



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH THE ANCHOR

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REPORT ON DOXOLOGY

It was an eleventh hour decision, to be sure. I'd talked with the elders before about Doxology, but didn't expect that to materialize into my going to Doxology so soon. Long story short: there were a couple openings in the Springfield session this year, and it made sense to save on travel costs by attending a Doxology nearby. The voters approved my participation in Doxology, and an anonymous donor volunteered to pay the congregation's contribution of \$1200 (the remaining \$1700 cost of the program is covered by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation).

So I went.

Doxology consists of three sessions. The first session, which was Jan 24-27, was a gathering of 29 pastors from all over the Midwest. The second session, at the end of July, will be pastors and lay leaders from their congregations. The final session at the end of August is for pastors and their wives.

Doxology is directed by Dr. Harold Senkbeil, a Lutheran pastor, author, and former professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, and Dr. Beverly Yahnke, a licensed clinical psychologist. Their unique combination allows them to explore the intersection of the care provided by a psychologist and a pastor.

The emphasis of Doxology is to teach pastors the classic art of the care of souls. Over the course of the four-day training, we covered numerous topics: Word, Sacrament, and psychotherapy; the classic art of the care of souls; compassion fatigue; ethical considerations of counseling; the difference between power and authority; depression; emotional intelligence; and more.

We gathered to pray and sing three of the daily offices: Matins, Vespers, and Compline. We were treated to fantastic Lutheran preaching and singing.

It was no vacation; we began at 7:45 in the morning and finished at 8:30 in the evening. But all 28 of us agreed it was well, well worth the time and money. We returned refreshed, challenged, and equipped to better tackle the tasks of pastoral ministry, particular in matters of pastoral counseling.

So, thanks for the opportunity. Stay tuned for more updates

In Christ's Service,

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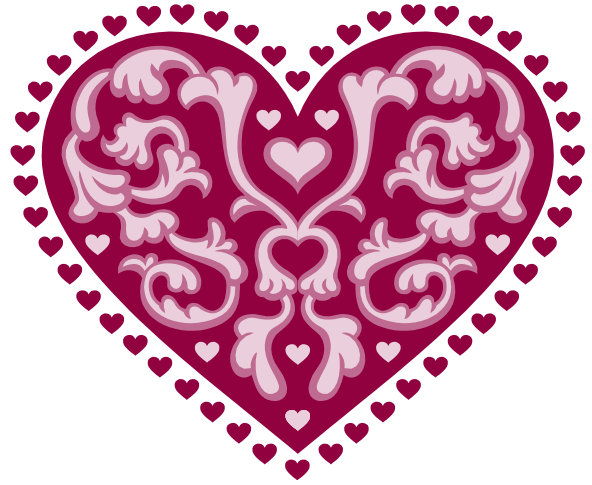
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

	Divine Service/Lord's Supper	Sunday School	Adult Bible Class
Jan 3	107 / 78	17	13
Jan 6	24/14	---	--
Jan 10	116 / 84	12	12
Jan 17	100 / 79	18	16
Jan 24	134 / 92	24	17
Jan 31	102 / 81	17	16



JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	Envelp	Plate	SS	Debt	Memorial	Flowers	Other	Mission
3 rd	2438	275.05		100			14	10
6 th	10	110						
10	1912	112	9.98					
17	2456	127.50	18.92				232 (Haiti)	10
24	1682	173	17			45	261.91	10
31	2054	321.25	8.25	10	20		43	

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Elders: *Lead:* Tony Purcell
Asst.: Tim Butler

Altar Guild: Carol & Bob Skibbe; Ruth Ficker; Billie Whyers

Greeters:
Feb. 7 John & Tina Lyming
Feb. 14 Kerry & Kurt Hall
Feb. 21 John & Ruth Ficker
Feb. 28 Stephanie & Amy Straub

Ushers:
First Sunday (Feb 7) Rick Angel, Len Straub, Marvin Frazer
Second Sunday (Feb 14) John & Steve Ficker, John George, Ed Basham
Third Sunday (Feb 21) Tony Purcell, Mike Roth, Jerry Summers, Jim Heltsley
Fourth Sunday (Feb 28) Dave Roth, Don Carpenter, Eric Trisler, Kris McGuire

Acolytes
Feb. 2 (Tues) Josh Manns
Feb. 7 Trevor Sedlacek
Feb. 14 Katy Rethorn
Feb. 17 (Wed) Makenzi Summers
Feb. 21 Erin Smith
Feb. 24(Wed) Taylor Eberhardt
Feb. 28 Ailee Manns

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Isaiah 61.1-3

NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins after Matins (8:00 in the sanctuary), at 8:30 every week. There's a class for everyone. Still looking for more volunteers!.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Hot topics to be covered this month include:

- Burial and cremation
- Racism
- Gambling
- Church politics

Bring your Bible (or grab one there) and come for a great discussion!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Falls on Wednesday, February 17th this year. Ash Wednesday begins season of Lent, a season of repentance. Traditionally, repentance during this season is marked by fasting, repentance, and giving to the poor. The service on Ash Wednesday includes the imposition of ashes, reminding us "To dust you are, and to dust you shall return," yet made in the sign of the cross, pointing to the source of our hope for salvation.

Aside from participating in the services of the season, have you considered how you and your family will observe the repentant season of Lent?



REGULAR WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES AND SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN FEBRUARY 24

The quiet service of Evening Prayer will be held on the Wednesdays at 7pm throughout Lent, following the ongoing opportunity for private confession and absolution on Wednesdays. From 6:-6:45. There will be soup before each of these services: Feb. 24, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17., Mar. 24, Mar. 31.

VALENTINES DAY TREATS & DINNER FOR TWO

Even with little planning, you can be a Valentine's Day star this year, thanks to the youth group. The kids are offering their legendary Dinner for Two on Saturday, Feb. 13th. It is not too late to sign up.

To win even more points with your sweetheart with a sweet tooth, place a couple of orders for handmade bon bons made by the youth group, that you can pick up on Valentine's Day (Feb 14th – but if you forgot that, you're really in trouble...)

LUTHER LEAGUE

The kids (4- 4th) are busy busy busy at Luther League. These kids do crafts and games and LEARN A LOT. Keep up the good work, kids (and parents!!)

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED...

In addition to the volunteers needed for Sunday school, the Council is still seeking a chairman of evangelism and a chairman of stewardship.

RETURN

"YET EVEN NOW," DECLARES THE LORD, "RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH FASTING, WITH WEeping, AND WITH MOURNING; AND REND YOUR HEARTS AND NOT YOUR GARMENTS." RETURN TO THE LORD, YOUR GOD, FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE; AND HE RELENTS OVER DISASTER. —JOEL 2:12-13

2010 LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY	FEB. 17, 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAYS IN LENT	FEB. 21, 28, MAR. 7, 14, 21, 28
DIVINE SERVICE	9:30 A.M.
MATINS	8:00 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAYS	FEB 24, MAR 3, 10, 17, 24
FREE SOUP DINNER	5:30-6:30 P.M.
PRIVATE CONFESSION	6:00-6:45 P.M.
LENTEN VESPERS	7:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY	7:45 P.M.
THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD DIVINE SERVICE	MAR. 25, 7:00 P.M.
HOLY WEEK	
HOLY MONDAY VESPERS	MAR. 29, 7:00 P.M.
HOLY TUESDAY VESPERS	MAR. 30, 7:00 P.M.
HOLY WEDNESDAY VESPERS	MAR. 31, 7:00 P.M.
MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SVC	APR. 1, 7:00 P.M.
GOOD FRIDAY TRE ORE (7 SERVICES, 20-25 MINUTES EACH)	APR. 2, 12:00-3:00 P.M.
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPERS	APR. 2, 7:00 P.M.
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	
EASTER VIGIL	APR. 3, 7:30 P.M.
EASTER SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE	APR. 4, 6:00 A.M.
EASTER BREAKFAST	APR. 4, 7:00 A.M.
EASTER DAY DIVINE SERVICE	APR. 4, 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAYS IN EASTER	APR. 11, 18, 25, MAY 2, 9, 16
DIVINE SERVICE	9:30 A.M.
MATINS	8:00 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 A.M.
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD DIVINE SERVICE	MAY 13, 7:00 P.M.



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"GO...MAKE DISCIPLES...BAPTIZE...TEACH"

True mission efforts include these elements of the Great Commission. Disciples of Jesus Christ are made by going, baptizing, and teaching. For the first seven years at Unity, we've been going, we've been teaching, and now we will be baptizing!

We are happy and blessed to announce that two brothers will receive Holy Baptism on February 14 at Unity Church. DaMonte (K) and DaMarcus (4) will be the first two Unity students to experience the waters of regeneration through the hands of Pastor Stallworth on that day.

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16 (quoted from Luther's Small Catechism)

Did you read that carefully? That's what will happen for DaMonte and DaMarcus. We cannot fully understand, but we fully trust God's Word for the miracle of salvation.

If you have provided support for God's mission at Unity in any way, then you have been used by God to make this day happen. DaMonte and DaMarcus have thousands of "god-parents" who have made this possible. Thank you! What a blessing!

Please note: The Divine Service at Unity Lutheran Church begins at 10:30am if you would like to join us on February 14. Pastor Stallworth is currently working with two other families to arrange Holy Baptism. Please pray for J'asha, Da'Cashia, Anastasia, and their families.

GIVE A DAY, GET A DAY

You may have seen the TV ads about Disney's offer of a free one-day pass. We are registered with Disney as a volunteer site. The volunteer day is scheduled for Saturday, February 20.

The number of volunteers registered to work that day has far exceeded expectations. Nearly 100 people have indicated that they will help at Unity! The cleanup of classrooms will resume as we pull staples, patch, paint, and clean.

If you would like to help supervise the volunteers that day, please let me know by sending an email to pmiller@unityesl.org.

SUPPORT UNITY WHILE YOU SHOP

Visit our website www.unityesl.org to learn how you can raise money for Unity when you shop at Schnuck's or Target or by saving Boxtops for education. There is also a new PowerPoint presentation which you can view online or download to share with friends.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

You can become a fan of Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School or follow my personal thoughts by searching for us on Facebook. It's a great way to keep in touch.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

We have received close to \$100,000 for our Belong To Jesus Scholarship Fund through the Annual Fund. We must reach the \$350,000 goal by the end of June in order to meet our financial needs. We have lots of work to do!

Watch for information about several "See The Miracle" Spring events that you can attend and provide support. There are many more DaMarcus's and DaMonte's who need to receive the blessings of Baptism, and you can help!

TAKING OUR CAUSE TO CHICAGO

If you know anyone who lives in the Chicagoland area and may be interested in learning about Unity, let us know so that we can send an invitation to our See The Miracle Wine Tasting and Art Sale on February 27. The event will be held on the near-north side.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks and praise to God that two of our students will soon be baptized. Pray for their continued spiritual growth. Pray for others who are considering Holy Baptism.
- Please pray for our Give A Day Get A Day volunteer event on February 20.
- Give thanks to God for all of the families, congregations, schools, and businesses who provide financial support for our school.

WISH LIST

- Used Exercise Equipment. Do you have a stationary bike, stair-stepper, treadmill, etc., you no longer use? We're converting one of our unused classrooms to a fitness center.
- Door-Refinishers. Many of our classroom doors need to be cleaned, sanded, and finished. You could do this at school or take a couple of them home and work on them when you have time!
- Boxes of Kleenex (lots)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER PARTNERS

We pray particularly for these brothers and sisters in Christ:

Week of Feb. 7– Doloris Burnett; Tim & Sharon Butler, Jason & Adam; Melissa Butler & Carter

Week of Feb. 14 – Ruth Cook; Margaret Linsley; Doug & Ashley Carpenter; Greg & Michelle Curry, Ethan

Week of Feb. 21– Don & Kaye Carpenter; Carrie Carpenter, Eliana & Addison

Week of Feb. 28 – Martha & Ronald Eberhardt, Kelli & Ronnie; Stacey & Tony DeWitt, Taylor & Rylie; Kaci Eberhardt, Isabell & Chloe

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

09 – Dr. James & Marcia Adams

12 – Vance & Kelly Miller

14 – Herb & Kim Frazer

28 – Mike & Jennifer Strubberg

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Sarah Basham

Noreen Manns

2/3 Luke Smith

2/4 Keith Baecht

Christina Long

2/5 Nathan Martin

2/12 Pastor Hemmer

2/14 Simon Purcell

2/15 Bob Hartmann

2/16 Gaylene McKennon

2/17 Doris Sibley

2/18 Nancy Green

2/20 Fred Starks

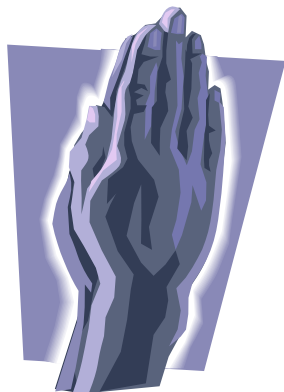
2/22 Nick Miller

2/23 Lauren Blasa

Herb Frazer

2/24 Judith Stanley

2/26 Sheri Gaffner



Hope Lutheran Church -Council Meeting Notes -January 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Keith Baecht at 7:07 p.m. Pastor Hemmer opened with devotion and prayer.

Members in attendance: Pastor Hemmer, Keith Baecht, Robin Manns, Linda Blasa, Kerry Hall, Tim Butler, Eric Trisler, Mark Kloempken, Tim Van Hovel, Debbie Basham, Brandy Purcell, Tony Purcell, Bob Hall, and Yvonne Hartmann.

Secretary's Report: The December 2009 report was approved and will be placed in the permanent file.

Treasurer's Report: The December, 2009 financial statement was presented by Linda Blasa. The current balance as of December 31, 2009 is \$1,561.06. She also indicated that all Mission payments are current. The motion was made by Mark Kloempken to approve the Treasurer's report and was seconded by Bob Hall. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that there were five baptisms conducted in 2009 - Rylie Nicole DeWitt, Charles White, Taryn Rose Little, Katelynn Elizabeth Perkinson and Ethan Andrew Curry. Four catechumens were confirmed - Garret Blasa, Nicholas Miller, Koty Rethorn, and Jordan Summers. Two funerals were held at Hope Lutheran - Elzina Morris and Joe Blattner. Membership transfers included Brian and Terri White and Trent Tucker as well as Dennis and Patti Henneman. Sarah Summers and Kourtnee Hall were released from membership per own request.

The Ministerial Alliance has asked Pastor Hemmer to conduct the Good Friday service which would be held at Hope. Other congregations would be invited to attend the non-communal service which Pastor would conduct as usual.

Pastor will be conducting home visits again so be prepared for a phone call!

Pastor recommended nominating Matt Harrison and Herb Miller for the open Synodical positions. Mark Kloempken motioned to accept this docket and Eric Trisler seconded the motion.

Financial Secretary Report: Keith indicated that Mrs. Ficker is finalizing tax documents and that Jamie Fester will be taking over for 2010.

Elder's Report: The Elder's report was presented by Tim Butler. The elder's approved Pastor Hemmer's mileage, discussed the disaster training that was held on Saturday, January 9, and elder training on 1/31/10. They also discussed the Good Friday service as well as Doxology Training for Pastor. The Doxology training is being held in Springfield in three sessions. The cost for all three sessions is \$1,200.00 and is due prior to each session. Linda indicated there is \$500.00 budgeted for Pastor Hemmer's continuing education. Therefore, an additional \$700.00 would need to be raised. Kerry Hall made a motion to present this at the voters meeting and ask for donations. Mark Kloempken seconded the motion.

Altar Guild Report: Debbie Basham indicated that several individuals have dropped out of Altar Guild leaving two families still active. She thanked Pam Heltsley for volunteering for communion in January. She said she is working on getting substitutes for when people are on vacation. Debbie also said that new banner rods were donated and need to be hung.

Education Report: Brandy Purcell indicated that a new education account was opened in November and has a current balance of \$353.20. She also indicated Luther League is going very well.

Properties Report: Bob Hall reported he is checking into an instant water heater for Pastor's office. Several options were discussed. He indicated a water line froze a few weeks ago - repair is being done. He said someone offered to donate exit signs which are needed at the steps by the Acolyte room and into the basement. The east door was also addressed again. A bid of \$3,500 from Kevin Holtz has already been approved. Bob is to contact Kevin and have the work done as soon as possible.

Social Ministry: Eric Trisler advised that a pot luck would be held after the voter's meeting on Sunday, January 17 and a 80th birthday party for John Lyning would follow.

Youth Report: Brandy stated that the dinner for two will be held February 13, 2010 and Bon Bons are still possible!

Sunshine Circle Report: Yvonne Hartmann said meetings will resume on 1/13/10. The cookie walk profited \$1,000.00! She said they will be working on new banners as well as additional crafts to be sold at next year's cookie walk. New members are always welcome.

Old Business: On January 9, 2010, 11 members became CPR/AED certified as part of the crisis management training. Nine people are scheduled to attend Jan. 16 session with openings still available. An artificial external defibrillator (AED) still needs to be purchased. The cost is approximately \$1,000.00.

Erinn Hileman has requested to use the church three days a week to conduct piano lessons in exchange for playing the organ. Motion made by Linda Blasa to approve, seconded by Yvonne Hartmann, all were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: Installation of officers will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2010. Pastor indicated he wanted to install Sunday School teachers in the fall.

The following church rentals were approved: Tina Lyning 1/17/10 - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Kay Carpenter 2/14/10 - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Arms of Love banquet is March 11th. 10 people are needed to host a table. Please let Keith know if you are interested in attending. Becky Baecht is looking into starting share boxes at Hope Lutheran. She will be working with Kim Frazer on this more details will follow at a later date.

FEBRUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	1	2 Presentation of Our Lord 7p Divine Svc	3 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Service of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	4 6:00 Youth Group	5	6
7 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	8	9 5:30-7:00p Elders' Mtg 7:00-8:00p Council Mtg. 8:00-8:15p Compline	10 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Service of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	11	12	13 Youth present Dinner for Two
14 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service Bon bon pickup	15 10:00a Matins @ Jerseyville Nursing & Rehab 6:30p Girl Scouts	16	17 Ash Wednesday 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Divine Svc and Imposition of Ashes 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	18 10:00a Jerseyville Min. Alliance Book Club	19	20
21 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	22	23	24 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Lenten Evening Prayer 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	25	26	27
28 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	March 1 6:30p Girl Scouts	2	3 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Lenten Evening Prayer 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	4	5	6

