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pastor's letter from pastor jane

A note about the LCMC Conference in Des Moines:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the opportunity of representing Hope Lutheran church, along with Sylvia Munter, at the above referenced annual church wide conference. What a thrill to again be in a room filled with people who stand on Holy scripture as the basis of faith.

This years theme was **The Great Commission** given by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV):

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Each of us has a circle of friends and acquaintances that are "**unchurched**", including me. Some of them were raised in a church and have fallen away, or more often they will say "I believe in God", but do not feel the need for church. At least not until they want a baptism, or a wedding, or a funeral, or feel the need for other services provided by the church. After a brief church event, their contribution to the fellowship wanes, and they fall back into a non-participatory status. Why is this? I hope not because they were made to feel unwelcome, or not invited. These events are an opportunity to practice good old-fashioned hospitality.

In defense of those who do not stay or continue to participate, we may not always be **welcoming**. Jesus asks us to reach out to the unchurched and invite them. The joke goes that Norwegian Lutherans invite someone to church every 30 years, "whether they need to or not."

Some of our churches have paid a price for this type of isolation and lose their ability to function. Some may say we love our church as it is, but if we are not welcoming, inviting, friendly, learning and growing, we may not like the long-term outcome. Welcoming new people might mean "**change**", and not all change is good. So we pray for the gift of discernment (Hebrews 5:14), so that we keep all that is good and prayerfully adjust what could use improvement.

We certainly do not want "change for the sake of change", but change for good reason should always be something we can think and pray about to reach Spirit-guided decisions about **renewal** and refreshing church practices. An example is the acceptance of "a new song" in music.

Today, some of the most revered traditional, sacred music is by Bach. Yet he wasn't always considered "traditional", nor was he revered. The young Johann Sebastian was considered a radical and disrupter of sacred music, which at the time consisted of mostly simple melodies. He was radical because Johann introduced chords to existing melodies that were only a third apart producing a "**new-fangled thing**" called "harmony"! This sounded like "dissonance" and "dis-chord" to the traditional ear of the church musicians. Now we all love good harmony!

Now, in the 21st century, we cherish the harmony that was introduced as a "new song" in the 16th century as our traditional hymns, which have evolved into 4-part harmony. Everything old (2-part harmony) becomes new (4-part
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4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sun. School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship	5 8:30 am Quilting	6	7 3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice	8 7:40 am FCA Breakfast	9 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Conf. Class	10
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NOVEMBER SERVERS

GROUP 4

Chairpersons: Sue Simonson / Dean & Bev Lindberg / Matt & Desirae Rendahl

SERVERS: Dave & Nancy Andree	Sid & Diane Fjerstad	Chris Hagen/Bambi Ness
Marion Handy	Tom & Kim Kleinwachter	Brian & Melinda Larson
Darin & Cynthia Larson	Mark & Julie Malmanger	Jeremy & Kristi Mienert
Duane & Judy Olson	Nina Palubicki	Vera Pearson
Joel & Jackie Rendahl	Wes & Susie Roland	Margot Simonson
Mike & Lori Theis	Travis Thom	

ALTAR GUILD: Jeanie Stout / Jenifer Dahl

COMMUNION SERVERS: Michelle Solsten / Joan Dufault / Evan Fonder / Sue Skunes

USHERS: Gary Carlin	Marty Levin	Greg Mireault	Gary Munter
Tom Sedler	Dan Sistad	Orlan Solsten	Mike Theis

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

November 4	Terry Halvorson	Ryan Levin / Lauren Sekely
November 11	David Skunes	Noah Mahlen / Zach Theis
November 18	Rod Olson	Josh Manecke / Tony Carlin
November 25	Sid Fjerstad	Amaya Murphy / Alex Hagen

(Pr. Janes letter continued from page 1)

harmony) with just a little tweaking. Throughout church history, there were those who ignored Gods Word, which advised them to “sing a new song unto the Lord” (found in Psalm chapters 33, 40, 96, 98, 144 & 149; as well as Isaiah 42 and Revelation 5 & 14. NKJV)

The great commission is ours; as baptized members of the church we are part of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9 “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, Gods special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him Who call you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”)

Our own personal mission field consists of those we know and who know us, outside the family of faith. With China as the #1 mission field, India as #2; the United States is #3; we know that we do not need to travel anywhere to fulfill the Great Commission. It is right here in the midst of us.

Invite new people to join us for coffee and goodies between worship services. Being that friendly, inviting face to a person you do not know (new or not new) reflects a gift called “hospitality”, and it comes from the Holy Spirit. Hospitality may be reflected in an attitude toward change. It is my prayer that we guard our hearts and minds against being “inhospitable”, while holding faithfully to all that is good, using love as our guide.

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints, **practice hospitality.**” (Romans 12:9-13)

It is such a joy to serve you as your interim pastor! Ours is such a great community to serve, an oasis in the desert of the World. I know this may not always be the case as I continue in specialized ministry, so I am enjoying all of you at Hope Lutheran while I can. May we grow together in “harmony”.

Not every church has the gifted lay leadership that Hope Lutheran enjoys, what a blessing to work with you all! May God continue to guide, as together, we prepare for your new pastor. Please keep him or her in your prayers.

Peace be with you.

Youth News

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jaime Carlin Macie Hanson
 Madison Hove Taylor Kroening
 Brandon Klicker Piper Larson
 Emma Olson

If you are a Hope student in grades 7-12 and we missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we can update our list.

YOUTH STEWARDSHIP

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"
 (Luke 16:10-11).

Jesus spoke these words in reference to his Parable of the Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-13). His point was that faithfulness does not relate to the amount of the trust, but to the person to whom it is entrusted. Perhaps you've known someone of high intelligence who could have been whatever he wanted - an engineer, a doctor, a scientist - but he didn't apply himself to his studies in high school and, as a result, was not accepted into a college. Maybe you've met someone who was a gifted athlete, but she lacked the discipline to get to practices on time and work hard when she was there, refused to take direction from the coach, and couldn't get along with her teammates. This type of person is one who is "dishonest" with the gifts God gave him and, due to his own misuse of his gifts, has proved himself untrustworthy. This choice has its own consequences. The person has robbed herself of opportunities to help her school, improve her talents and skills, and advance her career. Everyone else is robbed too, for perhaps that person's leadership would be necessary to form a winning team. Maybe that person's research

would lead to a cure for diabetes.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote that God has given different gifts to each of us, but all gifts are to be used for the purpose of building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12). He lists such occupations as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. We could add the occupations above to this list, along with carpenters, painters, musicians, and whatever field God calls you to. The talents, skills, interests you have are just what we've been calling them: gifts. You haven't earned them and you can't buy them; they have been given to you by God. However, God does expect you to be a good steward of your gifts, to develop them in order that you might take your part in building up the body of Christ. Then you can be trusted with "true riches," which are things of the highest value, spiritual things.

Let's think about it:

1. Read the Parable of the Shrewd Manager from Luke 16. Use your Bible footnotes to get a clearer understanding of this complex parable.
2. Read Matthew 25:14-30. How serious is God about our use of the gifts He gives us?

Let's pray: Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the gifts and talents You've blessed me with. Forgive me when I take them for granted and don't use them as I should. Amen.

In Loving Memory

OCTOBER MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of:

- Yvonne Ekholm
- Irvin Engebretson
- Gordon Olson
- Lorraine Svedahl
- Manfred & Lorraine Svedahl



The following new members were received Sunday, October 28th:
 George & Glendine Benson
 Steven & Jane Ekholm
 Sheyanne Fuglestad
 Wanda Marshall



Come &

Laugh

Comedy Video Presentation
 6:30 pm, November 19th

Come & Laugh is held the 3rd
 Sunday of each month in the
 Fellowship Hall.

Christmas is coming soon, so it is time to mark your calendars for the annual



Cookies By The Pound

sale, which will be held
 Saturday, December 8th.

This will be our twenty-eighth annual Cookies by the Pound event! Past success has been due to the generous support from church members. More information will be coming out soon.

10/10/18 – Hope Council**Minutes by Evan Fonder****Present:** President Joan

Dufault, Michelle Solsten, Greg Mireault, Evan Fonder, Sue Skunes, Nancy Andree, Ionne Haugstul, Wayne Olson, Ilene Sistad, Angie Rudie, Pr. Jane

Call to order: Meeting Called to order by Joan Dufault, President

Devotions - "Worry Tree" led by

Sue Skunes, Music & Worship

Agenda Review led by Joan D.

Motion to approve by Greg M,

Second by Ionne H,

Approved Unanimously

Secretary's Report reviewed

Motion to approve by Nancy A.,

Second by Evan F.,

Approved unanimously

Women of Hope – by Eileen S.

Meatball Supper Overview,

Plans are progressing well for

Oct. 24th. Volunteers have

been signing up.

Benevolence Report – Pr. Jane

Reviewed giving priorities for the month, including a focus on battered/abuse women's support services.

Pastor's Report

Reviewed desire to get

confirmation date set. After

discussion, date was confirmed

for April 7th

Reviewed plans for acolyte

training to be done with Evan F.

Reviewed traditions and

practices as they relate to altar Candles

Busy with nursing home,

Assisted living visits and family visits

President's Report – By Joan D.

Reviewed plans for Dedication

of columbarium coming up this

Sunday

Cemetery Committee meeting

was held to discuss

Columbarium details and other Items

Annual meeting planning to

begin soon as well as

nominations for positions that

will be coming open.

Amendment to be drafted for

council and congregation

Review as it relates to

Columbarium

Brief Committee Reports**Deacons**

Bible Studies on going,

Next Come & Laugh will be

Oct. 21st,

Communion Servers needed

for next worship service

Family/Youth/Education

Pizza Party held for youth,

attendance low due to

weather

Youth Leader position is still

Needed. Position has been

posted with Oak Hills Bible

College

Pumpkin Carving event to be

planned. Will be seeking

pumpkin donations.

Operation Christmas Child to

be done again this year.

Music & Worship

Thanks for Special Music

from the Osmonson family

Choir will begin singing this

Sunday

Altar Candle traditions and

practices reviewed. No

changes will be made until

acolyte training is

completed.

Trustees

Budget in process, almost

completed. Memorial policy

to be reviewed next month.

Money needed for cemetery

maintenance. Cemetery fund

is now empty. There are

plans to setup a

maintenance trust with

proceeds from columbarium

niche sales. There are plans

to send out letter that detail

cemetery needs and

donation request

Technology for service

broadcast are being

reviewed. Waiting for bids

Treasurer's Report reviewed

for approval pending audit.

Motion to approve by Sue,

Second by Evan. Motion

carried unanimously.

Old Business:**Columbarium Report**

Purchase Agreement for

purchase of niches has been

drafted. Niches are for sale.

Dedication will be held

during church on Oct. 14th

with more info available

during coffee hour.

Transition Team Report

Good return of additional

surveys that were distributed

in bulletins

Discussed work to begin

drafting job description to be

used by Call Committee

Discussion held about small

group listening sessions.

Memorial Policy

Was given to trustees at the

previous council meeting.

Will be reviewed for potential

changes for the next council

meeting.

New Business:

Next Council Meeting is Wed.

Nov. 14th at 8pm with

Devotions and Lunch by th

Board of

Trustees.

Closed with Lord's Prayer,

Meeting Adjourned.



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing and Account Numbers

Donations amounts may be changed or discontinued any time simply by calling the church office.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, or want more information, please call the church office at 218-435-6765, or email hopezion@gvtel.com

MCINTOSH SENIOR LIVING CENTER is asking for donations of stuffed animals to be used for bingo prizes. For those who receive them it is quite a treasure. Donations may be dropped off in the church office.

BROADCAST MINISTRY

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ FM and telecast on local channel 7 every Sunday at 9:30 am.

H.E.L.P. IS HERE!

Our **Health Equipment Lending Project** room has a selection of home health equipment. If you are in need of a loan of this kind of equipment, please call the church office. The intent is that this ministry would be the hands and feet of Jesus to anyone in need of this kind of assistance. **We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.**

HOPE HANKIES

Do you know someone who is in need of healing of mind, body or spirit? A Hope Hankie is a reminder that you are never alone, that God is always with you and that your friends are aware of your needs and are praying for you. Hope Hankies are available in the church office, or you can call Marge Bolme at 435-1825. Although there is no charge for the Hope Hankie, donations are welcome.

BRANDSVOLD CEMETERY RECORDS

The entire Brandsvold records book has been scanned and transcribed/translated, and is available through Minnesota Reflections web site (in connection with the Minnesota Digital Library)! The link is: <http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/p16022coll61> Spread the word!

FOSSTON DAC is collecting candles of all types: tapers, votives, jars, etc. to make fire starters. Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

1 Colossians 3	9 2 Thessalonians 1	17 1 Timothy 5	25 Worship
2 Colossians 4	10 2 Thessalonians 2	18 Worship	26 Titus 2
3 1 Thessalonians 1	11 Worship	19 1 Timothy 6	27 Titus 3
4 Worship	12 2 Thessalonians 3	20 2 Timothy 1	28 Philemon
5 1 Thessalonians 2	13 1 Timothy 1	21 2 Timothy 2	29 Hebrews 1
6 1 Thessalonians 3	14 1 Timothy 2	22 2 Timothy 3	30 Hebrews 2
7 1 Thessalonians 4	15 1 Timothy 3	23 2 Timothy 4	
8 1 Thessalonians 5	16 1 Timothy 4	24 Titus 1	



*Fosston's annual Community Thanksgiving worship service
will be held Wednesday, November 21st
7:00 pm at United Methodist Church*