

The Hope Reporter

Pastor's Corner

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A New Year, A New You?

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! – Psalm 40:1-4

If there is one thing that I know about myself, it is the fact that it is hard to stick with anything new. A diet? Ha! I'll go back to drinking Coke Zero and eating tamales and Blue Bell ice cream. Working out? I have a comfy couch. Read? Educate myself? Improve a skill? These are all laudable, but my lazy, sinful self will fight it every step of the way. Doing something new is hard for us for many reasons other than the sheer laziness I demonstrated for you!

We shy away from new endeavors because:

We are afraid: There is so much unknown!

We are unsure: Of ourself and the changing landscape!

We are habitual: Old habits die hard! We like our routine, even if we say we hate it.

It's probably worth asking, is there every a time to stick with the old? Is there a time to change to something new? In Psalm 40, the Psalmist makes it clear that God is the One who makes us new! Notice the words used in those first few verses, they point to our fear and uncertainty, it is like a pit or bog that can drag us under. But God pulls us out and sets us on a firm foundation: His Word of redemption in Jesus!

That is what our faith is built on, that is what our church is built on, that is the way God makes us new. In our Lutheran tradition, it is often expressed in baptismal language as we focus on the Spirit making us new, "What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever".

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

We don't have to wait for a new year to change! God is at work everyday on us to change what needs changing. He loves, He corrects, He forgives and He shapes. These are done through many means, but they often involve change. My prayer for you as we begin 2019 together is to place your trust and confidence in God's ability to make you new instead of your own ability. You will no doubt be surprised, amazed, disappointed and jubilant at different points throughout the year. I'm thankful that not only will we experience those all together as a church family, but we will also experience them with the Lord!

In Christ, Pastor Moreno



January 2019

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New Year, New Opportunities!

It's the time of the year to make some resolutions! Here are just a few of the opportunities for you to get involved at Hope and grow in your faith:

- Two Different Women's Groups: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Last Saturdays of the Month at 10 a.m.
- Two Different Men's Group: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; One Saturday a month at 9 a.m.
- Wednesdays in the Word: 5:45 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. worship, 6:45-7:30 p.m. Bible study
- Choir Rehearsal Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and/or Chime Rehearsal Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.
- Saturdays & Sundays: Once a month worship team
- Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:40 a.m. Bible Study for ALL AGES, 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Youth Group: We are getting ready for the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July
- Once a Month: *Dinner for Six, Food on the First*, various church committees
- Special events and programs throughout the year including Habitat Builds, Mission Week, Family Promise



We are resuming Choir practice on Sunday, January 13 at 11:30 a.m. and resuming Chimes practice on Wednesday, January 16 at 4:45 p.m. Everybody consider it a new year and come on down! No experience needed so start afresh to sing and play!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Marriage Retreat March 29-31—Save the Date!

LCMS pastor and Navy chaplain Carl Muehler will lead a great retreat that is sure to strengthen your relationship and place God's Word front and center. We are working to identify a hotel to make this an immersive experience, a getaway from your routine! The only expense will be the hotel room and food.



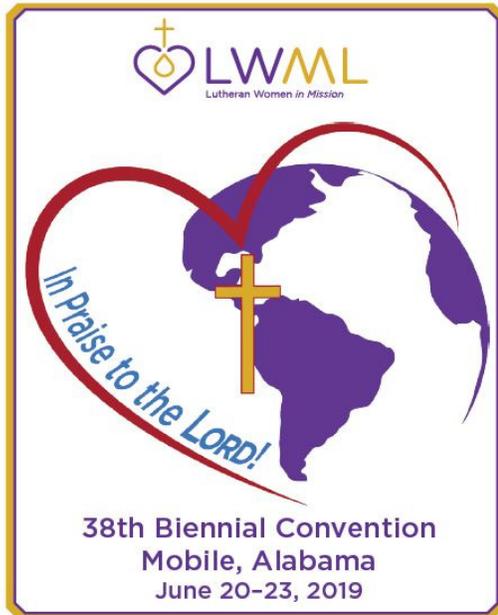
Ladies, Are you interested in joining an evening Bible study? Are there particular nights that work better for your schedule? Please contact Nancy Gray to express your interest and preference.

Ladies Evening Bible Study

Where is Pastor?

Great question! Once a year the Navy chaplains go to a training (Professional Development Training Course) to get the latest and greatest. Pastor is doing that this month (four days), but he has also been asked by the LCMS to be one of the Bible study leaders for the National Youth Gathering. So he is headed to Minneapolis for a few days to meet with others to write the study. Please pray for him and these extensions of the ministry here at Hope.

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“Y’all come ... to Mobile!”

On June 20-23 the Mobile (Alabama) Convention Center will be abuzz with LWMLers at the 38th Biennial LWML Convention. What an opportunity for growth in faith, fellowship, and ministry! Our districts of Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi are the hosts, and there is still a great need for volunteers to help with the many jobs that need to be done in putting on a convention. Prayerfully consider how you can help: check out your district’s website for the Call for Workers form, and be sure to take advantage of the greatly discounted registration fee (\$70) when it comes time to register. (There will be a special registration form for workers.) From our convention Host Committee Chairman Bunnie Koelsch: “Help us reach the goal of 500 workers. Talk to your friends and encourage them to serve with you. Meeting and greeting our LWML friends at the 38th Biennial Convention in Mobile will be quite an honor! **Y’all come!**”

Women of Hope—A Gathering of the LWML



Join Women of Hope Saturday, January 26 from 10-11 a.m. for a time of fellowship, Bible devotional, prayer, and breakfast treats. We meet the 4th Saturday of the month. This is your opportunity to fellowship with women of all ages and encourage one another. Please invite your friends. For more information, contact Nancy Gray.

Habitat Build Coming Soon!



Hope is once again involved with the next “Faith Build” for Habitat for Humanity of Brevard. You will have opportunity to sign one of the 2x4’s that will be part of the next house, to wish the family and the build God’s blessings. More information will be in the January bulletins. Contact Nancy Roberts for more information.

Happy Birthday to...

- Rich Sutter Jan 1
- Kathleen Allison Jan 2
- Ryan & Robbie Sass Jan 5
- Hayley Gordon Jan 6
- David Roberts Jan 7
- Carolyn Simmons Jan 7
- David McLeran Jan 9
- Ron Paul Jan 12
- Mark Stewart Jan 14



- Andrew Stewart Jan 14
- Dave Heumann Jan 17
- Joline Irvine Jan 19
- Logan McLaughlin Jan 23
- Linda Mueller Jan 23
- Jenny Snyder Jan 24
- Jared Sass Jan 27
- Bev Quilitzsch Jan 31
- Elise Moreno Jan 31

Happy Anniversary to...

- Erik & Amanda Wolf Jan 5
- Dave & Leslie Heumann Jan 8

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Food on the First

For January, the Genesis Food Pantry is especially in need of Hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, cereal and mixed vegetables, and as always, they welcome any food or cash donations.



Join us Sunday, January 27 after the late service, for your fill of delicious chili and for great fellowship! You can participate by entering into the competition and cooking up your own special chili, or you can simply come and taste and vote on which one you think is best! All you can eat chili is \$5 per person and voting tickets are \$1 each. The youth group is also having a bake sale, so buy a treat for dessert!

Annual Chili Cook-Off

New Member Class Starts January 22

We are excited to offer our latest new member class on Tuesdays! We start January 22 and will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church. If you have a Lutheran background and will be joining us by transfer, there are only a few sessions. However, if you are new to the Lutheran faith, we'll have a few extra sessions to do our best to share the basis of our belief. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex!



Are you new to Hope (or not!)? Would you like to get to know members of Hope better? Do you like to go out to dinner? Do you like to entertain guests at your home? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Dinner for Six is for you!

Dinner for Six is a fellowship opportunity for adult members and friends of Hope who would like to get to know fellow members better. We all realize the limitations of before/after-church conversations, and it is hoped that this program will allow members more leisurely opportunities for fellowship. The plan is that three couples ("couples" may be married, single, friends, or simply assigned) will meet at least once a month at a time and place determined by the leader for that month after consulting with the other group members. The dinner can be anything the group agrees to as far as a restaurant, a host home/ potluck, or perhaps a dinner theatre, a new restaurant in town, or other dining adventure depending on group preferences; flexibility is a key component.

Our first round will run during February, March, and April, and you are encouraged to sign up to try it out! Please indicate your interest by January 27; groups will be assigned on that day and notification made.

Dinner for Six is Back!

Dear Hope Congregation,

Thank you!

Happy New Year and many, many thanks for all your cards, kind words, and most generous gifts during the holiday season! It is a blessing to serve alongside you! May God richly bless each and every one of you in 2019!

Pastor Moreno, Sister Lois Diebel, Kathy Burrier, and Dorothee Jones

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Important Dates:

A Quick Look at January 2019

Sundays	8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:40 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (beginning Jan 13)
Mondays	1:00 p.m. Bible Study at Brennity (beginning Jan. 21)
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. Men's Small Group (beginning Jan 9) Women's Small Group (beginning Jan 9) 4:45 p.m. Chimes Rehearsal (beginning Jan 16) 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Word (beginning Jan 16)
Jan 22	6:30 p.m. New Member Class
Jan 26	10:00 a.m. Hope Women
Jan 27	11:30 a.m. Chili Cook-off