

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

July/August 2014



BETHEL WORSHIP/PICNIC IN THE PARK

Don't miss this year's Church Picnic/Worship Service on August 24 at Hamlin Park. The Worship Service will start at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch. Bring a lawn chair for the service, food to share with others and any games we can play.

FAQs regarding the event:

Do I have to bring a chair?

If you don't have a lawn chair to bring, **don't worry. Come anyway.** There is seating there at tables under cover.

Are there enough parking spaces?

There are spaces close to the shelter, as well as a parking lot to the left of the shelter. And there are no steps at this park shelter.

Do I have to bring food for the picnic?

We would like everyone to come to this event, so if you are older and feel overwhelmed about bringing food, **don't worry. Come anyway.**

We are asking everyone who is able and willing to provide food to bring 1 or 2 dishes to share that would serve 12 people. That includes salads, meat and cheese, veggies, fruit, dessert, etc.

GOOD COMPANY....GOOD FOOD.... SEE YOU THERE!

WHERE

Hamlin Park
16006 15th Ave NE

WHEN

Sunday,
August 24

TIME

10:00 AM- 2:00 PM





June 18, 2014

From the front of the sanctuary I have a pretty good view of people's faces during worship. I can tell when people are interested/moved/distracted/etc. This past Sunday (June 15) it allowed me to see something rather amusing: the momentarily look of panic when several people thought they were incredibly late for worship! "What?! It's time for communion already?!" their wide-eyed faces shouted!

Those of you who were present for it are already aware, but for the others, we made a few changes to the order of worship. The biggest change was this: we swapped the placement of communion and the sermon. In other words, if the basic order has been "Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending," then we used "Gathering, Meal, Word, Sending." The same pieces were present, they just took place in a different order.

I mentioned this to my mother-in-law, and without any prompting she immediately observed, "I know you never make a change without having some reason for doing it—so what was the reason behind this one?" (kudos for knowing me so well, Mary!) She is absolutely right: there are several specific reasons why we're trying out this format for the summer:

- The idea began when one of the youth requested to be more involved in worship. As they are just as valid a part of our community as any of us, the Worship Committee wanted to take the request seriously. Unfortunately, though, the chances for them to help were few and far between because of the timing of Kids Kamp (the kids are out of the sanctuary during most of the times they could most easily help). Unless something changed, they couldn't do much.
- Thinking about what changes might be possible lead to the realization that, if we swapped communion and the sermon, then the youth could be involved with the offering and/or communion itself. They would still leave for Kids Kamp during the sermon, but now it would be at the end of worship—which also simplified the process of getting them in and out of the sanctuary (they leave after communion and are picked up by their parents after worship instead of exiting and re-entering in the middle of everything).
- Placing communion near the beginning of worship reminds us that we are united together in Christ, and this unity is most visible in the sacraments. Just as we often begin our time with friends and family by sharing a meal, so we now are doing the same thing in worship.
- Placing Kids Kamp near the end of worship opens up the possibility of collaborating with some of the other churches and their youth (since Kids Kamp now overlaps with their arrival instead of starting before they get here).
- Placing the sermon near the end of worship helps it stick in your head. I was astonished at how many people spoke to me after worship about the message (specifically, the number of people who did so who have never brought up a sermon point to me in all our time together). I don't believe that was a coincidence: it is well-known in psychology that we are better at remembering the first and last parts of a list or experience.

For now, this is "a summertime experiment"—we'll be using it through the season of Pentecost and evaluating as we go. If you notice that this format is "working well" for you, or that it is causing some sort of problem, let me or someone from the Worship Committee know: it's always good to have constructive feedback. In the meantime, enjoy your summer and go forward in Christ's name!

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"

Colossians 3:14-17

Blessings to you in Christ,
Pastor Chris

Remember in prayer

Daily Prayer List

July

- 1 - Marlys Pckrell
- 2 - Dick Scansen
- 3 - Ed Anschell
- 4 - Doug Bauer
- 5 - Carol Hovick
- 6 - Vera Anderson
- 7 - Ellen Hansen
- 8 - Audrey Anderson
- 9 - Evie Nanninga
- 10 - Joanne Brock
- 11 - Nick Rudnick
- 12 - Aaron Salmon
- 13 - Joe Himple
- 14 - Archer Ode
- 15 - Karen Anschell
- 16 - Mary Himple
- 17 - Nicole Swenson
- 18 - Shirley Pishaw
- 19 - Kelly Urdahl
- 20 - Frank Nyland
- 21 - Bruce Smith
- 22 - Craig Frarlie
- 23 - Riley Kimble
- 24 - Sue Logen
- 25 - Dela VanHoy
- 26 - Ruby Hoff
- 27 - Elia Smith
- 28 - Paul Grigsby
- 29 - Carolyn Starrett
- 30 - Karen Bauer
- 31 - Roger Hilling

August

- 1- Jeremy DeLap
- 2 - David Salmon
- 3 - Ruth Vollbrecht
- 4 - Irene Olsen
- 5 - Gloria Dawson
- 6 - Mona Drake
- 7 - Darlene Hilling
- 8 - Jayne Rudnick
- 9 - Kari Pickrell
- 10 - Norma Grigsby
- 11 - Rachel Miller
- 12 - Bev Werts
- 13 - Lila Geiszler
- 14 - Mona Quammen
- 15 - Don Brown
- 16 - Donna Johns
- 17 - Lorna Neumann
- 18 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger
- 19 - John Johns
- 20 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 21 - Ruth Locke
- 22 - Donna Sjoquist
- 23 - Beth Sundquist
- 24 - Tavin Ode
- 25 - Lizzie Peters
- 26 - Judy Bashaw
- 27 - Harold Martinell
- 28 - Liz Rayborn
- 29 - Michael Vollbrecht
- 30 - Harold Crawford
- 31 - Chris Pickrell



One of the things that I love about John Caird and Paul Gordon's musical adaptation of Jane Eyre is the fact that it highlights Jane's faith as an im-

portant source of her strength. That's a theme from the book that you don't often see in the film adaptations. But in **Jane Eyre, the musical, the theme of faith and, in particular, the theme of forgiveness is a strong thread running throughout the script.**

When we meet Jane at the beginning of the play she is an abused child; deprived of love, stifled in spirit and justifiably angry at the injustice in her world. Jane passionately longs for freedom. She rages against the uncaring adults who control her life, but she is powerless to alter her circumstances. Her anger builds inside her and hardens into bitterness.

Jane's life is changed when she encounters Helen Burns, a fellow charity student at the bleak and oppressive Lowood School. **Helen has the quiet strength that bears persecution calmly and young Jane watches incomprehensibly as Helen meets injustice with gentleness.** The anger and abuse from the teachers at Lowood seem to break over Helen like a wave against a rock; touching her body but not her soul.

At first Jane misunderstands Helen's meekness as weakness. When she challenges Helen to fight for herself the older girl responds with a song about forgiveness:

"Forgiveness is the mightiest sword. Forgiveness of those you hate will be your highest reward..."

Forgiveness is the simplest vow. Forgiveness of all their crimes is your deliverance now."

In a very real sense Helen is handing Jane a new weapon; an entirely different means of deliverance—Forgiveness. It doesn't make sense to Jane, but she can't deny the powerful witness of Helen's life and love. As she grows closer to Helen her own faith increases and she discovers the truth of Helen's message. When Jane releases her hatred and learns to forgive, she becomes truly free. **This freedom of spirit bears fruit in Jane's life and becomes a source a strength guiding her through difficult choices.**

July 9 - August 16

Celebrate Baptisms

July	August
1 - Judy Goulet	24 - Craig Fjarlie
13 - Sue Logen	Kari Pickrell
22 - Archer Ode	30 - Nicole Swenson
23 - Elia Smith	
28 - Doug Bauer	

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Vera Anderson
- Ellen Hansen
- Dick Hinea
- Iva Kjosnes
- Donna Sjoquist
- Dorothy Storseth
- Mary Smith
- Dela Van Hoy
- Bev Werts

Those who are coping with help problems

- Don Brown
- Harold Crawford
- Mona Drake
- Wally Goulet
- John Johns
- Olive Kohanik
- Harold Martinell
- Joan Martinell
- Kathy Moll
- Robert Pearson
- Lynlee Ritchie
- Karen Schoeld
- Elia Smith
- Alice Urdahl

Our condolences to:

Dona Pederson Family
Dona died May 23

Edna Greising Family
Edna died June 18.

Their services were held at Bethel.

Celebrate Anniversaries

August

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Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht

No anniversaries in July



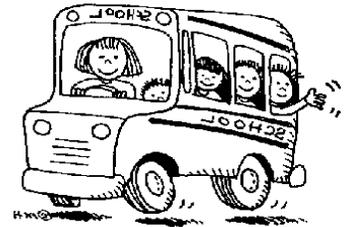
OUTREACH MINISTRY PROJECTS



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES..... COMING TO A NARTHEX NEAR YOU!!

We will once again be collecting school supplies for the Shoreline kids.

- Backpacks of all styles, sizes and colors
- 3-ring notebooks (1" and 2")
- Notebook paper (wide and college ruled)
- Teen boys boxers
- Teen socks (all sizes, boys and girls)
- Checks made out to Bethel - marked Back to School Supplies



We will collect items and money Sunday, July 12th through Sunday, August 10th

Outreach Team Ministry

Fred Meyer and Target are both great places to buy all of these items. Thanks for helping.

The phone kids have today when they are six



The phone my kids had when they were six.



The phone I had when I was six.



ON CALL LIST FOR JULY

Richard Scansen
Dick & Kristi Schwerdtfeger
Anna Sjong
Bruce & Elia Smith
Carolyn Starrett
Beth Sundquist
John & Liz Terrey
Rance & Kelly Urdahl
Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht

ON CALL LIST FOR AUGUST

John Vollbrecht/Kathy Carrow
Ed & Karen Anshell
Doug & Karen Bauer
Joanne Brock
Don & Dorothy Brown
Scott & Starla DeLap
Ragnhild Eidem
Craig Fjarlie
Lila Geiszler

A LETTER FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

Another Note from Tom Holman

June 7, 2014

Thank you for your prayers for us and for Nigeria. Earlier in the week we received news of the death of a translator from one of the translation teams in the Luke Partnership Project with which we're now working. **We thank God** that this news was incorrect. The terrorist group that is active in that area attacked three towns that are close to where we used to hold these workshops, and they killed a lot of people. But all the translators from both of the teams that live in that area were able to escape -- some on the hills, some in Cameroon, and some to a safer place in Nigeria.

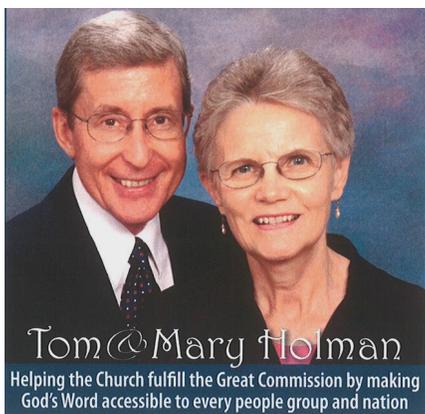
Please pray for these translators and their families. All five translators from one of the teams had their houses burned and lost everything they had. **Pray** for God's protection, peace, and provision. **Pray** as well as for all those who lost loved ones. **Please also continue to pray** for the government of Nigeria, for us and the other consultants and the rest of the translators, and for the churches in that area.

We are thankful that we were able to make good progress in translation at the workshop in May, and each team took home several chapters of Luke. **Pray** that all the scripture portions that have been done would be disseminated widely among their churches and their language communities. **Pray** that the Word would take root in their hearts and bring comfort, peace, and hope to the Christians.

In God our Shield and our Defender,

Mary

Tom and Mary Holman



Tom & Mary Holman
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God's Word accessible to every people group and nation

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Sent May 31

Dear friends of Bethel,
Thank you for your partnership with us. Your words of encouragement and your hospitality while we were with you earlier this year lifted our spirits. I am enclosing a new picture prayer card (see bottom of page) as a reminder of how much we depend on your prayers.

As I write, Mary is on the plane home from Nigeria after working with the Waja Translation team this past week. The news of bombings in another part of town (jos) were disturbing, but thankfully, she and the team were not affected and were able to make good progress.

We couldn't do this with you standing behind us.

Warmly, in Christ,
Tom

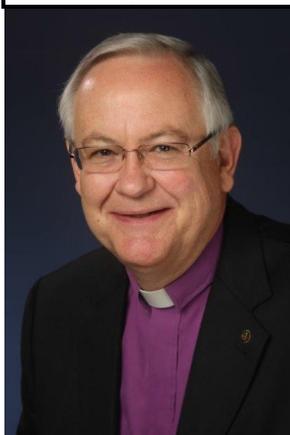
A 4TH OF JULY PRAYER

Dear Lord,
There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful. On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen.



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I grew up like many children around the world hearing about the man in the moon. I had no idea what the phrase actually referred to until one night when I was riding in the back seat of my parent's car staring out at the moon and the stars. Suddenly the image of the man's face in moon came into focus. I shouted out as if I was the first to discover it. "Look, the man in the moon!"

It was no great revelation to the rest of the family but for me it was a major find. In fact I felt funny, stupid for not having seen it long before. Now when I look up at this great celestial light I see the man immediately.

How could it be that for the first years of my childhood I never saw the man? And how is it that my brothers spotted him long before I did? All I saw was the moon with its contrasting shadows. And how is it that once an image comes into focus we see it almost instantly on each sighting?

Insight, awareness, vision, seeing are all essential to being people of faith.

Being late in life to see the man in the moon has created for me a sense of humility. I know that I am slow in many other areas of my life to see that which is obvious to others.

I am slow to see so much of the injustice that takes place in life. I am even slower to see the part I play in it.

I am slow to see and understand how others see the world much differently than I do.

I am slow to realize how my actions and attitude hurt others.

I am slow to realize how abundant the gifts are that God rains down on my life.

I am slow to see how gracious God is.

How is it possible that I do not see what is so obvious?

Friends, this is why the words of the confession speak loudly in my ears with such truth. The confession helps me understand why it is that I am so slow to see. The confession causes me to put all my eggs in the basket of grace. It is my only hope.

I thank you for your patience when I shout out my latest insight as if I were the first to discover it.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

-- *Philippians 1:9-10*

P.S. There was a full moon the night my father died. The little kid in me felt as if the man in the moon was my father smiling down

**Thank you to the MANY volunteers
who helped to make the 2014 Synod Assembly run smoothly!**



JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 PM Midday Meditation</p>  <p>Karen Bauer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p>   <p>Roger Hilling</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM Bethel Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Kristi Schwerdtfeger</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 PM Midday Meditation</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>  <p>Jeremy Delap</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Bethel Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Office Closed</p>  <p>David Salmon</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 PM Midday Meditation</p>  <p>Ruth Vollbrecht</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Bethel Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 PM Something on Tuesday</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 PM Midday Meditation</p>  <p>Irene Olsen</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Gloria Dawson Mona Drake Darlene Hilling</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Bethel Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>  <p>Kari Pickrell</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Jayne Rudnick</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 PM Midday Meditation</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>No prayer is too small for our Lord to handle.</p> 	

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY

	6	13	20	27
ALTAR	Diana	Sue & Joanne	Lillian & Marlys	Ragnhild & Kelly
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor	Marlys	Pastor	Kathy
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Karen Johnson	Liz Terrey	Craig Fjarlie	Jordan Rayborn
LITURGIST	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
BREAD	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Elia Smith
WINE	Diana Holeman	Joe Himple	Judy Goulet	Bruce Smith
GLASSES	Liz Terrey Anna Sjong	XXXXXXXXXX	Beth Sundquist Mary Himple	XXXXXXXXXX
FLOWERS		Scott & Starla DeLap In honor of Jeremy's birthday		Sue Logen in honor of Gwen's birthday
Sanctuary Caretaker	Liz Terrey			

THOSE WHO SERVE IN AUGUST

	3	10	17	24	31
ALTAR	Judy & Carol	Diana	Sue & Joanne	Lillian & Marlys	Ragnhild & Kelly
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor	Jordan	Pastor	Kathy	Marlys
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Karen Johnson	Joe Himple	Craig Fjarlie	Chuck Vollbrecht	Liz Terrey
BREAD	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Elia Smith	Kathy Carrow
WINE	Diana Holeman	Jordan Rayborn	Judy Goulet	Bruce Sith	Beth Sundquist
GLASSES	Wally Goulet Liz Terrey	XXXXXXXXXX	Beth Sundquist	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
FLOWERS	Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht 57h Anniversary	Karen Johnson in memory of Harold & Thelma Roland		PICNIC	
Sanctuary Caretaker	Chris Pickrell				

Ushers	Bruce Smith Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen	Sue Logen	Wally Goulet Dave Switzer	Wally Goulet Chris Pickrell
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 AM Bethel Worship	4 	5 10:45 AM Membership Team	6	7	8	9 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship
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10 9:30 AM Bethel Worship	11	12	13 1:00 PM Midday Meditation 6:30 PM Worship Team	14 7:00 PM Bethel Church Council	15 	16 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship
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17 9:30 AM Bethel Worship	18 	19	20 1:00 PM Midday Meditation	21	22 	23 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship
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24 10:00 AM Bethel Worship in the Park	25	26	27 1:00 PM Midday Meditation	28	29	30 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship
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31 9:30 AM Bethel Worship	 <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 7 - Norma Grigsby 11 - Rachel Miller 14 - Lila Geiszler</p>	<p>Worship in the Park August 24 Hamlin Park 10:00 AM</p> <p>Church Picnic</p>	 <p>Church Picnic</p>
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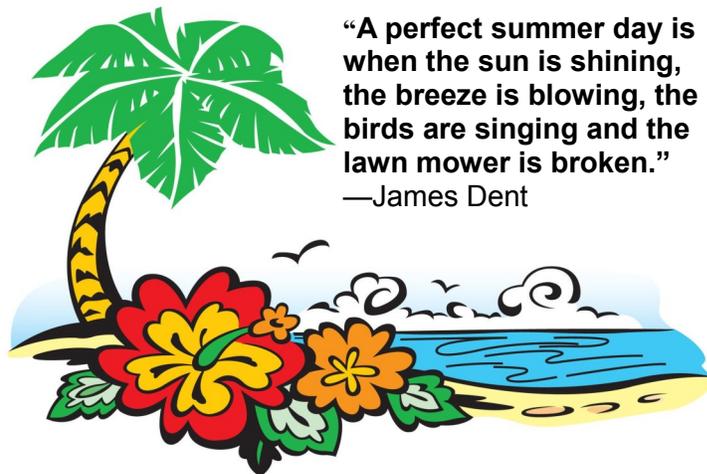


Bethel Beam

Special dates in July/August

- Canada Day July 1
- U.S. Independence Day July 4
- Bethel Worship in the Park August 24

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER**



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Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lunch Hour
12:30-1:30 PM

Regular Worship
Schedule
9:30 AM

Communion
Every Sunday



God bless America
And keep us safe and free,
Safe for “all our enemies”
wherever they may be.

For enemies are forces
That often dwell within,
Things that seem so harmless
Become a major sin.

Little acts of selfishness
Grow into lust and greed,
And make the love of power
Our idol and our creed.

For all our wealth and progress
Are as worthless as can be,
Without the faith that made us great
And kept our nation free.

And while it's hard to understand
The complexities of war,
Each one of us must realize
That we are fighting for

The principles of freedom
And the decency of man,
But all of this must be achieved
According to God's plan.

So help us as Americans
To search deep down inside,
And discover if the things we do
Are always justified.

And teach us to walk humbly
And closer in Thy ways,
And give us faith and courage
And put purpose in our days.

And make each one of us aware
That each must do his part,
For in the individual is where peace
Must have its start.

For a better world to live in
Where all are safe and free,
Must start with faith and hope
And love deep in the heart of "Me."

~ Helen Steiner Rice

