

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

The New Hope Lutheran family has come so far since two ladies suggested that we find some place to meet as a new Bible believing church. A building is not a church and certainly does not make a church---the worshippers are the church. We have been so blessed in the few short years of our existence and if we continue to believe, study, faithfully worship and tithe we will continue to grow and thrive.

We do need more individuals to come forward and volunteer to participate in the service, especially readers. Do not hesitate because of fear of making an error. Thus far all readers have made mistakes and no one ever remembers that it occurred. Also, it would be nice to have others involved in making announcements at the end of the service. I know that Chris and I would like the relief and members sure would enjoy seeing others for a change.

The LCMC continues to grow and the next Texas District Convention is scheduled for August 1 & 2 (Friday and Saturday) and is being hosted by Faith Lutheran in Seguin. If anyone would like to attend please contact me as I have all of the registration information.

We now have "Thank you for worshipping with us" cards to send

to visitors thanks to Brenda Kyle. She also provided name and address cards for visitors to complete. Let's all get involved in welcoming any visitors and asking them to please fill out a card for our records. A "Thank You" card will then be sent to them.

Our adult Sunday School class is thriving with up to 16 joining in an in-depth study of the scriptures. If you have not attended, consider joining us. Walt Petticrew is doing a fantastic job as leader and I assure you that you will get to hear Victor Prochnow ask a question.

We are blessed with a great Pastor, but remember we are all Ministers of God's Holy word.

God's Blessings,

Carl Cole

Council President

Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Henry Hemmeter

IT IS HARDER TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN SUMMER!

The person who said that knew what they were talking about. It is harder to be a Christian in the summer months. Maybe God meant it to be that way.

In the summer months, God surrounds us with His beautiful outdoors. He gives us good weather for fishing and boating, for swimming, sunning, and golf, for picnics and weekend trips. It seems God gives us every excuse for missing worship in church services for "just one Sunday".

But this is like every other test we have taken in life. We are better for having taken a look at our priorities.

The wonders of summer will mean more to you this year, if every Sunday you "remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy".

God's great outdoors will be more meaningful when you "gladly hear and learn" God's Word.

"Blessed is the person who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers, but delights in the Law of the Lord and delights on His Law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. That person prospers in all they do."
Psalm 1:1-3



Pot Luck and Movie Night on July 30

By Kathi Gremillion

Our first "movie night" will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at 6:00 PM.

We will begin with a pot luck supper, followed by a presentation of a movie about Martin Luther.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of food, fellowship and enlightenment!

Men at Work Update

By Kathi Gremillion

The men of our church have been working continuously on most Saturdays and sometimes during the week to improve our church home and grounds.

Recently, they covered the brick on our ramps and porches with stucco which has really cleaned up appearances. They have also cleared and burned more brush along the highway, sprayed weeds, had road base brought in and used it to fill in where needed in and along our roadways.

They have also assisted with the WOW Nativity Scene Project by procuring the materials, cutting out the figures and priming them.

The men are considering a summer break from their organized Saturday activities (other than the routine grounds maintenance) until cooler weather prevails. This would be a much deserved break for our hard working group of men through the hottest part of the year.



WOW! Women of the Word Report

By Lola Cole

As mentioned in the last newsletter, several of our members attended the State WOW meeting in Hondo in April, and we implemented our Greeting Card Program, sending cards to those on our prayer list. In addition, several of us assisted Pastor Hemmeter by preparing and serving lunch as he hosted the Pastors Deanery meeting held at New Hope on April 8, and two of our ladies brought our Scrapbooks up to date from our humble beginnings in November 2010 through December 2013. Special thanks go to Dorothy Moore for almost all of the photos and to Brenda Kyle for composing most of the information into two books. Now our beginning is chronicled in pictures. We also wrote and published the fourth edition of our New Hope Newsletter. April was a busy month for us!

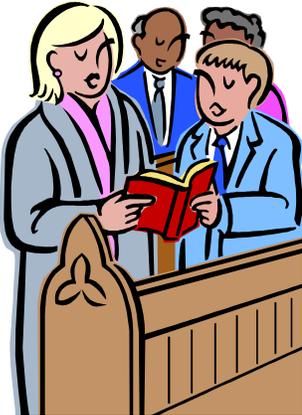
In May, Liz Nelson ordered and

received the patterns for our life size Nativity Scene Project which will be displayed along Highway 290 this Christmas season. We have decided that we will complete the stable, the Holy family, the Angel and the star for this year. With help from our "Men at Work", we'll get it done. These life size figures will be a very beautiful display. We plan to complete more of the figures and grow our display over the next couple of years.

We continue our study of The New Testament from an historical perspective through a DVD lecture series. We have only 4 more lectures in our study.

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.





New Members Received!

By Susan Epperson

On May 25, 2014, six people were received into membership with New Hope Lutheran Church.

Those received were Matt Hartt, Robert Donnell, David Moore, Bradley Moore, wife Alyssa Moore and their daughter Avery Nicole Moore.

We welcome our new members and look forward to fellowship and worship with them in the future.

New Hope now has a total of sixty-seven (67) members, including adults and children. How wonderful to see our Church growing!

Memorial Day Celebration

By Kathy Prochnow

New Hope sponsored its 2nd annual Memorial Day celebration on Saturday, May 24th, 2014, with over 50 people in attendance.

Church Council President Carl Cole welcomed those in attendance and reminded everyone about our Memorial Monument Plaque dedicated to the McDade VFW, which was installed in May 2013.

The day began with the Cub Scouts proudly unfolding and raising the flag. It was so impressive to watch these young scouts in uniform so dedicated to appropriately handling and raising the flag. We appreciate the extra time and effort they took to participate and be a part of our celebration.

Amanda Dale, President of both the Loblolly 4-H Club and the Bastrop County Area 4-H gave an inspiring presentation regarding Memorial Day and the importance of family. Our church is pleased to be able to provide a meeting place for the Loblolly 4-H Club. We would like to express an extra "thank you" to the 4-H Leaders, Janice Dale and Debbie Barrington,

and to the parents for supporting this 4-H program. We appreciate their participation in this celebration.

Pastor Henry Hemmeter spoke about Memorial Day, which was initially known as Decoration Day, since it was originally observed to honor all who died in the Civil War, as soldiers' graves were decorated. The present name of Memorial Day came about after World War II to honor all American men and women who died serving their country in any military action or war. Pastor also led everyone in patriotic songs.

Dave Musgrave with the Elgin VFW spoke about the importance of remembering Memorial Day. He also expressed gratitude to our church for all the positive changes to the former VFW property which would make those previously involved with the McDade Post very pleased.

Delicious cookies were served by the ladies of New Hope and everyone enjoyed visiting after this uplifting ceremony.



Seven Steps to Live By

1. Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.. ".. for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." I Samuel 16:7

3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand Up!! for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up!! to the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

6. Reach Up!! for something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up!! your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Next Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

7-02	Grayson Schroeder	9-19	Victor Dube
7-03	Vernell Kastner	9-20	Elisa Martinez
7-09	Brenda Kyle	9-24	Joseph Brade
7-18	Earl Gremillion	9-27	Carl Cole
7-18	Judith Dube	9-30	Jody Petticrew
7-21	Clifford Brade		
7-23	Lorie Shcroeder		
7-28	Morris Arnold		
7-31	Kathi Gremillion		
8-03	Alexis Whitsitt	7-06	Douglas & Janet Brade
8-06	Jeffrey Schroeder	9-06	Alvin & Susan Epperson
8-08	Mike Mogonye	9-21	Carl & Lola Cole
8-25	Francis Nesselbeck	9-21	Oscar & Loretta Dube
9-03	Walt Petticrew		
9-06	Janice Payne		
9-06	Alvina Moerbe		
9-17	Janet Brade		
9-16	Jeannie Wray		
9-18	Anne Grimma		

Anniversaries:

7-06	Douglas & Janet Brade
9-06	Alvin & Susan Epperson
9-21	Carl & Lola Cole
9-21	Oscar & Loretta Dube



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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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