

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,

One of the primary issues on which any Christian community should have some degree of clarity is the relationship between spirituality and service. During the Reformation, this debate was understood as the relationship between faith and works in the Christian life. This doesn't mean that the issue did not exist before the Reformation. In fact, it goes all the way back to the writing of the New Testament. As an example of what this looked like, you might refer to Romans 3:28 and James 2:17. This same issue has come up more recently in the ELCA and other denominations in that it has been somewhat easier to come to a degree of clarity as to what the church should be doing but less clear as to why we should be doing it. For example, that the church should act in ways that help eliminate racism in our society seems clear. Racism is a sin that causes institutional 'injustice. Clearly, Christian witness in the world needs to address this problem. But someone might ask, "What, if anything, sets the church apart from any other organization that does the same thing?" The question of why the church should speak out against any form of injustice, or anything else that causes brokenness and despair, is the question of our spirituality; the question of what motivates us, or the question of the ground upon which we stand that serves as the foundation of our actions.

This is not just an abstract theological question. It pertains to the substance of our faith. When we define this, we define the message that shapes our hearts and minds as Christian people. When we discussed this topic in the Women's Circle Bible study in June, I shared Luther's simple metaphor of the fruit and the tree that produces the fruit. Good fruit comes from a healthy tree. If, for some reason, a tree bears bad fruit, we don't treat the fruit. We treat the tree so that it can bear good fruit. Christian service in the

world (fruit), be that the service rendered by a congregation or a denomination as a whole, is based on our spirituality (the health of the tree).

In the Lutheran tradition, it is the Word, proclaimed and studied, the sacraments received as we gather for worship, prayer, particularly prayers focused on receiving God's grace and mercy, and, not to be outdone, music (Luther thought music is second only to the Word in its inspirational power); these are the means through which we receive the spiritual nourishment necessary for creating a healthy and vital spiritual life. Why these? Because these are the means and practices through which the good news of Jesus Christ comes to us. In the Gospel message we have the announcement that God has accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ. What we could not do for ourselves, God did for us. All the reasons for giving in to despair and hopelessness, all the reasons for allowing the negatives in this life to get the better of us, and turn us into victims, (this includes our own bad choices, and the guilt and shame they create): even the reality of death itself need not result in spiritual defeat. For, as we apprehend this Gospel message through faith, and by the power of the Spirit of God again and again, day after day, and week after week, we receive new and resurrection life. This life cannot be defeated by the negatives. Jesus made that clear.

Faith, inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, makes us spiritually healthy and empowered to render service that makes a positive difference to our neighbor, our community, and our world: service that is otherwise known as "good works". This is why spirituality is essential to fulfilling our mission in the world. So, if we want to become effective servants of Christ and embody his presence in what we do: if we want to serve others in word and deed, we need to take care of our health. We need to receive God's grace as he makes it available to us. Only this can shape us into "little Christ's" for others.

Blessings on your service,
 Pastor Dan

Pastor Paul's Notes



In light of the Orlando tragedy we need to rededicate ourselves to inclusivity and love, to nonviolence and peace. We honor the lives that have been sacrificed, join the nation in grief and now stand together in solidarity and strength.

As a society can we not do something to reduce gun violence and hate crimes? We pray for courage and wisdom to be active through our elected leaders that appropriate measures will be enacted. Our times call for each of us, in our own neighborhoods and communities, to care for one another and to be sensitive to needs that cry out for attention.

In recent months "Single Seniors" has invited persons from St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity (San Carlos) to participate with us, and a number of them have been involved in several activities. It is hoped that this will continue and become a significant "joint" ministry of the three congregations. To that end, we will have a planning session in July with a few

members from each congregation. The purpose is to look toward a new year, beginning in September, explore interests and discuss possible topics for programs. That session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, at 11 am, and will take place at Hope. "Single Seniors" plan to have lunch-outings in July and August, on the 3rd Thursday. We will have lunch together on Thursday, July 21. Sunday's bulletins will provide updates on time and place.

The congregation at the semi-annual meeting on June 12 elected members of the Call Committee. They are: Margo Kannenberg, David Phillips, Nancy Kehl, Lois Nieman and Heidi Waters. Alternate is Linda Harvey. The Committee will keep the congregation informed on its activity going forward.

Looking ahead, Sunday, September 11 is the emphasis, "God's Work, Our Hands". We will target an event for Saturday, the 10th, perhaps at Samaritan House, or work with other congregations on specific projects. Stay tuned!

from our Choirs Director



Summer Music 2016

Dear people of Hope, It's time to plan special music for the summer. Special music doesn't mean just solos or magnificent voices or skilled instrumentalists. We need duets, trios, quartets, ensembles, and so on. We are few in numbers, but we are mighty in commitment, willingness, and a variety of talents. This is a time for people who don't have the opportunity to be involved at other times, to gift us with your talent as well as our usual people. **There are sign up sheets just outside the choir room door, and on the table in Nielsen Hall.** Accompaniment is available if needed.

Don't wait for me to "pick" people. Get together and

form your own groups. I am willing to help anyone find music to do, and of course I know you have other resources as well. Let's make this summer of creativity and joyful noise!

Call or e-mail me to "reserve" your date,

Shirley



Election of Council Members & Call Committee

On June 19 the new church council was installed. They are listed as follows, with the designated ministry area each is assigned:

President: Jack Coyne
Vice President: David Phillips
Secretary: Marlys Jungroth
Education: Paul Forbes
Evangelism: Margo Kannenberg
Finance & Personnel: David Phillips
Preschool: Nancy Kehl
Property Management: Mark Grimstvedt
Social Concerns: Hank Harper
Stewardship: Jerilyn Struven
Worship: Marlys Jungroth
Youth: Sandi Kane
At Large: Wayne Westphal
Treasurer: Tom Stucke
Financial Secretary: Linda Harvey

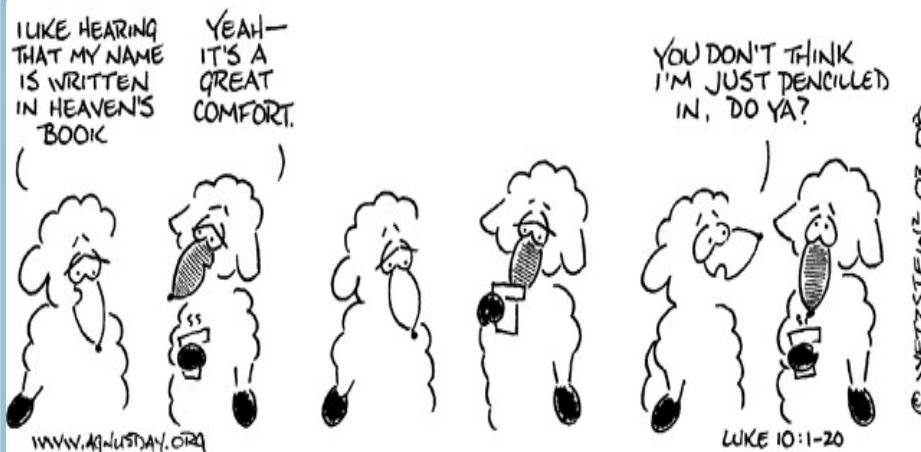
The congregation at the semi-annual meeting on June 12 elected members of the Call Committee:

Margo Kannenberg
Nancy Kehl
Lois Nieman
David Phillips
Heidi Waters
Alternate: Linda Harvey

Please pray for all these members and for Hope Lutheran Church as we go forward!

HOPE PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a need to place a prayer request on the PRAYER CHAIN, please contact either Dolores Roscoe or Else Welch. They will make certain that your request is forwarded to those on the PRAYER CHAIN list.



Stewardship

1. "Just because you can't act everywhere doesn't mean you don't act anywhere."

Madeline Albright

2. "Hoarding is both unnecessary and an affront to God, who is perfectly capable of providing abundantly for those who trust in Him."

Richard B. Hayes, The Conversion of the Imagination: Paul as Interpreter of Israel's Scripture.

3. "God indeed could show up, but we must first show good stewardship by taking good care of our land."

Sunday Adelja

4. "You see, what we do with what he gives us determines how much more we will get."

Joshua Stannard, How Good Can It Get?

5. "When money realizes that it is in good hands, it wants to stay and multiply in those hands."

Isdow Koyenikan, Wealth For All. Living A Life of Success at the Edge of your Ability.



ALL Primrose needs your help!!

Summer can be a difficult time for many local, low income families who rely on school lunch programs to feed their children. CALL Primrose, an emergency aid and referral Center in downtown Burlingame, is reaching out to families within the community who need help filling this void. Last summer, CALL provided more than 2500 extra bags of groceries and snacks to children in need within our community.

Please consider helping CALL help others by:

- Donating non-perishable items like Peanut butter, Soup and Mac-n-cheese
- Donating excess produce from your yard or from trees in the neighborhood
- Making a Tax Deductible, Financial Donation to support our "Kids Helping Kids" summer lunch program

The ongoing support of our generous community is greatly appreciated - Thank you.

For more information or to donate on line, please visit our website: www.CALLPrimrose.org, or call (650) 342-2255

CALL Primrose, 139 Primrose Rd, Burlingame, Open M-F, 9am-2:45pm

Celebrating birthdays in July

Jean Dehner
 Bill Fong
 Hank Harper
 William Hroziencik
 Else Welch
 Danielle Grimsby
 Mildred Rothermund
 David Hermansen
 Bill Kannenberg

Judith Hunt
 Ellen Leaf
Clark Speetzen
 Heather Hoover
 Carrie Miller
 Erica Grimstvedt
 Scott Hroziencik
 Lois Nieman
 Samuel Wilson



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



Spark Time Sunday School in July

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
July 3	Do Not Worry	Matthew 6:24-34
July 10	Woman at the Well	John 4:5-42
July 17	Holy Week	Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-23:56
July 24	The Empty Tomb	Luke 24:1-12
July 31	The Ascension	Acts 1:6-14

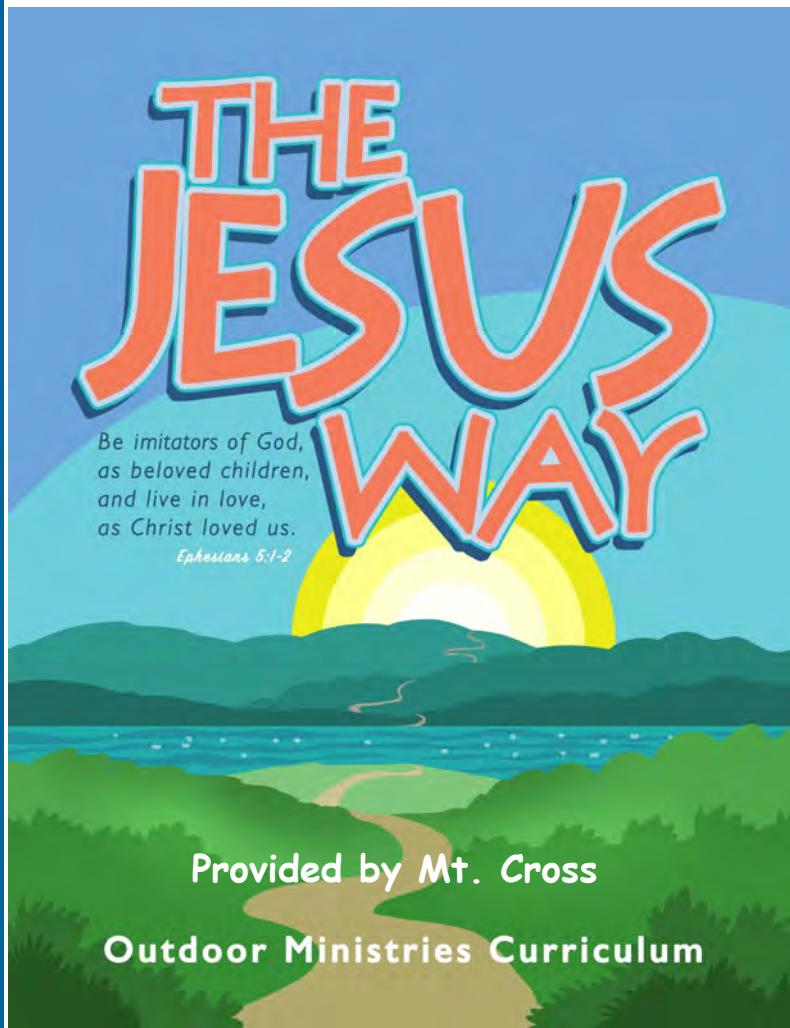
Ministry Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Communion Assistants	Readers	Spark Leaders
7/3	Skip Dahl	Kirsten Severson Carole Setzer	Marlys Jungroth	TBA
7/10	Mary Phillips	Tom & Deb Stucke	Skip Dahl	Jessica Stucke Emma Worthge
7/17	Jack Coyne	David & Mary Phillips	Marilyn Johnson	Hank Harper Ken Struven
7/24	Heidi Waters	Phil & Marilyn Gaal	Sandi Kane	Sandi Kane
7/31	Sandi Kane	Marlys Jungroth Bill Hroziencik	Monika Hastings	Judy Jeschke

2016 Vacation Bible School!!!!

Monday July 25—Friday July 29, 2016

**Hope Lutheran Church &
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church present:**



Registration and Health Forms are available in the
Narthex, church office or online at
www.hopelutheransanmateo.org

To help with VBS, sign up in Nielsen Hall or contact
Judy Jeschke

Who: Pre-School (Age 4+) to 6th Grade

Where: Hope Lutheran Church,
600 W. 42nd Avenue, San Mateo CA 94403

Schedule:

Monday—Thursday 9am-3pm*

Friday 9am-Noon.

Thursday evening 6:30-8pm Kids Program
and Ice Cream Social

**Preschool and Kindergarten participants can
choose to attend 9am-Noon each day*

Cost:

Full Day (9am-3pm) \$80/week for first child,
\$50 for additional siblings

Half Day (9am-Noon) \$50/week

Financial Assistance available upon request

To Register:

Complete a Registration and Camper Health
form and return these with your payment to:

Hope Lutheran Church
600 W. 42nd Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

*Please note VBS and the camper's name on
the memo line of your check.*

**Help us spread the word. Invite your
friends and neighbors!**

Upcoming Events



Middle School/High School Youth Pizza and Games Night



**Bring a friend and join the Mt. Cross staff for food and fun!
Watch for an Evite in your email inbox!!**

Wednesday July 27th • 6:30-8pm • Nielsen Hall



**San Jose Giants Baseball & BBQ
Saturday, August 6, 2016
Game Start Time: 5 p.m.**

Take in the great times at the ballpark and enjoy delicious mouth-watering BBQ food with the San Jose Giants Baseball and BBQ package. You can settle into the relaxing atmosphere of Turkey Mike's BBQ picnic area and experience how baseball is supposed to be enjoyed.



**Cost: 27.00 Per adult;
16.00 for Children under 12,
under 5 years old FREE**



This price includes ribs, chicken or sandwich items plus side dishes, a non-alcoholic beverage and admission to the ballgame (vegetarian options are available). If you would like to carpool, we will meet at Hope at 2:30 pm. There are sign-up sheets in Nielsen Hall. Please sign up and provide payment by JULY 24th, so we know how many tickets we need to buy (we already have seats reserved, so we will need to give the ballpark a final headcount). Make checks out to Hope with "SJC BALLGAME" in the notes.

Please contact Sandi Kane if you have any questions. (If you do not want to carpool, the ballpark is located at: 588 E Alma Ave, San Jose, CA 95112)



See you at the ballpark!!



~ July 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 26 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	27 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	28	29 9:30am Aerobics	30	1 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	2 11am Family Day of Fun at Aqua Adventure in Fremont (Sponsored by St. Andrews)
3 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	4 <i>Office Closed—Independence Day</i> 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	5 12pm Staff Meeting	6 9:30am Aerobics	7 7pm Council Meeting	8 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	9
10 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	11 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	12 9am Quilters	13 9:30am Aerobics	14 7pm VBS Meeting	15 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	16
17 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	18 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	19 10am All Women Circle's Bible Study 12pm Staff Mtg.	20 9:30am Aerobics	21 12:30 pm Single Seniors Lunch Outing	22 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	23
24 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	25 <i>VBS at Hope</i> 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	26 <i>VBS at Hope</i> 9am Quilters 11am Seniors Planning Session	27 <i>VBS at Hope</i> 9:30am Aerobics	28 <i>VBS at Hope</i>	29 <i>VBS at Hope</i> 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	30
31 10am Worship 11am Café Hope	August 1 9:30am Aerobics 7:30pm AA*	2	3 9:30am Aerobics	4	5 9:30am Aerobics 8pm AA*	6 5pm San Jose Giants Baseball & BBQ * = Outside Organization