



The Anchor – The Newsletter of Hope

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Hope Lutheran Church of Rossmoor

"We have this Hope of Christ's promises as an anchor for our lives." Hebrews 6:19

Reflections of HOPE

from Pastor Andy

"The Sermon on the Congregation"

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Matthew 18:1)

September will always be a special month for Lynne and me. This month marks the one-year anniversary of the congregation at Hope voting to call me as your next pastor. My first day on the job was September 3, 2019 and my first sermon, **"Take a Chance"** was on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Little could any of us have imagined that six months into my initial year, the world would change and we would not be able to worship together in one place for the remainder of the year! I am amazed, and grateful, for all the Lord is doing in and through our beautiful congregation during this unprecedented year.

For the past two months, we have been listening (from our living rooms) to Jesus as *"The Teaching Messiah"* who speaks about God's Kingdom on earth. The five major sermons of Jesus serve as the framework of the gospel of Matthew. In *The Sermon on the Mount* (Chapters 5-7) Jesus focuses on the characteristics that define the life of a follower of Jesus. The *Sermon on Mission* (Chapter 10) highlights the mission of Jesus to the least, the last and the lost people in the world. *The Sermon on the Parables* (Chapter 13) provides simple yet profound images of what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like on earth. The fourth major sermon of Jesus is *The Sermon on the Congregation* (Chapter 18) where he addresses practical matters of Christian Ethics in how we can live in authentic community with each other in the household of faith.

On Sunday, September 6th, the message from Matthew 18:15-20 is titled, **"Tough Love: Gentle Confrontation"**. How do we, as followers of Christ interact with fellow believers when they hurt us? Often, we say nothing and talk to others about their

hurtful actions. Maybe we just brush it off and allow the feelings of hurt and pain to fester within us leading to resentment and unresolved anger toward a brother or sister in Christ. Jesus provides a third option, gentle confrontation. Confrontation in the church is hard but essential in building a healthy congregation.

On Sunday, September 13th, the message from Matthew 18:21-35 is titled, **"Tough Love: Genuine Forgiveness."** The text is the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant who, although forgiven much debt by his master, refused to forgive the small debt of those around him. Forgiveness in the church is also hard but essential work in building the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

On Sunday, September 20th, the message from Matthew 20:1-6 is titled, **"Grace, Grumbling and Gratitude."** The text is the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard who were grateful for the opportunity to work but began grumbling when others received the same wage while working fewer hours. Jesus teaches his church that in response to grace, gratitude is the antidote for grumbling.

On Sunday, September 27th we will welcome new members into our Hope community. The Golden Rain Foundation has approved the use of Sportsman's Park in Rossmoor for a gathering of up to 24 people from Hope for the reception of several new members. Some members of the Hope Staff and Council will be present to welcome these new families into our community. We will provide pictures and stories of all the new members in our October issue of the *Anchor*.

Each Sunday morning in September, I would like to invite you to get a cup of coffee, make yourself comfortable and join me as we begin our second year together listening to *The Sermon on the Congregation*.

Together in the name of Jesus,

Pastor Andy

“God’s Freedom”
by Janice Callentine

Our Pastor emeritus, Jack Niemi, and his wife Ruth attend a church in Arizona that publishes its worship services online. Have you ever considered where today's Church would be, in this age of covid-19, without the internet?



Back in July, I listened to the Arizona service for July 5th. Since it was the 4th of July weekend, Pastor Kim Sterner spoke about freedom. The concept of freedom that she chose to focus on was freedom from social and racial injustice. She pointed out that none of us are really free until all of us are free.

As I was listening, I began to realize that freedom comes in all shapes and sizes. During the depression, President Franklin Roosevelt talked about the four freedoms: freedom of speech and worship, and freedom from want and fear.

There is political freedom, which assumes that we live in a society that has rules or laws. In a democracy, we mutually agree to live by laws that give us permissions and restrictions. In this case, case we mutually choose our own freedom. Political freedom is based on an agreement between parties.

As long as we live in a society, there is no such thing as absolute freedom. We limit our freedoms out of respect for each other. My mother always used to say that our freedom to swing our arm ends where the other person's nose begins.

Freedom can also be more than a list of do's and don'ts. There is also emotional freedom. The opposite of emotional freedom is injustice. If people are hungry or are suffering financially, or are victims of any kind of addiction, abuse, neglect or oppression, they long to be free. If these burdens are resolved or lifted, we experience the emotional freedom of peace of mind.

The Bible talks about yet another kind of freedom. In the old testament, freedom came from the

agreement that God offered His people: "I will be your God and you will be my people". God would be there to guide them and to protect them, and the people would obey His commandments. Over and over again the people proved that they couldn't keep up their end of the agreement. They put their own interests above God's commands.

In the New testament, Jesus and St Paul talk a lot about being slaves to the law and how to achieve God's freedom from this slavery. Instead of focusing on God, the people focused on the law. They believed they could earn God's favor and freedom by obeying the law, so they became slaves to the law.

But the law is about WHAT we should do. God is more interested in WHY we do what we do. The underlying theme of the law is love and respect for God, and love and respect for our neighbors. If we focus on the law, we neglect the fact that we are supposed to love and respect God and our neighbors. But if we focus our faith in God and our neighbors, the law will take care of itself. If we love God and our neighbors, we won't want to disobey any law, and God will forgive us if we do, because of our faith

Jesus offers us a new freedom agreement. If we focus our faith, on loving and trusting God, and loving our neighbors we will experience the kind of freedom that can only come from God. God's freedom gives us peace of mind. The prophet Isaiah called Jesus the prince of peace, I think of Jesus as the Prince of Peace of mind.

Peace, love and HOPE,
Janice



Minister of Music Report



September is on us and I pray that each of us are coping with this terrible situation with a dream that we get back to Hope in the Fireside soon. It appears we are months away but we can all help sustain each other with virtual phone calls and ‘spaced out’ visits. I am pleased by the ability of the Rossmoor crowd to abide by the conduct requested by the health professionals. Margaret and I have never watched as much television as we have in the last few months. Fortunately, we have a regular set of chores to get to each day and that keeps us sane. The weirdest part of each week is that Sunday is actually now our day of rest. We go to church drinking coffee without having to get dressed and get down the hill to set up. No choir chairs to arrange. No choir music to organize and place on those chairs. No rehearsals with the choir or the soloist. No tables to set. No centerpieces to put out. No coffee cups to stack or desserts to slice. But worse is no handshakes or hugs. This is tough! We miss it terribly, but we know we are all in this together.

When I started thinking about September, I discovered that it includes Grandparents Day. So, I thought, and thought and then realized I know the most musical grandparents in the area. Judy and Frank Ryken are truly the solution to showcasing senior musical talent. Judy has sung for us many times but Frank never has because he is a cantor at another church on Sundays. Now the shutdown gives us the opportunity to have them sing together for our service. They will kick off the month as our soloists their first week. The rest of the month I decided to ask three grandchildren to sing for us. No one enjoys grandchildren more than grandparents! The first one was easy. I chose my granddaughter Lily. Nepotism is Biblical by the way - especially in the Old Testament. Now a high school junior Lily started doing musicals in fourth grade and took

piano lessons from a wonderful teacher just like her siblings and cousins. Next, I was able through modern technology to secure the grandson of Shirley Griffey all the way from New York! Jordan Griffey is a Broadway singer who graciously accepted the invitation to bless our service. Incredible! His selections will include a song from Jesus Christ, Superstar. For the last Sunday we get the Sampson’s granddaughter, Hannah Bachman. Although just a high school senior, she has performed in many musicals at the Walnut Creek Center for the Arts. She has stage presence that I wish you all could see but we will enjoy her on the audio service. All these people are worthy of hearing regardless of the venue but it’s so special to have them at Hope.

Trust me, you have a series of treats in store! Now all of you should stay safe and stay as happy as you possibly can.

Remember: God’s hand is with yours,
Wayne

Wayne Anderson
Minister of Music



In Loving Memory

The family of Hope extends our love and sympathy to the family of **Carol Pierce** who died in August.



Please pray for Carol’s family that they will experience God’s comfort, peace and presence.

Triumph & Connection!

“Social distancing” is the catch phrase these days. But, more importantly, it’s time for “distance socializing”! Here are wonderful stories of triumph and connection during our time of shelter-in-place.

Happy 95th Birthday, Dorothy!

A caravan from Hope went to see **Dorothy** to help her celebrate her 95th birthday. The ensemble singing “Happy Birthday” included **Pastor Andy, Pastor Karen, Margaret Anderson, Marjatta DeSchepper, Jean Possin.**



L to R: Jean Possin, Pastor Karen, Pastor Andy, Marjatta DeSchepper, Dorothy



L to R: Margaret Anderson, Jean Possin, Pastor Andy, Marjatta DeSchepper, Dorothy

Happy 95th birthday, Dorothy!

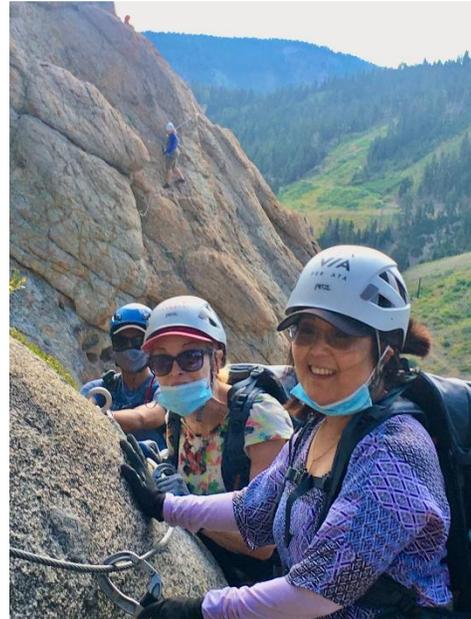
Thank you note from Dorothy:

“Dear Hope Friends,
“Thank all of you for my wonderful cards, flowers, candy, and balloon, and the “Birthday Serenade! I am so fortunate to have and be part of the Hope family and have friends like all of you. I will love all of you forever. I am looking forward to getting back to church and seeing everyone.



“Yours in Christian Love,
Dorothy”

Climb Every Mountain – Tahoe Via Ferrata!



Debbie Bergvall (in the purple) scaled the steep mountain faces of Squaw Valley using the cable climbing method known as “Via Ferrata” which is Italian for “iron path”. For the climb, she had to carry water, snacks, and her camera gear in her backpack. That was quite a vertical adventure especially when it was so hot and there was just a cable keeping you safe. 🍷

Happy 90th Birthday, Jim



Happy 102nd Birthday, Helen!

Helen celebrated her 102nd birthday. Although Helen is not able to receive visitors, **Marjatta DeSchepper** delivered flowers, a balloon, and card from the Hope Family.



Helen at 100 Flowers, balloon, card for 102

Church Humor

A seven-year-old girl told her mother about a song they sang in Sunday School that morning. "It was about a cross-eyed bear named Gladys." The mother went to the teacher to ask about the song. The teacher replied, "oh, you mean our opening song- Glad is the cross I'd bear."



Submitted by Wayne Quan

Prayers From The Heart

Sometimes GOD calms the storm...
But other times, GOD lets the storm rage and calms His child instead!
May you realize that prayer is your most important conversation of the day!
Take it to GOD before taking it to others!
A regular huddle with GOD will enable your faith to grow by choice and not by chance!
Indeed, what wonders will await you when GOD hears your prayers not only from your lips...
But more importantly from your heart!



Submitted by Hilda Bautista

Missing Handshakes and Hugs?

Every hand we don't shake
must become a phone call that we make.
Every embrace we avoid
must become a verbal expression of warmth & concern.
Every inch and every foot we physically place
between ourselves and another
Must become a thought as to how we might be of help
to that other
Should the need arise.

Submitted by Carolyn Schick
From John Muir Health System

A New Pictorial Directory



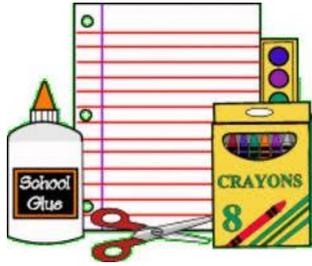
Although Hope's 50th Anniversary pictorial directory was just handed out in the latter part of 2018, so much has changed in this short time. One of the biggest changes is that we have a new Pastor. It's time for us to produce an updated pictorial directory.

We will not be retaking everyone's picture. Of course, we will be sure to get photos of new people. There will be different content that reflects our outreach ministries and updated history. Our goal is to have the directory available in time for our Congregational Meeting in January.

School Kits – Thrivent Action Project

By Priscilla Mah

Lutheran World Relief has put out a call for school kits: “The coronavirus crisis has not slowed down the need for School Kits. In fact, we can’t keep up with demand.” Members of Hope can help meet the current demand by making individual monetary donations. By taking advantage of summer back to school sales, the cost per kit is about seven dollars (\$7.00). Each kit includes the following school supplies:



- Drawstring backpack
- 4 spiral notebooks
- 12-inch ruler
- pencil sharpener
- pair of blunt scissors
- 5 pencils with erasers
- 5 ballpoint pens
- box of 24 crayons
- eraser

Thank you for the donations Hope has received thus far for school kits! We will continue to accept contributions for this project through September. Please make out your check to Hope Lutheran (with school kits on the memo line) and send them to

Carolyn Schick
1800 Atrium Parkway G345
Napa, CA 94559

This is also a Thrivent Action project! Contact **Priscilla Mah** if you have any questions.



Why Are They Different?



You receive your copy of the Anchor newsletter via an email attachment. Each edition is also available on the Hope website. However, if you were to compare the email version of the Anchor and the website version, they would be different. Why is that? When we put information on our Hope website, it is open for the world to see. To prevent identity theft, we need to remove references to birthdates and other personal information. Sometimes we can just delete a date reference. Other times we need to eliminate an entire article because it contains too much personal information. Please don’t be offended if you do not see your picture or article in the website version. Protecting our members identity is a high priority.

More About The Anchor Symbol

Last month we learned the anchor symbolizes “Hope”. The Biblical reference from Hebrews 6:19 says “We have this Hope of Christ’s promises as an anchor for our lives.” Referring to that passage, here’s another wonderful description of the anchor as presented in the August 2 devotion in the *60 Days of Prayer*:



“The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol of hope, security and steadfastness. When the future feels uncertain, and you are disoriented or confused turn to this verse. Jesus is your security. He is an anchor for your soul.”

World Day of Prayer

“The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative. It is run under the motto “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”, and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.” – Wikipedia

The first Women’s World Day of Prayer started in the United States in 1887, calling for a day of prayer for home missions, and for self-denial for foreign missions. And from there the initiative spread to Canada and the British Isles and the focus turned to ecumenism and reconciliation. Roman Catholic women joined in after Vatican II.

Unity Protestant denomination celebrates a 24-hour World Day of Prayer on the second Thursday in September. This year it will fall on September 9-10. The terrorist events of September 11, 2001, prompted the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic fellowship, to designate September 11th as an annual World Day of Prayer for Peace.

This year, Jonathan Cahn, parish pastor and author, has called for a National and Global Day of Prayer on September 26, 2020, here in the United States and throughout the world. People of all faiths are being called to pray for a return to God, repentance and revival of faith throughout the world. *(For more information about this event see www.thereturn.org)*

In light of the travail and pain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the drastic weather calamities we are experiencing, I invite you to join me and sisters and brothers of all faiths in praying together in one accord on any or all of these upcoming dates: September 10,11,26. Please light a candle in your home as a reminder of God’s faithful presence and a reminder to pray.

Praying for:

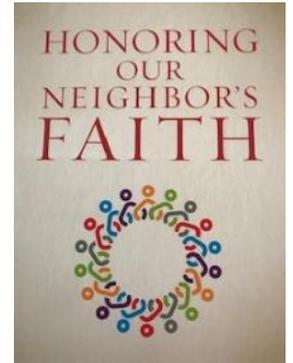
- The returning to God for all people
- Repentance for all that we have done or not done to care for the earth and one another

- God’s forgiveness that frees us and prompts us to positive action
- Revival of the Holy Spirit’s work within us to desire and to work for reconciliation and peace

Peace, Hope, and Love,
Pastor Karen

Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith

As people living in the world today, we realize that there are many faith traditions across the globe. And as Americans trying to live out the ideal of freedom of religion in our own democracy, we find that there are many who see things differently than we do. Sometimes we have difficulty respecting what we do not understand.



Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith is a study guide for information and reflection. In it, religious groups tell their own story: who they are, what they believe, and how they practice. 32 religious groups are represented, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, as well as Christian traditions.

We will be meeting by Zoom on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 AM, for four weeks October 7, 14, 21, 28. Each week you will receive an invitation via email to attend. If you do not have a computer, tablet or phone with internet capability, please consider joining someone who does (at social distance). 😊

The book is \$12.99 and is available from Augsburg Fortress.org and there are copies you may purchase from Hope. Please call me or email at karenwoida@gmail.com, to let me know of your interest and to reserve a book.

Serving Christ in the world with you with peace, hope and love,

Pastor Karen

Virtual Worship

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck California, the Golden Rain Foundation locked down Rossmoor to protect its residents. The closure included the Fireside Room in the Gateway Complex, where Hope Lutheran Church had been meeting for Sunday worship. Our last live service there was on March 8th; and as yet, all Rossmoor indoor facilities remain closed.

The severity of the pandemic meant that a lockdown could continue a long while. Because weekly worship is so central to the identity of Hope Lutheran, Pastor Andy saw the need to begin virtual services. This would be like recorded live worship; but all participants would have to make separate audio files at home to be joined together later. We used mostly iPhones here.

Hope's first virtual worship was on Passion / Palm Sunday. It had only a Greeting, Scripture Lessons, a Message, and Intercessory Prayer, plus various music, but our order of worship would soon add a Confession, a Faith Story, and Communion. We edited for a total running time of 45 to 50 minutes. Sorry, no coffee and goodies afterward.

So, how are we doing? With a web site hosted for free through Google, we had no way to count visitors or to track what they did on line. Then we switched to paid hosting with Clover, a Tennessee web company mainly serving churches and church schools. This gave us Google Analytics for measuring web traffic as well as Clover page view and media play statistics.

The Clover tracking tools could be better, but they allow us to identify the city where a visitor comes from and when he or she views a particular page on our website. Before going virtual, we had about 10 to 15 plays per week of our service recordings. Now there are 60 to 80 plays. In a time of pandemic, people evidently want to hear God's Word and meet Jesus in worship.

Most web visitors come on Sundays. We are averaging about 45 unique visitors each Sunday, with about a third being first-timers. This is quite

unlike Sunday attendance in the Fireside Room. Recently, we have seen virtual visitors from China, India, Korea, and Japan. They also come from all over the Bay Area, up and down California, and throughout the United States.

Over 70 visitors have shown up at our web site four or more times. Just over half of these are from Walnut Creek, which includes Rossmoor. Pleasant Hill and Lafayette are the next most popular cities. Frequent visitors from out of state come from Surprise, AZ, (Pastor Jack and Ruth), Dallas, TX, (Norma McKern), and Minneapolis, MN, (Pastor Karen's cousin).

We all hope that the COVID-19 lockdown will end soon. It will be good to see everyone in person again and to sing hymns and recite liturgies together. A few cookies and a cup of Kirkland Colombian around a table would also hit the spot nicely. Until then, let us go in peace and serve our Lord however we can in a troubled world.

Yours in Christ,
Clinton Mah

The 1st Annual True Grit Award Goes To... Clint Mah!



Putting together Hope's virtual Sunday worship service involves the time and talent of many people. But there is one critical person without whom it would not be possible - **Clint Mah**. Clint masterfully edits and assembles all the pieces into a beautiful seamless service and then uploads it to our website for everyone to access.



We couldn't do it without you, Clint! Thank you so much!

Marjatta's Compassionate Listening Workshop By Sally Nordwall-Echols

A Refresher Workshop on Compassionate Listening was presented by Marjatta DeSchepper on August 18, 2020 via Zoom.

It was my pleasure to be reminded that Effective Listening: listening accurately instead of hearing sounds, is an important part of clear and concise communication. A Harvard Study showed that people with strong supportive relationships made a good life by not having to react out of anxiety.

A challenge is to slow down our minds for effective listening, avoid multi-tasking and be able to admit if our minds have wandered or if we have been distracted. This should be done quickly ("oh I missed those last few words") to avoid interrupting the speakers flow. If tension develops, remember that we are LISTENING to their story, not telling ours. Illustrate reflective listening by mirroring or restating their points.

Our responses should be caring and illustrate compassion. Remember that we can't FIX someone else's problem. We can listen. If we are "triggered" we best take a time out. Responses of blame from either side make it impossible to recover communication. "Don't tell me any different. I know". Always be aware the person had a life outside of us.

We were presented with suggestions on how to remain neutral. Our opinions or beliefs may not be appropriate for another. If we feel they have accused or abused us, we have an obligation to take care of ourselves. This may require deflecting remarks. A suggestion might be to say with respect, "When you say this... then I feel..."
WOW! The bottom line is that I spent an hour listening and reacting to an explanation of compassionate listening that made it clear that I need to get out of the way and let the talker share. I need to pay attention to what is said and how it is said. I need to illustrate that I am listening by mirroring and restating in a neutral manner. Finally,

I need to exhibit self-care to not let my beliefs be destroyed.

Thank You, Hope!

As reported in last month's Anchor, Hope contributed to five ministries significantly impacted by COVID-19. These ministries are so thankful, especially during these difficult times.

Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano



"Thank you for your support & being our ally in our fight to end hunger!"

Trinity Center



"Your faithful support makes such a difference in the lives of our vulnerable neighbors!"

Hope Council's Corner

The Hope Church Council voted to include an update in the *Anchor* each month, "**Council's Corner**" of the current actions on behalf of the church. Here are the highlights from our "virtual" Council Meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020.

- Clint Mah joined the meeting and gave an update on the current trends related to our virtual worship service on our website. We continue to see several new visitors to our virtual worship service each month. The Council awarded Clint the "First Annual True Grit Award" for his outstanding work on the virtual services and website management.

- The Council approved an expenditure of \$500 to produce a new and revised pictorial directory. The goal is to have the new directory available to the congregation as part of the Congregational Annual Meeting in January 2021. Robin is overseeing this task.
- A Task Force has begun working on reviewing and recommending changes to our Constitution and Bylaws to bring them into conformity with the ELCA requirements. Members of the Task Force are Jack Padley (chair), Bill Kuhnsman, Pastor Karen and Robin Kanno.
- The Council received the July financial update from the Financial Manager (Carolyn Schick). Giving was down in July but Hope continues to be in a strong financial position as regular giving remains steady.
- An event celebrating the reception of new members has been scheduled for Sunday, September 27th at 10:00AM at the Sportsman's Park.
- The Council acted to maintain current staff compensation levels through the end of the year. (December 31, 2020).

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Smith Bill Kuhnsman
 Pastor President, Hope Council

Upcoming Events in September

Until further notice, worship services in the Fireside Room are cancelled.

Due to the coronavirus shelter-in-place mandate and social distancing requirements, in-person group meetings and choir rehearsals are cancelled until further notice. Council & Staff meetings will take place via video conference.

To help us stay connected during these times, in addition to the Sunday and mid-week mailings from Pastor Andy, please visit the Hope website www.hoperossmoor.org to listen to Pastor Andy's and Pastor Karen's sermons and meditations.

Monday, August 31 – Care Team Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Tuesday, September 1 – Staff Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Saturday, September 5 – Women's Bible Study via Zoom at 10:00am

Sunday, September 6 - Choir practice cancelled until social distancing no longer required

Monday, September 14 – Care Team Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Monday, September 14 – Hope Council Meeting at 1:00pm via video conference

Tuesday, September 8 – Staff Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Tuesday, September 15 – Staff Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Monday, September 21 – Anchor articles and group updates due for September Edition

Tuesday, September 22 – Staff Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Sunday, September 27 – Fourth Sunday lunch cancelled until social distancing no longer required

Sunday, September 27 – TTBB Tenor-Bass Choir practice cancelled until social distancing no longer required

Monday, September 28 – Care Team Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Tuesday, September 29 – Staff Meeting at 10:00am via video conference

Small Group News

The Women of Hope Small Group – After a hiatus of five months, the women's Bible study will be meeting again via Zoom on September 5 beginning at 10am. Pastor Karen will be the Zoom master and lead the study on a new series entitled Holy Time. Session one focuses on Holy Memory: Why we remember and how God re-members us. The study is in the September issue of Gather magazine. All ladies are welcome to join in on some lively discussion from the comfort of your own home. Please contact Pastor Karen or Priscilla Mah if you would like to join the study.

Monday Lunch Group – We don't know yet whether we can have our luncheon in September. We will let you know as soon as pertinent information is available. Stay well and confident. If you have questions, call Inge Knight at 954-7478.

Wednesday Lunch Group – This activity is dependent upon current shelter-in-place & social distancing requirements. This group usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please talk to Esther Kuencer if you have any questions.

Third Wednesday Lunch Bunch – Hello to all who have come, or plan to come to the Third Wednesday Lunch Bunch when that is again permitted. But we will not be meeting in September. However, I have already been planning what to cook and serve when we can once again meet! Stay tuned!

--Julane & Wayne Sampson

The Small Group Going Out to Dinner – The Small Group Going Out to Dinner will be dining again at Creekside Grill OUTSIDE on Wednesday, September 16th. Everyone should meet at the grill at 5:30 PM. Masks are required. Persons planning to attend should contact Karen Peterson no later than Saturday, September 12th to be included in the reservation. Phone contact for Karen is her landline (925) 934-8463. It cannot accept texts.

Dinner-in-homes Groups – The dinner-in-home groups have suspended all their activities, pending a

change in the Rossmoor shelter-in-place guidelines that will allow for indoor activities for small groups of people.

Loss & Grief Group – Our meetings for September have been cancelled due to the coronavirus shelter-in-place mandate but we are available via phone. Call Marjatta DeSchepper at: 925-448-1049.

Worship Assistants for September 2020

Until further notice, in-person worship services are cancelled. We will start scheduling worship assistants just as soon as we get word we can gather again.

Thank you for your faithful service!

Worship Assistant Coordinators

- Altar Guild – Jean Possin
- Ushers – Evelyn Olson
- Communion Assistants – Mary Lyn Padley
- Greeters – Sandra Williams
- Lay Readers – Mark Krauth
- Fellowship – Margaret Anderson
- Offering Counters – Jean Possin
- Altar & Table Flowers – Mary Lyn Padley

Hope Lutheran Church Staff & Representatives

- Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Andy Smith
- Associate Pastor: The Rev. Karen Woida
- Anchor Contributor: Janice Callentine
- Minister of Music: Wayne Anderson
- Financial Manager: Carolyn Schick
- Cantor: Kimberly Twesme
- Care Ministry: Marjatta DeSchepper
- Operations Manager: Robin Kanno
- Rossmoor Interfaith Council Representative: Sally Nordwall

God's Work, Our Hands.



Have you remembered the **Hope Endowment Fund** in your will or trust? When you plan your giving for 2020, think about the Hope Endowment Fund. Your contribution is tax deductible. For more information, please contact Evelyn Olson or any member of the Hope Endowment Committee. Members are identified on their name badges.

Endowment Committee Members

- Evelyn Olson – Coordinator
- Mark Conrad
- Mark Krauth
- Jack Padley
- Wayne Sampson
- Carolyn Schick

2020 Hope Church Council Members

- Bill Kuhnsman (President)
- Barrie Christensen (Vice President)
- Mark Krauth (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Marjatta DeSchepper (Care Ministry)
- Robin Kanno (Operations Manager)
- Jack Padley (Liaison to Endowment Committee)
- Carolyn Schick (Financial Manager)
