



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 20, 2011

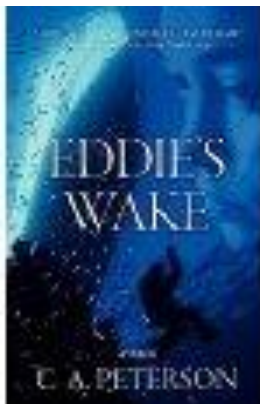
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday - January 23, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.
Includes farewell celebration for Pr Mark

****You should have received a copy of the Annual Report a few days ago via email. Please print and bring your copy to the meeting. There will be limited copies available for those who do not have one on Sunday. Please contact Teresa at secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org if you have any questions.**

Daytime Book Group



The daytime group will meet on **Monday, January 24** for noontime lunch and book discussion at the home of Karen Brohaugh, N8026 975th St. Note the change in meeting location for the January meeting. We will be discussing *Eddie's Wake* by Pastor Carol Peterson. This will be a unique opportunity for us because the author is going to join us for our discussion. Pr. Carol will be leading us in worship for the month of January so we are taking advantage of her while we have her at Hope. She will bring copies of the book to worship on January 2 and probably on following Sundays. The cost is \$20.00. *Eddie's Wake* is also available at the public library, book stores or online. Everyone is invited to join the group even if you don't usually attend our discussions, male as well as female. **Please RSVP to Karen at brohaugh@att.net or 715-425-2971 by Friday, January 21.**



Here are a few words from Pastor Carol about her book...

*I wrote *Eddie's Wake* in response to the sorrows and grief of loss we all experience as our life journeys intersect with one another. When his father dies, Karl asks the big questions: "Is God still with me?" "Does God really hear my prayers?" "Does God even care?" I would love to visit your book group and talk about *Eddie's Wake*, share in your discussion and hear about your insights. Pastor Carol*

Prayers 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), Richard Phelps (Bill Warner's dad), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), 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.**



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 23rd

January 30th

February 6th

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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Psalm 46:1-3*

One year ago, a catastrophic earthquake struck the nation of Haiti, killing nearly 250,000 people and leaving more than one million homeless.

Many of us remember hearing the news and seeing images of the devastation for the first time. We lifted up the people of Haiti in our prayers. We gave generously.

More than 40,000 ELCA members and leaders like you contributed \$12.6 million to support the work of ELCA Disaster Response in Haiti. Because of our long-standing relationships with the Lutheran Church in Haiti and many partners there, the ELCA was and continues to be uniquely positioned to respond quickly and effectively.

Your gifts have:

- Provided **food and shelter** to approximately **57,700** people living in camps coordinated by The Lutheran World Federation and more than **6,000** people who gathered on the grounds of the Lutheran Church in Haiti.
- Delivered more than **14,000 quilts** and **13,000 health kits**.
- Distributed **3,200 gallons** of safe, clean drinking water to approximately 2,000 families.
- Shipped **four convoys** of **medical supplies, hygiene and baby kits, tents, food packages** and other necessities.
- Funded **housing placement** and **crisis counseling** to Haitian refugees and medical evacuees seeking asylum in Florida and Georgia.

And yet our work is far from over. Our long-term goal in Haiti is to help renew hope and rebuild lives and livelihoods, seeking to end the cycle of poverty and injustice.

Thank you for your continued generosity and your prayers for the people of Haiti. Together we will continue to do God's life-giving work with our hands for as long as it takes.

In God's grace,



The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

P.S. The spread of cholera and other waterborne diseases have intensified the suffering experienced by our sisters and brothers in Haiti. With the help of ELCA Disaster Response funds, our partners are working hard to contain the outbreak, providing medical supplies and health care, as well as teaching people about preventative measures. Visit [ELCA Disaster Response](#) for more information about the ongoing, long-term response efforts in Haiti.

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



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 Ziebarth
1/11	Camryn Shea	1/28	Amanda Ziebarth
1/12	Kaye Anderson		

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

Synod News

RETIREMENT OR RE-FIREMENT?

Don't retire - ReFire!™ ReFirement recognizes that for any substantive change to be truly meaningful and long lasting, it must be rooted in each person's heart, mind, core values and faith in life. Participate in the ReFirement journey to fulfill God's desire for you to live a meaningful, authentic and grace-filled life - regardless of your age, economic status or physical condition. Seminar is based on Dr. James V. Gambone's book *ReFirement: A Boomer's Guide to Life After 50*. ReFirement is a one-day seminar. [Learn more](#) . . . [Download registration form](#).

*It is recommended by the ELCA Board of Pensions that you complete this class before attending a Pre-Retirement Seminar.

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

Thrivent Financial Lutheran Night at the MN Wild!!

Come celebrate the 1st Annual Lutheran Night at the MN Wild with your fellow Lutherans!
Watch the Wild take on Vancouver on **February 15th 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

Tickets are limited!

Questions contact Jason Stern @ 651-312-3460 or email jstern@MNwild.com

Community Announcements

Interfaith Volunteers are needed for the following assistance to those over age 60:

- Regular transport and substitutes for home delivered meals T, Th and F in Hudson (one hour per day)
- Light housekeeping for various individual (3 in apartments and two couples in their home in River Falls and Hudson)
- Light housekeeping for a woman with asthma in River Falls

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.

Dear Church family of HOPE Lutheran,

I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of the Our Neighbor's Place Board for your support. Thanks to you and so many others our fundraising drive has been a great success in that we raised enough to put a large down payment on a 4-plex. We had hoped to purchase an 8-plex, but these are tough economic times for a lot of people. We have our special use permit approved for our new home at 215 W. Cedar Street and the City has approved a \$120,000 loan to be re-paid by the end of 2013. Now we need to get busy writing grants, conducting fundraisers and reaching out to the wonderful neighbors in our communities to pay back the loan and burn that mortgage! Life is certainly looking up for the homeless families in our communities.

God Bless your caring-sharing hearts and the good you are doing in our community!

Sue Watters

Our Neighbor's Place

Announcement Deadlines

Send **Website** announcements to secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Send **Hope Notes** announcements to hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Send **Bulletin** announcements to secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org by 9:00 a.m. on Fridays.

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