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New Hope News

New Hope Lutheran
Church
1970 Highway 290
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An LCMC Congregation

Pastor: Henry Hemmeter

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Bible Study 7:00 PM first
Wednesday of the month

Women of the Word (WOW)
4:00 PM first Thursday of the
month

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McDade Community:

Lutheran World Relief Quilters
4th Friday, 9AM – 12PM
Faith Lutheran, McDade

McDade Food Pantry
at Faith Lutheran, McDade
Serves community on
Tuesdays 10AM – 12PM
(closed 5th Tuesday)

McDade Jamboree
2nd Monday 7 PM, at New
Hope

Loblolly 4H Club
2nd Sunday 4PM, at New
Hope

Your Church Council

By Carl Cole

Gosh, it's already time for another newsletter! As has happened since New Hope started, things just continue to progress and improve. Our "Cross Wall", having started with a couple of Crosses, has grown to the point that we must continue it around the corner. Just great! The work on our church buildings has been completed with the exception of a few minor items. Work on our grounds is continuing and will result in a beautiful asset to New Hope.

A new projector and screen have been purchased with the memorials for Leola Charles (sister of Bill Grube) and Virgil Myers (father of Kathi Gremillion). Be sure to thank Bill and Kathi for this most generous consideration and contribution. This equipment can be used with laptops or DVD players for various workshops and meetings and can display new hymns that we might want to use in worship.

Don't forget that after our 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service we will again have a pancake and sausage breakfast, followed by Easter Sunday worship at 10:30. Also, we will again have a Memorial Day Service on Saturday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. with light refreshments afterward.

The McDade Jamboree continues to have their musical performance each month here at New Hope and the Loblolly 4H Club meets here

each month. The 4H club is doing quite well, being only 4 months old.

Every New Hope family should have picked up the 3 foot white cross with purple ribbon to display at the street in front of their home. I made 40 of them, but if more are needed, let me know. This lets everyone know that your house is observing Easter and the rising from the grave of our Savior.

Some days are better than others, but there are no bad days—God made them all.

God's Blessings,

Carl Cole

Council President

Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Henry Hemmeter



The Meaning of THE CROSS

The Cross is a pretty thing. You can hang it around your neck on a gold chain. You can use it to top a spire. You can place it in windows or on walls. In stone and statuary, crosses are everywhere.

But in an understanding of its original use, the cross is strange. Would you take a hangman's noose, guillotine, or electric chair and hang it, gilded, around your neck? You might say that is gruesome. But the cross was an instrument of torture, of death. How interesting that the people of God will sing "In the cross of Christ I glory..."!

There is a reason for that hymn, Jesus lives! He said, "Whoever

believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live." The instrument of Christ's death has become the symbol of the promise of life. Jesus died that we might live.

This shows that God cares for us. Life takes on new excitement when you know that God Almighty cares that much about you! The Christian can know freedom from guilt, freedom from the dullness of a meaningless life, freedom from the fear of death.

Come to New Hope this Sunday and on the Sundays after Easter and learn about this life, so you may share it joyfully!

2014 Lent and Holy Week Events

By Kathi Gremillion



The 2014 Season of Lent began with our Ash Wednesday services which were held on March 5, with the dispensation of ashes.

On April 13 at 10:30 we will celebrate Palm Sunday with the Procession of Palms.

On April 17 at 7:00 PM, Maundy Thursday services will be held.

On April 20, 2014, we will begin our Easter celebration with a sunrise service at 7:00 AM under the Pavilion, followed by a delicious pancake breakfast, cooked for us by the Men of New Hope. Then the children and any willing adults will participate in the traditional flowering

of the cross, followed by Easter worship services at 10:30 AM.

Please be sure to join us for these meaningful services and events!

Men at Work Update

By Kathi Gremillion

The men of our church continue to work on most Saturdays, making improvements where needed to our church home and grounds.

The work that is currently underway includes trimming the pine grove which is on the west side of our church grounds, and clearing away the debris underneath those pines, as well as clearing along the front fence in that area.

They have also moved the gate on Richmond Street out to the actual property line, and have graded part of that road.

If you have any time on Saturday mornings, extra hands are always welcome!



DEDICATION OF NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING AND FURNISHINGS

By Susan Epperson

On January 19, 2014, Pastor Hemmeter formally dedicated our house of worship to the glory of God. During this service, the cross, candles, chalice, paraments, lectionary books, offering plates, baptismal font, pulpit, lectern and altar were all blessed, in accordance with the Liturgy of Dedication of a Church Building and Worship Furnishings in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The service was very inspirational. We, as members of New Hope Lutheran Church, LCMC, can be very proud of all that has been accomplished in just three years to give us such a lovely place to worship. We have been richly blessed by God, and by the hard work and commitment of

the members of New Hope. Following the worship service, a brief annual meeting was held and after that everyone enjoyed a delicious pot-luck meal in the kitchen/dining building.



WOW! Women of the Word Report

By Lola Cole



Two years ago, April 12, 2012, we held our first meeting. Last Saturday, April 5th, we had six of our members attending the LCMC Texas District WOW Spring Gathering at St. Paul Lutheran in Hondo. It was a very inspirational program and we all enjoyed attending. What a wonderful group of women members of NHLC we have!

At our monthly meeting we continue to listen and discuss lectures by Dr. Bart Ehrman on "The New Testament". The lessons approach the New Testament from an historical perspective. At our April 4th meeting we listened to Lecture 17, "Paul's letter to the Romans".

We have recently started some new projects, one being to send cards to

those who are on our church's prayer list. During our last meeting, we prepared and mailed cards to 13 individuals. We hope that they will feel the Lord's love, and know that we also love and care about them. Also, we are planning to create and build a life size nativity scene to display along Highway 290 during the Christmas season. In addition, we are working on a church scrapbook with pictures and highlights of our life in the church.

We have been averaging about 10 women in attendance on a regular basis, but would love to have every woman member join us if they can! We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Building our Relationship with Jesus Christ

By Walt Petticrew



Please join us in Sunday School each Sunday morning as we explore God's character and will for us in His Holy Word, the Bible. The purpose of our time together is to learn what God thinks about us, and why we need to be in a relationship with Him through His Son, Christ Jesus. This year we have been doing a chapter by chapter study of the Book of Matthew, learning the principles revealed, why they are relevant today and how we might apply them in our lives.

The Bible is the only source of knowledge of how to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no such thing as "love at first sight" in spiritual things. The believer must get to know Christ very well, and this requires the daily intake of knowledge about Christ through the Word of God, which is "the mind of Christ." The Bible is the only source of God's viewpoint. The only way to be in a relationship with someone is to spend time with him or her. God the Creator of all that is seen and unseen is passionate about having a relationship with you. He is literally an open book. All we must do is open it.

It is very important to know how God sees us, what He thinks about us, and what His desires for us are. How can you trust somebody who you aren't really sure is looking out for your best interest? How can you freely put your life in the hands of somebody who you perceive may use you and not be trustworthy? That is one of the fundamental reasons why Christians today have a hard time trusting God. They know little about Him and how He sees and has good things in mind for them! Therefore, studying how God sees us, and getting it down into our spirits that He really does love us, desires good things for us, and cares for us, is vital to our ability to trust Him.

Please join us for outstanding fellowship and discussion in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. each Sunday!

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent". John 17:3

History of New Hope Lutheran Church

By Leslie Adams

There is still time if you would like to submit your family sheets. I want to encourage you to fill out the three sheets (two sheets if you are single). One begins with you, then your parents, then your parents' parents, etc. The second sheet begins with you, and then your children, brothers and sisters are listed. Your spouse will fill out the second sheet also, listing children, brothers and sisters. I wanted to set a deadline for these forms to be returned, so that I can finish writing the history of our church and church members. These family histories will not be printed for anyone but our members. To protect from identify theft they will not be included in any books given to non-members. The blank forms are in a manila envelope on the table by the front door. I would like to have them returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call me at 512-253-6555 or email me at lesliewindhamadams@gmail.com.



Next Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

4-03 Claudine Saegert
4-06 Shena Acker
4-06 Chris Wolf
5-12 Morris Kastner
5-24 Keith Kyle
5-26 David Grimma
5-29 Kathy Prochnow
6-03 Caleb Davis
6-13 Laura Hartt
6-14 Betty Hemmeter

Anniversaries:

4-01 David & Anne Grimma
4-24 Roger & Janice Payne
6-07 Ervin & Alice Miller
6-20 Brenda & Keith Kyle



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This quarterly newsletter is a project of the Women of the Word (WOW) organization of New Hope Lutheran Church in McDade, TX.

If you need extra copies, have news to share or suggestions for future articles, please contact Lola Cole, Anne Grimma or Kathi Gremillion.

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