



The Annual Gathering of the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) was held in Minneapolis on October 8-11. Kara and I were blessed to have the opportunity to attend, and I would like to take this opportunity to keep you up to date with what is going on in the association of congregations of which Hope is a member.

One thing that happens at the Annual Gathering each year are wonderful teaching presentations. Usually there are two or three keynote speakers that give individual presentations, but this year they mixed it up a bit. Instead of individual speakers each presentation was a 4-person panel discussion. And the topics for each of the three discussions were on points of Lutheran theology and doctrine, including justification, two-kingdoms and the priesthood of all believers. I found the presentations to be very helpful and encouraging, and if you would like to view them they will be available to watch on the LCMC website sometime in the next couple of months. Once they are available we will provide you with the link.

There are also business meetings at the gathering. In the past several years, these business meetings haven't lasted very long, as there hasn't been much business other than approving the budget. This year there actually were two resolutions that were up for discussion. These resolutions dealt with the approval process for any changes that might be made in the LCMC's policies for who can serve in ordained ministry. There was very little notice of these resolutions before the event, so it was decided that these motions would be tabled until next year's gathering. They were not life or death matters that were being discussed by any means, but sometime in the weeks leading up to next year's event, which will be in Des Moines, we can have an open forum for the congregation so that those who are interested in these matters can have the opportunity to be informed, and can also offer their feedback.



I will also add that the association is still very strong in its service of our Lord Jesus. It continues to remain congregationally focused, avoiding a large or heavy top-down structure. It continues to remain in a strong financial position as congregations freely and willingly support the association. And it continues to have a strong focus upon planting new congregations, as over the last few years, and in the coming few years, we will be approaching 100 new churches that are just starting their life together in Christ.

Other than that, as it always is, the event, overall, is a wonderful time of encouragement as we worship together and build relationships with like-minded Christians from the Lutheran tradition. And next year, since the event is being held in about as close of a city as possible to us (Des Moines), if you have an interest in attending (and can take a little break from harvest!) let me know, as we are able to send delegates from our church. Thank you again for the opportunity to attend, and the opportunity to share this information with you.

In Christ, *Pastor Dan*

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2018 Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Grants. Applications are not restricted to members of Hope Lutheran and are open to anyone. However, approval of applications will be based upon how well they enhance the ministry of Hope Lutheran. Applications forms are available at the secretary's office, 712-834-2767.

The deadline for submitting applications is **noon, Sunday, November 19, 2017**, in the secretary's office.

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

Table setting & vegetable cutting for Election Night will be **Sunday, November 5** following worship. Help appreciated!

Election Night Soup Supper will be **Tuesday, November 7** from 5–7 p.m.

Women of Hope's Fall Gathering will be **Wednesday, November 8** at 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Festival will be **Sunday, November 19**. Sunday School kids will sing in 10 a.m. worship.

Fill My Cup will be held **Sunday, November 26** following worship.

Quilt Day will be **Wednesday, November 29**, starting at 9 am.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Adams

2 Jon Erick

4 Amanda Beougher

5 Dawson Manwarren

6 Tonia Tessum

6 Jami Zahrt

7 Jack Schoelerman

8 Kathy Behrens

9 Sally Bunge

9 Martina Harmon

11 Julie Ehlers

11 Brian Schmidt

13 Joel Buenger

13 Rod Thomsen

14 Willie Hartmann

14 Paige Reynolds

15 Linda Harders

18 Susie Hartmann

18 Tod Tessum

19 Brad Schmidt

19 Audrey Thiessen

20 Jaime Flores

20 Bill Vander Gaast

21 Fred Hartmann

21 Cynthia Knapp

22 Tanner Tesch

24 Loretta Adrian

24 Betty Runkle

27 Addison Wyman

27 Kahne Wyman

28 Pat Thomsen

29 Whitney Thiessen

30 Gwen Boyles

30 Avery Steuben

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 Denny and Nancy Harmon

8 Josh and DeDe Overbeck

14 Joe & Megan Knapp Smith

17 Jon and Judy Erick

29 Rick and Joanne Follon

ELECTION NIGHT SOUP SUPPER

Soup is served on **November 7 from 5-7 pm!** Hope Youth will be serving chili, vegetable beef and potato soups. Pie will also be available. Free will donations will go to support the youth program.

FALL GATHERING FOR WOMEN OF HOPE

Wednesday, November 8. 6:30 PM Meeting. 7 PM Speaker. Desserts and fellowship follow.

All women, you are so encouraged to come! We will have a brief meeting first and your input is wanted. A few new ways to serve in the church will be discussed.

Shnicka Heal will be our speaker. She's fully spirited and absolutely inspiring. She has overcome great personal difficulty and has been reaching women coming from similar pasts, leading them to changed lives - and new futures for their children. She is stepping out to reach even more women and kids through the Victory House in Spencer, set to open very soon.

There will be desserts and time to connect with women of our congregation.

Friends and neighbors are welcome!

Please bring an item for the women and children soon coming to the Victory House: shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, hand soap, body soap, dish soap, toothpaste, paper goods, sheets, bedding, towels



FILL MY CUP!

Sunday School kids will be decorating mugs and these will be for sale following worship on **Sunday, November 26**. Proceeds raised will go to cover milk money expenses for CCE students in need.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

*I will praise the name of God with song
And magnify Him with thanksgiving.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



10 AM WORSHIP – 11 AM POTLUCK – 12 PM SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE END

Raffle tickets for Harvest Festival will be for sale every Sunday until November 19 as well as at the Election night soup supper on Tuesday, November 7. Silent Auction items will be available in the weeks leading up to the Harvest Festival.

For the Harvest Festival offering this year, we offer 4 categories for giving.

1. General Building Maintenance. The exterior of our church needs some general maintenance repairs due to age. Top of the list is repairing the bell tower. Some of the stone is coming loose and falling to the ground. Then, the stone used for the exterior is considered a softer stone. It needs to be acid washed and a sealer applied. And finally, the stained glass windows are in need of repair as the putty has weathered away.

2. Mission Outreach. Several mission projects are on the horizon for your consideration. We will continue to support TD Sherman and Sarah in their campus ministry. There are possibilities to help rebuild houses in Texas and a mission trip with Al Stater to Nicaragua. Pastor Dan talked to Wanda at the LCMC annual gathering and she is making plans to build a new church in Guatemala. Mission offerings will go to help support these projects as well as some others we have supported in the past.

3. Food Pantry. The food pantry has gradually expanded so that we now have 10-12 family units utilizing this resource each week. We buy supplies to restock the food pantry and your continued support is appreciated.

4. General Fund. We run a lean budget for the general operating expenses of Hope Lutheran. Our major expenditures are for personnel, utilities, and insurance. There is not a lot of room to trim expenses. Our Sunday offerings this year have been about the same as last year but we do not meet all of our operating expenses from just the Sunday offerings. The money in savings that comes from the Harvest Festival offering fills in the gaps.

Remember this: *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

YOUTH NEWS

In youth group we have been doing a study on Awaken and what it means to be awakened by God. A few questions we discussed: "What is God calling you to?" "How can you make a difference in the lives around you?" "What is God awakening you from?" Each of these questions is important on its own but together they point a clear line to the past, present and future.



What is God awakening you from? is about the past and the present, giving students an opportunity to reflect on not only what God has already done but what God is currently doing.

How can we make a difference in the lives around us? is about the present and the future, helping us not to only look out for ourselves but also to help those around us. To be the hands and feet of Jesus. Sometimes it's in the moment of life our everyday lives that we get presented with an opportunity to make a difference. Other times it's things we plan on doing.

Finally, What is God calling you to? talks about the future. I was once told that with God you are either moving forwards to God or backwards away from Him. In other words, "If you're not growing you're dying." There are different ways you can be growing: there is spiritual growth, the things that pertain to God; and there is personal growth, the things that pertain to yourself. As we grow in the things of God we should also be growing in ourselves, becoming more like God.

Reflecting who He is and what He has done in us (past) and through us (present) to others and looking to how we can grow some more (future). It all comes full circle and then starts anew. So how are you growing?

Youth group meets every Wednesday at approximately 6:15, where there are two types of meals provided: the first being that which is great for our body and the second, which is far more important, is the feeding of our spirit.

Chris Baugh

Church Council Meeting - OCTOBER MINUTES

President Adolf called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM on October 11, 2017. Pastor Dan gave devotions from Psalm 119 v. 161, rejoicing in the promises of the Lord.

Members present: Kevin Adolf – President LaVonne Peters – Deacon Brian Kahl – Trustee
John Jensen – Treasurer Carol Schmeling – Deacon Kris Keene – Women of Hope
Monica Glime – Secretary Todd Meyer – Trustee Brook Schueller – Board of Ed
Allen Boyles – Deacon

Secretary's report reviewed. M/S/C by Peters/Kahl to approve report.

Treasurer's report reviewed. M/S/C by Boyles/Peters to approve report as presented and pay current bills.

Member's report: Connie Peters (@Warner Funeral Home)

Trustees' report: Bell Tower update – none

Painting update on outside – painting is complete. Waiting for George to finish fascia.

Parsonage window project and Fireside Room ceiling – Fireside Room ceiling is painted. Parsonage windows to be completed soon.

Kitchen divider is installed.

Board of Education: Sunday School: October 22 is Bible Sunday – Bibles will be given to 3 year olds and 3rd graders. There are currently about 39 kids attending Sunday School. Looking into possibly getting some microphones for Sunday school programs with memorial money designated for Sunday school. There will be a special Sunday school project coming up in November.

Confirmation: Class has resumed – studying church history, the Reformation and the Catechism. Confirmation Sunday on Oct. 29 for Chloe Kahl.

High School: Resumed the end of September. Election soup supper November 7 – need carry out containers if you have any extra just laying around home.

Women of Hope: Fall Annual Gathering, November 8.

December 1 – Festival of Trees, in charge of supper so coming up with ideas.

Old Business: Harvest Festival – DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 19. Meal will be pot luck; raffle tickets are on sale now until the 19. There will be a silent auction this year in place of a live auction. If you would like to donate any new item please have it at the church office no later than October 31. Silent auction items will be available for bidding Tuesday, November 7 at the soup supper, Sunday, November 12 and before church on Sunday, November 19.

New Business: Mission – LCMC Disaster Assistance Funds - \$1245.00 was donated from the congregation. M/S/C Kahl/Boyles to send \$2500 total.

Food Pantry – Thanks to the City of Everly for their generous donation.

The next council meeting will be **Wednesday, November 8 at 8:00 p.m.**

Tidings material is due in the office on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:04 pm.

Secretary, Monica Glime



Women of Hope MEETING MINUTES

The WOH board meeting was held on **October 11, 2017** at 6 PM with 6 members present. Kara read a short devotion at the beginning of the meeting.

Secretary's Report – minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – General Fund \$1896.77 Love Fund \$1179.28 An appreciation of our last love gift was relayed to the board. There were no bills presented. Report was approved. M/S/C Tracy/Teresa

Mission Action - 15 women made 17 quilts on the last quilt day. The next quilt date is Oct 25. The need has been relayed that more Newborn Kits will be needed in the future.

Mission Communities - A volunteer is needed for the Christian Women Speak program in late Nov and again in early February. Oct. 29 will be Confirmation. The hat/mitten drive will be starting and run through the end of the year.

Mission Growth – Our Fall Gathering will be held on Nov. 8. We hope to have a speaker from the Victory House in Spencer for the evening. The general meeting will start at 6:30 with the speaker to follow around 7PM and a dessert lunch to follow. We are asking everyone to come and enjoy the evening and share ideas with us!

The other day I was cleaning off my desk (at least once a year!) and found an email I had printed out and saved that I had received a number of years ago. As we approach November and start thinking about Thanksgiving, the story touched me and I think you will be touched as well.

The Collection Plate (*author unknown*)

Here is a true story about a nine year old boy who lived in a rural town in Tennessee. His house was in a poor area of the community. A church had a bus ministry that came knocking on his door one afternoon. The kid came to answer the door and greeted the bus pastor. The bus pastor asked if his parents were home and the small boy told him that his parents take off every weekend and leave him at home to take care of his little brother. The bus pastor couldn't believe what the kid said and asked him to repeat it. The youngster gave the same answer and the bus pastor asked to come in and talk with him. They went into the living room and sat down on an old couch with the foam and springs exposed.

The bus pastor asked the kid, "Where do you go to church?" The young boy surprised the visitor by replying, "I've never been to church in my whole life."

The bus pastor thought to himself about the fact that his church was less than three miles from the child's house. "Are you sure you have never been to church?" he asked again. "I sure haven't", came his answer. Then the bus pastor said, "Well, son, more important than going to church, have you ever heard the greatest love story ever told?" and then he proceeded to share the Gospel with this little nine year old boy. The young lad's heart began to be tenderized and at the end of the bus pastor's story the bus pastor asked if the boy wanted to receive this free gift from God.

The youngster exclaimed, "You bet!" The kid and the bus pastor got on their knees and the lad invited Jesus into his little heart and received the free gift of salvation. They both stood up and the bus pastor asked if he could pick the kid up for church the next morning. "Sure," the nine year old replied.

The bus pastor got to the house early the next morning and found the lights off. He let himself in and snaked his way through the house and found the little boy asleep in his bed. He woke up the little boy and his brother and helped get them dressed. They got on the bus and ate a donut for breakfast on their way to church. Keep in mind that his boy had never been to church before. The church was a real big one. The little kid just sat there, clueless of what was going on.

A few minutes into the service these tall unhappy guys walked down to the front and picked up some wooden plates. One of the men prayed and the kid, with utter fascination, watched them walk up and down the aisles. He still didn't know what was going on. All of a sudden like a bolt of lightning it hit the kid what was taking place. These people must be giving money to Jesus! He then reflected on the free gift of life he had received just twenty-four hours earlier. He immediately searched his pockets, front and back, and couldn't find a thing to give Jesus. By this time the offering plate was being passed down his aisle and with a broken heart he just grabbed the plate and held on to it. He finally let go and watched it pass on down the aisle. He turned around to see it passed down the aisle behind him. And then his eyes remained glued on the plate as it was passed back and forth, back and forth all the way to the rear of the sanctuary. Then he had an idea.

This little nine year old boy, in front of God and everybody, got up out of his seat. He walked about eight rows back, grabbed the usher by the coat and asked to hold the plate one more time. Then he did the most astounding thing I have ever heard of. He took the plate, sat it on the carpeted church floor and stepped into the center of it. As he stood there, he lifted his little head up and said, "Jesus, I don't have anything to give you today, but just me. I give you me!"

Now, I hope no one tries stepping into the collection plate! But I do hope that, whether you are in need or whether you have plenty, your prayer is, "Jesus, I give you me!" As the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4, "*I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*"

WOH MINUTES, Continued

Old business - The Women of Hope board job descriptions were read and updated to reflect more accurately what jobs are being done and by whom. A few new jobs have been created and we will work to fill those.

New business - The Festival of Trees is to be held on Dec 1, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. WOH will be serving this year. We are will be needing food and workers. More details to come.

The next board meeting will be **Nov 8 at 5:00 PM** with **Fall Gathering to follow at 6:30 PM**. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sherri Steffen

"Let there be light"

VANUATU NEWS FROM LOUIS & JANE FAULSTICH

October 2017



Friends in Christ,

It's been a dry couple of months here on Tanna, meaning the roads are good for travel and projects around the house are being completed. It's also time for the Indian-almond tree in our front yard to change bright red and loose its leaves. It's the only tree I know here that becomes bright red like that, and it makes a nice autumn picture outside our window (although it's actually getting hotter). The Tannese attribute the dry time of year to custom rituals taking place from late July through September, assuring us that rain will come after the rituals are completed. Well we've talked about God setting those times of year to be dry or rainy, and even described how rain comes to the island from the moist air of the ocean. Sometime we could show a video depicting the formation of rain, but evidence is in the eye of the beholder, so in the world of Tanna it will take more than a video. It's more important to realize that weather patterns are not within the power of men or devils, and that local clairvoyants should not continue receiving glory for God's blessings.



By the Word of God all creation exists and obeys His command. It's been our challenge to communicate this even within the churches. In the past year we have shown videos in the local language with mixed responses, but after trying a simpler method using a Betty Lukens flannelgraph (courtesy of my mom and grandpa) we've noticed a higher level of engagement

from both children and adults. The story has been Creation and The Fall straight from Genesis. Once again it may take more than one retelling of the story before God's truth supersedes local origin accounts. But even then, the greater message of this story is God's first promise of the coming Savior. We pray



these pictures will help fix the words into their hearts as a light bearing witness of their Creator.

It's not easy knowing what will strike people's interest. The flannelgraph decided to come with us to Vanuatu at the last minute. Previously we had assumed video material was the most powerful form of media. Videos are better for distribution to a wide audience of course and their presentation plays key importance, but the flannelgraph can be very customizable according to the message. This weekend an elder invited us to another village to present both the flannelgraph and the Jesus Film. We haven't done both together so pray for God's Spirit to guide us in making the most suitable presentation.

OCTOBER PRAYERS

Please keep praying for the listening group Bible studies. They were going well until we got into some deeper theology in John's Gospel. The group was less engaged with these passages and perhaps less confident to discuss the meaning, so pray God will lead us to the appropriate Scripture that inspires them to reflect on and understand His words.



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NOVEMBER

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Altar: Emma Pearson & Holly Pearson Ushers: Lee Geerdes, Allen Boyles, Jeff Schoelerman, Joe Schnellier, Dave Hoyer Communion: LaVonne Peters & Karla Saboe Service Group #2			2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Group Meal 7:00 Youth Group			
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9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion Greeter: Lee Geerdes & family Reader: Judy Englert Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Teresa Hansen 11:00 Soup Supper Preparation	10-2 Food Pantry	5-7:00 Soup Supper	2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 5:00 WOH Board Mtg 6:15 Youth Group Meal 6:30 WOH Fall Gathering 7:00 Youth Group 8:00 Council Meeting			
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26	27	28	29	30		
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Naomi Bible Study -
Martha Bible Study -

Held in the Fireside Room. Study by Ardie Dodge, coffee by Emma Pearson
Held at Hartley Assisted Living. Study by Doris Wilson. Hostess is Kathy Goeken.