

# Heralds of Hope



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## Special Congregational Meeting

May 1, 2011

at 9:00 AM

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A special congregational meeting has been called for May 1st, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting is threefold:

**Number one, we will take a second vote whether to leave the ELCA or not.**

Secondly, if we receive over the required 2/3 margin to leave the ELCA we then will **vote to decide which Lutheran body we will join.**

**Hope's council voted unanimously to recommend that Hope Lutheran church join both the North American Lutheran Church (a Lutheran denomination) and the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (a Lutheran Association of churches).**

Why would we join both of the NALC and the LCMC? LCMC provides greater opportunity for fellowship with likeminded Lutheran churches. NALC provides greater help when it comes time to call a new pastor.

Why is this? Because LCMC was organized ten years ago Texas has more LCMC churches than NALC churches. By joining the LCMC we will have greater opportunity to fellowship with like-minded Lutherans who are placing mission as a high priority.

On the other hand, NALC is a denomination with familiar structures such as a Bishop and a guided call process that will help us when it comes time we need these.

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Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call  
**TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS**  
in unique ministries.

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Can we be members of both? Yes. We can be a part of both because they both are theologically fraternal twins. One is a denomination. The other is an association. This is not something entirely new. Something similar exists in the ELCA. Churches could be a member of the denomination called the ELCA and at the same time be a member of The Word Alone network. So also, we can do both. And we will benefit from doing both! Hope council urges you to learn about both the NALC and LCMC.

Hope council will work out a financial giving equation that will support both of these new affiliations. Just to give an idea of how this might be. Where we once gave \$10,000 to the ELCA through the synod we might now give \$3,000 to the NALC (since they have greater structure to support) and \$2,000 to the LCMC (they have less structure to support) and then give \$5,000 directly to new mission giving, such as China Service Ventures or some other ones. We would not reduce the direct mission giving we now give. This is just an example of how we could do it. The council will listen closely to the Holy Spirit and the congregation and make wise decisions. Your prayers are coveted.

**Thirdly, we then will vote on a provisional constitution.** The provisional constitution will be our present constitution - [minus] specific ELCA allocated language + [plus] substituting NALC and LCMC language for ELCA language + [plus] three short parts of the NALC model constitution. Our pledge will be to adopt a new constitution by our January 2012 semi-annual meeting.

Pastor Joel believes adopting these three special congregational meeting agenda items will give Hope Lutheran a new spring in our step. It has been a distraction and wearing to stand in a dissenting position in the ELCA. Hope Lutheran's best days are ahead of us! Our votes on May 1st are steps in that direction.

Pastor Joel





## Hope to Host National Day of Prayer

May 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon



Hope Lutheran will be hosting the National Day of Prayer noon event on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The hour of prayer will be a “**come as you can and go when you need to**” prayer hour. Prayer topics will be verbalized every six minutes and participants will be encouraged to pray silently for those issues then end with one word prayers which may be spoken out loud.

## National Day of Prayer at the Performing Arts Center

May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Our annual **National Day of Prayer** event will this year be held at the Performing Arts Center at Cedar Hill High School. Hundreds have been attending in the past few years. The prayers are led by community members who pray for a certain area of concern. (Last year, Elise Heyerdahl prayed for the youth of the community. She did a great job and Hope members who attended were very proud of her.)

It is a moving experience every year. If you have never come Pastor Joel strongly encourages you to make it this year. Our nation is in a turning point regarding the economy and how our debt and deficits will be handled. Many people are in a bind because of the state of things. It is time we cry out to God together for help.

Pastor Joel



## Memorials and Designated Giving

Below is a list of designated funds at Hope used to pay for expenses or support ministries not included in our annual budget. You may donate to any of the funds below by designating your offering or memorial to the appropriate fund. Numbers below are as of 3/31/2011.

Fund Name	Purpose	Balance	Donated YTD
Altar Guild	Extra expenses related to worship not covered in monthly operating budget. Examples of items bought are new altar paraments and banners.	\$ 2,047.06	\$ 0.00
Bereavement	Pay for food for funerals.	\$ 411.42	\$ 0.00
Briarwood	Sent directly to Briarwood Retreat Center, the camping ministry of our synod, to support their ministry and operations. This fund balance is kept at zero. Money is sent in as it is received.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Cedar Hill Food Pantry	Sent directly to the Cedar Hill Food Pantry. This fund balance is kept at zero. Money is sent in as it is received.	\$ 0.00	\$ 475.00
Computer Upgrades	Upgrade computer equipment, including the computer in the sanctuary used for Sunday morning PowerPoint.	\$ 950.00	\$ 650.00
Council	Used at the discretion of the Church Council.	\$ 100.19	\$ 0.00
Council-Outreach	Used at the discretion of the Church Council for outreach.	\$ 351.30	\$ 0.00
Front sign Flowerbed	Maintain and improve the area around the front church sign.	\$ 622.24	\$ 0.00
Lawnmower	Replace a worn-out lawn mower at church.	\$ 2,106.00	\$ 1,800
Library	Purchase new books as needed.	\$ 69.08	\$ 0.00
Lutheran World Relief	Sent directly to Lutheran World Relief to support their ministry and operations. This fund balance is kept at zero. Money is sent in as it is received.	\$ 0.00	\$ 00.00
Ministry Development	Develop new ministries at our church. For instance, this Fund was used to send people to Stephen's Ministry training.	\$ 2,241.82	\$ 0.00
Matt Cleaver Seminary	Support tuition costs for Matt Cleaver's Seminary program.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sierra Leone	Sent directly to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone to support their ministry and operations. This fund balance is kept at zero. Money is sent in as it is received.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sound System	Maintain and upgrade sound system.	\$ 1233.22	\$ 0.00
Sunday School-missions	Used to support Nedie, a thirteen year old girl from Haiti that we have supported for many, many years through Compassion International. Our commitment is \$38 a month.	\$ 55.46	\$ 138.00
Youth General	General youth ministry expenses. Often used to give scholarships to youth who cannot afford to attend certain events.	\$ 331.50	\$ 160.00
Youth Mission	Supports the cost of the summer youth mission trip.	\$ 1,583.53	\$ 560.30

# Looking Ahead



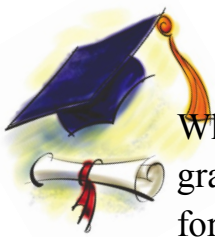
Confirmation  
Sunday May 8

The whole congregation is invited to come support this year's confirmands as they are confirmed at the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 16. A cake and punch reception will follow the service.



Family VBS—Date Correction

Last month's Heralds of Hope had the incorrect date for this year's Family VBS. The correct date is the week of June 12. Mark your calendars! This year our children and families will participate in a curriculum written by Pastor Wendy. Carrie Hamilton is this year's VBS coordinator. Alert her if you are interested in helping in any way.




What if all of our high school and college graduates had a kingdom vision for transforming the world in Jesus' name for their lives ... no matter what profession they chose? What if God's call and guidance provided the pathway and direction? Wow... what would our world look like? Graduation gift idea: **Custom Designed: A Life Worthy of the Call** (\$14 with tax) & its companion **Reflection Guide** (\$16) ... available from Pastor Wendy or Carolee Juergens

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# 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Hope's Direction Vote 9:00 AM   Confirmation  	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 12 noon-1 PM At Hope 7PM at CHHS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  WOMEN OF THE ELCA Faith Circle 7:30 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Women's Retreat 9AM-4PM  Armed Forces Day
<b>22</b> Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> The Gerharts 7:30 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5th Sunday Missions' Offering	<b>30</b>  Memorial Day Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives Church Office	<b>31</b>				

### **Sunday Schedule:**

Worship ~ 10:00 AM (8:00 AM service discontinued)

Adult Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM

### **April 27 ~ Wednesday Night Schedule**

5:30-6:30 PM ~ Reconfirmed (high school)

5:45 ~ Pizza Dinner (\$3 per person)

6:00-7:15 ~ Confirmation (7-8th grade)

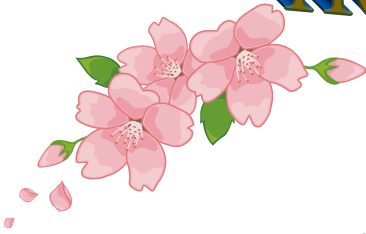
6:15-7:00 ~ Silent Worship & Prayer

6:30-7:15 ~ Chimes Choir

7:15-8:30 ~ Timothy Project

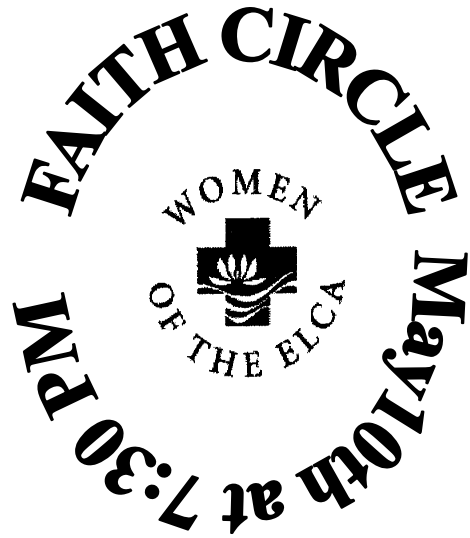
7:30-8:30 ~ Adult Choir

# Hope Women's News



Joy, Joy, Joy 

Hope Lutheran Women's  
Annual Retreat  
Saturday, May 21, 2011  
9:00 – 4:00  
Carolee Juergen's Home  
206 Silverwood  
Ovilla, Texas



Happy  
Mother's  
Day



## Many Thanks ...

The Easter Lilies lending their beauty to the Sanctuary during the Easter service have been given by:

- The Barnett Family
- The Driscoll Family
- The Foster Family
- The Hackney Family
- The Janke Family;
- The Kenyon Family;
- The Metzger Family;
- The Moltz Family
- Valerie Peterson
- The Pleasant Family
- The Rushbrook Family
- The Still Family
- Mary Hasting-Strand
- The Wooley Family
- The York Family.



# *Prayers and Words of Encouragement*

## *Homebound Residents*

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**In the hospital ~ none**

**Recovering at home ~**

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Our love and prayers go to The Hawkins Family in the death of Barbara's brother. We also remember The Moltz Family with the passing of John's mother.



*These members appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement.*

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## *Friends of Hope*

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Our homebound members and friends enjoy visits, calls and cards. Please take a few minutes out for those who can no longer get out and about.

*God  
Answers  
Prayers*





Our support of missions includes Jay & Sarah Gerhart along with their sons Thomas, Graham and Samuel who are serving the South

African people. Sarah was introduced to many of us through her relationship with Hope members Bob & Elaine Ziehe years before she married and became a missionary in South Africa. The Gerharts have been based out of Johannesburg since 1998. Their calling includes serving the poor of Soweto, mentoring emerging leaders in the local churches of South Africa and encouraging Christian leaders in the nearby country of Zimbabwe where Sarah was raised. The Gerharts are currently on furlough and are visiting the United States through July.

During this furlough, they are reconnecting with people who have supported them in the past and they hope to deepen and broaden that support base.

They will arrive in the Dallas area on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the afternoon and will depart Dallas for St. Louis on Friday morning, May 27, 2011. Their entire stay in Dallas will be less than 24 hours. After discussions with Candy Moltz, President of the Council, Carol Newman and members of Faith Circle, a Thursday evening gathering is planned at the church. We invite all to come to visit with and hear about the Gerhart's mission work. A freewill offering in support of the Gerharts is planned. Desserts will be served! This Thursday is prior to the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend but hope that we can have a great turnout to hear how the work of the Lord is being cultivated in South Africa.

Come and be blessed by hearing about the Gerharts' ministries in South Africa on Thursday, May 26, 2011, 7:30 P.M. at Hope Lutheran Church.



*May Anniversaries*

Scott & Debbie Rushbrook	5/05
Steve & Barbara Hawkins	5/09
Bill & Deb Burleson	5/17
Joe & Nancy Yedlowski	5/23
Stephen & Suzanne Dahl	5/27
Jeff & Kim Standerfer	5/31

*May Birthdays*

Joy Gaultney	5/04
Craig Mitchell	5/05
David Still	5/06
Michael Hackney	5/12
Ashley Johnson	5/12
Herb Fechner	5/13
Nina Griggs	5/13
Ashenafi, Malakai	5/14
Brett Portillo	5/15
Claudia Skocpol	5/15
Beatrice Kilguss	5/16
Al Armistead	5/18
Haley Hamilton	5/21
Julie Newman	5/21
Michael Still	5/21
Jaime Still	5/24
John Byrns	5/26
Lauren Hackney	5/26
Scott Clark	5/30
George Milyo	5/31



# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School Inner Mission			Confirmation Dinner at Berthelsen's			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School Confirmation Sunday			Interlude			Youth Night Out
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School Inner Mission			Interlude			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Senior Breakfast Soul Emergence			Interlude			
29	30	31				
Sunday School						

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- Sunday, May 1, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Bengtson's house. Come for food, fellowship, and insights into faith. We are continuing to talk about how God is uniquely calling and shaping you.
- Wednesday, May 4—Confirmation meal at the Berthelsen's house. Confirmands will review the last two years and prepare for Confirmation Sunday. This meal will be for Confirmands only. Details TBA.
- Sunday, May 8, 10 AM—Confirmation Sunday. Confirmands will be confirmed during the 10 AM worship service. A cake & punch reception will follow.
- Wednesdays, May 11, 18, & 25—Interlude (Jr. High & High School). To help us transition between the school year and summer, come to "Interlude" on Wednesdays. We will watch & discuss Francis Chan's videos on the basics of the Christian faith. Schedule:  
 ◊ 5:45 PM—Pizza Dinner (\$3/person)  
 ◊ 6:15-7:00—DVD & Discussion  
 ◊ 7:00-8:00—Games and fellowship
- Saturday, May 14, 7-10 PM—Youth Night Out: Dodgeball. Snacks & drinks will be served.
- Sunday, May 15, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Pender's house.
- Sunday, May 22, 9 AM—Senior Breakfast. The high school class of 2011 will be honored during the Sunday school hour.
- Sunday, May 22, 6:30-8 PM—Soul Emergence. A unique worship experience that gives your soul space to connect with God. Held at the church.
- Sundays in May, 9:00 AM—Sunday school for junior high and high school. We will continue studying the Old Testament.



## Growing Your Faith: *Call to Know, Follow & Serve Jesus*

**Adult, Youth & Kids Sunday School: 9:00 AM**

### **Adult Sunday School**

- **1 & 2 Peter—led by Pastor Joel.** During the months of May & June Pastor Joel will lead a Sunday school class on 1 & 2 Peter.

### **Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities**

- **Timothy Project Bible Study**, Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:30 PM. Taught by Pastor Wendy. Over a three year period of time, you will:
  - You will read through the entire Bible and study portions as you go.
  - Learn to hear God personally speak to you through his living, active word. Incredible!
  - Learn various spiritual disciplines so that you may know Jesus as a profound friend
  - Learn to pray
  - Learn to study the Bible in a faithful in-depth manner

No Bible knowledge or experience needed. Participate as you desire. We will study the early part of the Old Testament this year as well as parts of the New Testament. Newcomers welcome!

- **Wednesday Evening Prayer and Communion**, 6:15-7:00 PM Wednesdays. Come for silent prayer in our prayer chapel. Prayer guides, Bibles, and journaling supplies are made available for you so that you can spend meaningful time in prayer listening for God. Each evening closes with anointing with oil and Holy Communion.
- **Women's Faith Circle**—meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at the church. Come for fellowship, devotions, and Bible study led by Carolee Juergens. All women of the church are welcome.
- **Small (Spiritual Formation) Groups**—Develop faith relationships. Talk about faith and real life. To explore an interest in becoming a part of a group, see Pastor Joel or Matt Cleaver.

### **Daily Devotionals and Study Resources**

Available on the table in the church lobby. Take one!

- **Christ in our Home**—Available quarterly, this devotional has daily Scripture readings, thoughts and prayers.
- **Daily Texts**—Written to last the whole year. Scriptures are given for you to read daily over the course of 2010.
- **The Wise Economy of Your Life: Balancing Time and Money**—This resource outlines scriptural principles for creating freedom and versatility as you “spend” your time and money.



*Building Hope  
Together*



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**Return Service Requested**

## **May's Schedule**

**May 1**

**9:00 AM**

**Hope's Direction Vote**

**May 5—National Day of Prayer**

**12 Noon ~ 1:00 PM**

**At Hope**

**7:00 PM**

**At the Performing Art Center**

**Cedar Hill High School**

**May 8**

**10:00 AM Worship Service**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**Mother's Day**

**May 21**

**9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM**

**Women's Retreat**

**May 26**

**7:30 PM**

**The Gerharts ~ Ministries in South Africa**

