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# HOPE LUTHERAN

## ELCA

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*Hope Journeys Forward*

*HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves.*

*We walk together in faith, treasuring all people and sharing with them the love, hope and acceptance that is in Christ.*

**January 27, 2011**



**Jeff & Paula presenting Pastor Mark with gifts and kind words on behalf of the HOPE congregation.**



## **Congregational Meeting**

### **Election Results**

- 2011 President – Sammy Brill**
- Vice Preseident – Jerry Brandt**
- Secretary – Phil Klacan**
- Treasurer – Milo Oppegard**
- Synod Assembly – Milo & Betty Lou Oppegard**
- Nominating Committee – Jerry Brandt, Cara Getschel, Jim Pratt & Linda Jacobson**
- Aduit Committee – Jane Terkelsen & Lisa Rydland**

The Adult Education Forum that started two years ago using the CD series "Living the Question" will resume on **Sunday, Jan 30**. A CD lesson of about 20' will be shown followed by a round table discussion. The Forum lasts for about 1 hour always finishing by 11:30 am. Below is the calendar schedule:

**Theme of this series is "CALL TO COVENANT"**

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| <b>1-30-2011</b> | <b>Lesson 15</b> | <b>A Kingdom without Walls</b>           |
| 2-6-2011         | Lesson 16        | Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision   |
| 2-13-2011        | Lesson 17        | Incarnation: Divinely Human              |
| 2-20-2011        | Lesson 18        | Prayer: Intimacy with God                |
| 2-27-2011        | Lesson 19        | Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry |
| 3-6-2011         | Lesson 20        | Creative Transformation                  |
| 3-13-2011        | Lesson 21        | Embracing Mystery                        |

ADULT ED-FORUM

Jan 30, 2011

LESSON 15: KINGDOM WITHOUT WALLS

INTRO: Tex Sample: Story of a Black couple being denied a hospital in Alabama.

- 4' Nancy Ammen, John Spong -- Prejudice kills your humanity  
7' Rev Phelps -- preaching prejudice about Gays in church  
10' Mel White -- an Evangelical gay pastor underwent therapy for being gay. His wife released him after 20 years of marriage. Love yourself, God does!  
12:' Jill Levine -- Natural vs. unnatural, cultural issues  
15' Yvette Funder -- A new Pentecost: Hurricane Kristina/what matters? Puts all issues onto a new playing field. We need to walk away from polarization.  
17' Steve Patterson -- Jesus' vision for the Empire of God.....means being in unwanted places.  
19' Helen PreJean -- We're one human family--we don't allow anyone to be our enemy.  
20' John Cobb -- be sensitive to the experiences of others--part of loving one another.

**Sunday, January 23, 2011**

**Offering:**

General Fund - \$1,369.00

Building Fund - \$394.00

Jamaica Trip - \$400.00

Grace Place - \$50.00

Jamaica Mittens - \$50.00

**Attendance: 62**

## Leading Us in Worship – January 30<sup>th</sup>

Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson  
Pianist: Betty Lou Opegard  
Ushers: Dave Hendrickson & Steve Koecher  
Communion Preparation: Margaret Anderson  
Coffee: Warner/Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Linda Jacobson  
Reader & Prayers: Nancy Miller  
Acolyte: Carly Wunrow  
Communion Assistants: (Need volunteers)

## CALENDAR

|                   |            |   |
|-------------------|------------|---|
| Jan. 30, Sunday   | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship   |
|                   | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour, Sunday School, Adult Education & Congregation Photos |
| Feb. 2, Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.  | Confirmation at Warren's  |
| Feb. 6, Sunday    | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship   |
|                   | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour, Sunday School, Adult Education & Congregation Photos |
| Feb. 7, Monday    | 5:30 p.m.  | Communications Mtg. at Office                                     |
|                   | 6:30 p.m.  | Nurture Mtg. at Dish & Spoon Café                                 |

**P**rayers are requested for:  
Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Frances Benedict, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Katy & Ken Giske (friends of Jerry & Naomi Brandt), Jodi Hauk (HOPE member), Carrie Benson (niece of Gorden Hedahl), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Sandy Kurth (friend of Lisa Rydland), Melissa Loven (Doc and Carol Berggren's granddaughter), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), Dorothy Schulz, SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted son of the Carlson family).

We pray for our sister parish, the Mwanza Mission Area in Malawi that they may grow in Spirit and grace. We also pray for our sister synod Sinodo Centro Campanha Sul in Brazil. And for the children, staff, directors and their families of Robin's Nest Children's Home, the orphanage Hope's team will be serving.

**Prayer requests can be sent at anytime.**

**Please notify HopeNotes when you would like a prayer request removed.**



If you wish to be included in the HOPE Lutheran Church Directory, photos will be taken at church on the following Sundays after church:

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**

February 6<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends  
who celebrate their birthday in January!



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|------|------------------|------|----------------|
| 1/01 | Mark Anderson    | 1/18 | Samantha Brill |
| 1/02 | Gorden Hedahl    | 1/21 | Mason Shea     |
| 1/06 | Kenna Frisch     | 1/21 | Sue Warren     |
| 1/11 | Katherine Klacan | 1/23 | Makayla        |
| 1/11 | Camryn Shea      | 1/28 | Amanda         |
| 1/12 | Kaye Anderson    |      |                |

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**The Robin's Nest/Jamaica Mission Team has t-shirts  
for anyone looking for a stylish way to support the trip!**

- Available sizes are L and XL.
- Teal is the main team color, but we have a couple of sunshine yellow also.
- Shirts will be available after Sunday worship services, or you can call Bill Warner at 425-8394 to get one to try on.
- The cost is \$15 and all proceeds go directly to support the mission team's supplies for the Nest.

The Jamaica Team THANKS the many people who helped make our mitten project a huge success. Many of you provided sweaters, buttons and other materials while others worked alongside us sewing and embellishing the mittens. We equally thank those who purchased the mittens.

# Synod News

## **ELCA INTRODUCES NEW WEBSITE: LIVING LUTHERAN.COM**

Living Lutheran.com is a daily blend of stories, culture and community. You'll find blogs, stories, and features galore in this new interactive site. Check it out: [www.livinglutheran.com](http://www.livinglutheran.com)

## **ONE DAY CONFLICT SEMINAR IN SUPERIOR FEBRUARY 10**

"Transforming Conflict in Faith Communities" will be held February 10 at UW-Superior. Rev. Todd Iverson, assistant to the bishop, will be one of the presenters. [Learn more about it.](#)



Northwest Synod  
of Wisconsin ELCA

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING FEBRUARY 18-19**

Re-energize your youth group with a weekend retreat at Wapogasset Bible Camp February 18-19. This year's theme is Mission Possible (with God all things are possible). [View gathering details.](#) Registration deadline is January 30.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The second annual *Walking Together: A Congregational Resource Event* will be held Saturday, March 26 at the Chippewa Falls Middle School. The modest fee of \$10 per person includes program and lunch. Plan to bring a group from your congregation.



## **Thrivent Financial Lutheran Night at the MN Wild!!**

Come celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lutheran Night at the MN Wild with your fellow Lutherans! Watch the Wild take on Vancouver on **February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Special Discounted Ticket Options Are:

- \$20 Upper Level Ends
- \$44 Upper Level Sides
- \$66 Lower Level Ends

**To Order visit [Wild.com/Lutheran](http://Wild.com/Lutheran)**

Tickets are limited!

Questions contact Jason Stern @ 651-312-3460 or email [jstern@MNwild.com](mailto:jstern@MNwild.com)

# Community Announcements

## **Interfaith Volunteers**

Interfaith Volunteers of St Croix County is private, non-profit serving individuals over age 60 in ways that help them remain at home. Please consider a donation to Interfaith at St. Croix Foundation, 516 Second St, Ste 214, Hudson, WI 54016  
Volunteers are needed to help the following:

- a woman with breathing issues who lives in her apartment
- a couple living in their rural home

Commitments may be once a week or every two weeks for cleaning help. For information please contact Nancy at 715-381-4360 or email [nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us).

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Cookies for a Cause" Fundraiser – Bake Off**

(Benefitting the Kinnickinnic Backpack Program) Sponsored by Our Neighbors' Place  
Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the River Falls Golf Club

Enter your favorite cookie recipe to win fabulous prizes  
Individual Entry \$20/Team Entry \$30

*For More Information Contact Romaine or Amber at 715-426-9000 or [kinnibackpacks@gmail.com](mailto:kinnibackpacks@gmail.com)*

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### **Announcement Deadlines**

Send **Website** announcements to [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.  
Send **Hope Notes** announcements to [hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.  
Send **Bulletin** announcements to [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Fridays.

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