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Ask and You Shall Receive

Hope receive organ pipes for a pipe organ

“I once asked my parents for a horse for Christmas,” I told the kids at VBS. “Do you think I got it?”

“No,” someone answered.

“Why?,”

“It costs too much.” “It’s too big.” “You wouldn’t be able to take care of it.”

All of these were good answers.

“You are right,” I said. “I didn’t get it for Christmas. But I got it later.”

Then I told the kids God always answers our prayers. “He might say, ‘Yes.’ He might say, ‘No.’ And he might say, ‘Wait.’”

Sometimes asking of God is like asking for presents at Christmas time. Sometimes our request is such that if we did get it we wouldn’t be ready for it. Or it would affect others in ways we didn’t think of, but God thinks of.

Nevertheless, God tells us to “ask,” “seek” and “knock.” And in the process of waiting to see if the answer is ‘yes’ or ‘no’ or ‘wait’ we learn a lot about ourselves and our motives. So ask and seek and knock before God. And learn.

I was thinking about this when I asked for the organ pipes. Yes, you heard that right. St. Paul Lutheran in Farmers Branch is closing and giving their pipe organ pipes away. When I heard about I decided to ask for them (for free). I knew we had to learn a lot after asking.

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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.

Looking Ahead

Pulpit Supply



This June, our family will head north to Michigan to visit our first parish of eleven years. It will be the first time I have been back for a church service since I left in 1999. I'm looking forward to seeing many friends.

Then our family will go to Okoboji Lutheran Bible camp for our traditional family vacation. We have been attending family camp every year for the last 18 years. It has always been a highlight of the year for our family. This year we are thrilled that several families from Hope will be attending with us. Also, we will be thrilled to see Stefan and Philip who will be working at camp this summer, along with Austin Hill who, like Philip, will be working as a Jr. Camp Counselor. What a great experience for each of them!

While up north we will also see my parents in Iowa and Wendy's mother and sister in Minnesota. These are important family times and we appreciate the freedom to reconnect at each of these places.

While we are gone,

July 4th Matt will be preaching on this holiday Sunday.

BriarWOODSTOCK Sunday, August 1

Many of you were at church Sunday, May 30 when Pastor Rob Moore from Briarwood preached and led our worship services.

You are invited to the FIRST EVER BriarWOODSTOCK, coming to Briarwood on Sunday, August 1st, for "3, er, 1 day of Peace and Music" (well, you get the idea). The day will start at 11:00 a.m. with a "camp style" worship service. Come and experience the enjoyment that campers and counselors have in a fun-filled time of praise and worship.

A variety of delicious food will be available for sale in our dining hall starting at 12:00 noon. Bands will start performing at 1:00 p.m. We have a great variety of bands (see the list to the below) who will entertain and inspire everyone. Cost is ONLY \$5.00 in advance (or \$10.00 at the gate). Space is limited!! (Yes, even at camp space is limited). So get your tickets today by calling 940-241-2099 or emailing Briarwood at bw@briarwood.org.

This will be a GREAT event for youth groups, families, and people of all generations! So make your reservations now!

Hope Lutheran Night at the Ballpark

Tuesday, August 24, 7 PM—Come see the Texas Rangers take on the Minnesota Twins.

Tickets are \$16 a piece (Normally \$40—Corner Box seats). Sign up with Matt by the end of the month.



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Since I asked for them I have been learning maybe it might include the bellows for the wind source, and maybe not. I have learned it might include the wooden casing and maybe not. We are still in the learning stages and perhaps we might get them. If we do it will be some work, no matter what is included, to get them and learn to put them in and use them. Nevertheless, it is an opportunity for something beautiful.

Stay tuned to learn what all might be included and what it will take to put it in. It is a very nice gift, no matter what. And maybe it will be ready to be transferred and be used with most everything included. If that is the case it will be amazing. If so, it might not be long and you will come into church, and the wall behind the organ will be transformed.

We have asked. We are seeking and knocking. What will happen? Stay tuned.

Pastor Joel



Matt Cleaver
Honored by Youth
Specialties

One of the top 20 youth ministry blogs in the nation. That is what Youth Special-

ties (one of the preeminent Youth Ministry Magazines) said about Matt Cleaver's blog site on the internet.

Youth Specialties looked at frequency of visits to his blog and also did a survey of youth directors to make their decision.

This is an honor for Matt. He wouldn't tell you about this so I will. Congratulations Matt for this honor. Give him your congratulation as well.

THANKS
to Our
VBS TEACHERS



Vacation Bible School Recap

What an amazing week it was at Good Shepherd and Hope Lutheran! Three churches collaborated on VBS this year including Thanksgiving Tabernacle Bible Fellowship. Sunday evening, June 13 kicked off with 38 children in attendance ranging in ages from 3-11 years old. The group grew to 59 children in attendance on the final night Wednesday evening!

Each day the children experienced an opening skit along with music, learning songs, creating crafts, playing games and making new friends! Of course, all of the children enjoyed themselves. One was overheard saying, "I'm going to come to VBS for as long as I can. I'll come even if I'm fourteen. It's so much fun!"

Nightly Bible stories were themed:

1. "Get It" – which soil are you? From the readings of Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20 and Luke 8:4-15
2. "Get Found" from Matthew 18:12-14; Luke 15: 3-7 and Luke 23
3. "Get Praying" from Luke 11:1-13
4. "Get Going" – Use it or Lose It from Matthew 25:14-30!

Thank you to all the many adults from all three churches who worked together to serve our children and teach them about the love of Jesus. You could see the Holy Spirit at work as this was truly a week that exceeded our expectations. We're looking forward to see what God has in store for us next year!



Please save.

All prayer requests should be sent to the following email address:

Hope-Prayerowner@yahoo.com.


We have three administrators watching over our prayer e-chain. Any one of us can forward prayers.

New Alarm System.

Beginning Tuesday, June 1 the recently installed alarm system at Hope has been armed. If you have a key to the building, you need to be trained to disable the alarm before entering the building. Call the church office for info.



GREAT Graduation Gift... Custom Designed
A Life Worthy of the Call by Pastor Wendy. Find out about God's call for YOU. Discover answers for: *Who am I? & What am I to do?* Available from Carolee, Tammy Hill or Pastor Wendy



Call Incorporated is featured in the Luther Semnary magazine, *The Story* (spring edition) with a 30k+ distribution. Article is posted. Copies of Call Inc. May newsletter are also available.



Coming Events



Help Feed the Children of Cedar Hill

As they did last summer, Cedar Hill School District has received a grant to provide hot breakfasts and lunches to local children throughout the summer. In order to make this happen, they need volunteers to staff the lunch rooms. Hope Lutheran Church has committed to volunteering every Monday during lunch at Highlands Elementary on Beltline. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM. We will leave the church promptly at 11:00 AM and return at approximately 1:00 PM.

If you wish to volunteer, anyone age 18 or older must have a background check and volunteer badge with CHISD. If you are interested in helping, even if you think you will only be able to come for one day, please notify Matt Cleaver as soon as possible so we can get you a background check and badge.

Summer Feeding Program dates for Hope Lutheran Church:

1. Monday, July 5



G **N**
a July 17 **i**
m 6:00 pm **g**
e (Join us **h**
for **t**
A Evening
Of Fun!)



2010 Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		 Pastors' On Vacation		1	2	3
 4 No SS Pancake Breakfast 9:15 AM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 No Faith Circle	14	15	16	17 Game Night 6PM
18 Council Meeting 11:15 AM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Sunday Schedule:
 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School



Hope Women's News



Faith Circle will not meet in July or August.
Our next meeting will be September 14th at
7:30 PM.

July Anniversaries

Dennis & Kari DeWeerd	7/01
Ty & Tiffany Roberson	7/01
Bob & Janene Weir	7/01
Mark & Tammy Hill	7/05
Mark & Melanie Jones	7/05
Roger & Cathy Peterson	7/05
David & Kathy Still	7/11
Bill & Judy Knoll	7/14
Brian & Myra	7/30



July Birthdays

Lauren Johnson	7/01
Margaret Bengtson	7/02
LeRoy Linder	7/02
Lezlie Pender	7/02
Gary Trimble	7/03
Bill Burleson	7/05
Howard Dressen	7/06
Joe Kyle	7/07
Dorsey Blue	7/07
Wayne Eastman	7/07
Ariam Ashenafi	7/09
Susan Rugari	7/10
Candis Armstrong	7/12
Jennifer Gilbert	7/13
Mike Purkiss	7/13
Christopher Gaultney	7/14
Claire Pender	7/14
Ty Roberson	7/15
LeAnn Jones	7/17
Christine Halowec	7/18
Liz Yedlowski	7/19
Joel Berthelsen	7/20
Allison Halowec	7/20
Edmund Jarrett	7/20
Nick Petrichenko	7/20
Nicole Wier	7/20
Cristian Griffith-Aquilar	7/21
Carrie Hamilton	7/24
Jeanne Blue	7/25
Carl Metzger	7/27
Bob Griggs	7/29
Roger Peterson	7/29
Ina Ragan	7/29
Nancy Yedlowski	7/30
Sara Gaultney	7/31
Rachel Petrichenko	7/31



Prayers and Words of Encouragement

Homebound Residents

Janet Dinwiddie
Park Manor ~ Rm. 405B
207 E. Parkerville Road
DeSoto, TX 75115-6251
972.223.6016

George & Jackie Milyo
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Bedford, TX 76002-7989

In the hospital ~

Recovering ~ Back Surgery
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These members appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement.

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972.723.5101

LETTERS AND CARDS



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

*God's
Answers
Prayers*



DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION!

It is imperative that we keep the communications open between you and the church. Our way of informing you of what is happening in the church is through our bulletins, newsletters, and the internet. In order to keep our records current, we need to know if you have moved, changed your address, new telephone number or email address. Please keep us informed. Give all changes to the secretary to update. Thanks!

JULY

INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Actual YTD (Loss): -\$421

Budgeted YTD Income (Loss): -\$285

Overall Balance for operations: \$9,067 (Cash less liabilities) (5/31/2010)

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

Adult & Youth Sunday School: 9:00 AM (Kids are on break until fall)

Adult Sunday School

- **Continuing in July: “Taking the Anxiety out of Evangelism”** - Led by Pastor Joel. Does the thought of evangelism and sharing your faith make you uncomfortable or fearful? Pastor Joel will share a way of thinking about evangelism that will lower your anxiety level. Rather than feeling like evangelism requires you to share your faith with every person you meet, the scriptures suggest that you need to focus on those who are open and receptive to hearing the gospel, referred to as a “Person of Peace.” Come learn how to look for someone who might be a Person of Peace.
- **Panera Women’s Book Study** is on break until fall.

Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

- **On break until Fall: 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!

- **On break until Fall: Wednesday Evening Prayer and Communion**, 6:15-7:15 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.

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Sunday School	Summer Feeding Program					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School						Ice Skating
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Hurricane Harbor				
Sunday School	Sunday School					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sunday School					Communication Retreat	

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- In July—Cedar Hill Mission Week! Details are forthcoming. It will be either the week of July 5 or 12.
- 4 ~ Sunday, 9 AM—No Sunday school. A light breakfast will be served. Come for food and fellowship!
- 5 ~ Monday, 11 AM-1PM—Summer Feeding Program. This is the last day of the program for the summer.
- 17 ~ Saturday, 7–10PM. Ice Skating at the Parks Mall in Arlington. FREE!
- 20 ~ Tuesday, 11AM-7PM. Spend a day at Hurricane Harbor. \$20.
- 29-31 ~ Thursday-Saturday—Communication Retreat at the Harr's Ranch. See Matt for details.
- Sundays, 9:00 AM—Sunday school.
 - ◊ High School—Bible Study.
 - ◊ Jr. High—Faith Lens. Discussions about topics relevant to everyday life.

Coming in August:

- Sunday, August 1—Brianwoodstock. Come to Brianwood Retreat Center for a day of fun and music. We will leave the church at 10:00 am. There will be a worship service at 11:00 AM. Bands begin performing at 1:00 PM. Bring extra money for food.
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Together*



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