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# New Hope News

**New Hope Lutheran Church**  
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McDade, TX  
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## **An LCMC Congregation**

Pastor: Dick Reinap

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 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

McDade Jamboree  
2nd Monday 7 PM, at New  
Hope

Loblolly 4H Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 4PM, at New  
Hope

## **Your Church Council**

By Carl Cole

Well, we are now four years old. Our founding Pastor has retired and we have been blessed with a new Pastor who will be different but is still grounded in orthodox theology.

We continue to make progress towards the agreement that we, as a congregation, made to the Elgin VFW as to what we would do with this property in return for them awarding us a clear deed. This property is valued in excess of \$400,000, not considering any improvements. Our final and major commitment was to erect a multi-purpose building that would be available to the community for various worthwhile uses. Your council, in the ensuing months is obligated to plan for this structure as it will bring to an end the moral responsibility to which we are committed. The very important value of this last obligation is that McDade currently has no place for a large gathering (funerals, reunions, etc.). This area is growing and will continue to grow. This facility will serve to make New Hope Lutheran the "focal point" in the McDade area.

WOW (Women of the Word) and MOB (Men of the Bible) both are active and continue to do so much to help our church grow and prosper. We now have an active Adult Sunday School and the Loblolly 4H Club that meets here is active and growing as well as the McDade Jamboree holding their

monthly concerts here. These programs along with future ideas and plans to increase youth and adult activities should allow continued growth for New Hope Lutheran.

May God bless us each and all in our continued efforts to be Christ like disciples.

God's Blessings,

*Carl Cole*

Council President

## Our Church Christmas Celebration 2014

By Kathy Prochnow

*...and they will call Him Immanuel – which means, “God with Us.” Matthew 1:23*

**Advent season** consists of four Sundays prior to Christmas. The first Sunday in Advent is a holy day that marks the beginning of the new church year. The word ADVENT comes from the Latin term *adventus* which means “coming” and is a time of preparation and expectation of Christmas where we celebrate the birth of Jesus along with the anticipation of the second coming of Christ the King.

**Our Advent Wreath** is a simple arrangement of evergreens and five candles. Evergreens circle the wreath without a beginning or end symbolizing eternal life. Candles symbolizing the light of God coming into the world with the four outer candles representing the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent with the fifth center candle lighted on Christmas Eve pointing to Jesus Christ the light of the world.

**First Candle** – We celebrate the **HOPE** we have in Jesus Christ.

**Second Candle** – Reminds us that Jesus in the Prince of Peace and that through him **PEACE** is found.

**Third Candle** - We celebrate the **LOVE** we have in Christ.

**Fourth Candle** – Through him there will be everlasting **JOY**.

**Fifth Candle** – **CHRIST Candle** symbolizes purity and reminds us of the gift of JESUS.



**Our Christmas Tree** was again exquisitely decorated with our handmade Chrismons reminding us of the Christian symbols of Jesus Christ life and teachings.

**Our Poinsettia Wall** provided an outstanding beautiful living decoration at the front of the church. We appreciate everyone who purchased these flowers for our church display. Thank-you goes to Pat Grube who coordinated the flower purchase from Down Home Ranch.

**Our Windows** were draped with greenery garlands and the sills were adorned with candles and gold fern leaves.

**Other church decorations** this year included a very unique ceramic Nativity Scene displayed on the back bookshelf in the church. We appreciate Pastor and Gail sharing this set for an amazing decoration.

**Our Nativity Scene** with life size figures was located near Hwy 290. This beautiful display was added this year as new project for everyone to enjoy driving by our property. WOW (Women of the Word) began this project and painted all details on the figures. The MOB (Men of the Bible) assisted with cutting out patterns and priming the figures; as well as building the stable, lighting and positioning the scene for display. Additional figures and animals will be added this next season.

**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** was again well attended and what a special conclusion was the lighting of candles during the singing of Silent Night. So many families and friends gathered to share this celebration to sing Christmas hymns and hear the message of Jesus birth – the Messiah.

*The angel declared “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” Luke 2:11*

## Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Dick Reinap

January 18, 2015, along with the standard observance of the church year calendar, will also be celebrated as "Life Sunday."

The monthly Bible Study on the first Wednesday night of the month, is currently studying the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. We will be meeting on January 7th and February 4th at 7:00 p.m. at New Hope. All are welcome to join us!

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will begin on Thursday, January 15th at 8:00 a.m. We will alternate each week between Elgin and Bastrop. Thursday, January 15th will be in Elgin at Jalisco Mexican Restaurant, 244 Hwy 290 W, in Elgin. 8:00 a.m. Bring your Bible and a craving for a great breakfast taco. These Bible studies are open to anyone, not just NH members.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who help with Sunday morning Bible Studies and Worship. Thank you to all members and friends of New Hope for your work, support, involvement, offerings and tithes.

The new church bell was dedicated before worship service on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Bill Grube for his work in building the bell tower and to the Grimma family for donating the bell. Also, many thanks to all of the MOB members who helped get the bell installed: Bill Grube, Earl Gremillion, Leland Gebert, Chris Wolf, Brandon Wolf, Roger Payne and Morris Arnold.



## The History of New Hope Lutheran Church – All Four Years Plus

By Leslie Adams

I have given lists to some of our members requesting information needed to complete our church history – all four years plus. I am also waiting for some information from Pastor Hemmeter.

I would like to finish this, our first church history book, and turn in a rough draft to the church council before the Annual Council Meeting in January 2015. I want their input and approval before I print it.

There is a folder on the registration table near the front door with blank Family History sheets in it that need to be filled out by each member. One sheet is for husband and wife information, and one

sheet is for each person's siblings, etc. This is not a requirement, but a request. I believe that only members will get a copy of "The History of New Hope Lutheran Church – All Four Years Plus".

Please contact me at 512-253-6555 (I screen all of my calls and don't answer if caller ID shows "Unknown Caller") or contact me by email at [lesliewindhamadams@gmail.com](mailto:lesliewindhamadams@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## MOB! Men of the Bible Report

By Kathi Gremillion

The MOB has been busy! They have installed water and electric lines to the new storage building, and also supplied a new water line to the old storage building. This will make it possible to move the noisy ice maker from the parish hall into the old storage building. They also moved the light switch from the back door of the parish hall to the front door, which is much more convenient!

Bill Grube constructed the bell tower, and they installed the bell and set the tower in a concrete slab in front of the church.

They also installed our Nativity scene on the Highway 290 frontage, along with timed lights so that it would be visible at night.

If you would like to help, please contact Earl Gremillion or Bill Grube, or any of our workers for details. Help is always welcome!



## WOW! Women of the Word Report

By Lola Cole

WOW has been busy for the Christmas season! We decorated the church sanctuary and set up and decorated our tree with our beautiful handmade Chrismons.

Our thanks go to the Men of the Bible who installed our Nativity project for the Christmas season. It looked great! We look forward to painting additional figures this year to expand our Nativity display for next year.

Thanks to Brenda Kyle for compiling and distributing our new church directory. Please submit any additions or corrections to Brenda.

When not busy with projects we enjoy inspirational readings, studies and lively discussion during our meeting.

All women are invited to join us in our studies, fellowship and working for the Lord on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM in our Parish Hall.





## Welcome to Pastor Dick Reinap and Gail

By Susan Epperson

New Hope is thankful and pleased to have found a pastor to replace Pastor Henry Hemmeter, who has retired. We welcome Pastor Dick Reinap and his wife Gail and look forward to getting to know them and sharing the love and friendliness of our congregation.

Pastor Reinap was born near Lexington, MA and lived there with his parents and two younger brothers for several years when he was young. His parents must have gotten tired of the cold winters, because they moved the family to Miami, Florida, where Pastor Reinap spent the rest of his youth.

As many folks already know, our pastor has many different interests. As an adolescent he started hanging out with deaf youth a few years older than him. His best friend was a young deaf man, Jimmy, whose car was his favorite and the one in which he learned to drive. Jimmy wasn't the best model driver and his buddy Pastor Dick had to go to traffic court with him when he got a ticket. Dick was his sign language interpreter, and his interpreter again at traffic school.

Pastor Dick loves animals and has always had many of various types. Since his childhood he has especially loved most reptiles. The Reinap's current family of critters includes: Tennessee Fainting Goats, an Arabian horse, a miniature donkey, three Peafowl, a Homing Pigeon ("Homer"), six ducks, ten outside cats (inherited with their new home), three African Spur thigh Tortoises, and Sophie (a very spoiled miniature schnauzer).

The pastor loves to be outdoors rather than indoors. Although he is not a builder, he loves certain building projects. With a new house being planned, he should be able to get his fill of building!

Pastor Reinap is a big Texas A & M fan. His son is a three-time graduate of Texas A & M and is a DVM at a clinic in Bee Cave, Texas. The pastor's daughter lives and works in Houston in the HR department of HP.

The Reinaps have the welcome mat and sign out at their new home and want the congregation to know they are welcome to visit Dick and Gail and their critters!

## Welcome New Members!

By Kathi Gremillion

During the last quarter the following became members of New Hope Lutheran: Emily and John McPhaul of Bastrop, Gaylan and Janet Sampson of Smithville and Lanny and Candy Sandefur of McDade. Welcome to our new members! We are so happy that you have joined us!

# Word Game

## Nativity

Every word listed is contained within the group of letters on the next page. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

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|------------------|-----------|
| ANGELS           | MAGI      |
| ANNA             | MANGER    |
| BALTHASAR        | MARY      |
| BETHLEHEM        | MELCHIOR  |
| CASPAR           | MESSIAH   |
| CENSUS           | MYRRH     |
| CHRISTMAS        | NATIVITY  |
| CRECHE           | NAZARETH  |
| FRANKINCENSE     | SHEPHERDS |
| GOLD             | SIMEON    |
| HEROD            | STABLE    |
| JESUS            | STAR      |
| JOSEPH           | WISE MEN  |
| KING OF THE JEWS |           |

O S H C F W V U K R R K R F K  
 W T A K R A S A H T L A B A S  
 S E I N A Z A R E T H Y N H S  
 U Q S D N U U R D E T E E A W  
 S J S T K A M Y A I E P M M E  
 N O E M I S U W V T H T E D H  
 E S M K N S D I Q E S H S J C  
 C E M M C C T A R I E M I Y E  
 S P O A E A V D R L Y G W R R  
 S H Y G N L S H H R A P S A C  
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 A U S W E J E H T F O G N I K  
 B C W E J B N R I R J R J C S  
 L F X C J A U J G O L D E Y R  
 E N S L E G N A V M R A V H R

## Next Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

#### January

- 4 Garrett Schroeder
- 5 Randon Whitsitt
- 10 Douglas Brade
- 10 Riley Whitsitt
- 14 Bradley Moore
- 26 Kim Wolf

#### February

- 1 David Moore
- 2 Matthew Hartt
- 14 Janet Sampson
- 21 Gale Arnold
- 26 Lanny Sandefur

#### March

- 12 Avery Nicole Moore
- 13 Brandon Wolf
- 17 Shannon Stubbs
- 24 Patricia Grube

### ANNIVERSARIES:

#### January

- 22 Victor & Judith Dube

#### February

- 16 Dick & Gail Reinap
- 22 Jeffrey & Lorie Schroeder

#### March

- 27 Bill & Patricia Grube
- 31 Robert & Liz Nelson



**About Our Newsletter...**

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.

You may read or download a copy of this or any of our past newsletters from the "Bulletin Board" page on our website.

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- Carl Cole, President
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- Chris Wolf, Council at Large
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**Answers to Word Game:**



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