

Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

Pastor's Message

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Some Thoughts About Jigsaw Puzzles:

I recently got to thinking about jigsaw puzzles. The reason I got to thinking about jigsaw puzzles is because I've also been thinking about times we've shared with Sarah's step-mom Tina. It just so happens that when we'd visit Tina, it would often be the case that a partially assembled 500 piece puzzle would be sitting on a table. And so we'd often find ourselves scanning the pieces as we talked – every now and then adding a piece to the growing whole. I'm writing about this because it seems to me that our life together as church – as the gathered, gifted, and sent people of God – is something like a jigsaw puzzle. And we are the pieces.

'So', you may be wondering, 'just when was it that I became a piece of a jigsaw puzzle?' Glad you asked. It was in your baptism. In baptism, God fits us into our place in the gathered people of God in Christ called the church – firmly linking us with the people who have been, are being, and will be gathered into that holy community – the holy community blessed with the holy promises given through baptism.

But there's more to think about in this "our life together as church is something like a jigsaw puzzle" thing. A jigsaw puzzle doesn't present to those looking at it a blank slate. Jigsaw puzzles show people a picture of something. The picture that those looking at the church should see is the ongoing mission of Jesus in the world – the mission of love and faithfulness and acceptance that brings today the same joy, hope, healing and peace that it brought 2000 years ago. Each of us has been joined into that ongoing mission – each of us has been gifted and called to show a piece of that picture. **(Cont. on next page)**

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By the grace of God, we are held tightly in the community of faith called the church – and given the responsibility and honor of showing forth the presence of God’s kingdom breaking into the world. Certainly that is more challenging than assembling a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle. So praise God that we are not sitting on Tina’s table, but instead being continually gathered by God around the Lord’s table. Praise God that it is God that is faithfully working on the puzzle.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Council Highlights September 18, 2019

1. The church picnic will use the newly cleaned and renovated BBQ Hut on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 1:30 pm.
2. Council has began looking for a musician and will be asking volunteers to join Pastor and the Executive Committee in reviewing the current job description and determining musical worship of Hope for the future.
3. The Apple Fest will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm.
4. A Garage Sale will be held in early November to raise funds for the Shoebox Ministry and for Church property repairs.

Council Officers & Members

*President
Julia Southard
Finance Committee*

*Vice President
Hans Witter
Long Range Planning*

*Secretary
Steven Northsea*

*Treasurer
Deacon Diane Kahler
Personnel Committee*

*Financial Secretary
Michel Northsea*

*Jane Skidmore
Virtual Calendar
Committee
Social Service Committee*

*Judy Howe
Christian Education
Committee*

*Victor Kahler
Property*

*Meredith Press
Evangelism Committee
Citrus Springs Civic
Association*

Renate Wilms-Rovin

Worship and Music

Cindy Todd

One Year Anniversary

On August 18th, a luncheon was held in Luther Hall to celebrate the one year anniversary of Pastor Steve and Sarah at Hope. We rejoice with our ministry! If you missed the delicious baked ham meal, you missed good Lutheran cooking.

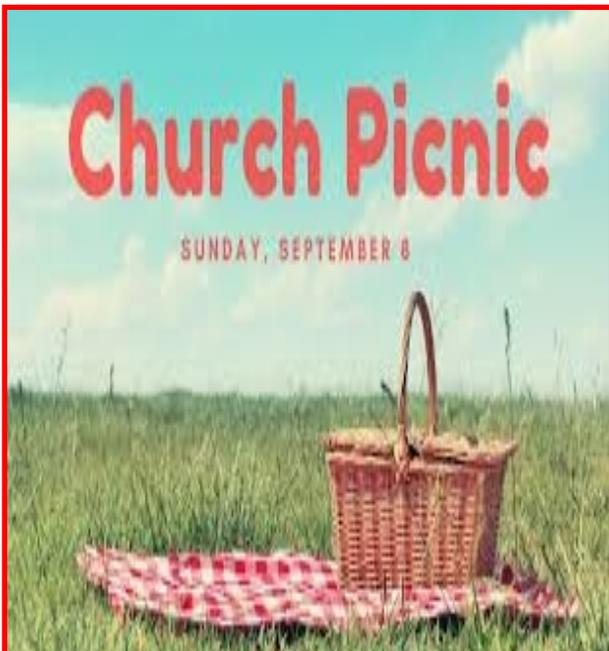
Philippians 4:4



Just a note to let everyone know that Hope is now in the second month of the packing season for Citrus County Blessings. This month packing will be on Wednesday, October 9th at 9:00AM in Luther Hall.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for this monthly event so if you would like to assist please sign-up. Deacon John Chiappetta leads this event and the new packing date is announced every month.

Blessings is an all-volunteer network of individuals, businesses, organizations, and faith communities who serve and facilitate the feeding of those in need in our community by providing weekend food for school age children in Citrus County.



Church Picnic:

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5th. Starting at 1:30 pm Hope will be having a church picnic so that everyone will get to know our members from all three services. The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks. We ask that everyone bring a covered dish to share. Please sign up for either a side dish or a dessert. The picnic will go on rain or shine. There will be games that senior citizens as well as young people will be able to participate in. We hope to have a great turnout.

See you there!

WELCA Notes

The next WELCA meeting will be October 12 at 10 am. Communion bread will be made and sampled. All our welcome to join us (women that is.)
Love and God bless all of you.
Jeannine (352) 220-2802

What a blessing! We had a nice turnout at the WELCA meeting on August 3. 15 women packed a total of 85 boxes in less than an hour and a half.

Thank you, ladies, as we will soon reach our goal of 100 boxes for 2019.

Donations and money are still being accepted and collected. I am so grateful for all the love and generosity of everyone who has supported our outreach ministry.

God Bless you!

Carole Warden

August 3, 2019 Minutes of the WELC Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Jeannine at 9:40 a.m.

Members present - Jeannine, Peggy, Judith, Sue, Julia, Carol, June, Michel, Dee, Carole, Casey, Edith, Terry Lucente, Renata, Diane, Meredith and Jane Skidmore

Visitors: None

Devotion - Devotions in August were to be given by Sarah. She was not able to come so no one was prepared to give a devotion.

Old Business - none

New Business - None

Discussions regarding future projects -

- a. It was decided that we would keep the project of making of communion bread on September 21 starting at 10:00 a.m.
- b. On October 12 we will be making the baskets that we had to put off due to Meredith being unavailable.
- d. Clean up Kitchen (will do in stages) - November date to be determined;
- e. Candy making - December 14 at 9:30 a.m.;
- f. Clean pews in church - date to be determined.

After the business meeting, Carole Warden told us about the Operation Christmas Child boxes, the history regarding them such as where they go, how much the children look forward to them and what things can and cannot be put into the boxes. We then got to work filling the boxes. We were able to fill 85 boxes and had them done by 11:00 which proves many hands make a project go quickly.

Michel volunteered to do the devotion at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Lunch followed.

Monthly Spaghetti Dinners

Amvets Post 89

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Includes: Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water

Date: Tuesday, September 24th and every Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

@Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

Citrus Springs, FL 34434

Price: \$7.00

Money goes towards helping Veterans and the Citrus County Community.

All Community members and the congregation are invited to attend!



from the Treasurer's Desk...
August 2019

Regular Offering	Communion			Total
	Sat 4:30PM	Sun 8AM	Sun 10AM	
8/4 \$2951.	20	8	55	83
8/11 \$1688	18	7	37	62
8/18 \$1760	19	5	44	68
8/25 \$2683	18	9	49	76

Total inflow: \$12,890.00

Total outflow: \$13,012.00

On behalf of the SOS (Serving our Savior) Food Pantry Ministry in Citrus County I want to thank Pat Kessell and Carole Warden for all their dedicated work involving the 2019 diaper drive in August.

Thank you ladies and to the congregation for all the diapers, not only for the drive but all year.

Your representative
Casey GaylarDO

2019 Operation Christmas Child

This is our last full month of collecting items for this year's shoebox ministry. We can still accept monetary donations for shipping fees as well.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

Carole Warden



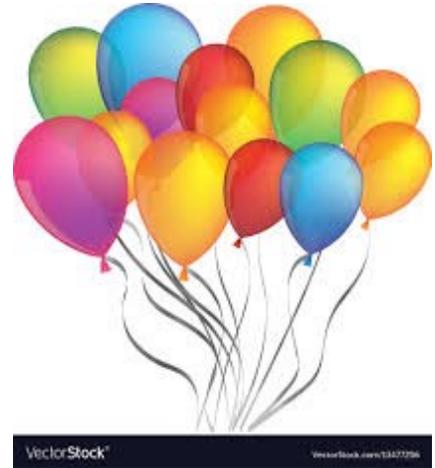
October Celebrations:

Birthdays:

1. Nancy Harris - October 6th
2. Peggy Schade - October 6th
3. Katherine Schaller - October 10th
4. William Messer - October 13th

Anniversaries:

1. Luis & Aida Diaz - October 14th
2. Ron & Meredith Press - October 14th
3. Rebecca & Andrew Thompson - October 20th



Generous - oh my yes! "Hope" had their annual diaper drive early this year for "Serving Our Savior" food pantry.

We collected 31 boxes of diapers (or 1,636 diapers), 10 packages of baby wipes and 6 packages of adult diapers. Plus we had some cash donations. This will be a huge help for those families in need.

THANK YOU everyone for your generous support of the diaper drive during July and August.

On August 25th, Thrivent sponsored this fundraiser with Pat and Bill Kessel hosting a delicious meal of Lee's fried chicken, baked beans and cole slaw. Eight of our women made extra treats and were enjoyed by all attending this event.

Candy diaper favors were made by Carole Warden.
Again, thank you for helping make this our best diaper drive yet!
God's heart - our hands

Pat Kessel, Casey Gaylardo and Carol Warden

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church August 14 2019 Council Minutes

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m. by President Julia Southard
2. Roll call
Pastor Steve Brisson E; Marilyn Butler P; Judy Howe P; Diane Kahler* P; Victor Kahler P; Steve Northsea E; Meredith Press P; Peggy Schade P; Jane Skidmore P; Julia Southard P; Cindy Todd A; Renate Wilms-Rovin P; Hans Witter P;
* not a voting member
3. Devotion - None due to Pastors absence
4. Opening Prayer - given by Julia Southard using last Sunday's Daily Prayer sent to members' e-mails
5. Visitors - Russ Telfer - Russ attended the meeting on behalf of the Memorial Committee to inform the Council of their recommendation for the pond in the Memorial Garden. There were two recommendations voted on by the Memorial Committee. One was to remove the pond, fill in with gravel and put a fountain in. The second was to remove the pond, fill with gravel and put a cement top on it. The Memorial Committee voted to remove the pond, fill in with gravel and put a cement top on it. The Memorial Committee feels that this work is the job of the Property Committee so Vic will obtain three bids to have this work done and council will vote on the bids at the next council meeting.
6. Adoption of the August 14, 2019 Agenda
 - a. Additions/corrections - add under Reports of council Liaison - O. Policy and Procedure Manual; Under Old Business - Audit; and under New Business move A. Resignation of Barb as church secretary as of August 16, 2019 to the Consent Agenda; add under Consent Agenda, B. giving Pastor his 5 day leave for his Mother-in-Laws funeral as bereavement.
 - b. Approved - After additions and correction were made, there was a motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Agenda as corrected.
7. Secretary Report
 - a. July10 Regular Meeting
 1. Additions/corrections
 2. Approved - Motion was made seconded and passed to accept the minutes as written.
8. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. June
 1. Questions/concerns
 2. Filed for audit
 - b. July
 1. Questions/concerns
 2. Filed for audit

Diane reported that all bills have been paid. Peggy inquired as to where the money that we use to pay the organist is - that money is in the general fund as employees are paid out of the general fund. There being no further questions the June and July financials were filed for audit.
9. Report of Pastor - see attached
10. Reports of Council Liaison
 - A. Evangelism Committee (Liaison - Meredith) see attached
 - B. Finance Committee (Liaison - Julia) no meeting
 - C. Worship Committee (Liaison - Peggy) no meeting
 - D. Digital Committee (Liaison - Jane) see attached
 - E. Long Range Planning (Liaison - Jane) see attached - there was a motion out of Long Range Planning to rekey the church so that everyone would have a master key that would work all locks. The purpose being so that people would not have to carry more than one key. After much discussion about the fact that we had just had the church rekeyed about three years ago and how expensive it is, as well as how many urgent things need to be repaired in the church, the money could be spent on better things, the motion failed. There was a discussion regarding the fact that the only building that people may need to get into and cannot without getting the key from the office was the BBQ Hut. It was decided that a lock box will be put on that building so that people would have access if the need arose. Vic will get a lock box and put it on. Long Range Planning also discussed the hiring of a new organist. Pastor will be having a meeting with the Executive Committee of the church to appoint people for this committee.
- Property (Liaison - Vic) see attached
- Stewardship Committee (Liaison -) we have no Stewardship Committee at this time - we are still looking for people to volunteer
- Virtual Calendar Committee (Liaison - Jane) calendar going well
- Mutual Ministry Committee (Liaison - Marilyn) no meeting
- Education Committee (Liaison - Judy) - no meeting
- Stephen Ministry (Liaison - Steve) no meeting
- Personnel Committee (Liaison - Diane) we will begin interviewing candidates for the secretarial position next week
- Citrus Springs Civic Association (Liaison - Meredith) meetings will resume in September
- WELCA (Liaison - Julia) met on August 3 and filled 85 Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Next meeting will be September 21 and we will be making Communion Bread. All women in the church are invited to join
11. Old Business
 - A. Audit - the audit committee audited the church's financial books through the end of 2018 and found them to be accurate. They also audited the Endowment books through the end of July 2019 and found them to be accurate.
12. New Business
 - A. Resignation of Barb as church secretary as of August 16, 2019 - moved to Consent Agenda
 - B. Request to add installing a WIFI extender to have WIFI in Luther Hall - tabled to September meeting.
 - C. Copy Machine - has been fixed, problem stemmed from our router being hit by lightning
 - D. Treasurer's Retreat - Diane is planning on attending
 - E. Deacon Retreat - neither one of our Deacons are planning on attending
14. Consent Agenda
 - A. Resignation of Barb as church secretary as of August 16, 2019
 - B. Approve Pastor Steve vacation day Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Consent Agenda as amended.
15. Meeting Highlights for Newsletter and Bulletin
 1. The church financials were audited on July 30, 2019 for the year 2018 and found to be accurate in all respects. The Endowment books were also audited on July 30, 2019 for 2018 through July 30, 2019 and found to be accurate in all respects.
 2. The council accepted the secretary's resignation effective August 16, 2019.
 3. The BBQ Hut has been cleaned out and is being revitalized so it can be used for future functions.
 4. Stewardship Committee - we are looking for members who would be willing to serve on the Stewardship Committee.
 5. The church picnic will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019.
16. Adjournment - there was a motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:05. Followed by the Lord's Prayer.



Fellow Coffee Hour Participants:

First - a thank you to our members that provide the goodies that we enjoy during our fellowship time after the 10am Worship Service. Your generosity and hospitality are very much appreciated. And second - a friendly reminder that the incidentals used during the fellowship time (coffee, creamers, plates, etc.) need to be purchased by the church, and so support for these purchases through donations to the Contribution Basket are very much appreciated.

Father Christmas Ball

We are not even into the "Trick or Treat" season of October or the Fall Harvest of November or that wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Risen Savior, Jesus. Yet it is time to make plans to attend the annual Gala of the Father Christmas Ball benefiting Serving Our Savior (SOS), our food pantry ministry, which we have supported for 23 years.

Serving Our Savior feeds up to 150 families weekly with the support of Hope and nine other churches in Citrus County. Annually, Serving Our Savior needs to raise \$65,000 to keep the food pantry open. Our Gala and the annual Golf Tournament are the biggest fund raisers and the Gala raises between \$13,000 and \$15,000 annually to start off the New Year.

Join us at Hope's tables this year where the merriment begins with fine food, drinks, beautiful table arrangements, decorated Christmas Trees and dancing with music from a great disc jockey.

The evening also has a 50/50 with a chance to win a couple hundred dollars and a beautiful silent auction where you can start your Christmas shopping early.

Father Christmas ball will be held on Friday, December 6th starting at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. The dress will be semi-formal attire. The Gala will be held at the Chet Cole Building at the Key Training Center located on route 44 in Crystal River.

Tickets go on sale soon. Let's show our support from Hope by filling at least two tables.

Thank you
Your Representative,
Casey GaylarDO



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Prayer Concerns

Prayer for the whole body of Christ is important. Names will be listed so that prayer can be offered to God on their behalf. Please be aware that situations and conditions change but God knows the need as you bring the individuals to God in prayer.

MEMBER SHUT-INS AND THOSE IN RECOVERY

Joan Layton

PRAYER REQUESTS

*For comfort and grief:

*For all the families who have lost loved ones.

*Prayer for serious health concerns

For Elaina Jones, Edith Regan's niece. For Dee Forsyth's niece, Amanda. For Tom Kroger, son of Jeannine Robertson and for her brother, Bill Thomas. For Diane, niece of Bill and Pat Kessel. For Dave Bessing, friend of Manley Benmark. For Pat and Bill Kessel's sister-in-law, Shirley. For Joann Mura, neighbor of Vic and Diane Kahler.

*For healing and recovery

For Dick Regan. For Judy Howe, For Victor Kahler, For Linda Becker. For Grace Donaho who had heart surgery. For Rick Davey. For Hans Witter. For June Towner. For Peggy Schade and for Bill Kessel. For David Doyle. For Mike Kimbrough. For Margaret DeWalt. For Linda, who is ill and Doug- both of whom need the Lord to help them through this. For Nancy and Spencer with family problems. For Jim and Colleen Giovannucci. For the children of the world.

We pray for the people of Hong Kong as they fight for political and religious freedom.



Those who will assist at the 10:00AM Worship Service in October.

Acolytes

6 Sarah Brisson/Edith Regan
13 Deacon John/Margarita Chiappetta
20 Ron Press/Dee Forsyth
27 Renate Wilms-Rovin/Tyler Thompson

Assisting Minister

6 Renate Wilms-Rovin
13 Judy Thomason
20 Sarah Brisson
27 John Chiappetta

Altar Guild

Margarita Chiappetta
Casey Gaylaro
Judy Howe
Diane Kahler
Sue Riley
Jeannine Robertson

Guest Greeter

TBA

Lay Readers

6 Renate Wilms-Rovin
13 Judy Thomason
20 Peggy Schade
27 Bob Schade

Greeters

Charlene Hicklin/Aida Diaz

Ushers for the Month

Luis Diaz/Tyler Penn



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. 6a-9a- Luther Hall cleaning 9:30a Quilters Luther Hall	2. 9:30A Coffee Hour 4:30p Long Range Planning 5:30p Digital Committee	3. 7:30a Serving Our Savior 6:30p Cub Scouts Luther Hall	4. 6am -11:30 Luther Hall cleaning 8:00a-12p Property 9:30a- 11:30 Altar Guild 10:00a Bell Choir	5. Church Picnic @ 1:30 pm 4:30p Informal Worship
6. Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship	7. 6:00a-12p Luther Hall cleaning 6:30p Boy Scouts Luther Hall 6:30p Girl Scouts	8. 6a-9a- Luther Hall cleaning 4:30p Evangelism Committee	9. 9:00a Citrus County Blessings-Hope Church 6:00p Council Meeting	10 7:30a Serving Our Savior 6:30p Cub Scouts Luther Hall	11. 6a-11:30a Luther Hall cleaning 8:00a-12p Property Workday 9:30a- 11:30 Altar Guild 10:00a Bell Choir	12. 4:30p Informal Worship
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