



Hope's Newsletter

“To Know Christ And To Make Him Known”

A Message From Pastor

In early July, I taught a week-long class on praying out loud while others are listening. We had a great time in the class, and I will find a time to offer it at Hope in the next few months.

While searching for a few videos to use for the class, I discovered one which demonstrated the Body Prayer attributed to Julian of Norwich. She lived in Norwich, England near the end of the 14th century. Known as a mystic, she had visions of Jesus which she shared in her writing, *Revelations of Divine Love*. People came to her to learn how to pray, and it is believed she taught the following pattern.

This pattern of prayer may be used standing or sitting, and time should be taken for each movement and prayer. This prayer may be used individually or in groups who pray together silently. Add some quiet instrumental music

if you prefer. Begin and end with Scripture reading to determine if that helps or influences your prayer time.

AWAIT (hands at waist, cupped up to receive)

ALLOW (reach up, hands open)

ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards body)

A T T E N D (h a n d s outstretched, giving back)

AWAIT God's message for you. It may be as simple as "I love you," or "Thanks for spending time with me." Or, "You need to apologize."

ALLOW God's message to reach your heart. Do you need to feel love? Do you need to give love? Do you need to thank God for something? Do you need to ask for forgiveness?

ACCEPT the message and the challenge God may have given you. Take the time to

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understand the message and prepare your heart to act on it.

ATTEND to the message, making happen what God has asked you to do. Tell yourself God loves you. Reflect on what God has given you. Go to the person and make amends.

I offer this prayer to you to try. It provides an alternative to head bowed, hands connected, listing our needs and

Food Alert

We at Hope Lutheran are a generous, but conservative congregation-we don't like to waste anything. We also don't want anyone to get sick from what is in our refrigerator. There will be a black pen that will write on any surface for you to write the date of whatever is put into the frig and the date that it was opened and put into

Did You Ever Wonder.....?

Did you ever wonder what a LECTURN was? Many churches have a lectern from which the Scripture lessons are read. It is usually located in the chancel opposite the pulpit. In many newer churches there is only one "place of the word", a reading

wants before God. This prayer invites us to listen first to what God will say to us, and to take the time to hear and respond to God's message for us.

Note: For those with internet access, you will find the video on YouTube by searching for Body Prayer of Julian of Norwich. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iImZilFvOE>

the frig. No date...then it will be thrown out. NO EXCEPTIONS. Let us be healthy together. Family Activities. (Deacon Diane Kahler)

stand from which the lessons are read and the sermon is preached.

Kiwanis Bowling for Books

Once again, the Kiwanis Club of Central Ridge – Crystal River is hosting a day of bowling to raise funds for the children of Citrus County. Join us on Sunday, August 25 from 2-5pm for as many games as you can bowl in three hours. Donation of \$15 includes shoes. How many teams can Hope send? Contact Pastor Lynn for tickets and more information.

Dollars And Sense From The Treasurer's Desk

June 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>
June 2	3,428.00	65
June 9	2,354.00	67
June 16	1,769.00	57
June 23	1,747.00	57
June 30	1,532.00	58

Total Inflows: \$ 12,175.06

Total Outflows: \$ 12,820.63

The full financial statement is available in Luther Hall.

Council Officers & Members

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Vic Kahler
First Saturday
Property Committee

Vice President
Russ Telfer
Memorial Committee

Secretary
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Citrus County Blessings

In Citrus County, 67% of children are on government-assisted meal programs at school on weekdays. On the weekend, many of these children have no food at home, for many reasons.

Citrus County Blessings sends backpacks of non-perishable food items home for the weekend. Backpacks packed at Hope will be delivered to needy children at Citrus Springs Elementary and at Central Ridge Elementary. This is one small way we can help.

The program will really take off after Labor Day. There will be a volunteer training scheduled in mid-to-late August for all those who will stock food, fill plastic bags, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex for anyone who would like to volunteer.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is a list of food donations, for those who like to shop. Cash donations are always welcome, to help the organization to purchase food in bulk. You may make donations to Hope, with Citrus County Blessings in the memo line.

Fellowship Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, August 17, Hope will have a pancake breakfast in Luther Hall at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. If you would like to bring your favorite breakfast dessert, please do.

The guest speaker will be from the Red Cross and will explain what Hope will be asked to do in an emergency where we are named a shelter.

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the narthex.

If interested in volunteering for the pancake breakfast, see Victor Kahler.

List of Items Needed for Citrus County Blessings

BLESSINGS ITEMS
NEEDED VIA DONATIONS:



INDIVIDUAL SIZE
DRINK BOXES OR
POUCHES OF ANY KIND

PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ

CHILI/NO BEANS (POP TOP)

PARMALOT MILK, 2%-NON-
REFRIGERATED 32OZ OR
INDIVIDUAL SIZE

ALL FOOD SHOULD BE SINGLE
SERVING, READY TO EAT AND POP
TOP

JELLY 18 OZ SIZE (no glass/squeeze
bottle preferred)

SINGLE SERVING SIZE CAN EITHER
BE 7 OZ. OR 15 OZ.

SINGLE SERVING FRUIT CUPS

SINGLE SERVING PUDDING CUPS
(NON-REFRIGERATED)

NO BACKPACKS THIS YEAR. WE
ARE USING PLASTIC BAGS.

SINGLE SERVING SIZE JELLO
CUPS

SINGLE SERVING SIZE CEREAL
BOXES

CEREAL BARS

CHICKEN IN WATER (POUCH OR
POP TOP CANS)

SINGLE SERVING SIZE BEANIE
WEANIES (POP TOP)

SINGLE SERVING SIZE MAC AND
CHEESE (POP TOP)

SINGLE SERVING BEEF STEW (POP
TOP)

Modern Creeds

In recent decades, there have been many new versions of the creeds. Shown here in parallel with the Apostles' Creed, you are invited to compare them and ponder how they hinder or help your faith. If you have any comments to share, please contact Pastor Lynn and the Casual Service leaders.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
 Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the
 Father,
 and he will come to judge the living
 and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

*You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.
 You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and died and rose again.
 You are with us now.
 You are God.
 You, O God, are Holy Spirit
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
 You are our God. We worship you.*

A New Zealand Prayer Book

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 Esworthy's 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.

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—Home

Perseid Meteor Shower

A PEEK AT ONE OF GOD'S
WONDERS

LOOK SKYWARD

This is an INVITATION to watch the annual Perseid meteor shower. In the early morning hours of August 11, 12 and 13 hundreds of shooting stars will flash across the sky.

Martha Circle

No meeting in August.

Next gathering on September 4 at 1:00pm in Luther Hall, Classroom 3.

Thanks from Victor Kahler

I would like to thank Renate Wilms-Rovin, Dick Regan, Jim Earl, Ron Cowan, Bob Adams, and Kelly Murphy for all their help since our last report. We put in (47.5 hours) since our last report.

Martyr Moments

LAURENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

August 10, 258

Lawrence was chief of the 7 deacons of the congregation of Rome, the 7 men who like Stephen and his companions (Act 6:1-6) were in charge of administering the church budget, particularly with regard to the care of the poor. In 257 the emperor Valerian began a persecution aimed chiefly at the clergy and the laity of the upper classes. All church property was confiscated and meetings of Christians were forbidden. The bishop of Rome, Sextus II, and had most of the clergy executed on August 7, 258. The Roman prefect, knowing that Lawrence was

the principal financial officer, promised to set him free if he would surrender the wealth of the Church. Lawrence agreed but said it would take him 3 days to gather it. During the 3 days, he placed all the money at his disposal in the hands of trustworthy stewards, and then assembled the sick, the aged, and the poor, the widows and orphans of the congregation, presented them to the prefect, and said "These are the treasures of the Church." The enraged prefect ordered him roasted alive on a gridiron. On August 10th Lawrence bore the torture with great calmness. The spectacle of his courage made a great impression on the people of Rome and made many converts.

Council Highlights from July 17, 2013 Meeting

- ⇒ Casey Gaylaro reported that the SOS Foodbank, of which Hope is a member, needs volunteers on Thursdays between 7:30 am and 11:30 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She and Carol Warden have volunteered and can provide further information.
 - ⇒ Council voted 6-2 to change the service time from 9:30 to 10:00 based upon 60% of the respondents being favorable in the congregational survey. Several council members felt the change should go before a congregational meeting and council voted 5-4 to hold a special congregational meeting on September 8th immediately following the service to vote on the service time change. President Victor Kahler will send out notification letters.
 - ⇒ The council voted unanimously to participate in the ELCA Florida Bahamas Synod recommended Elder Consumer Protection Program by becoming a Communities Against Senior Exploitation partnership. Steve Northsea will be the coordinator and contact person for this program.
 - ⇒ Council approved a pancake breakfast in Luther Hall at 9:00 am on August 17th. The guest speaker will be from the Red Cross and will explain what Hope will be asked to do in an emergency where we are named a shelter. See Victor Kahler to volunteer to help with the breakfast.
 - ⇒ Council authorized ongoing damaged and dangerous trees be removed at a cost of approximately \$1600. The congregation is urged not to be on grounds during these tree removals in order to avoid any possible danger. Questions about the tree removal should be addressed to property chair Victor Kahler.
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Council Minutes from the June 19, 2013 Meeting

1. Call to Order at 7:01 PM by Victor Kahler, President

2. Roll Call - Steven Northsea, Secretary

President Victor Kahler - present

Vice President Russ Telfer - present

Secretary Steven Northsea - present

Treasurer Deacon Diane Kahler - present

Council Member Deacon John Chiappetta - present

Council Member Aida Diaz - not present excused

Council Member Constance DeTuerk-Telfer - present

Council Member Casey Gaylardo - present

Council Member Vivian Matthews - present

Council Member Dick Regan - present

Council Member Harold Skidmore - present

Council Member Renate Wilms-Rovin - present

Pastor Lynn Fonfara - present

3. Devotions - Council shared vacation stories

4. Guests - None

5. Adoption of the June 19, Agenda

A. Additions/Corrections - None

B. Acceptance moved by Diane, seconded by Renata and passed unanimously.

6. Secretary Report

Report of the Secretary's May 15th Council meeting

A. Additions/Corrections - None

B. Acceptance moved by Russ, seconded by Constance and passed unanimously.

7. Report of the Treasurer

A. Questions/Concerns - Diane explained unusual and emergency expenses.

B. Acceptance was moved by Steve, seconded by Renata and passed unanimously.

8. Report of the Pastor (see attached report)

A. Questions and Concerns

B. Any items needing Council approval - None

9. Reports of Church Committees by Council Liaisons

A. Christian Service

Evangelism/Stewardship (3rd Monday at 10:30 am) - No meetings will be held in June or July

First Saturday - no report

Family Activities - Father's day luncheon was a success. Next activity will be Christmas in July on July 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

B. Christian Education (3rd Sunday)

Education - Two new members are of the age to take confirmation class. They are not early risers so pastor will possibly hold a Wednesday afternoon class starting in the Fall.

Youth Ministry - No report

Adult Ministry - The Monday class will continue through the summer with the deacons teaching when the pastor is not here

C. Christian Worship -

Worship and Music (Quarterly) (applause after choir) - Some choir members had requested we not applaud after the mid-service

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performance. Council came to the consensus to not address the issue as if applause is spontaneous then it should happen.

The next meeting will be August 12th,

D. Administration

Property - See attached report. Steve moved, Diane seconded and it passed unanimously to authorize the property to get bids and then have removed two dead oaks and two damaged pine trees.

Long Range Planning - no meeting

Finance - no meeting

Personnel - nothing to report

Memorial - nothing to report

Endowment - Issued a scholarship to Marissa Penn for \$500.

10. Old Business

A. SOS food bank - No one is interested in volunteering yet.

B. Red Cross Training - Victor will speak with the Red Cross trainer about setting up a breakfast meeting to train volunteers. He will see if it can be done in less than the four hours suggested.

11. New Business

A. Discuss change of service hours - Russ moved to survey the congregation about moving the Sunday service time from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Steve seconded and it passed unanimously.

Council will review the survey due July 14th at the July 17th council meeting and make a decision based upon the survey of the congregation.

12. Consent Agenda - Motion was made to approve by Steve, seconded by Harold and passed unanimously.

A. Carol Warden would like to change the Christmas in July Date to July 27th from 2 – 4pm because of a Thrivent baseball game conflict.

B. Pastor would like to change our worship booklet resource from CD plus a liturgy license to a totally on-line resource which includes the license. It involves spending about \$100 - 150 more a year than we are currently, and will save us time.

13. Current Meeting Highlights for Newsletter and Bulletin

1. Authorized property chair to get bids and then have removed two dead oaks and two damaged pine trees.

2. Authorized survey of congregation by e-mail and postal mail re: moving Sunday service to 10 am. Results need to be in by Sunday July 14th and council will review results at the July 17th council meeting

14. Devotions for the July 17, 2013 Meeting - Share stories of a time when we reached out to help someone in need.

15. Adjournment and Prayer - Dick moved, Casey seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Deacon Diane led closing prayers.

Wednesday Morning Class: Wisdom Seekers

This fall, the Wednesday morning class will study the Old Testament, a DVD course from "The Great Courses." The professor is Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. This video series includes 24 lectures by the professor enhanced with visual elements.

This class begins September 11, at 10:30am. The videos run about 25-30 minutes, and the rest of the class time is discussion of the video contents. Yes, it's early to begin thinking about the fall, but I hope to get it on your calendars now so you can plan to be there as often as possible.

Wisdom Seekers: The Old Testament Course Summary

The Bible has been labeled, correctly, as the foundation document of Western thought. Filled with genres ranging from myth and saga to law and proverb, containing dry political history and erotic love poetry, informed by a world view much different than our own, these texts are a people's sacred story. And that story is the foundation document of Judaism and the first part of the canon of the church.

These twenty-four lectures offer an introduction to the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as it is presented in the collection of texts called the Old Testament. Attention is given not only to the content of the biblical books but also to the debates over their meaning

and the critical methods through which they have been interpreted.

The goal of an academic course in biblical studies should not be to undermine religious faith. Rather, it should provide members of faith communities with richer insights into the literature that forms their bedrock. Even were one to argue that the text is divinely inspired or dictated by God, one might still want to know as much as possible about the particulars: Why these words? Why this order? Why this social context? Why this translation?

Highlights from the Council President's Desk

- We should be completing all the repairs on our lightning damages this month. When they are completed we shall file a claim with our insurance.
- The property committee is keeping up with the mowing and trimming that all the rain has brought us.
- Steve Northsea will be sponsoring an Elder consumer protection program that will benefit all of us in the future.
- We still need to address the roof leaks when the rain stops.
- Don't forget to sign up for the pancake breakfast on Saturday August 17, at 9am. We will have a guest speaker from the Red Cross.

Vic Kahler

Council President

Known Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

Birthdays

- 1 Gladys Schlegel
- 3 Sue Hovis
- 5 Janet Esworthy
- 6 Peyton Vilardi
- 7 Kim Williams
- Carole Warden
- 10 Linda Becker
- 12 Joan Weiler
- 23 Dee Forsyth



- 25 Steven Penn
- Kerry Reed
- 27 Renate Wilms-Rovin
- 28 Sheri Vilardi

Anniversaries

- 1 James & Anita O'Donnell (33)
- 6 Mike & Beth Penn (25)

SOS Personal Products Collection

SOS Personal Products Collection with supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

SOS welcomes the congregations of all 5 partnered churches and friends who supports its mission. Many of you purchase non-food items for the recipients of food (purchased by SOS and donated by folks like you). We have been fortunate to have on hand many of the items listed, but currently find our supply running extremely low. Clients are unable to buy personal care items with SNAP (formerly know as food stamps).

What is unique about this appeal is the additional funding available through Thrivent Financial. Good Shepherd will document the volunteer hours contributed toward the activity and the dated receipts turned in for the purchases (copies are accepted). This campaign will run through October 31, 2013. SOS will receive \$400 for the efforts of the volunteers participating in this activity. We must show 1/2 hour of volunteer time for each dollar granted.

Bring your items to Good Shepherd on weekdays between the hours of 8am

and 1 pm or ask your volunteers working on Thursdays to bring them along for distribution. Be sure to circle the items bought for this project and circle the date of the receipt (cross out credit card information, too). There is an envelope for receipts (near the SOS donation basket) in Good Shepherd's fellowship hall along with a list to print your name and volunteer hours (amount of time driving to and from store, to the church and shopping). This list will be shredded following the event. It will be used for calculating the hours and number of participants along with their affiliation with Thrivent, if any. You need not be a member to participate.

Note to Hope members and friends: There will be a basket in the narthex for the personal products collection and an envelope for the receipts. Please include a copy of your receipt (with items & date circled) and the volunteer hours it took you to drive to the store, purchase the products and drop off at our church. Carole Warden will drop off the information and products to Good Shepherd on Thursdays.

SOS Personal Products Collection (through 10/31/13)

These items are requested year round.

Consider purchasing:

Diapers (all sizes)

Baby powder, lotion, etc.

Diaper rash ointment

Feminine care products

Razors and shaving cream
(male and female)

Adult diapers

Bar soap or body wash

Shampoo/conditioner

Toothpaste/toothbrush
(for children, too)

Dental floss

Laundry soap

Dish soap

Toilet paper

Pain relievers
(aspirin, Tylenol)

Reminder: Pleased include dated receipts and items circled when dropping off the products.

Those Assisting in Worship for August

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

4—Deacon John Chiappetta/Casey Gaylardo
11—Lynn Polack/Renate Wilms-Rovin
18—Jackie Dean/Dee Forsyth
25—Deacon John Chiappetta/Renate Wilms-Rovin

Altar Guild

Margaret DeWalt
Margarita Chiappetta
Casey Gaylardo
Diane Kahler

Nursery

4—Janice Pitre
11—Judy Thomason-Kasco
18—Sue Hovis
2—Ann Becwar

Lay Readers

4—Janet Esworthy
11—Jackie Dean
18—Dee Forsyth
25—Deacon Diane Kahler

Assisting Ministers

4— Steve Northsea
11— Renate Wilms-Rovin
18 – Deacon John Chiappetta
25— Deacon Diane Kahler

Guest Greeter

Sue Hovis

Greeters

Jim Hovis
Joan Klotz

Ushers for the Month

Janet Esworthy
Howard Walsh



August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion 9:00a Choir Reh 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 2:00p Deeper Life L.H.	5 10:30a Sunday's Coming CRI	6 8:30a YMCA SS (Strength) 9:30a YMCA SS (Yoga) 4:30p YMCA (Cardio Circuit) 5:15p YMCA (Pilates)	7 1:00p Art Group 6:00p Youth Group	8 8:30a YMCA SS (Strength) 9:30a YMCA SS (Yoga) 4:30p YMCA (Cardio Circuit) 5:15p YMCA (Pilates)	9	10
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