

**Early Americans Educated to Speak with Eloquence**

In 1843, Daniel Webster made a statement which might surprise Americans of our own day:

“And whatever may be said to the contrary, a correct use of the English language is, at this day [1843], more general throughout the United States than it is throughout England herself.”

It was commonplace for the many people on the frontier, as well as on the Atlantic seaboard, to speak with a genuine flavor of eloquence. Sermons and orations by men of limited formal education reflected a flourish and style of expression which few Americans could duplicate today. Many of these attributed their abilities to extensive reading of the Bible. Such was the case with Abraham Lincoln. Certainly the classical beauty of the Gettysburg Address and his many other famous expressions cannot be attributed to college training, for he had none.

Not only did the Bible contribute to the linguistic habits of the people, but it provided root strength to their moral standards and behavioral patterns. As Daniel Webster stated, wherever Americans went, “the Bible came with them.” then he added:

“It is not to be doubted, that to the free and universal reading of the Bible, in that age, men were much indebted for right views of civil liberty. The Bible is a book of faith, and a book of doctrine, and a book of morals, and a book of religion, of especial revelation from God; but it is also a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow-man.”

In our own day the public schools have been secularized to the point where no Bible reading is permitted. The Founding Fathers would have counted this a serious mistake.

*From “The 5000 Year Leap”  
by W. Cleon Skousen*



AFTER PUTTING HER GRANDCHILDREN TO BED, A GRANDMOTHER CHANGED INTO OLD SLACKS AND A DROOPY BLOUSE AND PROCEEDED TO WASH HER HAIR. AS SHE HEARD THE CHILDREN GETTING MORE AND MORE RAMBUNCTIOUS, HER PATIENCE GREW THIN. FINALLY, SHE THREW A TOWEL AROUND HER HEAD AND STORMED INTO THEIR ROOM, PUTTING THEM BACK TO BED WITH STERN WARNINGS. AS SHE LEFT THE ROOM, SHE HEARD THE THREE-YEAR-OLD SAY WITH A TREMBLING VOICE, “WHO WAS

THAT?”

**Applying Bible Principles**

What comes to mind when someone mentions “work”? Is your initial tendency to moan and groan, wishing you could avoid work?

It might surprise you to learn that God described His creative acts as “work” and that He brought “work” into being shortly after He created man. Adam worked in the Garden before and after his fall due to his sin. Cain worked by raising vegetables. Abel worked by tending sheep. Throughout Scripture, people worked. Even the Lord Jesus worked while He was on earth, and He described God the Father as having worked. Work has always been part of God’s nature and eternal plan for mankind.

Wait a minute — If God created and owns everything, why should we His children have to work? Couldn’t He just provide for us in some supernatural way that would enable us not to have to work? Surely, God could do that, but He doesn’t do so. According to the admonition in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, one of the primary benefits from working and providing for our needs is to be able to lead lives marked by integrity and a healthy self respect. And God’s plan is that we are best able to accomplish these worthy goals by working.

God also knows that by utilizing our talents and abilities through work, He will be able to minister to others through us in an effective way. Work, then, is one of the primary avenues by which we can demonstrate our Christian faith, particularly as we do our tasks to God’s glory. Work is also the primary way through which we obtain money to give to God.

What should be the Christian’s response to work? First, thank God for work and for the ability to work. As Solomon observed, this is a “gift of God.” Second, view your work as a means of bringing glory to God. Third, whatever you do — no matter what your vocation or occupation — do it “with all your might,” as unto the Lord. And finally, remember that by providing work for us to do, God enables us to give to Him and to His ministry at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church.



MY YOUNG GRANDSON CALLED THE OTHER DAY TO WISH ME HAPPY BIRTHDAY. HE ASKED ME HOW OLD I WAS, AND I TOLD HIM, ‘62.’ HE WAS QUIET FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN HE ASKED, ‘DID YOU START AT ONE?’

**PRISCILLA CLUB:**

Next Meeting: September 8  
Where: Lange Memorial Hall  
Hostess: Kathy Koon  
Devotion: Growing in Knowledge According to God’s Will  
Sketch: Disciple Stew  
Business: Plan LWML Sunday  
Bible Study: Train Up a Child  
Human Care: Make soldier’s packages and mail them. Learn something new! Take that class you’ve always wanted to take



**MINUTES HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL 11 AUGUST 2011**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** President Wallestad reported on the pastor call process. The Church Council has been appointed as the call committee. The committee is chaired by President Wallestad. Reverend Golter President Rocky Mountain District LCMS preached on Sunday 7 August. President Golter has given us the names of three pastors who could serve as vacancy pastors. Pastor Carlton Hein, Pastor Harold Baldwin and Pastor Kevin Froelich. President Wallestad has communicated with all three pastors by phone and by email.

Resumes were requested and have been received from pastors Hein and Froelich.

President Golter suggested that a stipend of \$200 and mileage of 45 cents per mile would be appropriate for a guest pastor preaching. President Wallestad has arranged for Pastor Froelich to preach on Sunday 21 August and Pastor Hein to preach on Sunday 28 August.

President Golter expressed some concerns regarding our communion practices. He mailed a bulletin to President Wallestad concerning communion, this bulletin was given to the Chair of our Elder Board for review and study. The contact information for the potential vacancy pastors was given to the Chair of the Elder Board.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Lange Fellowship Hall indebtedness has been paid off. The side walk and paving project has been completed and paid off. A gift of \$15,000.00 was received to allow paying off the paving and sidewalk project for the portion above the \$25,000.00 authorized by the Voters’ Assembly at

the July 17th meeting. July giving was \$16,042.17 and we are currently \$2,328.06 ahead of budget. We have a balance of \$99,753.99 in the restoration fund and a balance of \$6,790.70 in the HFT checking account. The funds budgeted for Pastor Riddering will be maintained in a savings account to fund vacancy pastor expenses. The prepay propane price has increased to \$2.10 per gallon. Last year 3,500 gallons was sufficient.

**ELDER’S REPORT:** Chair Kenny Patterson gave President Wallestad two additional pastors names to be presented to President Golter. Pastor Schmidt Rifle, CO and Pastor Timothy Stork Grand Junction, CO. Pastor Randy Bolt Trinity Lutheran Pueblo, Co and Pastor Tom Harmon Risen Savior Lutheran Wichita, KS have previously been submitted. A discussion ensued regarding our communion practices and the consensus of opinion was that we should continue our present practices for the foreseeable future pending further study by the Elder Board of the bulletin received from President Golter. Nancy Watkins has volunteered to do Children’s Sermons. Russ Ware will preach on Sunday 14 August. There will be a confirmation class this fall.

**TRUSTEE’S REPORT:** Plan to stripe the new pavement next week. Have contracted with Ryan Schepmann for snow removal from the sidewalks and for lawn mowing with a fee of \$25.00 per day.

**EVANGELISM REPORT:** 6 Bibles were passed out at Caring & Sharing. New welcome cards have been ordered. New church logo pens have been ordered. Evangelism Board is planning a six week Evangelism Class to be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 am beginning on Wednesday 7 September.

**FACILITIES MANAGER REPORT:** Donations for use of Lange Hall in July were \$300.00.

Working on guidelines for long term use of Lange Hall during emergencies. Discussed use of Hope Lutheran chairs and tables. The old wooden tables and the old brown chairs may be loaned out, all other tables and chairs are not to leave the buildings.

**KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** There is a roaster pan missing.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bylaws revisions were approved at the Voters’ Assembly meeting 17 July. Printing of new

Constitution and Bylaws was authorized. The revisions have been proofed by Gwyn Miller for spelling, capitalization and punctuation errors. Corrections have been made and the revisions will be submitted to Crestone Graphics for printing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Lay Leaders Questionnaire submitted by Pastor Bolt our circuit counselor has been compiled and submitted to President Golter.

VBS expenses far exceeded the budgeted funds and this needs to be addressed in the budget for next year

President Wallestad will contact Pastor Riddering to obtain a list of shut in communicants.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jon Wallestad, Carol Wallestad, Bob Mallett, Carol Mallett, Larry Luikart, Kenny Patterson, Carmella Searight.

Respectfully submitted by President Wallestad



**Evangelism Board**

Linda Kaufman - Opened with prayer

Carmela Searight- Read a Devotion : Father Knows Best Matthew 6:8. Jesus said, your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.

6 Bibles passed out at Sharing Center.

New Welcome cards have been ordered.

New Church Logo Pens have been ordered

Announcement for the Evangelism Class:

You are invited to attend a 6- week class on Evangelism called, Reaching Out, Sharing God's Love Naturally, by Bill Hybels . Sponsored by the Evangelism Board and the Women's Bible Study Group. This class will be held in the Lange Hall Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11: 30 am. It will begin on September 7th and end on October 12th. Light refreshments will be served. Let us know of your participation, by signing the sheet on the poster in the Narthex, or by calling Carmela Searight. There is no charge, however we need to know how much material to prepare. We are looking forward to having men and women in this class.

Please contact Carmela Searight, 783-4360, for more info or to register.

Note: the Women's Bible Study will resume after this Class ends.

Evangelism Board,

Linda Kaufman, Melissa Carey, Carmela Searight

**A Time of Reflection:**

Dear Lord, Thank you for giving your life on the cross, so I may have eternal life with you.

Please give me the grace, wisdom, strength and courage to do your will today and everyday.

I ask this in the name of my Savior, amen.

With God everything is possible. Go with God in prayer.



**Happy Birthday!**

- 04 Gabrielle Goodman
- 05 Tracy Ballard
- 06 Dan Fox
- 06 Beau Banning
- 07 Janice Godbersen
- 07 Linda Guest
- 07 Sara Schepmann
- 09 Warren Schepmann
- 11 Dale Falske
- 11 Carmela Searight
- 15 Roger Holm
- 15 Brenda Abbott
- 16 Harvey Goodman
- 18 Kelly Lewenkamp
- 19 Emma Aldrich
- 20 Keith Hood
- 22 Tara Guynn
- 23 Marilyn Millington
- 25 Roxanne Bosse
- 28 Lou Meissner
- 29 Marshall Ware
- 30 Mel Porth

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 09/02 Dick & Audrey Stermer
- 09/03 Steve & Perna Stafford
- 09/06/1997 Tom & Brenda Abbott
- 09/08/2007 Jake & Alicia Shy
- 09/29/1984 Dan & Lori Fox
- 09/29 Harvey & Gabrielle Goodman

**Ushers:**

- 04 Dan & Lori Fox
- 11 Dale & Gertie Falske
- 18 Chuck & Phyllis Kastendieck
- 25 Bob & Carol Mallett

**Lectors:**

- 04 Amy Perschbacher
- 11 Jon Wallestad
- 18 Gwynethe Miller
- 25 Larry Luikart

**Acolytes:**

- 04 Katie & Wyatt
- 11 Marshall & Ian
- 18 Katie & Grace
- 25 Sara & Emma



**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.

**Seventeenth Annual Older Adult Gathering:**

New Testament Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick. The Estes Park Center, YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado. September 13-15. Details on the church kitchen bulletin board.

The Adult Bible Class for Couples will again be meeting in the Lange Fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00am beginning Sept 11, the Sunday after Labor Day. We will begin a new series called "Building Your Mates Self Esteem." Come join us for a fun-filled and bible based study that is meant to strengthen your marriage and share God's blueprints for a great relationship.

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

**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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