

Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

A Message From Pastor

The stories, brief as they are, are wonderful. I asked in a sermon for you to tell who were salt and light for you, and for whom you may have been salt and light.

Many listed just names, some added the role the person played in their life, and several told the story. Some folks signed their names, most didn't. I have chosen to use only first names in most cases. I have summarized the lengthier stories for this article. In a few cases, I struggled to read the handwriting. I hope I got it right.

I also asked you to think of times when you have been salt and light for others. There were fewer of these responses, in part because we are not sure we have actually had an effect on others. Trust me, if we intend to sprinkle salt, it is always salty, even though we may not know it has been tasted at that time.

I offer these stories and names to you-all in the hope that you will be as blessed as I was by these offerings. To all who contributed, THANK YOU for sharing your stories.

In HOPE,
Pastor Lynn +

Note: For space reasons, the lists are elsewhere in the newsletter, as they fit the space available.

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Thank You

THANK YOU . . . for the dollars are always generous donations for appreciated. Casey Gaylaro SOS (Serving Our Savior) and Carole Warden will gladly food pantry recently. deliver the items to Good Souper Bowl Sunday on Shepherd each Thursday. February 2, was a success Just bring your donations to as we raised \$178.98 and it Hope and place them in the will go towards buying much basket provided in our needed food for our local church narthex. THANK food pantry ministry. YOU! Denver fans contributed the most, but Seattle was well represented too. SOS can always use your donations . . . food items, personal items and/or

Martyr Moments

Patrick,
Bishop to Ireland 461

March 17, the day of his death.

When he was about 16 years old he was captured from his home in Great Britain, and taken as a slave to Ireland where he lived for 6 years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as an ordained bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the 7th Century he had already come to be revered as a patron saint of Ireland. His feast day is celebrated on

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Thank You

- ⇒ Special thanks to Kelly Murphy for the refreshments and supplies for Martha Circle! We appreciate your generous donation!
 - ⇒ Thanks to the dedicated altar guild ladies for all they do to make our church services run smooth.
 - ⇒ Thanks for the anonymous donation made to Martha Circle . . . we will use the money for supplies in our crafts! We appreciate it!
 - ⇒ Thanks to Kerry for keeping Luther Hall so clean and for setting up tables for special events!
 - ⇒ Thank you to all the people coming to the 8am service and to Pastor and the deacons for their participation.
- ⇒ Thanks to Karen Perry from Michigan who begun volunteering at SOS along with Casey Gaylarido and Carole Warden.



Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet on March 5 at 1:00pm in Luther Hall . . . classroom 3.

Martha Circle met on February 5, and made Valentines for our homebound and nursing home members. They also made Valentine favors to pass out on February 9 at both services of Hope. The 4 ladies, who met, enjoyed crafting, social time and refreshments. The next gathering is

on March 5 at 1:00pm and the ladies will focus on St Patrick's day crafts. Light refreshments will be provided . . . Please join us.

Carole Warden

Who Were Salt and Light to You?

- ⇒ Margaret, Diane, Terry, Anita, and Carole who invited me to be involved in ministry; Kelly, Pastor Lynn and all Hope's pastors
- ⇒ Tom, Margaret, and Seleny who gave in spite of serious health challenges
- ⇒ a Bible teacher who explained the Word of God to teenagers and "made me realize [it] could be understood and explained to others."
- ⇒ Lina and Linda who invited my children and me to church, Sunday school, and other activities, and teaches scripture
- ⇒ Jim and Sherri who welcomed me to Hope with open arms, and made sure I felt comfortable
- ⇒ A grandmother who lived each day doing for others, always having a grateful heart, and never complaining
- ⇒ Pastor Don Krueger, who understood young people and taught confirmation, a good shepherd
- ⇒ Charles, who was the epitome of living the life Jesus taught, was humble, and his light shone bright
- ⇒ Vic and Diane, who do so much for Hope
- ⇒ Harold and Kay, who offer rides and other assistance to Bob Krokker
- ⇒ Anita, who made the bible come alive
- ⇒ Mrs Dahler (an adopted grandmother), Mrs Newhoufer (a principal and teacher), and parents
- ⇒ Mrs Wellington Wolf, a music/voice teacher and his wife Pauline, who made me a part of their family
- ⇒ Pam, Flo, Janet and Gary, John, Pastor Fox, Frank, Pastor Scherr, Barb, Ruthie
- ⇒ Pastor van Loeuwen, confirmation class teacher, and cousins Pete and Carole Borgman who at 70+ are still doing missionary trips to Mexico
- ⇒ Father & Mother, Scout Leaders, Pastors, Teachers, Friends
- ⇒ Mrs Moody, my sixth grade religion teacher
- ⇒ Helen, who asked if I knew the Lord and his Son. Our conversation is part of the reason I came back to church.
- ⇒ Pastor Clark
- ⇒ Pastor Greene, John, Reshad (sp?), Bee, Sarah, Wayne, Karen, Kadar, Kathi, Mike
- ⇒ My mother, Jason, my grandmother
- ⇒ Alan, Al, Art & Nancy, all showed me the way to God and how to serve him
- ⇒ Pastor Olsen: if it weren't for him I wouldn't be a Christian today. He encouraged us to challenge our faith by asking questions.
- ⇒ Raised Pastor Siersbeck, Joe, Paul
- ⇒ Shirley, modeled Christian woman's life, inspirationally beautiful voice,

Who Were Salt and Light to You? (Continued from p. 4)

- natural life of service
- ⇒ Pastor Phil Anderson, my pastor as a teen, taught me to grow my faith, confirmed me, married me, baptized my children; Leonard & Marci raised me when I lost my parents
 - ⇒ Aunt Bessie who was always in church, a leader in women's activities, Bible school in gas rationing time, at 90 she stood with a bible in one hand and a cane in the other and led devotions for a women's group
 - ⇒ An unnamed women who sat with me when we learned that my husband had cancer; helped me understand that I was strong enough to see my husband through his remaining time, and to share love and laughter and joy during that time.
 - ⇒ Mrs Rucker, Sunday school teacher; Pastor Johansen, taught me how to accept and forgive; Wesley Fuerst - new insight in understanding the Old Testament; A J Duis, confirmation pastor

Members Who Are Homebound or in 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

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:
Senior Chief Phyllis Thomas

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

Did You Ever Wonder . . . ?

Did you ever wonder about the Church Calendar?

There are 3 main cycles in the church year: The Christmas Cycle, the Easter Cycle and The Time of the church. These cycles are divided into the more familiar sub-cycles.

The Christmas Cycle is divided into the Advent Season-colors on the altar are blue or purple. This is the time before Christmas Eve. The Christmas season color is white with a simple manger receiving elaboration through the additions of a crown, a symbol of authority and posed in order to underline the significance of the incarnation. The Epiphany Season underlines the star that led the Magi, thought to be kings, to the side of Jesus.

Jacob's Journey

Jacob's Journey is inviting everyone to study the wonderful letters and epistles of Paul which are the basis of our church theology today. A study of the book of Romans changed the life of Martin Luther and after that, changed the course of history with power of the Reformation. These books are certainly powerful and can greatly influence the course of a person's life as they feel the guidance of the Holy Spirit which

The Easter Cycle colors include purple, black and white for altar cloths. Because Jesus' death and resurrection constitutes God's most complete saving action for humankind, the lessons of Lent and Easter can be understood as a unit. We travel from the Ashes of Ash Wednesday to the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday to the black of Good Friday to the Pascal Candle and White of Easter.

The Time of the Church can also be called the Season After Pentecost. Red is the color of Pentecost that represents the Holy Spirit that descended, green is the color for most of the season concluding with Christ the King Sunday, which is white. This is a time for growth and faith within the church, through the power of the Spirit.

speaks to us through the Holy Word. Now is the time to draw closer to God and His Word.

Our class meets on Mondays at 1 to 3 P.M.

For Whom Were You Salt and Light?

- ⇒ My children and grandchildren (I hope)
- ⇒ My students (I hope)
- ⇒ The guests at a soup kitchen, who were so grateful
- ⇒ My barber, whom I taught to respect the Lord (*I think this is what this said*)
- ⇒ Janelle, Emilio, my cousin
- ⇒ Serving Our Savior
- ⇒ Steve Northsea, always working hard to provide for his family
- ⇒ A coworker who is now off drugs and back in church (It's a wonderful feeling!)
- ⇒ Family, young scouts, friends, church
- ⇒ Melissa, whom we brought into our house when her family moved away
- ⇒ My mentee
- ⇒ Those I ministered to when I visited them
- ⇒ When I volunteer at nursing homes, food banks, etc. I try to live by the "Golden Rule"
- ⇒ When we were at a hotel near St Jude's Hospital, it was humbling that we could only comfort, but we felt God had us there for a reason
- ⇒ I try to plant the seed at work by sharing my beliefs with coworkers; I help by leading teens in service to the community and other less fortunate folks.
- ⇒ Teaching the Word of God to other children as I was growing up; I was practicing what I had learned at camp
- ⇒ I paid for children's meals, clothes, even rent; I prayed when I was with them, they were so discouraged



Critic's Corner

My Story by Elizabeth Smart

On June 5, 2002 14 year old Elizabeth Smart, the daughter of a close-knit Mormon family, was taken from her home in Salt Lake City in the middle of the night by a religious fanatic, Brian Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee. Elizabeth was kept chained, dressed in disguise, starved, experienced severe thirst with no water for a week, repeatedly raped daily and told she and her family would be killed if she tried to escape. After her rescue on March 12, 2003

she rejoined her family and worked to pick up the pieces of her life.

Critique: Diane Kahler This is a fascinating book about a religious nutcase and how Elizabeth's faith sustained her. Judgment of her actions must be tempered by the fact she was only 14 years old-still a little girl.

Members are invited to submit a book or movie to the Critics Corner

Library News

Hope's Treasure Chest

Would you like to go on a treasure hunt where you are sure to find a treasure? Did you know we have them where everyone can find them right here at Hope? Any guesses out there?

Let me give you a clue as to where to find these treasures. Have you checked out the library here at Hope? There are a wide variety of books, DVDs, CDs, and even VHS! One of the best ways to go on a mystical and wondrous journey is to open a book and begin reading the first page. Or, perhaps you've hit a spiritual roadblock and need some guidance. Maybe you'd just like to

learn something new. You'll find all of this and more in our library.

There are some added pluses here that you won't get at the public library. You can take out as many items as you like, and there's no return due date! Next time you're at church, stop by our library and see for yourself.

When you find something you'd like to read, sign the card on the inside and place it in the designated box. Pastor Lynn, Kelly and Vivian Matthews all have keys and will be happy to let you go on your own "treasure hunt."

Council Minutes from January 15, 2014

HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL - JANUARY 15, 2014 - 7:00
p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm - 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 (present)

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 - The council members discussed their favorite Bible heroes.

4. Guests - None

5. Adoption of the January 15 Agenda

A. Additions/Corrections - None

B. Acceptance moved by Diane, seconded by Casey, passed unanimously.

6. Secretary Report

Report of the Secretary's December 18 Council meeting

A. Additions/Corrections - None

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

7. Report of the Treasurer

A. Questions/Concerns - Total loss for the year was discussed.

B. Acceptance was moved by Renate, seconded by Aida 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) - New website is up and working. Steve is working on "Burma Shave" signs.

First Saturday - No report

Family Activities - Ham dinner will be served following Annual meeting January 26.

B. Christian Education (3rd Sunday)

Education is ongoing and continuing

Youth Ministry

Adult Ministry

C. Christian Worship

Worship and Music (Quarterly) - See attached

D. Administration

Property - See attached

Long Range Planning- No meeting

Finance - See MSP 2014

Personnel - Employee evaluations need to be done.

Memorial - No report

- Endowment - Diane needs treasurer's report. Dick and Steve said they will send it to her.

10. Old Business

A. Nominating Committee - Four nominations for council include current members Aida Diaz, Virginia Matthews; and two new nominees KIm Williams and Sandra Meslow.

B. Final Agenda Annual Meeting - Has been published

C. Preview of new Hope website - Council

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viewed the new website and were urged to view it at home and send corrections to Steve.

D. February 2 Council Retreat (headcount) - Approximately twelve council members will attend.

11. New Business

A. Change of Time for March 19 Meeting due to Lenten Activities - Meeting will be at 7:40 PM instead of 7:00 PM due to 7:00 PM Lenten Service

B. Appointment of Audit Committee - The audit committee was appointed. The members are Renate Wilms-Rovin, Harold Skidmore and Steve Northsea.

12. Consent Agenda - None

13. Current Meeting Highlights for Newsletter and Bulletin

1. A new website is up and running for Hope Lutheran. The address is hopeelca.com. Please if you are online type hopeelca.com into the address bar (not the search bar) and visit the site. If you have time check out all the links as you can help us make sure they work - also any suggestions for content addition or changes would be welcome. Please send to northsea@usa.net

2. The Lenten worship plan is as follows:

Wednesday March 5 - Ash Wednesday - Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday March 9 - First Sunday in Lent - Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Wednesday - March 12 - Lenten Soup Dinner - 5:30 pm Service 7:00 pm

Sunday March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent - Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Wednesday - March 19 - Lenten Soup Dinner - 5:30 pm - Service 7:00 pm

Sunday March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent - Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Wednesday - March 26 - Lenten Soup Dinner - 5:30 pm - Service 7:00 pm

Sunday March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Wednesday - April 2 - Lenten Soup Dinner - 5:30 pm - Service 7:00 pm

Sunday April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent -

Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Wednesday - April 9 - Lenten Soup Dinner - 5:30 pm - Service 7:00 pm

Sunday April 13 - Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday - Service 10:00 am - Cantata

Thursday April 17 - Maundy Thursday - Seder Dinner 5:00 pm - Foot washing play after dinner - Service at 7:00 pm

Friday April 18 - Good Friday - Taize Style Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday April 20 - Easter Sunday - Services at 7:00 am (Sunrise Service Outside) - Breakfast at 8:00 am and Service at 10:00 am

3. The audit committee was appointed. The members are Renate Wilms-Rovin, Harold Skidmore and Steve Northsea.

14. Devotions for the February 19, 2014 Meeting - Council will discuss their favorite church holiday or season.

15. Adjournment and Prayer - Pastor moved to adjourn, seconded by Steve and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:40 pm with prayers led by Deacon John

Lent Mid-Week Schedule

Shrove Tuesday—

(Pancake Dinner)

March 4

5:30 pm



Lenten Midweek Services

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26,
April 2, and 9

7 pm - Service of Evening
Prayer

Soup Suppers—Wednesdays

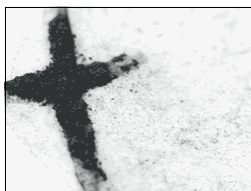
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9.

5:30 pm



Ash Wednesday—March 5

7 pm



Lent Worship Theme

There will be worship in the evening for Wednesdays of Lent. The theme for Service of Evening Prayer is "This Cup." Mini-dramas of 3-5 minutes depict the last hours of Jesus' earthly life. Although Jesus never speaks or appears, the dramas focus on the events of the final few days and how they affected the eyewitnesses. The weekly themes are: After the supper; Outside the

courtyard; In the Praetorium; On the way to Golgotha; and At the Cross. Make plans now to join us for these evening worship services as a way to deepen your Lenten journey.

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 4, Hope is having a Pancake Supper at 5:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed. If

interested in volunteering, contact Diane Kahler. A suggested donation of \$3 is requested.

Lenten Soup Supper

There will be soup suppers during Lent beginning at 5:30pm on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 & 9. We will have three to four soups a night. A sign-up sheet is posted in Luther Hall if you would like to bring. We also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up.



St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
March 16 after the 10am worship
service

side. Desserts are needed. A
suggested donation of \$3 is
requested.

Menu: Corned Beef with mixed
vegetables of cabbage, carrots and
potatoes. Irish soda bread on the

Known Birthdays for March

Birthdays

- 1 Steve Kasco
- Marissa Penn
- 3 Ruby Wagner
- 4 Tanner Serrano
- 8 Lempi Tervo
- 17 Paul Popke



- 20 Tyler Penn
- 27 Janice Pitre

Those Who Will Assist in Worship for March for 10 am

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

2 - Judy Howe/Rente Wilms-Rovin
5 - (Ash Wednesday) Anita O'Donnell/
Emilio Del Valle
9 - Dee Forsyth/Kris Brock
16 - Deacon John Chiappetta/Kelly Haines
23 - Jackie Dean/Emilio Del Valle
30 - Dee Forsyth/Judy Howe

Altar Guild

Margarita Chiappetta
Margaret DeWalt
Casey Gaylarido
Diane Kahler

Nursery

2- Janice Pitre
9 - Judy Thomason
16 - TBA
23 - Ann Becwar
30 - TBA

Lay Readers

2 - Deacon John Chiappetta
5 - (Ash Wednesday) Emilio & Dominic Del Valle
9 - Jackie Dean
16 - Bob Schade
23 - Peggy Schade
30 - Steve Northsea

Assisting Ministers

2- Steve Northsea
9- Deacon John Chiappetta
16 -Anthony Diaz
23- Renate Wilms-Rovin
30 - Deacon Diane Kahler

Guest Greeter

June Towner

Greeters

Rita & Ron Cowan

Ushers for the Month

Lou Diaz
Dick Regan

March 5 (Ash Wednesday)
Russ Telfer



**BRING A FRIEND
TO CHURCH!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00a Sunday School CR2 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship 2:00p Deeper Life	3 10:30a Sunday's Coming CR2 1:00p Jacob's Journey 6:30p Boy Scouts	4 5:30p Shrove Tuesday Dinner (Pancake) 7:00p Confirmation	5 10:30a Wisdom Seekers CR2 1:00p Martha Circle CR3 1:00p Art Group 7:00p Ash Wednesday	6 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Choir Reh.	7	8
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