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New Hope News

New Hope Lutheran Church
1970 Highway 290
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An LCMC Congregation

Pastor: Henry Hemmeter

Services 10:30 AM Sunday

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

Your Church Council

By Carl Cole

Your church council consists of myself as President, Anne Grimma as Secretary, Jody Petticrew as Treasurer and Chris Wolf, Susan Epperson and Joey Brade as Members at Large, and of course Pastor Hemmeter. We meet semimonthly and currently we are meeting on the third Monday at 6:00 PM. Terms are 12 months with elections each year at our annual meeting. Our current bylaws allow for any member to serve on the council for as long as the congregation members choose to re-elect them and they are willing to serve.

This fall, New Hope is three years old and we can be quite proud of what we have accomplished in such a short time. Since our beginning, we have been blessed with having an outstanding Pastor and after searching for some time, we obtained the services of Judith Dube as our organist, which is indeed a most welcome addition.

Bill Grube and Earl Gremillion head up the Building and Grounds Committee. Nearly every Saturday morning, anyone who has time to spare shows up and more improvements are made to the church property. Everyone has a different skill and it seems that on every job it all comes together after enthusiastic discussion on how "to do it". Spraying to get rid of the grass burrs did not achieve our goal—hopefully next spring we can get a better kill. This fall and winter, the plan is to work on removing much of the underbrush around the large pines at the west end of our

property, as it would be an excellent area for picnic tables and youth retreats.

We can be proud of the ladies of our church. WOW (Women of the Word) meet regularly and have made improvements to the kitchen area, worked to have the first Garage Sale on the pavilion and are planning to attend the Texas State WOW retreat in Hondo in the spring.

The use of our facilities as a Christian youth meeting place unfortunately did not work out. The understanding was that it was to be non-denominational, but it became clear that the theology teachings were narrow and even critical of our own theology. This resulted in the group leader looking for other options. We wish him well in his efforts to work with local youth.

I truly love our church family and the fellowship that we enjoy. Everyone does what they can based on time and ability, but the really great thing about New Hope Lutheran is the love that seems to always show in everyone's attitude. After three years, I have seen different opinions, but never disagreements that cause hard feelings.

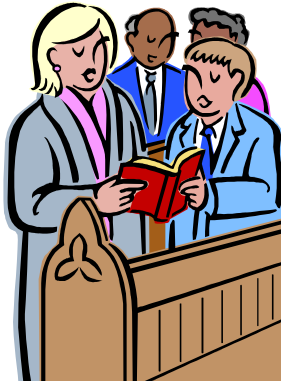
If anyone has any questions, ideas, or opinions that they would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to visit with me, or even better, start thinking about the possibility of offering to serve on the council in the future.

God's Blessings,

Carl

Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Henry Hemmeter



We Sing and Pray –“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Music and drama are part of life. The pulse-beat of a generation is in the songs it sings. Life is a drama whenever people meet people.

Whenever people meet God, music and drama are natural forms of expression. “A mighty fortress is our God” is too great a text to be just said; it cries out to be sung.

Worship is a drama – the Christian life in miniature. In one hour we act out the daily experience of every Christian:

Coming face to face with God,
Knowing our sin and guilt,

Listening to God's Word,
Giving our thanks,
Dedicating ourselves to him,
Sharing Christ in our midst,
Going out to help others.

Join this great song this Sunday at New Hope Lutheran Church. Be part of this great drama. Be involved in something as fundamental to life as air or sunlight. Join the singing; join the cast – this Sunday at 10:30 am at New Hope.

Garage Sale and BBQ Chicken Sale

By Kathi Gremillion



The members of WOW (Women of the Word) from New Hope Lutheran Church organized and held their first Garage Sale on Saturday, October 5 under our new pavilion. Members and friends generously donated items from their households for the sale. The sale began at 8:00 AM and remained open until 2:00 PM. We are happy to report that the sale was a huge success!

The WOW organization plans to use the funds from the sale to send WOW members to the LCMC WOW retreat which is being held in Hondo, Texas in the spring of 2014.

In conjunction with the garage sale, the men of our church organized their first use of the renovated BBQ pits,

holding their first BBQ chicken sale during the WOW garage sale. Pre-orders were taken from church members for approximately 70 chicken halves. The chicken halves were sold for \$3 per half, with a total of 288 halves cooked and sold on that day.

The cooks and fire keepers worked beginning Friday afternoon and stayed straight through until Saturday to get all the cooking done and sold the chickens during the garage sale on Saturday. The chickens were reported to be very good!

It was a very successful day! Thanks to our church members for their hard work and great teamwork!

MEN AT WORK

By Kathy Prochnow

The men continue to give of their Saturdays scheduling a work day to accomplish countless tasks to improve, renovate, update, modernize, beautify and maintain the buildings and grounds of our church.

During the last year, a multitude of jobs have been completed. As we think back to the initial building and grounds there have been numerous items have been completed that are not always noticeable and some even may have been taken for granted. However, what wonderful changes have been accomplished in such a short time. A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the men who spend their Saturdays working, even as they enjoy a few laughs and jokes among themselves. In addition they have gained a great friendship and fellowship. These men continue to give of their many talents to provide a safe and beautiful church building and grounds for us all to enjoy.

Listed are some of the improvements that have been completed:

Church Building

- Complete renovation of interior, including bathrooms
- Installed outside lights and motion lights to both porches
- Built railings for ramps and added new porch roofs to both doors
- Enclosed roof overhang and prime painted boards on building
- Dug new waterline and electrical lines
- Pressure washed building to prep for painting

- Constructed and dug post for new church sign
- Mounted new cross on gable

Church Grounds

- Cleared dead trees
- Sprayed for grass burrs
- Built VFW Memorial
- Continual mowing and maintenance
- Built storage building

Kitchen

- Remodeled/cleaned inside, replaced ceiling/lights
- Bricked outside of hot water closet
- Refinished and replaced bathroom items and added windows
- Installed and stained cabinets and countertops
- Painted floor and added weather stripping to all doors
- Dug and installed drain water line for sink
- Installed refrigerator, ice maker, stove and hood
- Enclosed overhang to new porch roof

BBQ Pits

- Poured concrete in bottom to level for fire
- Installed new roof and painted pipe
- Rewired electricity
- Built forms for concrete ramp
- Replaced cooking grill grates





The McDade Jamboree

By Dorothy Moore

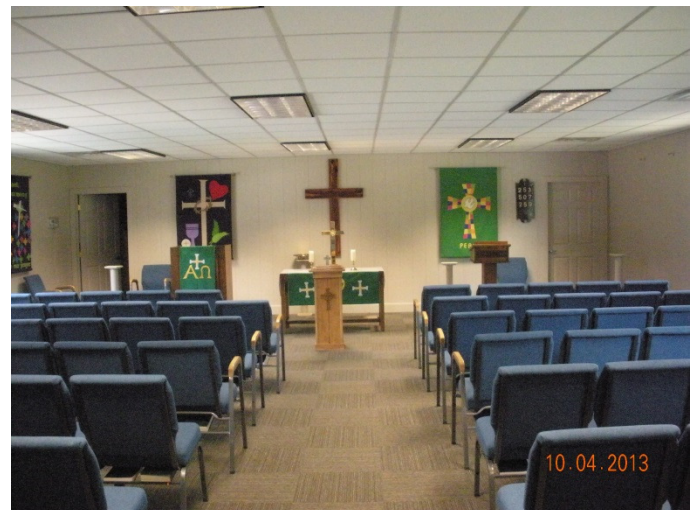
The first McDade Jamboree was held on September 10, 2001 at the McDade VFW 8313 Post building with several guest music makers. It was a full house. The following morning was the sad event known as 9/11. The VFW Auxiliary sold sodas at the first Jamboree and Dorothy Moore was in charge of the soda sales for the next seven years. After the McDade VFW Post was taken over by the Elgin VFW and then the New Hope Lutheran Church, the Jamboree continued to be held every month, even during the building renovation phase of New Hope Lutheran Church. After the renovations were finished, no more food or drink could be used inside

the building.

The members of the McDade Jamboree Band are: David Musgrave, Willard and Sandy Rother, Steve Johnson, David Riffe, Rodney and Pixie Dean and Debbie Lundrigan. There are usually two guest performers each month. Mary Musgrave and Pixie Dean take care of the sound system.

The McDade Jamboree is held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. The entrance fee is \$3 and many people bring door prizes to be given out during the event. It is good country music for about 2 hours.

Then and Now....



10.04.2013

History of New Hope Lutheran Church

By Leslie Adams

The following information is needed from church members to complete our church history:

1. Family History Sheets for each adult (sheets available on table at church entrance)
2. Information about family traditions, your comments about our new church or anything else you would like to add regarding your family members, previous church, favorite hymns, things you like to do, etc. Add extra pages if you need to and if husband & wife both make comment, please note who made the comments.

Contact Leslie Adams (512-253-6555/ 512-619-4802) for more information.



Next Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

10-01 Dorothy Moore
 10-11 Alice Miller
 10-12 Nathaniel Acker
 10-13 Melanie Whitsitt
 10-18 Roger Payne
 10-30 Alvin Epperson
 11-08 Bill Grube
 11-17 Ervin Miller
 11-28 Leslie Adams
 12-09 Victor Prochnow
 12-11 Ray Gosnell
 12-15 Anna Gosnell
 12-17 Pastor Hemmeter
 12-21 Lori Pohorelsky
 12-22 Kurt Wolf
 12-24 Susan Epperson

Anniversaries:

10-14 Pastor & Betty Hemmeter
 10-17 Morris & Gale Arnold
 10-21 Victor & Kathy Prochnow
 10-29 Walt & Jody Petticrew
 11-05 Earl & Kathi Gremillion
 12-18 Morris & Vernell Kastner



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Henry Hemmeter, Pastor

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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