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Moving Forward

About eighteen years ago I had an ah-hah moment when I saw the word “church” literally means “called-out-ones.” It became crystal clear to me that if we are going to move forward in being “church” we would have to help each person in the church hear and respond to their call from God, then organize around each person’s sense of call.

This is what Martin Luther was talking about when he talked about the “priesthood of all believers.” The problem is the “priesthood of believers” has largely been a slogan in the church and rarely has it actually been lived out as a gathered body of believers. Wendy and I set out to make the “priesthood of all believers” more than a slogan. It has been an adventure ever since then.

Eighteen years later we are moving ahead with as much conviction and zeal as we have ever had. It is a pleasure being in your midst striving to hear the call of God together. This we will continue to do with as much energy as ever.

Last month we had around 25 people attend a “call event” at our church. It was a profound success. Therefore we are already planning another event sometime this fall. As Wendy has a new job description at Hope, Matt Cleaver is going to pick up some of the things Wendy did to help us organize around God’s call to our members. This will help us to keep moving forward in our vision to see the “priesthood of all believers” made concrete in our midst. Zach Poulter, our new youth intern, (introduce yourself if you haven’t spoken with him yet... we can already tell he is another God-send in our midst) is going to do some of the things Matt was doing with the youth, as well as seek to discern more clearly the way God is calling him to be a youth director in the church.

This IS an exciting time to be at Hope. Catch the vision and MOVE FORWARD with as much gusto as ever. God is on the move. Put your hand in His; and hold on to your hat. You are in for quite a ride!

Pastor Joel

Our Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

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

Electricity Out

Last month we had a storm that knocked out our electricity for almost four days. This included Sunday morning services, Sunday afternoon Taste of Hope, and the Sunday evening start of Vacation Bible School. It was not an optimum time to lose power. In addition to that we had a leak in Bob's and the pastors' office. **In the midst of the inconvenience I am thankful for many things.**

First I am thankful for Lynn Foster. He came right away with his professional-grade truck vacuum (as he has done a number of times) and vacuumed up the water in the offices. Thank you to Lynn and Pat!

Problems transpired. Because we didn't have electricity to run the fans that Lynn brought the carpet remained damp and then began to smell a little musty in the air-conditionless church. As news traveled about the problem the problem began to sound much worse than it actually was. (For instance, there never was any water in the sanctuary.)

As Sunday approached it was determined to move the service outside. The 9:00 AM time was chosen so it would not be too hot. Thank you to Matt, Cathy Peterson, Steve Hawkins and Margaret Bengtson for creating a very nice outdoor service that morning.

Taste of Hope music plans were dropped since we didn't have electricity. But the cookout went on and it was reportedly very nice. Thanks to all who set up, brought food, and particularly to John Navarro for building a new portable outdoor stage.

Vacation Bible School plans then went to a plan B setup. I was impressed with the positive can-do attitudes. (See the VBS article by Deb Burleson, but let me here say thank you to Deb Burleson and Janie Marjonen for all their planning and oversight of VBS.)

Finally, the utility people showed up and fixed one problem but missed a second. Thanks to Scott Clark and his nifty electricity test instrument he was able to identify the undetected problem with the transformer. Phone book utility numbers went un-answered. Then Scott noticed a number on the transformer itself, called it and (Yea!) reached a live person on a Sunday night! They dispatched a worker within ten minutes and the worker found lightning had effected our transformer. With this second problem addressed we were soon up and running again.

I give you this detail so that you can be thankful to God for all the servant-hearted people around you. Many people played different parts in working through the issues caused by the storm. It is a small example of how the body of Christ (the church) gets things done.

Pastor Joel



Looking

Ahead

Health *Yes!*TM PREVENTIVE SCREENING

Donations for Bryan's House

This money will be used to buy school supplies for needy young children. Checks can be made out to Hope Lutheran Church and direct it to Bryan's House.

The Deadline will be Sunday July 18th.

For more information contact Brenda Kyle 972.296.6244.

The prevention of Stroke, Heart Disease, and Osteoporosis starts with proactive decisions. It is estimated that 80% of the 700,000 strokes that occur every year could have been prevented if lifestyle modifications had been made, and the underlying plaque build-up that causes stroke was detected early. On **Friday, July 31 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center,**

HealthYes!TM Preventive Screening will provide painless ultrasound tests that can detect those at risk of stroke, heart disease, peripheral artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms and osteoporosis. Locally owned & operated, HealthYes!TM has partnered with Texas, Board-Certified Radiologists to provide participants accurate results in just 4 business days. Wellness screening packages start at only \$139.95.

To receive the Total Health Screening Package (All Tests) for \$169.95 – a \$30 discount, just mention BD2TX073109 when you make your appointment.

If you are over 40 and have not taken control of your health, reserve your appointment today by calling 1-866-933-4175 or visiting www.HealthYes.com. **Be Proactive. Stay Healthy.TM**

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION!

It is imperative that we keep the communications open between you and the church.

Our way of informing you of what is happening in the church is through our bulletins, newsletters, and the internet. In order

to keep our records current, we need to know if you have moved, changed your post office box, new telephone number or email address. The Hope Directory will be updated this summer. Please keep us informed. Give all changes to the secretary to update.

Thanks



Watch The Bulletin

For More Information

About July's Let's Eat Out.

Mini Taste of Hope and VBS 2009

A BIG thank you to everyone that assisted with these events - whether you lent a helping hand, donated items and/or prayed for a successful week!

Thank you to Steve and Kathy Harr for their assistance with our mini Taste of Hope on Sunday, June 14 as well as John Navarro for building the stage.

Seventeen of God's children attended VBS June 14-18! Thank you to everyone that helped!

Thanks to the local community leaders and our members that participated in the nightly Showcase Service: Captain Mo and his firemen from the Cedar Hill Fire Department, our very own Valerie Peterson who spoke to the children about the Cedar Hill Food Pantry; our very own Erin O'Connor who discussed her missionary work, Officer Cooper with the Cedar Hill Police Department and Jamie Huselton with the Tri-City Animal Shelter in Cedar Hill.

The Studio Go Game Show – Go Lead, Risk, Tell, Obey and Serve message theme carried throughout the week. Thank you to Kelly Johnson and Cathy Peterson for always providing wonderful songs and music, Katelyn Johnson for being the nightly MC and leading the opening skits, Pastor Joel for leading the Bible stories, Donna Hackney for leading the awesome craft class, Dwight Bengtson and Steve Hawkins for leading the games, Carrie Hamilton, Tiffany Roberson and Holly Bolduc for leading the snack portion of the program and all of the YOUTH and adults, including Biantania and Cheree who showed up every night to help. A special thanks to Deb Burleson, Janie and Dave Marjonen for all of their coordination and assistance along with Matt Cleaver and Zach, our new intern!

MANY THANKS!

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pancake Breakfast		Summer Feeding Program				Free Slurpee Day Devo
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School		Summer Feeding Program			Devo Night	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School		Summer Feeding Program			Peer Ministry Retreat	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday School		Summer Feeding Program			Devo Night	
Youth Praise Team Practice						

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Some of this month's events are tentative or details are TBA. Go to HopeYouthMinistry.com for the latest details.

- 5 ~ Sunday, 9:15 AM ~ Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Current 6-12th graders are welcome to come raise money for next year's mission trip. It's never too early to start! Youth need to be here at 8:00 AM to cook.
- Tuesdays, 11 AM-1PM—Summer Feeding Program. Every Tuesday we will volunteer at High Pointe Elementary as part of CHISD's summer feeding program. We will leave the church promptly at 11 AM and return at 1 PM. Anyone age 18 or older must have a background check & badge with CHISD. See Matt for details.
- 11 ~ Saturday, 3-5 PM—Free Slurpee Day Devo. July 11 (7/11) is the annual Free Slurpee Day at 7-11 stores. We're going to go get a few free Slurpees during the heat of the day. Meet at the church.
- 17 ~ Friday, 6-9 PM—Devo Night. Location TBA.
- 23-25 ~ Thursday-Saturday. Peer Ministry Retreat (tentative). How can you be a minister to your peers? Come find out on this retreat. Details TBA.
- 26 ~ Sunday, 12-2 PM—Youth Praise Team Practice. Lunch Served.
- 31 ~ Friday, 6-9 PM—Devo Night. Location TBA.
- Sundays, 9:15 AM—Sunday school (unless otherwise noted) for Jr. High and High school (combined during summer).

Homebound Residents

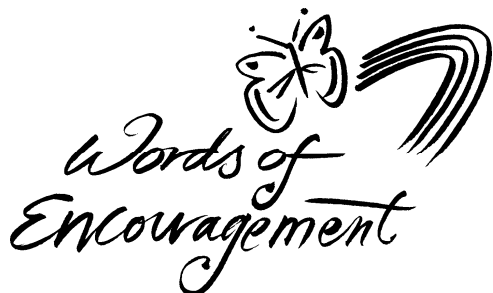
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In the hospital ~

Norman Emmons ~ Back Surgery
Clyde Newman ~ Lung Complication

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



Wedding Bells Rang for:

Wayne Eastman remarried his former wife, Holly.

Patty Metzger married Kenneth Roberts in Spokane WA on May 29, 2009.

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

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**Game
Night
Is
July 18
(Join us for
Potluck Supper
and Cards).
6:00 pm**



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

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

*** Adult Sunday School**

July 5: Youth Pancake Breakfast

Beginning July 12 and continuing into August: *The Gift of the Blessing* Taught by Candy Moltz

Panera Women's Book Study will recess for the summer and resume on the first Sunday after Labor Day in September.

Timothy Project Bible Study will recess for the summer and resume in early September.

***Daily Devotionals and Study Resources** are available on the table in the 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.

***Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities**




Timothy Project Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 PM (Taught by Pastor Wendy Berthelsen. Learn to hear God personally speak to you through His word. Learn to study the Bible in an in-depth faithful manner. Begin to read the entire Bible. No prior Bible knowledge needed. The Timothy Project will take a break for the summer. They will resume in September.

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.



July 2009 Calendar

			1 Pastors on Vacation	2	3 Tea & Note	4 Independence Day 
5 Pancake Breakfast 9:15 am ←	6	7	8 Pastors on Vacation	9	10 Tea & Note	11 →
12	13	14 NO Faith Circle in July	15	16	17 Tea & Note	18 Game Night
19	20	21	22	23	24 Tea & Note	25 Let's Eat Out Watch the Bulletin for information
26	27	28	29	30	31 Tea & Note	

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

Wednesday Schedule:
6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Service (continues all summer)



July 2009 Notes of Interest



Summer Worship Schedule

Wednesday Evening Summer Worship

Come Away and Rest

Wednesdays, 6:30—7:15 PM

Silent worship will be the format for the Wednesday evening worship through the summer. Come for silence, spiritual rest, and meditation. Listen for our Lord's personal and practical voice to you. Tips and guidance for listening will be provided. Holy Communion will be given at around 7 PM.

Hope Lutheran Cited in The Lutheran Magazine

Our Church was mentioned in the June addition of the "The Lutheran". You will find the magazine in your mailbox at church as we were given copies to share with you. Look on page 44 to read an article mentioning our "Pound for Pound" Lenten push for the Cedar Hill Food Pantry.

P.S. You can google Hope Lutheran Church for a Dallas Morning news blog that draws from an article Melanie Jones wrote about it.

Pancake Breakfast

The youth will already start raising funds for their 2010 mission trip through regular pancake breakfasts. The first one is on Fourth of July weekend. Please mark your calendar and enjoy breakfast at Church!



This month's breakfast

Date: Sunday, July 5
Time: 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Suggested Donation: \$5.00/person

Breakfast menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee.

Thank you for supporting our youth!

INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Actual YTD Balance (Deficit): (\$10,338)

Budgeted YTD Deficit: (\$4,863)

Offerings minus Expenses... Overall Balance for operations: \$10,734 (5/31/09)





Hope Women's News

July Birthdays

Lauren Johnson	7/01
Margaret Bengtson	7/02
LeRoy Linder	7/02
Lezlie Pender	7/02
Gary Trimble	7/03
Bill Burlison	7/05
Howard Dressen	7/06
Joe Kyle	7/06
Dorsey Blue	7/07
Wayne Eastman	7/07
Ashenafi, Ariam	7/09
Candis Armstrong	7/12
Jennifer Gilbert	7/13
Mike Purkiss	7/13
Christopher Gaultney	7/14
Claire Pender	7/14
Ty Roberson	7/15
LeAnn Jones	7/17
Christine Halowec	7/18
Elizabeth Yedlowski	7/19
Joel Berthelsen	7/20
Allison Halowec	7/20
Eddie Jarrett	7/20
Nick Petrichenko	7/20
Carrie Hamilton	7/24
Jeanne Blue	7/25
Carl Metzger	7/27
Bob Griggs	7/29
Roger Peterson	7/29
Ina Ragan	7/29
Harry Tokle	7/30
Nancy Yedlowski	7/30
Sara Gaultney	7/31
Rachel Petrichenko	7/31

July Anniversaries

Dennis & Kari DeWeerd	7/01
Ty & Tiffany Roberson	7/01
Bob & Janene Weir	7/01
Mark & Tammy Hill	7/05
Mark & Melanie Jones	7/05
Roger & Cathy Peterson	7/05
David & Kathy Still	7/11
Bill & Judy Knoll	7/14
Brian & Myra Sague	7/30



There will
 be no
 Faith Circle
 in
 July or August.
 Join us
 when
 we resume
 Tuesday,
 September 8
 at 7:30 pm.

*The Date of our Annual High Tea has been set
 for September 26, 2009. Please
 mark the date on your calendars
 now.*

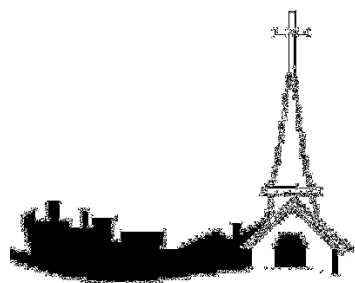


Call to Serve: Service Needs

Contact Matthew Cleaver to explore an interest!

All of these tasks can be adapted according to the amount of time you would like to give and other desires you might have.

- **Sunday Morning Worship Team:** Ushers, readers, communion assistants, coffee, greeters, nursery assistants, prayer leaders, anointing with oil. Orientation or training provided. Contact Kathy Longstreet
- **Adopt a Room:** You may adopt the *kitchen, attic, nursery, or one of the Sunday School rooms*, keeping it clean and neat on an ongoing basis.
- **Adopt a Small Section of Gutters:** Periodically clean a small section
- **Assemble Music 15 Binders** —for blended worship
- **Funeral Coordinator**– We have one person and could use a couple of others.
- **Church Directory**– John Johnson has offered to assemble and print a pictorial directory. This will not be possible unless a few others assist with coordination.
- **Altar Guild**– Contact Hazel Linder if you would like to prepare the Lord’s Supper and the altar for one month out of the year.
- **Day Intercessors**– Pray for our church on assigned day each week.
- **Food Pantry Liason**– Communicate the needs (financial and volunteers).
- **Set-up Christmas Tree**– Next year!
- **Adopt the Playground**– Weed control and other basic upkeep
- **Church Scrapbook**–Assemble the church’s history
- **Be a substitute for our regular mowers.** We have regular mowers for all four sections of the yard. Someone maintains the equipment and provides the gas.
- **Do you have a new idea for something that you personally would like to make happen?**



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Yesterday*



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