

Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

A Message From Pastor

Wow, what a nice surprise! The party recognizing the 10th anniversary of my ordination was wonderful. Thank you all for caring and sharing with me.

This is a memorable year for Hope, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary next month. In recent years, Hope has reclaimed its sense of mission to and with the neighborhood. We have bonded as a community and determined we will not just survive but thrive.

We love to get together for a party. Someone gets an idea and several people join in to make it happen. The youth, too, are assuming responsibility for ministry at Hope, most recently taking on the

organization of the Easter Egg Hunt.

Hope members are excited to be involved in ministry. Ted and Diane will soon be consecrated as deacons. New people are volunteering to serve on council and committees. Council meetings are filled with laughter, even as we seek agreement on sensitive issues. In lots of little and bigger ways, we are seeking to invite the neighbors and welcome them to join in ministry with us.

It's a wonderful time to be at Hope, and I'm proud to be the pastor here.

In Hope,
Pastor Lynn

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Thank You. . .

- * Thanks to all who contributed to the gifts party for Pastor Lynn to commemorate her 10 year anniversary of being ordained.
- * Thanks to Kerry Reed for keeping the church clean and her willingness to always help out when the need arises.
- * Thank you to the ladies who faithfully serve on the Altar Guild



Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

February 2012		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>
February 5	96	4,453.00
February 12	71	1,712.00
February 19	66	1,338.00
February 26	66	2,642.00

February Totals:
 Total Inflows: \$ 10,948.94
 Total Outflows: \$ 12,875.42

The complete financial statement is in Luther Hall.

Council Officers & Members

- President
Vic Kahler
Property Committee
- Vice President
Russ Telfer
Memorial Committee
- Secretary
Steve Northsea
*Evangelism/Stewardship
GPS/Long Range Planning*
- Treasurer
Diane Kahler
*Chancel Bell/Chimes
Service Committee
Worship & Music Committee*
- Deacon John Chiappetta
- Aida Diaz
- Connie De Turek
- Vivian Matthews
- Ted Polack
Ushers
- Richard Regan
Property Committee
- Helen Van Horn
- Renate Wilms-Rovin
- Financial Secretary
Michel Northsea
GPS/Long Range Planning

Trivia

- In 1993 the theater guild performed on Good Friday entitled "The Passion of Our Lord," and a set of old radio shows for a fun evening in August.
- Apparently, Pastor Varner frequently said, "We're in big trouble" because it was one of the comments made during the party for Pastor Varner and Pastor Clark. And Pastor Clark apparently had some issues regarding answering the phone. Also at the party, Pastor Clark's wife Susie related a story about their wedding day when he lost the car.
- June 1993 saw the end of Francine Richards' ten years as newsletter editor. Pastor Clark commented on her professionalism, patience, and discipline in gathering and sharing news and information about the congregation.

Soup Supper Success

Thank you one and all for this year's success of our Lenten soup suppers. What a variety of soups... from clam chowder to beet soup, to chicken corn chowder, to pea soup and the list of tempting soups just goes on. A thank-you to all the wonderful chef's, those that were instrumental in getting the bread donations from Publix, for set-up and clean up and those delicious brownies. Not only did the soup and bread feed us but it provided a great moment for fellowship before



Wednesday night worship.
Thank you one and all!

Michel Northsea, Lenten
Soup Supper Chairperson

Sonrise Worship and Breakfast

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb (John 20:1). You are INVITED to join your fellow worshippers in Hope's Memorial Garden at 7AM to proclaim the Resurrection of our Lord. This brief outdoor service will also include Holy Communion. Afterward there will be

a breakfast of eggs, rolls, sausage, juice, and coffee cake and some of the very best of fellowship. Breakfast will also be available for those that come early to the 9:30 worship.

HE HAS RISEN....HE HAS RISEN....INDEED!!!

Martyr Moment

On April 9 we will commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Feb 4, 1906-April 9, 1945) who was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-fascist and martyr. He was a participant in the German resistance movement against Nazism and a founding member of the Confessing Church. He was involved in plans by members of the *Abwehr* (the German Military Intelligence Office) to assassinate Adolph Hitler. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and executed by hanging on April 9, 1945, 23 days before the Nazis' surrender. His Christian writings have been very influential. His best known book is *The Cost of*

Discipleship, a study on the Sermon on the Mount, in which he not only attacked "cheap grace" as a cover for ethical laxity but also preached "costly grace". Many of his books are available from Augsburg Fortress Press. His book *Prayers from Prison* is in our church library.

Maundy Thursday Seder

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal (Mat. 26:19). On April 5 at 5pm we will partake of the Passover meal that has been prepared. The Passover meal will include a full dinner. After we have eaten we will proceed into the church for worship by

7pm. Maundy Thursday is a very important day in the Church life. It is the time for the Sacrament instituted by Jesus and then the stripping of the altar.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex and the cost for the meal is \$4.

Esther Circle

The end of Lent is upon us and we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus in this month of April. In this session #8, we look at "A Wholly Different Week." We travel to Jerusalem with Jesus and his disciples. It is in these days in Jerusalem that Jesus' public ministry culminates in his arrest, trial, death, and resurrection. The familiar stories of Holy Week provide a rich template for understanding who Jesus is and reflecting on what it means to be disciples today.

Esther Circle continues the study of St. Mark's gospel. The focus will be on chapters 14 and 15. The lesson is taken from the WELCA magazine Gather, pages 28-33. We meet on Thursday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Copies of the lesson are available in the church office

Please plan to join us. All are welcome.

Janet Esworthy

Martha Circle

Our ladies met on March 7 to make favors for some of the upcoming events at Hope. They also wrote out Easter cards for our homebound friends and discussed ideas for future gifts for our nursing home residents. They celebrated Lempi Tervo's birthday with a cake and

sang a spirited Happy Birthday to her. Our group enjoys a much laid back, casual afternoon of socializing and doing God's work through our hearts and hands. Our next gathering will be April 4 at 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Please join us!

Carole Warden

Piecemakers

Our quilting group is also involved in Lutheran World Relief Ministries. We are partnering with the ladies at St. Timothy's to gather the supplies to do layettes, health kits and school kits. Many items are needed but the most urgent need is for baby sweaters (up to size 2t.), mild bars of soap (such as Ivory in the 4 to 5 oz. size), and dark colored hand towels. If you can



donate any of these items, please see Ruth Moheit for details.

Members Who Are Homebound or Residing in Care Facilities

Johanna Barrett - Home

Ginny Cameron - Home

Sebastian D'Auria - Home

Joan Layton - Home

Dorothy Scianna - Crystal Gem Manor
Crystal River

Karen Summers - Home

Ruby Wagner - Barrington Place

Family Members in the Military

We remember & pray for those who protect our liberty by serving in the military.

- Ginny Cameron's grandson:
Tech Sergeant John Edward Werner
- John & Margarita Chiappetta's son:
Luis Jimenez
- Janet Esworthys nephew:
Major Marc Orndorff

- Joan Klotz's two grandsons:
Brian Lucas and Kevin Lucas
- Vivian Matthews' granddaughter:
Capt. Kari Matthews
- Edith Regan's daughter:
Storekeeper Chief Phyllis Thomas

Please let the church office know of others we can add to this list.

Women of the ELCA. . . Spring Gathering 2012

The Florida-Bahamas Synod's Women's Organization (SWO) Pinelands Spring Conference was held on March 10 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hernando. Those attending from Hope were Carol D'Auria, Joyce Davis, Vivian Matthews, Michel Northsea, Janice Pitre, Judy Thomason-Kasco, June Towner, Renate Wilms-Rovin, Casey Gaylardo, and Carole Warden. The theme for this year's gathering was "Forgiveness...GOD'S eraser never wears out!" Check in was at 8:30 a.m. and every lady was given an adorable fabric and button name tag and a nice continental breakfast was available. The meeting was held in

the newly renovated sanctuary with Carol Gentalen, Pinelands Conference President, opening the meeting. Devotions about "Facing up to our real self" were read by Judy Heikkinen from Good Shepherd. New officers were elected for the 2012-2014 term with Leone Goding as president, Marcia Meyers as Vice President, and Barbara Nieman as Secretary. A delicious lunch was hosted by the ladies of Good Shepherd and the closing was a worship service led by Pastor Bill Barrett. Next year's spring gathering will be at Gloria Dei Church.

Church Council Minutes for February 8, 2012

HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL

February 8, 2012 - 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order President Steve Northsea called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Attendees were Pastor Lynn Fonfara, Helen Van Horn, Connie Detuerk - Telfer, Russ Telfer, Diane Kahler, John Chiappetta, Ted Polack, Vic Kahler & Vivian Mathews. New council members Aida Dias and Bill Messer. Dick Regan was absent because he was at work.

Devotions - Pastor gave devotions because Russ Telfer was a little late and she included a prayer for the passing of Nancy Miller's mother.

Guest - Carol D'Auria

Adoption of February 8, 2012 agenda

Additions/Corrections - Add the Report of the January 29, 2012 Congregational Meeting minutes and correct the word Saturday to read "Tuesday February 21, 2012" under item "A" on the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Ted Polack seconded by Bill Messer to accept the agenda with the addition and corrections and was carried.

5. Report of the January 11, 2011 Secretary's minutes

A. Additions/Corrections - Correct spelling of deacon and shepherd words

B. Approval - Ted Polack made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected seconded by Connie Deteurk and was carried.

Report of the January 29, 2012 Congregational Minutes

Additions /Corrections - include the 5 year spending plan explanation by Steve

Northsea in the minutes

A motion was made by Ted Polack to accept the minutes as amended seconded by Russ Telfer and was carried.

Report of the Treasurer

A. Additions or corrections - None

B. John Chiappetta made a motion to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Helen Van Horn and was carried.

7. Report of the Pastor (Includes parish care and Stephen Ministry) (see attached report)

A. The pastor reviewed her written report with us. Pastor mentioned that she forgot to add 2 visits to her report.

8. Reports of the Liaisons/Committees Highlights & Discussions

Christian Service

Evangelism/Stewardship - (3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 am) -No report

First Saturday- Vic Kahler was not sure if we will have one on March at this time

Family Activities - Friendship breakfast January 14 and The Whitler wedding shower on Jan 15 went well.

Christian Education

No meeting

A. Sunday School - no report

B. Youth group - no report

C. Adult Ministry - going ok

Worship and Music ((Meets once a qtr.)

Diane Kahler reviewed her "attached report in packet".

Church Council Minutes (Continued from page 8)

Administration

Property - "see separate report in packet" (Meeting set as needed).

Vic Kahler will get a price to install an anti-theft cage on the new A/C.

Long Range Planning - no report

Finance (Needs a Chairperson) - No report

Personnel Committee -- "no meeting"

Memorial Committee - No report

Endowment Fund Committee - "See attached report in packet"

9. Old Business

A. Scout (Removal of gear from closets) in progress

B. Funerals - Carole Warden will act as a liaison to council and Diane Kahler will edit the funeral instructions for members and nonmembers. To be tabled to our March meeting.

10. New Business

A. Voting for council officers - The council president, vice president, and secretary 2 year terms are up and they have to be replaced. Steve Northsea made a motion to nominate Victor Kahler for president seconded by Vivian Mathews and was carried unanimously. Ted Polack nominated Russ Telfer for vice president seconded by John Chiappetta and was carried unanimously. Diane Kahler nominated Steve Northsea for secretary seconded by Helen Van Horn and was carried unanimously. **Treasurer Diane Kahler and financial secretary Michel Northsea will remain the same.**

B. Insurance concerns - Diane Kahler looked into our insurance liability. The "Deeper Life Church" will provide us with a certificate of insurance. Volunteer led activities are covered under our insur-

ance. Profit led activities must provide a certificate of insurance.

11. Consent Agenda

A. **Tuesday** February 21, 2012 Mardi gras Potato Pancake Supper (5pm) (free will offering)

B. Saturday March 17, 2012 St. Pat's Corn Beef and Cabbage Supper (5pm) (\$4 offering)

C. Pinelands Conference Offering during Lent.

Carole Warden and Diane Kahler will chair the 2 suppers.

Connie Detuerk - Telfer made a motion to accept the consent agenda seconded by Ted Polack and was carried unanimously.

12. Unfinished Business

A. Defibrillator training - Nancy Miller has not been available to offer training.

13. Other Matters

A. Devotions for March 14, 2011 meeting - Russ Telfer

14. Adjournment Vic Kahler made a motion to adjourn at 1:58pm seconded by Pastor Lynn and was carried.

15. Closing Devotions - Meeting closed with a Prayer from Pastor Lynn.

Respectively submitted by Victor Kahler

Last report as council secretary

Ask Pastor Lynn

Why does the Assisting Minister sometimes lead the "Prayers of Intercession" from the pew instead of from the lectern?

These prayers are also called the "Prayers of the People," so it is appropriate that they are led by a lay person. We all have different gifts; it's the pastor's calling to encourage the use of those gifts. Sometimes, that results in unconventional ways of doing things. For some people, standing in front of the congregation and speaking is not easy, but speaking from their place within the congregation is quite possible. For some folks, this is an emotional concern; for others it is a physical disability that prevents them from moving to the lectern. In this way the prayers of the people really come from the midst of the people.

Our focus during the prayers is on prayer, not on who is speaking, or from where the prayers are spoken. The prayers are printed out, and the Assisting Minister uses a microphone (unless the battery fails) so all can hear and follow. If the congregation wishes to know who the Assisting Minister for the day

is, there is a "*" in front of that person's name in the bulletin.

How important it is to respect and honor the use of gifts by more of our members, even if it is not the "usual" way!

Why does the Assisting Minister conclude the Prayers of the People instead of Pastor Lynn?

The "rules" about worship leadership do provide for the pastor to speak the ending petition of the prayers, which uses these or similar words: "Into your hands we commend all for which we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord." I invite the Assisting Minister to speak this petition because many people believe a pastor's prayers are more powerful than a lay person's prayers, and having the ordained leader speak this line makes it seem so. Martin Luther assures us that this is not true; all people have direct access to God, we are all members of the priesthood of all believers, and one person's prayer is just as effective as another's. To reinforce this, I prefer to have this petition spoken by the Assisting Minister.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday—April 1
9:30 a.m.

Prayer Service— April 2, 3, & 4
Monday—Wednesday at noon

Holy/Maundy Thursday—
April 5 noon & 7 p.m.

Seder Dinner (Thursday)
April 5 5 p.m.



Good Friday— April 6
Noon & 7 p.m.



Easter Sunday— April 8
7 a.m. Sunrise Service
in the Memorial Garden



Easter Breakfast
in Luther Hall following the Sunrise
Service

7:45 a.m.—8:45a.m. **Easter
Breakfast**



9:30 a.m. Worship Service



Top 10 List for Pastor Lynn's Ordination Anniversary

The Top Ten reasons "Why you became a Lutheran Minister"

10. Lutheran is easier to spell than Presbyterian

09. You don't have to handle snakes or speak in tongues

08. You only have to work one day a week. (Ha-ha)

07. Lutherans love "potlucks".

06. Lutherans drink lots of coffee. (Pastor Lynn note: it's called Swedish penicillin)

05. You get to drink wine.

04. You can wear white all year.

03. You can be married and female.

02. GOD won't fire you.

01. You get a Perfect Boss.

Holy Week Worship

Prayer Service

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during Holy Week, a prayer service will be held at noon. The service will be short, and include the Gospel reading for the day, which highlights events of Jesus' last week. Please consider taking time on your Lenten journey to include these brief prayer services.

Maundy Thursday

The service at noon will include Holy Communion and an opportunity for hand washing, to symbolize the foot washing.

The service at 7 p.m. will include Holy Communion and stripping of the altar, a ritual which represents the sacrifice of Jesus' life for us.

Seder Meal

On Maundy Thursday at 5 p.m., we will partake of the Passover meal that has been prepared. The Passover meal will include a full dinner. After we have eaten we will proceed into the church for worship by 7 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$4.

Good Friday

At we will journey along the Biblical Way of the Cross. This service will begin in the sanctuary and be totally indoors this year.

A Tenebrae (darkness or shadows) service at night will remind us of the darkness of Jesus' death. As the lights and candles are gradually extinguished, we sing simple songs and read the story of Jesus' death and burial.

Easter Morning

We will have two services. A Sunrise service in Memorial Gardens at 7 a.m.

Easter breakfast will follow at 7:45 a.m.—8:45 a.m.

Easter worship service at 9:30 a.m. Perhaps our favorite service of the year, we rejoice in the victory over death, and the good news of the resurrection. We sing our favorite songs and praise God for this mystery.

Known Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Irene Drew
- 17 Edythe Sorensen
- 23 Lyle Kramp
- 28 Lou Diaz



- 29 Catherine Bearbower
- Ted Polack

Anniversaries

- 5 Sebastian & Carol D'Auria (26)
- 19 Bill & Pat Kessel (54)

Easter Egg Hunt

Hope Lutheran Church

9425 N Citrus Springs Blvd, Citrus Springs
Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m.

Three safe areas for children
to hunt for eggs:

0-3 years in the
fenced playground

4-7 years near the church

8-10 years beyond the pavilion

Community invited!

Age appropriate
prizes!

Bring your basket.

Call 489-5511 for
more info.

For children
from 0 - 10
years old

Meet
at the
pavilion area
and wait



Those Who Will Assist in Worship for April

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

- 1 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Lynn Polack
- 5 - (noon) Deacon John Chiappetta
(7 p.m.) Deacon John Chiappetta/Casey Gaylaro (Maundy/Holy Thursday)
- 6 - 7 p.m. Renate Wilms-Rovin (Good Friday)
- 8 - Steve Penn/Jacob Penn
- 15 - Anita O'Donnell/Brenna Towne
- 22 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Steve Northsea
- 29 - Dee Forsyth/Kris Brock

Assisting Ministers

- Deacon John Chiappetta
- Anthony Diaz
- Diane Kahler
- Steve Northsea
- Ted Polack
- Ryan Towne
- Renate Wilms-Rovin

Nursery

- 1 - TBA
- 8 - Judy Thomason-Kasco
- 15 - Sue Hovis
- 22 - TBA
- 28 - TBA

Altar Guild

- Margarita Chiappetta
- Margaret DeWalt
- Diane Kahler
- Casey Gaylaro

Greeters

- Carole Warden
- Kay Schaller

Guest Greeter

- June Towner

Ushers for the Month

- Janet Esworthy
- Howard Walsh

Lay Readers

Sunday Services

- 1 - Dick Regan (Palm Sunday)
- 8 - Judy Thomason-Kasco (Easter 9:30a)
- 15 - Steve Penn
- 22 - Jackie Dean
- 29 - Helen Van Horn

Maundy Thursday April 5

- 7 p.m. - Ted Polack

Good Friday April 6

- 7 p.m. - Deacon John Chiappetta



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Palm Sunday 8:00a Adult Bible Study 8:00a Confirmation 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	2 10:30a Sunday's Coming CR1 12:00p Prayer at Noon 1:00p Jacob's Journey 6:30p Boy Scouts	3 2:30p Chancel Bells 12:00p Prayer at Noon 6:00p Girl Scouts	4 10:30a Bible Study Library 12:00p Prayer at Noon 1:00p Martha Circle 1:00p Art Group 6:00p Youth Group	5 Maundy Thursday 12:00p Worship 5:00p Seder Dinner 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Evening Worship	6 Good Friday 12:00p Worship 7:00p Evening Worship	7 No Easter Vigil Service
8 Communion Easter 7:00a Sunset Service 7:45a Breakfast 9:30a Worship 2:00p Deeper Life L.H.	9 Office Closed Easter Monday 6:30p Boy Scouts	10 2:30p Chancel Bells 6:00p Brownies	11 10:30a No Bible Study Library 1:00p Art Group	12 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Choir Reh.	13	14
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