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Hope's Newsletter

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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A Message From Pastor

So many of the Scripture texts this fall are about money and how to use it. It's as if God were hitting us on the head. "Pay attention! Listen up!" We can not serve two masters; we must choose between loving God and loving money.

Of course we are reminded that this is the time of year for the stewardship campaign, when we are asked to indicate our support for Hope's ministries next year. Please prayerfully consider how God has blessed you, and how you will share your blessings with Hope in 2011.

Beyond that, I invite you to think about this: Most of us have so much, it's hard to understand what it means to have little. Few of us

know what it means to wonder how we will live in Florida summers with no electricity for the air conditioning and the refrigerator; no gas for hot water; no water to drink, bathe, or cook with; no milk, no bread, not even any peanut butter in the house.

A family in this kind of crisis approached us for help, and you answered the need with a generous outpouring of cash and food. Dubbed the Abigail family project, we have helped this family with a single mom and several children keep the utilities going and put food on their table until other assistance could be put into place. Thank you all for your generosity!

A member of the congregation brought another family to my attention. We will check

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A Message From Pastor (Continued)

them out, determine their needs, and if appropriate, they will be the Benjamin family project. If not this family, there are always others.

Doesn't it feel good to help someone else? Doesn't it feel good to recognize that God has given us gifts to share with those who need some help? Doesn't it feel good to say, "Yes, we can do that"? Together, we have been a blessing to a family, and they are so grateful!

God has been watching us and taking notice of our passion for doing ministry. Let's celebrate this goodness of God, to invite us into partnership with the Divine to care for some of God's children. And let's be watching for the next opportunity.

In Prayerful Hope,
Pr Lynn

Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>
August 1	2,501.00	66
August 8	2,731.00	68
August 15	1,549.00	67
August 22	2,055.00	70
August 29	<u>+1,578.00</u>	83
	\$10,414.00	

The complete financial statement is in Luther Hall.

Healing Services in October

The quarterly Healing Service will be offered on Wednesday, October 6, at 2pm. This simple service is for anyone who is in need of some healing in their bodies, minds, spirits, or relationships. It is also for those who find it difficult to get to church on Sunday morning. In 30 minutes, we sing three hymns, read Scripture, have a brief message, offer prayers and anointing for healing, and receive Holy Communion. This is a quiet and reflective service to which you might bring a friend to be blessed by this ministry.

In honor of St. Luke, the doctor, whom the Church honors each year on October 18, we will offer the Order for Healing after our regular worship service on October 17. This order is in the ELW hymnal (pages 276-278), and provides for prayers for healing and the laying on of hands and anointing for those who choose to participate. This rite is offered for anyone who is in need of healing in body, mind, spirit, or relationships.

Looking to the Future with Hope

All churches face difficult times, and it's not limited to the 20th or 21st century church. In Acts chapter 7, we read about a disagreement among the widows and church leaders. Paul, Peter, and James had their own struggles to get along and set the direction for the church in its earliest days. At the end of the first century, John the visionary wrote his letter to the seven churches, each of which had challenges.

At Hope, we have faced challenges in the past and experienced pain. We have also experienced times of great joy. It's time now to look to the future, to discover where God will take us next.

On November 7, we will gather as a

congregation for some time of looking ahead. Using the seven churches in Revelation as our opening devotion, we will then ask ourselves these three questions:

1. What in the past has caused you pain?
2. What in the past has brought you joy?
3. What will give you joy or hope in the future?

We will pray our way through the time together. The plan is for this event to take no more than an hour. The hopes and joys of the future will be given to the GPS4HOPE Committee to help formulate short and longer term goals.

Esther Circle

ESTHER CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, October 21, 2010 to continue the study "The People of God: The Body of Christ". As the church, we are Christ's body with many different abilities, viewpoints, and passions. Differences aren't new -- the church has always experienced differences, some of which have and will continue to divide us from each other. The focus of our study this month will be on I Corinthians 12: 12 - 31, where Paul talks about Christ's body, the church, as one body with many members. We are challenged to strive for unity while recognizing

that we are a diverse community of believers. What does this mean for us and how can we accomplish this?

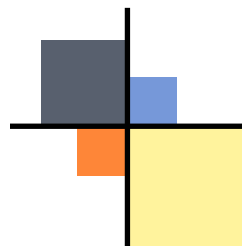
Please join us on Thursday, October 21 at 10:30 A.M. in the church parlor for the 2nd session of our Bible study . Copies of the lesson are available in the church office.

Operation Christmas Child

Time is running out for getting those shoes boxes filled and turned in. We have one month to complete them before they are delivered to the local drop-off destination and then on there way to hurting and needy children. If you prefer to donate \$\$, we still need money for the gospel tracts and shipping expenses....so make your check out to Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church and make a notation for the

designation "Shoebox". Help bring joy to a special child of God at Christmas?

Carole Warden



Martha Circle

Martha Circle ladies lived up to their namesake on September 1, when they met and assembled 17 Health kits and 7 School kits for World Relief, 5 fleece blankets for shut-ins and 10 centerpieces for Grandparent's Day.

Only 4 ladies gathered for these projects, but busy hands and loving

hearts can accomplish many tasks. Come join us October 6 at 1:00 P.M. in classroom 6 (Luther Hall) when we will be working on Thanksgiving gifts for our shut-ins. You don't need to bring anything but the willingness to enjoy a time of fellowship and do GOD's work.

Reformation Music Festival

This year the Pinelands Conference – 15 congregations in an 11-county area – will gather to celebrate the Reformation with a music festival at 3pm on Sunday, October 31, at Joy Lutheran Church in Ocala. Choirs from each congregation have been invited to share their musical talents.

The event will be shaped around the three "solas" of Lutheranism, Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, and Sola Gratia (Word Alone, Faith Alone, and Grace Alone). Interspersed among the

music, Pastor Lynn will preach a short message on each "sola."

We will also bring together our joint offerings to support the three designated ministries in our conference: Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Luther Springs Camp, and University Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Please make plans to join us and lots of other Lutherans in the area for a wonderful celebration of word and music.

Next Worship and Music Meeting

The next Worship and Music Committee meeting is Monday, October 18 at 7pm. Our focus for the meeting will be fall worship events, plus Advent and Christmas services.

New committee members are always welcome. You may also share any questions and comments with committee members: Diane Kahler, Janet Esworthy, Casey Gaylardo, Connie DeTuerk-Telfer, Jackie Dean, Renate Wilms-Rovin, Dawn Rodgers, Catherine Bearbower, Hazel Reinstra, Jason Longtin, and Pastor Lynn.

Lunch and Learn

Would you like to change up your lunch routine and grow closer to God at the same time? Then join us for "Lunch and Learn the first Thursday of every month from 11:30-1:30. All members of Hope, as well as friends and neighbors, are invited to attend "Lunch and Learn." Participants need to bring his or her own lunch and an open heart. Coffee, tea and water will be

provided and a microwave will be available to heat your lunch if needed. Lunch and fellowship will begin at 11:30 with the program beginning after lunch lasting until 1:30. If you have any questions please see Sue Hovis after church or call 746-9799. See you at this new ministry opportunity on October 7th at 11:30.

10/7/2010 Hope Church "Lunch and Learn" Program

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Do you have a hard time sleeping at night?

Do you experience tension headaches?

Do you find yourself exhausted in the middle of the day?

Do you experience other symptoms of anxiety and tension?

Would you like to learn a simple, time-tested, Christian method of relaxing and adding comfort to your life?

If yes, you are invited to a life enriching Hope Church "Lunch and Learn" event. On Thursday, October 7th at 11:30 a.m., interested

church and community persons will gather for a lesson in Christian meditation. Everyone will have a solid understanding and application of Christian meditation by the time they leave "Lunch and Learn."

The Rev. Dr. Mike Fonfara, Presbyterian pastor and certified hypnotherapist by the International Medical and Dental Hypnotherapy Association, will explain the biblical, physiological, mental, and beneficial dynamics to all in attendance. He will lead the group in a trial meditation using a biblical passage.

Please note the day and time in your calendar and be sure to attend.

Call Sue Hovis or Dr. Mike Fonfara for more information.

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 – Home
 Ruby Wagner – Barrington Place

Thank you

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee and all who have helped them for the fun gatherings we have had. Your creativity is appreciated, and it’s wonderful to see so many members staying to join in the fun.

Thank you to Victor and the Property Committee for continuous efforts to keep our property in good shape and looking good. It’s a lot of hard work, and a lot of time invested. Especially we teachers thank you for working to bring the internet into Luther Hall.

Thank you to the whole congregation for your generous support of the Abigail family. Together, we have given this needy family about \$1200 in vital support at a time of crisis in their lives. We paid three utility bills, and kept the electricity, gas, and

water turned on, and kept food in their house until their EBT card (food stamps) was available. What a blessing you have been for them!



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 and Kevin Lucas

Vivian Matthews' granddaughter:
Capt. Kari Matthews

Ginny Cameron's grandson:
Tech Sergeant John Edward Werner

Edith Regan's daughter:
Storekeeper Chief Phyllis Thomas

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

A Riddle for You to Keep Awake

Eighty percent of Kindergartners solved this riddle, but only 5% of Stanford graduates figured it out! Can you answer the following questions with one word?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God....
3. Greater than God....
4. More Evil than the devil....
5. All poor people have it....
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die....

Did you figure it out?

Try hard before looking at the answers on the next page.

Did you get it yet or are you spinning your wheels?

Give up?

Brace yourself for the answer on page 9.

Response to July's Devotions

After reading the article Diane Kahler wrote I feel the need to send my own comments. The reason Charlie and I came to Hope Lutheran was because of the warmth we felt. We were "drawn" to that church. How are people being "drawn" to Hope Lutheran now? How is "warmth and love" being distributed to new and current members of the church? Let's work together to make Hope Lutheran a positive place and draw people to the church like Charlie and I were drawn to Hope years ago.

Marcia Meier

Angel Food

Angel Food was successfully distributed on August 28, 2010. The food was picked up by Dick Regan and Dave Doyle and distributed by Kim, Serrano, Tanner Serrano, Pat Kessel, Judy Kasco, Steve Kasco, and Vic Kahler. We had a total of 11 orders.

Vic Kahler: Council Liaison

Answer for Riddle on Page 8

NOTHING!

NOTHING has seven letters.

NOTHING preceded God.

NOTHING is greater than God.

NOTHING is more Evil than the devil.

All poor people have NOTHING.

Wealthy people need NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

Letter Found in Memorial Garden

Dear mine,



I have walked a very long way to the tennis court and after an awesome and tiring game, I'm on my way back. My legs were feeling like lead until this church garden caught my eye. lately, it seems like I'm a magnet for bad luck; just can't seem to catch a brake.



Thank you for providing a lovely place to rest.

Love, Sam ♡

P.S. Some color would liven the place up

Library News



WE ARE LUTHERANS and we can thank Martin Luther for that. It was not his intention when he started searching the scriptures that a denomination would have his name. Our Library has many materials for research on this great man and the more you read and watch you learn about his world in the 1500s. There are 5 videos and 1 DVD. Two of the videos are named "Martin Luther's Protest Changed the Course of History". One of them is the abridged version 30 min and the other 120 min. He is sent to Rome on a mission - and finds that by Faith man is saved - nailed his 95 thesis to a church door - preaches that indulgences does not save a person - in Worms he gave his answer that he "can not, will not recant" speech. A video "The Morning Star of Wittenberg" the life of Katie Luther - a documentary provides an intimate look at Katharina von Bora who married Martin Luther and helped him change the course of history. Another video "Martin Luther Heretic". This video takes him from Monk to Heretic through his indulgences quest, then his trial,

capture, and his return to Wittenberg. The 5th video is named "Opening the Door to Luther". You will learn about the tumultuous events of the Reformation and the monk at the center of it all. A DVD named "Martin Luther", he is swept from devotion to rebellion, and covers his final journey to Wittenberg. There are books in the biography section of the Library. There is "The Life of Martin Luther" . This is a very old book published in 1900, will give the reader an in depth view of Martin Luther. Another book is "Here I Stand", also a book of his life. We have a very small book, 136 pages called "The Life of Martin Luther". He is not the only person responsible for the Reformation. The book "Philip Melanchthon Then and Now" (1497-1997) is also in the biography section. As well there is a notebook containing the DVD Reformation - Overview which also has a Leaders Guide. The Library also has a Life of Luther in the Youth section. There is a label "Reformation" on a shelf which holds many Reformation materials. At the end of this month we will commemorate the Reformation.

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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 – Home

Ruby Wagner – Barrington Place

Finding Hope Grief Support



Informational brochures are in the pockets outside Pastor Lynn’s door. Cost for the sessions is \$25 for materials. Please contact Pastor Lynn to sign up or for more information.

A 10-week session of Finding Hope, the grief support group will begin October 4 at 2pm. We will meet weekly, and work around holidays and people’s schedules as needed. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, it can be helpful to share your grief with others and find out you are not alone, and not going crazy. If you know someone who is grieving, please share this invitation with them.

Thank you from Wendy Whitler

Dear Hope,
I just want to thank everyone in the church for making our kids feel so welcome. I grew up with wonderful church family and that was so important to me for our kids to have that kind of relationship in their church. We are truly honored to have our kids baptized at Hope. And, you a just wonderful, not only

with the kids but, also with sitting and explaining everything involved in the baptism to me because things were done differently in my home church. Thank you so much for all you do.

Sincerely,
Wendy Whitler

Known Birthdays and Anniversaries for October

Birthdays

- 1 Jim Hovis
- 2 Jan Manning
Steve Northsea
- 3 Ruth Moheit
- 6 Richard Zent
- 7 John Laning Sr
- 10 Kay Schaller
- 11 Michael Penn
- 23 Jacob Penn
- 24 Dan Bechdolt
Helen Van Horn
- 25 Doris Boeson
- 26 Francine Richard
Brenna Towne



- 31 Alice Doyle
Eberhardt Rues

Anniversaries

- 4 Richard & Edna Zent
- 14 Luis & Aida Diaz
- 18 George & Rosemarie Larson
- 27 Paul & Yvonne Popke

Local Food Pantry

If you are concerned about hunger in our immediate area, please consider preparing the donations of food for the pick-up team from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Food Pantry. Food is deposited in the basket in the narthex and in the white hamper in Luther Hall. The third Sunday has been designated as "Food Sunday", but donations may be brought in at any time. All personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, shampoo and toiletries from your trips are also welcome. Nothing could be simpler than organizing and bagging food on one or two of the kitchen rolling carts and making a phone call to the directors. Then inform our church secretary, Kelly, that they will be coming to collect the non-perishable food. You do not need to transport

the donations. The directors are Donna and Bill Casey from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Their phone number is posted near the phone in Luther Hall's kitchen.

The contact person may inform people in our congregation (or people in need) to call SEAS Food Pantry at 352-465-6613, on Tuesdays between 9 am and 6 pm, to see if they qualify. To pick up food on the third Saturday of the month, paperwork is required to be filled out and your SSN card shown.

Please contact Ruth Moheit (352-746-4174) or the church office (352-489-5511) if you are able to assist in this ministry.

Baked Ziti Luncheon

On Sunday, October 10th a luncheon will be held after the church service to kick off our stewardship campaign "Prayerful Gratitude". All are invited to attend. Baked ziti with meatballs, tossed salad, toasted Italian bread and dessert will be served.

Please come for information and fellowship. You will be able to pick up your stewardship envelope and

when it is returned each family member will receive a praying hands pin. We are excited to start this year's campaign and visit with you.

Your Evangelism/Stewardship Committee: Steve Northsea, Lempi Tervo, Connie DeTuerk, Carol D'Auria, Victor Kahler, Monika Seeger, Sue Hovis & Ted Polack - Council Liaison

Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization of Women of ELCA — Fall Gathering @ Lake Yale— Nov. 12-14—Registration Deadline Oct. 30

Dear Sisters in Christ..

An exciting opportunity awaits you at our 2010 Fall Gathering-Gather in love at the foot of the Cross. What does this mean to you? It means over 250 of your sisters will gather November 12-14 at Lake Yale Retreat Center to study, worship, learn, fellowship and have a lot of fun! This will be our first meeting since we voted to hold annual conventions. We will elect a vice president, treasurer and four board members. We will be considering resolution on issues brought to the floor by our congregational units, issues that are important to you. We will finalize the criteria for awarding our seminary scholarship. These are important matters of business but there will be lots of fun too.

Saturday night your conferences will present "God Spa," a night of pampering. Wear your pajamas and join your sisters in a relaxing experience sharing foot massages, special teas, chair stretches and many other indulges. Learn to care for yourself so that you are able to care for others.

Many opportunities for worship, bible study and devotions, public and private will be available throughout the weekend. Workshops and forums will be offered on a variety of topics including current events, prayer, health issues and crafts. The Florida-Bahamas Synod will introduce us to our "Together in Mission" initiative which includes an outreach for local ministry and Haitian ministries. This year, Bishop Ed Benoway will join us on Sunday for our closing worship.

You may notice that we have raised our cost due to the increased cost of the retreat center. We still consider this to be a bargain but have stepped up our Share the Spirit scholarship fund with fundraising and invite you to apply for assistance. Special scholarships are available for young women and we will again have a youth shepherd to guide young women (high school age) thru our weekend. Lucinda Pins will be available at the gathering with proceeds benefiting Share the Spirit.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for the special event. Invite a friend, co-worker or neighbor to join you. We welcome all to share in this spirit filled weekend!

Love in Christ, our Lord and Savior,

Raeann Purcell
President, Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization

Fees: Overnight Registration
 Registration Fee - 41⁰⁰
 Room/Meals - 134⁰⁰
 Per person \$175⁰⁰

Commuter Registration
 Registration Fee: 36⁰⁰
 Daily Fee 10⁰⁰
 Meals (each) 8⁰⁰

Interested?? Contact Janet Esworthy for information and forms. phone: 7352-527-1261

Those Who Will Assist in Worship for October

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

3 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Margarita Chiappetta
10 - Thomas Vilardi/Peyton Vilardi
17 - Doris Boeson/Jackie Dean
24 - James Hovis/Dee Forsyth
31 - Brenna Towne/Brian Whitler

Assisting Ministers

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

Altar Guild

Casey Gaylarido
Yvonne Popke
Margaret DeWalt

Guest Greeter

Steve Northsea

Nursery

3 - Janice Pitre
10 - Judy Thomason-Kasco
17 - Sue Hovis
24 - Dawn Rodgers
31 - Ruth Moheit

Greeters

John & Margarita Chiappetta

Ushers for the Month

Janice Pitre
Dick Regan

Lay Readers

3 - Dee Forsyth
10 - John Chiappetta
17 - Barbara Stetson
24 - Ted Polack
31 - Ryan Towne



October 2010

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