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New Hope News

New Hope Lutheran Church
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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

By Carl Cole

Well school has started again, we are now into the Fall Season, Thanksgiving will soon be here and shortly thereafter we have Christmas. The older I become the faster each year goes by.

The first of the year we will be having our annual congregational meeting and with it the election of council members for the ensuing year. Your Church Council are the elected representatives for the congregation and are charged with the responsibility for seeing to the operation and business of New Hope. It is not too early to start thinking about stepping forward and offering to fill one of the positions. I feel confident that there will be several positions to fill.

Last year after offering them a place to meet the Loblolly 4H Club was formed. The first year was small in numbers but great in enthusiasm resulting in a great formative year with many awards won. After the summer lull they have started their second year and the first meeting had an increase in membership up to sixteen. We can be proud that allowing the use of our facilities has contributed to the development of this club which teaches responsibility and values.

Your council has been working with Lutheran Trust on insurance coverage on our facilities and they now provide our insurance. Also, on their recommendation fire extinguishers have been purchased and will soon be installed in strategic locations.

When we formed New Hope much was discussed about the high percent of individuals in the immediate area that are unchurched and especially the great number of children that are not brought up

in the church. This provides tremendous possibilities for mission work and future growth for our church family. The current enrollment for the McDade School District is 227 and this is only for grades 1-8. Next year the 9th and 10th grades will be added as McDade will be moving to a full high school. New Hope has a responsibility to support mission work by the LCMC and there is no better opportunity to be involved in a mission effort than right here in the McDade and Paige area, especially now that the ELCA has announced that they will be closing St. John's in Paige.

Thanks to Pastor Reinap for all his efforts regarding our worship service. His sermons, the music, the involvement of members and now the improved sound system are something of which we all can be proud.

On a personal note, my hip replacement surgery has gone well and healing is as expected. I still have a problem with pain in my left knee and back and will be visiting a neurological surgeon as soon as I'm released by my orthopedic surgeon. Brady Jurk, my grandson battling bone cancer has not been as fortunate. As I write this he has been admitted to Dell Children's Hospital on an emergency basis for the second time. His blood count is so low and his temperature so high that once again his chemo treatment at MD Anderson in Houston has been canceled. The removal of the cancerous bone in his leg and placement of a steel rod did go well even though there were some complications. Thanks to all who have prayed for Brady, and their continuing support.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Carl Cole



Our First Vacation Bible School

By Brenda Kyle

Our first VBS was held the week of July 20-23 and was a huge success. We studied some of the "Heroes of Faith"; those being Joshua, Esther, Zacchaeus and Phillip. On Monday, we started with twelve kids and ended on Thursday with fourteen.

Activities included painting rocks, coloring a "creation wheel", making Frisbees, God Is Love crosses, last supper crosses and rainbow slime.

During music time we learned several songs including sign language for some of them. The songs included "I've Got Joy", "Alleluia", "Praise Ye the Lord", "Father, I Adore You", "This Little Light of Mine" and "I've Got Peace Like a River".

Outside activities included Frisbee, drawing with sidewalk chalk and visits from live animals. Pastor Reinap provided the animal visits so that the

children could learn about them and touch them. On Tuesday, he brought his bearded lizard, on Wednesday a large turtle and on Thursday a fainting goat!

All of the youth voiced their enjoyment in attending our VBS. Each youth received a treat bag on the last day that included pencils, activity books, Bible verse coins, religious kick balls and prisms.

As a memento of our first VBS, a photo album was prepared and given or mailed to each youth which included several pictures of each of them participating in the different activities during VBS.

Plans are already being worked on for next year's VBS. Tentative dates are July 19 through 23 and include Kindergarten (age 5) through 8th grade (age 13).

Please mark your calendars so that you can plan to attend or help with all the fun!

Movie Night!

By Kathi Gremillion

Our last Movie Night was held on July 29. A delicious sandwich and ice cream supper was served before the movie and was well attended.

The movie is entitled "Peter and Paul", and stars Anthony Hopkins and Robert Foxworth. Due to the length of this movie, we only watched the first half on July 29.

The second half of this movie will be shown on our next movie night which will be on October 28. We will have sandwiches and dessert at 6:00 PM, and will show the movie at about 7:00 PM. Be sure you don't miss the second half of this movie!

The Youth and Education Committee

(YAE) has sponsored 3 more Movie and Pizza Nights for area youth since their first which was kicked off in June.

Movie and Pizza Nights were held on July 8th, August 12th and September 16th. There are no more on the schedule this year, but there are plans to do it again next summer.



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Dick Reinap



Why pray? God knows everything, right? He knows our situation. He knows our future. He knows our needs. So, if God knows everything, then why pray?

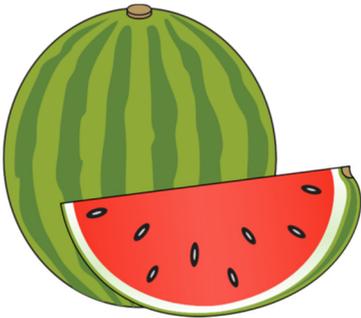
God commands and invites us to pray. He wants us to speak with Him and share our concerns and requests. Our prayers give us the opportunity to praise and thank God. Our prayers give us the opportunity to consider our needs and the needs of our neighbor. Our prayers give us the opportunity to meditate on God's Word. Our prayers give us the

opportunity to think about the ways God answers our prayers.

God hears the prayers of Christians. He answers in His own way and His own time. He knows what is best for us and He will answer in a way that agrees with His plan for us. Our prayers give us the opportunity to appreciate God's grace. We don't deserve it. Because of Jesus, we are His children. We have that wonderful opportunity to pray to our Father, knowing He truly loves and cares about us. We should never stop praying.

2015 McDade Watermelon Festival Activities

By Judith Dube



The McDade Watermelon Festival for 2015, held on July 11th was an exciting day for McDade and New Hope! Not only were watermelons important to festival attendees, but for our Outreach program as well.

Pastor Reinap, Judith Dube and 4 year old Jacob Dube carried a banner advertising New Hope in the Watermelon Parade. Randon Whitsitt and Brandon Wolf followed the banner distributing candy for young spectators. Afterwards Pastor and Judith, along with Emily McPhaul worked in a booth on the festival grounds that Victor Dube and Pastor Reinap had set up earlier that morning.

Janet and Gaylan Samson helped 'stuff' bags with small toys and religious items, donated by Brenda Kyle and Judith Dube, to give away to children at the festival. This bag and other freebies presented opportunities to share information about New Hope and its programs especially the new Bible School which would follow in several weeks.

The day was hot, but everyone involved enjoyed the sharing opportunity with fellowship and lively conversation. Janet Brade and Brandon and Alexis Whitsitt visited the New Hope booth and enjoyed sweets and drinks provided by Emily.

People from Houston, Austin, Paige, Smithville, McDade, and New Hope were greeted with love and enthusiasm. Everyone involved enjoyed the fellowship and felt successful knowing that Jesus, our church, and info about our activities was shared with a generous 'Welcome' to all. This was New Hope's first time to have a booth at the Watermelon Festival.

MOB! Men of the Bible Report

By Earl Gremillion

The MOB has been maintaining the church buildings and property on an as needed basis. Since there has not been much rain, the need for mowing has been minimal.

In July, we purchased the sink, faucet and plumbing supplies and installed them along with the countertop and cabinet in the Sacristy. The cabinet and countertop were generously donated to us by The Koehler Company of Seguin, Texas.

We owe special thanks to Pat Grube for staining and finishing the cabinet and doors.

In August, we cut out the remaining wood figures for the Women of the Word's nativity project.



WOW! Report

By Lola Cole

So much has been going on in the third quarter that we have been involved in outside of our regular meetings. Our ladies have really been busy as you can see by the other articles in our newsletter. During our meetings we have continued with our studies of Women of the Bible with different leaders for each lesson. At our July meeting, Anne Grimma gave a lesson about Lydia, and in August, Brenda Kyle gave the lesson on Sarah. Then in September Vernell Kastner chose to give her lesson on Rebekah. At our last meeting in October, Leslie Adams taught us about Dinah. Each of the lessons was unique, informative and interesting. It has been great having different perspectives on the women chosen by the ladies presenting the lesson. We plan to continue with these studies of the Women of the Bible for the next year.

We have begun painting the selected figures that will be added to our outdoor Nativity Scene this year. We are painting after our meetings and during several other scheduled sessions in October and November in preparation for this Christmas season.

We welcome all women to attend our meetings and help with our projects is always needed.

Remember every woman is a member of WOW and we would love for all to attend! We meet at 4:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month.





7th Annual LCMC Texas District Convention

“Deep in the Heart”

By Emily McPhaul

The 7th Annual LCMC Texas District convention was held in Victoria, Texas, on July 31 and August 1, 2015. Representatives traveling to Victoria from New Hope were Gaylan and Janet Sampson (voting delegates), Pastor Dick Reinap and Emily McPhaul. The theme of the convention was "Deep in the Heart" and the scripture text was from Romans 10:1-15, "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified..." We came with joyful hearts but what we left with was a two day Spirit filled anointing of the Holy Spirit, enthusiastic and willing to be on a "Mission from God."

The two day event featured keynote speakers, worship, breakout sessions, vendors and plenty of opportunities for fellowship and networking. Did I forget the third sacrament? FOOD! It is the third sacrament, isn't it?

What a spirit filled convention that was. Can you imagine a sanctuary filled with over 250 people praising the Lord in worship and song? Can you imagine being blessed to be in a place where you can be inspired, get informed, get trained and equipped and get connected with other LCMCers? It was a true blessing indeed.

As I reflect on the convention one of the keynote speakers, Pastor Bryce Formwalt, the newly installed Director of Mission Growth for the entire Texas District, gave an outstanding presentation on being on a "Mission from God." He reminded all of us that we have a higher purpose, a Holy calling from God, and that we need to get our "swagger" back. We need to reset our expectations and think about what the church should be and who we are, and that will reveal our mission as the body of Christ. How exciting that will be! Pastor Formwalt concluded his presentation by addressing three images or pictures that God is calling the church to be: a hospital for sinners, a training center for disciples, and an outpost for missionaries. Let us never forget to be ministers of the Good News!

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, visits, words of encouragement, and other acts of kindness during my recovery from a bad fall. Special thanks to Pastor Reinap for taking time out of his busy schedule to come check on me. I was blessed that I did not break any bones, and I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

God bless you,

Glenda 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:

Dube, Victor and Judith (New Phone #s):

Judith Cell: (512) 273-2541

Home: None – was converted to cell

Victor Cell: (512) 773-0573

Victor Dube's birthday should be September 15 (not 19)

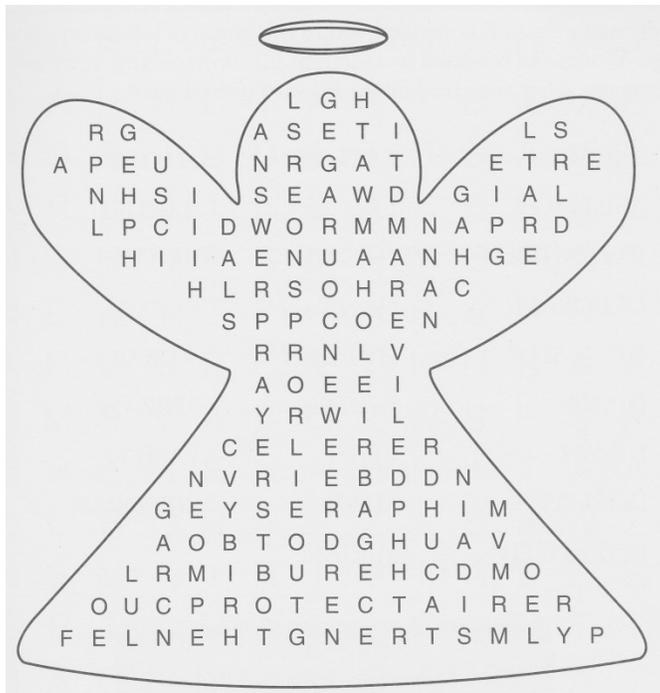
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Word Game

Angels All Around

Find these angelic terms—who they are and what they do—in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may read either forward or backward.

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| ANSWER PRAYERS | PRAISE |
| ARCHANGEL | PROTECT |
| CHERUBIM | PROVIDE |
| DELIVER | RAPHAEL |
| ENCOURAGE | REVEAL |
| GABRIEL | SERAPHIM |
| GUIDE | STRENGTHEN |
| LEAD | WORSHIP |
| MICHAEL | |



Next Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

- 15 Edward Gosnell
- 16 Robert Nelson
- 17 Henry Hemmeter
- 20 Liz Nelson
- 21 Lori Pohorelsky
- 22 Kurt Wolf
- 24 Susan Epperson

October

- 10 Curtis Moerbe
- 11 Alice Miller
- 12 Nathaniel Acker
- 13 Melany Whitsitt
- 18 Roger Payne
- 22 Robert Donnell
- 30 Alvin Epperson

ANNIVERSARIES:

October

- 14 Leland & Glenda Gebert
- 14 Henry & Betty Hemmeter
- 17 Morris & Gale Arnold
- 17 Victor & Kathy Prochnow
- 21 Christopher & Kim Wolf

November

- 8 Bill Grube
- 9 Loretta Dube
- 17 Ervin Miller
- 27 Oscar Dube
- 28 Leslie Adams

November

- 5 Earl & Kathi Gremillion
- 14 Bradley & Alyssa Moore

December

- 2 Glenda Gebert
- 9 Victor Prochnow
- 11 Ray Gosnell
- 15 Lola Cole
- 15 Adrianna Gosnell

December

- 12 Morris & Vernell Kastner



What's Happening at New Hope Lutheran Church!

Church Services

Sunday School 9:30 AM, Parish Hall

Sunday Service 10:30 AM, Church Sanctuary

Sunday, October 25, Reformation Sunday. Pastor Bryce Formwalt, LCMC Texas District Director of Mission Growth will deliver the sermon. A Pot Luck Lunch will follow after services. Be sure to wear RED!

Sunday, November 8, a forum is planned to discuss ideas about what members would like to see, like to do, or like to use as far as our building plans are concerned, immediately after services.

Study/Fellowship/Service Groups

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)

Choir Practice 4:00 PM Tuesdays (check with Judith Dube), 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.

Movie Night!

October 28, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Sandwiches, Chips and Light Desserts followed by Movie at 7:00 PM

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

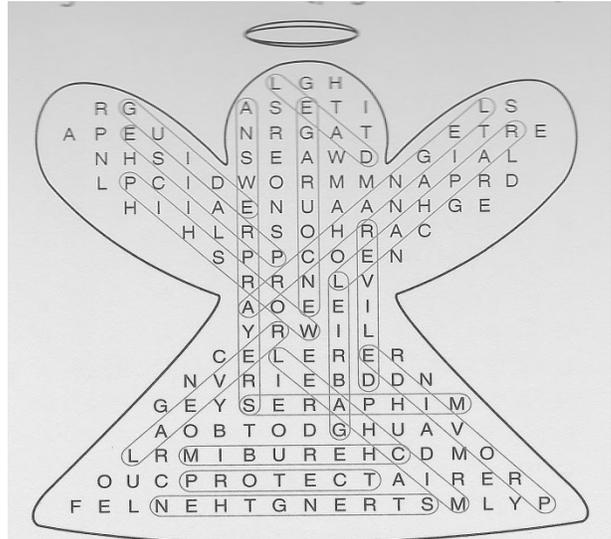
About Our Newsletter...

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 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.

Answers to Word Game:



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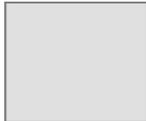
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