

The Voice of Hope

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

God be with you



In my very first Voice article I wrote this -- *I am here and we are together by the work of the Holy Spirit. Although the ultimate goal of the Spirit's work to bring us and all of creation into harmony with God and each other is clear, the daily working of the Spirit in our lives is not always given in precise detail.*

In Acts 16 Paul has a specific vision that he is to end his current missionary journey and meet a man in Macedonia to bring the message of Jesus to the gentiles. Immediately Paul set himself on this journey not knowing any of the particulars, only with the knowledge that this was God's will.

From the moment I stepped into my office here at Hope it felt like home, like I had always been here, like this is indeed where I belong. And in these years that have flown by all too quickly that feeling that I was home, among my family of faith has always been with me. Although, as is true any time you are separated from family, it is painful to journey on, I know it is that same Spirit who guided Paul that leads Marsha and I on to the next phase of our journey in faith as well. I am confident that Spirit is also leading Hope to the next phase of its journey.

In July we will be moving to our new home in a suburb of Austin, Texas. There is a guest bedroom there which we would be pleased to share with any of our Hope family who are "in the area." The address is 4210 N Summercrest Loop, Round Rock, TX 78681.

I can't think of any better parting words than to share with you thoughts first expressed by the great Apostle Paul -- "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you" (Romans 1:8a) and "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

God is good ... all the time,
 Pastor Eric

New Members

Welcome to these new members of our Hope family. Please add their contact information to your 2015 Directory.



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Semi Annual Meeting
with election of Council Members
June 7
following Worship

Pastor Paul's Notes



"Single Seniors" will meet on Tuesday, June 2 in Nielsen Hall, 12:30 to 2 pm. Bring a bag lunch and for the program that day we will explore an essay called, "Holy Discontent." This will be our last event before summer, though the group will have some lunch "outings" in the next few months. Stay tuned for those details.

I G S (Intergenerational Services for Community Health) is presenting our 3rd Forum on Monday, June 29 at the Community Center of Silicon Valley, 1300 El Camino in San Mateo. The time is 9:30 - 12:30 pm. The overall theme for the day will be SPIRITUAL WELLNESS. There will be a variety of

topics presented, some in workshops fashion, including Meditation, Relaxation, Prayer, Mindfulness and the Joys of Giving. These events are part of the observance of Hope's 60th Anniversary this year and we invite the wider community to participate. Members of Hope are particularly invited and to assist in the hosting of the event.

LEGACY GIVING

Many of us have "Living Trusts" but do we review them regularly? One important reason for the review is to possibly make changes in our "gift-giving." We want to make a difference and benefit causes that we espouse. We can also consider ways to give that can be tax-wise and also provide us with income. If you wish more information, call the office.

from our Choirs Director



Summer Music
The choirs will be taking a well deserved rest during the summer, and we will have the pleasure of having "special music" during their sabbatical. This is a time for people who don't have the opportunity to be involved at

other times, to gift us with your talent. Singers, instrumentalists, and other special talents are welcome and urged to sign up. Solos duets, small

ensembles are all welcome. There are sign up sheets just outside the choir room door, and on a table in Nielsen Hall. The first available Sunday for special music is July 5 and goes through September 6. Accompaniment can be provided.

Please sign up and/or contact me at 650-349-0100 x 105 or email me at Shirleyhelc@pacbell.net or Mowglill@aol.com.

Shirley Fitzgerald, Choirs Director



DO YOU THINK THE DISCIPLES ACTUALLY BOUGHT THAT "IT'S BETTER FOR YOU THAT I GO" LINE?



IT WAS THE TRUTH - THE CHURCH WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED OTHERWISE!



MAYBE, BUT IT STILL SOUNDS LIKE A LOUSY BREAK-UP EXCUSE. "IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME."



JOHN 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15

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Ian Colgan

My faith in God is different from most others. God is a very busy man, and that's why he can't fix everything. God has to still run the world though. He doesn't take a single day off. Our job as God's people is to make his job easier. If we are all good people; God doesn't have to work as hard. When you help out someone, do something nice, or do the right thing, God smiles. All the war going on is because of poor decisions. Being a good person and doing the right thing is what faith means to me: being a servant to God.

Scripture Verse: Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and take care of you; May the Lord be kind and gracious to you; May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Max Jung

When I think of God, I think of a kind and supportive person, always there to lead me through. He became a part of my life very early, not only in baptism, but in Sunday school, where I got to see and learn about him. Whenever I am going through a hard time, I ask God what to do, because I know that he will have not only have an answer, but the best answer. It is stated in Philippians, "Don't Worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God." Which for me means that whenever I need help, instead of worrying, I just need to hand my problems over to God, and have faith that he will come through for me, as he will always do for everyone who has faith in him.

Scripture Verse: Philippians 4:6-7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Confirmation - Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

Riley Sallander

God is important to me because He helps me when I am worried about what's happening in the world and in my own life. My faith helps me to make good decisions. I pray when I'm troubled and I pray in gratitude. I am grateful for the gifts God has given me such as a great world to live in and a good family. Being a Lutheran and trusting in God helps me to navigate this big world. He brings me hope.

Scripture Verse: John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Social Concerns



Hope's Annual Backpack Ingathering

In order to accommodate year-round schools, our drive to provide needy children with school supplies will begin and end earlier this year.

Suggested supplies include:

- Backpacks
- Calculators
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Markers Erasers
- Highlighters
- Binder paper
- Pencil case
- Pencils (and colored pencils)
- Pens
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue Sticks

Alternatively, make a designated monetary contribution and the Social Concerns Committee will do the shopping for you.

Bring donations to the back of the narthex by Friday, July 17th. We will have a blessing of the backpacks on Sunday, July 19th and send donations to Samaritan House and Home and Hope.

Thank you!
Helena Dummler

Stewardship

Stewardship is about money, but it is not ONLY about money

The depth and breadth of stewardship theology – by the Rev. Michael Meier

Continued from May Voice...

Oikonomia (The plan of God) The will of God is expressed in the plan, *oikonomia*, of God for the world. *Oikonomia* is a Greek word from the New Testament that comes into our language as “economy.” Central to that plan is God’s own grace. Though the Old Testament presents God as awesome and hidden, God is particularly revealed in God’s gracious choosing and blessing of Abraham and Sarah. We have many examples of the graciousness of God:

- A. Covenant ceremony in Genesis 15
- B. Promise and gift of Isaac and his descendants
- C. Moses and the burning bush
- D. God reveals the Torah (The Law, Commandments) after the delivery from Egypt, not as a condition of grace, but as an extension of Grace
- E. The prophets repeatedly call the Israelites away from empty promises back to the lavish goodness of God
- F. The Psalms celebrate God’s gift of grace
- G. Promise and fulfillment mark God’s continued gift to Israel

Old and New Testaments In the Old Testament the will of God is revealed in the plan of God. This is a plan of grace and invitation, beckoning and welcoming, promise and fulfillment. This plan is not only marked by spiritual abundance, but God also expresses God’s plan and will in material abundance.

The plan of God is further unfolded in the New Testament, particularly in the life and teaching of Jesus. Jesus reveals God’s grace in his teaching. God’s grace is further revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the capstone of God’s activity in history.

St. Paul and other writers in the New Testament celebrate the grace of God revealed by the power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the community of Christians. God’s plan for the ages was displayed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the community gathered in his name and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

God is the Steward, “*oikonomos*,” of creation and history. God’s plan (*oikonomia*), that is, God’s intentions, accomplishments and goals.

The model of Jesus Jesus, in his human life, is the perfect respondent to God, the Steward. The life of Jesus is marked by obedience and faithfulness. Shaped by grace, his life is lived to honor God and to serve humankind. Jesus is the model steward, the one who lives in complete harmony with the plan of God.

Followers of Jesus In the New Testament the followers of Jesus recognize God’s plan and recognize Jesus as the centerpiece of that plan. Jesus is the faithful model for a life lived in response to that plan. Both faith and works are accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit working in the life of the faithful believer.

Since the time Jesus, faithful Christians have centered their faith on God’s plan, as it was revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They have tried to live lives of obedience and faithfulness, honoring God and serving humankind. They have strived to live in harmony with God’s plan, responding to God the Steward with lives of faithful stewardship.

At the same time, these followers of Jesus have had to recognize their own sins and imperfections, their inability to completely fulfill God’s plan, and their need for grace.

Worship as the highest form of stewardship The implications of a broad and deep understanding of stewardship lead us to describe our response to God in a variety of ways. The act of worship, adoration of God, is the highest form of stewardship. In the Old Testament, Exodus 20:3, God says “You shall have no other Gods before me.” Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38).

Whenever we talk about stewardship of being a steward after the model of Jesus, we must begin by recognizing that worship of God is the highest form of stewardship. We do not mean a particular ritual or liturgy, we do not mean a particular form of service, we mean a stance, an attitude, a response to God who has revealed God’s plan of grace. We mean praise and honor. We mean obedience and faithfulness. We mean a desire to seek the teachings and intentions (the plan) of God.

To be continued in August...



----- Stitches and Ties X X X X X

The huge poster on a Nielsen Hall bulletin board tells us that over half a million LWR quilts were shipped world-wide in 2014. We are aiming to assemble at least 50 Lutheran World Relief quilts by mid-October to be taken to Advent Lutheran in Morgan Hill. An individual with a vehicle to carry about 6 20"x20"x36" boxes will be needed at that time. Also, we would appreciate gently used (unholley) - :) (smile!)

Large (72"x90") for quilt backs.

As you become bored with summer vacation inactivity, come help us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Nielsen Hall, 9 am - 3 pm during June, July and August. Please bring your lunch. We'll provide a tasty treat to enjoy from noon to 1pm. We look forward to more hands sharing our joyful tasks.

On display today: a 40"x46 Zipper pattern scrap flannel quilt sewn by Helen Hanlon and given to Children's Fund, 1 Davis Drive in Belmont off Ralston Ave. Six large quilts accompanied the cozy baby quilt.

On behalf of folks in need, one Hope Quilter, Doris



HLCW Summer Circles

All daytime Women's Circles will meet as a group on the 3rd Tuesday of the month during summer beginning June 16 in Nielsen Hall at 9:30 am. Pastor Eric will be the leader in June; the Leader for July & August will be determined in the June gathering.

Celebrating birthdays in June

Eno Ekong
Jerry Brooks
Hunter Feige
Brittany Gaal
Sandi Kane
Sydney Prasad
Heather Bootzin*
Gloria Paulus
Maxine Fischer

Wendy Hermansen
Dustynne Mendes
June Hendrickson
Dolores Roscoe
Colton Feige
Rea Tucker
Timothy Hanlon*
Esther Ekong
Robert Lillo

Shannon McAuliffe
Owen Sallander
Penny Spike
Shannon Wilson
Gretchen Noecker
Phyllis Carlson*
William Klemens
Jason Reed



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



Saturday, June 27

San Jose Giants Baseball - Game time: 5 p.m.

Join us for San Jose Giants Baseball and Barbeque. This team is a CLASS A advanced affiliate of the SF Giants.

The park is INCREDIBLE and perfect for a fun-filled evening for ALL ages. Take in the great times at the ballpark and enjoy delicious mouth-watering BBQ food and AFTER THE GAME FIREWORKS!!!

We need to have a rough estimate of how many people will attend – so that we can ensure we have enough tickets for everyone who wants to join us.

Please sign up on the breezeway or in Nielsen Hall. More information will follow. Go to www.sjgiants.com to check out the park. Sandi Kane at 650-572-9722 if you have questions.

Summer Day Camp/VBS

Faith-filled Fun

Jointly sponsored by St. Andrew's and Hope Lutheran Church with staff from Mt. Cross

Dates: July 20-24, 2015

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Friday, 9a.m. - Noon

* (Parents of Pre-schoolers may choose to pick them up at noon)

Location: St. Andrew's, 1501 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94402

Cost:

Pre-school (age 4+, must be potty trained)

9a.m.- 3pm \$75 or 9 a.m.- noon \$50

K-6th Grade 9 a.m.-3pm \$75

2nd child in a family \$50

Registration forms available on our website or from the office.



Mexican Chocoflan Recipe (Annie's mothers recipe)

Ingredients:

12 –cup capacity Bundt pan (*add baking spray to coat pan*)

For the cake: You can make your own chocolate cake mix or buy Betty Crocker cake mix in any chocolate flavor.

For the flan: 1 (12-ounce) can of Carnation evaporated milk

1 (14-ounce) can of La Lechera sweetened condensed milk

3 eggs

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat Bundt pan with baking spray. For the cake: follow cake-box instructions. For the flan: in a blender, combine the evaporated milk, condensed milk, and 3 eggs. Blend on high for 30 seconds or so. Scoop the cake batter into the prepared Bundt pan and spreading evenly. Slowly pour the flan mixture over the cake batter. Place the Bundt pan on a tray and add about 1-inch of hot water to the roasting pan. To be baked as a water bath. Carefully slide the pan into the oven, and bake for about 1 hour or until the surface of the cake is firm to the touch or an inserted toothpick comes out clean. When cake is done, remove from water bath and cool completely to room temperature, about 1 hour. Once it's cooled down remove the cake from the Bundt pan on to a serving platter and enjoy!

Thank you & Goodbye's

April 22, 2015

Many thanks for the wonderful cards and messages of encouragement and cheer while I was recovering from my hip replacement surgery. It meant so much to be remembered. Also, thanks to Pastor Eric for his visit and to those who came to visit me while I was in rehab. It made recovery a bit easier to know I was surrounded by so many caring thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Dolores Roscoe

April 25, 2015

Remembering the Call Committee

The first time that I met a member-of the Ackerman family is when Marsha knocked on our door to look at houses for their move to the Hope community, as a Realtor we could look at houses that were locked, we spent several days looking. When Pastor Eric came to speak at the Women's Dinner we had found the right house for them, A 3 car garage, a large back yard for a garden with several fruit trees, a dog run, a room to store wine. A committee was formed and we worked cleaning the yard. We painted for days it seemed, we made the property presentable for our new Pastoral family.

As a member of the Call Committee (Baptist call this process a Pulpit Committee), I was asked to give the welcoming sermon for our new Pastoral family, I used the outline that is very Baptist. This is what I had learned as I served in different locations in 41 years. The sermon has an Introduction, a three point body and a conclusion. I have forgotten the 3 point body. I will find my notes eventually, today I would use this outline:

Introduction, Thank you for helping the Hope Family to live closer to Jesus, 3 points:

1. Rejoice always
2. Pray
3. In all circumstances give thanks
1 Thess. 4:16

Conclusion, You have blessed us with your leadership, Some good memories, Go with God!

I have appreciated Pastor's friendship, his encouragement, his including me as a brother in the Faith, his willingness to have me teach the Church History Class as Volunteer Teaching Pastor, and his love and concern for members of the Hope community, I will miss you Pastor Eric, getting to know your family and spending time together as we have shared our Christian

beliefs, Good memories!! This clergy family will continue to pray for you and your family, Thank you!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob Paulus

*What is a minister doing on the Call Committee: What is a Baptist Minister doing on the Call Committee? There I was. I'm grateful to have had the experience.

May 11, 2015

Dear Friends and Family of Hope,

Our family was overwhelmed at the outpouring of love shown us both at Bob's Memorial Service on April 25, and the many expressions of condolence shared since. This love is helping us slowly heal and support one another as we grieve our tremendous loss. So many people have reached out to us, so we know we are not alone in our pain. Bob's death was hastened by the respite facility's neglect a year ago, and we don't want that to happen to another family. The facility that helped with his healing gave him ten more months, and for that we are thankful. Some of those wonderful caregivers even attended the service. They loved his smile and sweet, gentle spirit as much as we did. I tried to capture his essence in my tribute to him. I jokingly called him my legal entanglement, but he was so much more. If you attended the service, you knew what he meant to each member of our family. We will miss him more than any words can ever say.

I have personally thanked Pastor Eric and Pastor Mike for their involvement in the two services and for their friendship. I also thanked Marlys Jungroth for her beautiful rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" and Douglas Franks for playing the chosen music. I also want to thank again the women of Hope for the lovely reception following the service. They are my sweet friends who wanted to make it lovely for me and my family, and they did. Last but not least, thanks to Annie who has sent me the church bulletin when I couldn't be in church, who has been my communication conduit, when I needed to be kept in the loop, and who is my new friend.

With appreciation and love,
Karen Reed and family

~June 2015~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	2 12pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Single Seniors Nielsen Hall	3 9:30am Aerobics 1pm Preschool Graduation 6:30pm Elder Consult Geriatric Med "Support Group"	4 7pm Evangelism Committee	5 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	6
7 10am Worship 11am Semi-Annual Meeting Café Hope follows the meeting.	8 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	9 9am Quilters	10 9:30am Aerobics 6:45pm Bells 7:45pm Choir	11 6pm Task Force 7pm Council Mtg.	12 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	13 7:30am Men's Breakfast
14 10am Worship: Music Sunday 11am Café Hope	15 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	16 9:30am Women's Summer Bible Study 12pm Staff Meeting	17 9:30am Aerobics 6:45pm Bells 7:45pm Choir	18	19 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	20
21 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	22 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	23 9am Quilters	24 9:30am Aerobics 6:45pm Bells 7:45pm Choir	25	26 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	27
28 10am Worship: Pastor Eric's final Sunday 11am Café Hope	29 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	30				