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Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

A Message from Pastor

This month marks the 40th anniversary of Hope as an organized Lutheran congregation. As I have read the Parish Record Book and the Newsletter, I have noticed that the people of Hope were busy, active, and enjoyed getting together for a good time: the music of the Hi-Lo's, the Theater Guild, monthly dinners, Women of the ELCA and the Men's Club programs and speakers, youth activities, Pairs and Spares Travelers, and so forth.

A few years ago, the rumor circulating was that Hope would be closed within a few months. We have proved that rumor was wrong. We are not only still open, we are moving beyond surviving to thriving. A new rumor has been circulating lately.

We are now thought of as the "party church." As I look at the long history of Hope, I say, "We have gone back to our roots." I say, "Name it and claim it!" I say, "If you feed them, they will come."

We began a couple of years ago having monthly social events based on a theme. People began staying longer after worship to enjoy the good food and fun these events provided. Now, although we no longer have a special theme every month, many people stay for refreshments and conversation every Sunday.

Jesus went to parties. For example, he was at a wedding party when he made very fine wine. He was at a dinner party with

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Pastor's Message (Continued)

Matthew/Levi the (former) tax collector when he was challenged by the leaders about his dining habits. He was at a dinner party with either Simon the leper or at the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus when he was anointed. The Last Supper is a combination of religious ritual (Passover) and dinner party, as those of us who attended the Seder meal discovered.

one that gets along so well that they have frequent, fun get-togethers? Isn't this a place where Jesus would love to come and join us for a cup of coffee and a cookie and a bagel sandwich? Isn't this a great way to "Know Christ and make him known?" Don't you know someone who might welcome an invitation to a party at Hope?

If you were looking for a congregation to belong to, wouldn't you like to find

In Hope
Pastor Lynn

Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

March 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>
March 4	82	3,541.00
March 7	No Comm.	153.00
March 11	69	1,548.00
March 18	69	1,934.00
March 21	No Comm.	15.00
March 25	82	2,337.00

Total Inflows: \$ 11,985.59

Total Outflows: \$ 12,524.81

The full 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
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Planning
- Treasurer
Diane Kahler
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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

Martha Circle

Martha Circle ladies met on April 4 and completed favors for the Easter breakfast. They also filled Easter baskets for our youth at Hope.

Martha Circle will not meet on May 2.

40th Anniversary Meal

Chef Stephen DiGiovanni of Elegant Catering will be presenting our 40th Anniversary Meal on Sunday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. in Luther Hall.

The menu consists of:

Chicken Cordon Bleu OR
Lasagna
Italian Vinaigrette Salad
Almondine Green Beans
Au Gratin Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Cake
Coffee & Tea

The meal is priced at \$20 per person but we are only asking for \$10 per person and the church will pay the difference. Additional donations are welcome. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and please select either chicken or lasagna when you sign-up. Once the final tally is done on May 23, you will no longer be able to attend if you have not made your reservation.

Our next gathering is:

Wednesday, June 6

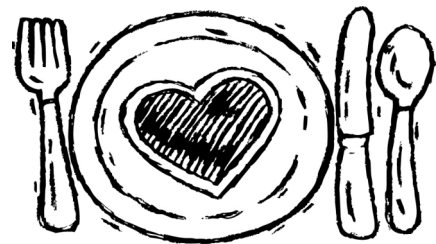
At 1:00 p.m.

Classroom 3 of Luther Hall

Carole Warden

Checks are requested to be made out to Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in advance and in the memo line write Anniversary Dinner. This is a very special meal to celebrate the 40th year of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Also, Diane Kahler and Ted Polack are being consecrated that Sunday as our new Deacons. Please come and celebrate these wonderful events with us!!!



Esther Circle

May has arrived and we reach the end of our trip with Jesus as told in the Gospel of Mark. We walked with Jesus to the Jordan River where John was baptizing: we have followed him through his public ministry in Cralilee: we have witnessed his calling of disciples, his healing and teaching, he silencing of troubled spirits, his compassionate regard for outcasts and the poor, and we were along on storm-tossed seas, grassy hillsides when multitudes were fed, and on the roads that led to Jerusalem. We have seen his identity unfold and clarified—He is Jesus, the crucified, the Son of God. We

know He is not dead but lives—raised from the dead by God. He shows his disciples and us, his way to live this life. This session (number 9), entitled “Go and Tell” ends where the Bible study began—back with the question of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ in the 21st century.

Please join us on Thursday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor for this final session about Mark's gospel. Copies of the lesson are available in the church office.

Janet Esworthy, Study Leader

Thrivent News

Ruth Moheit and Carole Warden attended the 2012 Community and Volunteer Leader Summit held at Howey in the Hills Mission Inn Resort on March 24. A full day of learning about the changes in Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that is taking place this year. They interacted with

other Lutheran Advocates, Chapter Leaders and Financial Planners.

40 Years

Our 40th anniversary of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is being celebrated on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with a sit-down catered meal. Bishop Edward Benoway will be here to join us for this joyous occasion. Diane Kahler and Ted Polack are being

consecrated at the 9:30 morning worship service and will become our new Deacons. This will be a great way to celebrate these two events. Please plan to attend, but you must sign-up by May 20, in order to reserve your place at the meal.

Thank You From Helga

Thank you so very much for sending me so many get-well cards and visiting with me during my stay at the hospital & Life Care. This was the second time that I turned yellow (I don't think I care to wear that color anymore).

Hopefully, the doctors have taken care of my problem. I felt so special receiving

Thank You From Casey

I would like to thank each and everyone for your flowers, cards, calls, visits, communion tapes and gifts to me on my recent surgery and rehab.

You can't imagine how much I appreciated it. God's blessings on you all.

Thanksgivings to:

Victor Kahler, Judy Thomason and Steve Kasko, and Calvin Poisel for beautifying the Memorial Garden

Renate for scrubbing the mold off the top of the walls of the walkway and painting them

Deacon John, Deacons-in-Training Diane and Ted & all involved in Lenten worship, noon reflections, soup suppers, evening dramas, Seder meal

Kelly Murphy, Bobby Whitler and others for preparing worship booklets, making copies, stapling booklets week after week

communion from Deacon John and the Deacons in training, Ted & Diane, Stephen Minister, Ruth and of course Pastor Lynn.

Thanks again to all my dear friends and family.

Helga Whitler

I am proud to be a member of Hope with wonderful people as yourselves. Thanks again.



Your in Christ,
Casey Gaylardo

as we prepared for Holy Week and Easter

Nancy Miller for teaching about 18 of us the latest information about CPR and AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators)

Victor Kahler for taking young people needing community service hours under his wing and being a positive role model for them

Ted Polack for being the "second adult" in the confirmation class all year

Members Who Are Homebound or Residing in Care Facilities

Johanna Barrett – Home

Ginny Cameron – Home

Sebastian D'Auria – Home

Dorothy Scianna – Crystal Gem
Manor, Crystal River

Karen Summers – Home

Ruby Wagner – Barrington Place

Child Safety Training

*Child Safety Training – 06/09/2012 –
9 am at St. Timothy – Lynn Dively
Instructor

Pinelands Conference

At the recent Pinelands Conference
Gathering, Diane Kahler was elected
as treasurer and Pastor Lynn was
elected as secretary of the conference.
They will serve until fall of 2013.

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

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.

Hope's Trivia

- * Palm Sunday activities for all ages in 1994 were held: Make a soft pretzel or hot cross bun; hammer a nail into a cross; decorate an egg with a biblical character theme or original design
- * Rally Day 1994 included an audience participation "play" performed by Sunday school students: Izzies vs Phillies.
- * A frequent reminder to the congregation in 1994: Don't neglect the 3 R's: Religion, Relationships, and Rejoicing. This was a call to adults to actively participate in Christian Education. Two adult classes were held on Sundays: an in-depth Bible study, and a contemporary issues-centered study. [*We never outgrow our call to learn more about Jesus. A variety of adult classes are always offered at Hope. Why not give yourself the gift and blessing of adult education? LMF*]
- * After about 2 years of discussions and study, the dishwasher was installed in the kitchen in April, 1995. A new refrigerator was purchased in 1996. Since it does not have a freezer, the classified ads were checked for a freezer. One was found for \$100.
- * Basketball nets and hoops were removed after neighbors complained about late night noise and the church's desire to be a good neighbor. [*Recently, our neighbors asked permission to put in a mobile basketball hoop. I love seeing young people using it most days. LMF*]
- * The July 1996 newsletter includes this note from the ushers. It was suggested that we invite women to be ushers. If anyone is interested they need to get five women to work the same Sunday each month at a designated service. There will

Mother's Day Brunch

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 13 after worship

Menu:

Assorted quiche, green salad, watermelon and cake

Suggested donation \$2 per person

No sign up-just come and enjoy

Council Minutes for March 14, 2012

1. Call to Order/Remarks - Victor Kahler, President
Victor called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM and remarked that this was the first time he had been council president although he had served 24 years on church councils in his life. He said this was a happy church, blessed by the Lord and said it was our mission to keep it that way.
2. Roll Call - Steven Northsea, Secretary
President Victor Kahler - present
Vice President Russ Telfer - present
Secretary Steven Northsea - present
Treasurer Diane Kahler - present
Council Member Deacon John Chiappetta - absent
Council Member Aida Diaz - absent
Council Member Connie DeTuerk-Telfer - present
Council Member Vivian Matthews - present
Council Member Ted Polack - present
Council Member Dick Regan - absent
Council Member Helen Van Horn - present
Pastor Lynn Fonfara - present
3. Devotions - Prayer by Pastor Lynn
4. Guests - Renate Wilms-Rovin, Carol Warden
5. Adoption of the March 14th Agenda
 - A. Additions/Corrections - Pastor requested addition of Item I. to New Business. Consent Agenda Item a. corrected as to dates.
 - B. Acceptance - Moved by Helen Van Horn, seconded by Connie DeTuerk-Telfer, and passed unanimously
6. Report of the Secretary
 - A. Additions/Corrections - None
 - B. Acceptance - Moved by Diane Kahler, seconded by Ted Polack, and passed unanimously
7. Report of the Treasurer
 - A. Questions/Concerns - Diane Kahler explained how to read report for new council members. Noted only a \$67.24 difference between income and expenses to date for the year.
 - B. Acceptance - Moved by Vivian Matthews, seconded by Ted Polack, and passed unanimously
8. Report of the Pastor (see attached report)
 - A. Questions and Concerns - None
 - 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) - See attached report
First Saturday - No Report
Family Activities - No Report
 - B. Christian Education (3rd Sunday)
Education - Vivian Matthews reported that e-books of newer Church literature are now available
Youth Ministry - Youth Group is very active and meeting regularly.
Adult Ministry - Victor Kahler reported some problems with Adult Sunday morning class, but said they are working on a solution.
 - C. Christian Worship
Worship and Music (Quarterly) - See attached report
 - D. Administration
Property - See attached report
Long Range Planning - No Report
Finance - No Report
Personnel - No Report
Memorial - Russ Telfer reported that plaque for Helen Savinsky was in place.
Endowment - See attached report
10. Old business
 - A. Modification of Scout Access to Luther Hall - Victor Kahler reported that scouts would now have to call a member of the alarm committee (Victor Kahler, Russ Telfer or Steve Northsea) when they were leaving to make sure doors were locked and alarm reset. This change was a result of Luther Hall being left open and unlocked on two occasions.
11. New Business
 - A. Vote for replacement council member (Replacing resigned Bill Messer) - Diane Kahler nominated Renate Wilms-Rovin, Vivian Matthews seconded and vote was unanimous.
 - B. Council Meeting Day and Time - A long discussion was held trying to come to consensus and accommodate all members' busy schedules. It was decided that the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM or 7:30 PM may be best. Victor Kahler will call a special

Council Minutes for March (Continued)

Sunday meeting to discuss the meeting time after talking with absent council members.

C. Member use of Luther Hall for Funerals. After lengthy discussion, including input from Carol Warden, it was moved by Steve Northsea, seconded by Pastor Lynn, and passed unanimously that the wording on the recommended Funeral Arrangement document would eliminate the member Luther Hall usage fee and move the non-member fees to its place. This would also amend the Redbook guidelines for Luther Hall usage to indicate "etc." as not including charging members for funerals.

D. Church Committees Council Liaisons Appointments

1. Evangelism/Stewardship - Victor Kahler
2. First Saturday - Steve Northsea
3. Family Activities - Renate Wilms-Rovin
4. Christian Education - TBA
5. Worship and Music - Deacon John Chiappetta
6. Property - Steve Northsea
7. Long Range Planning - TBA
8. Finance - Victor Kahler
9. Personnel - Diane Kahler
10. Memorial - Russ Telfer
11. Endowment - Dick Regan

E. Appointment of Audit Committee - Volunteers Jim Hovis, Ted Pollack and Steve Northsea were appointed.

F. Council Pictures for Luther Hall - Victor Kahler will take pictures of Aida Diaz, Ted Polack, Helen Van Horn and Renate Wilms-Rovin on Sunday, E-mail to Steve Northsea who will print them out, and then Kelly Murphy will be asked to update photos and labels in Luther Hall.

G. Contact Information Form for Council members - Each member was asked to fill out the form and return to Steve Northsea. The form include:

1. Home Telephone
2. Cell Telephone
3. Home Address
4. E-mail Address

H. Red Book Revised was passed out to all council members present for their information.

I. The Pineland Conference Spring Gathering on

Saturday April 21st from 9:00 AM until Noon was discussed by Pastor Lynn. She and Renata Wilms-Rovin will attend representing Hope.

12. Consent Agenda

A. Plans for a Seder including chicken dinner and Sedar Wine on Holy Thursday, April 5th

B. Easter breakfast April 8th following 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service in Memorial Garden

C. Friendship breakfast April 28th at 9:00 a.m.

The consent agenda was amended to the above. It was moved by Ted Pollack to accept amended consent agenda, seconded by Diane Kahler and passed unanimously.

13. Other Matters

A. Defibrillator Training (Nancy Miller will train when available) - Ted Pollack will contact her to set up a date and time.

14. Devotions for April 2012 Meeting - Russ Telfer

15. Adjournment and Prayer - Helen Van Horn moved to adjourn, seconded by Connie DeTuerk-Telfer, and passed unanimously. Pastor Lynn led a prayer of thanksgiving and guidance for Hope and the Lord's Prayer.

A Little History Of Mother's Day

Earliest tributes to mother's date back to the annual spring festival of the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. Some Christians celebrated this festival on the 4th Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, mother of Christ.

In the United States Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a case she believed would be best advocated by mothers.

In 1905 after Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work

Thank You

Dear Pastor Lynn

Thank you so much for 4 weeks of enlightened messages. Certainly your sermons are a blessing! I could not leave Florida without telling you how much you were appreciated.

My first week in your church, I met a woman named Helen. What an ambassador of friendliness! She made me feel very welcome! What a great example she is for us all.

of her mother. Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

Now we honor not only mothers but all women in our life-sisters, aunts and girlfriends and wives on this day. It has become one of the most popular day to eat out.

40th Anniversary Committee

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Happy Easter

Carol Leonhard



Martyr Moments Renewer Of The Faith

John Eliot, Missionary to the American Indians - Remembered on May 21

John Eliot was born in Hertfordshire, England in 1604. In 1631, determined to be a minister, was ordained to preach at Roxbury. As he developed an interest in the Indian language and customs, he began to preach to the Indians in 1646- first in English and later in their native language. He translated the Bible into Algonquin. Eliot planned towns for the Indian converts away from the white towns in areas where they could preserve their own language and culture and live by their own laws. He prepared Indians

to be missionaries to their own people. Daniel Takawampait was the first Indian minister in New England, being ordained at Natick, Mass. In 1681. Eliot's Indian towns grew to 14 until King Philips's war in 1675. (King Philip was an Indian leader who undertook the drive to rid the English out of New England). Eliot died after a long illness on May 21, 1690.

Do You Ever Wonder....?

Do you ever wonder where and how the Communion bread comes from? Hope Lutheran has 2 Communion bread bakers-Vivian Mathews and Jim Hovis.

Currently Vivian is using this recipe:

1 ½ C whole wheat flour

½ C white flour

¾ t salt

¾ t baking soda

2T vegetable oil

¾ C cold water

3T honey

Combine water, oil, & honey in a small bowl. Whip together first 3 ingredients thoroughly. Stir the flours, salt & baking

soda to mix and add to liquid. Mix with a fork and then by hand & turn out and kneed. When the mix has blended well, shape into a large roll or ball and divide into 7 or 8 balls (she does 7), roll out to ½ inch thickness, cut a cross in the top and bake in 350 degree oven, 12-14 minutes (she bakes 10 minutes).

Each loaf is individually wrapped and frozen to keep fresh. 3 loaves are used each Sunday.

Altar Committee

Congratulations To Our 2012 Graduates

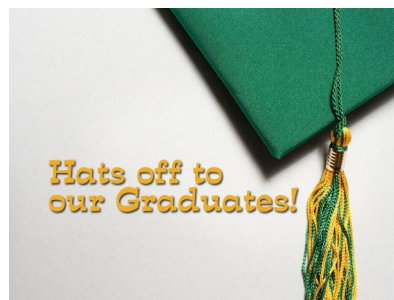
Congratulations!!!!

Logan Forsyth
 Joey Serrano
 Ryan Towne

Graduating from Lecanto High School on Tuesday, May 22.

During coffee hour on Sunday, May 20 we will be honoring the high school graduates.

If you would like to bring a card, a basket will be available in Luther hall to place the cards for the graduates.



Known Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

Birthdays

- 5 Richard Warden
- 8 Sebastian D'Auria
- 10 Stan Miller
Hazel Rienstra
- 11 Aida Diaz
- 12 Ann Becwar
Marlene Collins
- 13 David Becwar
- 24 Kelly Murphy
- 29 Lillian Taylor
- 30 Francesca Serrano



Anniversaries

- 2 David & Alice Doyle (59)
Harold & Kay Schaller (15)
- 5 Harold & Jane Skidmore (33)
Richard & Carole Warden (42)
- 7 Ted & Lynn Polack(19)
- 8 Jim & Sue Hovis (47)
- 23 Brian & Dee Forsyth (25)

Those Who Will Assist in Worship for May

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

6 - Lynn Polack/Anthony Diaz
13 - Anita O'Donnell/Casey Gaylaro
20 - Brenna Towne/Kris Brock
27- Deacon John Chiappetta/Renate Wilms-Rovin

Altar Guild

Margarita Chiappetta
Margaret DeWalt
Casey Garlaro
Diane Kahler

Nursery

6 - TBA
13 - TBA
20 - Sue Hovis
27 - TBA

Lay Readers

Sunday Services

6 - Carole Warden
13 - Ryan Towne
20 - Joyce Davis
27 - Diane Kahler/Ted Polack

Ushers for the Month

Judy Thomason-Kasco
Steve Kasco

Assisting Ministers

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

Guest Greeter

Francine Richards

Greeters

Ann Becwar
David Becwar



BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:30p Chancel Bells 6:00p Girl Scouts	2 10:30a Bible Study Library NO Martha Circle 1:00p Art Group 6:00p Youth Group	3 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Choir Reh	4	5
6 Communion 8:00a Adult Bible Study 8:00a Confirmation 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 2:00p Deeper Life L.H.	7 10:30a Sunday's Com- ing CR1 1:00p Jacob's Journey 6:30p Boy Scouts	8 2:30p Chancel Bells 6:00p Brownies	9 10:30a Bible Study Library 1:00p Art Group	10 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Choir Reh	11	12
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