

October 25, 2010

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Church,
Grace and Peace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Our congregation and our pastor have spent several years studiously observing the changes in policy the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) has systematically instituted to include, but certainly not limited to, the Aug 2009 Churchwide Assembly vote to allow actively gay clergy. The ELCA has placed its policy above the scriptures (please note Pastor's October 14, 2010 letter to the church council). Hope Church Council and Pastor Joel believe the time has come to carefully consider our options concerning our affiliation with the ELCA. Please read the accompanying explanation letter from Pastor Joel, research the implications and movement of the Lutheran church.

There will be a Sunday school hour on November 14, 2010 at 9am to entertain questions and discussion concerning the changes observed in the ELCA and the options we have before us. All members of Hope Lutheran Church are **strongly encouraged** to attend this informative meeting to take advantage of the opportunity to raise your questions and concerns, and voice your opinions and desires for the direction of our church. This meeting will **NOT** be an official Congregational Meeting. There will be **NO** official business conducted at this meeting. This meeting will be a forum for clear and open sharing of thoughts and feelings.

Yours in Christ,

Candy Moltz, President

On behalf of the Church Council:

Dwight Bengston

Barbara York

Matt Cleaver

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Brian Pender

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Gene Janke

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