

HOPE LUTHERAN ELCA

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.*

June 30, 2011

Rite of Installation for Pastor Sandra Johnson Sunday, June 26



Dear Friends in Christ,

My husband Jed and I have experienced a wonderful whirlwind these last couple of weeks. In our short time here we have met gracious people within and outside the community of faith and in those new friendships we have found that blessings abound. Our sincere thanks go to all who have welcomed, invited and encouraged us.

Our first service of worship, the installation service, was special in so many ways; the music, the message, God's promise of presence in our lives. Family members and relatives, friends from "the olden days", church leaders from Prentice and Brantwood, colleagues in this and other conferences, and the family of faith of HOPE Lutheran came together. In this gathering was our opportunity to worship the living and loving God who calls each of us to use our unique gifts in service to the neighbor, near and far. That is what the people of HOPE have done and that is what we will strive to do as we journey forward. Thanks be to God.

On our way rejoicing,
Pastor Sandy



Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the Installation Service, Reception & Dinner such a success. It was a wonderful day for HOPE and all who attended!

Leading Us in Worship – July 3rd

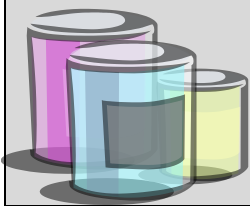
Presiding Minister: Pastor Sandy Johnson
Pianist: Phil Klacan
Ushers: Jerry Brandt
Communion Preparation: Anne Anderson
Communion Assistants: David & Nancy Peters
Flowers: Nancy Peters

Assisting Minister: Carl Warren
Reader: Bill Berndt
Prayers: Bill Berndt
Acolyte: Camryn Shea
Coffee: Karen Brohaugh

Sunday, June 26, 2011
Offering:

Attendance: 147

General Fund - \$2,146.00
Building Fund - \$705.00
Fund for Leaders - \$92.00



Next Sunday, July 3rd, is Food Pantry Sunday

We ask that each member bring one (or more!) non-perishable food items to church and place them in the red bins.
Monetary contributions are always welcome too!

Prayers are requested for:
Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Carrie Benson (niece of Gordon Hedahl), Fred Benson, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Marlys Hammer, Jodi Hauk (HOPE member), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Buck Nielson (Jeff Rodewald's uncle), Chris Pageant (friend of Jeff Carlson), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), the Rudesill & Slind families, Ervin Schmidt (Lisa Rydland's father), Matthew Schultz (Pastor Carol's brother), Thomas Vergenz (friend of Tonja Lesmeister), 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.

We also pray for Robins Nest Children's Home & Melody House Home for Girls.

**Prayer requests can be sent at anytime.
Please notify HopeNotes when you would like a prayer request removed.**

Volunteers are needed if we're going to continue with coffee hour Sunday mornings.

You can sign up on the coffee hour clipboard.

Thanks for your help!

Congregational Life



**Volunteers are also needed to help with ushering.
Please see Jerry Brandt if you are interested in serving.**

Calendar

July 3, Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship [Food Shelf Sunday]
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
July 4, Monday	<i>NO HOPE Softball Game</i>
July 6, Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting @ HOPE Office
July 10, Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
July 11, Monday	4:00 p.m. Congregational Life Committee Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	5:30 p.m. ComCom Mtg. @ Church Office
	7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. @ Church Office
	7:45 p.m. Softball Game – HOPE vs. UCC, Hoffman Park, Field #2
July 12, Tuesday	Tuesday Banquet Clean-Up
July 14, Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E.

Save the Date

The **Kayaking the Kinni** event at Rodewalds is coming up the afternoon of Sunday, July 24 at 2:00 pm. More info will be coming. Those who don't want to kayak should plan to come for a cookout at 4:00 pm.

Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends



- 7/4 **Zora Anderson**
- 7/7 **Bill Warner**
- 7/9 **David Wilhelm**
- 7/16 **Betty Lou Oppegard**
- 7/18 **Ethel Johnson**
- 7/18 **Mark Snyder**
- 7/18 **Daniel Koecher**
- 7/18 **Luke Stang**
- 7/21 **Jeff Rotsaert**
- 7/23 **Anna Anderson**
- 7/25 **Joe McIntosh**
- 7/26 **Robert McIntosh-Perkins**
- 7/28 **Jed Reiten**
- 7/30 **Taylor Heinselman**

***Please contact the church office if a birthday has been missed!**

HOPE Softball Schedule



July 4		No Game Scheduled	
July 11	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. UCC	Hoffman #2
July 18	6:30 p.m.	Servant of the Shepherd vs. HOPE	Hoffman #1
July 25	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. The River	Hoffman #2
August 1	6:30 p.m.	HOPE vs. Faith Community	PR's
August 8	7:45 p.m.	Abundant Life vs. HOPE	PR's



Team Cherish Our Children

Lifetime Fitness Triathlon

July 9, 2011

We TRI to prevent child sexual exploitation. Join us.

Dear Friends:

I have joined "Team Cherish Our Children," and we will participate in the **Lifetime Fitness Triathlon in Minneapolis on Saturday, July 9**. As a part of a team I will swim while my two teammates bike and run to raise awareness of and work for the prevention of child sexual exploitation. More specifically, we will raise awareness of prevention and raise funds for [Cherish Our Children](#), a national Lutheran ministry to prevent child sexual exploitation.

I support this ministry because Cherish Our Children provides educational resources and training to equip Lutherans for prevention.

I invite you to join me in supporting this mission. You may make an [online donation](#) or send a check to Cherish Our Children at the address below.

May all gifts be blessed and multiplied so all children are cherished.

Sincerely,

Team Cherish Our Children 2010

Pastor Sandy



More about Cherish Our Children

Cherish Our Children is a national Lutheran ministry of prayer, education, relationship-building, and action to prevent child sexual exploitation.

We equip and support Lutheran leaders in congregations and synods to do the work of prevention on behalf of children in their communities and around the world.

To learn more, visit our website at www.cherishchildren.org or [download our Annual Report for 2010](#).

www.cherishchildren.org

Community Announcements

Our Neighbor's Place

The Closet is accepting new and slightly used summer clothing. If it is time to clean out your closet or if you need something different, visit Our Neighbors Place.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Neighbors' Place invites you to get your hands dirty, make some new friends and join us with the Rehab of the ONP Emergence Shelter 4-plex at 215 West Cedar Street.

Work has started on the first of the apartments and continues as each current lease expires and the next apartment becomes available for renovation. We need volunteers to redo a couple of bathrooms, make general repairs, paint walls, lay new carpeting, lay laminate floors etc. over the summer, with a target opening date of September 1, 2011.

Schedule for the next three weeks:

June 29/June 30

Need 4-6 volunteers each night

Work schedule

- painting downstairs living room
- sanding/refinishing trim, window sills, frames
- tear out second floor bathroom inlay

July 6/July 7

Need 4-6 volunteers each night

- refinishing the cupboards
- completing anything not finished in the previous week
- paint ceilings in #4, all prep would be finished before painting

July 13/July 14

Need 4-6 volunteers each night

- laminate flooring in apartment #2, bedrooms, hallway, and main floor
 - we need skilled workers and appropriate tools
- rip out carpeting and wash/primer walls in # 4

Each volunteer will be required to sign

- **A Release & a Waiver of Liability**
- **An Emergency Contact Form**
- **The Safety Check List**

Bring gloves, work boots, personal tools, brushes/rollers on painting nights. Help us get the word out among your friends, family and organizations-by passing on this e-mail and posting it. Thanks for the continued support.

Our Neighbors' Place Daycenter (715 426-9000 or ourneighborsplace@gmail.com)

Twin Cities Bronze, an auditioned professional handbell ensemble, is honored to perform the showcase concert to open the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar in Minneapolis. Hope Lutheran and Twin Cities Bronze member, Alyssa Boock, invites you to the encore National Showcase Concert for the public on July 20 in Shoreview, MN. Twin Cities Bronze will be performing the encore concert Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 7 pm at Peace United Methodist Church, 5050 Hodgson Road, in Shoreview, MN (approx 1 hr from River Falls). Reception to follow the (approx. 90 min.) concert. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/children under 12, and \$25/family (2 adults + children under 12).

Tickets are available at the door but you can pre-order from me. You can pay ahead of time, or just put in a ticket request through me and you can pick up your tickets and pay at the ticket booth. I hope to see you there!

Alyssa Boock alyssa_ob@hotmail.com
(715) 523-1142 www.twincitiesbronze.org

2011 Faith & Family Night
Friday, July 29th at Target Center
Minnesota Lynx vs. Seattle Storm at 7:00 p.m.

- * Post-game features chapel service lead by the team chaplain and Lynx players
- * Tickets start at only \$10 and include tickets to the game and post-game service
- * **All youth groups in attendance will be entered in a drawing to participate in:**
 - Pre-game Chalk Talk w/Lynx Asst. Coach, NBA analyst, former Gopher & Mr. Basketball, Jim Petersen
 - Fan Tunnel: High-five the Lynx players as they enter the court!

For tickets & information call Joanna Opitz @ 612-673-1242

Announcement Deadlines

Website announcements to secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.
Hope Notes announcements to hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.
Bulletin announcements to secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org by 9:00 a.m. on Fridays.

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