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Hope's Direction

January 9th Hope voted on the first question regarding Hope's Direction: whether to leave the ELCA or not. **January 9th 88% of 75 persons voting voted to leave the ELCA.** While this question is not officially settled until we vote about this one more time, no less than 90 days after the first vote, 88% was a strong enough number to now give more attention to the second question, with what Lutheran body should we associate?

To this end we have scheduled **four forums during the Sunday school hour.**

January 23 we will explore Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). I (Pastor Joel) will present information during this time.

January 30 we will explore the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Again I will present.

February 6th we will host **former ELCA Bishop of the Southern Texas Synod, Rev. Henry Schulte**, to hear his experience in LCMC and hear about his church's (St. John Lutheran in Boerne, Texas) future vote regarding the NALC.

Pastor Schulte will preach on February 6th, present at our Forum then join us for a light lunch after the second service to field questions.

February 13th we will join in forum again to process what we have heard and **field questions.**

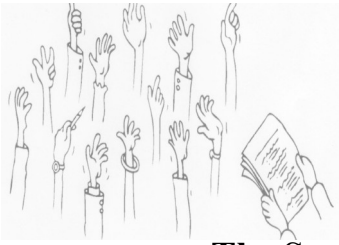
We are then leaving our adult Sunday school hour itinerary open as for now. We will see if it is time to take a little break or schedule other topics regarding Hope's Direction. Stay tuned.

I encourage you to not only be praying but to be fasting and praying about Hope's Direction.



Pastor Joel

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



The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

will be on January 30th after the 10 AM worship service. This meeting will include passing the 2011 budget.

Church Building Usage

In an effort to make sure that the building schedule is coordinated amongst the many groups that use our building, please schedule all events through the church secretary, Karine Samer. You can find a form to reserve the building, along with a detailed description of our procedure, at www.hopelutheran.net/calendar.



Hope's Direction on Website

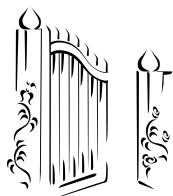
Make sure you are informed as we seek out Hope's Direction, and especially before the first vote on January 9. The hub for all information relating to Hope's Direction is at our website: www.hopelutheran.net. There you can find:

- Important dates
- A place to submit your thoughts or questions
- Documents handed out during meetings
- Answers to common questions

Memorials

In Memory of Wallace Wessa,
(Father of Bob Wessa)

Carol Newman



PASTOR HENRY SCHULTE
To Preach at Hope
February 6th



Henry Schulte was born in Central Texas near Waco in the Crawford community. The fourth child of Henry and Martha Schulte. He graduated from Crawford High School in 1954 and married his high school sweetheart, Frances Brown, in 1955. They have two children, David Wayne Schulte, Senior pastor Zion Lutheran Church, Helotes, Texas and Dana Kay Schulte Broddrick of Cedar Park, Texas.

His first call was to the parish of the St. Paul Lutheran Churches of Shelby and Fayetteville, Texas. In 1968 he accepted the call to Highland Park Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas and served there for ten years. He was then called to serve as the Assistant to the Bishop of The Southern District of The American Lutheran Church. In 1983 he accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Kerrville, Texas. He served there for 7 years before being elected Bishop of The Southwestern Texas Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 1994 Pastor Schulte accepted the call to serve as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church of Boerne and continues to serve the 900 member congregation as senior pastor.

Schedule at Hope on February 6th.



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 12/31/2010.

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.	\$ 2,367.01	\$ 413.35
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	\$ 565.36
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	\$ 1,348.00
Computer Upgrades	Upgrade computer equipment, including the computer in the sanctuary used for Sunday morning PowerPoint.	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
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	\$ 520.00
Lawnmower	Replace a worn-out lawn mower at church.	\$ 1,805.00	\$ 200.00
Library	Purchase new books as needed.	\$ 69.08	\$ 75.00
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	\$ 1,497.00
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	\$ 17.50
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	\$ 384.00
Sound System	Maintain and upgrade sound system.	\$ 1358.22	\$ 775.00
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.	\$ 69.46	\$ 122.13
Youth General	General youth ministry expenses. Often used to give scholarships to youth who cannot afford to attend certain events.	\$ 261.50	\$ 912.13
Youth Mission	Supports the cost of the summer youth mission trip.	\$ 1933.23	\$ 883.40

Looking Ahead



The Fourth Annual Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA) SeniorFest.

A task force, consisting of members of several ELCA and LC-MS congregations from the D/FW area, has organized the fourth annual Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA) SeniorFest. It will be held on Saturday, March 5 at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, with coffee available at 8:30 am. The enclosed brochure and registration form will give you the details of this year's seminar.

ALOA is a national organization designed to minister to folks who are age 50 and above. It provides resources for older adult ministry. Committed to celebration and services, ALOA embraces the gifts of aging.

Our Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Terry Germann, an ELCA pastor with 43 years of experience as a pastor and pastoral counselor, will be guiding us on "The Path of Joy" as we discover peace and joy in our relationships with ourselves, with others near us, and with God who walks with us through sorrow into joy. Our workshops this year will provide discussion and learning that focus on family relationships, how to maintain a healthy relationship with God, how to protect dementia through mindfulness, compassion, meditation, and prayer, the importance of spiritual care in our later years of life and a Bible presentation and discussion of David. Discussions will also be conducted on how seniors can protect themselves from being victims of crime and on the importance of understanding information and impact of the federal Health Care Reform on seniors.

We ask that you prayerfully consider attending this SeniorFest event on Saturday, March 5, 2011.

Sincerely,

Charles Beck, PLM, Chairperson

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2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Semi-annual Congregational Meeting 11:15 AM		1	2	3	4	5 
6 SS ~ Pastor Schulte 9 AM	7	8 Faith Circle 7:30 PM 	9	10	11	12
13 SS ~ Hope's Direction Forum 9 AM	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18 Heralds Deadline 	19
20 Council Meeting 11:15 AM	21 President's Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Sunday Schedule:

Worship ~ 8:00 & 10:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM Panera Women's
 Book Study ~ 9:00 AM

Wednesday Nights:

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 (children-adults)
 7:15-8:30—Timothy Project Bible Study
 7:30-8:30—Adult Choir



Note from Pastors Joel and Wendy

Dear members of Hope,

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gift to us and our family this Christmas. It was very kind and very generous. Know that we appreciate it very much.

Thank you for giving towards staff Christmas gifts. It's a pleasure to serve you. Alicia and I appreciate your generosity.

~ Matt Cleaver

Your kindness in remembering me this Christmas Season with the gift card is very much appreciated. I have always counted working at Hope as a blessing our Lord has brought to my life.

*With love to my Hope Family,
Thank you. Karine Samer*

Thank you very much for the gift card. It's my privilege to worship and be involved in the music program at Hope. I hope you all had wonderful times with your family and friends during the Christmas holidays.

Your sister in Christ,
Cathy Peterson

Newsletter Articles Deadline ...

The date is: February 18th

Please email your articles as an **attachment** to:
hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



Prayers and Words of Encouragement

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972.223.6016

George & Jackie Milyo
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In the hospital ~ none

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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.



These members appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement.

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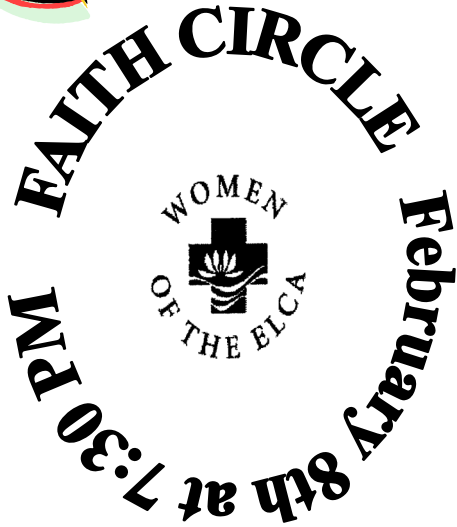
Correcting January's Herald's ~

Our love and prayers go to Bob Wessa and his family as Bob's father, Wallace Wessa, went home to be with the Lord.





Hope Women's News



February Anniversaries

George & Katherine Nelson	2/01
Wayne & Paula Wooley	2/18

February Birthdays

Johnathan Jarrett	2/01
Ashenafi, Tekeste	2/02
Erica Weiss	2/07
Debbie Rushbrook	2/12
Hope McKee	2/14
Bob Wessa	2/14
Andrew Hill	2/15
Carol Nichols	2/15
J. W. Nastoupil	2/17
Holly Bolduc	2/18
Stephen Dahl	2/19
Joe Yedlowski	2/19
Jessica Nelson	2/20
Valerie Peterson	2/21
Elizabeth Bockarie	2/23
Marv Christensen	2/26
Kristine Clark	2/28
Shannon Hamilton	2/28

New Emailing System

We are testing out a new emailing system at Hope. If you would like to register your email address with us, go to www.hopelutheran.net and click the "Email" button, then fill out the form.

You can subscribe to any of the following lists:

- Prayer Chain
- Youth Ministry
- Worship Team Schedule
- Heralds of Hope Newsletter

You can update and change your list preferences at any time by clicking the "Update your profile" link at the bottom of any email.

God Answers Prayers



February 2011

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School			Wednesday Schedule			
Inner Mission			Wednesday Schedule			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School						
Soul Emergence			Wednesday Schedule		Youth Night Out	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School						
Inner Mission			Wednesday Schedule			
27	28					
Sunday School						

- Wednesday Schedule:
 - ◊ 5:30-6:30 PM—Reconfirmed: Maundy Thursday (high school)
 - ◊ 5:45—Pizza Dinner (\$3 per person)
 - ◊ 6:00-7:15—Confirmation (7-8th grade)
 - ◊ 6:30-7:15—Chimes Choir
- Sundays, 9:00 AM—Sunday school for junior high and high school. We will continue studying the book of Exodus this month.
- Sunday, February 6—Inner Mission: Super Bowl edition at the Bengtson's house. Come for food, fellowship, and cheering on the Steelers or Packers. Kickoff is 5:25 PM; feel free to come and go as you need to.
- Sunday, February 13, 6:30-8 PM—Soul Emergence. A unique worship experience that gives your soul space to connect with God. Held at the church.
- Friday, February 18, TBA—Youth Night Out. This month's activities are still TBA. Email, call, or text Matt if you have a creative idea.
- Sunday, February 20, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Pender's house. Come for food, fellowship, and insights into faith. We are continuing to talk about how God is uniquely calling and shaping you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- April 8-10—Retreat to Sky Ranch for the whole youth group.

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Matt Cleaver

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

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

Adult Sunday School

- **Sunday, January 30, 9:15 AM—Hope’s Direction: NALC.** Learn about the North American Lutheran Church
- **Sunday, February 6—Hope’s Direction: Special Guest Henry Schulte.** Pastor Schulte will lead a Sunday school forum on the ELCA, LCMC, and NALC. He will also preach during both worship services and be available for a Q&A session over lunch.
- **Sunday, February 13—Hope’s Direction: Processing.** After having spent the previous three weeks discussing the NALC and LCMC, we will have a discussion to process what people are thinking, where people are leaning, and if a clear direction arises as to where Hope Lutheran should go if we leave the ELCA.
- **February 20 & Following—**We will play by ear the following Sundays based on feedback regarding Hope’s Direction as well as the schedule of Bishop Kanouse. Check the bulletin and website for details.

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 mannerNo 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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Church*

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Return Service Requested

Hope's Direction Forum

January 30, 9:00 AM

Learn about the North American
Lutheran Church

February 6, 9:00 AM

Special Guest Henry Schulte
will lead a Sunday school forum on the
ELCA, LCMC, and NALC.

He will also preach.

February 13, 9:00 AM

Question & Answer Forum

