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Hope Lutheran Church
3295 Old Hwy 5 South, Ellijay, GA 30540

June 2010

From the Pastor

For the next six months or so, we'll see a lot of green on our altar here at Hope Lutheran Church. We're now in the Pentecost season even as on this Memorial Day weekend we enjoy the official (more or less) beginning of the summer season: kids are out of school, public swimming pools are opening, summer camps are ready and waiting for kids, Synod assemblies are held, vacations are beginning, Father's Day is coming up - you get the picture.

Most of the upcoming season of Pentecost is a continuation of a time in our liturgical calendar referred to as "Ordinary Time." This unofficial season began the Sunday after our Lord's baptism in January and continues (interrupted during the seasons of Lent and Easter) for a total of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks through the Pentecost season up until Advent-Christmas.

The term "Ordinary Time" is misleading in the context of our liturgical year since the word "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average," but rather it means "not seasonal." During the Advent season the church strives to prepare us for the specific aspects of both Jesus' return at the end of time and of his coming among us as the babe of Bethlehem; during the Christmas season we celebrate Jesus' actual arrival on earth as God Incarnate; during Lent we observe a penitential preparation for our Lord's Passion during Holy Week; and, of course, in the Easter season we celebrate all the glorious aspects of our Lord's resurrection.

During the "Ordinary Times" of the year, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. The readings each Sunday help to instruct us on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

During the Liturgical Year, the scripture readings for the seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas have prominent and obvious themes. During "Ordinary Time" the readings are not chosen according to a theme, rather, they present in a continuous fashion an account of the life and work of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke. John's Gospel is read principally during the liturgical seasons (we've seen this most recently during the Easter season just finished).

During the Christmas season, the gospels recount the birth and early life of Jesus. On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the gospel begins to speak about the ministry of Jesus through the text about the wedding feast at Cana and two other passages from the Gospel of John. Then, with the Third Sunday, the life and preaching of Jesus unfold in each of the Gospels.

The readings from the Old Testament were chosen to correspond to the Gospel passages and to bring out the unity between the Old and the New Testaments. The selections were made so that many of the principal pages of the Old Testament would be read on Sundays. These readings are not arranged in a logical order, but rather according to what the gospel reading requires.

Principal festivals that occur during this upcoming "Ordinary Time" include, of course, Pentecost, Reformation Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.

Hope Lutheran Church's Inter-Generational
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"CROCODILE DOCK"
Where the Fearless Shine God's Light

We will meet Sunday, Monday, Tuesday evenings, June 13th, 14th, 15th. Join us for three evenings of fun on the Bayou: dinner, games, crafts, and Bible study for all ages... little ones through adults. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and VBS will take place from 6:30 to 8:30. Take time to register the whole family right away to help us in our planning.



JOIN OUR VBS CROCODILE DOCK CREW

We need you to be part of our Bayou Connection, VBS Crew.
Helpers are needed in all departments - Games, Crafts, Dinner, Study Team Leaders.
Contact Laura Rogne at 706-889-0000.

Sunday Morning Coffee with the Pastor

Do you have questions about your faith or theology or religion in general that you haven't been able to find answers to? Would you like to spend an hour with other Christians - talking and exploring what it means to be a person of faith in today's difficult and often confusing world?

Come visit with Pastor Dave in his office from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday morning and with anyone else who'd like to take time out for coffee and good discussion. We can talk about the Bible, about things going on in the world - about anything you want to bring up!

The coffee pot will be on. Just come with a cup to fill, an open mind and an open heart!
We'll meet every Sunday through the summer beginning June 13th.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the cards, telephone calls and most especially your prayers leading up to and following my recent surgery. Your prayers really made a difference!

--Diane Burton



Honduras Medical Mission Trip

Hear ye! Hear ye!

In October, Hope members Jim and Katy Beno and their son, Luke - a doctor - are heading off to Honduras in Central America for their 8th annual medical mission trip! If you're interested in tagging along - talk with Jim and Katy - they'd love the company!

In the meantime, boxes will be placed in the coat room area (off the narthex) to collect the following items (which they will bring with them): toothpaste, knitted cotton bandages, fingernail brushes and clippers. They will also accept cash donations to buy - in-country - toothbrushes and soap. All these items will then be gathered into hygiene kits to distribute to children in schools. At least 100 of these kits are needed.

In addition, a medical kit from MAP International needs to be purchased at the cost of \$400.00 All donations are welcomed!

Book Club Update

The Priestly Sins by Andrew Greely ...Discussion on Monday, June 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin ...Discussion on Monday, July 5th at 5:00 p.m.

The inspiring account of one man's campaign to build schools in the most dangerous, remote, and anti-American reaches of Asia.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Kim Waid
- 7 Derek Burton
- 8 Brannen Trahan
- 8 Shawn Stoffer
- 9 Tyler Hinton
- 11 Dianna Settles
- 14 Judy Harvey
- 15 Bea Perrigo
- 16 Carolynn Maatta
- 17 Bruce Deppa
- 19 Nancy Hinton
- 21 Jim Lyons
- 22 Rena Ashworth
- 24 Maureen Bremm
- 25 Rich Hein

ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Barbara & Keith Bell
- 7 Rob & Lisa Ray
- 11 Julie & Bob Martin
- 13 Judy & Rudy Kruger
- 14 Elene & Gene Rivers
- 17 Jim & Katy Beno
- 25 Marianne & Arnold Bobe
- 27 June & Leon Edgemon
- 30 Melba & Rev. Joe Holt

June Youth Activities

On Sunday, June 6th, Pastor Dave and thirteen Hope youth head to Camp Lutheridge in Arden, North Carolina for a week. This year, five kids will be at Campfirmation (confirmation camp) with the pastor, seven will be enjoying a wonderful outdoor adventure called Rock n' Raft, and one first-time camper will be at Pioneer Camp.

On Sunday, June 20th - Father's Day - the youth will host a *Lunch In* meal featuring a "Cookout" theme of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, baked beans and desserts in honor of dads and granddads (who shouldn't have to cook on their special day).

The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and \$15.00 for families of four or more! All proceeds go to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Youth Fund Raiser... Cash For Aluminum Cans

Please save your aluminum soda cans, food cans, any disposable aluminum. Place donated aluminum items in the designated cans outside behind the Fellowship Hall.

Hint... if the can repels a magnet it is aluminum; if it attracts the can, it is not aluminum.

This is just one more way our Family of Hope can help support our youth as they raise funds during the year to attend Lutheridge summer camp, and the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning throughout the summer.

Pre-K thru 6th Grade Classes... *"One Room School House"* ...Music, Bible Study, Activities.
7th -12th grades... *"T3 - Talent, Treasure, Time: Creative Ways to Give it Away".*
Adult Co-Ed Class... *"Parables of Christ"*
Ladies Adult Class... *"Knowing God"*
Sunday Morning Coffee with the Pastor... See article above for details.

June Worship Assistants

Assisting Ministers

6 Nicholas Christensen
 13 Maureen Bremm
 20 Vicki Christensen
 27 Laura Rogne

Counters

Shawn Stoffer & Jim Peterson
 Kay Zimbrick & Jennifer Bates
 Michael Bates & Vern Haugen
 Stan Ashworth & Bill Are

Fellowship

Fellowship Team
 Fellowship Team
 Youth Father's Day Lunch-In
 Heidi Kosarick

Lectors

<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
6 TBA	Len Norwillo
13	Nathan Bates
20	Bill Strawser
27	Vicki Christensen

Acolytes

<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
6	Mitchel Waid
13	Leah Jonason
20 Cody Hinton	Justen Trahan
27	Bryan Bremm

Communion Assistants

<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
6 TBA	Len & Jean Norwillo
13	Jennifer & Nathan Bates
20	Bill & Jan Stawser
27	Mick & Vicki Christensen

Greeters

<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
6 Charlene Ivey	Kristie Drost & Justen Trahan
13 Dick & Phyllis Nagel	Vern & Betty Haugen
20 Rich & Kay Hein	Barbara & Leah Jonason
27 Juanita Littleton	Leon & June Edgemon

Ushers

<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
6 Charlene Ivey	Richard & Linda Bowers
13 Dick & Phyllis Nagel	Bill & Barbara Fail
20 Rich & Kay Hein	Jim & Jean Lyons
27 Juanita Littleton	Bill & Kat Are

The Hope Staff

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Nathan Bates	Juanita Littleton
Diane Burton	Shawn Stoffer

Please contact any council member if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns. Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Meetings are open to all and your presence is welcomed.