

Building Hope



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A Word from Pastor Joel Martyn

It's hard to believe that Advent has already begun, along with a new year for the church calendar. It's funny how these things sneak up on you. You would think that a pastor would be on top of things, especially the Christmas Season, but even though I cognitively know that Christmas is almost here, my administrative assistant calmly reminded me that today was the absolute last day for me to get an article into this newsletter because she was going to be mailing them out this afternoon. How could I have forgotten? How could it have slipped my mind? My guess is that the business of the season itself distracted me from the season. Crazy. But it serves as a reminder to me and hopefully to all of us that it's easy to get lost

in the midst of the Christmas season. All the business of shopping, celebrating, work, family, church....the list can go on and on, can really serve to distract us to what the point of the whole matter is. Jesus. Waiting. Anticipating. Hoping, for the coming of our Lord. For the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

When you're out in the world and living your life in the midst of this crazy season of Joy, try to remember why it is we are celebrating. Why it is that we gather together every Sunday. To worship Christ and to give thanks every day for the gift of Grace found in him.

I'll leave you with this little fun fact about the season of Advent: *In the Northern hemisphere, December 21 is the longest night, the*

winter solstice, which means literally "standing still." It marks the shortest day of the year, the official start of winter, when the sun is the farthest distance from the earth.

Tradition says that nature and all creatures stop and hold their breath to see if the sun will turn back from its wanderings, if the days will lengthen and the earth will once again feel the sun's warmth.

In the gathering darkness of December, we anticipate the coming again of the Light of the world. It may only be the hope that marks Advent's waiting that keeps us looking toward the coming of Christ. It may also be that the blue of the advent season (which symbolizes hope) is the very remedy we need to remember and anticipate the coming of Christ Jesus.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Joel Martyn

December 2010

Special points of interest:

- LITURGICAL COLORS
- HANDS OF HOPE
- GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR DINNER ?
- THE ANGEL TREE
- IN JESUS NAME MEDICAL MINISTRY



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LITURGICAL COLORS: INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW!!!!

Taken off the web from the "Evangelical Lutheran Church in America..... In the Christian tradition colors are used for vest-

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Lutheran Church in America provides a system of colors for use by its congregations.....

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What's Up at Hope, This Month?



Weekly Meetings:

Choir Practice—Tuesday, 6:30 , 12/7-21
Youth Group/Confirmation class—
 6pm every Wednesday at the church
Men's Bible Study– Thursday at 7pm,
 check bulletin for specific details
Women's Bible Study—Alternate Thurs-
 days at 7pm, check bulletin for specific details
Hands of Hope—women's handiwork group, Fri-
 day, 2pm ,check bulletin or call office for location.



Monthly Activities:

Blue Bucket Sunday—food collection on the last
 Sunday of each month for Christmas Cheer
Skilled Nursing Facility Service-additional service
 on the first Sunday of the month, 9:30am at Barton
 Memorial Hospital.
Women's Luncheon-last Sunday
 of the month at The Cantina
 Mexican Restaurant.



Monthly Meetings:

Church Council-First Tuesday of the month,
 7pm at the church (not meeting this month)
Congregational Life– Third Sunday,
 bi-monthly, 9:00am at the church. (not
 meeting this month)
Educational Life– Scheduled monthly or as
 needed, at the church.
Missions & Outreach—Third Sunday,
 bi-monthly 9:00am, at the church. (not
 meeting this month)
P&A Meeting-Second Sunday of the month,
 9:00am, at the church.
Worship Team-Saturday, 10am, bi -monthly
 at the church. Call for next date.

**Call for location (541-1975) or check
 weekly bulletin for meeting date, place
 or time, if not specifically designated.**

Coming Events:

December

- Angel Tree Sunday 11/28
- Advent Services, Wednesdays
 12/1,8,15 at 7pm
- Preschool Christmas Program,
 Thursday 12/16 at 6:30pm
- In Jesus Name Medical Ministry,
 Saturday 12/18 from 9am-
 3pm, church parking lot
- Candlelight Service at the
 Skilled Nursing Facility,
- Barton Hospital, 4pm on
 Wednesday 12/22
- Christmas Caroling and
 Pizza Party, Wednesday 12/22 after
 SNF service.
- Christmas Eve Services, 6 & 8pm



Anniversaries:

12/26 Karen & Ken Boulet
 12/29 Ingrid Schwab &
 Charlie Tronof



Birthdays:

12/01 Pat Perkins
 12/04 Kerstin Hakansson
 12/05 Duke Ellingson
 12/10 Thom Parks
 12/11 Carolann Lujan
 12/12 "Ted" Robinson
 12/12 Madelyn Stearns
 12/13 John Setnor
 12/19 Donna Bray
 12/24 Monica Shea
 12/24 Sandra Guebard
 12/27 Gabriel Martinez

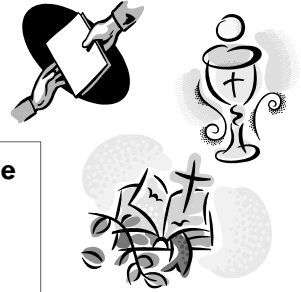


12/28 Darlene Morris
 12/30 Ruthie Justice
 12/30 Suzanne Rosevold

If your birthday is not mentioned, we
 either did not receive the information
or the year was not entered. Please
 submit your complete birth date.
**The year will be kept completely
 confidential.**

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Worship Assistant Schedule for December 2010



December 5

Reader: **Lynn Setnor**
Ushers: **Diane Martin, Sandy Henigan**
Communion Assistants:
Cindy Merhaut, Chris Triggs

December 12

Reader: **Bonnie Driscoll**
Ushers: **Jennifer Holland, Bill Hilgendorf**
Communion Assistants:
Joanne & David Foster

Christmas Eve 6pm Service

Reader: **Linda Amundson**
Ushers: **Kerwin Wolfram, Robert Guebard**
Communion Assistants: **Donna Bray, Arlene Wolfe**

December 26

Reader: **Carolyn Meiers**
Ushers: **Dave & Bonnie Carneggie**
Communion Assistants: **Mort & Carolyn Meiers**

Please check in with an usher when you arrive.

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve when assigned and change the schedule posted in the Narthex

December 19

Reader: **Cornelia Tolley**
Ushers: **Suzanne Cochran, Nancy Gaynor**
Communion Assistants:
Barbara & Dave Childs

Christmas Eve 8pm Service

Reader: **Phil Stevenson**
Ushers: **James Brathovde, Lynn Setnor**
Communion Assistants: **John & Marilyn Long**

The Angel Tree & Preschool Christmas Program

This year we are collecting gifts for the women's Center to distribute to designated families. Things of special need are: toys for children newborn to two years of age and items for teen-age children, 12 years and older (jewelry, make up, gift cards). We are also doing a pajama with book drive for children of all ages, including teens.



See the gift tags with instructions on the small tree on the narthex table. Please have all items back to the church by Sunday December 19th.

The Preschool Christmas Program will be presented on Thursday December 16 at 6:30pm at the church. All are invited to come enjoy this performance!



Counter Schedule

12/5 Drew Douglas, Robert Guebard
12/12 Arlene Wolfe, George DuPuy
12/19 Norma Santiago, Hans Rosevold
12/26 Cindy Merhaut, Diane Martin



Chancel Flower Dedications



Dec 5: Given by Joanne Foster, in celebration of her mother's birthday on the 6th.
Dec 12: Given by Chris Triggs in celebration of her mother's 84th birthday.
Dec 19: Given by Juanita Brock in memory of her parents, Hollis & Jackie Gibbs.
Dec 26: Given by Lynn Setnor in celebration of her husband, John's 65th birthday.

December Fellowship Hosting & Refreshments

Lead Helper

- Dec 5 : Sandy Henigan
- Dec 12 : **Your name here**
- Dec 19 : **Your name here**
- Dec 26 : **Your name here**

Helper who provides goodies

- Juanita Brock
- Nancy Gayner
- **Your name here**
- **Your name here**

If you have not volunteered for awhile maybe you could give some of the regulars a rest and help out with this ministry that everyone seems to enjoy. Thanks



LITURGICAL COLORS INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW!!!! Continued from page 1

ADVENT

Either the color Blue or Purple can be used Blue is used for its reference to hope. Purple, the alternate color, is the royal color of the coming King

CHRISTMAS

White is used, as a reference to the purity of the newborn Christ and to our light and joy in him

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD....White

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD....White

SUNDAYS AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ.

Green, in a sense, is a "neural color," used when more festive or more somber color is not appointed

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.White

ASH WEDNESDAY Black is the preferred color, since it is the color

of the ashes to which we will all . Purple is the alternate color for the first day of Lent.

LENT

Purple is indicated, as the stark color of repentance and solemnity (completely different meaning than Advent)

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Scarlet is the preferred color of this first day of Holy Week, as it suggests the deep color of blood. Scarlet is to be distinguished from the brighter color of red, which is appointed for the Day of Pentecost, martyrs' days and certain church celebrations. If a parish does not have scarlet vestments, purple may be used.

DAYS OF HOLY WEEK Scarlet or purple may be used for Monday Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY For this fourth day of Holy "Week, celebrated as the

institution of the Lord's Supper, scarlet or white is used.

GOOD FRIDAY

No Pariments are used on this day. (The stripping of the altar is on Maunday Thursday)

VIGIL OF EASTER.....

White as the color of joy in the Resurrection is used on this night

EASTER SUNDAY

On this one day of the church year gold may be used. White is the alternate, perhaps with gold running through it. The gold color indicates that this day is the "Queen of Feasts" unique in the entire church year.

SUNDAYS OF EASTER.....White

DAYS OF PENTECOST Red as the color of fire is used on this day when we remember the tongues of fire descended on the crowd in Jerusalem. In contrast to the color of scarlet Pentecost's red is a

bright color

THE HOLY TRINITY

White is appointed, the expression of joy in the mystery of the Triune God

OTHER SUDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

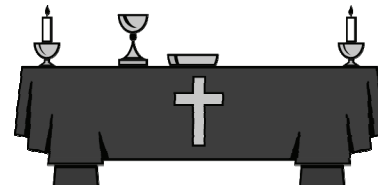
Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

CHRIST THE KING

The final day of the church year uses white, a festive color of light, joy and the celebration of our Lord.

Hope you have enjoyed reading and learning about liturgical colors.

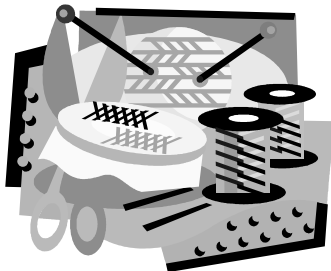
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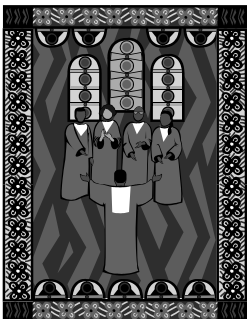


Mission and Outreach Ministry team meets every other month. Watch the bulletin for notices. All are invited to attend.



SUNDAY

JANUARY 30TH IS THE DATE SET FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT. IF YOU CAN ASSIST WITH HOSTING CALL CAROLYN MEIERS @ 541-4654 OR EMAIL AT CARMORMEIERS@GMAIL.COM



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Outreach News

We will have an **Angel Tree** in the Narthex during Advent for you to pick a name and an item and buy that item for a needy family. Chris Triggs will be giving directions in the bulletins.

Our **Christmas Candlelight Service at Barton Skilled Nursing Facility** will be at 4 PM on December 22, followed by **caroling** to our shut in member and **pizza** at David and Joanne

Fosters. This will be an evening of fellowship and fun as well as reaching out with **Christmas Blessings** to others who are home bound.

Hands of Hope

Hands of Hope, our women's group that gathers together to work on knitting, crocheting, "Caps for Kids" or any craft project,

continues to meet on Friday afternoon at 2pm. We will meet at Carolyn Meiers two Fridays in December, the 3rd and 10th. All "Caps for Kids" need

to be brought to the Dec 3rd meeting so they can be delivered to the Recreation Center by the due date.

The January "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event

Sunday January 30th is the date set for this popular event. We need several homes to host the dinner (six to eight total guests) for an informal, simple meal, and we need a home to host the

dessert. It would need to be a large area to accommodate 30+ for coffee and dessert (provided by guests.) (Standing, sitting on the floor to be expected.) Lots of FUN!

Please mark your calendars, and if you can assist with hosting call Carolyn Meiers @ 541-4654 or email at carmor-meiers@gmail.com

The Good News Choir will sing for Christmas

The Hope Lutheran Good News Choir will rejoin for rehearsals starting Tuesday December 12, 6:30pm at the church. We will prepare anthems for the Advent and Christmas season. Ania Helwing will accompany our rehearsals and

performances. With all the wonderful music written to celebrate Christmas we will learn a few to share in this most beautiful and miraculous season. I hope to see all the previously committed familiar faces as well as an abun-

dance of new singers at our first rehearsal. Please remember that as a Lutheran we have a long tradition and a heritage of music and worship. Come and join in with this music ministry. Thank you, Laurel Schmidt

IN JESUS NAME MEDICAL MINISTRY Report

Praise God! We had a great clinic last week at Calvary Chapel Church as the Name of Our Lord Jesus was lifted up in front of 23 more patients. It was a special clinic this month as it was Dr. Daugherty's last IJN clinic after nearly 2 years. He is leaving to become a medical missionary to Mexico, permanently. He has laid aside every encumbrance and is running the race with endurance, keeping his eyes focused on Jesus (like Hebrews 12 says)! Thank you so much Bruce for all that you have given to us all! As we gathered in our circle to pray and start our day, we read Psalm 71:17-24. It was like these verses applied directly to Bruce. It was a sincere moment. There were some tears. Pastor Jerry Foster then led us in prayer.

For this IJN clinic, several patients stood out: John, our Cherokee Indian patient, returned for another steroid injection in his

knee. Robert was a new patient for IJN and he was an assistant pastor from Day-spring Christian Fellowship in Gardner-ville. He blew out his knee while playing football but he did not have any health insurance coverage. He was actually at a retirement party for another pastor. Currently, he has been completely disabled from his normal construction job and he is trying to provide for his wife and children. God is using us at IJN to provide for him!

By God's provision, Steve Montgomery (part of our medical/x-ray team) was successful in obtaining a 2/3 reduction in cost for an MRI for Robert! He is getting it for only \$300-wow! Thank you Steve! Thank you Jesus!! We will hopefully have Robert patched up again soon.

Another very memorable patient was remembered by Dr. Kevin Hoffarth.

Kevin said that he has spent quite a bit of time with a young lady from India and her mother. They discussed problems with their family dynamics back in India. Relatives in the family were trying to cheat the mother out of her house. They also discussed health issues such as allergic rhinitis. Most notable for Dr. Hoffarth however was the faith demonstrated by the young India woman. Kevin said that her faith in Christ was so strong that it truly impacted him! Kevin said, "I wish that my own faith was as strong as hers!" Praise God for giving Kevin the eyes to recognize her faith and a heart to desire such faith! Notably, as In Jesus' Name Medical Ministry reaches out and touches others, these others are touching us too! Praise God!

Also during this August clinic, we had a chance to pray with our pre-med student, Mark, who has attended a number of

IN JESUS NAME
MINISTRY WILL
AGAIN BE
HOSTED HERE AT
HOPE ON
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18TH
FROM 9AM TO
3PM. PLEASE
CONSIDER BEING
ON THE PRAYER
SUPPORT TEAM
DURING THIS
OUTREACH!

IJN clinics now as an observer. He starts at medical school next week. Dr. Purvance, Mark, and myself all prayed in the parking lot and asked God to watch over and guide Mark during his future. We would love for Mark to occasionally come back visit us and help us at some of our monthly clinics. Perhaps, God will facilitate this being arranged!

Our Lord was the focus of our day. He used us to provide for others, some of whom were His children already...some of whom are not yet.

Dr. Scott Southard



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That heals hurt lives,
That comforts the old
That challenges the young
That knows no distinction of class or station
The church of the people
High as the ideals of Jesus
Low as the humblest human