

**Dear Friends at Hope,**

Epiphany season has taken us to the star and the wise men, to the Temple with young Jesus, to the seashore with Andrew and Peter and to witness manifestations of Jesus' majesty and His love for Gentiles and Jews through his healings and miracles. This Sunday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) we journey up to the mountain of Transfiguration to behold His glory.

Then, it will be time to come back down to earth. To begin our Lenten pilgrimage in a real world of suffering and conflict and hope. March 9<sup>th</sup> our journey starts with ashes and confession and Holy Communion. The theme of Lent this year will be the Ten Commandments and how they speak to us Law and Gospel today.

At Lent, we are introduced to our Lord's conflict with the spiritual forces of evil ### the same forces we confront daily in our journey as children and servants of God. The temptations Jesus confronted are, in many ways, comparable to those we face on a daily basis. We are tempted to serve ourselves, to worship other gods, to desire worldly fame and goods just as Jesus was. The devil worked mightily to get Jesus to 'cave' in just one area, to effectively 'cross out the cross' in the ministry of our Lord. Satan's scheme against Jesus (and against us) is to provide an easier path to salvation ... one that doesn't require sacrifice.

Thanks be to God that Jesus did not give in! He was tempted in every way, in both His flesh and His spirit, yet He did not sin! And so He journeyed to the cross and gave His life, in our place, to redeem us and make us His own members until He shall call us to eternal life with Him in heaven. I can't wait!

Part of our Lenten experience each year is the fellowship meal each Wednesday and the Seder meal during Holy Week. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thanks for your help.

See you in church this Lent!  
Pastor Wayne



**The Lutheran Church Youth** encourages the congregation to pray about sacrificing/giving canned and non-perishable foods to the sharing center this Lenten season. We are looking to help meet the need of food for the sharing center and we would appreciate your support and donations! Please bring one or more cans of food to each Lenten service. The Sharing Center boxes are in the entryway of the church and in the entryway of the Lange Fellowship Hall.

Thank You!



**To the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church,**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Words cannot describe how grateful I am at the incredible outpouring of love and support you have shown to Debbie and me. Your work, hospitality, financial generosity and prayer filled support has been overwhelming. What an open example of the message that the Lord left for us ... to truly love one another! How powerful!

This rare illness has been the most difficult thing I have ever faced, and I truly could not have survived it alone. Thank you all so very much and I cannot wait to see you all again soon. Know that God will never be outdone and He will overshadow you with His profound blessing. Of this I am sure, He is smiling as He says ... "Well done my loyal and faithful servants." Thank you all and know you truly helped a brother in need.

In Christ, I remain always, Doug Bayer



**FELLOWSHIP BOARD REPORT**

We are planning a ladies night out for Tuesday the 22nd of March. Carol Wallestad will host the party. It will be spring clothing and jewelry exchange. Plan to bring an appetizer to share. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the narthex of the church.

There is a sign up sheet in the church narthex for our Lenten soup suppers. Please sign up to provide soup.

Start saving your garage treasures. We are planning another church garage sale sometime in July. You may start bringing items any time and we will store them in the northwest room in the fellowship hall.



**PRISCILLA CLUB:**

Next Meeting: March 10, 2011, at 1:00 P.M.  
Where: Lighthouse Pregnancy Center  
Hostess: Linda Kaufman  
Devotion: Divine Muscle  
Sketch: Discovering Yourself  
Business: Plan Seder Meal  
Human Care: Be a special friend to someone who is widowed or divorced. Invite them over for supper. Brighten someone's day: send cards to the ill, homebound, new moms, or "just because".



**Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible study on The Heart of Jesus is continuing through March, and will end on April 7. We meet in the Lange Hall library every Thursday from 9:30 ### 11:30 am.

Call Gwyn Miller if you need more info. Please join us for a wonderful study and fellowship.



Hope Lutheran had its first Women's Retreat on the weekend of February 18-19. We had 30 women in attendance and the retreat team was thrilled with how many women came and participated. Many thanks to all who helped. The theme of our retreat came from Romans 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" We had a wonderful time in prayer and praise, Bible Studies, games, and delicious food. Here are several wonderful things that happened during or because of the retreat:

- A Baby shower is being planned for a single mother-to-be
- Fellowship/Bible Study in the Eastcliffe subdivision
- A woman wants to share "Beautiful Feet" retreat Bible studies with other cancer patients
- A retreat attendee has more boldness in sharing about God and Jesus
- Another Women's Retreat is being discussed for the near future



Can you believe how many award shows they have now? It seems like that have an award show for everything.

They even have awards for commercials! The CLIO Awards, a whole show full of commercials.

I taped it and then fast-forwarded through the whole thing.

**Happy Birthday**

- 04 Rick Stermer
- 05 Linda Kaufman
- 06 Dorothy Martinez
- 06 Debbie Ledbetter
- 06 Jayne Aldrich
- 06 Jake Shy
- 07 Rick Perschbacher
- 07 Mary Kastendieck
- 14 Kenny Patterson (Sr.)
- 14 Jennifer Riskie
- 14 Ben Rusher
- 14 Wayne Sockriter
- 15 Laurie Cain
- 15 Don Kaufman
- 15 Ian Aldrich
- 16 Doug Fuller
- 16 Barbara Knight
- 17 Ron Keyston
- 19 Dennis Helton
- 19 Wayne Riddering
- 21 Leonard Bosse
- 22 Corey Lewenkamp
- 22 Tom Abbott
- 25 Phyllis Kastendieck
- 27 Irene Francis
- 27 Curt Wilson
- 29 Ken Hudson
- 31 Ryan Schepmann

- 06 Russ Ware
- 09 Richard Henderson (Ash Wednesday)
- 13 Chuck Kastendieck
- 16 Dale Falske (Lenten Service)
- 20 Trent Nelson
- 23 DeDe Riddering (Lenten Service)
- 27 Amy Perschbacher
- 30 Jon Wallestad (Lenten Service)

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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.

Thrivent Financial is planning a benefit for Dr. Marquez to help defray his medical expenses on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:00 to 2:30 pm at the Lange Hall. The menu is spaghetti with marinara sauce or chicken with alfredo sauce, tossed salad, French bread, dessert & drink. A free-will offering will be taken. A live auction will be conducted by Tom Flower. Music will be provided by Sugarfoot (Jerry & Sandy Brown). From the congregation needed are auction items, desserts and some helping hands.

Please contact Doris Porth at 783-2217 if you have items to donate or would like to help.

Choir practice will be at 5:00 pm during Lent, because the Lenten Soup Suppers are at 6:00 pm.

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 3/04/2005 Dick & Mary Stone
- 3/05/2004 Larry & Naomi Perkins
- 3/13/1999 Steve & Melissa Smerchek
- 3/18 Lou & Pat Meissner
- 3/20/1993 Russ & Amanda Ware
- 3/23/1973 Mick & Lori Kastendieck
- 3/24/2000 Greg & Nancy Watkins
- 3/28/1992 Denny & Kelly Lewenkamp

**Ushers:**

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

**Lectors:**



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