

The Voice of Hope

The newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church, San Mateo, CA
"Knowing and sharing the good news of Hope in Christ"

Pastor Daniel Severson



Dear friends,
 Many thanks to all the people of Hope for participating in the service of installation, and to the women of the church who provided such a wonderful reception-and for the cards! I also want to thank Pastor Paul for presiding, and my

lovely wife for her support and love throughout this process. I am humbled and honored to be your pastor and I look forward to the years ahead as we work together to serve our Lord as he directs and guides us.

Since we have been preparing for, and celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation of the church, I thought it might be appropriate to say a word or two that summarizes the enormous impact this had on church and society. While the posting of the 95 theses against the sale of indulgences is the event that has been traditionally recognized as the beginning of Luther's efforts to reform the church, I would like to make reference to another in the long list of Luther's accomplishments: one that literally lead to a whole new way of thinking. As you may recall, in 1521, Luther was summoned to the city of Worms to stand before King Charles, and a huge gathering of princes, dignitaries, and church leaders to account for his rather intemperate writings against the papacy and many practices of the church at that time. What started out as opposition to what many people thought to be an outrageous violation of Christian faith, namely, the sale of forgiveness—something that represented a dismissal of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross—became a wholesale rejection of almost everything held dear in Christendom at that time. On the list of rejected items was priestly celibacy, monkery, the merits of pilgrimages, prayers to saints (or even that there is such a thing as a saint to pray to), the adoration of relics (the elector Frederick believed he had a vial of the Virgin Mother's milk!), five of the seven sacraments, saying mass for the dead, doing penance, and the one that

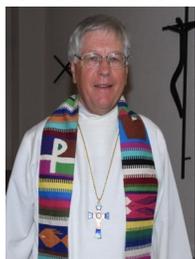
really got Luther in trouble, the authority of the papacy. This is the short list, and all this was too much for the church and its secular servants to deal with. So, Luther was asked to say "revoco," which is Latin for "recant" in front of all his writings. His response, in a nutshell, was, "I cannot and I will not recant because my conscience is captive to the word of God."

What this eventually lead to was two ideas that transformed western civilization forever. The first was the sanctity of a person's conscience. This was not something against which any authority, ecclesiastical or secular, should or could use force. Church and state had been doing this for years. People who advocated views dubbed heretical were routinely burned at the stake, and Luther knew he was in danger of suffering just this. In fact, many of his followers did, and he felt an enormous amount of grief, saying that he wished it could have been him rather than them who suffered thus. However, the horse was out of the barn, and there was no way to stop the spread of this movement. It is amazing that people didn't seem to realize that our Lord himself was put to death for spreading beliefs considered to be unacceptable—a clear example of the fact that Christians, of all people, should never use force when it comes to matters of faith and conscience. Jesus himself completely rejected the use of force again and again, as did the early church when the Romans tried to force it into the worship of false gods. Both Jesus and many of his followers were martyred for their beliefs. In fact, the joyful news of the gospel is that our Lord overcame this evil on Easter morning. This is the salvific news of the Christian faith: that evils such as that which Luther faced, and all other evil as well, has been overcome by the God of love and life. The Christian faith is spread by the proclamation of the word, and in the power of the Spirit, not through violence and forced conversions. One of the high points in the spread of this idea was the writing of the first amendment to our constitution, which forbids the government from establishing any religion. The other transformational idea that can be traced to Luther's response at the Diet of Worms is the right of individuals to dissent, and freely express their views without fear of tyrannical repression.

In fact, the whole idea that individuals have rights at all was completely new. People throughout the world have been coming to these shores ever since a republic was established wherein everyone would be free to worship as their conscience dictates, and where they would be free to express their views because it was an inalienable right, granted by our creator. (This was Thomas Jefferson's way of expressing this in The Declaration of Independence) Today, while we take these rights for granted, nevertheless, their limits are being debated. Should hateful opinions be tolerated? Are people free to express hate for another race or culture? And what about those situations when a person's conscience and or religion dictates a practice that is in conflict with the law? For example, some Roman Catholic organizations oppose providing birth control in their health care plans. Should they be forced to do so anyway or not? Luther had no idea where his "Here I stand speech" would lead. However, that we are the heirs of these rights can be traced directly back to the stand he took. This is just one more reason we ought to be mindful of and grateful for the work of this Augustinian Friar from a working class family in 16th century Germany. Of course, it's also important to know that Luther himself never took credit for anything that arose in the wake of his protest. As far as he was concerned, "The word did everything."

Blessings,
Pastor Dan

Pastor Paul's Notes



We are in the midst of congratulating Pastor Dan on his acceptance of the Call to serve as Senior Pastor here at Hope. There was a tremendous outpouring of love expressed to Dan and Kirsten by everyone at the installation on October 8. We look forward to a

new chapter of ministry which is based on the shared mission and vision that we are about here in San Mateo and beyond.

Here is an apt quote from Henry Ford:
"I am looking for people who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done."

We have three options in life:

- 1) To be a historian (having a past-orientation)
- 2) To be a reporter (seeing only today's condition)
- 3) To be a futurist (doing what's not been done yet)

We are about maximizing our potential...and acting today!

Ron and Jackie Johnson are new members. They have come forward to be "Coordinators" for our expanding Seniors Ministry. While Jackie has been a member of Transfiguration Episcopal Church, Ron is moving from Lincoln, Nebraska.

The next Seniors activity will be Tuesday, November 7. Bring a bag lunch to Nielsen Hall; the program will be Chris Adair from "Healthy Cities" and Wayne Peterson from Thrivent. It has been a long time since Wayne was here and many people know him. Welcome all!!

The lunch outing for November will be Thursday, November 16, and we will be going to "Iberia" on El Camino in Belmont. Car pool from church at 12:30.

Two additional items to note:

- 1) "The Luther Musical" will be performed here at Hope on Sunday, November 12, at 3pm. This is a play written by Pastor Krey and his son, Mark. It previewed in San Francisco earlier and this is the Peninsula Venue. And we have members of Hope in the drama, among whom are Hank Harper, Jerilyn Struven, myself and several others yet to be asked. The play will be about 50 minutes in length, no tickets are required, a free will offering can help to defray expenses. Come and bring friends!
- 2) We have just received word that long time member, Carl Kistner has passed away in Colorado where he was living. We remember Lisa Green and the family during this time.

On All Saints Sunday (November 5), we will observe and recognize all those among us who have died in the past year. I list them here for your perusal: **Laura Headley, Vera Feige, Maralyn & Warren Struven, Sue Myrdal, Ruth Severson, John Truscelli, Gerrie & LeRoy Rockefeller, Mildred Rothermund, Alex Roja, Marilyn Michaelson, Alice Wake, Lois Kornahrens, Lorris Florea, Lorraine Johnston, and Carl Kistner.**

"Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Pastor Paul

From our Council President



Luther's insight to scripture brought us the good news that we are justified by faith. He was quick to add that that gives us the freedom to love and serve our neighbors, not because we have to for our salvation, but because we want to.

This concept was at the foundation of Pastor Dan's sermon on Sunday, October 8. A secondary idea that emerges from this is that serving our neighbors not only fulfills God's plan for us but also strengthens and builds up our church, possibly being the best way to trigger its growth.

It is just amazing how people in our congregation at Hope serve so many. It is truly a blessing. However, given that our serving others is so important to church life and possibly growth, the council had an offsite on October 14 which focused on the theme of "Building our Hope Community", drilling down on three groups that we serve to determine if there are opportunities that we are missing: our youth, our seniors and the disenfranchised and/or seekers of faith in our community.

The council offsite meeting consumed a big part of this Saturday was a rewarding time for all. As with all council meetings, it started with devotions followed by the reading of the Behavioral Covenants and reviewing the minutes of the previous council meeting. After first dealing with normal council business and spurred on by comments by Pr. Paul, the council decided that our focused discussions on youth, seniors and outreach would best be served by discussing what we are doing now and how these efforts are helping the targeted population, by brainstorming on what we should be doing given our resources, by identifying people and/or teams that could be responsible and to strategize for follow up to judge our decided efforts.

It is difficult in this brief report to outline the full content of the discussions but you can be assured that you have a focused council that is full of ideas and dedicated with enthusiasm to building our Hope community. Thanks to the record keeping of Marlys and Heidi, I am able to report some of the areas we will be focusing on moving forward.

Youth: Following a thorough review by Judy summarizing youth programs and challenges several new goals were established. To increase long range planning and spread the responsibilities of coordinating events, a new Youth Committee will be formed. To increase communication, special attention will be given to the youth calendar of events on the web. To get youth more involved in our Sunday program, we will see an increase in youth led services. To recognize the unique role youth play in our congregation, service oriented activities will become more prominent. Efforts will also be made for increased associations with the youth programs in other Lutheran churches.

Seniors: The Hope Senior ministry is alive and well with many programs and activities. However, to increase communication, Pr. Paul will coordinate with Margo a senior webpage to highlight senior ministry programs and needs. The senior ministry has elected, on occasion, to rent a minivan to facilitate transportation to events. Finally, recognizing the needs of seniors, an effort will be made to identify service programs performed by youth which would connect and benefit these two age groups.

Evangelism: Our evangelism effort at Hope has been greatly buttressed by the ongoing development of the Hope website by Margo and others at our church. Those that haven't seen it are encouraged to visit it, to learn about activities and even to listen to Pr. Dan's sermons. The webpage goes beyond current activities to welcome visitors such as passing out notifications to neighbors and advertising in the local newspaper. An effort is now underway to develop a comprehensive technical strategy to use the tools of the internet to more easily and completely reach out to our community and market the opportunities at Hope.

All in the congregation are invited to talk with your council members, to discuss these ideas and to bring others to the fore. This new enthusiasm we are experiencing at Hope is indeed the time for "Building our Hope Community".

*-David Phillips,
Council President*



From our Choir Director



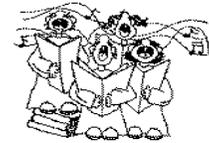
Hope Lutheran Church is fortunate to still have an active music program. Many churches have had to let this most valuable program go by the wayside. The music program's main objective is to lead the congregation in worship. Both the choir and Bells of Hope lead the congregation in "making a joyful noise". In these troubling times, it's hard to feel positive and to find ways where we can make a difference.

Our music makers are faithful and continue to serve the congregation and recently carried their music out into world to make a difference by singing at The Elms in San Carlos. Serving through music is a two

way street. The congregation benefits from musical leadership, and the musicians benefit by the satisfaction of supporting the congregation and sharing their God given gifts.

Thanks to all and of course our talented organist Douglas Franks who always supports us all and makes a difference.

Shirley Fitzgerald



♥ Home & Hope – “Open Hearts, Open Hearths” ♥

In September, our faithful Home and Hope volunteers once again made our church a warm place to stay for another group of homeless families. Thank you for your steadfast generosity with your time, your efforts, your love.

This past hosting did not go smoothly. It seems that rocky hostings occur more frequently now than they used to. Once again, some families did not come for dinner as scheduled. One of the families came in the evening but left and went somewhere else for the night, while another family simply did not come back. One of the Sunday School rooms was left in a mess, and a Home and Hope administrator had to come clean the room and retrieve personal belongings.

We realize that this is disheartening and frustrating. It is discouraging to us as coordinators. H&H's director Meg Clark wrote us an apology and assured us that the events were anomalies. She told us that she had checked in with one of the missing families. Exit from the program was considered for the family, but for reasons that are not important here, they were granted one last chance.

When I first heard that the family was being given another chance, my thought was, “Why?!?” It seemed to me clear that the family has no interest in nor respect for the program. However, Meg's graceful extension led me to realize that our disappointment is misplaced. It is justifiable. It is understandable. It is misplaced. We remember that our guests come to us in need, and not always with hope. The hopeful ones possess amazing courage and optimism, and love and appreciate what we share with them. Others may not want to admit that they need help, may not want to receive help. Others may be in despair, or angry, or may be embarrassed, almost certainly lost.

Some of them will tell us how much they appreciate us. That is great. Some of them will walk away saying nothing to us, but feeling refreshed and grateful. That is great, too. Some of them will go from us still angry, still in despair, and not ready to receive our offerings. THAT IS OK, too.

We spread the table for our guests regardless of where they are, and they have no obligation to take what we would share. The point is, we are here for our guests, not the other way around. Regardless of where

they are in their journeys, we open our hearts and our hearth to them. The extraordinary way that Home and Hope is special, the extraordinary beauty of the program, is that WE MEET THE GUESTS WHERE THEY ARE. No judgement – that is a given. But also no expectations – the program takes care of that.

I take my example from my daughters. My three-year-old was excited to be there baking bread for the guests at the beginning of the week, and sleeping over at the end of the week. And you should have seen the face of my one-year-old when she met the one-year-old guest who was here, as they patted each other's faces in wonder at another pint-sized person. The girls were joyful just to be there. That was all they expected.

We have only to be open to the guests. And if they are not ready to break bread with us, or to share our roof, we keep praying for them, as much as we pray for the guests who are glad to share our meal. Perhaps, in some small way, our hope in Christ helps them to find hope for their journeys.

Home and Hope families will be coming back the week after Thanksgiving, November 26 to December 2. We invite you to join us in meeting the guests where they are. Be prepared to love. That's all.

Helena Dummler, with Jerry and Kris Brooks



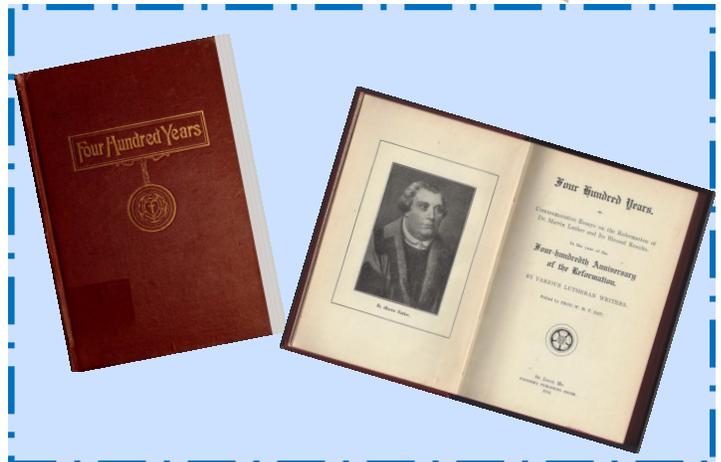
Why I Am a Lutheran?

My parents were from the Midwest but moved to California in the late 1930s because prospects of employment were more hopeful out west. I was born in California to Lutheran parents and grew up in a home that was centered around church activities. My mother was choir director, so as a child I went to choir practice with her each week. There was Sunday School, Luther League, Mt. Cross, etc.

I recently found a book in my library entitled "Four Hundred Years" which has commemorative essays on the Reformation published in 1916 with my grandfather's name in it along with passages he had underlined that must have had special meaning to him. Although he died before I was born, I find that reading what he underlined is a way of me getting to know a bit about him through his thoughts. So for me, it's a small treasure.

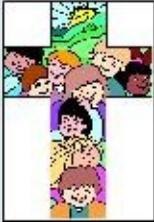
And today my husband and I share our Lutheran Faith together, which is a great bond between us.

Mary Halbakken Phillips



In preparing for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it has been suggested that we, individually, write a statement about "Why I Am a Lutheran." Share your story with us, may be your parents raised you as a Lutheran? Or may be you have another meaningful reason? We'd like to share your story in our Newsletter with why being a Lutheran is special to you (if preferred we can post it in the weekly bulletins instead). Please submit your statement before the next Voice deadline, date is on pg. 12. Please limit your statement to one page. Thank you!

Preschool Corner



This month we reflect on “Giving Thanks” and I count my blessings for having a most amazing family both at home and here at Hope Preschool. The school held a Spaghetti/Bingo night in October and the families and children had fun and became more of a community.

We are attending preschool previews held by Mother’s Club in San Mateo, Foster City, Belmont, and San Carlos, as an outreach to advertise our school as we prepare for 2018-2019 school year.

See’s Candy fundraiser is open until 12/6, let me know if you are interested in supporting the preschool.

May you all enjoy your family as you celebrate Thanksgiving.

Blessing, Jeanne



ATTENTION!!! Families of Hope’s College Students:

Our Youth Committee would love to send all our college students a Care package. Please call the office by November 10 to provide us with their address so we can mail them a care package. We’ll send the students treats and a special message of encouragement and we will add their name to our prayer list . Please also let us know if your student has any food allergies or specific snack likes/dislikes. You can also e-mail their information to Judy Jeschke or Sandi Kane.



Stewardship

I Corinthians 12:4-6
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are a varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

Stewardship, is the practice of generosity by using our gifts of time, talent and treasures. We need to maximize our God given gifts—how? First, we need to identify and accept the gifts God has given us. We need to realize that God demands that we use these gifts. Then we need to do something. For example, Moses did not believe he was the one to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God gave Moses the gift of leadership, and Moses accepted. Is there a Moses among us? Maybe.

Your gift might be a kind word thanking someone (even a stranger) for a job well done, encouraging someone to try something new, cooking a meal, making a quilt, teaching someone to cook, sew or use a hammer, visiting a homebound member of

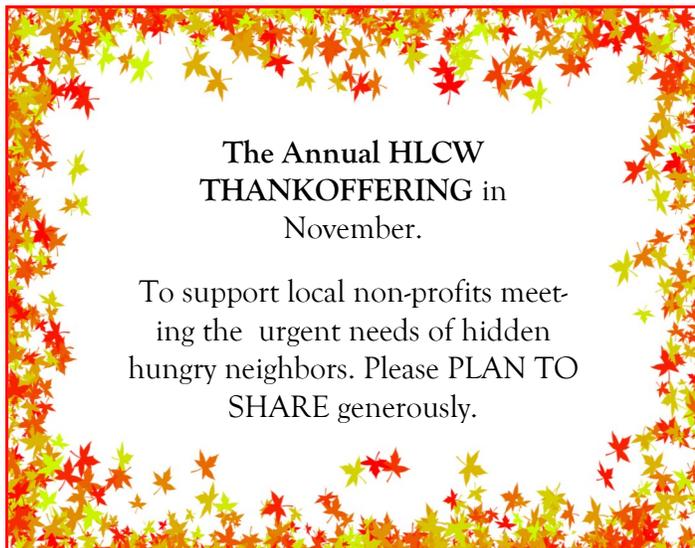
the congregation or community, giving a ride, or donating funds. Stuff doesn’t just happen, maybe your gift is organizing others to do this work. If we all do what we are able, it adds up. Each of us on our own cannot solve the world’s problems, but together we can make a huge dent.

Yes, part of Stewardship is a budget activity. In the fall, we gather pledges, and this information is used to develop a tight budget to fund Hope’s ministries. Stewardship/Pledge Sunday is November 5th. If we all give what we are able, it adds up.

In response to God’s commandment, we are continually challenged as Christians to reimagine the ways in which we use God’s gifts to us — our time, our talents and our treasures.

In God’s grace,

Jerilyn Struven, Stewardship Chairman



The Annual HLCW
THANKOFFERING in
November.

To support local non-profits meet-
ing the urgent needs of hidden
hungry neighbors. Please PLAN TO
SHARE generously.

HLCW Circles

Lydia Circle is open to women of all ages and stages; Evening or weekend meetings; Our schedule is flexible. Location: Hope Youth Room Contact: Heidi Waters

Mary Circle
3rd Tuesday of the month 10:00 am
Location Varies
Contact: Martha Welch 650-637-1475

Sarah Circle
3rd Tuesday of the month 10:00 am
Location Varies
Contact: Lois Nieman 650-591-4372

The Luther Musical



The events celebrating the 500th anniversary
of the Reformation continues!



"The Luther Musical", a play which has been written by a local pastor, Peter Krey, and his son, Mark Krey.

Please join us for this stage reading and musical on Sunday November 12, 2017 in the Sanctuary.



Celebrating birthdays in November

Ron Henderson
Bryan Kane
Martha Welch
Jens Hansen
Sig Hartnett
Nancy Appling
Marlene Pitt*
Emma Worthge

Sandra Polster
Kevin Mesa*
Robert Castronovo*
Matthew Stucke
Joella Mesa*
Ortwine Dockter
Noah Lin
Paul Forbes

Monika Hastings
Andrea Hayes
Anne Wilson
Maxwell Jung
Thomas Stucke
Scott Worthge
Jennifer Mendes*
Alice Hogben

Names in bold = our brothers/sisters turning 90-90+ years!

* = Friend of Congregation



Spark Time Sunday School in November

Children from Kindergarten thru Grade 6

dismissed to Sunday School during Sending Hymn and
join parents in Café Hope after approximately 30 minutes of study and activity.

Date	Theme	Scripture
November 5	Be Humble	Matthew 23:1-12
November 12	Ten Bridesmaids	Matthew 25:1-13
November 19	Parable of the Talents	Matthew 25:14-30
November 26	Sheep and Goats	Matthew 25:31-46

Ministry Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Communion Assistants	Readers	Spark Leaders
11/5	Eric Hoover	Tom & Deb Stucke	Jack Coyne	Hank Harper Ken Struven
11/12	Jack Coyne	Bill & Margo Kannenberg	Martha Welch	Sandi Kane
11/19	Sandi Kane	Linda Harvey Skip Dahl	George Amarandos	Judy Jeschke
11/26	Jerilyn Struven	David & Mary Phillips	Helena Dummler	Deb Stucke Rachel Stucke

Youth News

Invitations have been extended to a few individuals to assist in defining and planning our youth activities for this school year. Our initial focus will be on service related opportunities within Hope and our community. If you would be willing to serve Hope as part of our youth committee, please contact me.

The Early Bird deadline for the 2018 ELCA youth convention is quickly approaching (November 15). After this date the cost to attend raises by \$40 per person. Please see the flier in this newsletter with dates and additional details or visit the 2018 Gathering website at www.elca.org/gathering. We will be hosting an informational meeting at Hope the first week of November to provide more details on this trip. I hope that all youth 8th-12th grades consider

attending this faith-building opportunity.

On Sunday November 19 following our church service, all are invited to meet in Nilsen Hall to assemble care packages for our College Youth as they prepare for their final exams. All members of the congregation are invited to help, but we especially would love to have assistance and notes of encouragement from our elementary and high school youth. Hope to see you there!

Judy Jeschke, Hope's
Council Youth committee
chair



More information on 2018 ELCA Youth Convention on p. 10

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church 2017 Financial Update <i>Income is less than our expenses for 2017</i>			
Jan – Sep 2017	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering Income	\$226,687	\$296,250	-\$69,563
Other Income	\$30,596	\$15,760	\$14,836
Memorial Income	\$21,826	\$0	\$21,826
Total Income	\$279,109	\$312,010	-\$32,901
Total Expenses	\$295,278	\$313,360	-\$18,082
Total income minus expenses (Net Ordinary Income)	-\$16,169	-\$1,350	-\$14,819

Notes

1. The Offering Income Budget amount includes the Challenge amount for 2017.
2. Removing the \$21,826 of Memorial income received in 2017, our income falls short of our expenses for the period by \$34,920. This amount reflects the challenge amount required to meet our operating expenses.
3. Estimated income and expenses for October, November and December show a possible short fall in income to cover expenses of approximately \$35,000. This assumes that our income during the remaining months is close to 2015/2016 giving levels.

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2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

JUNE 27-JULY 1 + HOUSTON, TX

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PRE-GATHERING EVENTS + JUNE 24-27

myle MULTICULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP EVENT OF THE ELCA

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Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Lutheran youth from across the United States have been gathering in some form for well over a century. Many adults recall their gathering experience as transformative in the life of their faith, sharing memories of impactful speakers, new relationships, and so much more. Hope youth that have attended previous Gatherings have praise for this awesome experience.

WHO: Hope Youth currently in grades 8th-12th are invited to participate in the faith building event.

WHERE: This year's Gathering will be held in Houston, TX. Most events will take place at NRG Park (convention center, stadium, arena)

SCHEDULE: The 2018 Gathering begins the evening of Wednesday June 27th with an opening Mass Gathering. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be devoted to Service, Interactive Learning, and Synod Activities. The Gathering closes on Sunday June 27th with a final Mass Worship Gathering.

COSTS: Approximately \$1500/attendee. This breaks down as follows: Gathering-\$350, Flight-\$450, Hotel-\$400, Food-\$180, Ground Transportation & Incidentals—\$80. Congregational fundraising will be explored to offset the costs for attendees.

Please look for an invitation to attend an informational session at Hope in early November to discuss additional 2018 Gathering details and logistics!

Upcoming Events

Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast meets the first and third Saturday of the each month in Nielsen Hall. Breakfast is served at 7:30 am and the study begins at around 8:00 am.

Thankoffering Sunday

November 19, 2017

In gratitude for all God has given us,

We will give for relief of hunger in our community.

Please prayerfully consider your 2017 annual gift. This year our Thankoffering will be distributed by Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW) to this organization for hunger relief in our community:

Second Harvest Food Bank

Please make your check payable to "HLCW Thankoffering". You may bring your Thankoffering to worship service on Sunday, November 19, 2017, or mail it to the church office to the attention of HLCW Thankoffering.

Thank you for helping to provide for those in need in our community.

Fall Confirmation Classes, 5 - 7pm

Confirmation classes will be jointly hosted at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Andrews and Hope. The schedule is as follows:

November 5—Hope Lutheran Church
November 19—Good Shepherd
December 3—Good Shepherd

Any questions, please contact Pastor Dan Severson.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 11:45 am

Our Bible study class will meet after Café Hope in the educational building.

The topic selected by the class is the book of Revelation, the last book in the New Testament. This book has been controversial as well for other reasons. Some of the early church fathers did not want to include it in the canon of apostolic books that make up the New Testament. Luther did not think the book was helpful because of its obscurity. In any case, it will be an interesting challenge to wade through this book, and to try and discern its message to us. If it's not to be understood as predictive, then how should we understand it?

Hopefully, we will bring some clarity to all of this in a way that may give us some assurance of the fulfillment of God's promises of redemption. Everyone is invited to join us for this study. See you all there.

- Pastor Dan



Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

Worship with your Hope family on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. Plan to also stay for the pie social in Nielsen Hall—and bring a pie to share. Please come!

-Worship Committee

Christmas Worship Services

Due to the fact that Christmas Eve Falls on a Sunday this year, we will not have a service on Christmas Day. We'll have 3 service on Sunday, December 24th.

BOOK CLUB

The book club at Hope meets every first Thursday of the month, at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. This month's book is Amazing Grace by Kathleen Norris.

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