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Pastor's Notebook

Lenten Season Theme

"Praying in Times of Distress"

Wednesday Evening Worship: 7:00 – 7:45 PM

Dinner: 5:45-6:45 PM

***"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change..."***

Psalm 46:1-2a

Many people fear the changes that are happening in our national and world economies. We can sit around and quake in our boots or we can do something productive. I suggest the latter. Come let us pray together. God's arm is not so short that it cannot save us. Our prayer themes for the Lenten season are below. Prepare yourself to come and pray.

Pastor Joel

March 4: II Chronicles 7:11-22, Luke 4:5-8

"Distress of the Nation"

March 11: Jude 1: 1-7, Matthew 16:15-19

"Distress of the Church"

March 18: Genesis 4:1-12, Mark 3:20-21 & 31-34

"Distress of the Family"

March 25: Psalm 46:1-4, Luke 22:39-46

"Personal Distress"

April 1: Psalm 122:3-9, Matthew 23:37-39

"Distress of the City"

Our Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

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

Bulletin Experiment Evaluation

While making new copier decisions, the Council decided to engage in an experiment for two months beginning in January 2009. During this period of time, the bulletin was eliminated and the congregation was asked to rely upon video projection of the worship service, hymnbooks, and a one-page announcement sheet. The objectives of this experiment were to be more “green,” and reduce costs associated with paper, copying (copier, toner, maintenance) and bulletin preparation (secretary’s and pastors’ time). With this in mind, *we are now asking for your thoughts! Please complete the evaluation survey that has been placed in your church mailbox!*

Heralds Distribution Experiment

In the context of new copier discussions, the Council decided to experiment with making the Heralds available in people’s mailboxes and also electronically through email and the website. As are many other churches, we are attempting to be more “green” and care for our environment as well as be wise stewards of our resources during tough economic times.

This month, we are making the Heralds available in people’s mailboxes in the Narthex (lobby). We also will be mailing a limited number. *We would like you to consider receiving it electronically. If you are willing or if you have special request regarding receipt of the Heralds, please notify the church office.*

The Out and About Church

“And He is the head... for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all things in every way.”
Ephesians 1:23

We are the church. You are the church (24/7). You are the church wherever you find yourself day by day including when *you are out and about in your neighborhood, community and the world.*

In March, we will focus on the *The Out-and-About Church.*

March 1: “Intro”

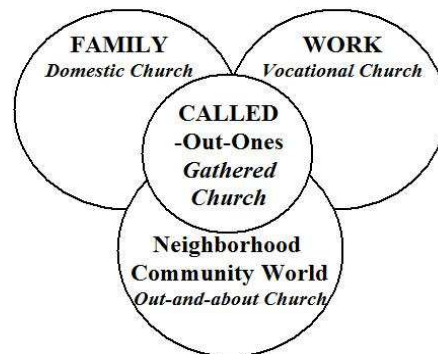
March 8: “Questions on the Way”

March 15: “Places of Significance”

March 22: “Into the World Not to Condemn”

March 29: “In the Network”

What am I Called to do?



TIME AND MONEY MOMENT

God Does Want Us to Listen

Mary and Martha, who were friends of Jesus, invited Jesus to their home. Martha busied herself and was distracted by all the preparations. “Mary... sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said” (Luke 10:30). Aren’t many of us like Martha trying to please the Lord by keeping busy? However, Jesus said this: *Mary has chosen what is better.* (Luke 10:42)

Jesus praised Mary for listening to Him. Knowing that God wants us to listen to Him, the following suggestions are shared to help make us better listeners.

- First, turn your minds toward God. Create times like Mary did to sit quietly at Jesus’ feet. God our Father wants to hear our thoughts so “*we cry, ‘Abba, Father’*” Pray to God continually throughout the day.
- Second, ask God to place you in a position to hear. God wants you to hear His voice, so meditate on His Word every day. Be silent long enough so God can speak to your heart. God will speak to you, so eagerly read and study His Word.
- Third, be ready to respond. God primarily speaks through His Word, but He may choose to speak to you through your circumstances or fellow believers. When God speaks, listen and then be ready to respond.

Memorials or Special Giving may be designated as follows:

Any ministry of our church
Altar Guild Fund
Bereavement Fund
Bibles for Youth or Children
Building Hope Together
- special building or ministry projects
Front Sign Garden Redesign
Library Fund
Matthew Cleaver Seminary Fund
Ministry Development Fund

New Lawn Mower
Property Fund
Youth General Fund
Youth Missions Fund
Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod
Cedar Hill Food Pantry
Texas Lutheran University
Our Missionaries:
Gaultneys, Gerhards,
Debbie Buenting

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Inflows	\$20,039	\$18,073
Total Outflows	\$24,187	\$21,894

5th Sunday Missions Offering

NT-NL Synod
will be the recipient
of the March 29th missions offering.
Mark your calendar and give thoughtful prayer
to this important missions offering.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

The books on the mobile library carts are available to be check out and returned in a timely fashion. However, many books have disappeared without being check out. Below is a partial list of missing books. Would you please check the list and if you have one of the books, return it to one of the library carts.

Edwards *The Gift of Wholeness*

Hidden Hand Series *Knowing God's Secrets, Simple Miracles*

Hanson *Through Temptation*

Lucado *He Still Moves Stones*

Oglvie *Life as It Was Meant to Be*

DVDs *One Lord, One Faith, The Passion of Christ, Developing Your Faith*

Wright *The Last Word*

Graham *Day by Day*

Kohlenberger *NIV Compact Concordance*

Lewis *Screwtape Letters*

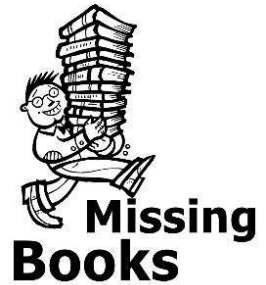
Anderson *Augsburg Historical Atlas*

Wright *The New Testament and People of God*

Weaver *Belonging to the People of God*

Willard *Revolution of Character*

Lewis *The Horse and His Boy, The Voyage of Dawn Trader, The Silver Chair,
The Last Battle*



Newsletter Articles Deadline Date ...

is the **18th** of each month. Please email you articles as an attachment to:
hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net



Hope Women's News



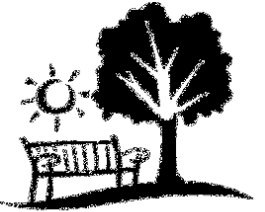
March Birthdays

Hannah Hamilton	03/05
Robert Kuhn	03/05
Jackie Portillo	03/05
David Beasley	03/11
Kathleen Chiselbrook	03/11
Linda Lidle	03/12
Elizabeth Roberson	03/12
John Johnson	03/13
David Bolduc	03/16
Mallory Jones	03/16
Natalie Jones	03/16
Brooke Nastoupil	03/16
Krista Armstrong	03/19
Kobey Juergens	03/19
Cole Gibson	03/21
Gerry Seefeldt	03/24
Mike Savins	03/21
Derek Kilguss	03/27
Bitania Bereket	03/29
Daniel DeWeerd	03/29

March Anniversaries

Bryan & Lezlie Pender	03/02
Chuck & Lindsey Woods	03/06
Tim & Diana Wilkins	03/09
Scott & Jennifer Gilbert	03/25
Matthew & Candis Armstrong	03/30

"The Greatest High" Women's Retreat March 6-7



Have you ever wondered how you can achieve "the greatest high"? We will be looking at an unexpected source—Mary, Jesus' mother— as our role model to achieve "The Greatest High". The retreat, which will be at beautiful Camp Hobitzelle in Midlothian, will be a fun-filled opportunity with something for women of all ages, and plans include several spiritual sessions, singing, games, chit-chat and great meals provided by the kitchen at the camp. **Contact Carolee Juergens or Pastor Wendy for more information.**

Women's
Retreat

Cost: \$45

Check in: 6 p.m., Friday, March 6

Check out: 3 p.m., Saturday, March 7



Faith Circle

Join Us

on the 2nd

Tuesday

in March

at 7:30 pm.

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School			Lenten Schedule			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School Youth Praise Team Mission Trip Deposits Due			Lenten Schedule			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Spring Break			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pancake Breakfast Sunday School Youth Auction Youth Praise Team			Youth Lenten Dinner			
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Youth-led Worship Service Inner Mission			Lenten Schedule			Confirmation Retreat →

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- 8 ~ Sunday—\$50 Mission Trip deposits due. Open to any current 6th-12th grader.
- 8 ~ Sunday, 12-2 PM—Youth Praise Team. The youth will practice for their 5th Sunday worship services. Lunch served.
- 15 ~ Sunday, 9:15 AM ~ Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Current 6-12th graders are welcome to come raise money. Youth need to be here at 8:00 AM to cook.
- 16-20—Spring Break. Be on the lookout for last-minute events that may come together over spring break.
- 18 ~ 3-8 PM—Youth Lenten Dinner. The youth will prepare the meal for the church this night. Be here at 3:00 so we can begin cooking. Dinner begins at 5:45.
- 22~ Sunday, 11:45 AM—Youth Auction. Youth will volunteer their services to be bid on by the congregation. Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Fund. Lunch served.
- 22 ~ Sunday, 12:45-2:00 PM—Youth Praise Team.
- 29 ~ Sunday, 9:15-11:45 AM—Youth-led Worship Service. Participants need to be at the church at 9:15 so we can set up, run through things, and answer questions. Please do not be late.
- 29 ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Bengtson's.
- Wednesdays during Lent:
 - ◊ 5:45 PM—Lenten Meal (homemade!)
 - ◊ 6:00-6:50—Owning It (Confirmation)
 - ◊ 7:00-7:45—Worship Service
 - ◊ 7:45-8:15—Maundy Thursday Prep
- Sundays, 9:15 PM—Sunday School:
 - ◊ Jr. High (7th-8th grade) ~ Faith Lens: relevant topics to daily life.
 - ◊ High School ~ Miscellaneous Topics.
- April 3-5—Confirmation Retreat to Sky Ranch. Please let Matt know if you cannot make it. More details to follow.

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

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

* Adult Sunday School

Panera Women's Book Study facilitated by Janice Wessa. This year, they are studying memoirs. Contact Janice with any questions (972-617-7112)

Neighborhood Community & World: *The Out-and-About Church* Taught by Pastors Joel & Wendy The class will explore both scripture and practical ways that you can be the church no matter where you find yourself. The class will include ideas for witness and compassionate action.

*Daily Devotionals are available in the lobby. Take one!

Christ in our Home: Available quarterly, this devotional has daily Scripture readings, thoughts and prayers.

* Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Timothy Project Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7:45-8:45 PM (During Lent) 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.

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 Pastors Joel/Wendy.



March 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6 Tea & Notes 1:00 pm	7 Women's Retreat
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 	9	10 Faith Circle 7:30 pm	11	12	13 Tea & Notes 1:00 pm	14
15 Pancake Breakfast 9:15-10:00 am	16	17 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18 <i>Heralds Deadline</i>	19	20 Tea & Notes 1:00 pm	21 Game Night 6:00 pm
		← Spring Break →				
22	23	24	25	26	27 Tea & Notes 1:00 pm	28
29 5th Sunday Missions Offering	30	31				 Lent Season

Sunday Schedule:

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

Wednesday Schedule:

5:45 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Chime Choir
6:00 pm Owning it (Confirmation ~ Jr. High)
6:00 pm Cross-Examination (High School)
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Service
7:45 pm Timothy Project (Bible Study)
7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW THE OWNER OF A BEAUTIFUL FUNERAL PALL. THE PALL WAS MADE BY BETH ZIEHE IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS, BOB AND ELAINE ZIEHE. THE PALL HAS BEEN IN THE MAKING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND ONCE YOU SEE THE PALL AND THE MANY SMALL PIECES IN DIFFERENT SHAPES YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW TIME CONSUMING THIS WAS TO MAKE. TRULY A LABOR OF LOVE. WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL TO BETH FOR

THIS WORK OF ART.

Dear friends,

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, cards, notes and donations. Your cards and well wishes help to ease the grief felt at the death of my son, Jason. I am doing better. However, it is going to take time, as everyone keeps telling me.


There are so many reminders. We have his cat, Morgana. She is 16 yrs old. He has had her all that time. We worried about how Jason would deal with losing Morgana, never dreaming that he would leave first. We have his pickup in our drive. So it seems he is visiting each time I see it. There are so many things I still wanted to do with and for him and so many things I wanted him to be able to do. Knowing he no longer suffers helps, but I miss him so much

*God Bless you All,
Oraline Jorgenson*

**Watch The
Bulletin
For Information
About March's
Let's Eat Out**

Memorials

In Memory of Bill Hirt
Gene and Rose Janke
(Designed Altar Guild)



Tea and Notes

Tea and Notes is an informal gathering for anyone to have a cup of tea and write notes of encouragement. Based of the scripture "I am the vine and you are the branches," this small group is a way to stay connected with other church members.



We will meet at the church at 1:00 on Fridays. All are welcome to drop in or out as you wish. If you are interested but cannot attend, we welcome donations of cards.

If you would like us to send a card to someone, leave their name, concern and address with the church secretary.

Looking Ahead

Garage Sale

The youth are planning to host a garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 25. Start looking around the house for items you would like to get rid of that are in good condition. We will announce in next month's Heralds when we will be collecting items.

The Visual Artists of Cedar Hill are planning another Judged Art Exhibit in April. Please share the following information with any artists in your congregation. We would love to have some of them enter this year's show. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Bailey ~
bcb.art@sbcglobal.net.



Confirmation 2009: Calling all 6th Graders

Owning It, our Confirmation program at Hope, is a two-year program designed for students during their 7th and 8th grade years. That means all current 6th graders will be starting Confirmation in the fall. All current 6th graders and their parents need to contact Matt as soon as possible so he can get you on the Confirmation list for the fall (email him at matt.clever.hope@gmail.com). We don't want to leave anyone out! You will receive more information as it becomes available.

Pancake Breakfast

Our youth will host a pancake breakfast periodically on Sunday mornings to raise funds for their Mission Trip this summer.

Please mark your calendar and enjoy breakfast at Church!

This month's breakfast

Date: Sunday, March 15
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!

Who should you contact?

If you need to put something on the CHURCH CALENDAR or SCHEDULE THE BUILDING, contact Karine Samer, the church secretary, at 972-291-7902 or hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like to know WHO DOES SOMETHING or another in our church, contact Pastor Wendy Berthelsen, Ministry Chart Coordinator, at 972-723-9688 or pastor.wendy@sbcglobal.net.

KITCHEN, NURSERY or CHURCH SUPPLIES SHOPPING, contact Brenda Kyle at 972-296-6244

If you notice a PROPERTY issue that needs attention, please contact the appropriate person (not the property coordinator first) from our property team. Give them a call or leave a nice note in their box (thank them in advance for responding.)

Property Coordinator: Al Armistead 972-291-3825,
972-765-6475

Appliances: Clay York 972-298-7115

Computer Hardware/Software Maintenance:

Carl Metzger 972-293-3988

Electrical Systems: Wayne Wooley 972-775-3083

Extermination/Bugs: Bob Wessa 972-617-7112

We have a policy with vendor for in & outdoors.

Furniture/Cabinet Repair: Bill Burleson 972-223-2703

Gas/Oil Buyer: Clay York 972-298-7115

Handyman Tasks/Basic Maintenance/Carpentry (including playground): LeRoy Linder 214-337-1065

HVAC Equipment: Joe Kyle 972-296-6244

HVAC Filters: Bill Burleson 972-223-2703

Indoor Lighting: Bill Knoll 972-642-5355

Keys: Karine Samer 972-291-7902

Lawn Care: Jack Trousdale 817-477-9945

Zelda Gates 972-291-8052

David Marjonon 972-775-5530

Mike Purkiss 972-223-6509

Ty Roberson 972-723-9023

Library: Valerie Peterson 972-217-4559

Outdoor Lighting: Scott Rushbrook 972-572-0835

Piano/Organ: Bob Brooks 214-221-5932

Plumbing: Wayne Wooley 972-775-3083

Small Engine Maintenance: Clay York 972-298-7115

Sound System (Sanctuary): Clarks 972-274-4616

Telephones: Carl Metzger 972-293-3988

Touch-up Painting: Bill Knoll 972-642-5355

Adopt-a-Bed

Lynn Halowec and daughters 972-217-1041

Bonnie Navarro 972-709-6728

Cathy Peterson 972-217-1588

Kathy Still 972-293-8016

Barbara York 972-298-7115

Bill Knoll (shrub trimming) 972-642-5355

Adopt-a-Project Coordinator: Pastor Wendy 972-723-9688

Organization of Clean-up Days: Joe Kyle 972-296-6244

Attic (inventory): *OPEN*

Bulletin Recycling: Matt Cleaver 972-291-7902

Carpet Cleaning (when requested):

Lynn and Pat Foster 972-230-6846

Periodic Cleaning of Gutters (Need 1 more):

Ty Roberson 972-723-9023

Hymnal Maintenance: Zelda Gates 972-291-8052

Kitchen Cleaning: Kathy Harr 972-780-9253

Nursery Toys Cleaning: Carrie Hamilton 972-937-5272

Robe Cleaning (Choir): Bob Brooks 214-221-5932

Robe Cleaning (Pastor, Acolyte): Rose Janke 972-291-8324

Sanctuary Preparation: (chairs/hymnals):

Zelda Gates 972-291-8052

Sunday School Resource Room:

Nancy Yedlowski 972-293-1179

Window Cleaning (Need 1 more):

Berthelsen family 972-723-9688

Bockarie family 972-709-8391

Barbara York 972-298-7115



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Return Service Requested



Lenten Services
Wednesdays
at 7:00 pm

