

HOPE'S NOTES – Wednesday, July 15, 2020

SERVICE THIS SUNDAY AND THROUGHOUT JULY IS AT 9AM.

This past Sunday, Hope held its first Communion service since February. While back in our history Communion might have been quarterly, in most of our lifetimes, we have shared Christ's meal no less frequently than monthly and for quite a while, much more frequently than that. Thus, after a four plus month gap, the Lord's Supper was a welcome gift of Grace!

As Lutheran Christians we teach and practice that God in Christ comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Either online, on radio, or in the parking lot we have been fed by God's Word regularly. We don't get to do Baptism all that often but we have come to expect a regular meal. Maybe the long delay has taught us all how much the Meal means, how precious it is?!

Congratulations to Carmen, Natalie, and August (Gus) upon joining the "grown-up" table and a special thanks to Janelle Cline who prepared the bags and to the Altar workers, worship ministry members, and those who distributed the elements. We made it so smooth that we can likely repeat the gift while we stay outside.

And especially thanks to God who continues to love and sustain us throughout this bizarre time in which we live.

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Prayer Concerns: Roger & Shirley Bostelman, Laura Durham, Margaret Gerken, Russ Lones, Jackie Mangas, Bernadine Meyer, Beth Ann Miller, Teddy Moneer, Bob Rohrs, Burdell Schwiebert, Dianne Schwiebert, Marvin Schwiebert, Vic Sonnenberg, Richard Storch, Carolyn Willford, Mary Alice Witte, Orville Dickerson, Casey Ellerbrock, Luke Haselman, Eulene Keeton, Marge Lanzer, Linda McDonald, Shellee Murcko, Ruth Roberts, Anthony Rust, Carolyn Sonnenberg.

Our **shut-ins in nursing homes** have been isolated from visits now for some time, nor have they been able to receive communion. We have 6 people who would certainly like regular cards or phone calls. If you would be willing to connect with a "shut-in pen pal", please contact the church office for a list of names, addresses, and if available, phone numbers.

The **July Door Offering** will be received Sunday, July 19th for Together We Can Make a Difference.

Hope's next **council meeting** – July 21 at 7pm.

The **Property Ministry** will meet next Wednesday, July 22nd at 7pm.

Attention College Students: Before you enter your next phase of life, please let us know your new address, phone number, and e-mail address so that we can keep in touch with you while you are away. *Please send to the church office at [hopelutheran@metalink.net](mailto:hovelutheran@metalink.net).*

In the new world of limited hospital visits, Hope has now been informed that in some hospitals, if you are **hospitalized**, you or your immediate family MUST request a visit from your pastor thru hospital channels. Please still tell the church office. Just remember that no longer may be sufficient to allow the pastor into the facility.

The **Ladies of Hope** sewing group would like to thank Mary Lou Streicher, Rhonda Slee, and Scott & Rick Buddelmeyer for the sewing machine. We appreciate it and will put it to good use.

A drive-through **baked steak fundraiser dinner** will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, on Sunday, July 26th from 11:30 a.m. until food runs out. Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Roll, and Dessert will be offered for a free will donation. All proceeds will benefit St. Peter's Faith and Family Daycare Program. Everyone is welcome.

Offerings

General Fund: \$4,232.69

Shalom Food Pantry: \$10.00

Together We Can Make a Difference: \$80.00

Healthy Hope Mini Notes

Last Sunday was a church service to put a note in our Hope History books. Pastor Keith was giddy as he prepared to give and receive communion for the first time since March. If you were unable to attend, communion was distributed by members to each car in individually prepared zip lock bags that contained the wafer and the wine. Members received communion in this way plus 3 youth received their first communion along with their families at the altar that was set up. The sun was shining and it was truly a moment to rejoice. Many great comments have been shared from members on our summer time "parking lot" church. It is a unique way to enjoy God's beauty as well as hear the Word and visit with each other while social distancing. I for one, always looked forward to Mission Festival and often said I wish we had church outside more often. God works in mysterious ways!

July 28 is Hepatitis awareness day. Do you know the ABC's of Hepatitis? Did you even know there were several types of hepatitis?

- Hepatitis A is a contagious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus. Normally people that have this feel sick for a few weeks to a few months, recover completely with little to no lasting effects to the liver. Type A is found in stool and blood of those with the virus. It is found in contaminated food. There is a safe and effective vaccine to prevent this virus. If you eat, you are at risk for the virus, so get the vaccine.
- Hepatitis B is caused by the Hepatitis B virus. It can be spread from a woman to her unborn baby. This virus can cause serious liver damage, especially in young children and lead to chronic or lifelong infection and even cancer. This vaccine is now given at birth. Many were infected prior to a vaccine and all pregnant women are screened for this virus. This type of hepatitis is easily preventable with a vaccine.
- Hepatitis C is spread through blood transfusion, organ transplant and sharing needles. It has been screened for in blood donation since 1990 and virtually eliminated by transfusion by 1992. C can be spread by sex with an infected person, needle stick by healthcare provider from infected person, birth to an infected mother, and body piercings or tattoos by an unlicensed or informal setting. There is currently no vaccine for Hepatitis C. Once diagnosed, treatment is available if caught prior to severe liver disease.
- There is also Hepatitis D that occurs only in those with hepatitis B. Vaccination for Hepatitis B will prevent this virus.
- Hepatitis E is found in feces of an infected person. It can be ingested from eating undercooked or raw venison, wild boar, shellfish or pork. There is no vaccine and is rare in the USA.

God is good, He is good always. Janelle