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Hope's Newsletter

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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A Message From Pastor

In November, we remember to say thanks.

Especially on Thanksgiving Day, we say thanks. We give thanks for the many ways in which God provides for us, sometimes even sharing around the dinner table something for which we are especially grateful this year.

We also take the opportunity to say thanks on All Saints Sunday, November 6th this year, when we give thanks for those saints who showed us the way to Jesus. We light candles for those we have known, and we thank God for those we have never met who left us the legacy of their faith.

And we say thanks for the coming of Jesus, God's only Son, our Lord, who came into the world as an infant to demonstrate God's deep love

for us. Our time of Advent preparation this year begins on November 27.

For what and for whom do you give thanks this year? I hope you will take a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving. I also hope you will take a moment to write a note of thanks to those special persons in your life. They will be thankful that you did so.

I am thankful for "you-all," the people of Hope, and your passion for doing ministry in our neighborhood in Jesus' name.

With thanksgiving,
Pastor Lynn

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Christmas Carols Come Alive

Advent midweek worship will be the Service of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7pm. The theme will be a series of short skits based on the origins of some familiar Christmas carols. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex, and parts will be available from Pastor Lynn. If no one signs up ahead of time, parts will be handed out at the beginning of worship.

1. November 30: "Joy to the World" — A sickly Isaac Watts penned this carol and others,

attracting the attention of a young woman via the "old Internet" (post office).

2. December 7: "As with Gladness Men of Old/ What Child Is This?" — *Despite a raging chest cold, William Chatterton Dix penned new lyrics to a familiar tune.*

3. December 14: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" — *The lyricist visited the sleepy little town of Bethlehem in 1865. The tune came in the middle of the night to a procrastinating composer.*

Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>
September 4	66	4,125.00
September 11	67	1,704.00
September 18	62	1,413.00
September 25	60	1,107.00

Total Inflows: \$ 9,870.37

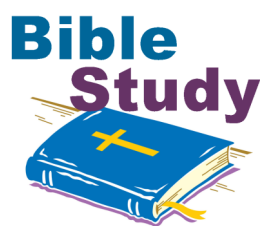
Total Outflows: \$ 19,444.14

The full financial statement is posted in Luther Hall.

Thanksgiving

- * to Dick Regan for the splendid job of refreshing the painted lines in our parking lot!
- * to Carol Warden and Martha Circle and everyone who helped make the Craft Fair such a success
- * to the property committee and kitchen remodeling folks for their hard work to bring the kitchen up to date
- * to those who have so generously contributed to the discretionary fund so we can help our neighbors in times of crisis
- * to Larry Whitler for the beautiful painting of Hope in the rain and with rays of hope shining through the clouds
- * to Anthony, Brenna, Steve, and Ted for making Confirmation Class a lot of fun
- * to Deacon John, Deacons-in-Training Diane and Ted, and Stephen Ministers Ruth and Yvonne for helping me watch over the flock at Hope
- * to Dee Forsyth, actors, food providers, props gatherers, and everyone else involved in the dinner theater

Wednesday Evening Bible Study



The Wednesday evening Bible Study has been moved to Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., effective immediately.

We will not have classes on Wednesday, November 16 & 23.

Annual Christmas Party



Mark your calendar for DECEMBER 4 to attend our Christmas party in Luther Hall here at Hope after morning worship.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in the church parlor. Our session will focus on the "Power and Authority" of Jesus as he moves through the Galilean region, teaching as he goes. Jesus taught with parables. Parables have a way of getting into our imagination, opening a larger world of wonder with just a few well-chosen words. Like other religious teachers of his day, Jesus used parables to prod our imaginations to look at life from God's perspective.

Our lesson is taken from Mark 4:1-6 - 6: 29 and with the parables from these chapters, we will be engaged emotionally and intellectually into the teachings of Jesus.

Mark your calendar to attend Esther Circle on November 17. The lesson is from the WELCA magazine, GATHER, and copies of the lesson will be available in the church office. Please plan to join us for this Bible study.

Operation Christmas Child

This is our month to tie up the 2011 Shoebox collection for the year. We will be taking our boxes to the drop off point the week of November 14. THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make this year a success and donated their time, gifts and money to this worthy cause. We will be bringing joy to 150 kids and that is a great feeling to know that some of these children and their families will get to know Jesus and become followers.



Fair on October 15. It took a lot of hours and work to make this a success. We truly appreciate your help. Have a blessed holiday season and know that you have brought joy and hope to many other through your generosity!

Carole Warden

I want to thank everyone who supported our first annual Craft

Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall on November 2. Please join us as we make gifts for our own shut-ins and spend some quality time in social interaction. Light refreshments will be served. If you have



any questions about our small group, please see Carole Warden.

Jacob's Journey

Jacob's Journey Bible Study has started again with a look at the prophets. We will be on the prophets for some time examining what they have to say for us today, and what they had to say to Israel of old.

Even though this is a continuing study, we welcome all new students who would like to examine the Scriptures with us. Class time is 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Monday afternoons with a break in between for coffee and some snacks.

However, the real interest is in the Bible study itself which is an understanding of the biblical flow of history from Genesis to Revelation. In our study so far, we have examined the Bible from Genesis and we have progressed through to the Babylonian Captivity.

Last season we studied the life of the Jewish kings and how the nations of Israel and Judah had been sent into exile because of their idolatry. The prophets are there to encourage the people back to God; but there are also many messages important for us today..

If this is something you would like to learn more about, please join us on Mondays. We always have room for one more. Thank you, Anita O'Donnell

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.

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

Hope's Craft Fair

The day dawned bright and sunny on October 15. A perfect day for our first Craft Fair! 113 People attended and 12 vendors participated in the event as well as our lovely ladies of Martha Circle. Our ladies worked for 9 months getting ready for this event and we are happy to report our event was a success! We made \$625.50. Our goal of \$600 was reached so we will be receiving the generous \$200 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

We still need money to finish paying for our 150 shoeboxes, so please try to give just a wee bit more so we can reach our final goal.

THANKS to all for your generous support this year.

Carole Warden

Thanks To Pastor Lynn And The Members Of Hope

Pastor Lynn & Members,

The students and staff at Central Ridge Elementary want to "Thank You" for your generosity in the giving of shoes and socks. They will be used.

Again Thanks,
Jackie Blursch
Health Room Attendant

Thanks from Helga Whitley

I want to thank all my dear friends of Hope for the many, many get well cards. It really made me feel good to receive so many.

Thanks again,
Helga Whitley



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The Wednesday evening Bible Study has been moved to Wed 10:30 am, effective immediately.

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World Hunger Appeal

It's time once again to fill your God's Global Barnyards boxes with cash or checks to provide funds to feed the hungry. The campaign will run through November and finish Thanksgiving weekend. Barnyard boxes will be available in the narthex or from the church office beginning November 6. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran with World Hunger on the memo line.

Known Birthdays And Anniversaries For November



Anniversaries

23 Steve & Michel Northsea 28

Birthdays

2 Charles Collins
 11 Ginny Cameron
 16 Bill Kessel
 17 Patricia Kessel
 18 Helga Whitler
 24 Jackie Dean
 Nancy Finck
 29 Carol D'Auria

Hope's History Trivia

- * In the January 1982 newsletter, a small blurb urges members to contact their representative and senator in the Florida Congress in support of the ERA – Equal Rights Amendment.
- * Throughout 1982, the newsletters carried stories of the struggles to keep lawn care equipment in good running order and to have enough men show up to use it on workdays. (*Sounds familiar!*)
- * “It appears that the exit signs were installed at the wrong entry into the church sanctuary. ... This error in installation while your property chairman was in Massachusetts is perhaps due to the misunderstanding as to what constitutes the front or rear of the sanctuary.”
- * The Hi-Lo's, a singing group from Hope, appeared around the community. Offerings given as thanks for their performance went to paying for choir chairs when pews and choir chairs were installed at Hope in 1982.
- * December 1983 the Utility Building was completed with

work beginning under the leadership of Andy Anderson and completed by the men's club. Also that year, mailboxes were built and installed in Luther Hall for the distribution of members' mail.

- * In 1983 LCW established small Bible study groups in homes in two areas, Beverly Hills and Citrus Springs. The groups met once or twice a month in homes or in Luther Hall.



Those Who Will Assist in Worship for November

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

6 - Dee Forsyth/Brian Whitler
 13 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Anthony Diaz
 20 - Jim Hovis/Brenna Towne
 23 - Lynn Polack/Deacon John Chiappetta
 (Thanksgiving Eve)
 27 - Steven Penn/Jacob Penn

Assisting Ministers

Deacon John Chiappetta
 Anothy Diaz
 Diane Kahler
 Steve Northsea
 Ted Polack
 Ryan Towne
 Renate Wilms-Rovin

Altar Guild

Margaret DeWalt
 Margarita Chiappetta
 Diane Kahler

Guest Greeter

Sue Hovis

Greeters

Janet Esworthy
 Lempi Tervo

Nursery

6 - TBA
 13 - Judy Thomason-Kasco
 20 - Sue Hovis
 27 - Ann Becwar

Ushers for the Month

David Doyle
 Dick Regan

Lay Readers

6 - Lee Pitre
 13 - Carole Warden
 20 - Steve Northsea
 23 - Deacon John Chiappetta
 (Thanksgiving Eve)
 27 - Dee Forsyth



Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

		1	2	3	4	5 1st Saturday in Dunnellon
6 Communion 8:00a Adult Bible Study 8:00a Confirmation Class 8:30a Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45a Fellowship 2:00p Deeper Life L.H.	7 10:30a Bible Study CRI 1:00p Jacob's Journey	8	9 10:30a Bible Study 1:00p Art Group 2:30p Council Mtg.	10 6:30p Cub Scouts 6:30p Cantata 7:00p Choir Reh	11	12
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