



Hope Lutheran Church The Anchor

November 2008

Faith Says "Yes"

Faith is the "amen," the "yes," to God's gifts. Like an open hand, Faith receives what the Lord wants to give.

And God delights to give. The good work He began in each Christian at the day of his baptism, the Lord is continuing until the day of the return of Jesus (Phil. 1:6). God delivered the gifts of faith and forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism, but He doesn't quit once faith has been delivered. No, He is always working through the proclamation of His word to sustain faith. He is always working through the mouth of the minister to absolve sins. He is always working through His Holy Supper to forgive sins, to nourish faith, and to enable the faithful to love each other.

Faith says "yes"; it never says "no." Unbelief says "no" to God's gifts. Unbelief closes the open, receiving hand of faith. Unbelief tells God that, while His gifts may be good, they're just not needed right now.

While unbelief and faith can coexist, as they did for the father of the demon-possessed boy (Mark 9:24), unbelief wars against faith. How long can a person refuse God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation before he has completely destroyed God's gift of faith? Who knows? Better not to find out.

If you know someone who, by continuing to refuse the gifts God offers in the Divine Service, is acting out of unbelief, warn him. Call him to repent and to receive the Lord's good gifts that He offers freely and continually.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Hemmer

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Stewardship Corner

October Attendance

	Divine Service/Lord's Supper	Sunday School	Adult Bible Class
5th	107/80	25	24
12 th	126/87	23	22
19 th	110/77	17	20
26 th	115/87	8	21



Serving in November

Elders: Lead: Kerry Hall
Asst.: Eric Trisler

Altar Guild: J Kallal, Kelly Little, Debbie Basham, (Stephanie, if needed)

Greeters

Nov 2: Cliff & Vera Neal
Nov 9: Gary & Jean Pinkard
Nov 16: Tina Rapp & Marilyn Rogers
Nov. 23: Tim & Sharon Butler
Nov. 26 (Thnksvgv eve): The Skibbes
Nov. 30: Dennis & Brandi Smith

Ushers

Nov 2: Rick Angel, Len Straub, Marvin Frazer, Randy Margeson
Nov 9: John & Steve Ficker, Nathan Martin, Bill Ivers
Nov 16: Tony Purcell, Mike Roth, Jerry & Scott Summers
Nov. 23: Dave Roth, Don Carpenter, Eric Trisler, Kris McGuire
Nov. 26 (Thnksvgv eve): John Lyming, Tony Purcell
Nov. 30: Tim VanHovel, Vince Sibley, Bryan McKennon, Tony Purcell

Acolytes

Nov 2: Taylor
Nov 9: Garret
Nov 16: Nick
Nov. 23: Aloera
Nov. 26 (Thnksvgv eve): Koty
Nov. 30: Katy

October Financial Report

	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Envlp	1845	1548	1863	1343
Plate	280	239.11	241.76	204.75
SS	26	26.25	16.25	12.25
Debt	100			
Parking				220
Catechesis				
Mission				
Flowers				15
Rental				25
Other			15	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming events in the church year

- Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 26
- Advent begins Sunday, November 30
- Wednesday evening Advent services begin December 3, 7 p.m.

Call for Volunteers

Step up!

- Organizer for Children's Christmas Program
- Sunday School Teachers and Helpers
- Greeters & Ushers
- Trustees & Handymen
- Grounds & Landscaping

News & Notes



Wednesday Evenings at Hope Lutheran Church

When was the last time you were at church on a Wednesday? Don't miss out on these great opportunities to receive the Lord's gifts. You will probably also get a chance to meet someone new and learn something to encourage you in your faith. The whole family is invited. There's a lot going on around here on Wednesday nights now!

6:00-6:45 – Private Confession and Absolution

Individual private confession and absolution is a Lutheran tradition, and the brief order of service can be found in our hymnal and in the Small Catechism. Stop by the sanctuary between 6:00-6:45 and wait in the narthex if the doors are closed. This is an opportunity to confess the sins that burden you and to hear the Lord's forgiveness proclaimed personally and directly to you. You are forgiven!

6:00-7:00 – Luther League

This is a junior youth group for kids who aren't in catechesis yet. It sure sounds like they have a good time! Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, and more...whoa!

7:00-7:45 – Service of Prayer and Preaching

Found on page 260 of the hymnal, this short service is a chance for everyone to be refreshed in Bible stories and the Catechism. The service includes teaching based on the Catechism. Although there are lots of kids there, it is a service for all ages. (There's a good showing of adults, too!) Try it once, and you'll be back.

7:45 – 8:30 – Adult Bible Study

This group meets to study God's word following the Service. Topics will vary, but there should always be a good discussion. If you have a particular topic you'd like to look at, let Pastor know.

7:45--8:30 – Catechesis

Catechesis means "teaching." It's the Lord's way of teaching us the faith by evoking repentance in us and forgiving our sins. At Hope, Youth Catechesis is the process by which young people are instructed and tested before they are confirmed as full members of the church – a "coming of age" rite wherein they get to confess the faith publicly. Before beginning catechesis, these kids have already proven that they know the fundamentals of the faith – the Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. Through study of the Small Catechism and the Old and New Testaments, they are developing and maturing in their faith. These kids are inquisitive, insightful, and hard-working. Please keep them in your prayers. If you know of any youth who would like to be in catechesis, please speak with Pastor.

If you or someone you know would be interested in Adult catechesis leading to Baptism or church membership, classes are continually forming. Please speak with Pastor or call the Church office.

News & Notes *(continued)*

Sunday School Update

Classes are ongoing for all kids from nursery-age through high school (not to mention the adult class that is going on at the same time). Drop the kids off at their class and head to the adult class, or stay to see what the kids are learning. If you have questions about Sunday School, or you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact the church office.

Upcoming Sunday School lessons:

- 11/2 – *Ruth* (the Book of Ruth)
- 11/9 – *God calls Samuel* (1 Sam. 1-3)
- 11/16 – *Saul becomes King* (1 Sam 8-11)
- 11/23 – *David & Goliath* (1 Sam 17:1-42)
- 11/30 – *David & Jonathan* (1 Sam 20)

Adult Bible Class

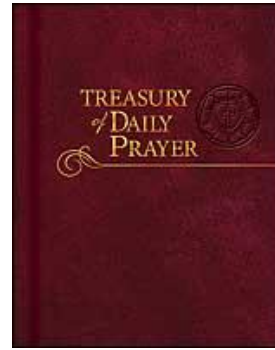
The adult Bible class continues its study of the mysterious and misunderstood Book of Revelation. Feel free to join the class at any time and bring your questions. Class meets every Sunday morning at 8:30. Don't worry – you won't be late for church.



Ladies Group: The Sunshine Circle Now Also Meets in the Evenings

The Sunshine Circle is making an effort to reach out to all of the Ladies at Hope. The first project the newly-organized evening group is undertaking is to brighten up the church's kitchen. This work is much needed, and everyone can help. Please join us on Monday evening, November 3 for the next cleaning extravaganza. Believe it or not, it can be fun J

»»» COOKIE WALK DECEMBER 13th!



Concordia Publishing House Releases the Treasury of Daily Prayer

Our faith is not just something for Sunday mornings, or for that matter, Wednesday evenings. Daily we come to God for forgiveness, life, and salvation, the gifts which he loves to give us. These gifts sustain us in everything we do each day. That's why the new devotional book published by CPH really is a "treasure." It contains readings and prayers for each day of the year, and is designed for use with your family and/or personal prayer life.

Take a look at the sample in the bulletin board, or ask Pastor to look at his copy. These books can be ordered through the church office (to get a discounted price and free shipping). Sign up on the bulletin board and drop off payment (made out to Hope) to the church office.

Welcome to New Members!!

Please extend your warmest welcome and encouragement to **Rick and Billie Whyers**, new members here at Hope. Rick and Billie live in Elsau. Be sure to greet their grandkids, too – Trevor is in catechesis.

Our Church Family

Prayer Partners

This month, we pray particularly for these brothers and sisters in Christ:

Nov. 2: Scott & Michell Summers, Jordan & Mackenzie

Nov. 9: Jim & Angela Sharich, Jamie, Emma, & Grace

Nov. 16: Bill & Malinda Towell, Alexandra & Emily

Nov. 23: Eric & Tina Trisler, Randy, Travis, & Chance

Nov. 30: Ramona VanHooser, Tim & Linda VanHovel

November Anniversaries

11/16 – Charlie & Laura Rodgers

11/17- Bryan & Lisa McKennon

11/21 – Joe & Ruth Blattner

11/30 – Charlie & Judy White

November Birthdays

11/3 Ethel Summers

11/4 Koty Rethorn

11/5 Carol Skibbe
Sarah Summers

11/7 Darlene Gowin
Ben McKennon

11/8 Bryan McKennon
Donna Morris
Shelley Pyrtle

11/9 Vince Sibley
Erinn Elledge

11/12 Joe Blattner

11/13 Amy Straub
Erin Smith

11/15 Lillian Blasa
J Kallal

11/17 Ethel Margeson

11/18 Margaret Linsley

11/19 Leslie Mitkos III

11/20 Henry Rethorn

11/21 Tina Lyming
Florence Moeller

11/22 Barb Young

11/24 Rosemary Ivers
Kim Margeson

11/25 Danny Green
Brandy Purcell
Leroy Stiles

11/28 Kaye Carpenter

11/29 Harold Martin
Joyce Reno



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<i>Oct 26</i> 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Oct 29</i> 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-7:00p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Midweek Service 7:45-8:30p Catechesis 7:45-8:30p Bible Class	<i>Oct 30</i>	<i>Oct 31</i> REFORMATION 7:00p Divine Svc	1 ALL SAINTS DAY 7:00p Divine Svc
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23 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	24	25	26 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-7:00p Luther League 7:00 p Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service 7:45-8:30p Catechesis 7:45-8:30p Bible Class	27	28	29
30 FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Dec 3</i> 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-7:00p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Advent Service 7:45-8:30p Catechesis 7:45-8:30p Bible Class	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Dec 6</i>

