



LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH THE ANCHOR

JUNE 2010

NO MORE EXCUSES

To paraphrase the expression, "Excuses are like armpits; everyone has them, and they stink."

Having thus set the tone for this article, there's no need to skirt the issue or approach it delicately. You need to be in Bible Class.

Here come the excuses. I can smell them from here.

Seriously. Bible class is the place where we grow in God's Word, where we wrestle with God's Word, where we learn the content of Holy Scripture, where we learn more about our God who has created and redeemed us.

God's Word is a gift. The opportunity to study it is a privilege. And yet old habits are hard to break. If you've been away from Bible class for a long time, it will be difficult to get into a new routine. If you've never been to Bible class, it will be even more difficult. But it's worth it.

Your old sinful flesh will recoil at giving up an extra hour a week. The Old Adam or Old Eve will have no shortage of excuses. You will try to convince yourself that you don't need to study the Word of God. In fact, however, studying God's word is a part of being a disciple of Jesus, who promised, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples" (John 8:31). The Word of God is Jesus, our very source of life. To abide in the Word is to abide in Jesus. Consider the psalmist who penned these words in Psalm 119.

"My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! (v. 25)

My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! (28)

Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word. (41-42)

My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. (81)

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. (89-93)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word! (105-107)

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope! (114-116)

I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil." (162)

We rotate through several different types of Bible studies. Sometimes we study a book of the Bible verse-by-verse. Sometimes we study Holy Scripture as expounded in the Lutheran Confessions. Sometimes we study Scripture thematically. Our current Sunday morning Bible class is looking at the Lutheran Divine Service. How is that a "Bible" class? Simple. The liturgy is made up of Scripture. All the songs we sing, the words we speak, the words we hear: nearly everything comes directly from sacred Scripture. Even the actions, the non-verbal parts of worship, come straight from the Word of God.

Bottom line: excuses are lame. Bible class is for all members of Hope. If you're not in Bible class, you are missing out on learning the Word of God, which gives life. The Word gives Jesus, our only source of life. Don't let your excuses keep you from the full, free life in Jesus. Join us.

In Christ's Service,

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

MAY ATTENDANCE

	Divine Service/Lord's Supper	Sunday School	Adult Bible Class
May 2	95/73	13	13
May 9	132/89	18	12
May 13	18/15	-	-
May 16	106/73	10	11
May 23	113/90	18	17



SERVING IN JUNE

Elders:

June: Kerry Hall /Keith Baecht

Altar Guild:

June: Donna, Stephanie & Amy Straub

Greeters:

June 6 Scott & Michell Summers
 June 13 Len & Donna Straub
 June 20 Bob & Carol Skibbe
 June 27 Rosemary Ivers & Kelly Little

Acolytes:

June 6 Katy Rethorn
 June 13 Josh Manns
 June 20 Makenzi Summers
 June 24 Ailee Manns
 June 27 Katy Rethorn

Ushers:

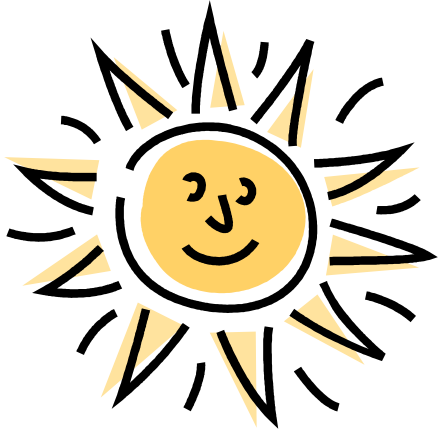
First Sunday Rick Angel, Len Straub, Marvin Frazer, Randy Trisler
Second Sunday John & Steve Ficker, John George, Ed Basham
Third Sunday Tony Purcell, Mike Roth, Jerry Summers, Jim Heltsley
Fourth Sunday Dave Roth, Don Carpenter, Eric Trisler, Kris McGuire

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

	Envelp	Plate	SS	Debt	Memorial	Flowers	Other	Mission
5/2	2838.	254.			1000.		110.	
5/9	1954.	186.	10.				20.	10.
5/13	30.	62						
5/16	1734.	370.	12.	110.			160.	
5/23	2102.	138.	11.				53.	10.



NEWS & NOTES



YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE:

If you'd like to have something included in the newsletter – an announcement, an event for the calendar, something else – please send an email to office@hopelcms.com by the 20th of the previous month. Thanks!!

SUMMER CATECHESIS

Summer Catechesis began on Wednesday May 26th, but its not too late to join if you are interested in understanding what Lutherans believe, whether you are a Lutheran or you aren't, and regardless of your age. Also, if you'd like to become a member of Hope, this is for you. Talk to Pastor if you are interested in joining the class.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE SUMMER

The whole congregation is invited to the Service of Prayer and Preaching every Wednesday from 7-7:45 p.m. Join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here are the readings for each upcoming week of Sunday School.

June 6: Exodus 13:17 – 14:21
 June 13: Joshua 3-4
 June 20: Joshua 10:1-15
 June 27: Judges 6: 36-40
 July 4: 1 Kings 18:1-46

YOUTH YARD SALE

Coming in June – watch your bulletin for more information, and begin gathering all those wonderful items you just can use anymore but someone else will love...

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO IN THE DIVINE SERVICE?

See Pastor's article on the first page. Then forget your excuses and join us. Don't be afraid to bring your questions.

Matins on Sunday Mornings

We continue to sing and pray the service of Matins at 8:00 on Sunday mornings. The children from Sunday school and the adults in bible class are all together for this 15 minute service before the classes begin.

GET READY....

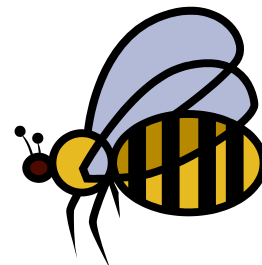
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 19-23

6:00-8:30PM

The theme this year is Planet Zoom – where bold bee-lievers zip, zap, and zoom for Jesus!

Sign up forms will be available in mid-June. Also, be watching for volunteer and supply sign up sheets. You can help make this year's VBS a success.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER PARTNERS

We pray particularly for these brothers and sisters in Christ:

Week of June 6: Jim & Noreen Manns; Nick & Robin Manns, Josh, Aileen; Ethel Margeson; Randy & Judy Margeson, Kevin & Danny; Kim Phillips

Week of June 13 - Susan Martin, Nathan & Sophia; Bruce, & Linda McGuire & Kris; Brienne & Josh Conklin & Noel

Week of June 20 - Bryan & Lisa McKennon, Ben & Lucas; Joe & Gay McKennon; Matt McKennon, Joey & Shani

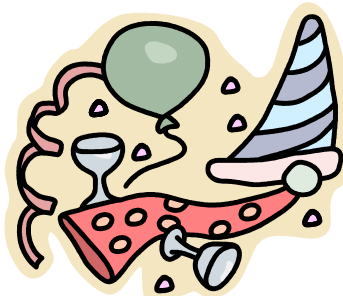
Week of June 27 - Elke Monroe; Pastor & Yvonne Mitkos & family; Bennie & Donna Morris

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Bob & Yvonne Hartmann
Scott & Michell Summers
7 John & Tina Lyming
16 Frank & Christi Long
17 Otis & Kristin Rodriguez
18 Cliff & Vera Neal
23 Kerry & Rhonda Hall
24 Ed & Deb Basham
25 Len & Donna Straub
26 Gary & Jan Kallal
Mike & Jeanne Roth

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Patrick LeBlanc
Korri Ontis
Addison Carpenter
6/2 Bert Perry
6/4 Stephen Ficker
Sarah Schneider
6/5 Christopher LeBlanc
6/6 Ronnie Walters
6/7 Kerry Hall
6/8 Bob Skibbe
6/10 Opal Ervin
6/12 Bette Hall
Kris McGuire
Jewell Purcell
Nate Aldefer
6/13 Karen Roth
Jamie Sharich
6/14 Tricia Ivers
Damon Summers
6/15 Karri Greene
6/17 Andrew LeBlanc
6/19 Angie Winfield
6/20 Jim Manns
6/21 Jennifer Jolly
Jeff White
6/24 Gary Pinkard
Jim Heltsley
6/25 Brian Marshall
6/28 Mike Roth
6/29 Jeanne Roth



THE ANCHOR
Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Notes
May 11, 2010

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The meeting was called to order by Keith Baecht at 7:10 p.m. Pastor Hemmer opened with devotion and prayer.

Members in attendance: Pastor Hemmer, Keith Baecht, Robin Manns, Tim Van Hoveln, Tony Purcell, Brandy Purcell, Debbie Basham, Linda Blasa, Bob Hall, and Kerry Hall.

Secretary's Report: The April, 2010 report was approved and will be placed in the permanent file.

Treasurer's Report: The April, 2010 financial statement was presented. Present balance as of April 30, 2010 is \$0.34. Linda stated there was not enough money to make our mission payment again this month, which makes us two payments behind. We are still behind one debt payment as well. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kerry Hall and seconded by Bob Hall. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hemmer reported the catechesis retreat at Camp Wartburg was May 14-15. Wednesday night Service of Prayer & Preaching resumes May 26 at 7:00 p.m. followed by summer catechesis at 7:45 p.m. He encourages all members to attend the mid-week service. He indicated he will be out of town on Sunday, May 30 and Pastor Herbert Mueller will be filling in for him. A reminder that at least one lay leader needs to attend Doxology on July 30 – August 1. The cost is \$225.00.

Financial Secretary Report: Jamie Fester was not present at the meeting.

Elder's Report: The Elder's report was presented by Keith. They studied the Book of Concord and the Third Commandment. A list was compiled of members who have moved or have not attended service since 2008.

Worship Report: Rick Angel was not present.

Altar Guild Report: Debbie Basham they are still looking for volunteers and she indicated they would be losing one member soon.

Education Report: Brandy is preparing for VBS. The date has been set for July 19-23 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Properties Report: Bob Hall provided everyone with a breakdown of the cost for the new enclosure. The total cost was \$6,693.94. A light fixture is still needed. The water damage claim/repair work is almost complete – still need to install a new water fountain. Quotes for new guttering are still being obtained. Fire extinguishers were discussed. We received 11 used extinguishers in 2007. It was decided we need to get quotes from several different companies to have them checked and certified. They need to be made readily accessible and checked monthly.

New Business:

Arms of Love Pregnancy Resource Center – Baby bottle fund raising campaign will begin Mother's Day and end on Father's Day.

The ladies group will provide funding to re-carpet the main entrance porch. Need a volunteer to strip and refinish exterior of main entrance doors.

A motion was made by Linda Blasa to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Hall. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<i>May 30</i> 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	<i>May 31</i>	June 1	June 2 9:30a Sunshine Circle Workday 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 7:00 -7:45p Svc of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis	June 3 6:00 Youth Group	June 4	June 5
6 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	7	8 5:30-7:00p Elders' Mtg 7:00-8:00p Council Mtg. 8:00-8:15p Compline	9 9:30a Sunshine Circle Meeting 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 7:00 -7:45p Svc of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis	10	11	12
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20 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	21 10:00a Matins @ Jerseyville Nursing & Rehab 6:30p Girl Scouts	22	23 9:30a Sunshine Circle Workday 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 7:00 -7:45p Svc of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis	24 7pm Divine Svc The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25	26
27 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	28	29	30 9:30a Sunshine Circle Workday 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 7:00 -7:45p Svc of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis	<i>July 1</i>	<i>July 2</i>	<i>July 3</i>
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Looking ahead:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -- July 19-23rd 6:00-8:30pm

Sign Up! Volunteer to help! Donate supplies! Don't miss it!

