



Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ And To Make Him Known"

A Message From Pastor

People living in times of transition are like the Israelites in the wilderness. We don't know exactly where we are headed, or how long it will take to get there, but we do know that we are guided by God, and that God has a purpose for us while we are wandering.

The book of Exodus recounts the forty years that Moses led the people through the wilderness. In the wilderness experience, God's people had the time to become a united people. They needed time to reconnect with the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, and learn to trust in YHWH. Eventually, they were allowed to enter the

land promised long ago to Abraham, better prepared to work together as one people of God.

Most of us have experienced wilderness moments, or wilderness seasons. For some, the wilderness seems to have been most of our lives. We don't usually enjoy living in the wilderness. It makes us feel too unstable, too unsure of the future, too insecure, too subject to change, and so forth.

But, God can work with us better when we are living in the wilderness. Our set patterns of living, and worshiping, and relating to others can change in the wilderness, because the

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Message From Pastor (Continued)

disruption leaves spaces where God can be more easily heard.

When you feel like you are in a wilderness time, don't be afraid. Instead, look around you - and inside you - for what God may be doing in your life. Give thanks for the

wilderness and trust God to guide you to the Promised Land God has in mind for you.

In HOPE,
Pastor Lynn

Dollars And Sense From The Treasurer's Desk

July 2011		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>
July 3	3,326.00	51
July 10	1,770.00	62
July 17	2,182.00	65
July 24	1,284.00	70
July 31	1,784.00	60

Total July Inflow: \$ 12,282.40

Total July Outflow: \$ 10,358.77

The full financial statement is available in Luther Hall.

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Dinner Theater

Calling all hams and wanna-be actors! As part of our anniversary celebration, we will have a murder mystery dinner theater comedy on October 29 beginning at 5pm. While the play will be done as Readers' Theater, and there will be no need for memorization, a couple of rehearsals will enhance the performance.

Entitled *Murder, Mayhem, and Marshmallow Salad*, the play calls for seven actors and a musician, volunteers to gather props, oversee the meal, set-up and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon, and more details will be coming about the meal. In the meantime, mark this event on your calendar: October 29 at 5pm, and come to share in the fun.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

In this class, we resume our video overview of the years immediately following the resurrection and the building of the church. In September we will look at the ways in which Peter and Paul worked together and apart as Peter focused on the Jewish Christians and Paul turned his attention to the non-Jewish world. That the infant church even survived and then thrived is due to the ministry of these men and others and the Holy Spirit. The first class will be September 14 at 7pm.

In October, we will turn our attention to the history of religion in North America as we spend several weeks

with the video, *God in America*, "a sweeping history of how religious faith has shaped America. Interweaving documentary footage, historical dramatizations, and interviews with religious historians, this documentary series is an in-depth exploration of the historical role of religion in the public life of the United States."

These videos lead to lively discussions. Please join us as often as you can, Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the parlor.

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.

Worship Schedule Trivia

During the pastoral vacancy in 1978-79, the first worship service was eliminated, and only one service was held at 10:30am, with Sunday School continuing at 9am. For at least the rest of 1979, there were discussions and trials of reinstating the early service, but the decision was made to

stay with one service at 10:30. This pattern continued until January, 1985, when the early service began again. In February 2010, the two services became one, at 9:30, a compromise between the two services, with Sunday school before or after worship.

New Bowl In Baptismal Font

Have you noticed that the baptismal font has a new glass bowl? The glass is more resistant to water staining than the stainless bowl was, so water can be left in it all week, for those who

stop in for a moment of prayer and baptismal remembrance. The Worship and Music committee approved this change, and so far the new bowl has received rave reviews.

Members Who Are Either 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 History Trivia

Pastor Lynn note: I am reading the history of Hope, first in the Parish Record book and now in newsletters, so stay tuned...

In November 1989, the remodeled and expanded Luther Hall and Sanctuary building was dedicated by Bishop Franzen.

The Memorial Garden was dedicated in March, 1990 with Pastors Clark and

Varner officiating. Virginia and Edward Hipp's cremains were the first to be interred there.

In the March 1979 newsletter, this blurb appeared: "Pastor Morrod is looking for a reliable used car - 6 cyl., any year, any make, and long as it runs well on a mixture of water and - molasses?"

New Bible Study Opinion

This fall, Pastor Lynn will begin leading a Bible study based on the readings for the following Sunday. We'll gather Monday mornings in the library at 10:30am. The lesson will be a discussion about the texts and suggestions for

living out the texts. This is the kind of study where everyone knows something. First class is scheduled for September 12, 10:30 am. If you are interested, please let Pastor Lynn know.

Candlelighting Act of Remembrance for September 11

During worship on September 11, we will light several candles as we pray in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on our country. Candles will be lit for those who died in the airplanes and in the buildings, for those who died attempting to save others, for those who felt compelled to go on suicide missions, and for repentance and hope in Jesus for ourselves.

While this is a solemn remembrance, we also know that we have hope in Jesus Christ and trust in him to lead us into a more peaceful future.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet at 8am on Sundays so Pastor Lynn is available to interact with members during coffee hour after worship. Probable co-teacher this year will be Ted Polack. This year three students will be in the class: Anthony Diaz, Brenna Towne, and Steve Penn. This year we will

explore the Bible, Old and New Testaments. When you see these young members of our congregation, encourage them to tell you about what they are learning. And hold them in prayer as they prepare to affirm their faith after 2 years of study.

Thanks to:

Thanks to Vic Kahler for his persistence with ensuring the internet is available in both of our main buildings.

Thanks to the all the guys who persistently maintain our grounds and

buildings, and for the gravel under my car.

Thanks to Janet Esworthy, Howard Walsh, Dick Regan, Bill Messer, Lillian Taylor, Connie & Russ Telfer for helping Kelly with the lectionaries, bulletins, and booklets.

Esther Circle

Can you believe that another summer has flown by and we are looking forward to cooler autumn days and a new routine of activities? Our fellowship and Bible Study will begin soon. The nine-month series of lessons will focus on the Gospel of Mark.

Our year long study of Mark is something akin to embarking on an extended ride through the biblical landscape and culture in which the Gospel writer unfolds the story of Jesus from his baptism to his resurrection. The Gospel of Mark has an innovative style of narrating the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, not just as an historical figure, but as the Son of God.

The tentative schedule for the Bible Study through the remainder of 2011 is as follows:

Bridge Anyone??

I'm without a bridge partner and am really feeling the withdrawal. This is the invitation: are there 3 other bridge loving persons (male or female) who would like to play during the day? We can always decide if it's weekly or bi-weekly or even monthly. Or we can

September 22- (4th Thursday) ----- 10:30 A.M.

October 20--- (3rd Thursday) --- 10:30 A.M.

November 17--(3rd Thursday) --10:30 A.M.

December 15 -- (3rd Thursday)-- 10:30 A.M.

All the lessons are from the WELCA magazine, *GATHER*, formerly "Lutheran Woman Today". If you need a copy of the September lesson, "Jesus of Nazareth", copies will be available in the church office. Please make note of the study dates and time. ALL women of Hope are invited to attend and join our circle for what should be a very exciting series of sessions of Bible study.

Janet Esworthy

play at any the nursing homes in the area. I understand that bridge players keep their minds snappy for a whole lot of years after retirement. Let me know. Diane Kahler 465-4182 or cell 598-4919. I'll have the deck of cards shuffled and ready!

Round Robin

It's the most wonderful time of the year!! Round Robin sign up time. A sheet will be in the narthex in September. This round will begin in October and run through January. We meet in each other's homes and share the cooking. Each couple provides a salad, vegetable or dessert. The host couple for the dinner will provide the

main course. We will alternate homes and side dishes monthly and have a good time.

If you have any questions or need information look for me at church or call me at 746-9799. Sue Hovis

Youth Group Inside Yard Sale

Youth Group is having an inside yard sale on Saturday, September 10th from 9 am till noon in Luther Hall.

the church for our rummage sale. Please mark them SALE so we can store them.

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

If you need someone to pick up items please call Sue Hovis or Kim Williams. Thanks for your continued support.

Bring any donations except clothes to

Hope Graphic Image

Hope does not have a graphic image to use in advertising, on letterheads, business cards, and so forth. How would you draw or paint Hope? What image says to you: To know Christ and to make him known? The image should be easily reproducible in black and white, and in color if you like. The

congregation will vote for their favorite image in January. Please submit your sketches to Diane Kahler or Pastor Lynn by December 15.

Pinelands Conference

The Pinelands Conference Fall Gathering is September 17, 9:30am to noon, at St. Matthew's in Ocala. The program is review of our ministry partners, Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Wildwood, University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

in Gainesville, and Luther Springs Camp in Hawthorne. You are invited to join with folks from our 8-county region to learn how our financial support helps these organizations do ministry.

Stewardship Campaign For Fall 2011

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

RECIPE FOR HOPE

$\frac{1}{4}$ 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

I Corinthians 3:9

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

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

Psalms 20:4

May he grant your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

Psalms 18:18

They confronted me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was my support.

Proverbs 22:9

Those who are generous are blessed for they share their bread with the poor.

Stewardship Luncheon

Our Stewardship luncheon will be on October 9th following the church service.

Menu:

BBQ on a bun - New Jersey style
Cole slaw

Chips
Coffee
Iced tea
Jello with fruit
Bar cookies

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM
COMMITTEE

Church Council Meeting

Today, I led the devotions for the church council meeting and I used as text Matthew 8:23-27. This text talks about Jesus being asleep in the boat and a big storm arose on the Sea of Galilee. What I didn't mention to the council was that when I was on the Sea of Galilee the waves and the wind was far greater than Daddy would have even gone out with his boat. When I think of high seas I think of the movie "the Perfect Storm" Golly that was a big wave. And I can just picture that boat going up that wave that must have been a hundred feet or more and they knew...the just knew they were not going to make it. How many times do we think that there is a big wave of

something breathing down on us and we think that we are not going to make. But what did the disciples do? They said the Jesus "Master save us! We're going to drown!" And then what happened? Jesus rebuked them (or in case you do not know what rebuked mean....stop whineing). And the wind and the waves stopped. They called upon Jesus to save them. That's all we need to do...call upon Jesus to save us. Okay, so maybe the saving isn't what we wanted in the way that it happened or in the time frame of when we wanted it to happen. But saving happens. Let us praise the Lord with what he has done with us.. Love, Mom

Sunday School

Sunday School at Hope will begin on September 11, 2011, at 8:30 am. In order to assist us in planning age appropriate lessons and to have sufficient materials on hand we are requesting that parents and grandparents preregister children now. Children who are at least three years old by September 1st may

register for Pre-K. Other classes for children in grades K-5 are also planned. Copies of the registration forms have been put in the parents mailboxes in Luther Hall or are available in the Church office or from Donna Wilker. Please fill one out for each child and return it to the Church ASAP.

Just A Thought

A burglar broke into my house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight out, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?", he hissed at the parrot. "Yep,", the parrot confessed, than squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you." The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you"

"Moses", replied the bird. "Moses?", the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses."

Parrot replied, "The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

I Hear Bells Ringing

September is the time for our chancel bellringer to regroup now that we are refreshed from our summer vacations.

Bell ringing is for anyone who enjoys music and fun. You do not need to know how to read music as the notes are color coded. You only need to be able to count one-two-three-four.

Rehearsal used to be Tuesdays at 2:30—3:30 pm but a more convenient time can be arranged. See Diane Kahler to volunteer at church or call 465-8162.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Only 2 months left to complete our shoebox project for 2011.



Sixty-five boxes are complete, but we are still hoping to reach our goal of 150.

Our focus for September is toys and jewelry. Please give what you can to help us with this worthwhile project.

Thank you!!

Carole Warden

Martha Circle

We're back! We took a couple of months off, but we are back doing GOD'S work with our hands. Six ladies met on August 3 and crafts were made for the upcoming fund-raiser and work was done on the shoebox project.

Our next meeting will be September 7 at 1:00 pm in classroom 3 of Luther Hall. Join us for some fun, crafts, and light refreshments.

Carole Warden

Thrivent Financial For Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring our Fall Craft Show to held in Luther Hall on October 15 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Vendors are welcome. For more information contact Sue Hovis at 746-9799.

Please come and support us as proceeds will go toward Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes' shipping fees

Where Were You On September 11

Where were you and what were you doing the morning of September 11, 2001? Hope is compiling a list of our remembrances for a bulletin insert for

September 11, 2011. If you'd like to share yours, please email it to the church office or leave a note in Vivian Matthews' mailbox.

SWO 2011 Fall Gathering

FL-BA SWO 2011 Fall Gathering and Delegate Packets

Registration is now open for our FL-BA SWO 2011 Fall Gathering. Our theme for 2011 is "Who Is Our Neighbor?" based upon Matthew 22:39 "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" All women are invited so extend the invitation to your family and friends. Each congregational unit should send one member as a delegate since elections and business will be conducted. Remember that each

congregational unit can send only one member in the delegate capacity.

All registration information is available on our website www.flwelca.com or copies of registration forms are on the Kelly's desk.

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

Known Birthdays And Anniversaries For September

Birthdays

5 Vic Kahler
6 Wanda Copple
7 Harold Schaller
14 Karen Summers
16 Harold Skidmore IV
17 Jeannette Carnie
23 LeRoy Drew
24 Ryan Towne



26 Volena Van Gunst
27 Michel Northsea
28 Margaret Bachman

Anniversaries

11 Steve & Judy Kasco (18)

Those Assisting in Worship for September

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

4 - Casey Gaylaro/Renate Wilms-Rovin
11 - Dee Forsyth/Deacon John Chiappetta
18 - Lynn Polack/Brian Whitler
25 - Steven Penn/Jacob Penn

Altar Guild

Margaret DeWalt
Diane Kahler
Margarita Chiappetta

Nursery

4 - TBA
11 - Judy Thomason-Kasco
18 - Sue Hovis
25 - Ann Becwar

Lay Readers

4 - Monika Seeger
11 - Jackie Dean
18 - Yvonne Popke
25 - Barbara Stetson

Assisting Ministers

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

Guest Greeter

Aida Diaz

Greeters

Ann & David Becwar

Ushers for the Month

Manley Benmark
Janet Esworthy



September 2011

<p>4 Communion 8:00 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship 2:00 Deeper Life in LH</p>				<p>1 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>5 Office Closed Labor Day</p>	<p>6 6:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7 1:00 Art Group 1:00 Martha Circle 6:00 Youth Group</p>	<p>8 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9 am—noon Youth Group Rummage Sale in Luther Hall</p>	
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