

# Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

## A Message From Pastor

This is the third article in an ongoing series on prayer, this time about the type of prayer that uses our bodies. People who appreciate this style of prayer find opportunities for worship beyond sitting in a pew or comfy chair. Sometimes this means raising hands, or kneeling, or standing and jumping during worship. Using one's body for prayer may mean using the artistic gifts God has given: painting, sculpting, singing, dancing, writing, fasting, and so forth.

Many of the world's great works of art are examples of this type of prayer, but we don't have to be experts to express our prayers in art. For example: anger given to God in prayer can find expression in slashes of dark colors or punches into clay; praise might use sunny streaks of yellow and orange paint; prayer for a specific person may be a sketch of the face or just a name, or a sculpted shape. Textures such

as fabric, feathers, shells, leaves, or dirt might be added to give thanks for creation.

Dancing, especially freeform dance or movement, can let out our feelings as we pray. I have often done this with the song, "Spirit of the Living God," and been totally blown away by my spirit's response to such a simple prayer. Go ahead and try. You don't need music to move to the words, but do sing if you know the song.

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

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*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

Sing or say the words, as you make the suggested motions or others that you discover:

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## A Message From Pastor Continued

Let the Holy Spirit fall like rain on your shoulders (Reach up and “twinkle” your fingers as they lower to your shoulders) (twice) Imagine yourself: melting (squat down into a “puddle” or at least bend a little)

Being molded by God (as you rise, use your hands to show your shape)

Being filled by God (open and lift your hands so your hands and body can be filled)

And being used by God (extend your arms and hands, offering them to God)

The Holy Spirit falling like rain on your shoulders (again)

Journaling is another way of using your body, having your fingers write or keyboard your thoughts and prayers. Done regularly, keeping a prayer journal also provides a way to look back and see that many prayers have been answered, and in God’s much better way than we ever imagined.

## Dollars and Sense from the Treasure’s Desk

The full financial statement for the month of July in on the bulletin board in Luther Hall.

Fasting is a particularly Lenten body prayer. When we fast, our minds learn that there is more to us than the food we eat. When we fast, we have time on our hands, time we are not spending planning, cooking, eating, and cleaning. We can use that time instead in prayer - of any form or style. We are also reminded that we are totally dependent on God for everything we have, including what we eat.

There are many different ways of using our bodies in prayer. I hope you will try one or more of these suggested ways, or share others with me, and get your body involved as you pray.

Blessings  
Pastor Lynn

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## An Event For and With Older Adults

Pastor Mike and I are members of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN). Each year, POAMN offers a conference, where folks who minister with and to older adults can get together and find ways of improving what they do.

We always have a good time and learn a lot when we are able to attend the conference. This year the conference is in Orlando, October 12-15, and the theme is: Connecting the Generations. Since it is so close, we plan to go this year. The hotel is the International Palms Resort and Conference Center on International Drive.

During the conference, there are plenary sessions with keynote messages by Rev. Dr. Eileen W Lindner; and seminars with topics including ministry development, communicating with people who have

dementia, health-related technology, and inter-generational ministry. There will be worship each morning, and closing worship with Holy Communion.

Conference fees are about \$250, plus lodging at \$99/night/room, plus lunch and dinner. For those who might wish to visit the parks while in Orlando, the \$99 rate for the hotel is good for 3 days before and after the event.

For more information about the POAMN event, just ask. A brochure is on my door, and available online at [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org).

Pr Mike and I hope you can join us,

Pr Lynn

## Covenant Children's Home

Once again it is time for the annual dinner for Covenant Childrens Home. Saturday, September 11th, 6:00, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inverness. All are invited to attend this evening of dinner (no cost), information, and entertainment. All I need is your name, and I will make reservations.

Please call me 489-3944 and leave your name(s) on the answering machine, if we are not home. Looking forward to having you join us for the evening.

Lynn Polack  
489-3944  
or  
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## Ester Circle

This month we conclude our summer study of prayer. In June, we explored the importance of being persistent in prayer. In July, we re-discovered the importance of waiting with patience and hope as we pray contentiously for God's answer to our prayer. Now, in August, we will discover the power that comes to us as believers through the practice of prayer.

We invite you to join us for Session 3 of our summer study on Thursday, August 19 at 10:30 A.M. in the church parlor. If

## Martha Circle

Busy, busy, busy!!!

The New Martha Circle met on July 7 in Luther Hall and was attended by 5 ladies. We may have been a small group, but so much was accomplished. "God Heart, Our Hands" definitely define this group. Our main project for the next few months is focusing on "Operation Christmas

you are unable to attend our session, the suggestion is to strengthen your prayer practice by reading the explanation of the Lord's Prayer, petition by petition, in Luther's Small Catechism or the explanation in our hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 1160.

Copies of the August Session 3 materials are available in the church office. See you August 19.

Child" shoeboxes. The ladies will also be starting their Fall project for our shut-ins at the next gathering.

Join us August 4 at 1:00 P.M. and see what we are all about. It is a fun social and not just a meeting.

*Carole Warden*

## Back to School Specials

Please don't forget to buy those great bargains on back-to-school items to be used in our "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" SHOEBOXES!

Here is a list of items we need:

Calculators	Erasers	Ink Pens
Pencils	Sharpeners	Crayons
Colored Pencils	Rulers	Paper
Writing Pads		

Thank you for your generous donation in loving support of this special mission project.

*Carole Warden*

## VBS

This year's combined churches VBS was held at St. Anne's in Crystal River with 31 children attending the week-long activities, June 21-25. "high Seas" was the theme as Terry Lucente and Carole Warden were in charge of decorations as they represented Hope Lutheran.

### Members Who Are Homebound or in Residing in Care Facilities

Johanna Barrett - Home

Ginny Cameron - Home

Sebastian D'Auria - Home

Roy Deck - Hampton Manor West,  
Dunnellon

Arleen Habedank - Home

Joan Layton - Home

Hildegard Mackowitz - Brentwood,  
Lecanto

Juliane Reister - Brentwood, Lecanto

Joe Rovin - Home

Helen Savinsky - Cedar Creek,  
Crystal River

Dorothy Scianna - Crystal Gem Manor,  
Crystal River

Hans Steen - Woodland Terrace

Karen Summers - Home

John Taylor - Woodland Terrace

Ruby Wagner - Barrington Place

### Angel Food Distribution

The Angel Food distribution for June 26, 2010 was successfully coordinated by the following volunteers:

Dick Regan, Russ Telfer, Judy Kasco, Vic Kahler, Pat Kessel, Kim, Joe, and Tanner Serrano, Janet Esworthy, and Howard Walsh.

The next Angel Food Distribution will be on Saturday July 30, 2010 from 10am to 11:30am at Luther Hall.

Victor Kahler Council liaison

## Welcoming New Members

Reception of new members Aug 22 with reception to follow. If you are interested in joining Hope, please contact Pastor Lynn.

# Letter from Covenant Children's Home



July 2, 2010

Women of the ELCA  
Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church  
PO Box 2070  
Dunnellon, FL 34430

Dear Ladies,

This letter is to thank you for your recent contribution to the ministry here at Covenant Children's Home via the Rachel's Day Offering. We appreciate so much all you do to help us out. You can be assured that your gift will be put to good use as we continue to bring in new children who are so much in need of the love and care that is poured out upon them here.

This past month we received three new girls bringing our total to four teenage girls. Obviously they are welcome here, but they come with many challenges and require a great deal of individual care and nurturing. Fortunately our new houseparents are well equipped to provide the guidance and stability that they so desperately need. Without the participation and generosity of folks like you these children would be lost. Thanks to you, these girls now have *a place to call home*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen S. Errett".

Karen S. Errett  
Director of Development

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# WELCA



WELCA would like to thank everyone for all the donations of in-kind gifts for the Carver Ministries and the monetary gifts for the Covenant Children's Home. In June, we delivered over \$500.00 worth of products to the Carver Ministries and they were extremely grateful for our contribution as a lot of their resources for continuing this child care are no longer available. We, also, collected \$472.00 on Rachel's Day for the Covenant Children's Home. WELCA donated \$125.00 from the treasury and with funds from Thrivent of \$150.00 a total of \$747.00 was forwarded to Covenant Children's Home. We have received their

acknowledgement and thanks for remembering them to further their ministries.

The funds, of WELCA, were donated to Hope church for the Sunday school for their needs to further their education of our youth.

WELCA funds have all been dispersed. All books, ledgers and check book were given to the church for the audit committee and then to be stored by the church.

## Library News



Its the dog days of summer, and a good time to stay in our cool houses and visit the high green hills of North Carolina where the air is pure, the Village is charming and the people are generally lovable through the words of Jan Karon in the Mitford series. At the center of the series (we have 8 of them) is Father Tim, a bachelor rector, of the Episcopal Church. A very large dog comes to live with Father Tim, he acquires a lovable, but unloved boy and a secret that's 60 years old. These books contain provincial comedy in which mysteries and miracles abound.

author. One book is a photographic journey through the Bible, and another book by the same name "Walking the Bible", a journey by land through the 5 books of Moses. One man's epic odyssey 'by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel' through the greatest stories ever told. Another of Bruce Feiler's books is "Where God Was Born". Feiler travels 10,000 miles through the heart of the Middle East - Israel, Iraq, Iran and examines the question, "Is religion tearing us apart or can it bring us together?" When anyone has finished these books I'll lend them my copy of "Abraham".

We have a couple books by Bruce Feiler, a New York Times best selling

## Family Members in the Military

We remember & pray for those who protect our liberty by serving in the military.

Joan Klotz's two grandsons:

- Brian Lucas was in Iraq for a year but now stationed in Georgia.
- Kevin Lucas is presently in Afghanistan but is expected home this month after his tour ends.

Vivian Matthews' granddaughter:

- Capt. Kari Matthews is in the U. S. Marine Corps. She is a Weapons

Radar Control Officer in a jet known as a Prowler. She is currently assigned to a squadron in North Carolina. She just returned from 6 months in Afghanistan, prior to that tour, she spent 6 months in Iraq.

Ginny Cameron's grandson:

- Sergeant Eddie Werner is in the Air force. He is presently in Afghanistan.

Please let the church office know of others we can add to this list.

## Pinelands Conference Fund Appeal for October

The Pinelands Conference Fund Appeal is planned for October 3, 10, and 17, with a celebration service on Reformation Sunday, October 31 at Joy Lutheran Church in Ocala. The appeal has the vision of providing needed funding and support for three ministries in our area: Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Wildwood; Luther Springs Camp & Retreat Center; and University Lutheran Church & Campus Ministry, Gainesville. Those wishing to contribute will be able to designate a particular ministry, or have their gift used where it is needed most.

### “Together in Mission”

“Together in Mission” is a Synod-wide fund appeal with the vision of growing Christ's Church in our time and place. This vision includes a desire to deepen our relationships with one another and continue our commitment to work for justice and care for those in need within our synod. The appeal will also provide dollars and resources to support our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church of Haiti.

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Rock of Ages Lutheran Church is a dynamic new worship community starting in the Wildwood area. This ministry hopes to reach out to the young and young at heart by supporting today the youth and children of tomorrow.

University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry in Gainesville: Where Campus and Community meet. Campus Ministry bears witness to God's amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, Campus Ministry strives to communicate the Gospel in fresh ways.



Luther Springs Camp & Retreat Center in Hawthorne, FL, offers a variety of experiences for youth and adults to live for a day, a weekend or a week, in a Christ-centered community, learning about themselves and others through Bible reflection, discussion groups, and recreational activities.

## Thanks, from Pastor Lynn

Thanks to the many, many folks who helped with VBS this year, directly with the children or behind the scenes with decorations, gathering supplies, handing out advertisements, and so on.

Thanks also to those who turned in jars of change and checks for larger amounts. It all goes to help us preserve education for youth at Hope this year.

Thank you to those who are consistently here in word and in deed in so many ways. Your presence and leadership at worship, serving refreshments, teaching our children, caring for our youngest ones, providing small things and large stuff, your financial support, all these things demonstrate your commitment to serving God through the ministries of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## Thrivent Sponsored Auction

Did you go to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox fund-raiser? If not, you missed a great time with good treats and a chance to score some unique items at the action. Pastor Mike, our auctioneer, made the items disappear quickly and helped raise \$989 (\$200 from Thrivent) to ship our shoeboxes. The event was attended by people of Hope, Good Shepherd and St. Timothy's Lutheran Churches. THANK YOU for supporting our mission project.

## Known Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

### Birthdays

- 1 Gladys Schlegel
- 2 Don Copple  
Bill Flood
- 3 Sue Hovis
- 4 Arleen Habedank
- 5 Janet Esworthy
- 6 Peyton Vilardi
- 7 Marcia Meier  
Kim Serrano  
Carole Warden
- 10 Linda Becker
- 12 Joan Weiler
- 20 Frank Leibrock



- 21 Delbert Banks
- 23 Dee Forsyth
- 25 Steven Penn  
Kerry Reed
- 26 Doris Steen
- 27 Renate Wilms-Rovin
- 28 Sheri Vilardi

### Anniversaries

- 1 James & Anita O'Donnell (30)
- 2 Dan & Claudette Bechdolt (41)  
George & Gladys Schiegel (58)
- 6 Mike & Beth Penn (22)
- 7 Charlie & Marcia Meir (39)
- 29 Frank & Dotte Leibrock (63)

# Those Who Will Assist in Worship for August

## *Communion Assistants and Acolytes*

1 - Jackie Dean/Renate Wilms-Rovin  
8 - Doris Boeson/ Brenna Towne  
15 - Anthony Diaz/Renate Wilms-Rovin  
22 - Casey Gaylaro/Brenna Towne  
29 - Thomas Vilardi/Peyton Vilardi

## *Assisting Ministers*

Diane Kahler  
Steve Northsea  
Ted Polack  
Ryan Towne  
Renate Wilms-Rovin

## *Altar Guild*

Casey Gaylaro (8/1 -8/8)  
Diane Kahler (8/15, 8/22, & 8/29)  
Margaret DeWalt

## *Guest Greeter*

Carole Warden

## *Nursery*

1 - Janice Pitre  
8 - Judy Thomason - Kasco  
15 - Sue Hovis  
22 - Dawn Rodgers  
29 - Ruth Moheit

## *Greeters*

Jim Hovis  
Helen Van Horn

## *Lay Readers*

1 - Diane Kahler  
8 - Dawn Rodgers  
15 - Yvonne Popke  
22 - Judy Thomason - Kasco  
29 - Thomas Vilardi

## *Ushers for the Month*

Ted & Lynn Polack



<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1 Communion</b> 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship Board Mtg	<b>2</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 Art Group 1:00 Martha Circle (Rms 4 and 6 LH) 6:00 Youth Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Communion</b> 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship 11:15 Ex-Com Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 1:00 Art Group 2:45 Committee Council Mtg	<b>12</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Communion</b> 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship 11:15 Christian Ed Classroom 1	<b>16</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts 10:30 Evangelism	<b>17</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>18</b> 1:00 Art Group	<b>19</b> 10:30 Esther Circle 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Communion</b> 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Reception of New Members 10:45 Fellowship	<b>23</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>25</b> 1:00 Art Group	<b>26</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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