

From Pastor Riddering:

Recently a member of Hope complained to me that "I don't know anybody at church any more". Getting to know new people and keeping old friendships alive are both hard work. That's where small group Bible studies are helpful. Prayer for and with on another holds the body of Christ together.

Another way to build relationships is coffee time at 10 am on Sundays. But one of the best things you can do to feel connected with others is to work together on a project, committee, retreat, mission trip, VBS, or ????. Check your newsletters and bulletins for service and fellowship opportunities.

"Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

See you in church!
Pastor Wayne



Strive to see God in all things without exception, and acquiesce in His will with absolute submission. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to Him by a mere upward glance, or by the overflowing of your heart towards Him. Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your world seems upset. Comment all to God, and then lie still and be at rest in His bosom. Whatever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God, trusting in His eternal love for you; and if (when) you find that you have wandered forth from this shelter, recall your heart quietly and simply. Maintain a holy simplicity of mind, and do not smother yourself with a host of cares, wishes, or longings, under any pretext.

By ### St. Francis DeSales



APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES

If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word "fiduciary." Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust.

For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God's family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since the penalty and judgment for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price for our sin. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to Him, we will need to report on how we have managed His assets!

As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done? And more importantly, as a "fiduciary" of what God has placed in your hands, will you stand before Him with joy, eager to report on your giving and management of His assets?



PRESIDENTS REPORT

We had a good leadership retreat on Saturday the 8th of January. The retreat was well attended by our leadership team. I believe that this retreat started us off on a good year for our congregation.

I am happy to report that Tracy Ballard volunteered to serve as our recording secretary. Tracy was officially voted in at our Voters Assembly meeting on Sunday the 23rd of January. I am saddened to report that both Cathy Wacker and Nancy Watkins have resigned from the education board. We are looking for replacements, If you are interested and willing to serve on the education board please contact me or pastor Wayne.

We finished 2010 in the black. Praise the LORD!
Thank you all for your faithful giving of your tithes and offerings

Jon Wallestad



FELLOWSHIP BOARD REPORT

The next meeting of the fellowship board will be at 2:00 pm Monday the 7th of February. The meeting will be held in the Lange Memorial Fellowship Hall.

The board is planning another women's night out and fun clothing exchange. Look for details in the bulletin. It will be sometime in March.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday the 9th of March. We will again be hosting the soup suppers prior to our Lenten services. Please sign up to help provide soup. Sign up poster will be available soon in the narthex.

We are also planning another church garage sale. The exact date has not yet been set. Probably late July or sometime in August



PRISCILLA CLUB:

Next Meeting: February 10, 2011, at 1:00 P.M.
Where: Lange Memorial Fellowship Hall Library
Hostess: JoAnn Hartbauer
Devotion: Sharing True Love
Sketch: How's Your Heart?
Bible Study: God's Valentine to Us
Business: Plan "Love Gift"
Human Care: Use your talents and imagination to find ways to give from your heart



Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to attend our weekly Bible study on the HEART of JESUS ### Women in the Gospel of Luke by Marlyn Tauge. Concordia Publishing House.

In this study, today's women meet women who spoke with Jesus, were challenged by Jesus, grieved along the road to the tomb, and rejoiced on Easter morning. Women will be encouraged with stories from Luke while we discover our own identity in the heart of Jesus.

This 12 week study begins on Thursday, Jan. 20 and ends on April 7. We meet in the Lange Hall library from 9:30 ### 11:30 AM. We will use workbooks and a DVD. The total cost is \$8.00 per person, and is payable a our first class.

Reservations are required as we need to order the material. Call Carol Mallett, 783-9107, by Sunday, Jan. 9.

The Bible study facilitators will be Carol Mallett, Gwyn Miller, Carmela Searight and Carol Wallestad.

Hope that you will join us as we grow in our faith and enjoy a blessed fellowship together.



Women's Retreat Get-away

Our first! Coming February 18-19! BEAUTIFUL FEET ### "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10:15

The planning committee is formalizing the details for our first retreat get-away, so we will contact you when we have the place and cost.

Please pray about attending and who to invite to come along with you!

Retreat Committee: Kathy Koon, Carol Mallett, Gwyn Miller, DeDe Riddering and Carmela Searight.

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Happy Birthday

- 01 Jacob Custer
- 02 Carole Custer
- 03 Timothy Unrein
- 06 Lori Schepmann
- 08 Michellene Helton
- 08 Alan Olomon
- 09 Claricy Rusk
- 11 Ernie Koon
- 13 Lindsey Wilson
- 13 Grant Rusk
- 14 JoAnn Hartbauer
- 17 Zach Fox
- 17 Isaac Smerchek
- 17 Zach Smerchek
- 18 Michael Kattnig
- 19 Carey Unrein
- 19 Linda Schuff
- 21 Emma Rusk
- 22 Jane Thomas
- 22 Betty Elkins
- 22 Hunter Speer
- 23 Jon Wallestad
- 24 Marie Holmberg
- 26 John Rusher
- 26 Dina Sockriter
- 28 Audrey Stermer
- 28 Derek Pearl

Happy Anniversary!

- 05 Roger & Pam Camper
- 10 Leonard & Brenda Bosse

- 14 Gary & Gwynethe Miller
- 02/14/60 Kenneth & Linda Schuff
- 02/21/48 Chuck & Phyllis Kastendieck

Ushers:

- 06 Dan & Lori Fox
- 13 Dale & Gertie Falske
- 20 Chuck & Phyllis Kastendieck
- 27 Bob & Carol Mallett

Acolyte:

- 06 Sara & Ellie
- 13 Marshall & Hunter
- 20 Katie & Sara
- 27 Ryan & Ellie

Lectors:

- 06 Cathy Wacker
- 13 Doug Tyler
- 20 Lisa Frank
- 27 Jeanene Comerford

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Announcements:

The church calendar is in the kitchen downstairs. If you have an event scheduled, please put it on the calendar to avoid conflicting with other activities. Thank you!!!

The Church Newsletter is posted on the Hope Lutheran Church web site. If you don't have internet and would like to receive the newsletter by mail, please call your elder.

It's not too late to come to Adult Information Class which meets each Tuesday from 6-7:30 pm in the church library. We are journeying through Luther's Catechism and enjoying discussing it together.

Smoked brisket and homemade beans will be served at the Doug Beyer benefit on Feb. 13th from 1-6 pm in the Lange Fellowship Hall. Join us! Doug had bone marrow transplant in December and is still recovering in isolation in Denver.