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Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

A Message from Pastor

One look at the calendar included with the newsletter makes it appear that not much happens during the summer. As some of our folks go north for the summer, and the rest of us take our vacations, there are indeed fewer events happening.

However, the ministry still happens. We worship weekly, we help those who come to us for assistance, we visit those who are sick or homebound, we have meetings, we publish newsletters, the "Sunday's Coming Bible Study" continues.

And we make plans for the fall and winter. Kelly and I begin working on worship booklets for the fall. We order materials and begin planning for Sunday school and Confirmation classes. We check the supply of

candles and communion cups.

Like a caterpillar in its cocoon, on the surface the church looks quiet and like not much is happening. But under this quiet exterior, there is a lot happening, all in preparation for the time to emerge, once more ready to resume our activities.

Whether you are here all the time or gone a lot, please keep praying for Hope, that we will continue to "Know Christ and Make Him Known" in all we do.

In HOPE
Pastor Lynn

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Did You Ever Wonder.....?

Did you ever wonder what happens to the left over wine, grape juice and communion bread after the service? The wine left in the flagon is put into a separate wine bottle titled "Blessed Wine". This wine is used for private communion by the deacons and Stephen Ministers. Wine and grape juice remaining in the chalices along with the broken bread is put

respectfully on the earth so it can return to the natural elements.

Altar Committee



Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

April 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>
April 1	68	3,077.00
April 8	145	4,012.00
April 15	75	1,374.00
April 22	69	1,937.00
April 29	78	1,707.00

Total Inflows: \$ 13,649.24

Total Outflows: \$ 12,056.88

The full financial statement is in Luther Hall.

Council Officers & Members

President
Vic Kahler
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Property Committee

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Family Activities

Financial Secretary
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Operation Christmas Child

Get ready for CHRISTMAS in JULY!

Martha Circle is planning an auction on July 14 in Luther Hall with the verbose (but always entertaining) Pastor Mike as auctioneer.

This event is being sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, so we need many people to make this fundraiser a success.

Bid on special items and bid on those fun “wrapped” gifts as well. . . . You will go home with some great items for a fraction of their price.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will not be meeting over the summer—June—July—August but you can travel with some “biblical travelers” without leaving your air conditioned home We will explore their journeys of faith and we can consider our own journey of faith in our time.

Thank You from Pastor Lynn

It’s been a month of parties: Mother’s Day, Graduation, 40th Anniversary. It’s impossible to name all the names of folks who have had some part in preparing for these parties, so reach up a hand and pat yourself on the back for me and say, “Thank you.” Job well done!

The money we raise will be used for the shipping expenses of our shoebox ministry for 2012.

Watch for details of this event in the next newsletter, but mark your calendar now for July 14.



Copies of the June lesson entitled “Travels with Jacob” will be placed in your mailbox in order for you to do the study at your leisure.

Enjoy the summer and the three summer lessons.

Janet Esworthy



What Do You “C” in Church?

On Sunday morning carillons chime calling countless numbers of Christians covering city and country to the church of their choice. Whether they come by car or camel caravan, faithful children of Christ heed the call to worship the Creator.

From chapel to cathedral the clergy leads the congregations from chanting the opening confessions, through the canticles, creed, communion and collects to the closing countenance.

As one sits with eyes centered on the cross, cares are cast aside and our minds cater to comforting thoughts. We cease to be caught up in the competition and conflict of a complex society.

Now the acolytes are lighting the

Martha Circle

There was no meeting of Martha Circle in May.

The ladies will be working on Father's Day Celebration and summer projects at their June meeting.

Please come and join us for prayers, crafts, social time and light refreshments.

Carole Warden

candles in the chancel and the crucifer and choir can start processing.

Thinking to the time when we had or will have the chance to carry out certain challenges such as a committee chairperson of a church club, council member or catechism class leader, we concur there is considerable consolation that constitutes the helping of our fellow man. One thing we can all do is chervish the captivating stories of the Bible and convey them as Christ commanded.

In conclusion, convince your conscience to ccultivate a covenant between our creator and you.

Joan Layton

Martha Circle

Wednesday, June 6

Classroom 3 in Luther Hall



Sunday's Altar Flowers

Every Sunday we have fresh flowers on the altar to the glory of God and 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 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. Please in the

memo line of your check write "Altar flowers".

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.

The Altar Committee

Martyr Moment: St. Boniface Commerated June 5

St. Boniface was born Winfrid (or Wynfrith or Wynfryth) in 680 in Crediton, Devon, England. Born of a wealthy family he early on embraced the monastic life and received his theological training in a Benedictine monastery.

Boniface was the apostle for Germany, a reformer of the Frankish church and chief fomentor of an alliance between the papacy and the Carolingian family. Through his efforts to reorganize and regulate the church of the Franks and to rid paganism from the Franks he helped shape Western Christianity.

On his last mission to Frisia instead of finding converts he and his group were

set upon by armed inhabitants. Before the 74 year old archbishop was martyred on June 5, 754 he persuaded his 52 armed comrades to lay down their arms. "Crease fighting! Lay down your arms, for we are told in Scripture not to render evil for good but to overcome evil by good."

Boniface is honored by the Lutheran Church along with the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox churches and the Anglican Communion. He is considered the Patron Saint of Germany.

Members Who Are Homebound or Residing in Care Facilities

Johanna Barrett – Home
 Ginny Cameron – Home
 Sebastian D’Auria – Home
 Joan Layton – Home
 Dorothy Scianna – Crystal Gem Manor,
 Crystal River

Karen Summers – Home
 Ruby Wagner – Barrington Place

Thank You from Anita

I give thanks for my faithful students who are the reason we have such a good class; and I want to thank them for the nice card and gift. I wish them all a wonderful, safe and happy summer and I do look forward to teaching again when I return. We will be in the very important book of Acts and will continue to the end of the N.T. I hope more of you will be interested in studying with us, as the Word of God is really a very exciting book. Jacob's Journey has been a journey from

Genesis through the entire O.T. and now we will continue all the way through the N.T. There are always great truths for us today in God's Word and something for everyone, and everyone is invited to join us next fall on Mondays at 1P.M. in Luther Hall.

God bless you all,
 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.

Highlights for May 15, 2012 Council Meeting

The highlights of this month's meeting approved by Council for the current newsletter and bulletin are:

1. Hope will become a Partner Church Site and broadcast through streaming video in Hope's Sanctuary the Trinity Institutes's Annual Theological Conference for Pastors and Lay people in the area on November 9 and 10. Hope will pay \$400 to be a partner site and will be able to charge admission to the conference.

The title of the conference this year is "Radical Christian Life: Equipping Ourselves for Social Change." Keynote speakers Sister Joan Chittister and Father John Rohr will lead workshops and worship on how to energize our communities as forces for positive change in our world. All area church leaders and members will be invited and Hope will be recognized as a partner church site in national advertising for the event.

Father's Day Brunch

Father's Day will be celebrated in Luther Hall after worship on June 17. Menu is Sloppy Joe sandwiches, cole slaw, watermelon and cake. No reservations are necessary. Suggested donation is \$2.

2. Hope will become a storage and assembly site for the Citrus County Blessings Program of Citrus County Harvest, Inc. which provides weekend meals in backpacks for local elementary school children who are from low-income families. Hope will allow the program to utilize one classroom as storage area for non-perishable food and allow access and use of Luther Hall on one weekday to prepare and pack the backpacks for distribution to the school children on Fridays. Hope volunteers will be encouraged.

3. The ATT contract was negotiated and will save at least \$150 per month.

4. Hope will re-institute a secure Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form for all members to be used in case of emergencies.

40th Anniversary Committee



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

**Tampa Bay Rays vs
Oakland A's
Saturday, August 25th
Game time 1:10 p.m.
Tropicana Field,
St. Petersburg**

Join us for the 9th Annual Thrivent Financial Night at the Rays!!! Tampa Bay Rays vs Oakland A's on Saturday, August 25th. Game time at 1:10 p.m. at Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg. If you want to purchase just tickets. Tickets are \$20 for lower levels. Citrus County Chapter is renting a charter bus. Total cost for tickets and bus—\$35. More information will be available.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans—Citrus County Chapter

Activity: Free Member/Guest Summer Picnic in Inverness

Date: Sunday, June 24, 2012

Time: 3:00—6:00 p.m. (eat at 4:30 p.m.)

Place: Whispering Pine Park (follow Thrivent signs) 1700 Forest Dr., Inverness

Contact: Terry Lucente, Vice President
352-527-2706 for reservations and more information

Burgers, hot dogs & drinks provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a non-perishable item for a food pantry. The pool costs \$3. The splash playground is free. Members are encourage to bring a gust and meet our new Financial Representative. Reservations are required by Monday, June 18.

25th Annual Assembly of Florida—Bahamas Synod May 4 –6

This was a very interesting and educational experience for Russ and Constance Telfer. There were four sessions and at each session Dr. Shauna Hannan spoke on God's Hospitality in the Bible, and there were many reports from different committees. Then there was election of members to different positions in the Synod. The elections went very smoothly with electronic balloting.

The Bishop Edward Benoway reported the main ELCA Synod would be changing the large spending meeting and so will ours. Our meeting will meet next year and then change over to two-three years. This comes about because of the high cost for the meetings.

The treasure read the budget for 2013-2014. The synod was working hard to keep within the budget by cutting staff and material and wherever possible. The budget passed. He also said the church giving was down $\frac{1}{2}$ to the lowest level but is showing some comeback this year.

The church wide mission had to cut down to help out the shortage. They said the first offering taken would be given to help fight malaria. That offering was just under \$8,000 and will really help. The attendance was 511 voting members.

Bishop Benoway announced he will not be running for a third term.

A speaker from Disney Institute spoke on how Disney and the church has the same God and that thru Hospitality to all people that come to their place of business and the church service very interesting.

There was two church services that were beautiful and interesting, with communion and the installation of a new minister with all the ministers coming up and laying hands on him and blessing him. He is going to a Miami church.

All came to an end on Sunday at noon.

Russ Telfer and Constance DeTuerk-Telfer

Lutheran World Relief News– Small Investments Yield Large Returns

By Nikki Massie

Maimouna Bore is a farmer in the Segou Region of Mali who grows a traditional crop called fonio.

Although once out of fashion, farmers in Mali are beginning to show renewed interest in fonio. It is a small and very robust grain that is easy to grow, especially in poor soils, and is resistant to both drought and periods of heavy rain. It is an excellent source of protein, safe for diabetic consumption and matures quickly, providing a much needed food source while other crops are still in the ground.

So why aren't more farmers in Mali growing fonio?

One of the reasons is that fonio is an extremely time consuming grain to process. It is often women who end up doing the processing and, by hand, it can take up to 15 days for one woman to separate and husk a bag of fonio, leaving many farmers reluctant to grow the crop, despite its potential to improve household food security and nutrition.

In 2008, Lutheran World Relief began working with a federation of women fonio producers called the Association Benkadi Ton. The project focused on business skill development and capacity building, which in turn allowed the women to access credit and purchase separating and husking machines. Now one woman can process a bag of fonio in just 1-2 hours.

This simple piece of technology paved the way for other major improvements. Women are spending more time on other tasks and men are devoting their efforts to cultivating and replicating improved seed varieties.

And word is spreading. "The project has been so successful that many other villages want to take part," says Maimouna. What started as one association of fonio producers is now 20 and from all indicators, their success is only just beginning.

For these women, a native crop held the key to a more secure future. With simple, smart investments to make growing this traditional grain more feasible, women are earning more income and improving dietary options and household food security.

Nikki Massie is LWR's Staff Writer.

Church Council Minutes for April 17, 2012

1. Call to Order at 7:08 PM- Victor Kahler, President
2. Roll Call - Steven Northsea, Secretary
 President Victor Kahler - Present
 Vice President Russ Telfer - Present
 Secretary Steven Northsea - Present
 Treasurer Diane Kahler - Present
 Council Member Deacon John Chiappetta - **Not Present**
 Council Member Aida Diaz - Present
 Council Member Connie DeTuerk-Telfer - Present
 Council Member Vivian Matthews - Present
 Council Member Ted Polack - Present
 Council Member Dick Regan - Present
 Council Member Helen Van Horn - **Not Present** (Underwent eye procedure)
 Council Member Renate Wilms-Rovin - Present
 Pastor Lynn Fonfara - Present
3. Devotions - Russ Telfer - John 10:29 "I am the Door: from Portals of Prayer
4. Guests - None
5. Adoption of the April 17th Agenda
 - A. Additions/Corrections
 1. Add to consent: Mother's Day Brunch 5/13; Father's Day Brunch 6/17
 2. Point of information - Catherine will not be taking previously approved vacation day of 4/29
 3. Add to new business - Emergency Medical Form to be placed on file for all members
 - B. Acceptance as amended- Moved by Diane, Seconded by Renata, Passed unanimously
6. Report of the Secretary
 - A. Additions/Corrections (None)
 - B. Acceptance as Published- Moved by Russ, Seconded by Diane, Passed unanimously
7. Report of the Treasurer
 - A. Questions/Concerns - Questions re: dedicated funds tabled until next meeting
 - B. Acceptance as Published - Moved by Dick, Seconded by Ted, Passed unanimously
8. Report of the Pastor (see attached report)
 - A. Questions and Concerns
 - B. Any items needing Council approval - Motion to approve Affirmation of Faith for Anthony Diaz. Russ moved, Dick seconded, Passed Unanimously
9. Reports of Church Committees by Council Liaisons
 - A. Christian Service
 - Evangelism/Stewardship (3rd Monday at 10:30 am) - See Report
 - First Saturday - No Report
 - Family Activities - No Report
 - B. Christian Education (3rd Sunday)
 - Education - No Report
 - Youth Ministry - Aida reported group would be going to Gainesville
 - Adult Ministry - No Report
 - C. Christian Worship
 - Worship and Music (Quarterly) - No Report
 - D. Administration
 - Property - See Report
 - Long Range Planning - No Report
 - Finance - Audit will take place 4/25, 26, 27. It will be done at Church to preserve integrity of Diane's records. Dick will provide Endowment information by 4/25 and Russ will provide Memorial information by 4/25.
 - Personnel - No Report
 - Memorial - No Report
 - Endowment - Dick reported that one scholarship application has been received and that Ryan Towne indeed is quite a qualified applicant.

Church Council Minutes (Continued from page 11)

10. Old business

A. Approval of Modifications to use of Luther Hall and Fees recommended by executive council

1. Discussion - Changes were explained

2. Vote- Changes passed unanimously

B. Church Committees Council Liaisons Appointments

1. Christian Education - No liaison although Aida will act as Youth Ministry liaison

2. Long Range Planning - No volunteer

C. Contact Information Form for Council members

1. Home Telephone

2. Cell Telephone

3. Home Address

4. E-mail Address

All forms complete except John Chiappetta.

D. Red Book Revisions not included at last meeting - Victor will meet with Steve and the revisions will be presented at next meeting

E. May Bishops Visit/Deacon Consecration/Dinner Information Update - Dinner will be catered and cost \$16 plus gratuity. Attendees will be asked for a donation of \$10 and Church will pay the difference

11. New Business

A. ATT Contract - Tabled until Victor and Steve can talk with ATT representative

B. Envelope Mail Plan - Group consent was not to pursue

C. Online Giving - Group consent was not to pursue. Diane noted service was already available through Thrivent/Vanco

D. New Church Website - Steve will explore further. Steve volunteered to do a website starting January 31, 2013 if necessary. Costs of current website will be clarified by Diane.

E. Emergency Medical Form will be developed by Connie and Russ and presented at next meeting.

12. Consent Agenda

A. Jason is requesting Thursday, May 3 and Sunday, May 6 as vacation days. He is eligible for both days.

B. Mother's Day brunch on May 13th following service by 40th Anniversary Committee

C. Father's Day brunch on June 17th following service by 40th Anniversary Committee

Motion to approved consent agenda was made by Diane, Seconded by Renate, Passed Unanimously.

13. Other Matters

A. Defibrillator Training was held after service last Sunday. Victor thanked Ted for arranging the training with Nancy Miller. There are still some questions and further training may be needed. Diodes will be purchased by Victor

14. Devotions

A. For May 15, 2012 Meeting - Ted

B. For June 19, 2012 Meeting - Renate

15. Non Agenda Items

A. Victor thanked Diane for Funeral form

B. Motion to pay Kerry an additional two hours as needed by Victor's discretion to clean tables with KD Gold. Moved by Diane, Seconded by Pastor, Passed Unanimously

16. Adjournment and Prayer - Dick moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM, Connie seconded, Passed unanimously. Pastor led closing prayer.

The Right of Baptism

Anthony Enrique Diaz

Son of Lou & Aida Diaz
Brother of Janice Diaz

Sponsors: Amilcar Del Valle
Lisa Rodrigues Del Valle

On

The Holy Trinity, June 3, 2012

Known Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

Birthdays

- 3 Brian Forsyth
Brian Forsyth
- 4 Russ Telfer
- 7 Jim Earl
- 9 Hans Witter
- 10 Joey Serrano
- 11 Cherie Earl
- 13 Lynn Polack
- 19 Kylie Forsyth
- 26 James O'Donnell
- 28 Wendy Whitler



Anniversaries

- 1 LeRoy & Irene Drew (66)
- 7 Bill & Jackie Dean (53)
Lee & Janice Pitre (49)
- 9 Lyle & Carol Kramp (56)
- 11 Jack & Dawn Rodgers (55)
- 12 Stan & Nancy Miller (46)
- 16 Charles & Marlene Collins (56)
- 17 Jim & Cherie Earl (51)
- 28 Mike & Lynn Fonfara (9)

Those Who Will Assist in Worship for June

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

3 - Dee Forsyth/Brenna Towne
10 - Anthony Diaz/Casey Gaylarado
17 - Deacon John Chiappetta/Steve Northsea
24 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Steven Penn

Altar Guild

Margarita Chiappetta
Margaret DeWalt
Diane Kahler

Nursery

3 - TBA
10 - Judy Thomason-Kasco
17 - Sue Hovis
24 - Ann Becwar

Lay Readers

3 - Joyce Davis
10 - Janet Esworthy
17 - Renate Wilms-Rovin
24 - Lee Pitre

Ushers for the Month

David Doyle
Russ Telfer

Assisting Ministers

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

Guest Greeter

Helen Van Horn

Greeters

Lempi Tervo
Anita O'Donnell



June 2012

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<p>3 Communion 9:30a Worship "Affirmation of Faith" 10:45a Fellowship 2:00p Deeper Life L.H.</p>	<p>4 10:30a Sunday's Coming CR1</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 1:00p Martha Circle CR3 1:00p Art Group 6:00p Youth Group</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 Communion 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 2:00p Deeper Life L.H.</p>	<p>11 10:30a Sunday's Coming CR1</p>	<p>12 12:30p Thrivent Financial Chapter Leadership Board Mtg in Luther Hall</p>	<p>13 1:00p Art Group</p>	14	15	16
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