



January 23, 2015

Annual Meeting THIS SUNDAY

The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church will be Sunday, January 25, 2015 @ 10:45 am.

Annual Meeting Reports were distributed to each member family following worship on January 18th. The reports were mailed to those who were absent. **Please bring your report with you on Sunday!**

2014 Annual Giving Statements

were issued in early January. If you did not receive your statement or have questions, please contact Peggy Bockorny.



Please see the Annual Meeting Report for the end-of-year Financial Statement updates

Time and Talent Survey

All member families should have received "Our Time & Talents" with their annual giving statements. Please return the completed Time & Talent forms no later than SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th! There are extra forms available at the Welcome Center!!



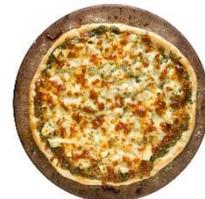
Coborn's Receipts

Please bring Coborn's Receipts for November, December and January to the church no later than Sunday, February 1st. The Women of Hope receive the proceeds from these receipts.

Family Game Night

All are invited to come and join in the fun! Sunday, February 22nd at 5:00 pm we will hold the 3rd 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

NEEDED:

Substitute
Sunday School Teacher

FEBRUARY 8th-15th-22nd

PRE-K-KINDERGARTEN ROOM

**Contact Sue Krutzfeldt if
willing/able to serve!**

The Worship Committee received donations for 36 for poinsettias to help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service. Thank you!



Thank You!

There is a new wall hanging in the Narthex, right above the water fountain. It is a wooden rendition of *The Lord's Prayer*. Thank you for Connie Sproull for this lovely and meaningful donation!



Christmas Hat and Mitten Tree

The Women of Hope sponsored a Hat and Mitten tree for the Buchanan School Kindergarten and

First Grade children through Christmas Eve. 56 hats and 57 pairs of gloves/mittens were received and presented to the school. They were very appreciative!

Pastor's Ponderings



Happy New Year! - Now What?

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." And, how then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:13-15

Like it or not 2015 is here! I hope that you have your calendar info from 2014 now uploaded, or, as the case may be, transferred, pen and ink into your new day planner.

Each January, some would be philosopher gets some press by reminding us what we already know.....namely, that with each new year comes new possibilities. New possibilities for success or to make positive changes in our lives. So, we have what we call "New Year's Resolutions".

But, since we are now in the third full week of January.....most of those "New Year's Resolutions", are now defunct, that is if they

ever were started. Which, of course, can leave us feeling like failures, once again.

Well, the best way to lift yourself up from failure is to find success.....and I think that a particular New "New Year's Resolution" might be not only attainable, but also one that could bring glory to our God.

So.....I am putting out a challenge to each family of Hope Lutheran: invite someone to come to worship with us!

If you gave 10 minutes of thought and prayer to it, I would think that you could come up with at least one individual or one family who is unchurched or under-churched. That is, who might God be calling you to make an invitation to come connect in a real way with our family of faith?

Don't go for someone who is already faithful in their church home....but, reach out and invite someone who has not been a church-goer, or has for some reason been absent from solid Christian Worship for some time. After all, it was the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans that declared just how important it was for God's children to "HEAR" His word. He was convinced that it was in the hearing of God's word that faith was created....and faith is sustained. Furthermore, it is only faith that will enable one to call upon the Lord....and it is those who call upon Him in faith that will be saved.

So, once again.....let us be resolved to pray to God that he would lift up to us at least one person, who we can invite into our fellowship. NOT for the sake of swelling our church roster, rather for the sake of those who need to hear, believe and be saved.

In His Service,

Pastor Tom

Feel called to join Hope Lutheran?

New members will be received on Sunday, February 22nd. If you are interested in becoming a member of Hope Lutheran Church, please talk to Pastor Tom. There are transfer forms available at the Welcome Center.

YMWV - Lenten Series

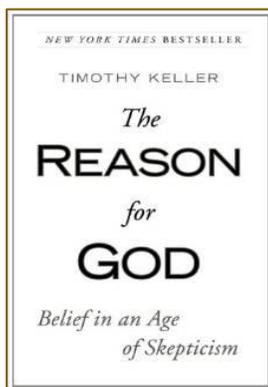
The theme of this year's Lenten Series is YMWV.....that is..... "You're Most Very Welcomed"! Through drama, message and song, we will seek to more deeply understand how our Christian Worship is in direct response to God's text to us: YMWV!

Worship will be held on 6:30 pm on Wednesdays during Lent. (February 18 and 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25)

Light meals will be served preceding each Lenten worship service beginning at 5:30 pm.

Please watch for sign-up sheets if you would like to help with the Lenten Suppers.

YOUTH/ADULT STUDY!!



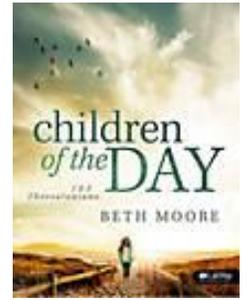
"The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism" is a Youth/Adult Education series based on Timothy Keller's NY Times bestselling book of the same name. It is written for skeptics and believers alike. The book addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand against the backlash toward religion.

The study will be offered Wednesdays, January 28, February 4th and February 11th at both 9:30 am and 7:15 pm. You don't need to own the book to attend this study! If there is interest, books will be ordered later.

WOMEN'S STUDY

Begins Monday, March 2nd @ 7:00

Is family life a challenge? Is work driving you crazy? Do you know God has a purpose for your life, but you can't figure out what it is? Know that your circumstances are not coincidental, and God's timing is impeccable.



Children of the Day, by Beth Moore, is an in-depth Bible Study of Thessalonians. Join Beth on the Thessalonian shores as she walks you through the truth of each verse of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.

This study covers a wide variety of topics, including family, prayer, ministering to others, and prophecies. It walks you through 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, studying one chapter of scripture each session. It is a 9-session study, with 8 sessions of homework. If the homework seems intimidating, please know that varying levels of participation available.

Please check out the display and information about the series in the library. Then, sign up and let Kathy Chase or Kris Claeys know if you need us to get you a book by February 13th. (It's cheaper if we order together!) We will meet Mondays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm beginning March 2nd.

Note: the book is also available in a digital format at Lifeway.com.

Friends in Christ - 5:30 Wednesday, January 28th - is a youth-group styled program for our younger children, preschool – grade 5. This group meets once a month to have a meal, share in devotions and complete a service project.



We are looking for volunteers to serve the Friends in Christ meals each month (app. 12 kids & adults). If you are able serve your church in this way, please contact Sue Krutzfeldt or Pastor Tom.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

You will soon receive a request for updated information for our church records and directory. Now that we have Church Management Software, we are ready to establish a more complete record system.

The information we receive from other churches during the transfer process is often incomplete or appears inaccurate. In addition, several have requested that we include employment information in the next printed directory to help us get to know each other better.

Please complete the forms and return them as soon as possible.

Work on publishing the updated church directory will begin after Lent.

For schedule changes and updates, please remember to check the online calendar at hopelutheranhuron.com.

February/March
dates to remember!

Sunday 2/01	9:30 10:45	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School
Tuesday 2/03	9:30	Global Health Bandage Rolling
Wednesday 2/04	9:30 6:00 7:15	"The Reason for God" Study Confirmation - Grades 6-8 "The Reason for God" Study
Sunday 2/08	9:30 10:45 7:00	Worship w/Installation of Church Council followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School Church Council
Wednesday 2/11	9:30 6:00 7:15	"The Reason for God" Study Confirmation - Grades 6-8 "The Reason for God" Study
Sunday 2/15	9:30 10:45	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School
Tuesday 2/17	9:30	Global Health Bandage Rolling
Wednesday 2/18	5:30 6:30	Lenten Supper Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion
Sunday 2/22	9:30 10:45 5:00	Worship w/Reception of New Members followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School Family Game Night
Wednesday 2/25	5:30 6:30	Lenten Supper Lenten Worship
Sunday 3/01	9:30 10:45	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School

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

