

SOLASCRIPURA  
 SOLAGRATIA  
 SOLAFIDE  
 SOLUSCHRISTUS  
 SOLIDEOGLORIA

What are these strange words? They are actually some of the core tenants of the Lutheran Church! Above, they appear in Latin; in English, they are translated “Scripture Alone”, “Faith Alone”, “Grace Alone”, “Christ Alone” and “To God Alone be the Glory”.

It might sound funny to have a collection of five things together that each claim to be “alone”. But together, these tenants are what you call a paradox – something that at first seems to be contradictory, but at a deep level contains truth.

These principles come out of the Protestant Reformation; in them, Martin Luther and others emphasized to the Church what is at the core of Christianity. This was necessary, as at that time there were all kinds of misguided ideas circulating regarding what was central to the Church. Rather than a powerful hierarchy, or various types of works and traditions, it was, is and always will be, the Reformers said, Scripture, Faith, Grace, Christ and the Glory of God that are the most essential elements of Christianity.

There is much more to say about each of these “Solos” – much more than can fit on this front page! But you have a wonderful opportunity to hear more about them in the coming weeks, as these “Five Solas” will be the focus of the messages at our midweek Lent services this year. I encourage you to come worship the Lord at the following times in these weeks leading up to Easter:

Wednesday, March 1st-Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm

Every Wednesday from March 8th-April 5th Meal at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

*In Christ, Pastor Dan*

## YOUTH NEWS

First, a huge thank you to everyone who have supplied meals on Wednesday nights it has been greatly appreciated.

We are just about to finish up our study on the book of Hosea. It’s been a long journey but a rewarding one in that in the last few weeks we have been digging deep into God’s love for us. And how we can make the knowledge of His love for us more than just head knowledge but heart knowledge. We have also looked at what we are sowing, not only in our lives but the lives of everyone we meet.

During the month of March, things will look a little different for youth group and lent. First, the youth will eat at 6 pm downstairs, then we will head upstairs for the service. Following the service, we will be having our regular youth group time. On **March 5**, weather permitting, there will be an outdoor snow adventure. Also on that Sunday there is an Outreach night at IOLBC that starts at 5 pm and ends roughly at 8 pm.

We will also be starting our preparations for the Easter Sunrise Service. On **March 15**, instead of the youth attending the lent service we will be meeting at Clay County Event Center for “No Apologies.” The goal is to have everyone meet in the lobby at 6:15 so we can all sit together. On **March 22**, the youth are going to be serving the meal before the service. Expect more details on that to come in the very near future.

*Chris Baugh*

**WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m.**  
*Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month.*  
**EDUCATION: 9:00 am Adult Study**  
**9:00 am Sunday School**

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### MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community of Christians, we commit ourselves to worship, grow in faith, to witness and reach out with Christ’s love to promote healing, support and service to one another, society, and the world.”

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Lent worship will be held each Wednesday at 7 pm. There will be a meal at 6 pm each Wednesday beginning March 8. Sunday School children will sing during worship on **Sunday, March 12**. A noisy offering will be received. The Dad Daughter Dance will be **Saturday, March 18** from 6:30-9pm at Hap Ketelson Community Center. Quilt Day will be **Wednesday, March 29**, starting at 9 am.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Judy Erick	12 Keaton Wolthuizen	21 Lillian Geerdes	30 Ian Kolb
5 Dustin Richmond	14 Duane Harris	23 Lindsay Pearson	30 Stacy Kolb
5 Kim Steffen	15 Braden Falline	24 Carol Jensen	30 Shannon Goeken
10 Vi Ostermann	19 Larisa Menke	27 Chad Keene	31 Kim Tessum
10 Teresa Reiser	20 Ardie Dodge	27 Pat Thomsen	
12 Daniel Welle	21 Denny Harmon	28 Matt Schoelermann	

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3 Don and Jan Dose	9 Dave and Kris Keene	24 Jeff and Cindy Pearson
5 Joel and Susie Hartmann	10 Travis and Annette Tesch	

## Dad-Daughter Dance

### Lucky to Have You!

Saturday, March 18 from 6:30-9:00 pm at Hap Ketelsen.  
Snacks and a 5x7 photo are included with the \$25/family admission.



You will soon be getting a call to help with the easter breakfast. Please consider helping the Women of Hope during the breakfast or with a \$10 donation. Donations need to be given to a committee member: Kathy Behrens, Pat Kunzman, LaVonne Peters, Kelly Behrens, Carol Schmeling

Menu: Baked egg dish, fresh fruit, rolls, drinks

Free will offering





# Women of Hope MEETING MINUTES

## Women of Hope Board Meeting – February 8, 2017

The WOH board meeting was held on Feb 8, 2017 at 5PM with 6 members present. President Kris Keene started the meeting with devotions on “Love- and sharing it”. The secretary’s report was

**Secretary’s Report** was read and approved M/S/C Cynthia/Teresa. A thank you was read from a family that was helped with our year-end donation to the Everly Utility Help program. See the bulletin board to read the actual email thank-you.

**Treasurer’s Report** – General Fund \$1038.27 Love Fund \$1164.82 One bill was presented for \$37.44 to Nicki Berends for the Christmas outdoor decorating supplies.

**Mission Action** - Upcoming quilt day is Feb 22. An additional day may be added since last month’s quilt day was canceled due to the weather.

**Mission Communities** - Kara Taylor has agreed to be our Christian Woman Speaks speaker for Feb. 19th.

**Mission Growth** – Plans are being made for the Spring Gathering to be held on the evening of April 26th. The Cherish House Baby Bottle campaign will be held from May 14 to June 18. Plans are being made for a speaker or a short video about the Cherish House.

**New business** - The Dad/Daughter Dance will be held March 18th. A list will be posted for snacks and worker volunteers. Bible Camp Scholarships will be the same amounts as before--\$10 for Day camp, \$20 for 2-day camp, and \$50 for 5-day camp. Kris is working on the “booklets” so a short discussion was held on the stewardship quilts and kits and where we want to send the different items that are collected. The WOH board will be serving the Lenten meal on March 8. Assignments were made for meal.

**Old business** - Two Bible studies are being started shortly and will meet on Tuesday and/or Wednesday evenings. There is still time to participate. Kris is working on a system for Hartley Health Center refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer. M/S/C Cynthia/Jennifer.

The next board meeting will be held on **March 8 at 4:30PM** so will be done in time to serve the Lenten meal that evening.

*Secretary, Sherri Steffen*

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## MARCH STEWARDSHIP KIT OF THE MONTH: Baby Care Kit taken to Lutheran World Relief

### Items included in each Baby Care Kit:

\*Please use new or gently used, clean items

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long-or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers-without feet
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel-up to 52” square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap
- 2 pair of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling up to 8 to 9ozs.-any brand, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins



‘A Baby Care Kit is like a promise. It says to that baby, Yourneeds will not be neglected by this world. You matter to us. When you send Baby Care Kits, you provide encouragement by welcoming these little ones into an international community that cares. Baby Care Kits are distributed as part of emergency and relief efforts and are also given out as part of LWR health initiatives to encourage women to seek prenatal care.’

Lutheran World Relief mission and vision: ‘Affirming God’s love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Empowered by God’s unconditional love in Jesus Christ, we envision a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity and peace.’

**Stewardship Kit Coordinators: Shirley Adolf and Linda Harders**

Lent is a perfect time to reflect on our stewardship. As we examine our lives and try to find something special to do for God it is good to remember that whenever we give time, talent or treasure to God we are living as better stewards.

As baptized members of the body of Christ, we gratefully confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. We boldly proclaim the gospel as the Word of God. We clearly recognize the gifts that God has first given us through grace, and we joyfully accept our role and responsibility as stewards. The following principles provide a foundation for the life of a faithful and generous steward.

**1. Respond gratefully** to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first. *"...but they gave themselves first to the Lord." 2 Corinthians 8:5*

**2. Obey responsibly** to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and for the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It involves our life-long obedience, including the ways we treat our families, others, and ourselves.

*"...you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ." 2 Corinthians 9:13*

**3. Sacrifice proportionately** as Christ sacrificed for us. For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings.

*"...gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." 2 Corinthians 8:3*

**4. Give willingly** as moved by the Holy Spirit. We have been prepared to give ourselves. We give our time, talents, and resources freely.

*"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave ..." 2 Corinthians 8:3*

**5. Share abundantly** as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

*"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 8:3*

**6. Give proportionately** is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means," not according to an income or a budget.

*"If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has –not according to what one does not have." 2 Corinthians 8:12*

**7. Commit intentionally** means making a statement about your intent and following through. As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support for God's work.

*"...arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised." 2 Corinthians 9:5*

**8. Contribute regularly** means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a lifestyle. Paul instructs us:

*"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn." 1 Corinthians 16:2*

**9. Live genuinely** means putting your faith into action. This is the tangible demonstration of what is sincerely on our hearts and where our treasure is, not simply a verbal expression. The Macedonians set an example that Paul called to the attention of the Corinthians

*"I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others." 2 Corinthians 8:8*

**10. Accept a challenge** means recognizing the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings, and our responsibilities. Paul writes,

*"...the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6*

Lent is traditionally a season of penitence and reflection. During this Lenten season, turn away from the concerns of this world and focus on your Christian Stewardship. Focus on the good news of God's reign come near. The threat that money and possessions pose to one's relationship with Jesus is that wealth has a way of luring us to trust in it into thinking that without it we are nothing. Jesus wants you to have your treasure stored up with him. Lent is a good time to reflect on how our stewardship reflects our relationship with God.

# MARCH

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ushers: Kevin Adolf, Carl Jensen, Brady Follon, Matt Saboe, Brad Schmidt Altar: LaVonne Peters & Sue Adams Service Group #1			2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 6:15 Youth Meal 7:00 Ash Wed Worship 7:30 Youth Group 7:30 WOW Wed Bible Study			10-2 Food Pantry
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion Greeter: Kevin Adolf & family Reader: Allen Boyles Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Eric Rud	10-2 Food Pantry		4:30 Women of Hope Board 2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Lent Meal 7:00 Lent Worship 7:30 Youth Group 7:30 Council Meeting			10-2 Food Pantry
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/SS Kids Sing/Noisy Offering Greeter: Carl Jensen & family Reader: Rachel Schoelerman Pianist: Connie Goeken Projection: Teresa Hansen	10-2 Food Pantry		9:30 Naomi Bible Study 2:00 Martha Bible Study 2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Lent Meal 6:15 Youth at No Apologies 7:00 Lent Worship 7:30 WOW Wed Bible Study			10-2 Food Pantry 6:30-9:00 Father Daughter Dance
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**Naomi Bible Study:** Hostess in March is Donna Schoelerman. Study by Chris Schoelerman.

**Martha Bible Study:** Hostess in March is Marlene Schoelerman. Study by Pat Jensen. Fireside room at 2 p.m.