



October 6, 2016



Annual Gathering

The 16th Annual Gathering of the LCMC was held October 2nd – 5th in Denver. Hope Lutheran was represented by Steve and Marian Sprecher as well as Pastor Tom. Their report can be found later in the newsletter.

Sr High Youth Group Meal! Sunday October 23rd @ 12:00 pm 694 Nicholas Court Bennett's House

All Senior High youth: come hungry, with your calendar or device, and your hopes for what we can be and do together this year.



Reception of New Members Sunday, October 16th

Some additional families have pledged their commitment to join in our community of faith. On the 16th, those who have indicated their desire to become members of Hope will be officially welcomed. *If this is the right time for you to make your commitment, please contact Pastor Tom.*

Interested in a trip to Germany to celebrate Martin Luther's 500th Anniversary?

This 10-day tour, sponsored by the German Heritage Society of South Dakota, will leave Sioux Falls on May 13th. Please see card posted in Fellowship Hall if interested



Sunday, October 30th @ 9:30 am

Rite of Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday for four young men:

Kameron Christensen
Noah Dickson
Spencer Lord
Skylar Zomer

The coffee hour on that day will be hosted by the Education Committee in the young men's honor.



Operation Christmas Child Sunday School Service Project

As in the past, the children of Hope will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child in November.

If you would like to assist with this project, please shop for a quality "wow" items such as dolls, soccer balls with pumps, stuffed animals, shoes, clothes, etc. that will fit in a shoe box. Also needed are non-liquid hygiene items, school supplies and small toys (no toy guns, snakes or bugs!!). You may leave donated items in our Library no later than November 6th.

Cash donations to purchase items and cover the shipping costs are also welcome. ***Please give any cash donations to Joan Kutter or Betty Krutzfeldt ASAP, as the Women of Hope will be doing shopping for the boxes next week.***



Ethiopian 4x4 Challenge Complete!

The Mission & Evangelism Committee would like to thank all who helped meet – and surpass - the challenge to provide \$500 from Hope help purchase a 4WD vehicle for Tabor Congregation's Mission Posts in Ethiopia.

The "Gas Can" collection total was \$1,276.00!

Hope's Happenin's

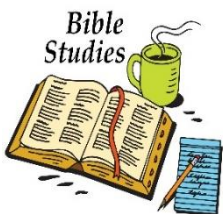
*Mark
Your
Calendar*

Sunday, 10/9	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship	
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Age 3 through 8th Grade	
Tuesday, 10/11	10:15 AM	Women of Hope leave for trip to Mitchell/Abbott House	
Wednesday, 10/12	6:00 PM	Confirmation for 6th - 8th Grade	
	7:00 PM	Church Council	
	8:00 PM	Senior High/Adult Study on Prayer	
Sunday, 10/16	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship	
		RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS	
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Age 3 through 8th Grade	
Tuesday, 10/18	8:00 AM	ESD Pastor's Meeting - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, 10/19	9:00 AM	Global Health Bandage Rolling	
	6:00 PM	Confirmation for 6th - 8th Grade	
	7:00 PM	Adult/Senior High Choir Practice	
	8:00 PM	Senior High/Adult Study on Prayer	
Sunday, 10/23	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship	ST DYSMAS FORMS ARE DUE TODAY!
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Age 3 through 8th Grade	
	12:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group at Bennett White's – 694 Nicholas Court	
Tuesday, 10/25	8:00 AM	Bi-Monthly Pastor's Study - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, 10/26	6:00 PM	Confirmation for 6th - 8th Grade	
	7:00 PM	Adult/Senior High Choir Practice	
	8:00 PM	Senior High/Adult Study on Prayer	
Sunday, 10/30	9:30 AM	CONFIRMATION Worship w/Holy Communion	
	10:30 AM	Reception recognizing Confirmands	
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Age 3 through 8th Grade	
Wednesday, 11/2	6:00 PM	Confirmation for 6th - 8th Grade	
	8:00 PM	Senior High/Adult Study on Prayer	
Sunday, 11/6	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship	
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Age 3 through 8th Grade	

**An online calendar is available at
www.hopelutheranhuron.com !**

Senior High/Adult Bible Study

The next Fall Sr High/Adult Bible study will be on Prayer. Subjects include



- Our Secret Vocation
- The Intercession of Jesus
- The Gift of Prayer
- Praying with Jesus
- Complaining
- Praying Together

The studies begin **Wednesday, October 12th** and run through **November 16th**. It is currently being offered on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm.

If you would like the study offered at a different time, please contact Pastor Tom.

Global Health Bandage Rolling

Wednesday, October 19th at 9:30 am, bandages will be prepared for Global Health Ministries. The bandages consist of used white sheets that are torn into strips and then rolled. Everyone is welcome to help with this worthwhile project.



Mission Partner Visits

Sign up today at the Welcome Center!

Women of Hope will be visiting the **Abbott House** on Tuesday, October 11th.

We will worship with **St. Dysmas** congregation at the SD State Penitentiary on Thursday, November 13th. **Visitation forms need to be completed and turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, October 23rd**.

LCMC (*Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ*) is an association of congregations who are *free in Christ*, accountable to one another and rooted in the scriptures and the Lutheran confessions.



LCMC has a new logo AND a new mobile app. Both were unveiled at the recent gathering in Denver.

The color scheme and design of our updated logo symbolizes our goal as an association of congregations: bringing the words of Jesus to a dark and depressing world. As Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, we are all working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations.

A great deal of time, thought and effort has gone into creating a logo that embodies the mission and vision of our association, and we are confident that our new design will help communicate exactly who we are: a first century church for the twenty first century.

The LCMC mobile app makes it easy to access videos and podcasts, receive news updates, and stay connected with other people throughout the association.

For additional information on the new app, or to download it, please go to

<http://www.lcmc.net/download-our-app>

Thank you to those serving as leaders in our Youth Education program:

Teachers:

PreK-3rd Grade: Hannah Pageler, Elisebeth Dickson and Sarah Christenson

4th - 5th Grade: Kerri Zomer and Marie Chase

6th - 8th Grade: Janet Christenson, Jann Dickson, Jim White and Eden White

Substitutes:

Michelle Chenoweth and Marian Sprecher

Music Leaders: Emily Davis and Chantelle Kremer

Education Committee:

Michelle Chase, Barb Bublitz, Sue Krutzfeldt, Joan Kutter and Paulette White



Financial Update



Here is a summary on Hope Lutheran's finances for the first eight months of 2016.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Ruedeusch.

Hope Lutheran Church Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2016

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
General Fund	\$43,966.82
Building Fund	\$76,121.59
Contingency Fund	\$37,218.93
Memorial Fund	\$17,204.30
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$174,511.64
FIXED ASSETS	
Equipment/Furnishings	\$41,784.18
Land and Buildings	\$294,972.08
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$336,756.26
TOTAL ASSETS	\$511,267.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$511,267.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$511,267.90

Hope Lutheran Church General Fund Budget vs. Actuals January 1 – August 31, 2016

	2016 Budget	Actual thru 08/31/2016
INCOME		
General Fund Offering	\$165,900.00	\$104,980.12
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	377.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$166,000.00	\$105,357.12
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses	\$142,000.00	\$76,114.69
Transfers to Building Fund	\$24,000.00	\$14,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$166,000.00	\$90,114.69

2016 GATHERING REPORT



Dear Friends of Hope:

We thank you for the opportunity we had this past week to represent Hope Lutheran Church at the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) International Gathering in Denver. Since its inception in 2001, LCMC has grown from 23 congregations to 744 congregations in the USA and 189 congregations from 16 other countries. The gathering is an exciting time for us to celebrate our unity in mission to the whole world!

This year's theme was "*Back to the Future*", in which we focused on using 1st century principals within our 21st century congregations. This theme was brought out through times of worship, daily Bible studies and the keynote speakers. Pastor Janine Rew-Werling, of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Watertown had the honor of being our Bible study leader. Over the three day gathering, she opened each day with a poignant survey through the book of Acts, which is the record of the 1st century Christian Church. Our keynote speakers followed this theme by encouraging us to both look back to the faith and practice of those first disciples and then to see how our Lutheran Confessions will keep us grounded in the Gospel work of making disciples now and for the future.

Part of the annual Gathering is also spent networking with other congregations and mission organizations. Over 50 ministries had representatives present to share with us their work in the mission of making disciples. This happens in the "ministry/vendor" area in which we could connect directly with folk who are ministering in Asia, Africa, Southern America, and Europe, as well as domestic missions. The Augustana District, of which Hope Lutheran is also a member, is one ministry and partnership that was present and highlighted.

Another element of the Gathering is getting to hear from the two volunteer boards that guide our association - the Board of Directors and the Ministry Board - as well as from the lean staff of 6 leaders. Their work in coordinating our mission is led by the Board of Directors, who are elected from various regions. Pastor Julie Smith, who was instrumental in the early start-up of Hope Lutheran, is the Director from our area. She is the Vice President of the Board that guards our Biblical and Confessional heritage, as well as responds to the pressing needs of our growing association. The other key leader group of the association is the Ministry Board, which is appointed to serve in maintaining our lists of congregations and pastors and connecting with our endorsed training agencies, such as seminaries and Bible schools. Pastor Nate Hanson, who serves a three-point parish near Canton, SD is on the Ministry Board.

Through our association with the LCMC and the Augustana District, we are provided with support, encouragement and, accountability in keeping our congregations and their pastors true to our Biblical faith and our Lutheran identity within the body of Christ.

We left this year's Gathering with the admonition to remember:

- to be grateful for the work that God is leading us to do in proclaiming the Gospel.
- that the work of the church is not so much about us, but rather for those who still need to embrace the forgiveness and grace of Jesus Christ.
- and strengthened in our knowledge that when we faithfully present God's Word and live under it, the Holy Spirit will work His work in creating faith.

Thus, let us all pray for God to place in our paths those whom we can reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In His Exciting Service,

*Steve & Marian Sprecher and
Pastor Tom*