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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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Your Church Council

Greetings in Christ Our Savior,

After five years I will no longer be serving as your Church Council President.

It has been a real trip. In looking back at what we have accomplished as a congregation I feel very proud in what we have achieved in an atmosphere of churches declining and closing. During this same time period, over a million dollars was spent on building a new Lutheran mission church at Cedar Creek which has now closed. St. John Lutheran in Paige has declined to the point that it has now been closed. Trinity Lutheran Church in Bastrop, after a strong mission effort, has closed and the LCMC spent over \$200,000 opening a mission church in Dripping

Springs which is now closed. With a strong Church Council and support from the congregation in working at keeping everything as simple as possible, having volunteers doing most all that was needed and being frugal with all tithes received we were able to grow in numbers, build a substantial building fund and have cash reserves. Very important, as for 2015, we spent nearly \$8,000 more than we had budgeted.

I thank you for the opportunity that you gave me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Cole

Christmas Youth Choir

By Brenda Kyle

New Hope experienced another first; a youth choir. Our very first youth choir presented a wonderful program at the Christmas Eve service. The children recited dialogue about Baby Jesus, and sang "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Away in a Manger".

I am very proud of our choir members and their performance. The members were Emilie Baratz, Jackie Dube, James Dube, Jana Dube, Jessica Dube, Kennadee Prinz, Kinsleigh Arnold and Libbie Baratz.

A big "Thank You" goes to our organist, Judith Dube, for organizing the program.

Also, thanks to Liz Nelson and Kathy Prochnow for assisting with the practices as well as the Christmas crafts completed after each practice.

God Bless Everyone





Holy Baptism

By Susan Epperson

On Sunday, November 22, 2015, Christ the King Sunday, Harper Jean Moore was baptized by Pastor Reinap. Harper is the baby daughter of Bradley and Alyssa Moore and baby sister to Avery.

We welcome Harper, precious child of God, into the Lord's family and New Hope Lutheran Church.

Children's Sunday School

By Brenda Kyle



Sunday School class for the youth has kicked off, beginning in December. It has been held at 10:15 AM each Sunday morning at the front of the Church Sanctuary. Attendance is still being worked on.

One of the recent lessons was about obeying God and another was about the Ten Commandments.

All children are welcome to come learn with us!

Movie Night!

By Pat Grube

New Hope's most recent movie night was held on October 28, 2015, with approximately 25 members in attendance.

After a delicious soup and sandwich supper, we watched the second half of the "Lives of Peter and Paul."

It was a very good movie depicting the trials and tribulations these two apostles endured for their faith and Christianity, with death as their ultimate sacrifice.

Watch your bulletin for our next movie night and don't miss the opportunity to come out for some fun, food, and fellowship. See you there!





What's in our DNA?

By Rev. Dick Reinap

Happy New Year!

I know that many people look for a new year filled with JOY. That was our Advent and Christmas theme and certainly should be part of our focus for the New Year. In order to experience that joy, there must be peace. To have joy in our hearts we must have peace in our hearts. Peace in our hearts can only come from our relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior. And for that we thank our Father for His gift of His Son, to bring that faith, hope, peace and joy to our hearts. Amen.

We want joy in our lives for this New Year. If we truly want to experience that, then we need peace in our lives, daily; whether we are talking about our homes, families, neighbors, communities, organizations, governments, and even churches. In our church we are on a mission from God. That's our DNA. That is our most important role as a congregation. Sadly, so many people do not realize our role or accept it. We are not a club. We are not a business. We are not a social cult. We are not a political party. We are a church, members of the body of Christ, with a mission.

It can be so frustrating for some when every time we do something positive in our mission and ministry, and there is a backlash. Where is the peace? Where is the peace when we make decisions based on our DNA (On a Mission from God)? Where is the peace when we work to involve more of God's gifted people in the mission that He has given us? It's not a time for dissention. It's not a time for fear. It's not a time for skepticism. It is a time to step up to our call as Jesus' disciples, embrace our DNA, join together in our mission from God. Not jab. Not gripe. Not sleep. God tells us that everyone in our church has at least one gift from Him for His work. Most of us have more than one. Don't deny what God has given.

As our church moves forward into our mission and ministry from God, there will be changes. Not earth-shaking changes. Not always perfect. We need that peace in our hearts and in our lives for us to move ahead in our Mission from God with that JOY we want in our lives.

Happy New Year! May our Lord fill your heart with peace and joy. May He fill your life with peace and joy.

Poder y Paz



New Hope Prayer List

By Kathi Gremillion

Your help is needed for our Prayer List! We are in dire need of someone who could manage this list. This person would retain the submitted prayer cards and maintain a current list of names for those requiring special prayers during our church services. Our prayer request cards were updated some time ago, so that a one-time request or an ongoing request could be indicated. Our prayer list manager would be responsible for ensuring that the list remains current. They would ensure that names for short term requests are removed after one or two Sundays and would contact the requesters of long term requests from time to time to ensure that the request is still valid, and then communicate the current list to Emily McPhaul and Pastor Reinap each week. If you feel that you could serve our congregation in this way, please let me know.

MOB! Men of the Bible Report

By Kathi Gremillion

The MOB has been maintaining our church property as needed over the past Quarter.

In November, they fulfilled a request from the McDade Food Pantry to barbeque 200 half chickens just before Thanksgiving, so that two half chickens could be included in the Thanksgiving baskets of food given out to the McDade Food Pantry clients.

In December, they installed our growing Nativity display, complete with lighting for the Christmas Season.



WOW! Report

By Lola Cole

At our regular meeting in October we decided that in November and December we would devote our time and efforts to completing the painting needed on the Nativity scene figures for our outdoor display, and that we would decorate the Church building for the Advent season.

After publishing the October issue of New Hope News, we began the painting of the Nativity figures that we planned to add to our outdoor display. A very special thanks to the MOB (Men of the Bible) members who cut-out our figures and to the artists who painted the three wise men, the camel, and the sheep.

Because of the elaborate decorations of the costumes on the wise men and the camel, it took a lot more time and effort than we anticipated. Next year we plan to complete the Nativity Scene with the remaining shepherd and more animals.

We hope to see all members at our regular meeting at 4:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month as we begin 2016. We are continuing our study of the many different women in the Bible.

Remember every woman is a member of WOW and we would love for all to attend!





LCMC Director of Mission Growth Visits New Hope

By Liz Nelson and Kathi Gremillion

On October 25th, Reformation Sunday, our guest speaker was Pastor Bryce Formwalt, LCMC Texas District Director of Mission Growth. Pastor Formwalt has moved to our district to assist LCMC congregations to go and make disciples. He gave a very thought provoking sermon on discipleship, and had some LCMC t-shirts for sale after the service.

Listed on the LCMC website as some of his responsibilities are:

- Contact LCMC Texas District congregations and identify congregations that need revitalization and provide tools and resources for the local church itself to step in the right direction to become more alive and faithful in its life and Great Commission response.
- Visit District congregations to promote mission mindedness and garner support of the Mission work.

Pastor Formwalt provided us with some feedback for improvements which have been communicated to the appropriate committees, several of which have already been implemented.

After the service a delicious potluck lunch was served, where we had the opportunity to visit with Pastor Formwalt.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, calls, visits, inquiries, and other acts of kindness shown to our family during Leland's recovery from a stroke. Special thanks to Pastor Reinap for his prayers, mini-devotionals, visits, and giving us Communion. Leland is improving daily but still has a long way to go so continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you all!

Glenda (and Leland) Gebert

Updates for New Hope Lutheran Church Directory

By Brenda Kyle

Please make the following changes in your copy of our church directory or detach this page and add it to your directory:

Stubbs, Shannan

Correct Zip Code: **76527**



Word Game

His Star at Its Rising

Like the 3 wise men, let the star show you the way. 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.

BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH
BORN	MARY
CHILD	MYRRH
FRANKINCENSE	RISING
GIFTS	STAR
GOLD	TREASURE
JERUSALEM	WISE MEN
JESUS	



Bible Trivia

Moses was 40 when he fled the courts of Egypt and 80 when he returned. He was 120 when he died.

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 Hart
21 Gale Arnold

March

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

January

22 Victor & Judith Dube

February

22 Jeffrey & Lorie Schroeder

March

27 Bill & Patricia Grube
31 Robert & Liz Nelson



What's Happening at New Hope Lutheran Church!

Church Services

Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Ash Wednesday, February 10: 7:00 PM, Service with dispensation of ashes

Maundy Thursday, March 24: 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 25: 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

Easter Services, Sunday, March 27: 10:30 AM (Watch bulletin for details.)

Upcoming Special Events

Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Fish Fry, February 9: 6:00 PM (Watch church bulletin for details.)

Bible Study/Fellowship/Service Groups

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 AM, Parish Hall

Bible Study 7:00 PM first Wednesday of each month, Parish Hall

Women of the Word (WOW) 4:00 PM first Thursday of each month, Parish Hall

Men of the Bible (MOB) Most Saturday Mornings (check with Earl Gremillion or Bill Grube)

Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00 AM, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Jalisco Mexican Restaurant, Elgin

Choir Practice 4:00 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Church Sanctuary

New Hope Lutheran Church Sponsored Community Activities

Play 42 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month!

1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

McDade Community Activities

McDade Jamboree

2nd Monday of every month, 7:00 PM, Parish Hall

Loblolly 4H Club

2nd Sunday of every month, 4:00 PM, Parish Hall

Lutheran World Relief Quilters

4th Friday of every month, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Faith Lutheran, McDade

McDade Food Pantry

Serves community on Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (closed 5th Tuesday), Faith Lutheran, McDade

