as you pay off those unnecessary debts (everything except the house payment), then

challenge yourself by raising that percentage figure. Perhaps in a couple of months you can increase it to 6% or 7%. Maybe by in a year you can bump it up to 8% or so. As you keep taking the steps to manage your money (instead of letting it dictate to you!), you can plan to increase your percentage for giving, and you will rejoice in being able to do it.

Giving with Gladness

So, tithing is a matter of God's grace—we are saved by His grace and we grow into being better givers by that same grace. It's also good to remember that everything we have in life, including money, really belongs to God, not to us. Check out Psalm 24:1. As someone once said, "It's very easy to give away someone else's money." That's how we can learn to give with gladness: we realize that the money does not belong to us in the first place; we are simply "asset managers" for God.

In 2 Corinthians 9 St. Paul gives good instruction and sage advice on how to live as Christians who are also glad givers. In verse 6 he says, "*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*" Gladly giving has great benefits. Since God has freely given everything to us, especially forgiveness of sins and eternal life, we can also "sow bountifully," that is gladly give - in all areas of life.

St. Paul continues: "*Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*" (v. 7). No, God does not want grumpy givers, people who give only because they have to or because they think somebody else is forcing them to give. Remember God's grace! Instead, God "loves a cheerful giver." The Greek word translated "cheerful" is the word from which we get "hilarious." So, "*God loves an hilarious giver*" - a giver who laughs when he/she gives, a giver who find great joy in giving to help other people. (Hmm. Can you imagine everyone one joyfully laughing as they put their offering in the basket? ☺)

Finally, St. Paul gives a glorious promise. It's a promise intended to comfort and inspire us as we spend our whole lives learning to trust our Lord and move toward glad giving: "*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.... He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God*" (vv. 8-11)

Pastor Randy Asbury

FROM THE KANTOR

This is the Feast – Recognizing the life of Richard Hillert

Sunday, 30 May 2010 marks the beginning of *The Time of the Church*, nicknamed the "green season" or ordinary time. For the past two years it has been our custom to use *LSB* Divine Service – Setting Two during *The Time of Easter* (Lent & Eastertide) and use *LSB* Divine Service Setting One during *The Time of the Church* (summer and fall). This first setting was composed by Richard Hillert for inclusion in the 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship* and was later included in the 1982 *Lutheran Worship*. When Hope acquired *LW* in the 1980s this setting became the musical backbone of Sunday worship. This entire setting has been a great gift from the composer to the church. Most beloved is probably his hymn of praise *This is the Feast*. This hymn is beloved by many Christians throughout the United States. I remember visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City one Sunday as a seminary student and it was sung there that morning! My friend and I belted it out with gusto as the quiet Roman Catholics looked at us strangely... they unfortunately weren't keen on any congregational singing at that service.

Richard Hillert was born in rural Granton, Wisconsin in 1923. It is the quintessential rural Wisconsin town. My wife Erica's grandfather was a Lutheran teacher where Hillert grew up. I had an opportunity to visit Granton when we traveled up to Wisconsin for Erica's grandmother's funeral after Easter. When he was still a teenager Hillert began playing for services. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Concordia Teacher's College (what is now Concordia – Chicago, a.k.a. "River Forest"). He then moved here to Saint Louis where he served Bethlehem Lutheran Church, then onto Wausau, Wisconsin where he served Trinity Lutheran Church. While at Trinity he earned his masters degree from Northwestern University in Chicago. In 1959 he was appointed to the music faculty of Concordia in

River Forest. He then earned a doctorate in music from Northwestern in 1968.

Hillert had a distinguished career at River Forest as a music professor. In 1990 Concordia bestowed upon him the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus. He shaped numerous generations of church musicians throughout his career. In addition to teaching he was a prolific composer, arranger, and editor. His expertise shaped the congregational song of all Lutherans in America, not just the LCMS. He served on the committees that prepared the LCMS 1969 *Worship Supplement* and he served on the *Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship* that prepared *Lutheran Book of Worship*. While living in Chicago, he was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, Illinois. Richard Hillert died on February 18, 2010. He will long be remembered for his music, especially his musical setting of the Divine Service and *This is the Feast*.

Information gathered from Concordia Publishing House's obituary for Richard Hillert.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to our high school students who will be graduating from high school this spring.

Madison Fahy graduated from St. Elizabeth Academy. Madison plans to work for a while before pursuing additional education.

Mason Haegele graduated from Bishop DuBourg High School and will pursue a B.S. in Architectural Technology at Ranken Technical College.

Kyle Heller graduated from Lutheran High School South and will attend Concordia University – Chicago (a.k.a. River Forest) where he will major in music and biology.

Justin Maples graduated from Affton High School. He will join the real world work force full time after graduating.

Kantorei Camp 2010

26 July– 29 July

The choristers are in store for a real treat this July. Kantorei Camp promises to provide a musical, educational, and fun day camp experience for our choristers. The purpose of the camp is to get a head start on learning music for the upcoming choir season, especially music that will be sung in November at the Good Shepherd Institute. But the day will be so much more than rehearsing. The daily schedule includes voice sectionals for small group instruction, music theory classes, theology classes, instrument lab for fourth and fifth grade students, church history classes culminating in a visit to the *Splendors of the Vatican* exhibit at the Missouri History Museum, a field trip to see newly built Juget-Sinclair organ at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Louis Hills, and two afternoons at the Carondelet Park Rec Plex – Outdoor Pool.

Choristers will be working with other staff and volunteers in addition to me throughout the week. I could not be more pleased with those who will be assisting me this year. Here is just a bit of introduction for those who will be volunteering their time to staff the camp:

- Mrs. Mary Ann Scholz will accompany the Kantorei in rehearsals and play for daily Morning Prayer.
- Mrs. Erica Rosebrock will provide voice coaching and lead sectionals.
- Rev. Randy Asbury, will teach the middle grades Theology class.
- Mrs. Rachel Lail will be prepping the choristers for the trip to see the *Splendors of the Vatican* exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. Mrs. Lail is on the English faculty at Lutheran High School of St. Charles County.
- Mr. Gabe Maichel will be teaching music theory. Mr. Maichel just completed his first year at Webster University as a music education major; he is also an accomplished jazz pianist.
- Mr. Matthew Janssen will present two instrument labs for 4th and 5th grade students.

Mr. Janssen is on the music faculty of Lutheran High School South and teaches small group lessons at Hope during the school year.

Kantorei Surplices Awarded

Congratulations to Kantorei choristers **Kobe Cole, Kayla Effan, Bonnie Egger, Mia Higgins-Thomas, Nisa Muhammed, and Lauren Schmeiderer** who all passed their surplice exam this May. The white surplice is awarded to choristers who have 1) sung in the choir for at least one year, demonstrating their commitment by having no unexcused absences at rehearsals or services; 2) consistently demonstrates good singing habits; 3) has memorized the Nicene Creed; and 4) is able to sing individually both from the hymn and choral repertoire.

Psallam spiritu et mente

I will sing with the Spirit and with understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:15

Congrats to Kantorei Alum Jacob Maples

This Ascension Jacob Maples "graduated" from the *Kantorei* as his voice is nearing the end of his voice change and he has lost his "top notes." Jacob was a five year member of the *Kantorei*. During his five years he never had an unexcused absence and never missed a service! He traveled with the *Kantorei* in 2007 to sing in the *Select Children's Choir* for the *LCSM Institute of Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music* and in 2008 he sang under Malcolm Archer at the *RSCM* summer course in Charlotte, North Carolina. This past year while his voice has been changing he has sung tenor with the *Schola Cantorum*, he will continue to sing with this ensemble. In

addition to singing Jacob plays french horn, studying with Mrs. Rosebrock and takes

piano lessons with Kantor Rosebrock.

Hope Lutheran School

June/July, 2010

By the time many of you read this newsletter, the school year will have come to a close. We thank God for blessing Hope Lutheran School with a wonderful staff, supportive parents and fantastic students. We would also like to thank Hope Church for their support of our ministry efforts here at school. We look forward to an even better school year next year!

We wish God's abundant blessings to our 2009-2010 graduates. The ceremony took place on May 27th at Hope Lutheran Church. Graduating students were: Lili Castillo, who plans to go on to acting and singing; Mackinsey Crocker, who plans to go to Bayless High School and pursue law enforcement; Brendan Jeffords, who plans to go to Carnahan High School and pursue biology; Nicholas Keeton, who plans to go to Maplewood High School and pursue a mathematics career; Timothy Kirchoff, who plans to go to Bishop DuBourg High School and pursue fire fighting; Dryden Pruett, who plans to go to Bishop DuBourg and pursue being a graphic artist; and Alex Rogers-Hubeli, who plans to go to Lutheran High School South and pursue marine biology. May God go with you each step of the way as you continue your education.

Mrs. Cheryl O'Neil, the Safety Patrol coordinator, took the safety patrol to Francis Park for their annual Safety Patrol Picnic. The students went to Dairy Queen for lunch and a cool treat and then headed to the park for tennis and all-around fun. The students in safety patrol are seventh graders: Skyler Hunt, Jacob Maples, Sam Roy, Molly Wagoner, Rachel Thole, and Neal Wiseman; eighth graders: Brendan Jeffords, Nick Keeton, and Mack Crocker. The students volunteer for this job and stand out in the heat, rain, snow, and ice to make sure our students get safely to chapel and parent cars. Good job, students!

Mr. Cody Farrell, 5th and 6th grade teacher, took the sixth graders to Sixth Grade Camp, May 3rd through the 6th at Camp Wartburg. The students engaged in many math and science activities both indoors and out. Several other Lutheran schools sent their sixth graders as well. The students really enjoyed themselves.

The school picnic was a success!!! The Lord held the rain off and the games and food were all in place. Upper Limits Co. brought in a climbing wall for the students to enjoy. 95% of our school population had their permission slips ready to go to try out the wall! The 1444 Robotics team brought three robots for "hands on" demonstrations. The people in charge also spoke to the seventh and eighth grades to see if any students would be interested in getting into robotics. The St. Louis Fire Department provided a pumper and the Safe House. A segway was available for rides. Each Hope student was treated to a hot dog lunch, Hope water bottle, and 10 in tickets for various games and attractions. Special thanks goes to the picnic committee: Kathy Collet, Roger Gardner, Tom Schulze, Sue Johns, and Amy Hobbs. Special thanks also goes to Kindergarten parent, Billy Barnett, for live music!

Nine students and three adults went to KSDK TV station and appeared on "Window on St. Louis" on May 6th. Mr. Hunt spoke to advertise our school.

Hope Lutheran School held its annual Awards Night on May 17th. 29 students received honor roll awards for the first three quarters of the school year. The teachers gave out other academic awards along with perfect attendance awards. Much of the school population was in attendance. Everyone had a real nice time.

Achievement test results arrived in May. Teachers were busy looking over the results and making plans for next year. Each class scored above the 50th percentile.

The last day of classes for the students is May 28. Our closing service begins at 12:15 p.m. at Hope Church with a dismissal time of 1 p.m. Teachers and students are amazed at how fast this year has passed. We thank God for all of His blessings during the year. We pray that everyone is kept safe during the summer so we can

start a new year of learning in August. Open House for 2010-2011 is Monday, Aug. 16th with classes beginning Wednesday, Aug. 18th at 8 a.m.

What's Up In Worship?

"All ceremonies should serve the purpose of teaching the people what they need to know about Christ" (Augsburg Confession, 24:3). We have now entered the *non-festival half* of the church Year. During the first half of the Church year we hear of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we begin the **"Trinity Season,"** the time of year when we focus on the life of the Church and the Christian life. Here's what's coming up in the Divine Service for June and July as we continue to learn and live the Christian faith and life.

Date	Day in Church Year	Gospel Reading	Gospel Focus (Theme of the Day)
June 6	First Sunday after Trinity	Luke 16:19-31	The Apostles and Prophets - The Holy Spirit creates and sustains the Church by the Word of God. The life of the Christian is marked first and foremost by hearing the Word of God given through the apostles and prophets.
June 13	Second Sunday after Trinity	Luke 14:15-24	The Great Invitation - God invites us to the fullness of His heavenly gifts. Some make excuses to be absent; others see their need for Jesus' healing and life. Every Divine Service (Communion Service) is a foretaste of Jesus' eternal feast.
June 20	Third Sunday after Trinity	Luke 15:1-10 <i>or Luke 15:11-32</i>	The Word of Reconciliation - Jesus comes to seek and save that which is lost – us! God and all angels rejoice when sinners repent. That's what the Church is all about: bringing sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus' forgiveness.
June 27	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Luke 6:36-42	The Congregation of Sinners - Jesus has nothing but sinners in His Church. Because of His saving work, He changes us into people who learn to forgive each other just as He first forgave us.
July 4	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Luke 5:1-11	Following Jesus - Jesus reveals Himself as God in the miraculous catch of fish, and Peter recognizes his sinfulness. That's life in Jesus' Church. We confess our sin; Jesus graciously forgives. In this way we "catch people alive" as we bring them into the "boat" of the Church.
July 11	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Matthew 5:20-26	The Apostles and Prophets - The Holy Spirit creates and sustains the Church by the Word of God. The life of the Christian is marked first and foremost by hearing the Word of God given through the apostles and prophets.
July 18	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Mark 8:1-9	The Sanctification of Our Bodies - When Jesus feeds the 4000, He shows us that the body is a good thing. After all, He created us to have bodies. When Jesus Christ saves and forgives us, He helps not just the soul, but also the body.
July 25	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Matthew 7:15-23	False Prophets - Jesus warns us against false teachers and their deceptive teachings. It is God's Word of grace that builds us up and gives us an eternal inheritance. Only good trees – those recreated by Christ – can bear good fruits.

GOODFELLOWSHIP CLUB

On Wednesday, April 28, 2010 we had lunch in the Laclede Oaks Manor Dining Room. We were glad Elmer Herchert, Paul Groerich, Bob and Gerry Pinkney were able to join us. The good food and service received was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Victor and Sylvia Dautenhahn and Pastor and Marge Groth for arranging this luncheon.

Bob Hooss provided an entertaining film entitled "Fabulous Forties" at our April monthly meeting. The refreshments were provided by Mike and Arline Wilke, and Bill and Joyce Yancey.

One of our faithful members, Lorraine Brinkmann Hofmann, was called home. We will miss her and extend our sympathy to the Brinkmann and Hofmann families.

The Goodfellowship Club will not have monthly meetings in July and August. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in church.

Joyce Yancey
Corresponding Secretary

MR. & MRS. CLUB

On Wednesday, May 12, we took a guided tour of the Powder Magazine at Jefferson Barracks. The guide was very knowledgeable and made it very interesting. After the tour we enjoyed lunch and fellowship at Skip's Place Too on South Broadway. Thanks to Paul and Julie Vigil for planning this event.

In June we will join the Hope Ushers' Picnic on **Sunday, June 13** at Watson Trails Park for our monthly event. If you'd like to join the Ushers, our group, and the members of Hope congregation, please call Bill Truebe, 631-1218.

On **Friday, July 23** we are planning to go out for dinner and then go to the Casa Loma Ballroom for an evening of dancing and fun.

We are always happy to have new people join us for an activity. If you have questions or wish more information about an event, call the Vigils, 481-6453, or Truebes, 631-1218.

PRO-LIFE IN THE CITY

Two wonderful pro-life ministries are right here in St. Louis city: Our Lady's Inn and Twice Blessed. Our Lady's Inn is a maternity home near Compton and Meramec. It is in an old convent. This is a maternity home/shelter for pregnant women and their young children who need a place to live. Reports are that it is at full capacity all the time. As soon as one mother leaves, another arrives.

Twice Blessed is a resale shop at 3302 Meramec in the city. This is a thrift shop which supports Our Lady's Inn. Not only does the money raised at this shop support the maternity home, but women living at Our Lady's Inn get to learn retail skills by working there. Depending on their circumstances, some work there a little, and others quite a bit. This is practical experience they can take with them to future jobs.

The woman who started and organizes Twice Blessed is a wife and mother who has worked tirelessly in pro-life work for years and years. She put a year and a half of study and research into this project before opening the doors. She even volunteered in another thrift shop for a year to learn how they work. She has taken classes and given presentations and recently won a generous Lutheran grant/award to expand this work. Thanks to this award, the store will be able to move down the street to a larger location soon.

The store sells gently used women's and children's clothes and shoes, toys, tablecloths, curtains, etc. Occasionally there are some nicer, larger furniture items which may be available through silent auction. At this time, they do not have room to sell men's clothes.

Store hours for shopping and to donate items are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. They are also in need of volunteers. To contact them, call 481-3332.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

There will be a Voters' Assembly on **Monday, June 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** All voters should try to attend. It's important that we have a quorum so we can accomplish the business of the congregation.

ANNUAL BASEMENT SALE

The Annual Hope Basement Sale will be held on Wednesday and Saturday, **August 11 and 14.** We need your donations to make this a success. Please start saving usable kitchen appliances, small household items, clothes, toys, jewelry, craft items, books, children's items, and any other treasures you no longer need. Donations can be brought to church after August 1. If you would like to help put out the items and price them, this will be done on Monday, Aug. 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We are always glad to have extra help.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Louis Boldt, former seminarian here at Hope, has received a call to be Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hammond, Louisiana. He will be ordained and installed on **Sunday June 27 at 2 p.m.** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 707 W. Dakota St., Hammond, LA 70401. They have also bought a home and their new address is 11143 Martin Ln., Tickfaw, LA 70466, phone 225-209-5431.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR APRIL & MAY 2010

BAPTISMS - BLACKKEY, Joseph son of George & Lisa Blackey, born 10/21/94, baptized 4/3/10

BOOTH, Torben Arthur son of Brandon and Liv Booth, born 4/5/2010, baptized 4/11/2010

TRANSFER IN - None

CONFIRMATIONS -

ADULTS: Joseph Blackey; Paul Vigil.

YOUTH: Kayla Effan; Luke Maichel

TRANSFER OUT - CONSOLINO, Charles and Jeanine to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 5/4/10

CALLED TO THEIR ETERNAL HOME -

HOFMANN, Lorraine Brinkmann - 10/2/1928 to 4/27/2010, funeral 4/30/2010

WEDDINGS - None

CHANGES TO NEW 2010

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HOPE CHURCH ENDOWMENT

Mr. Robert Hooss.

SCRIP NEWS

The Scrip program at Hope has been put

"on hold" for the summer months. We will resume orders in the fall, either in September or October, for the Christmas holiday season. Thank you to those of you who support the program and we will catch up again later in the year. If anyone has an interest in helping with the program (or more), please let me know. Have a great summer!

Kathi, Scrip Coordinator, (314) 223-0575
berndtrk@sbcglobal.net

If you didn't have the opportunity last month to fill out this survey, please take the time to do so this month. It doesn't take but a couple minutes. The information you give will help to run this program better and possibly make it work better for those using it. This program does benefit the church and the school.

Thanks for taking the time!!!

SCRIP SURVEY

Where do you currently:

shop for groceries:

shop for clothing (men, women, children):

dine out:

buy your gasoline/service your vehicle:

purchase books, etc.:

shop for electronics/home improvement items:

shop at "discount" stores (i.e. Sam's, KMart, Gordmans, etc.):

Have you visited the Scrip websites?

What cards would you like to see offered through Scrip?

What denomination of cards fits your budget best?

Do you purchase gift cards elsewhere?

Have you purchased Scrip cards in the past?

Yes; No If No, please state why:

Do you plan to purchase Scrip cards in the future?

Yes; No If No, please state why:

Do you think the Scrip program should continue?

Yes; No Please state why:

Would you be interested in working with the Scrip program?

Any other suggestions/comments?

CLASSICAL EUROPE TOUR

Tour Germany, Switzerland, and France and see the famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Join LCMS pastor Dr. Clifford Winter and wife Lois of Wichita, Kansas on their 8th trip to Europe, **September 30-October 10, 2010.**

Also included: Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Rothenburg, Munich, Lucerne, Geneva and Paris! \$3,999 includes Round Trip Air from Kansas City, First Class and Select hotels, most meals, play tickets, professional tour guide, transfers, motorcoach and all sightseeing. There are only 6 openings left.

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