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Good News!

Stephen Ministries Has Launched

I want to tell you about a great new thing happening in our midst. Stephen Ministers will be installed for ministry October 4th at church.

What is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry gets its name from the book of Acts the 6th chapter when the Apostles found they needed others besides the 12 original disciples to take care of the needs of the people. Stephen was the first listed of 7 people chosen do this ministry.

Stephen Ministries today is a well respected national program begun by Lutherans but now not only in Lutheran churches. *Stephen Ministries is Christ Caring for People through People.*

I am 100% behind our new Stephen Ministry.

I am 100% behind our trainer, Candy Moltz. We couldn't have had a better trainer. She spent a solid packed week preparing to become the trainer.

I am 100% behind our trained Stephen Ministers. They have gone through a 50 hour training process to prepare for this ministry.

Our trained people are Candy Moltz, Valerie Peterson, Elizabeth Bockarie, and Bonnie Guinta. Each of them are gifted people who have now added a greater competency and courage to their desire to serve.

In the time ahead you will hear more about how we will link up people who have experienced some change of life's situation with people who have a loving, trained ear to be support through, and in the midst of such change.

Just as the original Stephen Ministers in Acts 6 did not see themselves becoming Apostles. So our Stephen Ministers don't see themselves as pastors. But read the great things the original Stephen Ministers did. Ours will be affective and caring as well.

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Our Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS
in unique ministries.

Looking

Ahead

Custom Designed Seminar

October 16-17

Friday evening (6–9:30 PM...

Beginning with Dinner)

Saturday (9AM-4 PM)

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In a sense this is the Lutheran concept of the Priesthood of All Believers in action. Or this is our Call concept at Hope being lived out. Name it what you may, I know this is going to be fruitful ministry for our church.

Stay tuned as you learn more. And give praise to God for moving these willing, gifted, and trained people to Serve our Lord in our midst. They indeed are people through whom *Christ Cares for People through People*.

Pastor Joel

Timothy Project Bible Study
Continuing on Wednesday evenings,
7:15-8:30 PM

Taught by Pastor Wendy. Over a three year period of time, you will:

- You will read through the entire Bible and study portions as you go.
- Learn to hear God personally speak to you through his living, active word. Incredible!
- Learn various spiritual disciplines so that you may know Jesus as a profound friend
- Learn to pray
- Learn to study the Bible in a faithful in-depth manner

No Bible knowledge or experience needed. Participate as you desire. We will study the early part of the Old Testament this year as well as parts of the New Testament. Newcomers welcome!

Discover, discern and “incorporate” God’s unique call into all aspects of your life. Guidance and wisdom will be presented for understanding your unique individuality, recognizing God’s guiding hand, and even grappling with two of life’s more practical, yet significant questions: Who am I? What am I to do? You (everyone!) are custom designed and custom called for a custom designed life! High school youth and adults are invited, especially those in transition! The seminar will be fun, energetic and comfortable. The presenters will be Pastor Wendy and Steve Harr. Cost: \$35 (includes all materials and meals). Co-sponsored by Hope Lutheran Church and the non-profit teaching mission, *Call Incorporated* (www.callinc.org). Questions, RSVP or pre-register with Pastor Wendy (972-723-9688).

INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Actual YTD Balance (Deficit): (\$12,470)

Budgeted YTD Deficit: (\$4,585)

Offerings minus Expenses...Overall Balance

for operations: \$8,463 (8/31/09)

Hope Lutheran

Call'Designed

Coming

October 3rd ~ Let's Eat Out Will be hosted by the Juergens At their home.

Dwayne will cook hamburgers and deer sausage.
They will provide paper goods and tea and cokes.



You bring: a salad,
or a dessert,
or some chips.
Call for directions:
972-617-7301
206 Silver wood,
Ovilla, TX

HOPE LUTHERAN ANNUAL PICNIC AND FALL FESTIVITIES

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009
(FOLLOWING 10:30
SERVICE)**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN!!!**

**A PICNIC MEAL WITH HAMBURGERS/HOT
DOGS/SIDES/BEVERAGES WILL BE PRO-
VIDED. PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO
SHARE!**

**GAMES, PRIZES AND
CRAFTS FOR THE CHILDREN**

**PUMPKIN CARVING/DECORATING
(Please bring a pumpkin; tools will be provided)**

Should you have questions or would like to lend a
helping hand, please contact Judy Knoll
(Judy.Knoll@gpisd.org) regarding the meal and
Janie Marjonen at 1-972-775-5530.

Events

Custom Designed A Life Worthy of the Call

Copies of Pastor Wendy's book by this title are now available for sale \$14. Proceeds from the book will support Call Inc. In her absence, copies may be obtained from Carolee Juergens (8AM worship//Sunday school), Tammy Hill (10:30 AM worship), and Pastor Joel (weekdays). The book was released nationally on Sept. 1 (Amazon, etc). You may preview the book on the publisher's website: <http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=978-1-60696-969-4>

Advent Planning: Behold, He Comes!

October 11, 2009

Our Advent theme this year will be: Behold, He Comes! A planning session will be held Sunday, October 11 following the 10:30 worship service to brainstorm ideas for how to develop our Advent theme this year during worship and through other means. Here are areas we may want to consider as we approach Advent this year:

- Hymns and other special music during worship
- Drama or creative readings during worship
- Advent Festival ideas
- Visual accents in addition to banners (photographs, artwork, videos, etc.)
- Poetry, short essays, other creative writing
- Special outreach, service, or giving campaigns to keep our focus on giving during this season
- Special workshop or Sunday school opportunities to tie-in with our Advent theme
- Other ideas as the Lord leads us

If any of the above areas interest you, please make a point to help us brainstorm ideas after church on October 11.

Seminary Update: Almost Halfway Done!

By Matt Cleaver

The end of the fall semester of 2009 will mark the end of two full years for me in Luther Seminary's Distributed Learning Program, and I want to take some time to fill in the congregation on my progress and experience so far. As most of you know, I am pursuing a Master of Arts in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry in a distance learning format. There are 18 courses required for the degree (equivalent to 54 credit hours), nine of which are completed on campus in St. Paul, MN during weeklong intensive classes. The other nine classes are completed through online classes or self-directed independent studies. The program is designed to be completed in about four years, and I am on pace to graduate in December of 2011. Classes I have taken so far (You can view a sample of my work from selected classes at <http://mattcleaver.com/portfolio/>):

1. Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families: Theological and Strategic Frameworks (on campus)—This was the foundational course in the youth ministry program that helped us to develop a theological foundation for youth ministry.
2. Survey of the Prophets (online)—A survey of the prophetic writings in the Old Testament.
3. Singleness, Marriage, and Family (on campus)—In this class we examined various family structures and how to approach ministry with families within the church.
4. Lutheran Confessional Writings (online)—The main textbook for this class was the Book of Concord, which contains all the essential early writings and documents during the formation of Lutheranism. Think of it as Confirmation on steroids! This course helped me understand the depth, nuance, and richness within the Lutheran tradition.
5. Leadership in Youth and Family Ministry (on campus)—Perhaps more than any other, this course has significantly shaped the way I think about my job at Hope by helping me to evaluate how I am called and gifted to lead in ministry and how I need to shift my responsibilities and priorities. I still have a long way to go, but I have begun to implement some of the ideas and principles learned in this class.
6. Overview of Christian Teachings (online)—A basic theology course focusing on the foundations of Christian faith and their application in ministry.
7. Children, Youth, and Family Ministry in the Church and its Mission—This course focused on the nature of the church and how that affects the way we minister to and with children, teenagers, young adults, and families. As a result of this course we compiled a huge list of resources recommended by students in the class, which is a great resource for me as I am now overseeing Ministry Development.
8. Ethics I (online)—This is one of my fall online courses I am currently taking, which provides a basic foundation for doing Christian ethics.
9. Introduction to Church History (online) - My other current class, this gives an overview of the Christian church from the time of the New Testament until the present.

Though I have grown much through the coursework of my degree program, the greatest value of the program is in the relationships I have built with other people in ministry. I have built great friendships with other people, some of whom I see on a regular basis within our synod, who are in ministry in various capacities throughout the ELCA.

I cannot thank Hope Lutheran Church enough for their support during this program. From allowing me the time to travel to Minnesota for classes to setting up a fund to help pay for my tuition and fees, your support has made this experience a joy rather than a burden. I would like to thank our own Women of the ELCA, who often donate towards my seminary fund, and the many individuals (you know who you are!) who have helped defray the cost of this degree.

I ask for your continued prayers and support as I close in on halfway through my degree.

Straus Road Closed

Straus Road is closed at FM 1382, which will affect some of your normal routes to the church. **The City of Cedar Hill has told us it will be closed through December.** Below is the alternate route that you will need to take to get to the church. For a map, go to www.hopelutheran.net/about/location.



1. From FM 1382, turn north at the North Clark Road stoplight (which is west of the Straus & 1382 intersection on 1382).
2. Turn right at Old Straus Rd. There is no stop light or stop sign at this intersection. Follow Old Straus Rd directly to the church.

Storage Space Needed

October 11, 2009

Do you have available space in a storage shed, storage unit, or in your garage? We are looking for someone who might be willing to store our portable outdoor stage when it is not in use. The dimensions of the stage when stacked is 8' x 2' x 4'. Please contact Matt Cleaver if you can help us. (Thanks to John Navarro for building this for us)



Game
Night
Is
October 17
6:00 pm
(Join us for
Potluck Supper
and Cards).

HERALDS NEWSLETTER ...

is now available! Pick up a copy on the table or download it from our website: www.hopelutheran.net
Sign up to be notified by email when the latest edition of the Heralds is available. If interested notify Karine Samer by leaving the information in her mail box or email your request to her at hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net.

Health Screening

Monday, November 2



HealthYes will host health screening at Hope Lutheran Church on Monday, November 2. HealthYes is a mobile health screening service that uses ultrasound testing to determine people's risk for heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, and more. They recommend their screening services to those 40 years of age and older.

Discounts will be available for members of Hope Lutheran Church. More information will be provided soon. Go to www.healthyes.com to learn more.



Memorials



In Memory of Clyde Newman

Jean Agazzi

Scott and Diane Johnson

Marv and Fran Christensen

Eunice Dix

Joslyn Eaton, Jo and Troy Rogers

Bob and Nina Griggs

Mel and Hattie Hammer

Steve and Kathy Harr

Barbara Hermansen

Shirley Hirt

Gene and Rose Janke

Dwayne and Carolee Juergens

Terry and Brenda Kardatzke

Las Libros Amigos Book Club

Cathy Nichols

Jerry and Faye Nichols

Jim and Carol Nichols

Roger and Kathy Peterson

Ron and Julie Robertson

Charles and Pat Romero

William and Doris Standgland

Robert and Barbara Tesdol

Marland and Pat Tidemann

Jack and Virginia Trousdale

Mike and Valerie Trousdale

Marvin and Brenda Watkins

Margaret Wix

Clay and Barbara York

(Designated to Altar Guild)

Hope Lutheran

Enter Into Intentional
Discipleship

Homebound Residents

Janet Dinwiddie
Park Manor ~ Rm. 405B
207 E. Parkerville Road
DeSoto, TX 75115-6251
972.223.6016

George & Jackie Milyo
2600 Parkview Lane #138
Bedford, TX 76002-7989

In the hospital ~

Ron Trygstad ~ Low Blood Count
1927 s. Hampton Road
Glenn Heights, TX 75154-8248
972.230.2634
rtrygstad@mooseintl.net

Recovering at home ~

David Still ~ accident
2445 Waterstone Drive
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104-2402
972.293.8016
dvdstill@sbcglobal.net

Our homebound members enjoy visits, calls and cards. Please take a few minutes out for those who can no longer get out and about.

Words of Encouragement



These members appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement due to health challenges.

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October 2009 Calendar

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|---|----|----------------------------------|----|----|--|---|
|  | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Let's Eat Out 5:30 pm  |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Advent Plan- ning 12:00 PM | 12 | 13 Faith Circle 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 ← Custom Designed Seminar 6-9:30 pm | 17 Game Night 6:00 pm 9am-4:30 pm → |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Council Meeting 7:00 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Annual Pic- nic/ Fall Festival 11:45 am  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  |

Wednesday Night schedule

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School

5:45 PM – Pizza (\$3/person)
6:00-7:15 – Confirmation (7-8th grade)
6:15-7:00 – Silent Worship
6:30-7:30 – Chimes choir practice (all ages)
7:15-8:30 – Timothy Project
7:30-8:30 – Reconfirmed (high school)
6:15-7:15 – Adult Praise Team
7:30-8:00 – Women's Group
8:00-8:35 – Mixed Adult Group (Choir)

Hope Women's News



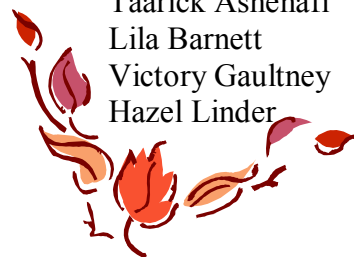
October's
Faith Circle
will be
Tuesday,
October 13
at 7:30 pm.
Come
and
join us.

October Anniversaries

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| Bob & Doris Kuhn | 10/05 |
| Grover & Lillian Radke | 10/06 |
| Nick & Mary Petrichenko | 10/09 |
| Al & Pam Armistead | 10/10 |

October Birthdays

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|------------------|-------|
| Maggie Jones | 10/01 |
| Bill Burleson | 10/02 |
| Colton Bolduc | 10/03 |
| Brandy Trygstad | 10/04 |
| Nicole Lidle | 10/05 |
| Tiffany Roberson | 10/06 |
| Todd Knoll | 10/07 |
| Lillian Radke | 10/07 |
| Mathew Armstrong | 10/08 |
| Mark Hill | 10/08 |
| Tammy Hill | 10/09 |
| Christopher Dahl | 10/13 |
| Kelly Johnson | 10/14 |
| Reed Navarro | 10/14 |
| Kathy Grace | 10/16 |
| Suzanne Dahl | 10/19 |
| Blake Pender | 10/19 |
| Samantha Fain | 10/20 |
| Grover Radke | 10/20 |
| Lynn Halowec | 10/22 |
| Mariah Heyerdahl | 10/24 |
| Isabel Bengtson | 10/26 |
| Taarick Ashenafi | 10/27 |
| Lila Barnett | 10/27 |
| Victory Gaultney | 10/27 |
| Hazel Linder | 10/29 |



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

One of the reasons the Lord gave us a church family was to surround and support us in a time of need. Hope Lutheran you do an exceptional job at this task....Let me just mention....wonderful lunch at the Memorial service, many, many memorials given in Clyde's name, lots of cards, calls, visits, assisting me with chores beyond my expertise (and there are many)....Pastor Joel, you are a constant support that I rely on....I want all of you to know that my heart is overflowing with praise and gratitude for every one of you.

Very Sincerely,
Carol Newman



October 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Sunday School | 5 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| 11 Inner Mission | 12 | 13 | 14 Wednesday Schedule | 15 | 16 | 17 Youth Night Out: Dodgeball |
| 18 Sunday School | 19 | 20 | 21 Wednesday Schedule | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Inner Mission | 26 | 27 | 28 Wednesday Schedule | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 31 Youth Praise Team Practice | | | 31 Wednesday Schedule | | | Service Saturday |

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- Sundays, 9:00 AM—Good Sex Sunday School. During the fall we will be talking with our 7th-12th graders about sex and relationships. This is a very important class that could have a meaningful effect on our teenagers at church. Find out more at: <http://hopeyouthministry.com/good-sex/>
- Wednesdays, 5:45-8:30 PM—Wednesday Night Schedule:
 - ◊ 5:45 PM—Pizza Dinner (\$3/person)
 - ◊ 6:00-7:15—Confirmation (7-8th Grade)
 - ◊ 6:30-7:30—Chimes Choir Practice
 - ◊ 7:30-8:30—Reconfirmed (High School)
- 4 ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Bengtson's house. This semester we will use Inner Mission to develop spiritual formation groups around the practice of prayer.
- 10 ~ Saturday, 6-9 PM—Youth Night Out : Dodgeball. Bring some friends and come play dodgeball at the church. Snacks (not dinner!) and drinks served.
- 18 ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Bengtson's house.
- 25 ~ Sunday, 12-2 PM—Youth Praise Team Practice. Lunch Served.
- 31 ~ Saturday, 8 AM-2 PM—Service Saturday. Details TBA.

Growing Your Faith: *Call to Know, Follow & Serve Jesus*

Adult, Youth & Kids Sunday School: *9:15 AM*

Adult Sunday School—Continuing throughout October

- **Panera Women's Book Study** meets Sunday's at 9:15 am at the Panera Bread restaurant in Cedar Hill. Led by Janice Wessa, this semester's book for study will be Pastor Wendy's new book, *Custom-Designed: A Life Worthy of the Call*. All women are welcome.
- **Running with Giants**, led by Mark Hill. This Sunday school class will extend throughout the fall and examine what Old Testament heroes want you to know about life and leadership
- **The Shack**. Pastor Joel will lead a class during Sunday School hour on *The Shack* by William P. Young this month. He encourages those who want to read it and discuss it to purchase it and read it ahead of time. The Shack is a novel about suffering and redemption, told in a very creative way. "At times it will seem very unorthodox to you," says Pastor Joel. "But keep reading. It is very thought provoking and well worth the read." You can order it on-line or purchase the book at a Christian Bookstores, or from a store like Barnes and Noble.

Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

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No Bible knowledge or experience needed. Participate as you desire. We will study the early part of the Old Testament this year as well as parts of the New Testament. Newcomers welcome!

- **Women's Faith Circle**—meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at the church. Come for fellowship, devotions, and Bible study led by Carolee Juergens. All women of the church are welcome.
- **Small (Spiritual Formation) Groups**—Develop faith relationships. Talk about faith and real life. To explore an interest in becoming a part of a group, see Pastor Joel or Matt Cleaver.

Daily Devotionals and Study Resources

Available on the table in the church lobby. Take one!

- **Christ in our Home**—Available quarterly, this devotional has daily Scripture readings, thoughts and prayers.
- **The Wise Economy of Your Life: Balancing Time and Money**—This resource outlines scriptural principles for creating freedom and versatility as you "spend" your time and money.

Newsletter Articles Deadline Date ...

is the **18th** of each month. Please email you

articles as an **attachment** to:
hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



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Fall Festival

And Annual Picnic

October 25, 11:45 am

At Hope Lutheran ~ Come & Join Us!