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The North American Lutheran Church was launched August 26th, 2010 at the annual Lutheran Coalition for Renewal national gathering in Columbus, Ohio. **The North American Lutheran Church** is similar to the ELCA that used to exist prior to the August 09 vote in Minneapolis, only they have a much flatter organizational structure and congregations are given more power in the decision of the church. (National decisions of consequence, such as the vote that happened in Minneapolis in August 09, would have to be ratified by congregations of the NALC before they would be adopted.) The **NALC** is similar to the ELCA of old in that its sexuality policy is very similar to the ELCA's policy before the ELCA changed.

Go to www.lutherancore.org for information regarding the new church denomination. Also, at this website you will see **Lutheran Coalition for Renewal also has an ELCA arm**. In this way pastors will be able to connect with likeminded pastors while remaining in the ELCA.

Gene Janke's sister's church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pflugerville, Texas recently left the ELCA and joined **Lutheran Congregations in Mission For Christ**. LCMC has been receiving many former ELCA churches and is a second viable option for congregations who are looking for a home after the ELCA left them in August 09. The **LCMC** is not a denomination per say but rather an association of Lutheran congregations. In other words, LCMC is more loosely connected to each other than those churches connected in a denomination. For more information about Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ go to www.lcmc.net.

For more information yet, go to www.wordalone.org. There you will find perspective on the developments of the last ten years.

I have pledged to keep you informed about these matters, and will continue to do so.

Pastor Joel

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

Adult Education Fall Class

Who are We?

God's first call in your life is not to do anything. God's first call in your life is a CALL TO BE SOMETHING.

Starting September 12 we will be looking at our identity. We have many angles in our identity. I am a Berthelsen. I am an American. I am a German, Danish, English and Dutch American. I am a Christian. I am a Lutheran Christian. Our identity comes from those groups and people with whom we have a connection.

Out of my connections, some connections are more important others. I am a Christian before I am a Lutheran. I am Christian before I am an American. My Christian identity is in fact the most important identity I have. The other identities are less important but nevertheless impacting. We will take some time this September to look at our identities so that we can understand their weight in our lives, reevaluate their place in our lives, switch priorities if necessary, and find rest and a home in God's good Word to us. The class will necessarily look at our inheritance in the scriptures and the place of baptism in our lives.

Come find rest for your soul.

Pastor Joel

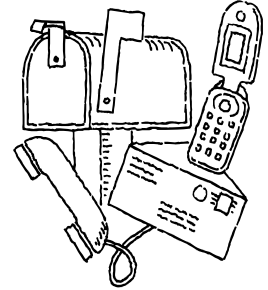
Newsletter Articles Deadline Date ...

is the **18th** of each month. Please email you articles as an **attachment** to:
hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION!

The church Directory is currently in the process of being updated. From August 29th through the September 19th you will find the last printed copy of the Directory on the table in the Narthex. Check and make sure your information is correct. If you have moved, changed your PO box, telephone number or email address, please notify the church office by placing all changes in the secretary's box, or email Karine at hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for changes is September 19th.



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Offerings minus Expenses...

Actual YTD (Loss): -\$1,162

Budgeted YTD Income (Loss): -\$3,341

Overall Balance for operations: \$ 8,336
(Cash less liabilities) (7/31/2010)

Looking Ahead

Timothy Project Bible Study: Resuming Wednesday, September 1, 7:15-8:30 PM



Read through the Bible over 3 years. Study sample sections as you go. Hear God personally speak to you. Learn a simple study method. Practice time-tested faith disciplines to know Jesus more deeply and personally. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim. 3:16-17



Choir starts September 1st!

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 1st @ 7:30pm. Whether you are a veteran diva or a greenhorn singer, we would love to have you join us! Generally, choir practices every Wednesday night with performances on Traditional Worship Sundays. We will have an after-church retreat on Sunday, September 12th to get a jump-start on the exciting pieces we'll be learning this fall. I'm very excited to serve as Choir Director this year and look forward to making a joyful noise with you!

Custom Designed “Call” Seminar, September 24-25 Friday 6:00-9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM– 4:30 PM .

God has significant things for you to do! Discover your custom designed call. Practical insights will be offered. “I am earnestly calling you to walk in conformity with the calling to which you were called.” Ephesians 4:1 Led by Steve Harr & Pastor Wendy. \$40 (includes light meals) Registration at 5:30PM. See www.callinc.org for more details.

Pack Food for Starving Children Around the World

Saturday, September 11, 3:30-5:30 PM

On Saturday, September 11, you are invited to participate in a one-of-a-kind event where you will be able to pack food to be sent around the world to children who are on the verge of starvation. The organization Feed My Starving Children (<http://www.fmssc.org/>) is hosting a “Mobile Packing Day” here in the metroplex, and Hope Lutheran Church has committed to bring 30 volunteers for the 3:30-5:30 PM shift.

The location of the event is:

Garden Ridge Church of Christ
102 North Garden Ridge Blvd.
Lewisville, TX 75067



This event is open to anyone in elementary age through adults. This is a great thing for a family to do together. You can work alongside one another to serve and feed children all around the world. In March a group of us went and packed around 50,000 meals in an hour and a half. It was truly an amazing experience. You can see video of our group packing in March at <http://vimeo.com/13181631>—see if you can spot us!

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex with the 30 available volunteer positions. The first 30 to sign up get to go! See Matt Cleaver for more details.

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 7/31/10.

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.	\$ 2,322.01	\$ 368.35
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	\$ 1,048.00
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.	\$ 67.32	\$ 25.00
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	\$ 45.00
Sound System	Maintain and upgrade sound system. Current Target—new choir microphone.	\$ 958.22	\$ 375.00
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.	\$ 25.33	\$ 230.00
Youth General	General youth ministry expenses. Often used to give scholarships to youth who cannot afford to attend certain events.	\$ 327.31	\$ 160.13
Youth Mission	Supports the cost of the summer youth mission trip.	\$ 1,714.20	\$ 664.37

Coming Events

Game

September 18, 6:00 pm

(Join us for an evening of Fun!)

Night

September 25, 5:30 PM

Let's Eat Out

Will be hosted by the Juergens
At their home.

Dwayne will cook hamburgers.
They will provide paper goods and tea and cokes.
You bring: a salad, or a dessert, or some chips.

Call for directions
972-617-7301
206 Silverwood
Ovilla, TX



Want more Fun in your Marriage?

You and your mate will have more fun in your marriage after attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. In the privacy of your hotel room - just the **two** of you - between presentations given in a conference room - you **will** get to know each other and yourselves better.





YOU can do it!!! The next LME/DFW weekend is being planned for November 12-14 at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas across from Northpark Shopping Center.

To put in your application, please go to <http://www.lme-dfw.org/>.





2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Wednesday Night Activities Resume	2	3	4
5 No Sunday School	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed 	7	8	9	10  Confirmation	11 Feed My Starving Children
12 All Sunday School Resume Choir Retreat	13	14 Faith Circle 7:30 PM	15	16	17	18 Game Night 6PM <i>Heralds Deadline</i>
19 Council Meeting 11:15 AM	20	21	22	23 Fall Begins	24 Call Seminar ~ TTBF	25 Let's Eat Out 26 5:30 PM
26 Carter Blood Drive	27	28	29	30 		

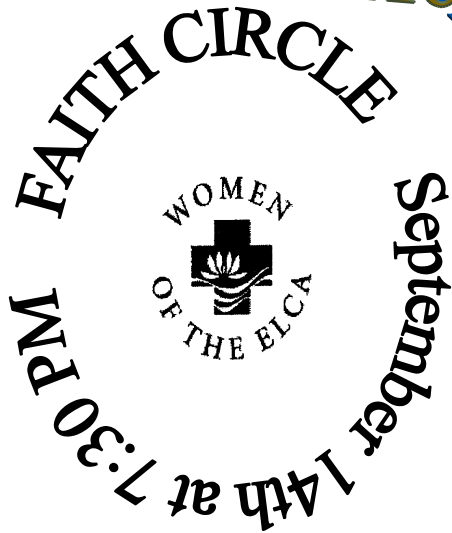
Sunday Schedule:

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

Hope Women's News



September Anniversaries

Joel & Wendy Berthelsen	9/03
Dwight & Margaret Bengtson	9/05
Scott & Kristine Clark	9/06
Dustin & Erin Slayton	9/07
Bob & Nina Griggs	9/09
Carrie & Shannon Hamilton	9/09

September Birthdays

Brian Sague	9/01
Alison Still	9/02
Melanie Jones	9/04
Doris Kuhn	9/07
Myra Sague	9/09
Robert Halowec	9/10
Lynn Emmons	9/11
Mark Jones	9/12
Steve Harr	9/12
Mark Jones	9/12
Rebecca Nelson	9/14
Drew Peterson	9/15
Brian Fain	9/17
Kari DeWeerd	9/19
Brianna Lidle	9/19
Janice Wessa	9/20
Rose Janke	9/23
Pamela Bland	9/24
Dianne Kreh	9/24
Thomas Kuhn	9/24
Mark Kilguss	9/25
Judy Knoll	9/27
Robert Nelson	9/27
Stephanie Juergens	9/28
Kristin Petrichenko	9/28
Lauren Roberson	9/29
Hdree Ashenafi	9/30
Dwayne Juergens	9/30
Cathy Nichols	9/30

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
2600 Parkview Lane #138
Bedford, TX 76002-7989

In the hospital ~ None

Recovering ~ Back Surgery
Park Manor
Fran Christensen
207 E. Parkerville Road
DeSoto, TX 75115-6251

Recovering at home ~

Charles Barnett
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Midlothian Texas 76065-6763
972.775.4297
lilabeebarnett@yaholl.com

Mike Purkiss
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DeSoto, TX 76064-0313
972.223.6509w
mp2809@swbell.net

Bob Sparr
P. O. Box 405
DeSoto, Texas 75154-1452
bob752@yahoo.com

Virginia Trousdale ~ Broken Arm
1710 Mallard Circle
Mansfield, Texas 760063-48084
817.477.9945

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

Marv & Fran Christensen
812 Vince Lane
DeSoto, TX 75115-4410
972.223.5172
marvinchristensen@att.net
FCintx@att.net

Norman Emmons ~ Recovering from
Knee Surgery
2210 Stafford Drive
Arlington, Texas 76012-4141
817.461.4540
n-emmons@sbcglobal.net

Dick and Joanna Snow
21 Devon Court
Mansfield, TX 76063-4890
817.477.4465
mjsnomom@aol.com

Friends of Hope

Denise Eibel & Family
1084 Rosewood Drive
Grapevine, TX 76051

Mary Jones (Margaret Bengtson' mother) ~ recovering
from a fall
Contact Margaret for Mary's contact information

Sheradon Peebles (Dwayne Juergens' neice)
Contact Carolee for Sheradon's contact information

LETTERS AND CARDS

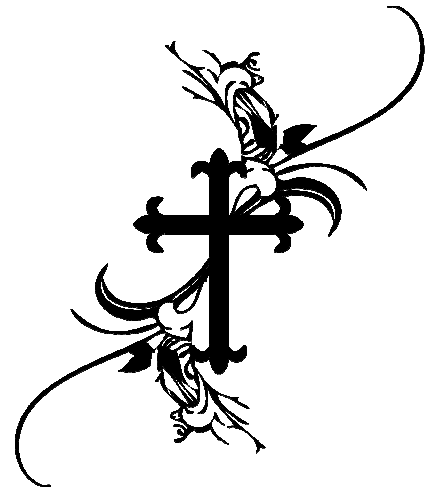


Our homebound members and friends enjoy visits, calls and cards.
Please take a few minutes out for those who can no longer get out



About Our Library ...

Many of our members are interested in reading contemporary Christian fiction. If you have any such books in your personal library that you would like to donate to the library you may put them on one of the book carts or in Valerie Peterson's box.



**Do you need more info about
what is going on at Hope**

or

**Do you want to join our prayer
warriors?**

To join the Hope Member list, please send an email to Hope-Member-subscribe@yahoo.com.

To join the prayer warriors, send an email to Hope-Prayer-subscribe@yahoo.com.

In both cases, you will receive an email in return. Simply respond to it by clicking the reply key.

Memorials

In Memory of **Gerry Seefeldt**

Nan Abertini
Buddy & Janice Banks
Bob & Nina Griggs
Dwayne & Carolee Juergens ~ Library Fund
Lucille Snider
Pegge Morton
Margaret Mayo
Valerie Peterson ~ Library Fund

In Memory of **Gretchen Sheridan**
Dwayne & Carolee Juergens



*God's
Answers
Prayers*

September 2010

- Wednesdays in September, starting September 1:
 - ◊ 5:30-6:30 PM—Reconfirmed: Grasping God's Word (high school)
 - ◊ 5:45—Pizza Dinner (\$3 per person)
 - ◊ 6:00-7:15—Confirmation (7-8th grade)
 - ◊ 6:30-7:15—Chimes Choir
- 10-11 ~ Friday-Saturday—Confirmation Retreat. Meet at the church at 5:00 PM and bring money for dinner. We will return to the church at 6:30 PM Saturday.
- 11 ~ Saturday, 3:30-5:30 PM—Feed My Starving Children. For those not on the Confirmation retreat, including high school and adults, we will go pack meals for starving children all over the world. Meet at the church at 2:30 PM. We will return by 6:30 PM. Each individual is asked to donate \$40 per person, which will feed a child for 8 months.
- 19 ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Bengtson's house. Come for food, fellowship, and insights into faith. We are going to be talking about how God is uniquely calling and shaping you.
- 26 ~ Sunday, 6:30-8 PM—Soul Emergence. A unique worship experience that gives your soul space to connect with God. Held at the church.
- Sundays, 9:00 AM (starts September 12)—Sunday school for junior high and high school.
 - ◊ Jr. High—Amazing stories of faith
 - ◊ High School—Genesis

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Inner Mission	Inner Mission	Inner Mission	Inner Mission	Inner Mission	Inner Mission	Inner Mission
Soul Emergence	Soul Emergence	Soul Emergence	Soul Emergence	Soul Emergence	Soul Emergence	Soul Emergence

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Matt Cleaver

**Wednesday evening activities kick off September 1!
Fall Sunday school kicks off September 12!**

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

Adult Sunday School

- **Starting September 12** - "Who are we?", led by Pastor Joel.
- **Starting September 12—Panera Women's Book Study.** All women are welcome. This group meets at the Panera Bread Restaurant at Highway 67 and Pleasant Run in the Target shopping center.

Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

- **Starting September 1—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!

- **Starting September 1—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

Sunday Morning:

Worship ~ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Sunday School (All ages) ~ 9:00 AM Beginning September 12th)

Panara Women's Book Study ~ 9:00 AM

Wednesday Night: (Beginning September 1st)

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