
Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ And To Make Him Known"

A Message From Pastor

Early in August, we read the story of Jesus calling to Peter to get out of the boat. Of all the disciples, Peter was the only one who dared even to consider walking on water to Jesus. He went so far as to get both feet out of the boat, and even took some steps toward Jesus. But, suddenly, he remembered where he was walking, and began to sink. What made the difference? He took his eyes off Jesus and lost faith in that moment.

It's easy to do, taking our eyes off Jesus and losing faith. Life gets tough: our income drops; we get sick; a loved one dies; our child or grandchild – or spouse – heads off to war; natural disasters claim our property.

We begin to focus on these events instead of on Jesus' presence with us. We ask why God allows bad things to happen, instead of where Jesus is, since they have happened. But God never promises us that we won't experience bad times; Jesus never says disasters won't happen to those who believe.



Jesus does say that he will be with us, no matter what is going on. So, when the bad stuff happens in our lives, we should keep our eyes on Jesus. He will be there to give us a hand as the waters surge around us, and help us get back in the boat of faith.

In HOPE
Pastor Lynn

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Kiwanis Bowling For Books

While this is not a Hope project, we have a lot of bowlers who may be interested in this event, and we hope to have a few Hope teams present.

The Kiwanis Club of Central Ridge – Crystal River (of which Pastor Lynn is a member) is sponsoring a bowlathon to raise funds for books for preschool and kindergarten children. The books will be given to children at Reading Is Fundamental and Tales for Tots programs at several

Citrus County elementary schools sponsored by the club.

Bowling for Books is at 3pm on Sunday, August 21, at Manatee Lanes in Crystal River. Teams of 3-4 will be able to bowl 3 games and rent shoes for a donation of \$15. Contact Pastor Lynn for tickets or more information.

In addition, new or gently loved books for ages 3-6 may be donated and left in Pastor Lynn's office.

Dollars And Sense From The Treasurer's Desk

June 2011

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Regular Income</u> | <u>Communion Attendance</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| June 5 | 3,503.00 | 67 |
| June 12 | 1,799.00 | 77 |
| June 19 | 1,499.00 | 57 |
| June 26 | 1,976.00 | 65 |

Total Inflows: \$ 10,547.11

Total Outflows: \$ 13,930.27

The full financial statement is available in Luther Hall.

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Thrivent Financial For Lutherans

On July 12, Ted Polack and Carole Warden attended the Citrus County Thrivent board meeting as guests. The meeting was held at First Lutheran in Inverness and many events were discussed. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, you have already reserved your seat on the bus going to the Tampa Bay baseball game on Saturday, August 20. Reservations needed to be in by August 5.

Three Financial workshops are being held at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 28 at noon. A pizza lunch will be served and the workshops begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. Ages 6-10....teens...and adult workshops are being offered so please

Martha Circle

Martha Circle will begin meeting again in Luther Hall.

Our next gathering is Wednesday, August 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Summer Heat

It's still hot, hot, hot!!!! In May, the electric bill was \$770.72. This month, the electric bill is \$880.25. Please conserve wherever possible.

Thank you,
Diane Kahler

make your reservations to Terry Lucente phone # 352-527-2706. Space is limited and reservations need to be in by August 14.

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Crystal River is sponsoring a series of Caregiver Support and Information meetings each month and the next event is Tuesday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m. Jerry Fisher from the Alzheimer's Association is the speaker and this month's topic is "Communicating with those suffering with all forms of dementia". There is no charge and refreshments are served. It is open to the community and all are welcome. For more information or questions about this series, contact Charlotte Downing at 352-382-5659.

Come join us as we finalize the October 15 Craft Show and work on our crafts that we plan to sell. Light refreshments will be served.

Carole Warden

Thrivent Financial Workshops

Three concurrent financial workshops, led by Thrivent Financial representatives, will be held in Citrus Springs. A pizza lunch will be served at noon in the fellowship hall with the workshops beginning at 12:30 p.m. in separate classrooms. Child care is provided for infants and toddlers. All workshops focus on how to make intentional choices about sharing, saving and spending money. This event is open to the public, but a reservations are required to prepare for lunch and order enough workbooks for participants. Contact Terry Lucente

at 352-527-2706 or register online. Workshops include: Parents, Kids and Money Matters (for parents and young children), Parents, Teens and Money Matters (for teens), My Life, My Plan (for adults).

Happening:

Sunday, August 28, 2011 starting at 12:00 p.m.

Where:

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Hope's History Trivia

- When worship began at Hope in 1972, the worship space was designed "In the Round" with the altar at the center, under the "dome." Seating was in chairs. All that changed in 1981, 9 years later.
- At the cost of \$6,000, the worship center took the shape it currently has. "Paneling on chancel walls, stained glass windows installed, red carpeting ..., 2 main communion rails. Breathtakingly beautiful for Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service."
- In January 1982, the congregation voted overwhelmingly for pews. 5 at \$500 were pledged at that moment.
- In December 1981, Pastor Morrod's pectoral cross, which had been "lifted" several months before, was replaced with a sterling silver Celtic cross and chain. The congregation had gathered donations and surprised him with this gift.

Family Members in the Military

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

Ginny Cameron's grandson:
Tech Sergeant John Edward Werner

John & Margarita Chiappetta's son:
Luis Jimenez

Janet Esworthy's nephew:
Major Marc Orndorff

Joan Klotz's two grandsons:
Brian Lucas and Kevin Lucas

Vivian Matthews' granddaughter:
Capt. Kari Matthews

Edith Regan's daughter:
Storekeeper Chief Phyllis Thomas

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

Operation Christmas Child

Only a few months remain for our 2011 collection of Shoeboxes for needy and hurting children all over the world.

THANK YOU for all your contributions, but we are still running short on the dollars needed to send the boxes on their way! The \$7 per box is for shipping and for the wonderful gospel story of Jesus that is included for each child in his or her own language.

Bring joy to children at Christmas by sponsoring a box or two. Donations can be placed in the decorated box in



Luther Hall or given directly to Carole Warden at any time.

Featured Item

This month we are featuring school supplies for the shoebox collections for Operation Christmas Child! Bring your donations to Luther Hall and place in the box provided. Remember we can only accept new items.

Thank you,
Carole Warden

Youth Group Sale - September 10

Our Youth Group is growing so we need to raise money to keep the cost of our activities down.

Bring any donations except clothes to the church for our rummage sale. Please mark them SALE so we can store them.

If you need someone to pick up items please call Sue Hovis or Kim Serrano.

Thanks for your continued support.
Sue Hovis

Angel Food Report for the June 25, Distribution

Trucker Dick Regan picked up fourteen Angel Food orders and they were distributed by Pat Kessel, Steve & Judy Kasco, Janet Esworthy, Howard Walsh, Edith Regan and Vic Kahler.

Many thanks to every one for a successful distribution.

Council Liaison
Victor Kahler

Stewardship Campaign

This year our Stewardship Campaign will be focusing on the Recipe for Hope:

RECIPE FOR HOPE

- ¼ tsp of possibilities
- 3 tsp. of planning
- 2 cups of congregational support
- 1 tsp. of working together
- 1 cup of difference
- A large pinch of generosity

Psalm 33.22

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Romans 10.12

For there is no distinction between Jew or Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

I Corinthians 3.9

For we are God's Servants working together; you are God's field, God's building.

LOOK FOR SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION

Stewardship/Evangelism Committee

Thank you from Vic

Hope Lutheran Church Property Report
July 13, 2011

I would like to thank Kelly Murphy,
Dick Regan, Jim Earl, Tom Knipe, and

Kevin Ramsey for the 70 hours of work
since our last report.

Victor Kahler, Property Chairman

Members Who Are Homebound or Residing in Care Facilities

Johanna Barrett – Home
Ginny Cameron – Home
Jeannette Carnie — Life Care,
Lecanto
Sebastian D’Auria – Home
Roy Deck – Hampton Manor West,
Dunnellon
Joan Layton – Home
Joe Rovin – Home

Helen Savinsky – Cedar Creek,
Crystal River
Dorothy Scianna – Crystal Gem
Manor, Crystal River
Karen Summers – Home
Ruby Wagner – Barrington Place

Sunday’s Altar Flowers

Every Sunday we have fresh flowers on
the altar to the glory of God and in
memory or honor of someone(s).

The cost of each arrangement is \$13.
Sign up sheet for altar flowers is by the
window in Luther Hall by the coffee
counter. Near the chart there are
forms to use so Kelly can include your
memorial or honorarium in the bulletin.
Please allow at least 2 weeks prior to
the date for your flowers. Just sign up
on the chart for the week you want then
fill out the information on the sheet and

either place it on Kelly’s desk or put in
the offering plate along with a check.

You have the option of taking the
flowers or donating them to the sick
and those in care facilities. By doing
this you not only honor or memorialize
those that you love but you also give
the glory to God. Please think about
this donation. It will be recorded on
your donation record to the church.

Thank you
The Altar Committee

How We Worship— Be Part Of God's Saving Story

For Lutherans, worship matters. In fact, worship lies at the heart of how we understand ourselves together. While some of the approaches to worship may differ from one congregation to another, we hold certain things in common.

There is a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans. We *gather*. We encounter God's *Word*. We share a *meal* at the Lord's table. And we are *sent* into the world. But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what we do. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Think about it like this. God's Spirit calls us together. God speaks to us through readings from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, through preaching, prayer, and song. God feeds and nourishes us in a saving way. And God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Taken together, the **Word** proclaimed and the **sacraments** -- both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion -- are called **the means of grace**. We

believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a "gathering around the means of grace." This is a way of saying that we trust that God is genuinely present with us in baptism, in preaching, and in sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In that sense, Lutherans believe that God's presence permeates all of Christian worship.

The cross is the central symbol that marks our worship spaces and when Lutherans worship, singing fills the air. The voices of all the people joined in song and the participation of all the people in the worship is a witness to our conviction that in worship we are being drawn in to God's own saving story.

From the ELCA Website

<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Welcome-to-the-ELCA/How-We-Worship.aspx>

Thank You Hope



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

June 24, 2011

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Thank You

Dear Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift of \$20.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful generosity makes a lifesaving, lifechanging difference for people in need around the corner and around the world. Thank you.

In Malawi, a farmer learns to sell her crop for a better price, enough to send her children to school. In South Carolina, a volunteer brings a hot meal and warm friendship to an elderly widower. In Uganda, neighbors come together to maintain their village's well so that all may have a fair share. All this good work is supported by the generosity of people like you.

To neighbors near and far who live with hunger and poverty, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope. Thank you. Your gift brings us another step closer to ending hunger in our world.

In Christ's service,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director
ELCA World Hunger

P.S. I invite you to visit www.elca.org/hunger/stories to find stories from this ministry that you can share with your congregation. Your gift is tax-deductible—please see the back of this page for details.

40th Anniversary Celebration

Do you have some pieces of Hope's history in your drawers or closets? Worship bulletins, anniversary booklets, photos, letters, newspaper articles, etc.? Would you be willing to share them for a history wall in Luther Hall? We can make photocopies of items if preferred. If you have such items, please give them to Pastor Lynn. If you wish to get them back, remember to put your name on the items.

Thrivent Night At The Ballpark!

Join us for a wonderful afternoon as we cheer on the Tampa Bay Rays. This is a Care in Regions Fund-raiser with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to benefit Luther Springs Camp.

Tampa Bay Rays vs. Seattle Mariners
Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 4:10 p.m.
Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, FL

The tickets are \$20.00 for "Tickets Only" or \$30.00 for "Bus and Ticket" \$5.00 of every ticket will be used to benefit the fundraiser for Luther Springs Camp. See Jackie Dean for more information.

Known Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

Birthdays

- 1 Gladys Schlegel
- 2 Don Copple
- 3 Sue Hovis
Racheal Whitler
- 5 Janet Esworthy
- 6 Peyton Vilardi

7 Kim Serrano
Carole Warden
12 Joan Weiler
21 Delbert Banks
23 Dee Forsyth
25 Steven Penn
Kerry Reed
Jordan Whitler
27 Renate Wilms-Rovin
28 Sheri Vilardi

Anniversaries

1 James & Anita O'Donnell
2 Dan & Claudette Bechdolt (42)
6 Mike & Beth Penn

Those Assisting in Worship for August

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

7—Dee Forsyth/Brian Whitler
14—David Becwar/Renate Wilms-Rovin
21—Lynn Polack/Jim Hovis
28—Steven Penn/Jacob Penn

Altar Guild

Margaret DeWalt
Margarita Chiappetta
Diane Kahler

Nursery

7—Judy Thomason-Kasco
14—Judy Thomason-Kasco
21—Sue Hovis
28—Ann Becwar

Lay Readers

7—Steve Northsea

14—Helen Van Horn

21—Judy Thomason-Kasco

28—Dick Regan

Assisting Ministers

Deacon John Chiappetta

Diane Kahler

Steve Northsea

Ted Polack

Ryan Towne

Renate Wilms-Rovin

Guest Greeter

Joan Klotz

Sue Hovis

Greeters

Francine Richard

Helen Van Horn

Ushers for the Month

Russ Telfer

Dick Regan