



November 6th, 2015

Thanksgiving Worship Services:

There will be two opportunities for you to join with other Christians in a service of thanksgiving to our God:



Community Thanksgiving Worship –
Tuesday, Nov. 24th, 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity
Roman Catholic Parish.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
at Hope - Wednesday,
Nov. 25th at 7:00 pm

Medicine Bottles Can be Recycled

While first world nations throw away perfectly good pill containers, medical pharmacies and hospitals in Malawi, which is located in southeast Africa, often find themselves with nothing except torn pieces of paper for wrapping medicine for their patients. This is especially prevalent in rural areas where the poorest people live.



You can change this!!

Save your empty prescription and over-the-counter pill containers. **Remove the labels if possible and place in the church library.** Periodically, a box full of the bottles will be sent to the Malawi Project. The prescription containers will help families keep their medicine clean and out of reach of children. See the Poster in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Family Christmas Program



Family Christmas Program featuring Hope Lutheran's children, youth and the Adult Christmas Choir will be Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm.

A baked potato feed will be held from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for both the program and the meal!

Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, November 15th at 12:00 pm
at Ryan Chase's house.
Address is 20451 398th Ave, Huron.



We will be working on summer mission trip ideas.

Adult/Youth Study Opportunity!



"One God, many gods", is the title of the study that has been selected for our fall Adult/Youth education offering.

While once the upper Midwest was about 40% Lutheran, 40% Roman Catholic, and a smattering of the rest, we now live in an increasingly diverse religious state.

This study will help us to explore other religious faiths, with the purpose of helping us know how to witness to our own faith.

In response to the survey requests, we will be offering this class on a Wednesday Evening at 8:00 pm, and then repeating the class on Sunday mornings at 8:15 am. Working around the upcoming holidays, our class offering will be as follows:

- Nov. 11 & 15 – Judaism
- Nov. 18 & 22 – Islam
- Dec. 2 & 6 – Hinduism
- Dec. 9 & 13 – Buddhism
- Jan. 6 & 10 - Mormonism
- Jan. 13 & 17 – Jehovah's Witnesses
- Jan. 20 & 24 – Scientology
- Jan. 27 & 31 – New Age

Bring a Bible and a note pad if you wish....all else will be provided.



Christmas Choir

will practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in preparation for the Family Christmas Program on December 16th. JOIN US!

Need a new Bible?

The Worship Committee has provided for the Pew Bibles in our sanctuary, and several have asked how they could order one or more. This LARGE print (12 pt font) Bible is cheaper by the case, so we would be happy to order one for you at cost. If you would like to order, please make a check payable to "Hope Lutheran" for \$15 per Bible, and give to Kathy Chase or Pastor Tom no later than **Sunday, November 29th**.



Ways to Serve

Looking for a way to serve your church home? Look throughout this newsletter! Here's some options:

- Serve meal for Friends in Christ
- Sing in the choir or provide special music
- Serve on the Committees of the church
- Host a Youth Group Meeting
- Save Coborn's receipts for Women of Hope
- Assist in worship by ushering, greeting, etc.
- Serve coffee and snacks for Coffee Fellowship

We also have outreach programs here at Hope. Here's some things you can do to help others:

- Save hotel soaps, lotions and shampoos for Global Health Ministries
- Help with bandage rolling
- Gather white sheets in good condition
- Save your pill bottles (prescription and OTC).

How can **you** serve your church and the world?



From the President

As I reflect on Hope in this season of thanksgiving:

- I am thankful for the 19 new members we recently welcomed into our church family via transfer and baptism.
- I am thankful for the many volunteers within the church that beautify and maintain our facility, assist with worship and the education of our children and provide support to our families.
- I am thankful for the past generosity of this congregation in both time and financial support

Since, Hope's Mission Statement is "**Sharing and Showing the Love of Christ to all through God's Grace**", I ask you to consider: how do you think we are doing in living out this mission?

Have you "shared" your extra sun catcher yet? Do you "show your love of Christ" in your daily life, through kindness, volunteerism, and contributions?

As you reflect on what you are thankful for, what God has given you and how you should respond, consider our mission statement. Look at the "Ways to Serve" article on this page.

Finally, I ask you to prayerfully consider your contributions as we close the year. Current giving is behind the budget approved during the 2015 annual meeting. Historically, the 4th quarter giving is the highest of the year. Thus, I have hope that we will end this year meeting our budget. If we do so, this will give your church council a good indication of the resources we will have to set next year's budget.

Thank you.

Serving with you, Bill Chase



Financial Update

Here is a summary on Hope Lutheran's finances for the first eight months of 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Bockorny.

Please note: Income for the year is \$12,886.46 behind budget as of September 30th.

Hope Lutheran Church	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 30, 2015	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
General Fund	\$16,867.08
Building Fund	\$57,168.37
Contingency Fund	\$44,517.57
Memorial Fund	\$4,430.96
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$122,983.98
FIXED ASSETS	
Equipment/Furnishings	\$40,809.30
Land and Buildings	\$294,972.08
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$335,781.38
TOTAL ASSETS	\$458,765.36
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$458,765.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$458,765.36

Hope Lutheran Church		
General Fund Budget vs. Actuals		
January 1 – September 30, 2015		
INCOME	2015 Budget	Actual thru
		09/30/2015
General Fund Offering	\$165,824.00	\$111,447.23
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	109.31
TOTAL INCOME	\$165,924.00	\$111,556.54
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses	\$141,924.00	\$ 97,067.86
Transfers to Building Fund	\$24,000.00	\$18,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$159,800.00	\$115,067.86

The cut off for financial gifts to be counted as 2015 giving will be noon on Wednesday, December 30th.



Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, the following items will be delivered to Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis for use in third world medical facilities:

- 5 quilts
- 1 box each of hotel soaps, shampoos, and lotions,
- 31 pillow cases
- 9 boxes of rolled bandages
- 135 hospital sheets
- 12 new pillows

A special thank you to Rhonda Klinkel, Les and Darlene's daughter-in-law, who provides us with white sheets from an Aberdeen hospital.

Mission Partner Visit

Maggie Alton, Roger, Michelle, Derek & Ryan Chase, Heidi Madsen, Mark Christenson, Pastor Tom and some Augustana students covet your prayers as we travel to worship with the men of the St. Dysmas parish, located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary on Thursday, November 12th. We will spend time with the members of St. Dysmas before and after worship. Following the service, we meet with the St. Dysmas pastor and former inmates to hear more about the St. Dysmas ministry and life after incarceration.

Friends in Christ

5:30 Wednesday, November 18th

Friends in Christ is a youth-group styled program for our younger children, preschool – grade 5 that meets once a month for a meal, devotions and a service project. *35 boxes were for Operation Christmas Child were packed in October!*

We are looking for volunteers to serve the *Friends in Christ* meals each month. Please contact Sue Krutzfeldt or Pastor Tom to help!

LCMC International Gathering



LCMC now represents 855 congregations around the world. Steve and Marian Sprecher, along with Pastor Tom, attended the LCMC International Gathering in Frisco, TX on October, 4th -7th. Learning about our partnership in LCMC, being fed by worship and keynote speakers, and joining in the fellowship of believers was a grand experience.

Videos of convention presentations will be available to view on the LCMC website in early 2016.

Next year's gathering will be held in Denver, CO on October 2-5, 2016.

The Preacher's Ponderings

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

Psalm 95:1-2

Change is taking place all around us. The trees that once bore bountiful leaves are now almost bare. The fields that were ripe with grain are now nearly all harvested. The long summer days have given way to short days, and long nights. And so it is the same every year as we flip that calendar from October into the month of November.

Oh, we all hope there is more time before the snows fly.....but then, as we feel the crispness of the morning air.....we know that that the days of autumn are now limited. But, before we "welcome" winter, we get that national holiday that reminds us to ever give to God our thanks and praise.

At least for me, the hymn that best punctuates our celebration of Thanksgiving is the one penned by Henry Alford, *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*.

Since Henry was an Anglican Priest, this hymn was originally used for the English Harvest Festival, which is the equivalent of our national holy day. So, with thanks to a Brit, we have a beautiful hymn that speaks both of the gathering up of the grains from the fields, as well as the gathering up of God's people unto the eternal harvest.

"Come, ye thankful people, come".....is the invitation for the people of God to gather to sing the praises of the one from whom all *"our wants are supplied"*.

"All the world is God's own field".....is the reminder that not only the whole of creation, but especially the whole of us as creatures belongs to God, who is the *"Lord of harvest"*.

"For the Lord our God shall come".....is the prophecy that the one who has gone to prepare a place for us will come again to gather us into *"His garner evermore"*.

"Even so, Lord quickly come".....is the prayer of the faithful ones of God. We pray in faith that Christ will find us ready at His return, *"free from sorrow, free from sin"*.

This is the preparation for the *"Glorious Harvest"*... which we trust will be for those whom Christ has named and Christ has claimed as His very own. May our lives then, be a living testimony of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Harvest!

In Christ's Service, Pastor Tom

Mark your calendar!

November 8th - Sunday

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School

November 10th – Tuesday

9:30 am Global Health Bandage Rolling
8:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

November 11th – Wednesday

7:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice
8:00 pm Adult/Youth Study - Judaism

November 12th - Thursday

1:00 pm Ministerial at Holy Trinity
4:00 pm Carpool to St. Dysmas

November 14th – Saturday

1:00-4:00 Private Church Member Event

November 15th – Sunday

8:15 am Adult/Youth Study - Judaism
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
12:00 pm High School Youth Group @ Ryan Chase's

November 17th – Tuesday

9:30 am ESD Pastor's Mtg. at Hope
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

November 18th – Wednesday

5:30 pm Friends in Christ (preK-5th gr.)
6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
8:00 pm Adult/Youth Study - Islam

November 19th – Thursday

7:00 pm Missions & Evangelism Meeting

November 22nd – "Christ the King" Sunday

8:15 am Adult/Youth Study - Islam
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School

November 24th – Tuesday

9:30 am Global Health Bandage Rolling
7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship @ Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Parish

November 25th - Wednesday

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 29th – 1st Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship



So farfor December!

December 2nd – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
7:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice
8:00 pm Adult/Youth Study - Hinduism

December 6th – 2nd Sunday in Advent

8:15 am Adult/Youth Study - Hinduism
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am SS – Christmas Program Practice
3:00 pm Worship at Violet T.
4:00 pm Worship at Sunquest

December 9th – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
7:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice
8:00 pm Adult/Youth Study - Buddhism

December 13th – 3rd Sunday in Advent

8:15 am Adult/Youth Study - Buddhism
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am SS – Christmas Program Practice

December 16th – Wednesday

5:30 pm Baked Potato Bar for All!
7:00 pm Family Christmas Program

December 20th – 4th Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School

December 24th – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

December 27th – Sunday

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship – **Please Bring a Plate of Christmas Goodies to share!**



A printable calendar can also be downloaded from our church website:

www.hopelutheranhurong.com

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Happy Thanksgiving 