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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.

November 23, 2010

From the Interim Pastor

In previous announcements both in HopeNotes and at worship, I've informed you that I had a "concurrence meeting" with another congregation on November 9th. (In most of the synods of the ELCA the Bishop appoints an interim pastor to serve a congregation. That congregation's council then meets with/interviews that interim pastor and either "concur" with the Bishop's recommendation or not.) The congregation where I had such a meeting has been in some turmoil for some time. The council didn't feel they currently had the credibility or the confidence of the congregation to "concur" or not, on behalf of the whole group. So, they've called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, November 28th to make the decision as a congregation. I'll head out after worship to attend that meeting. As I have further information, I'll be sharing it with all of you.

Hope is one of the many reasons I give thanks this year!

Pastor Mark

Dear Saints of the Synod,

As we near Thanksgiving, I give thanks to God for the countless ways individuals and communities of faith engage in mission both near and far. Thank you for your faithfulness in the Gospel and for the ways you witness to and serve Jesus.

Blessings, joy, and thanksgiving,

Bishop Pederson



Politically Correct Thanks

In today's politically correct environment where you have to be so careful to keep from offending anyone, we might all have to give reports like this fourth grader who reported on the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday. "The pilgrims came here seeking freedom of you know what. When they landed, they gave thanks to you know who. Because of them, we can worship each Sunday, you know where."

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Call Committee Update

During the Thanksgiving season there is much to be thankful for: family, friends, freedom, shelter and most importantly our Savior. Praise and thank God for all of His wonderful blessings! The Call Committee would like to share what we are thankful for: God has kept us in conversation with two very qualified candidates for Hope and it has been a true blessing in getting to know all four candidates.

The call committee is currently finishing up reference checks on two candidates. In the beginning of December we will be working on questions to ask both of them on another Skype interview on December 13th. Please keep the call committee and the candidates in your prayers.

THE PLEDGE Express is Here!

Don't STRESS yourself - EXPRESS yourself by submitting your pledge!

Total Hope Express Contributions as of 11/23/10 - \$5,770.00

Treasurer's Report

General Operating Report as of October, 2010

	YTD
Anticipated Income	\$86,077.50
Actual Income	\$78,299.60
Surplus (Deficit)	(-\$7,777.90)
Anticipated Expenses	\$103,534.90
Actual Expenses	\$88,600.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$14,934.90

Sunday, November 21, 2010

Offering: Attendance: 55

General Fund - \$1,527.50

Building Fund - \$582.00

Hope Express Fund - \$80.00

Doughnut Money - \$30.28

Jamaica Mittens - \$1,167.00

Leading Us in Worship – November 28th

Presiding Minister: Mark Hendrickson

Pianist: Phil Klacan

Ushers: Doug & Susie Rudesill

Communion Preparation: Verna Tweiten

Coffee: Nancy Peters

Assisting Minister: Jean Loudon

Reader & Prayers: Ethel Johnson

Acolyte: Quinn Huhnke

Communion Assistant: Roger & Verna Tweiten



**We have completed our Healthy Congregations Sessions.
Thanks to all who have participated!**

Prayers are requested for:
 Zora Anderson (Hope member), Frances Benedict, Patty Borchardt (friend of Lisa Rydland), Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Eve Friedli (Ed Paulson's niece), Avery Gallagher, Jodi Hauk (Hope member), Kayla Hefner (friend of Gorden Hedahl), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Stan & Gloria Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's parents), Sandy Kurth (friend of Lisa Rydland), Melissa Loven (Doc and Carol Berggren's granddaughter), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Richard Phelps (Bill Warner's dad), Dorothy Schulz, SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted solider 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.**

CALENDAR

Nov. 24, Wednesday

Nov. 25, Thursday

Nov. 28, Sunday

Dec. 1, Wednesday

Dec. 5, Sunday

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

No Confirmation Classes

Thanksgiving Day

Worship

Coffee **(No Sunday School Classes)**

Confirmation @ Warren's

Carols & Candles Rehearsal

Worship (*Food Shelf Sunday*)

Coffee & Sunday School



CARE Boxes for College Students

* Congregational Life, Outreach and our confirmation students will once again organize treat boxes to send to our college students before final exam week.

* You can help by making donations of food items or money to help pay for postage and mailing supplies.

* Names and addresses of students are needed.

* Look for sign ups on the Hope Table.

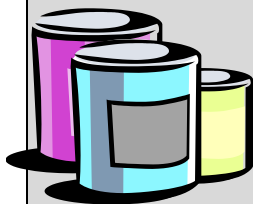
Please limit food donations to the following: Rice Krispy Bars, Special K Bars, Microwave Popcorn, Packages of Cocoa Mix and Mini Candy Bars.

Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, November 28.

Thank you for thinking of Hope's College Students!

Sunday, December 5th, is Food Shelf Sunday

We ask that each member bring one (or more!) non-perishable food items to fill our red food shelf bins that will be available at the altar or in the lobby.



Intergenerational Choir

Thanks to all the Hope members that sang in the Intergenerational Choir last Sunday. A special thank you, too, to drummer Sam Anderson and pianist/director, Phil Klacan. Your music enhanced the worship experience.

The Stewardship Team



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



Lindsay Getschel 11/01
Greta Wunrow 11/03
Linda Jacobson 11/7
Rachel Iverson 11/9
Helen Carter 11/9
Erik Warner 11/10
John Warner 11/10
Gregg Heinselman 11/14
Karis Baerenwald 11/14

Kari Heinselman 11/21
Phil Klacan 11/22
Steve Baerenwald 11/25
Andrew Pratt 11/26
Deb Tokheim 11/29
Annis Lesmeister 11/29
Alyssa Koecher 11/30

Upcoming Events

Carols and Candles Choir SAVE THESE DATES

All singers (from middle-school age on up) are invited to sing in the Carols and Candles Choir. Please save the dates below for rehearsals and performances. Any questions? Call Phil Klacan at 715.425.1054.

Rehearsals (all at Newman Center Chapel):

Wednesday, December 1, 7:00pm-8:15pm
Wednesday, December 8, 7:00pm-8:15pm
Wednesday, December 15, 7:00pm-8:15pm
Saturday, December 18, 9:30am-11:00am

Program

Sunday, Dec. 19, 4:00pm
(choir reports at 3:00pm)



Lefse Saturday

December 11, 9:00 am, UCC Kitchen
Sign up sheets will be on the Hope Table in November

Holiday Bake Sale

December 12 Following Worship
Lefse will be for sale and donations of baked goods will be most welcome!



The Salvation Army will be conducting the Kettle Campaign again this year. Bell Ringers are need at Dick's Fresh Market, Econo Foods, and Shopko. Volunteers are assigned two hour shifts and at various days of the week. Ed Paulson will have sign up schedules available after church services or call Ed at 715-425-0250. Bell Ringing is a great way to bring in Christmas & gives families & individuals the opportunity to see many friends. Let us have a great turn out for this volunteer activity. God bless.

From the NW Synod of Wisconsin Eclipse

LOOKING FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN?

A Spark Storybook Bible will fill that need wonderfully. The time to order is now so we can get enough together to reach our 100 Bible goal. With that many Bibles, they cost just \$12 apiece and there is no shipping charge! Call your Synod Resource Center today to place your order for Storybook or Study Bibles. Study Bibles are for grade 3 and older. Storybooks are for ages 2 to 6. The number is: 715-833-1153 or email: staff@synodresourcecenter.org

ELCA WORLD HUNGER: THE LINGSON FAMILY STORY

How can goats change a village? Watch as gifts of livestock help the Lingson family end hunger. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support the Lingson family and families across the United States and in 60 countries worldwide. For more information, visit <http://www.elca.org/hunger>.

LSS OFFERS FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Financial distress can strike anyone, at any age, or any income level, and for a multitude of reasons. Did you know that LSS offers FREE, confidential financial counseling certified by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling? In a partnership with LSS of Minnesota, the Superior office of LSS has offered this service for over four years.

Please take a moment to review the [Financial Counseling flyer](#), which gives an overview of this service. Please print and share the flyer with anyone you feel may benefit

Give Hungry Children a Reason to Be Thankful - Ask your Representative to pass the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act -- without cutting SNAP. Take Action! The Child Nutrition Act, which provides school and summer meals for children, expired September 30. But instead of reauthorizing the Act, Congress extended its expiration date. The Senate has passed a bill reauthorizing the Act, "The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act" which strengthens child nutrition programs. However, it pays for improvements by reducing future SNAP (food stamp) funding. The House is expected to vote on the bill after Thanksgiving. If it passes the House, it will go directly to the President to sign. Millions of low-income children rely on federal child nutrition programs to help them get the food they need to learn, grow and be healthy. The reauthorization bill is needed to continue these programs, improve them, and allow more children to benefit from them. But time is short -- Congress must act before adjourning for the year. Ask your Representative today to support passing the Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill and finding a way to fund it without cutting SNAP.

Background: According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 2009, 17.2 million children in our nation -- nearly a quarter of all U.S. children -- lived in homes that lacked reliable access to sufficient food. These children are at risk for cognitive, behavioral, emotional and physical problems resulting from hunger that can cause lasting damage to their development. Federal child nutrition programs ensure that children, regardless of income, can have access to the food they need. Up for review this year are the:

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- Afterschool Snack and Meal Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Special Milk Program

The Lunch, Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs are permanently authorized, but the others could expire if Congress does not reauthorize them. However, many children do not have access to the programs that they need because they are not offered in their communities or there are other barriers to participation. The reauthorization process is an important opportunity to improve these programs so that more Children will have the food they need.

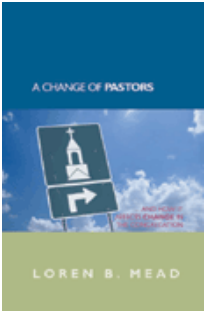
Congress was unable to pass a reauthorization bill through both houses before the Act was due to expire on September 30. Instead, they passed a continuing resolution that postponed the expiration date. The Senate had passed its version of the reauthorization bill, "The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act (S. 3307)", in August. The bill includes provisions that would expand access to programs, enhance the nutritional quality of meals, reduce paperwork, simplify program requirements, and support oversight. However, to pay for child nutrition programs, the Senate bill would reduce future funding for SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) - which also helps feed hungry children. The House is expected to vote on the Senate's bill after Thanksgiving, but time is very short.

Representatives need to hear from their constituents that Congress must pass the Child Nutrition Act reauthorization and fix the SNAP cut before adjourning for the year. For more information, go to:

Food Research and Action Center <http://capwiz.com/wichurches/utr/1/HYIUNPZWJY/MDLUNPZWOU/6136266636>

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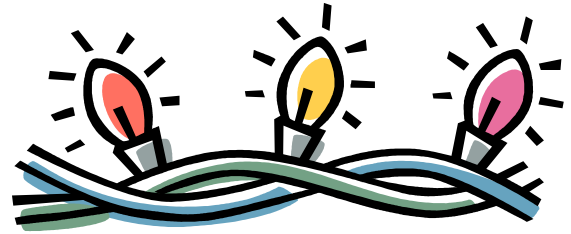
Do you have a copy of this book: A Change of Pastors by Loren Mead? Pastor Mark bought ten copies and made them available for loan to Hope members. When the time comes for him to leave Hope, he'll charge Hope for any copies not returned. So, if you have one, please bring it back to church the next time you come.

Community Announcements

River Dazzle Extravaganza

Friday, November 26, 2010

The annual River Dazzle Extravaganza will once again be celebrated the day after Thanksgiving. Many of the events will remain the same including the lighted parade and the chili crawl. This year the River Falls Theater will be sponsoring Alpha & Omega a film for all ages. The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street. In addition, Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be in Veterans Park along with their reindeer and other animals. There will be hay rides and Costumed Carolers around town. For more information on any of these events please visit the Chamber website. www.rfchamber.com



Interfaith Volunteers

Interfaith Volunteers are urgently needed to drive once or twice a month for those needing dialysis. Open trips include Stillwater to Hammond M, W, or F at 4:30 pm and within Hudson for adult day program at 9am or 3pm M or Th, and transport once a week for a Hudson man to Wal-Mart in New Richmond. Other needs include light housekeeping for a man in his Hudson apartment, a couple in their Hudson home, a woman in her Hudson apartment, and companionship for a woman in N Hudson during the day. For information about volunteering contact Nancy at 1-800-372-2333 or email nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us. Download an application at www.sccwi.us/departments/adrc/intefaith

Lakeview Hospice warmly invites you to join us on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for our Tree of Remembrance Ceremony. This will be held at The Gables Auditorium in Boutwells Landing. During this ceremony we will gather together to celebrate the special memories of our patients, families and friends. For a donation of \$10 or more, we invite you to remember a loved one by dedicating a star on the Tree of Remembrance; for \$75 a string of lights will be dedicated. This celebration is open to the public. www.lakeview.org



Journey House Students would like to learn how to make Lesfe - we have scheduled our December 8th 6:30-8pm Create and Connect event to do so. If you are a Lesfe maker and would be willing to teach us we would greatly appreciate it. You may contact Yvonne Wilken at ywilken@earthlink.net or 651-398-7729 if you are able to help. Thank You!



Aging & Disability Resource Center Secret Santa Program

It's Secret Santa time again. If you want to contribute, please bring your new donated items to the Aging and Disability Resource Center by December 15th. Your thoughtfulness will brighten Christmas for older adults and persons with disabilities, who may be alone on the holiday, suffered loss, have limited means or no family in the area.

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| * Calendars | * Postage Stamps | * Tea & Flavored Coffee |
| * Holiday Candy | * Christmas Movies/DVDs | * Monetary Donations |
| * Puzzle Books | * Christmas Music/CDs | * Franchised Restaurant
Gift Certificates |
| * Word Search Books | * Christmas Ornaments | |
| * Stationery | * Christmas Cards | |
| * Greeting Cards | * Hot Chocolate | |

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Thanks for your help! You'll end up on the "nice list" for sure!

Announcement Deadline Wednesday - Send bulletin information and Hope Notes to hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org

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