



January 28, 2016

Coborn's Receipts



Please bring Coborn's Receipts for November, December and January to the church no later than Sunday, February 7th. The Women of Hope receive the proceeds from these receipts.

**The March-April-May issue of
Our Daily Bread
is at the Welcome Center.
Please take one home!**

Family Game Night

All are invited to come and join in the fun! Sunday, February 21st at 5:00 pm we will hold the 5th Annual Family Game Night.

Pizza and drinks, provided by Women of Hope, will be served and then there will be a time for games. There will also be prizes for kids of all ages!!



There will be board games, card games, etc., but *no video games*. Some games will be provided, but please feel free to *bring your favorite game with you*.



Watch for sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center. Please sign up so that we can get an estimate for how much pizza to order.

This event is being sponsored with a Thrivent Action Team Grant, through one of our members.

Youth 1/2 Lock-In!

Friday, February 19th, 2016

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.



Led by "Accent", an Outreach Team from Augustana University.

This event is directed toward grades 6-8, but our Senior High Youth are welcome to attend as Faith Mentors.

The night will be filled with Games, Worship, Bible Study, and of course, Schnacks!

Please feel free to invite a friend, but also let Pastor Tom know if you are coming, so the Team can be prepared with the right resources for this special event.



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Thrivent Action Team Grants were used in December to provide a Christmas Party for the young men and women residents of Our Home.

Members of the Mission and Evangelism Committee purchased gifts of board games and recreational equipment for the center. Special Assistance was added by the Middle School Sunday School class that wrapped all the gifts.

When members delivered the gifts we also provided a Pizza & Pop Party for the residents.

Please consider using your Thrivent Action Team Grants to further the work of the Kingdom in and around our communities.

Note: Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars!



Preacher's Ponderings

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:10-11

Dear Members and Friends of Hope,

As I write this devotional it is snowing. And being stumped as to what to write, I went to my favorite on-line Bible, and looked up "snow".

I came across the above verses, and took it as a sign from God that this was the text, I was supposed to use for this newsletter. *(BUT, if this devotion makes no sense, it must not have been a sign from God!)*

This powerful passage from the prophet Isaiah is about both blessing and purpose.

We are to understand that the snow and the rain that is sent down from heaven is a blessing from God. Any farmer will know that to be the truth, since without the moisture from the winter snows and the spring and summer rains, the soil will not produce a crop. And, no crop will mean no seed and no seed will eventually mean no bread. But, that is not God's intent. He has made to us the promise that He will provide for us all that we need. And for that we offer up our thanks and praise.

Likewise, we are to embrace the truth of Isaiah's parallel teaching here about God's word.

As the snow and rain blesses the soil, nourishing it to grow life-giving food, so too is God's word sent to bless its recipients. God intends for His word to nourish the lives of all who will hear and believe. For when we believe that the purpose for which God gives us His word is to actually create faith, it is already succeeding in what God intended.

And even though faith is a gift from God, it is so precious that it deserves to be tended so that we receive its maximum benefits. For this reason, we are to make time in our lives to not only read the word of God, but to also let it seep into our hearts and minds as we seek to grow in relationship to the one who sent His word to bless and keep us.

So, my friends, we all know that winter will soon give way to spring, melting the snow.

But, until then, look out upon you yard or your fields and remember that the dual image of snow and God's word, nourishing us, blessing us, and causing us to grow in life-giving faith.

In His Service,

Pastor Tom

Feeling called to join Hope Lutheran?

New Members Reception will be on Sunday, February 28th during the worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Hope Lutheran Church, please talk to Pastor Tom.

For those who wish to have their church membership with us, there will be a **New Member Orientation** on the Sunday prior, February 21st from 11:00-11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. This will be a time for you to learn more about Hope, and for some of our leaders to learn a bit about you.

Choir – Rehearsals.....



The Adult Choir will practice each Wednesday evening following the Lenten Worship services, or approximately 7:15 PM.



Mid-Week Lenten Series

Wednesdays, February 10th – March 16th

Meal at 5:30 – Worship at 6:30

“Tim the Tool-Man Taylor” and his cast of characters will be part of the weekly sermon dramas, as we walk through the faith tools lifted up in each of the chapters of 1st Timothy.

Light meals will be served preceding each Lenten worship service. A Sign-up Sheet is at the Welcome Center if you are willing to partner with another family or two in preparing and serving one of the Lenten Suppers.

Episode 1: *“Don’t tell me what to do!”*

The Law - 1st Timothy, chapter 1

Episode 2: *“Tim’s Super Tool”.*

Prayer - 1st Timothy, chapter 2

Episode 3: *“Lead or get out of the way!”*

Leadership - 1st Timothy, chapter 3

Episode 4: *“Practice makes perfect”?*

Training - 1st Timothy, chapter 4

Episode 5: *“Not just me, myself and I”.*

Service - 1st Timothy, chapter 5

Episode 6: *“Who needs directions”?*

Scripture - 1st Timothy, chapter 6

Special Giving Opportunity:

During our Lenten Worship Services we will be highlighting the ministry of *The Plus One Guidance Center*.

A list of in-kind gift requests will be made available for this Christian ministry which helps young people who are facing unexpected pregnancies as well as those young parents who need extra support.

Annual Meeting Update

The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church was held Sunday, January 24th. The financial statements, reports and budget were approved as printed in the Annual Meeting booklet and the following individuals were elected to the church council:

Steve Sprecher, President

Jared Reno, Vice President

Chris Nohr, Treasurer

Michelle Chase, Education Comm. Liason

Kurt Dickson, Worship Comm. Liason

Please keep these individuals and the rest of the council in your prayers as they work together to lead Hope Lutheran Church.

Thank you to those who have completed their current terms on the Council: Peggy Bockorny, Bill Chase, Kris Claeys and Sue Krutzfeldt.

If you did not receive your Annual Meeting booklet, please talk to Kathy. There are a few extras in the office.

**A Thank You
Received From**



“Thank you for your recent gift of linens, soap and rolled bandages for Global Health Ministries received on 11/10/2015. We are grateful. . . . Together we are having an impact that literally saves lives and brings hope and healing to thousands of people all around the world. Thank you for your partnership. You can learn more about the impact your gifts are having by looking at our new website: www.ghm.org.”

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February/March Dates to Remember!

For schedule changes/updates, please check the online calendar at hopelutheranuron.com.

Wednesday 2/3	6:00 PM	Confirmation - Grades 6-8
Sunday 2/7	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
	12:00 PM	Pastor leave for Theological Conference in Minneapolis thru Tuesday
Tuesday 2/9	9:30 AM	Global Health bandage rolling
Wednesday 2/10	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice and Church Council
Thursday 2/11	1:00 PM	Huron Ministerial Association Meeting
Sunday 2/14	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
Monday 2/15	7:00 PM	Mission & Evangelism Committee Meeting
Wednesday 2/17	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
Friday 2/19	7:00 PM to 11:00 PM	– Youth ½ Lock-In with “Accent” Team from Augustana University
Sunday 2/21	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
	11:00 AM	New Member Information/Orientation
	5:00 PM	5th Annual Family Game Night with Pizza
Tuesday 2/23	9:30 AM	Global Health bandage rolling
Wednesday 2/24	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 AM	Lenten Worship
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday 2/28	9:30 AM	Worship w/ Reception of New Members followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
Wednesday 3/2	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday 3/6	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
Wednesday 3/9	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 AM	Lenten Worship
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday 3/13	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
Wednesday 3/16	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday 3/20	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
Thursday 3/24	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion
Friday 3/25	6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship
Sunday 3/27	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast served by Youth - Free Will Offering
	9:30 AM	Easter Festival Worship w/Holy Communion