

# The Hope Reporter

## Held Elder's Corner

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## One Heart and One Mind

Fellow Sisters and Brothers of Hope:

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age...to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Gal 1:3-5)*



The journey before us -our pastoral vacancy and call process- is one we need to prepare for methodically while understanding we will encounter joy, disappointment, agreement, and compromise. This will not be an easy journey as the route to the destination has many options and obstacles. We will experience detours, unplanned delays, and possibly a dead end or two. All these challenges provide opportunities for Satan to pull alongside us to cause friction, to cause division, to stir up anger, or to take a wrong turn down an "easier" path. Satan will attack us relentlessly. However, we always have a choice; we can let this process strengthen us or destroy us. I hope you will join me in choosing to let this opportunity strengthen us as a Hope family and fight off evil. Thankfully, the Lord provides guidance for us to remain strong against evil by wearing His armor and He assures us that we have the strength to stand our ground against evil (see Ephesians 6:10-20).

Where do we start? We read in the Epistles that the early church was strengthened in unity. St. Paul and St. Peter spoke multiple times to the early Christians about being of One Heart, One Mind, One Body in Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12:12 we read, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are one body but have different skills and gifts to use for God's glory. We each have a history of experiences from which we can draw upon to help make decisions. However, we are not our past. We are not Holy Cross; we are not Redeemer; we are not Risen Savior; nor are we the plethora of other churches we attended before coming to Hope. **We are One Body in Christ. We are Hope!** I am not suggesting that being of one mind and one heart is a call to have unanimous agreement, thoughts, or ideas. It is a call to bring our gifts together and forge a path forward to mature in our walk with God and further His Kingdom. (see 1 Corinthians 12). We may never have 100% agreement; however, we can forge ahead with 100% support of the path we have chosen.

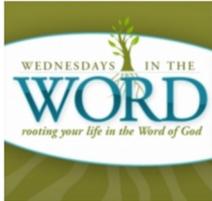
What does this walk look like? It is a process. Acts 2, the story of the Pentecost, is an example of the process of growing in maturity in Christ as individuals and as a

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8:30 am & 10:30am Communion Worship 9:40 am Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm AA	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm AA	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Women's Small Grp	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm Caregiver Support Group 6:30 pm AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 am AA Stutsman Worship Team
<b>9</b> 8:30 am & 10:30am Communion Worship 9:40 am Adult Bible Study	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm AA	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm AA	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Women's Small Grp 4:45 pm Chime Practice	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Travel Club 1:00 pm Caregiver Support Group 6:30 pm AA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00 am AA Moreno Worship Team 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
<b>16</b> 8:30 am & 10:30am Communion Worship 9:40 am Adult Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm AA	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Council Mtg	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Women's Small Grp 4:45 pm Chime Practice	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Caregiver Support Group 6:30 pm AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 am AA 10:00 am Hope Women Minster Worship Team
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## Wednesdays in the Word Taking a Break

Wednesdays have been awesome since September! We've decided to take a break from our usual routine over the summer months of June and July. This is due to the incredible travel schedules for most folks here at Hope as well as the teachers' and caterer's hectic schedules. We will resume in August and get back to Wednesdays being awesome.

## Men's Bible Breakfast



On the third Saturday of each month, the men gather at the Grecian Garden at 9:00 a.m. for a great breakfast and an engaging faith topic. Sign up in the Narthex to reserve your spot, or let Dave Roberts know you're coming!



*Women of*  
**HOPE**



## Women of Hope—A Gathering of the LWML

Join Women of Hope Saturday, June 22 from 10-11 a.m. for a time of fellowship, Bible devotional, prayer, and breakfast treats. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mission Week 2019: Being the Body of Christ



Mark your calendars! Mission Week 2019 is July 14-20. This is Hope's opportunity to serve our community in a variety of ways. From Caroling in July to assembling school backpacks, and serving meals, there is something for everyone. Take the challenge, and please prayerfully consider how you will participate. Specific details will be in our "Mission Edition" of the *Hope Reporter*. If you have questions, feel free to contact Nancy Gray.



## Card Recycling for Mission Week

Are you looking for some way to recycle those beautiful greeting cards you have received? We have an idea for you: cut off the fronts of the cards and bring them to church! The Outreach Committee has a couple of activities for Mission Week (July 14—20) which could make use of the card fronts. Yes, we can use Christmas card fronts, too! So, start collecting those greeting card fronts and place them in Hope's collection box in the narthex.

## Happy Birthday to...

Achi Jones June 2  
John Koenig Jr. June 2  
Raquel Moreno June 2  
George Smith June 2  
Matt Thompson Jr. June 3  
Dennis Sheppard June 5  
Claudia Irvine June 6  
Bunnie Koelsch June 9  
Scott Cooper June 15  
Dale Morrison June 15

Jerry Mueller June 17  
Brigitta Jones June 19  
Cindy Livingston June 24  
Barbara Hazley Moore June 24  
Glen Gray June 25  
Nelson Serrate June 26  
Beth Hazley June 27  
Linda Miller June 30  
Kimberly Sutter June 30  
Melissa Sutter June 30



## Happy Anniversary to...

Glen & Nancy Gray June 6  
Mark & Raquel Moreno June 8  
Dan & Sherry Goodrich June 9  
Dave & Tammy McLeran June 10  
Rob & Jenna Ricard June 10  
Dan & Tracy Spradling June 25

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## Food on the First



For June the greatest need is Hamburger, Tuna, and Chicken Helper; canned meats; juice; and cereal. As always, they welcome any food or cash donations.



## Return Your Change For Pregnancy Resources

Remember that Sunday, June 16, is end of the Change Drive for Pregnancy Resources. Please bring your filled bottles or change envelopes so we can return them. Your support will help provide free services, education and support to women and families facing unexpected pregnancy.

## Habitat Faith Build News



Hope's official commitments for lunch and workdays for the Habitat Faith Build have been completed with our last lunch served on May 27. The Faith Build home has been making good progress with painting, flooring, and sod work all taking place in May. Stop by and take a look at 2209 Cedarwood; if you are interested in working at the site, check out the details at the website [brevardhabitat.com](http://brevardhabitat.com) where you can see the work tasks and also sign up to work online. Another way to help is monetarily: the Faith Build project still needs about \$11,000 to be completely funded. Thrivent has paid for half the cost, and the faith community (including Hope's contribution of \$2000) and other donors have funded the remainder.



Dedication days should be coming up soon for the Faith Build home and another in the Cedarwood neighborhood. Several Hope folks have worked with Patricia Barber, the future homeowner of the Faith Build home, and also share her excitement about her home. Hope has been collecting items for the kitchen pantry basket and for the cleaning item basket for these two homes. Watch for news to come about the details for dedications and help represent Hope Lutheran at these special occasions!

Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way with our Habitat efforts for the Faith Build. Please know that you have made a difference!



## Are We There Yet?



This all too familiar question is usually asked with impatience and/or anticipation as we travel toward a destination. For LWMLers heading to the 38th Biennial LWML Convention this month, "there" will be Mobile, Alabama. For the hosts in the Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi districts, it will be a long-awaited and much planned for occurrence; a huge effort has gone into the organizing and orchestrating of individual events that make up such a large gathering. Many thanks to those from the host districts who have volunteered to help in Mobile to make it all happen. For those who cannot attend, please pray for safe travel and for the successful carrying out of the plans of the convention committees. Please pray for the convention goers as they attend "In Praise to the

LORD!" Pray that they leave the convention keeping in mind and bringing back home the message from I Chronicles 16:23-24a, *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations.* To that end, may we all travel together as LWML sisters in service to our Lord!

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church. They were gathered together worshipping, eating, praying, and fellowshiping. For us to grow as a church, it is important for us to gather together and form relationships. This means we are doing more than showing up for an hour or so on Sunday to worship together. It means we are also in a small group, Wednesday in the Word, or other activities. St. Luke records for us, *“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...And all who believed were together and had all things in common...And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:42-47). What was important to the growth of the early Christians and church is still as important today. We should be growing together and attending to each other's spiritual and physical needs.

Paul urges us to, *“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.”* (Ephesians 4:1-7). God gives us His Word, pastors, teachers, and each other to equip the saints (that's us), *“for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”* (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Thankfully and by the grace of God, there are processes and people to help us navigate this journey. God has placed people at and near Hope for us to seek help and advice. The LCMS has compiled processes and tools for us to follow that facilitate successful transitions and lessen the chance of failure. Pastor Roberts, our Circuit Visitor, is alongside us to help us navigate. Finally, even better than a process, we have Pastor Barnette among us who has “lived the life” of an Intentional Interim Pastor, which means he has been trained for a time such as this. Therefore, we as Christians and as a Hope family should, *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious 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.”* (Philippians 4:4-7).

Yours is Christ,  
Kenny

**Need Pastoral Care?**

Hope has pastors that can give you care when you need it. Please call or text our Head Elder, Kenny Klaehn and he will contact either Pastor Barnette or Pastor Turner to reach out to you. We also have Pastors Meyr and Duff from Faith Viera Lutheran if our retired pastors are unavailable. We have you covered!