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2012 Anxiety



It isn't just the bizarre Mayan calendar fears related to 2012. (I discount the Mayan silliness right from the start.) Nevertheless, even putting that aside, 2012 brings a great deal of potential anxiety with it. The economy, the election, the economy, policy changes on the horizon, the economy's related impact on city government and civic workings and schools, (oh, and did I mention the economy?) all leave the taste of anxiety in the public mouth.

Therefore, this year we will start 2012 by looking squarely at the anxiety at hand and looking at how the lectionary texts cast light on and alleviate these related fears.

Here is a look at what is coming.

- January 1 Introduction to 2012 Anxiety.
- January 8 The Anxiety of Change
- January 15 Anxiety When Places are Shaken
- January 22 The Anxiety of a Lost Job
- January 29 The Anxiety of the Question 'Who is in Charge?'

Pray not only for me to preach the Word of God clearly and faithfully, but also be praying for our church, our city (cities), our state, our nation... even the whole world.



Pastor Joel

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

Ordinary People: *A Seminar to Seek & Discover our Lord's Call.* Friday, Jan. 13, 6:00 PM-9:30PM & Saturday, Jan. 14, 9AM-3:30PM. Registration & Dinner begins at 5:45PM. Live a deeper life with Jesus. Be a part of our Lord's plans. Transform people, places & problems with our Lord's power. Understand how you are custom designed in order to walk in conformity with Christ Jesus and His call in your work, family, community and church through all the transitions of life. Suggested donations: Adults \$39 & Students \$29... includes light supper, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and books. Child care provided if requested. Taught by Pastor Wendy and Matthew Cleaver. RSVP: Pastor Wendy or Debbie Rushbrook (mailbox or phone)

Anointing with Oil & Prayer Ministry Training... are you interested in this training? A couple of people are interested, and others are invited to join. We will design the workshop time around you. Indicate your interest to Pastor Joel or Pastor Wendy.

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.

GREAT GIFTS: Pastor Wendy's book, **Custom Designed: *A Life Worthy of the Call.*** (\$14 includes tax) & the companion spiritual journal, **Custom Designed Reflection Guide (\$17)** Available on Sunday mornings in December



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Offerings minus Expenses...

Actual YTD: \$13,157 (note: \$7,077 is from prior year surplus)

Budgeted YTD Income: \$1,250

Overall Balance for operations: \$24,843(Cash less liabilities) (11/30/2011)



Adult Education

January 8 – February 12

The Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is our text for the upcoming Adult Education class in the new year. We haven't looked at the Book of Revelation in any depth the entire eleven years I have been at Hope. Now is a good time to do this.

I have been reading Revelation over and over again in the last few months. I find great encouragement and strength as I read it. I have often said, "I don't understand much of the Book of Revelation, but what I do understand is very sweet indeed." We often use Revelation at funerals, for good reason. The common statement, "Read to the End of the Book" is a point well taken, particularly in tough times.

So, now is the time to dive in and see if we can understand even more of the book so that other portions of the book may be sweet to us as well. Know for sure, however, we will never be able to understand the entire book. So don't come with unrealistic expectations. But come expectantly that God will give us new encouragement and perseverance to hope.

District Mission Meeting at Hope

January 21, at 9:30 AM

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) District Mission Meeting will be at Hope January 21st, starting at 10:00 AM.

General Secretary, Rev. Mark Chavez, will be preaching at the opening service and then leading the organizing and informing meeting. This is a great chance for us to get to know other NALC church members and learn about what is happening in the wider church.

Rev. Chavez is a former Air Force officer, and former director of Word Alone. He has been at Hope twice before for information meetings regarding the state of the church. He comes with high regard in the eyes of the larger church and is a personal friend of mine from my seminary days at Luther Seminary.

A light lunch will follow.



Coming



January Dates at a glance

Three important events race out of the blocks this January. Please consider coming.

January 13th and 14th “*Call Seminar*” taught by Pastor Wendy

6:00 PM Friday / 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM Saturday



January 21 The NALC (North American Lutheran Church) *North Texas Mission District* will be meeting at Hope.

Worship at 9:30 AM

Hear about the latest NALC news from Rev. Chavez, the Executive Secretary of the NALC, and meet other NALC church members from the metroplex area.

Meeting at 11:00 AM

A light lunch will be served at noon.

January 27-29 “*Becoming an Apprentice of Jesus Seminar*”

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas

Author, James Bryan Smith will be the lead presenter.

Friday at 7:00 PM

Saturday at 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

See details at www.Kingofglory.com

January 29 “*Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting*”



Events

2012 January Semi-Annual Meeting

January 29

This year's **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **January 29th after the 10:00 AM service**. At this meeting we will adopt a budget and vote on a finalized constitution after having adopted only a provisional constitution when we became part of the NALC and LCMC.



January Mission Offering

For

Lutheran World Relief

January 29th we will receive a **5th Sunday mission offering** for Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief is a highly rated, exceptionally lauded relief organization. It is supported by pan-Lutheran bodies, LCMS, ELCA, NALC, LCMC to name of few.

You can be confident your money goes to do great work of relief to the poor and relief in crisis all around the world. Please pray about your response this January.



A 2012 Look Ahead

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

Preaching Themes:

January 8- February 12th: “*2012 Anxiety*”

February 19 – March 25: “*Covenant and Kingdom*”

April 15- May 27: “*Eyes, Heart, Hands, Feet - Out*”

Adult Sunday School

January 8 – February 12th Sunday School study: *The Book of Revelation*

Events

January 21 NALC (North American Lutheran Church) *District Mission meeting at Hope*

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

North Texas Senior Fest

Saturday, February 18

King of Glory Lutheran Church

Dallas, Texas

The Rev. Walter Waiser, Key Speaker

Watch for more information in the bulletin,



on the bulletin board

and next month's Heralds





January 2012

1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Faith Circle Meeting 7:30 pm 	11	12	13	14 ← "Call Seminar" →
15	16	17	18 Heralds Deadline 	19	20	21 NA:C Meeting 10 am
22 Council Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28 Jesus Workshop →
29 Mission Offering Sunday Congregational Meeting →	30	31				

Sunday Schedule:

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

Wednesday Night Activities:

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

Newsletter Articles Deadline ...

The date is: **January 18th**

Please email your articles as an **attachment** to:

hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



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 11/30/2011.

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

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

George & Jackie Milyo
2600 Parkview Lane #138
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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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.



Our love and prayers go to The Karen Driscoll and Family.
Karen's brother went home to be with our Lord.
We also remember Sandy and the Sparr family as Bob went home to be with our Lord.

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January Anniversaries

Craig & Karen Mitchell	1/04
Paul & Jan Koska	1/22

January Birthdays

Adreana Lidle-Shead	1/01
Janet Savins	1/02
Abby Ledemmer	1/02
Marian Black	1/05
Brenda Kyle	1/05
Carole Slaten	1/07
Barbara York	1/07
George Nelson	1/09
C. J. Jarrett	1/10
Doug Heyerdahl	1/11
Kathy Still	1/11
Kathy Harr	1/12
Cathy Peterson	1/10
Sophie Petrichenko	1/14
Blake Standerfer	1/14
Katelyn Johnson	1/15
Bonnie Navarro	1/15
Candy Moltz	1/21
Jacob Kalsnes	1/22
Steve Kenyon	1/22
Brenda Kenyon	1/23
Bob Weir	1/24
Leah Tietge	1/26
Jan Koska	1/24
Keith Pleasants	1/28
Kyle Pleasants	1/29

Hope Women's News



The poinsettias lending their beauty to the Sanctuary during the Christmas service have been given by:

*The Bourquin Family**
The Foster Family
The Hackney Family
*The Hawkins Family***
The Heyerdahl Family
The Moltz Family
The Pleasants Family
Valerie Peterson
The York Family

**In Honor of Jan's New Grandbaby, Taylor & the Bourquin Family*

***In Memory of Barbara's Brother, Mike*



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Return Service Requested

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

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January 21 ~ NALC Meeting At Hope

***January 27 ~ 29 ~ "Becoming an Apprentice
of Jesus Seminar"***

At King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas

***January 29 ~ 5th Missions Offering &
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting***