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Disciples Who are Making Disciples

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:26

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The disciples had long ago become disciples of Jesus. Now, just before Jesus was ascending to the right hand of the Father, Jesus gave them a charge to “go and *make disciples of all nations...*”

He wanted them to be “**disciples who make disciples.**”

This too is our charge. Like to the first disciples, Jesus’ words have two parts to us as well. One, be a disciple. Two, make disciples.

Hope Lutheran Church is putting this calling on the front burner. Demonstrating our seriousness, Hope has budgeted a significant amount of money this coming year to get coaching to do just this.

To find out more about the excellent people we are linking up with to get instruction and coaching go to www.weare3dm.com. There you can learn about the people and organization, and get a sense of what they have been doing in the last twenty-plus years to impact present day Christianity.

“Keep the horse in front of the cart. The horse is discipleship. The cart is the church. If you aim at Church you may not get discipleship. If you aim at discipleship you will get the church.” Michael Breen

From now on, we are aiming at discipleship. This is going to be a life-impacting adventure.

Pastor Joel



Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS
in unique ministries.

Congregationally Focused, Mission Driven

LCMC and NALC (*Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ & North American Lutheran Church*) do not ask congregations to send money to headquarters for them to disperse to mission projects. Instead, LCMC and NALC encourage their members to get directly involved in missions. This direct approach helps us to stay connected to the ministries we support.

We have supported direct missions in the past with the Gaultneys, Gerhardts, and Debra Buenting. This year we continued supporting these important ministries by giving more to their support. We raised the Gaultneys from \$6,000 to \$9,000, the Gerhardts from \$500 to \$1,500, and Debra Buenting from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

We also added several ministries. This year we budgeted \$2,000 to *Hope Mansion* in Cedar Hill (a ministry to homeless pregnant women). We also budgeted \$2,000 to *China Services Venture* (a Lutheran Christian Witness and Service to the poor of central China.) Lastly, responding to Pastor Joel's suggestion at the Semi-Annual meeting on January 28th, we voted to add to our budget a \$2,272 support of a local Lutheran Mission start, *Lutheran Church of the Way* of Plano. Lutheran Church of the Way is a church largely made up of Chinese immigrants. Their pastor is Rev. Timothy Fong originally from Hong Kong. *Lutheran Church of the Way* joined LCMC last year and just voted to become part of the NALC.

We continue to support the Cedar Hill Food Pantry with food and with proceeds from our Men's Poker group. The money part of their donation does not move through our church books and official budget but they give nearly \$2,000 a year to the Food Pantry.

We also give money from our 5th Sunday mission offering to designated ministries. These offerings in the past have come to a \$2,000 to \$4,000 sum, depending on the year.

Our Sunday School also supports a child with *Compassion International*, a fabulous ministry to help with basic needs and education of hundreds of thousands of children. Our child, Neddie, is from Haiti.

These missions are around a tithe of our overall budget even before we add in the \$1,000 to LCMC and \$5,000 to NALC.

It is a joy to give to these fine ministries. Look for updates about these ministries as the year progresses.



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Offerings minus Expenses...

Actual YTD: \$17,265 (note: \$7,077 is from prior year surplus)

Budgeted YTD Income: \$0

Overall Balance for operations: \$28,982 (Cash less liabilities) (12/31/2011)

Looking Ahead

NORTH TEXAS SENIORFEST 2012

February 18, 2012

King of Glory Lutheran Church

6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas



You are invited to join us for the Fifth Annual North Texas SeniorFest on **February 18, 2012** from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at King of Glory Lutheran Church. The SeniorFest gathers adults, ages fifty and above, for learning, devotions and fellowship.

This year the theme is “**Lord, Are You Listening? Our Life of Prayer.** The keynoter is **The Rev. Walter E. Waiser, Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst.** The devotional leader for Worship will be **The Rev. Kevin Kanouse, Bishop of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Mission Area, ELCA.** There will also be a variety of workshops for you to participate in and displays from organizations with information for you.

Brochures, which include registration forms, have been sent to your congregation. Don't miss out on this great event. The registration fee is only \$25.00 and includes a delicious lunch.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact Dennis Schurter at 940-383-4066.

We'll see you on February 18 at King of Glory Lutheran Church. You don't want to miss it.



Ash Wednesday

February 22nd

Lent begins this year on February 22nd with Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Then February 29th through April 4th (7:00 PM to 7:45 PM) we will be learning from Rev. Dr. Dallas Willard and Rev. John Ortberg teaching a series called “The Divine Conspiracy.” This title is taken from Dallas Willard's bestselling book of the same name, The Divine Conspiracy. Pastor Joel thinks this book is on the list of ten best books he has read in his life. The series covers the heart of the teaching of Jesus. Jesus beckons us to join him in conspiring to touch the whole world with his love.

Each week Lenten suppers will be served at 6:00 PM.

GOD'S HOUSE KEEPERS

I am in the process of updating our Hospitality-Property Ministry Team members. I have spoken to several of you and know that some of you wish to continue in your area of service/responsibility while others are wishing to relinquish an area of responsibility. Thank you to all who serve.

Please review the chart below for two reasons:

- (1) You may feel called to serve in one or more of the areas listed. The service of many allows for few burdens AND
- (2) You may see your name in some unexpected service area!

Is there an area where you feel called to serve?

Once you've had a chance to review the chart, please contact Debbie Rushbrook and advise of any additions or corrections.

The goal is to identify areas outside of the chart and highlight these in our monthly newsletter, our website and/or our weekly bulletin.

At present, I am aware of the following needs:

The nursery speaker is not "speaking" so our nursery attendants are not able to hear the service

The mailbox post is loose at the ground level

The classroom side of the church facing the playground is in need of paint

One of the air conditioner units has a high pitch sound when running

Please contact me if you are able to assist with any of the above listed needs. The goal is to gather helpers to handle any projects.

Thank you,
Debbie



Newsletter Articles Deadline ...

The date is: January 18th

Please email your articles as an

attachment to:

hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



CHURCH PROPERTY

Property Coordinator: Debbie Rushbrook, cell number: 214-498-6732



Indoor Lighting (inside light bulbs):	Bill Knoll
Outdoor Lighting (outside bulbs):	Scott Rushbrook
Electric Systems/Fans:	Wayne Wooley
Sanctuary Sound System:	Scott & Kristine Clark
HVAC:	OPEN
Change HVAC Filters:	OPEN
Telephone:	Carl Metzger
Appliances:	Clay York
Furniture/Cabinet Repair:	Bill Burleson
Small Engine Maintenance:	Clay York
Gas/Oil Buyer:	Clay York
Keys:	Karine Samer
Computer Hardware/Software Maintenance:	Carl Metzger
Carpentry/Handyman Tasks/Basic Maintenance: (including playground)	Leroy Linder, Clay York
Plumbing:	Wayne Wooley
Piano/Organ:	Cathy Peterson
Extermination/Bugs:	Bob Wessa
Lawn Mowers/Edgers:	Mike Purkiss, Jack Trousdale, David Marjonen, Zelda Gates, Debbie Rushbrook, Ty Roberson
Touch-up Painting:	Bill Knoll
Gardens:	Cathy Peterson, Debbie Rushbrook-front sign Cathy Peterson-flowerbed by A/C units Barbara York Kathy Still Bill Knoll (Shrub Trimming)
Organization of Clean-up Days (if needed):	Debbie Rushbrook
Periodic Cleaning of Gutters:	Ty Roberson (small section)
Carpet Cleaning:	Lynn & Pat Foster
Kitchen:	OPEN
Hymnal Maintenance:	Zelda Gates
Attic:	Debbie Rushbrook
Windows:	OPEN
Choir Robe Cleaning:	OPEN
Nursery Toys/Room:	OPEN
Sanctuary Preparation (chairs/hymnals):	Zelda Gates
Christmas Tree:	Jill Heyerdahl & youth
Sunday School Resource Room:	OPEN

A 2012 Look Ahead

Here is a look at some highlights coming up in 2012.

Preaching Themes:

February 5: Conclusion to “2012 Anxiety”

February 12: Introduction to 3dm

February 19 – March 25: “Covenant and Kingdom”

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class is continuing to study the book of Revelation throughout February. You may join us midstream at any time. We start at 9:00 AM on Sundays.

Events

February 18 North Texas Senior Fest

Lent (Feb. 22- April 4): “*Divine Conspiracy Video*” with Dr. Dallas Willard and Rev. John Ortberg

March Spring Break *Service Trip to Joplin, Missouri???*

June 10-14 *Mission Director Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba at Hope*

June 10-14 VBS

July 27-28 “*Restoring Love*” Conference at Dallas Stadium

Coming to Hope... June 10-13, 2012...

Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, a powerful Lutheran evangelist from Ethiopia who has preached around the world! More details to come! Check him out on you tube.





Dear Hope family,
Thank you very much for the generous Visa gift card.
What a nice surprise! I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Cathy Peterson

Dear Members of Hope,

On behalf of my family, we want you to know we appreciate a great deal the kind gift you gave our family at Christmas time. It was very generous of you to think of us in this way.

Thanks Again,
Pastor Joel

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

~ Matt Cleaver



Thank you so much for your generosity this Christmas season. The gift card is very thoughtful. It is a wonderful blessing to be at Hope.

*With love to my Hope Family,
Karine Samer*

We have moved and are settling into our new home. Our address is: 2711 Shelterwood Lane, Arlington, Texas 76016

Clint and Claudia Skocpol





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Faith Circle 7:30 pm 	15	16	17	18 Heralds Deadline 
19	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday Lenten Dinner 6:00 pm Service 7:00 pm 	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School (All Ages) ~ 9:00 AM
Worship ~ 10:00 AM

Wednesday Night Activities: (Feb. 1– Feb. 15)
5:30-6:30 PM—Reconfirmed (high school)
5:45PM—Pizza Dinner (\$3 per person)
6:15-7:15PM—Confirmation
6:15-7:00PM—Wed. Night Prayer & Communion
7:15-8:30PM—Timothy Project Bible Study
7:30-8:30PM—Adult Choir

Wednesday Night Activities: (Feb. 22– Mar.28)
5:30-6:50 PM ~ Reconfirmed (high school)
6:00-6:45 PM ~ Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM ~ Confirmation
7:00-7:45 PM ~ Lenten Worship
7:45 PM ~ Timothy Project ~ Bible Study
7:45 PM ~ Adult Choir

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 12/31/2011.

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.	\$ 2,010	\$ 200.
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	\$ 715
Computer Upgrades	Upgrade computer equipment, including the computer in the sanctuary used for Sunday morning PowerPoint.	\$ 13.77	\$ 650
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.	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200
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.	\$ 2,272.97	\$ 100
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	\$ 361
Sound System	Maintain and upgrade sound system.	\$ 1,113.08	\$ 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.	\$ (31.54)	\$ 476.
Youth General	General youth ministry expenses. Often used to give scholarships to youth who cannot afford to attend certain events.	\$ 23.02	\$ 1,595
Youth Mission	Supports the cost of the summer youth mission trip.	\$ (98.53)	\$ 2,259

Prayers and Words of Encouragement

Homebound Residents

George & Jackie Milyo
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Bedford, TX 76002-7989

In the hospital ~

Recovering at home ~

These members appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement.

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Fran Christensen
Park Manor
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DeSoto, TX 75115-6251

Brenda Kyle
422 Morning Dove Drive
Duncanville, Texas 75137-3144

Carole Newman at home
401 Shadowwood Trail
Red Oak, Texas 75154-1425
swissmiss@att.net

Dick and Joanna Snow ~ Dick is recovering from surgery.
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Mansfield, TX 76063-6607
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Our love and prayers go to The Dinwiddie/Sague Family. Janet Dinwiddie went home to be with our Lord January 1.
We also remember Sandy Sparr and her family as her husband, Bob went home to be with our Lord.

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.



Hope Women's News

February Anniversaries

Wayne & Paula Wooley	2/18
George & Katherine Nelson	2/29

February Birthdays

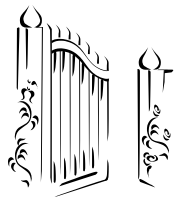
Johnathan Jarrett	2/01
Ashenafi, Tekeste	2/02
Kyle Reser	2/08
Debbie Rushbrook	2/12
Hope McKee	2/14
Bob Wessa	2/14
Andrew Hill	2/15
Carol Nichols	2/15
J. W. Nasoupil	02/14
Holly Bolduc	2/18
Stephen Dahl	2/19
Joe Yedlowski	2/19
Jessica Nelson	2/20
Valerie Peterson	2/21
Elizabeth Bockarie	2/23
Marv Christensen	2/26
Kristine Clark	2/28
Shannon Hamilton	2/28



Memorials

In Memory of Janet Dinwiddie
 (Designated for Altar Guild)
 Sean Roossien
 M. Carol Gattrell
 Muriel Anderson
 Steve and Jackie Askelmon
 Peter and Belen Eck

In Memory of Woody Brimer
 (Uncle of Barbara York)
 Clay and Barbara York





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Return Service Requested

***HOPE LUTHERAN'S
Important Events During
February***

***February 18 ~ New Year Day Service at 10:00 North
Texas Seniorfest 2012***

***February 22 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Service at 7:00 PM***

***Lenten Dinners Feb. 22– Mar. 28
6:00 PM***

***Lenten Services Feb. 22– Mar. 28
7:00 PM***