

Building Hope



A NEWSLETTER OF HOPE LUTHERAN OF THE SIERRA, SO LAKE TAHOE, CA

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A Word from Pastor Joel Martyn

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I often find myself thinking about things that have to do with God. In fact it's probably the thing that I think about the most.

The question that I have been pondering the most lately is the idea that our relationship with one another ought to be a reflection of our relationship with Jesus. The greatest message in all of scripture is the fact of love prevailing and grace emanating from Jesus so completely and thoroughly into all of creation that we can't help but be infected with that divine love. That

To My Church Family:

Words cannot express the love and care you gave to me and my mother on Sunday morning January 22, 2012. My family and I have been members of Hope since 1975. Just a mere 37 years. It seems like yesterday when my Daddy and Mother and I stood up and transferred our membership from Southern California.

love should be reflected back into our relationships with one another.

Can you imagine what life would be like if this happened? No war, no fighting, resounding peace, healthy relationships, love, joy, happiness for all, no suffering,....I may be thinking about what heaven is like, and what our existence *should* be like. However life is not like this. Life is full of trial, turmoil, chaos, crisis, pain, mixed in with times of love, joy, happiness, prosperity, all tinged with a bit of conceit.

Everyone was so kind and gracious supporting my mother and helping me during our church service. Thank you to Pastor Martyn for going to the hospital with my mother and brother as I was being transported by ambulance. A big hug to Lynn Setnor for all her care. A special thanks to Steve Mahnken for taking such

Sometimes in this world it seems as if sin prevails. And because of that brokenness, we feel as if no one cares. But someone does. Someone cares about your situation. Someone wants to hold your hand through your crisis, through the chaos and darkness in your life. That someone is Jesus, God incarnate, who died on your behalf so that the relationship that we once had with God could be as it was. Whole.

In Christ's boundless love,
Pastor Martyn

good care of my mother and assisting her in the truck. Thank you to Bonnie Driscoll and Norma Santiago and everyone at church that prayed for me. Thanks for all the phone calls and kind offers from the members of the church. I know everyone at church was involved and I wish I could remember every-

Special points of interest:

- CALSTAR— EMERGENCY SERVICE INSURANCE
- TALENTS OF HOPE
- DIRECTORY PHOTO'S NEEDED!
- WEDDINGS AT HOPE
- LENTEN SEASON

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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Every Sunday</u> 10:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School (Sept through June)</p>			<p>1</p> <p>6pm Youth/Confirmation 7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2p Hands of Hope</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>
<p>5:30am Worship at the Skilled Nursing Facility, BMH</p> <p>6pm Talents of Hope</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7pm Church Council</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm Youth/Confirmation 7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2p Hands of Hope</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am New Member Class</p> <p>7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9am Property & Admin 9:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentines Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6pm Youth/Confirmation 7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2p Hands of Hope</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Annual Ice Fishing Event At Red Lake</p> <p>7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hope Group Ski Day at Kirkwood</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6pm Youth/Confirmation 7p Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2p Hands of Hope</p> <p>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Blue Bucket Sunday</p> <p>Women's Luncheon</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm Hispanic Worship Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6pm Youth/Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service</p>			

What's Up at Hope, This Month?



Weekly Meetings:



Youth Group/Confirmation class—
6pm every Wednesday at Hope
Inglesia de Cristo—Wednesday & Saturday, 7pm
 at Hope (except where noted on calendar)
Men's Bible Study— Thursday at 7pm at Hope
Women's Bible Study—Thursdays at 7pm *
Hands of Hope—the handiwork circle, Friday at
 2pm *
 * If no location or other details are listed please
 check bulletin for specifics or call the church office.

Monthly Activities:

Blue Bucket Sunday—food collection on the last
 Sunday of each month for Christmas Cheer/ Love
 Your Neighbor Ministry
Skilled Nursing Facility Service—additional service
 on the first Sunday of the month, 9:30am at Barton
 Memorial Hospital. All are invited to participate
Women's Luncheon—last Sunday
 of the month at The Flight Deck
 (airport restaurant)



Monthly Meetings:

Church Council—First Tuesday of the
 month, 7pm at Hope.
Congregational Life— Third Sunday,
 bi-monthly, 9:00am at Hope.
Educational Life—Scheduled monthly or as
 needed, at Hope.
Missions & Outreach—Third Sunday,
 bi-monthly, 9:00am at Hope.
P&A Meeting—Second Sunday of the
 month, 9:00am at Hope.
Worship Team—Meets Quarterly; the last
 Sunday in April & July at 9:00am and the
 last Friday in October & January at 7pm. All
 meetings will be at Hope.

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

Coming Events:

February

- **Talents of Hope;** Sunday, 2/5, 6pm at HLC, “How to make Chocolate Roses”
- **New Members Class;** Sat 2/11 9am at Hope
- **Valentines Day;** Tuesday 2/14
- **Annual Ice Fishing Event at Red Lake;** Sat 2/18
- **Hopes Ski Day at Kirkwood;** Monday 2/20 at Kirkwood
- **Ash Wednesday;** Wednesday 2/22 Service 7pm at Hope
- **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner;** Friday 2/24
- **Soup Suppers;** prior to Lenten Services, starts Wednesday 2/29, 6pm
- **Lent Services;** starts Wednesday 2/29, 7pm



Anniversaries:

2/8 Gabriel and Julia Martinez



Birthdays:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 2/5 Norma Santiago | 2/13 Doug Bray |
| 2/8 Angie Peart | 2/16 Steve Mahnken |
| 2/9 Dalton Nixon | 2/18 Ken Boulet |
| 2/13 Corni Tolley | 2/24 Cynthia Mc Cormack |
| | 2/24 Irene Morris |
| | 2/26 Kenny Boulet |



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 Month 2012

Feb 5

Reader: **Lynn Setnor**
Ushers: **Diane Martin, Sandy Henigan**
Communion Assistant: **Cindy Merhaut, Arlene Wolfe**



Feb 19

Reader: **Emily Paugh**
Ushers: **Juanita Brock, Kerwin Wolfgram**
Communion Assistant: **Chris Triggs, Nancy Barclay**



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

Feb 12

Reader: **Linda Amundson**
Ushers: **James Brathovde, Bill Hilgendorf**
Communion Assistant: **John and Marilyn Long**



Feb 26

Reader: **Norma Santiago**
Ushers: **Bonnie Driscoll & Dave Carnegie**
Communion Assistant: **Mort & Carolyn Meiers**

To My Church Family: continued from page 1

.....LET US ALL
REMEMBER TO
THANK GOD
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one that was there on Sunday because each one of you deserves a good strong cup of Lutheran Coffee.

All my tests came back negative by the Grace of God. The hospital could not find anything wrong, but we all know the Power of Prayer and

Love of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. A miracle was completed and I am fine. My mother and I are so happy and proud to belong to such a Powerful Church and Loving Members. May each and everyone be truly blessed by God. During

our prayers each day, let us all remember to thank God each day as miracles abound and our prayers are answered.

May God truly bless each one and a *Big Thank You to All.*
Love in Christ,
Darlene M. Morris

Chancel Flower Dedications



Feb 5 given in celebration of her 57th birthday by Norma Santiago

Feb 12 given by Tim Tolley in honor of his wife Corni Tolley

Feb 19 available

Feb 26 given by Nonna Katzenstein in memory of her mother.

Counter Schedule

Feb 5

Drew Douglas
Robert Guebard

Feb 12

Sandy Henigan
Robert Guebard

Feb 19

Sandy Henigan
Robert Guebard

Feb 26

Rachael Kozlowski
Robert Guebard



Photos for the new Photo Directory

We will offer one more opportunity to have your photo taken for the directory before we send it for printing.

"Golden Hour"

After hearing Lynn Setnor's "trauma" story of husband John's heart attack and being a CALSTAR member myself, I decided to write this e-mail.

Trauma is the number one cause of death in the US for persons under the age of 44. Helicopter air ambulance programs are a key resource in delivering trauma victims to trauma centers within the "Golden Hour."

CALSTAR staffs every flight with 2 critical care registered nurses, ready to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care to anyone in need, 24 hrs. a day.

My family and my parents became members of CALSTAR about 6 years ago. I decided after hearing several stories of "local" car accidents and sports accidents that required their services. We have never had to use the services, but the peace of mind that we

Please contact Amanda and arrange the best time for both of you to meet. This Photo should include your family.

are covered financially is well worth the fee.

I personally think it is a valuable "insurance" to have living in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Renown is our closest Trauma center. Even after an accident patient is taken to Barton they often still need to be transported via air ambulance to Reno, Sacramento or the Bay area.

The financial ramifications of air ambulance transport can be overwhelming (\$25,000-30,000). CALSTAR works with member's insurance providers (if they have coverage) to secure payment for their air medical services. Still, even insured patients may be left with many thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses. A CALSTAR membership guarantees that you'll be covered for the cost of air ambulance services. For peace of mind, it is a cost effective investment..



Amanda Martyn is available to take your picture for the new directory. Please contact her at 530 416-2276 or matyn.mandy@gmail.com

especially for residents and frequent travelers of remote areas far from leading medical facilities.

California Shock Trauma Air Rescue membership is available to anyone, even if you are uninsured.

My own membership is up for renewal so I thought, "I wonder if we can get a discounted group rate as Hope Lutheran. **YES WE CAN.** For 15 members we can get a year membership (per household or individual) for \$35.00/year instead of \$45.00. They are sending me a group membership packet. If you want to join please see me at church or call 577-6022 or e-mail me (lindamaria8726@msn.com) and I will give you a form.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Your Hope friend, Linda

Need Your Photo Please

- Kim & Lance Blanck
- Rick Botto
- Ken & Karen Boulet
- Elsie Brothers
- Marvin & Elizabeth Buchmiller
- Robert & Mary Burns
- Daniel & Maureen Cooper
- Diana De Young
- George & Judy DuPuy
- Justin Hartinger
- Paul & Laura Knudson
- Carolann Lujan
- Ryan & Jessica Mahnken
- Gunter Merhaut
- Donna Moore
- Emily Paugh
- Hal & Donna Renollet
- Marlaina Pipal
- Kristen Rankins
- David & Pam Reynolds
- Dolores Woons
- Jim & Lynette Yorkey
- Paul Zaffiro

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AIR AMBULANCE



The first **Talents of Hope** will be on Feb 5th, 6pm at HLC, “How to make Chocolate Roses” by Arlene just in time for Valentine’s Day.

TALENTS OF HOPE WILL COVER MORE THAN COOKING. YOU MIGHT WANT TO SHOW OTHERS HOW TO DO A CRAFT OR MAKE BEER. THIS WILL BE A HANDS-ON GROUP



The Letter of James will be the topic for the next 12 weeks

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Talents of Hope – sharing our talents with each other

We’ve started a new event at Hope and think it’s going to be lots of fun. It’ll be held monthly, when scheduled, Sunday nights at HLC between 6-8 pm. Here’s how it works;

An “instructor” will come up with something that he or she wants to teach to others (ex: beer, tamales, candy) and tell Julia or myself. We will check the church calendar and give them open dates to choose from with a minimum of 4 weeks out (for bulletins, newsletters and sign-up). There’s usually a method and supplies to making something, besides the recipe.

Talents of Hope will cover more than cooking, though. You might want to show others how to do a craft or make beer. This will be a

hands-on group, so “instructors” prepare! The instructor will need to know the costs involved and provide amount per person (ex: \$5 if 5 signups, \$4 if 10 signups) right away so a sign-up sheet can be created. Try to keep the cost to under \$10 per person. Funds won’t need to be paid until one week prior to the event (cash only please) There will be an envelope alongside of the sign-up sheet for the payments. This will be given to the instructor so they may purchase the supplies. If you cannot attend after paying, please consider the amount a donation. If you want to attend after the due date, it’ll be up to the instructor’s discretion.

The night of the event, the instructor needs to bring supplies for every-

one to participate and a print out of the recipe, method or instructions to be copied at the church for others. To keep it under two hours, please bring prepared portions of your recipe, if applicable. (ie: cooked meat for tamale).

The first **Talents of Hope** will be on Feb 5th, 6pm at HLC, “How to make Chocolate Roses” by Arlene just in time for Valentine’s Day. (This is not a “melt & pour chocolate” project but a modeling of the chocolate.) If you’re not watching the SuperBowl, please sign up, come and enjoy!

Hopefully, we’ll have someone come forward with a talent to share every month!

Arlene Wolfe (520) 541-1933 & Julia Martinez (530) 543-1865

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will take place at the home of Linda Amundson’s, 1205 Tokochi St.

The Letter of James will be the topic for the next 12 weeks. If interested please see Bonnie Driscoll (577-

7762) or Linda Amundson (577-6022) for your workbook.

Outreach and Missions; Congregational Care News

We have had many requests for meals in January. If you did not get a call from

Marilyn, it is probably because she does not have you on her list of people willing

to take meals to others.

(Please call me, 541-3510, to be added. Thanks !! Marilyn)





Outreach News by Bonnie Driscoll

For anyone who is interested in getting more involved in reaching out in our community in 2012 we have many ways to do this. At our January 29th meeting we decided to continue with the following programs:

Through **Bread and Broth, Habitat's Brush with Kindness and Christmas Cheer**, we reach out to those in

our community who lack adequate food or housing.

Through our **Barton Skilled Nursing Facility worship service** we minister to the elderly ill residents;

Through **alternative gift giving** at Christmas we support a missionary activity;

Through **Congregational Care** and

Hands of Hope we offer care to those in our church community by way of prayer, cards, meals, transportation and prayer shawls (among many other things)

Our **Hospitality** program reaches out to welcome visitors.

You will find more information about these programs in this newsletter.

At our next meeting, March 25 we will discuss fund raising for our **Love Thy Neighbor Fund**. It could be another **Power Parking Lot sale** or something else equally exciting. Please join us in planning.

Our meetings are well attended and enthusiastic. All are welcome. For more information you can talk with me or call 577-7772.

WEDDINGS AT HOPE

Conversations were held during our Annual Meeting last November, and I am sure in many other venues within our congregation and families over the past year, regarding opportunities to increase revenue sources for our church. One way would be to position Hope Lutheran of the Sierra as a special place for a couple to hold their wedding. Pastor Joel and I have spent time together talking about this opportunity and envisioning what holding weddings at Hope would mean to our congregation, and some of the probable steps to get us there. Now is the time to

make us known as "the place within the place"... a wedding at Lake Tahoe, at Hope!

However, increasing weddings at Hope won't just happen. Time and talent are needed from our congregation. Roles needed will include a Wedding Coordinator, website content, marketing, and representation within the community for "getting the word out" to name a few.

A small group is needed to come together and further refine and define roles and activities to ensure our church is "top of mind" for those

having their wedding at Lake Tahoe.

Please contact me no later than February 18th with your interest in being a part of this group. It will be the intent of the group to summarize our recommendations to Pastor Joel the first part of March.

We are "the church of the warm heart... the church of the people", and I look forward to hearing from you as we move forward in our outreach to others!

Barbara Childs;
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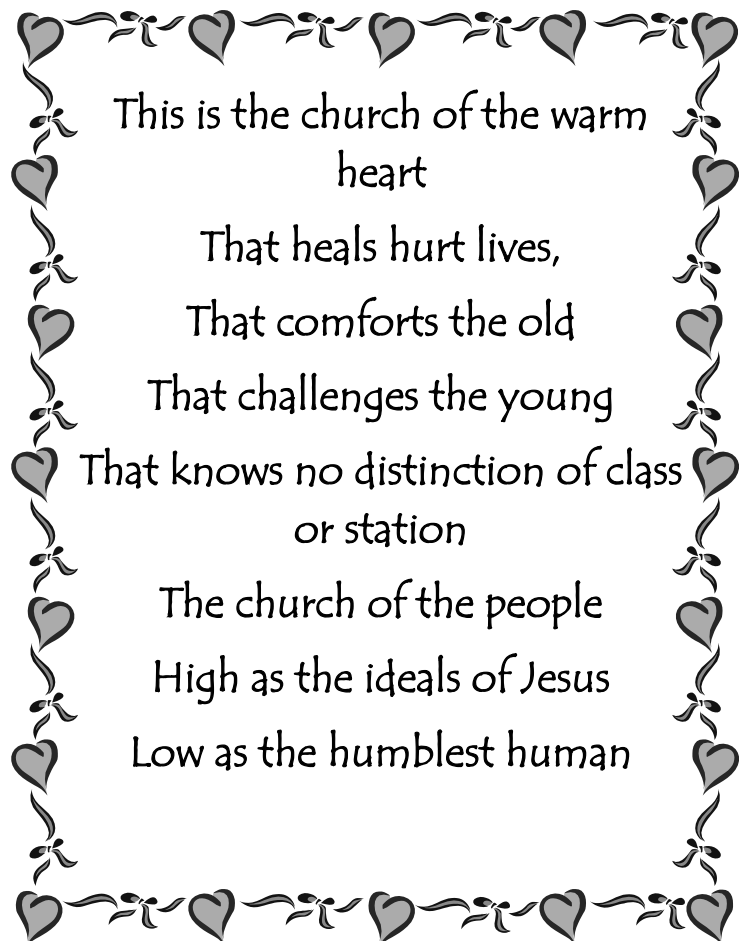
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If you are receiving this Newsletter by regular mail and have an e-mail address that we could send this to, please notify us of your e-mail address so that we can cut the cost of postage. Thank you!



Hands of Hope

Hands of Hope participants have been busy on many items of handiwork including prayer shawls (we have given 4 in Jan), calendar boxes and envelopes, "Linus" blankets (for children in need), and gifts for others; plus UFOs (Un Finished Objects) that needed finishing. We would like to have others join this group which meets on Friday afternoon between 2 & 4 pm in the homes of Carolyn Meiers, Kathy Mills and Marilyn Long for the month of February.



This is the church of the warm
heart
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