

New Hope News

New Hope Lutheran Church
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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

I am so proud of our church family! Recently we voted to pay the rent for Mary Alice Miranda of Elgin, who was suffering from terminal cancer. She was very concerned that she would leave debts unpaid after her death. She died peacefully in the hospital knowing that all had been taken care of.

As I write this, the International Gathering and Convention of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ in Des Moines, Iowa, is underway. The LCMC has raised \$80,000 to cover the cost of purchasing the needed items and with 1000 volunteers, during the convention, they are packaging 400,000 meals that will be distributed by Meals from the Heartland. This is quite an undertaking and I am pleased that our congregation was able to contribute \$500 for this worthy cause.

After receiving suggestions from members, the Council voted to purchase three more window shades for the sanctuary windows. Measurements and information on our prior purchase has been turned over to WOW for the placement of the order. Also, our refrigerator in the kitchen has stopped operating again. Our Building Committee men worked on it for several days and after consulting with a refrigeration expert it was recommended that we purchase a new refrigerator due to the excessive cost of repair. At our special called meeting on October 5th, the congregation voted to purchase a replacement refrigerator. A WOW committee will select and

purchase the replacement. At the same meeting, it was approved by ballot vote, to build a new shop building for storage and maintenance needs. Construction will begin in the near future.

Last and certainly most important is finding Pastor Hemmeter's replacement as he leaves us to enjoy a final retirement as of October 26. The Clerical Committee is headed by Morris Arnold with Susan Epperson and Walt Petticrew serving as members of the committee. They have worked diligently on selecting a new Pastor and completing necessary interviews and paperwork. Their efforts should be completed soon and then their recommendation will be brought to the congregation for approval.

In a little less than four years we have come from a suggestion to a viable church family that has accomplished things that I am so very proud of. I stand firm in my belief that all that we have done has contributed to the steady growth of our church. May God continue to bless us in our efforts.

God's Blessings,

Carl Cole

Council President

Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Henry Hemmeter

THE THREE R'S – REPENTANCE, REFORMATION, RENEWAL

We are all prodigals! We are all children of God!

The “far country” and the “waiting Father” are part of our daily experience.

Repentance is the realization that we are in the “far country” and turning around towards our Father’s home.

Reformation is the walk back.

Renewal is life at home.

Christians find this happening to them daily, not just once in a lifetime. We need regular participation in the life of Christ’s Church in order that we may hear the Father’s voice and be called back when we are turning away.

Otherwise, we are lost!

Those who are tempted to journey to the “far country” are invited to the banquet celebration at the “Father’s house” this Sunday and every Sunday at New Hope Lutheran Church.

As prodigals, we repent and are forgiven. As sons and daughters of God, we are reformed. As children of the heavenly Father, we are renewed at New Hope.



Pot Luck and Movie Night October 29th

By Pat Grube

New Hope Lutheran Church held its first “movie night” on Wednesday, July 30.

We had approximately 30 people in attendance. A delicious pot luck meal was enjoyed by all. The meal was followed by a movie in our sanctuary depicting the life and times of Martin Luther. The film was very interesting.

The next movie night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29. We will

have potluck soup and sandwiches and a movie about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

If you missed the last movie night, come on out, starting at 6:00 PM with a meal, for some fun, food, fellowship and film. See you there!



MOB! Men of the Bible Report

By Kathi Gremillion

Although the men of our church have taken a much deserved summer break from their organized Saturday activities, they have not been idle, and many things around the church have been attended to by our dedicated group of men including the mowing of the church yard with the Kubota mower, mowing the rest of the property with 3 tractors with shredders while others were weed eating around the church, pavilion, kitchen, BBQ pits and storage building. They also repaired and serviced the Kubota mower and repaired the kitchen water heater. In addition, they have assisted WOW with their

nativity project by cutting out the wood nativity figures for them, and also building the Christmas stable for the project. The stable has been dismantled and is stored in our storage building until the project is complete and we are ready to display our nativity along the highway.

Their regular Saturday work schedule will resume as soon as the weather gets cooler. 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

We have only one more lesson in our two year study on "The New Testament" from the historical context in which it was written. We will start a new series of lessons in January. Every woman is invited to join us, participate, and grow with us.

We are continuing our greeting card program, and have sent out many cards to those on our prayer list over the past few months.

Also, we have been working diligently on our 290 Nativity Project. We have been painting the life-size cutouts of the Holy family and some animals. Special thanks to the Guys for cutting them out for us and building the Nativity Stable. And just wait until you see the completed project. It is looking like professionals did it.

Thanks also need to go to two very talented ladies. Brenda Kyle made curtains for our Parish Hall. They are beautiful and work so well for insulating from the heat and darkening the room when we show a DVD; and Vernell Kastner for the beautiful new banner. It is so awesome!

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.



What's Happening in the 4-H Club

By Lola Cole and Kathi Gremillion



As many of you know, we provide a meeting place for our local Loblolly 4-H club. We thought you might like to what they have been up to.

They are actively participating in fundraisers by collecting and/or donating items for auction to the Paige VFD, the Bastrop Animal Shelter, Cattlemen for Cancer Research, and Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child).

For Samaritan's Purse, they will be collecting toys and toiletry items to include in shoe boxes and ship to children all over the world. The organization will add a Bible in the child's native language with the items and deliver to less fortunate children, sharing God's love with them.

On November 15, they will be participating in the Paige Buyer's Club Chili Supper and Auction. Funds raised are spent on 4-H and FFA projects at the Livestock Shows in Bastrop and Elgin. Come buy your chili for a free will donation. Also, the 4-H is looking for local shut-ins who would appreciate a hot meal delivered before this function. The youth love reaching out and showing others that they care. Please pass along names and addresses of those who could use a cheer up to Carl Cole or to debbiebarrington428@hotmail.com.

October 26, a Special Sunday

By Kathi Gremillion



It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that we bid farewell to Pastor Henry Hemmeter and wife Betty, as he retires as pastor of our church on October 26.

We are sad that he will no longer be leading us in worship, but glad for him that he will be taking a much deserved rest from this work.

Pastor Hemmeter has been instrumental in the establishment of this congregation, and we would not be where we are without him. We have heard time and again from people visiting our church, and from members that his sermons are wonderful and inspiring. He will be greatly missed as our worship leader.

Please be sure to join us on October 26, for Pastor's farewell message and also for another special event: the Confirmation of Randon Whitsitt.

Following services, please join us for a celebratory meal to honor Pastor Hemmeter and wife Betty and Randon Whitsitt in the Parish Hall and Pavilion. The church will be providing barbequed chicken, and our members are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert.

Word Game

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.

Bonus: Which bird on the list is mentioned in the Bible as a “large black water bird”?

BARN OWL (Leviticus 11:18)	OSTRICH (Job 39:13)	S F K I T E S A N T H I E N B
BUZZARD (Isaiah 34:15)	PARTRIDGE (1 Samuel 26:20)	P B Y W N W A Q U A I L O U B
CORMORANT (Leviticus 11:17)	PEACOCK (1 Kings 10:22)	A A I P A R T R I D G E Z R H
CRANE (Isaiah 38:14)	PIGEON (Luke 2:24)	R R T L R H E H X A G Z T E F
EAGLE (Exodus 19:4)	QUAIL (Numbers 11:31)	R N L E O E G O E I A S R R L
FALCON (Job 28:7)	RAVEN (Genesis 8:7)	O O S D M I W N P R T B E U L
GREAT OWL (Isaiah 34:15)	ROOSTER (Matthew 26:34)	W W T U R T L E D O V E T T U
HAWK (Leviticus 11:16)	SEAGULL (Leviticus 11:16)	F L L W O T A E R G O R S L G
HERON (Leviticus 11:19)	SPARROW (Matthew 10:31)	E A S N C C K K I E N H O U A
HOOPOE (Leviticus 11:19)	STORK (Leviticus 11:19)	G A L M O U R N I N G D O V E
KITE (Leviticus 11:14)	SWALLOW (Isaiah 38:14)	N D H C I R T S O A S U R N S
MOURNING DOVE (Isaiah 38:14)	TURTLEDOVE (Genesis 15:9)	G S K L O N E V A R H I L E I
	VULTURE (Leviticus 11:13)	T I M S T N I H L C L D T O K

Next Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 10-01 Dorothy Moore
- 10-10 Curtis Moerbe
- 10-11 Alice Miller
- 10-12 Nathaniel Acker
- 10-13 Melany Whitsitt
- 10-18 Roger Payne
- 10-22 Robert Donnell
- 10-30 Alvin Epperson
- 11-08 Bill Grube
- 11-09 Loretta Dube
- 11-17 Ervin Miller
- 11-27 Oscar Dube
- 11-28 Leslie Adams
- 12-02 Glenda Gebert
- 12-09 Victor Prochnow
- 12-11 Ray Gosnell
- 12-15 Lola Cole
- Anna Gosnell
- Eddie Gosnell
- 12-16 Robert Nelson

- 12-17 Henry Hemmeter
- 12-20 Liz Nelson
- 12-21 Lori Pohorelsky
- 12-22 Kurt Wolf
- 12-24 Susan Epperson

Anniversaries:

- 10-14 Leland and Glenda Gebert
Henry and Betty Hemmeter
- 10-17 Morris and Gale Arnold
Victor and Kathy Prochnow
- 10-21 Chris and Kim Wolf
- 10-29 Walt and Jody Petticrew
- 11-05 Earl and Kathi Gremillion
- 11-14 Bradley and Alyssa Moore
- 12-12 Morris and Vernell Kastner



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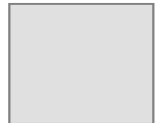
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Answers to Word Game: Bonus answer: Cormorant



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