

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** **(From Oct 2009 Newsletter)**

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God ### this is your spiritual act of worship.” (Romans 12:1)*

A recent article in a church publication which I received centered on the topic of getting ready to worship. Some helpful suggestions are worth sharing:

On Saturday night, for family devotions read the lessons that are appointed for Sunday morning. You might discuss them and talk about how they might apply to your family or other people you know. Ask if there are any offenses among family members. If any are revealed, they need to be confessed and then forgiven. Pray for the Sunday morning gathering that what is spoken, sung, and prayed may be to God’s glory and the “building up” of our faith in Christ. Prepare your offering and if you have children, have them prepare their offering. Pick out clothing for the family to wear on Sunday morning. Go to bed at an early hour so that it won’t be difficult to rise on Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning, get up in plenty of time so that you don’t need to rush. Listen to some Christian music (perhaps on tape) and the Lutheran Hour. Eat a good breakfast. Leave home in plenty of time to arrive five or ten minutes before the worship service.

During the service pray for the pastor to speak effectively to your spiritual need and ask God to give you a receptive heart for His Word (and for the Lord’s Supper if it is being offered). Take notes on the sermon which you can discuss later with the family.

After the worship service, perhaps around the dinner table, discuss what the Lord said and did for His people this day. Share what was of the most meaning and significance for you. Guard yourself against unhelpful criticisms. Make Sunday as peaceful a day as possible.

During the following week, review the sermon notes a couple of times and pray that the Lord would help you to live as His child. Find a time to read a section of Scripture each day. Share with your family if you find that what you heard

last Sunday applied to something which happened during the week. If you have the opportunity, invite a friend or acquaintance to worship with you next Sunday.

Our preparation and follow-through can make a real difference in our worship life.

See you in church,  
Pastor Wayne Riddering  
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## **MINUTES HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL 8** **SEPTEMBER 2011**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** President Wallestad reviewed the call process. Hope Lutheran has submitted the names of five pastors to President Golter. Pastor Randy Bolt, Trinity Lutheran Pueblo, CO; Pastor Schmidt, Rifle, CO; Pastor Timothy Stork, Grand Junction, CO; Pastor Tom Harmon Risen Savior Lutheran, Wichita, KS; Pastor Busch Good Shepherd Lutheran Downey, CA.

President Golter’s staff will obtain updated current data for these pastors and provide it to Hope Lutheran, probably sometime in October. President Golter will also provide us with a list of additional pastors that we can consider for a call. The second list will probably be received sometime in November.

President Golter has provided us with the names of three pastors that we could consider for the position of vacancy pastor. Pastor Kevin Froelich, Pastor Carlton Hein and Pastor Harold Baldwin. Pastor Baldwin has informed us that he is unable to serve because of medical reasons, he is unable to tolerate the altitude of our valley. Pastor Hein lives in Loveland, his wife has signed a contract with a Christian School in Fort Collins and because of our winter conditions a commute from Loveland is not really feasible. Pastor Kevin Froelich lives in Salida and is available.

President Golter prepared an AGREEMENT FOR VACANCY PASTOR SERVICES which he gave to Pastor Froelich and which Pastor Froelich presented to our Elders two weeks ago. The Elders and President Wallestad met with Pastor Froelich Sunday 4 September and advised Pastor Froelich that Hope Lutheran was not yet ready to sign such an agreement. Pastor Froelich agreed that he would continue to provide Sunday services on a Sunday to Sunday basis for the short term, at least through September.

The AGREEMENT prepared by President Golter

was reviewed. We have several questions regarding this agreement. President Wallestad will contact President Golter to clarify these questions. Our treasurer will also research the benefit package. We have scheduled a special meeting of the call committee for Thursday 29 September to finalize an AGREEMENT document.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The church dumpster was discussed. This has been a combined agreement between the church and several of our neighbors. This was co-coordinated by Pastor Wayne in the past. Our treasurer has worked out an agreement with Veltrie to maintain our present fees through the end of 2012. There are three neighbors that will continue to share the dumpster services. Our copier is on the last legs. We have received a proposal from Gobin’s Inc. for the lease of a new copier that will actually decrease our monthly costs. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this proposal.

**ELDERS’ REPORT:** Kenny Patterson reported that the Elders had hoped that Pastor Baldwin would have been available as a vacancy pastor. The Elders also feel that because of the distance and our weather conditions that it really is not feasible to consider Pastor Hein as a vacancy pastor. The Elders have not yet discussed with Nancy Watkins her offer to provide children’s sermons. They will do so in the near future.

**TRUSTEES’ REPORT:** The town of Westcliffe will provide paint for striping parking spaces on our new pavement. The trustees will complete this project when the paint is available. They will also use the stencil for handicapped parking. A third handicap parking space will be designated at the south corner of 3rd street. Harold Frank has resigned his position as trustee.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** Request was again made that all boards get their budget requests to the stewardship board in the next two weeks so the budget for 2012 can be prepared. A decision has been made to discontinue support of Shelly Conradson in 2012. A motion was made seconded and approved that the support that was going to Conradson would be given to Pastor Wayne for his missionary work in Costa Rica.

**EVANGELISM REPORT:** Melissa Carey has resigned from the board. 12 members have signed

up for the Evangelism class which began on September 7th. Letters have been sent to recent church visitors.

**FELLOWSHIP REPORT:** A church family night out has been scheduled for Saturday night the 24th of September. It will be at the Wallestad’s home, beginning at 5:00pm. A barbeque cookout followed by a showing of the movie Secretariat and then a sing along around a campfire is planned.

**SAFETY BOARD REPORT:** A meeting was held this afternoon. All recommendations regarding safety issues that had been forwarded to the trustees for action were reviewed. The safety board is very pleased to report that almost all issues have been resolved and the few remaining issues are being worked on. Congratulations to the trustees for an excellent job in resolving these issues. The next meeting of the board will be in November.

**FACILITIES MANAGER REPORT:** The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Carl Batson will begin using our fellowship hall for their meetings. The Boy Scouts are sponsored by American Legion Post 170. They will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. They will use the hall at no cost.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The bylaws revisions approved by the Voters’ Assembly have been submitted to Crestone Graphics for printing.

2. There is a program on Islam which will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday 9/11. A flyer was in our bulletin last Sunday.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Priscilla Club, Linda Tyler. Linda discussed the Priscilla Clubs provision of meals at funerals. The cost of these meals has been borne by the Priscilla Club members and this is becoming a burden. The practice in the past was to provide a basic ham dinner which was easier to prepare and also less expensive. Discussion ensued and the consensus was that the former practice should be resumed and that better education of the families involved is needed.

2. Sharing and Caring co-directors Tracy Marshall and Ruth Mitchell presented a plan for the expansion of the Caring and Sharing facilities. Approval was given by the council for Caring and Sharing to proceed with their plans.



**PRISCILLA CLUB:**

Next Meeting: October 13  
Where: Lange Memorial Hall  
Hostess: Sue Poehlein  
Devotion: Making a Difference for our Lord  
Sketch: Disciple Stew  
Business: Plan LWML Sunday  
Bible Study: All Things Through Christ

The officers will be meeting at 12:30 pm. We will be planning our LWML Sunday for later in October, but the highlight of the meeting will be our annual "Harvest Auction" in which the monies generated will be applied to various missions at year end. There will be great food and fellowship and all ladies are invited to attend! Hope to see you there!!



**Evangelism Board**

Carmela Searight - Read a Devotion: All in the family, 1 Timothy 5: 8. Whoever does not care for his own relatives, especially his own family members, has turned against the faith and is worse than someone who does not believe in God.

Two gift bibles were passed out.

**A time of Reflection:**

Are you afraid and hesitant to share what Jesus has done for you? Try telling one person about Him today.

Prayer: Jesus my Lord, grant me the grace to see you and proclaim you to other's. Amen. John 20: 11 - 18.

With God everything is possible, go with God in prayer.

Evangelism Board, Linda Kaufman, Carmela Searight



**Happy Birthday!**

- 01 Ken Custer
- 01 Larry Wacker
- 02 Tom Flower
- 02 Steve Stafford
- 03 Pam Holmberg
- 03 Jack Holmberg
- 03 Allison Berumen
- 10 Grace Watkins
- 12 Luzetta Vickerman
- 18 Chuck Kastendieck
- 18 Calvin Ware
- 18 Jocelyn Riskie
- 19 Paulette Shapland
- 22 Kaylee Smerchek
- 23 Chuck Poehlein
- 26 Denny Lewenkamp
- 30 Thomas Aldrich
- 31 Fran Hudson

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 10/02 Dennis & Michellene Helton
- 10/17/1996 Larry & Cathy Wacker
- 10/23/1999 Bucky & Tracy Marshall
- 10/27/1973 Clint & Cindy Seiling

**Ushers:**

- 02 Dan & Lori Fox
- 09 Dale & Gertie Falske
- 16 Chuck & Phyllis Kastendieck
- 23 Bob & Carol Mallett
- 30 Chuck & Sue Poehlein

**Lectors:**

- 02 Cathy Wacker
- 09 Lisa Frank
- 16 Jeanene Comerford
- 23 Russ Ware
- 30 Doug Tyler

**Acolytes:**

- 02 Sara & Grace
- 09 Marshall & Hunter
- 16 Wyatt & Ryan
- 23 Emma & Katie
- 30 Ian & Hunter



**Announcements:**

The church calendar is in the kitchen down-stairs. 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.

The Adult Bible Class for Couples will again be meeting in the Lange Fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" is a Couples Bible Class beginning October 9 at 9am in the Lange Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a Spirit-filled morning with fellow Christians and find out about God's Blueprints for marriage.

Call Larry or Cathy Wacker at 783-4144 for more information.

**Deadline for November Newsletter is October 26.**

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE NEW SIDEWALK.** Also, if the front of your car hangs over the sidewalk ### please back off, so wheelchairs and church-goers do not have to walk on the grass to get by. Thanks!!!!

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