



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

October is a special month for Hope Lutheran Church as we celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon us in 2018 and look ahead to 2019.



Continuing with the 2019 Stewardship theme, **“This Is How Hope Does Stewardship,” on October 14th and 21st** we will ask you to enter into a solid expression of faith by making a financial commitment for 2019. Additionally, members will receive Time and Talent sheets to update and or complete, indicating all the ways you are willing to share gifts in the name of Jesus. Hope Lutheran Church is making a noticeable difference in the lives of our members, friends, community and the world. It is exciting to think about God’s plans for 2019 and beyond!

Please spend time in prayer to think and pray about what you are able to contribute to God’s missions at Hope. *God is God! All the Time!*

Karen Schneider, Stewardship Chair

OUTDOOR WORKDAY AT HOPE!!

We need all members of any age! This is a great opportunity for our youth if they need service hours for school. **The workday will be on Saturday, October 20th, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.** (Rain date will be Saturday the 27th.)

We need everyone to bring tools, rakes trimmers, wheelbarrows carts, whatever might help!! Please mark the items you bring with your name. We need to clean up the Meditation Garden, the beds around the sign and all beds around the church. There are also some trees that need to be trimmed along the parking lot. The more helping hands we have the faster it gets done. **If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Taylor at 702-3966.**

Mary Beth Taylor, Property Chair



FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 4TH

All Saints Sunday is when we remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died in the past year. We remember with open hearts, their lives and their love. On each All Saint’s Sunday it is our custom to light a candle in memory of each loved one who has entered life since the last All Saints’ Sunday, November 5, 2017, to current the Sunday, November 4, 2018. Please fill out an All Saints form found on lobby counter which are due on Sunday October 28th. If you would like to share a picture on the screen when we call each name, please send the name and your favorite picture electronically to office@hopeonrock.org or loan us a picture by Sunday, October 28th to scan and return to you. **See Ruth Oehler with any questions.**



Ruth Oehler, Altar Chair

HOPE’S OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 10/1 STEPHEN MINISTRY @ 7PM
- 10/7 SONday
- 10/11 CHURCH COUNCIL @ 7 PM
- 10/14 SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS @ 10AM
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- 10/15 STEPHEN MINISTRY @ 7PM
- 10/20 OUTDOOR WORKDAY 9AM
- 10/21 CONFIRMATION 12:15 PM
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- 10/25 WHOO @ HOPE@ 6 PM



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Hey Kids! You are invited to the opening of **Sunday School on October 14** at 10 am. There will be Bible stories, activities, songs, and more. You will want to check it out!



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9 am Contemporary Worship
- 10 am Welcome Hour/Sunday School
(returns October 14)
- 11 am Traditional Worship



FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

A decade ago I heard a story about a couple of reporters who conducted an experiment on the streets of Miami, Florida. They printed a copy of the Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution) in the form of a petition, put it on a clipboard, and then stopped people on the sidewalk and asked them to sign it. Most people just glanced at the document and walked on without signing it. Several people however, became angry with the reporters and accused them of being radical enemies of the American way of life. In fact, the experiment ended when the reporters found themselves surrounded by a dozen or so very angry passers-by who were shaking their fists at them and calling them subversive Communists who ought to be thrown in jail.



I could talk about the fact that this experiment reveals that many of our citizens don't know the truth about the Constitution. They pay lip service to the country and its heritage but really they don't even know the basic rights outlined in the Constitution. But I'm not going to do that, well at least no more than I already have. Instead, I would like to reflect on the fact that so many people do the same sort of thing about faith in Jesus Christ. They say they believe but they don't always know the basic tenets of the faith. They may think that believing means that they will never suffer. But Jesus said that if we follow him we may well be persecuted for his sake. They may believe that being a believer means that God will bless them with a lot of stuff. God may do that but on the other hand Jesus said to the rich ruler, "Give all you have to the poor and follow me."

Our world is full of misconceptions about religion, especially Christianity. I could probably do a whole series of articles about the most common misconceptions, but today I would like simply to talk about the most profound category of misconceptions, the radical nature of Christ's love and his teachings about love. Jesus told Peter, "If you love me, feed my sheep." That means that we cannot claim to follow Jesus if we have no concern for those who starve, physically or spiritually. Jesus said, "Go! Make disciples!" We who follow Jesus are

called and commanded by Jesus to share the Good News with others because Jesus does in fact love them as much as he loves us! Jesus said, "Pick up your cross and follow me," and again, "Deny yourself and follow me." Being a follower of Jesus Christ entails commitment! Jesus ate with people who were considered to be undesirables. We who follow Jesus dare not make ourselves into an elite little group of folks who keep modern day "undesirables" from God. And perhaps the most challenging of all, Jesus said, "Love your enemy." If ever there was a counter-cultural idea that's it.

I would like to challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the radical nature of Jesus' love. Ask yourself whether or not you love as Jesus loves. Ask yourself how you take this challenging truth to heart and let it transform you. Oh, and by the way, I'm pretty sure that a lot of people wouldn't sign the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes either.

Please share your reflections with me.

Pastor Vicki

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR DIRECTORY

October 14



Hope is so fortunate that **Erin Krieg**, will be available to take new pictures for Hope's directory at 10 am after the first service and after the second service if needed. **Please contact her at ekrieg@cinci.rr.com to sign up.**

BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS

For the next few weeks **Pastor Vicki** will lead a discussion about the connection of the Old and New Testaments **at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. (Pastor is such a good story teller!)** Come and expand your knowledge about the Bible!



OCTOBER CONFIRMATION CLASS



The next meeting for our confirmation class will be on **October 21 at 12:15**, right after the second service.

IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

A former member and long time friend of Hope, **Sue Suss**, passed away on August 26 after a long battle with cancer. During Hope's Prayer Vigil on August 30th, a remembrance was held. Her kindness and service to others will be greatly missed.



NEWS FROM KATHI

Greetings to my beautiful family at Hope! The season of fall is upon us – and that means crisp nights, apple cider, bonfires, football, Halloween and Reformation Day! There is so much to celebrate as we look forward to the day of the coming of our Lord Jesus. I would love to tell you what is going on in my little corner of the world.



At West Ida Immanuel Lutheran Church, we have begun our Sunday School, which is called Hungry Seekers. Some Sundays we have four kiddos, sometimes there are more. At the same time I am teaching our Confirmation students, and we have four of them. Then we have our church service, and after that we have coffee hour, and many folks stay for that. Each week a family signs up to “do” coffee hour, and they bring in food to share. Sometimes it may only be donuts; some days it is delicious sandwiches and ice cream as well! We are planning a Trunk or Treat late in October, a sewing class for adults and children alike. In that class we will be making bags for the homeless that we will also be “stuffing” with blankets and food for the homeless. There is a flower arranging class this month, and we are weekly doing “God’s Work, Our Hands.” This, in our church, consists of a basket being passed around with Random Acts of Kindness ideas in it. Each person picks a slip of paper out of it and then we do what the paper says that week. For example, they may say, “Give a stranger a compliment this week.” Or “Hold the door open for someone behind you.” The kids have their own basket to pull ideas from, and they may say, “Eat lunch with someone who seems to be alone.” Then at church on Sunday, we talk about how that impacted another person, or even how it impacted us. I say all this to tell you, we open the doors on Sunday morning and ask the Spirit of God to blow in upon us! All this and I have two classes I am enrolled in at Trinity Lutheran Seminary as well! Whew – I am already looking forward to the end of this semester. God is so good to us – all the time! Thank you for your faithful support of me, and for your prayers.

Vicar Kathi Boland

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THE LATEST FROM WHOO

Thankoffering Services have been set for November 18 at both our 9 and 11 am services. Female members of Hope will fill the assisting ministers positions and present our Thankoffering boxes at the altar. If you do not have a Thankoffering box, they are available on the Narthex/lobby counter. If you wish to volunteer for a job that day, please contact Joy Ivins at 574-8266 or email joyceivins@icloud.com



This year’s Christmas gathering is scheduled for December 6 at 6 pm when the Secret Sisters will also be revealed. More details will be in the November newsletter.

All women of Hope and their friends are invited for a time of sharing and fellowship. Please feel free to join them for their next meeting on October 25 at 6 pm..

OUTSTANDING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Michelle Hunt	21	Becky Reid
	Karin Pendle	23	Gary Freland
	Karen Schweinfest		Rachel Kless
2	Jacob Fetterman		Tom Toth
	Brayden Kuyper	24	Rhonda Greene
	Lilliana Soult		Amelia Terbruggen
5	Bea Zimmer	25	Ron Long
6	Andy Albright	27	Jay Hunt
	Elliot McMasters	29	Hope Schultz
8	Evan Schweinfest	30	Sue Kelbley
	Heidi McKenna	31	Zac Gabbard
9	Molly Abbott		Don Schneider
	Isaac Williams		
13	Jennifer Huth		
14	Bill Mack		
	Marlyn Ford		
15	Phil Klayer		
	Lisa Parks		
16	Brad Abbott		
20	Mike Schweinfest		
	Will Wendel		
	Rachel Williams		



HALL RENTAL INFO

Lucinda Hardin is handling the rentals for our Fellowship Hall. Rental forms are available on the Narthex counter and online at hopeonbluerock.org. To contact **Lucinda directly**, telephone 513-225-0215, or email @ manft99@gmail.com and she will assist you.

FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com anytime before that date.

OCTOBER NEWS AND THANK YOU'S

Thank you to our newest Praise Band member, **Jim Dille**. He is pictured here with his personal roadie,



wife **Gretchen** and his base ukulele. We are so happy to have him add his instrument to our service.

Thank you to **Tim Beagle, Ray Davis, Judy Royse, Ron Thatcher, Chuck Hasdorff, Russ and Lois Vinup and Jerry Ivins** for all the time you have given in helping **Mary Beth Taylor** maintain our church property. (Many thanks to **Mary Beth, too!**)

Thank you to **Ron Long** for assisting **Pastor Vicki** with our confirmation class.

I would like to thank the following persons who took care the altar while my sister and I celebrated our mother's 93rd birthday: **John & Beulah Kroger, Mary Beth Taylor, Sue & Austin Kelbley, George Albright, Carmen & Chuck Hasdorff and Bonnie Leonhardt.**

Ruth Oehler

Thank you **Pastor Phil** for leading the Bible Study on September 27. The class appreciates him stepping



in for your wife. It was very interesting!

Thank you to **Karin Pendle** for singing during the offering in September. It was so nice to have her return to the Traditional service.



During September many thanks to **Martha and Dale Renner and Carmen Hasdorff** who also shared their vocal and instrumental talents during our Traditional services while the choir was on summer hiatus.

CHECK OUT OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pictured with **Pastor Vicki** are **Olivia Byrne, Aaron Byrne, Raegan Beneker, Zoey Beagle, Jake Byrne,**



Ron Long, Isaac Williams, Ray Beneker, and Austin Kelbley. The class will meet again on October 21. It looks like a wonderful group of youth that represents Hope's future!

FOR THOSE WHO USE THE NURSERY

If children play in the nursery area, it is requested that a family member or friend please see that the **toys are put away after use.** Thanks so much for your consideration!

YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

Yellow Brick Road Child Care still has space available! You may enroll your child - ages 6 weeks to 5th grade. Share the info with others.

Just telephone 513-519-0003 or send an email to this address:

yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Hurricane Response" on your check memo line.

SON MINISTRIES

In August SON served 164 families (208 adults and 223 children) for a total of 431 people.



During October we will collect items for the holiday baskets: cans of corn, green beans, carrots, peas, fruit, soup, beef stew, sweet potatoes, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, brownies, cake mix, macaroni and cheese, plus jars of turkey gravy.

The November SONday at Hope will be Sunday, November 4th.

Let us share our blessings with those who are in our community with nutritious food.

Blessings, **Walt Watson, Director**

ALWAYS NEEDED: BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS!

THE LATEST FROM FIRST LUTHERAN

Any donations for the First Lutheran Clothing Closet are greatly appreciated!

Men's jeans (all sizes especially 32 and 34)

Men's cargo pants

Bath towels and washcloths

Disposable razors, Deodorant &

Toothbrushes

Men's boxer briefs

Tennis shoes (not for dress)

Women's jeans

Women's panties and Bras (all sizes)

Any very large size clothing is especially appreciated.



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HOPE RECEIVED \$12.81 THIS PAST QUARTER from amazon smile.

"SHARING WITH HOPE"

If you have pictures from church and would like to share, you may add to Hope's Facebook page. For any questions, see Mary Bryant.

Editor's Note: If you use Hope's website address, www.hopeonbluerock.org, you will also find a link to Hope's Facebook page.

HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR CELL PHONE go to your apps and down load FREE instant church directory.



FOR COMPUTER In the address bar (URL)- type in members.instantchurchdirectory.com

The screen will ask you to submit your email address as it appears in the church directory. You will be sent an email with a password or link embedded in it. When you create a new password, it must be 8 characters long and contain at least two of the following: capital letters or symbols.

**Changes are continuously made as the church is notified. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.*

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
 2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account.
 3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."
- Our 5 digit number is 80286.



THIS QUARTER HOPE RECEIVED \$180.43. THANKS EVERYONE!

JOIN IN HOPE'S RECYCLING

Our Narthex area bins are looking for your empty pill bottles for **Matthew 25**, religious materials for **Love Recycling Packages**, eye glasses for **Lense Crafters (for Lions Club)**, grocery items for **SON Ministry**, pop tabs for **Ronald McDonald House**, **Box Tops for Education**, plus clothes and shoes for the **First Lutheran Clothing Room**. Contributing these items is good stewardship, and the organizations are very thankful for our participation.



AN EASY WAY TO DONATE TO HOPE

Did you know that you can donate to Hope through automatic withdrawal? Consider scheduling a recurring contribution today. You will no longer need write out checks and prepare envelopes when needed. Even if you cannot attend services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an interrupted basis. Forms are on the counter in the Narthex.



Pray BIG and worry little!

HOPES BOTTOM LINE

August 2018



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 67,756.22	\$ 84,995.77
All Revenues	\$ 11,474.08	\$ 122,046.72
Expenses	\$ 5,904.56	\$ 83,716.75
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transfer Out	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 73,325.74	\$ 73,325.74

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 7152.28	\$ 6,500.24
Revenue	\$ 175.00	\$ 840.00
Interest Income	\$.31	\$ 2.35
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 7327.59	\$ 7327.59

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 22,745.85	\$ 22,692.99
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 7.71	\$ 60.57
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 22,753.56	\$ 22,753.56

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 24,875.49	\$ 24,818.06
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 8.84	\$ 65.87
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 24,883.93	\$ 24,883.93

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 50,037.42	\$ 0.00
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 59.24	\$ 96.66
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 50,096.66	\$ 50,096.66

Val Schneider, Treasurer

CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHTS

September 14, 2018



◆ Council moved to add additional insurance coverage prorated over the remainder of this year and continue with a renewal next year to keep us sufficiently covered per advisement of **Jen Byrne**.

◆ There was discussion to address the insurance of Yellow Brick Road Child Care and Hope's lease with them.

◆ **Tim Beagle, Financial Secretary**: His report stated we are ahead in our giving by about \$900 because some members gave their entire yearly commitment.

◆ The Church Trac program now contains members information.

◆ **Carmen Hasdorff, Spiritual Life**: The next meeting

will be November 8 plus card ministry scheduled during Sunday School on November 11. Christmas cards will also be available.

◆ **Susan Cowan, Worship & Music**: Traditional Choir will resume on September 23. For now the nursery will be available for special services. The next meeting is October 11.

◆ **Christian Education**: Having no chair, Joy is working with others to select a Sunday School program and organize a schedule for coverage.

◆ **Karen Schneider, Stewardship & Mary Bryant, Evangelism**: Working together, Commitment Sunday was set for both October 14 and 10/21. There will be videos and talks before the services during September and October.

◆ **Mary Beth Taylor, Property**: Termite treatment was completed. An Outdoor Workday is set for October 20 at 9 am. The detention basins were cut down again.

◆ **Judy Royse, Fellowship**: The Flag Retirement Ceremony collected \$83 for the American Legion Post #194.

◆ **Pastor Vicki**: She will begin a confirmation class on September 23 with 7-8 attending. **Ron Long** will assist with these classes.

◆ Council accepted the transfer of **Jeanne Fuller** to St' Paul's Lutheran in Reading.

◆ **Elections for the 2019 council include President, Christian Education, Stewardship, Worship and Music, and Fellowship. Ken Klayer, Beulah Kroger, and Kayla Terbrueggen** comprise the Nominating Committee.

◆ The next meeting will be October 11 at 7 pm.



Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV



October 2018

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■ Hope Lutheran Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OUR MISSION

We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.



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