

June 2014

▶ Volume 40, Issue 6

Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

A Message from Pastor

Last month, I wrote about the name of our congregation. I suggested that we spend a bit of time considering if the name Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church suits us. I wondered in writing if we live up to our name.

I had a few comments. Both commented that we are accustomed to the name, and confessed that we probably could do a better job of living up to our name. But, there is no need to make a change. Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is who we are. We seek to give hope through the ministries of our congregation.

As we enter the summer months, it may seem that there is not much happening at Hope, but we spend the

summer working on plans for the fall and winter. Worship booklets, education lesson plans, social and service activities, all begin with time spent in the summer.

All summer the grass grows, the flowers and bushes and weeds grow; all need to be mown and trimmed and pulled. The air conditioners run, the insurance bills come in, water, toilet tissue, soap, and coffee are consumed. People are visited, food and personal products are distributed to hungry folks.

Every week, we gather for worship and for refreshments after worship. Sometimes we party. Martha Circle members make gifts for our homebound folks, fill

Inside this issue:

Critic's Corner	6
Did you ever wonder..?	3
Highlights for May....	3
Jacob's Journey	7
Martha Circle	4
Personal Money	5
Yard Sale	4

Address:

9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd
Citrus Springs Florida 34434

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 2070
Dunnellon Florida 34430
Phone: 352-489-5511
Fax: 352-489-5222

Church Email:

Hopeevangelical@bellsouth.net

Web Page Address:

www.hopelutheranelca.com

Sunday Sermons

www.hopewards.blogspot.com

Staff:

Pastor Lynn Fonfara
lynnfonfara@hotmail.com

Church Secretary
Kelly Murphy

Music Director/Organist
Susan Collins

Custodian
Kerry Reed

Pastor's Message (Continued from page 1)

shoeboxes, and raise funds for shipping them.

In short, even though it may appear that little is happening, there is still much going on here. Your offerings of time, talent, and financial treasure maintain the ministries we do as Hope Lutheran

Church. Thank you for your ongoing support as we seek to give hope to those who can use a bit of hope in their lives.

In HOPE
Pastor Lynn +

Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

April 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Income</u>
April 6	58	3,753.00
April 13	66	2,372.00
April 20	92	1,779.00
April 27	64	1,965.00

Total Inflows: \$ 15,975.82

Total Outflows: \$ 12,103.95

The full financial statement is in Luther Hall.

Council Officers & Members

President
Steve Northsea
Education

Vice President
Harold Skidmore
Endowment

Secretary
Renate Wilms-Rovin
Social Services
Acolytes
Greeters & Guest Greeter
Readers
Ushers

Treasurer
Deacon Diane Kahler
Family Activities
Finance
Personnel

Deacon John Chiappetta
Citrus County Blessings
Worship & Music Committee

Aida Diaz

Constance De Tuerk
Stewardship/Evangelism

Casey Gaylarido
Serving Our Savior Food
Pantry

Sandra Meslow
Memorial Gardens

Vivian Matthews

Richard Regan
Property

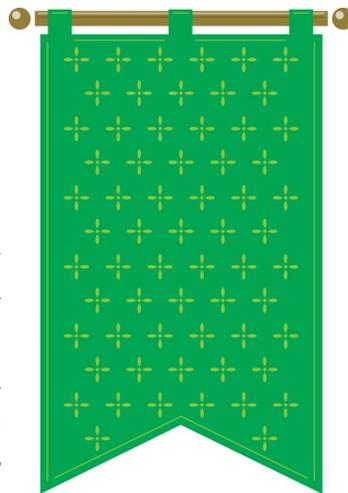
Kim Williams
Stewardship/Evangelism

Financial Secretary
Michel Northsea

Did You Ever Wonder . . . ?

Did you ever wonder what the color green means on the altar?

The present scheme of liturgical colors derives from a pattern established in the twelfth century, though its roots reach back to the time of Christ. As Christians are open to the color associations of diverse people of the world, color schemes in church symbolism continue to undergo change. **GREEN** is the color of vegetation, growth, spring and also of hope. In liturgical usage it symbolizes growth



and specifies that time in between known as regular days. It is used for most Sundays in the Epiphany season and the season after Pentecost.

Thank You From Pastor Lynn

⇒ Deacons John and Diane, who led worship while I was on vacation in May

⇒ Carole Warden who continually finds ways to decorate for our celebrations, especially the little mosquitos for Malaria Sunday

⇒ Deacon Diane who prepared Mother's Day refreshments

Thanks
Many Thanks
Thanks
Thanks
Thanks

⇒ Emilio, Dominic, Kelly, and Steve; and (Mr) Steve, Renate, and Deacon John; all of you made the Confirmation Class a fun event each week

Personal Money Autobiography

The Congregation Council invites members to use the 16 Personal Money Autobiography questions. One question will be in the bulletin each week. We hope that at the end of four months, all members will have used the questions to consider how and why they give what they give to the ministry of Hope.

June's four questions to add to your personal autobiography:

9. How does your faith guide you in your use of money?

Father's Day Luncheon

FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

June 15, 2014

In celebration of the men of our congregation and any and all men who have been a part of your life...Dad, brothers, brothers-in-law, nephews and uncles, husbands, sons and just great friends there will be a luncheon honoring them on June 15 after the 10am worship service. There also will be a little something special for those also after the 8am service.

10. How do you feel about your present financial status compared a the past status?

11. How have you discovered that financial health is an expression of faith?

12. Are you generous or stingy with your money? In what ways?

13. How do you proportionate giving and tithing?

The menu will be bar-be-que (New Jersey style), cole slaw, chips and watermelon. Please feel free to bring your favorite dessert for a dessert table. This year there will be a guest chef, Carole Warden, and she will need some help in the kitchen and especially for clean up. Please volunteer to give her a helping hand as she takes on this project. Let her know if you are available to help her. Thanks so much for all that help. And helping is fun!

Members Who Are Homebound or Residing in Care Facilities

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

Karen Summers – Home
 Ruby Wagner – Brentwood

Critic’s Corner “God Is Not Dead”, A Movie

The independent Christian faith based film centers around a college freshman taking on his atheist professors challenge to defend the antithesis’s that “God is not dead”. Consequently, this movie has sparked people’s curiosity about the Christian faith.

movie ended. This movie is no longer in local theaters but available on Netflix.

Critic: Deacon Diane Kahler

This is an intellectual movie about God in today’s world. It was a joy to watch a movie with no swearing, no alcohol and no drugs. The audience clapped as the

Family Members in the Military

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

- 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:
Senior Chief Phyllis Thomas
- Edith Regan’s grandson:
AMAA Taylor Tucker going to
Aviation school in Norfolk, VA

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

Martyr Moments

Justin, a Martyr
C100-165 AD

Justin, also known as Saint Justin, was an early Christian apologist and is regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of logos in the 2nd Century. He was martyred alongside some of his students.

Jacob's Journey

JACOB'S JOURNEY will resume in the fall. We have spent several years going through the Bible; from Genesis, the Exodus, the Tabernacle, the Kings, the Gospels, the Acts, the letters, and now we are just about finished with the New Testament. The Bible is rich in wonderful stories which teach us more about God and His great truths. We would like to invite new members to join us for these interesting studies. This fall, we will be opening the pages of the "mysterious" book of Revelation to see why it is the only book which issues a blessing on the person who reads this prophecy. It is a revelation made by Jesus Christ which God gave to him to disclose to His children on earth. These are the opening statements of Revelation which

Our faith is built on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

lets us know that this book is of prime importance. It reveals from whom it was issued, and why, and that we can expect blessings in our study.

If we are to receive an understanding in the study of this book sent to us by God, himself, through the Son, then we should all be keenly interested in knowing what God has considered so important that He clearly issues a blessing for those who read and find out. Come and find out what this end-time message is all about when we resume classes in the fall.

Anita O'Donnell

Family Farm

We did it! Our Lenten project was to collect offerings to purchase a family farm for a needy family through ELCA Good Gifts. We raised \$890, enough to purchase a farm, plus a sheep and a goat for other needy families. Thank

you for your generosity and your commitment to help others.

Pastor Lynn

We Reached Our Goal for the Hope Family Farm

A total of \$890 was received so that a cow, a couple of goats, 10 chicks, 2 pigs, a duck and farm tools-plus training and marketing support will be a gift to a family. With the extra money we have also provides an extra sheep and a goat. Eggs, milk and meat from the farm animals will provide enough food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family

escape the cycle of hunger and provide for good. A big THANK YOU to all that contributed.

Thank You

Thanks to all the volunteers who help prepare the bulletins, lectionaries and booklets for Sunday's services.

Thanks to everyone who gave me a ride to and from work. I don't know what I would of done without your help.

Thanks to Constance DeTuerk-Telfer for working in the office for my unfortunate broken arm and while I was on vacation.

Kelly Murphy

Council Highlights from May 21, 2014 Meeting

1. The Wisdom Seekers Class has finished for the summer. In its place is a Book Club. The group will meet at 10am Wednesdays at the Blvd Bistro in Citrus Springs starting on June 11, 2014. The book by Phillip Tickle: THE GREAT EMERGENCE will be used as guide to discuss growth and dynamics of the church. All are welcome.

2. Suggestions of how to save our church money are invited by the church council. Please speak to any of the council members.

3. Christians United in Christ will meet at Lighthouse Baptist Church at 7:30pm on June 3, 2014. Pastor Lynn and Deacon John Chiappetta will

discuss Hope's outreach (Family Farm, Citrus County Blessings). It is hoped that we can also offer a musical selection.

4. There will be Stephen Ministry Training in the near future. Anyone interested in participating, see Ruth Moheit or Steve Northsea.

5. Since the Citrus County Blessings program is discontinued for the summer, the congregation is encouraged to donate extra items to the SOS baskets for food and personal items.

Thank-you from Victor Kahler

May's Property Report

I would like to thank Jim Earl, Dick Regan, Renate Wilms-Rovin, Kelly Murphy, and Kerry Reed for all their help. We put in **(51 hours) since our last report.**

Victor Kahler

Church Council Minutes for April 16, 2014

1. Call to Order/Remarks - Harold Skidmore, Vice President called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call - Renate Wilms-Rovin, Secretary

President Steven Northsea (not present - excused)

Vice President Harold Skidmore (present)

Secretary Renate Wilms-Rovin (present)

Treasurer Deacon Diane Kahler (present)

Council Member Deacon John Chiappetta (present)

Council Member Aida Diaz (not present - excused)

Council Member Constance DeTuerk-Telfer (present)

Council Member Casey Gaylaro (present)

Council Member Vivian Matthews (not present - excused)

Council Member Sandra Meslow (present)

Council Member Dick Regan (present)

Council Member Kim Williams (present)

Pastor Lynn Fonfara (present)

3. Devotions - Council members shared Lenten/Easter experiences

4. Visitors - Victor Kahler

5. Adoption of the April 16 Agenda

A. Additions/Corrections - none

B. Acceptance was moved by Diane, seconded by Renate and passed unanimously.

6. Secretary Report

Report of the Secretary's March 19 Council meeting

A. Additions/Corrections - none

B. Acceptance was moved by Sandra, seconded by Constance and passed unanimously.

7. Report of the Treasurer

A. Questions/Concerns - Dex advertisement has been canceled; a saving of \$ ask Diane ? .For the Month of March we were in the Green!!

B. Acceptance was moved by Renate, seconded by Kim and passed unanimously.

8. Report of the Pastor (see attached report)

A. Questions and Concerns

B. Any items needing Council approval - none

9. Reports of Church Committees by Council Liaisons

A. Christian Service

Evangelism/Stewardship (3rd Monday at 10:30 am) - no meeting

First Saturday - none

Family Activities - Seder Service followed by dinner and foot washing on Maundy Thursday; Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service

B. Christian Education (3rd Sunday)

Education - Nothing new to report

Youth Ministry- John and Aida are working the Easter Egg Hunt with the available youth incl. Tanner Serrano. The last two confirmation classes before the summer break will be April 29 and May 5.

Adult Ministry- Anita's class, Jacob's Journey, has been completed.

Pastor Lynn's class will continue for a few more weeks on Monday and Wednesday

C. Christian Worship

Worship and Music (Quarterly) - no meeting

D. Administration

Property- (see attached report). Ed Thompson from Deeper Church has signed a lease on a building and the congregation could be leaving by the end of the month

Long Range Planning - No meeting

Finance - committee members needed

Personnel - nothing to report

Memorial - Hovis's request to remove the urns of Sue's parents was granted and completed. Russ will purchase new plates for the space.

Endowment - Next meeting will be held June 22, 2014

10. Old Business

A. Council members who attended the March 29th visitation with Bishop Schaefer at University Lutheran Church in Gainesville were very impressed and positive. Bishop Schaefer encourages networking and plans to send a letter to all congregations which will contain a check-off list of what applies to individual churches, what each can share as working well, and areas where help is needed. Michel Northsea, financial secretary, will share some good ideas re: finances. The Bishop also introduced the idea of members being Apostles.

B. Re financial situation/increase of membership. Harold checked on building permits issued by the county and came up with 16 families in HOPE's vicinity. He suggested printing 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 glossy cards (Larry Whitley's picture

Church Council Minutes (Continued from page 12)

as possible Council members' image) for \$75.71 from VistaPrint.com and mail as invitation to those new families. Pastor moved and Diana seconded the suggestion to refer finalization to the Stewardship Committee.

11. New Business

A. Lengthy discussion on Committee Liaisons and committee chairs ensued. Pastor Lynn felt that Stewardship and Evangelism Committee should be separate Committees and offered to be a member of both. However, it was decided to leave the Evangelism/Stewardship Committee as one committee. Some explanation was given as to their specific functions. Victor offered to chair the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Sandra will ask her husband to join stewardship.

B: Liaisons to the following committees were decided:

Education: Steve Northsea

Family Activities, Finance and Personnel: Diane Kahler

Memorial: Sandra Meslow

Property: Dick Regan

Stewardship/Evangelism: Constance DeTuerk-Telfer/ Kim Williams

Social Services: Renate Wilms-Rovin

Worship: John Chiappetta

There is still a need for members of the congregation to serve on some of the committees.

C: A visitor's table for the coffee hour was discussed. Council members felt that separation of visitors was not a good idea but rather have members invite guests to sit with them to further integration and sense of being welcomed. Guest greeters should emphasize the coffee hour to visitors and encourage that a church member sits with them during the service.

D. Victor gave update on the computer and printer situation. A new Asus windows 7 computer was purchased for \$440.00. A new Samsung Laser printer that was compatible with the new 64 bit computer was needed and donated by the Kahlers. The library computer was replaced with the old finance computer after all the financial files were transferred to the new computer.

E. Victor submitted the 3 months MSP 2014 plan.

12. Consent Agenda No new items

13. Current Meeting Highlights for Newsletter and Bulletin

1. Members are still necessary to join the Evangelism/ Stewardship and Finance committees. Volunteers are necessary to revitalize Hope's efforts

in these areas. Members interested in helping out should contact Steve Northsea or Pastor Lynn.

2. Liaisons to all the committees were appointed

Education: Steve Northsea

Family Activities, Finance and Personnel: Diane Kahler

Memorial: Sandra Meslow

Property: Dick Regan

Stewardship/Evangelism: Constance DeTuerk-Telfer/ Kim Williams

Social Services: Renate Wilms-Rovin

Worship: John Chiappetta

3. Congregation members are urged to look for visitors and make sure they feel included. Sitting with them during the service and help with an unfamiliar setting would be a nice gesture. Invite them to join you at coffee hour.

14. Devotions for the May 21, 2014 Meeting - Council members will offer opinions on the first 4 questions from ELCA's Rediscover Macedonia. Kim felt that an opening prayer for inspiration and guidance at the council meeting was needed. (Devotions have taken the place of that). Pastor agreed to include it again.

15. Adjournment at 8:50 PM was moved by Dick, seconded by Diane and passed unanimously. Closing prayer was led by Pastor Lynn.

Lutheran Services Florida (LSF)

ELCA and LCMS congregations will celebrate Refugee Sunday on June 22 to mark the 75th anniversary of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Here in Florida, LIRS sends refugees to Lutheran Services Florida for resettlement and other services. Both LIRS and LSF are joint ministries of ELCA and LCMS congregations.

LSF has refugee resettlement programs in Miami, Orlando and Tampa. In 2013, LSF resettled 675 refugees – many of them women and children – who have spent years living in refugee camps before arriving in the United States.

If your congregation would like to get involved with helping these refugee families, please contact Steve Cecchetti at LSF at scecchetti@lsfnet.org or [407-878-8397](tel:407-878-8397). Volunteers are needed to help families in adjusting to life in the United States, and donations of household items are always needed to furnish the apartments where refugees are resettled.

Known Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

- 7 Bill & Jackie Dean (55)
- Lee & Janice Pitre (51)
- 9 Lyle & Carol Kramp (58)
- 11 Jack & Dawn Rodgers (57)
- 12 Stan & Nancy Miller (48)
- 16 Charles & Marlene Collins (58)
- 18 Ronald & Rita Cowan (25)
- 17 Jim & Cherie Earl (53)
- 28 Mike & Lynn Fonfara (11)

Those Who Will Assist in Worship for June

Communion Assistants and Acolytes

- 1 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Dee Forsyth
- 8 - Deacon John Chiappetta/Kelly Haines
- 15 - Dee Forsyth/Jackie Dean
- 23 - Renate Wilms-Rovin/Judy Howe
- 30 - Deacon John Chiappetta/Kelly Haines

Altar Guild

- Margarita Chiappetta
- Margaret DeWalt
- Casey Gaylardo
- Diane Kahler

Nursery

- 1 - Janice Pitre
- 8 - Judy Thomason
- 15 - TBA
- 22 - Ann Becwar
- 29- TBA

Lay Readers

- 1 - Nettie Haines
- 8 - Jackie Dean
- 15 - Renate Wilms-Rovin
- 22 - Deacon John Chiappetta
- 29 - Yvonne Popke

Ushers for the Month

- Russ Telfer
- Dick Regan

Assisting Ministers

- 1 – Renate Wilms-Rovin
- 8 –Deacon Diane Kahler
- 15 – Steve Northsea
- 22 - Deacon John Chiappetta
- 29 – Renate Wilms-Rovin

Guest Greeter

- Francine Richard

Greeters

- Kay Schaller
- Joan Klotz



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00a Sunday School CR2 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship	2 10:30a Sunday's Com- ing CR2	3	4 1:00p Martha Circle CR3 1:00p Art Group	5 7:00p Choir Reh.	6	7 Yard Sale 8a-1p In Luther Hall
8 Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00a Sunday School CR2 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship	9 10:30a Sunday's Com- ing CR2	10	11 10:00a Book Club at Blvd Bistro 1:00p Art Group	12 7:00p Choir Reh.	13	14
15 Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00a Sunday School CR2 10:00a Worship 11:15a Father's Day Luncheon	16 10:30a Sunday's Com- ing CR2	17	18 10:00a Book Club at Blvd Bistro 1:00p Art Group 7:00p Council Mtg	19 7:00p Choir Reh.	20	21
22 Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00a Sunday School CR2 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship	23	24	25 1:00p Art Group	26 7:00p Choir Reh.	27	28
29 Communion 8:00a Spoken Worship 9:00a Sunday School CR2 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship	30	<h1>June 2014</h1>				