

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Hope Lutheran Church, elca

FROM THE PASTOR

This month of January celebrates big changes for me and for our congregation. On January 20 at 3 PM at Calvary Lutheran Church Bishop Kevin Kanouse will ordain me to ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Although I have been acting as your pastor for the past four months, this ordination will officially set me apart as a rostered minister in the ELCA and I will officially be your pastor. In the ELCA, a person cannot be ordained without a call to a congregation.

I am excited and grateful that we will officially begin our ministry as a part of the body of Christ together. Although I have the privilege of leading you in worship and administering the sacraments to you, we are all called to do ministry together at Hope and in the larger communities of Azle and Spring-

town. We are also called to serve God in the whole world by contributing our time and gifts in other ways.

My hope for ministry lies primarily in the call to live the Gospel in our particular time and place. That means that we preach the good news of Jesus Christ, that we pray for one another, and that we use our time and our talents to serve others.

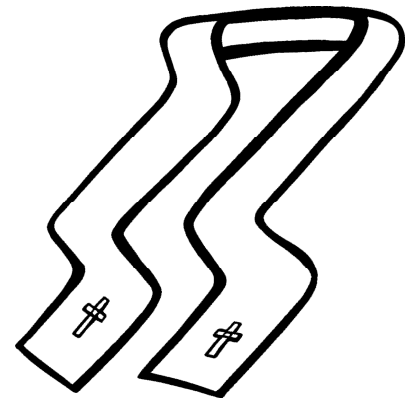
I know that the Church Council will be working toward this same goal as they begin their service this month. It is our mutual hope that we continue to strive to witness to the inbreaking of God's kingdom into the world. This happens in big and small ways:

- Fighting hunger in the world by contributing to ELCA World Hunger and giving to Neighbors

to Neighbors.

- Participating in Sunday School and Bible studies to learn more about ourselves, each other, and our shared faith—to learn who it is that God is calling us to be, both as individuals and as a church.
- By marking God's time in our worship services. Here we follow the calendar of the Church; we follow the ancient worship pattern of gathering, reading, praying, singing, eating, and being sent back out into the world. We do this pattern with new words, new music, ancient words, and well-loved hymns. All worship is contemporary and traditional at the same time.

God's blessings on us as we begin (officially) our ministry together.



PASTOR KATHLEEN'S ORDINATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of Kathleen Brennan

To the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament

As she begins her ministry in the Church of Christ.

Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 3:00 in the afternoon

Calvary Lutheran Church, 7620 Baker Boulevard, Richland Hills, Texas

A pot-luck reception will follow the service. Please bring an item to share.

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The Briarwood Vine

Providing Christian hospitality, camping and retreat programs

HENRY HOWE TO THE RESQUE!

Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Briarwood Lutheran Ministries is serving as Interim Executive Director. This for no pay and has been since the end of September. Thank you Henry, you are a God send.

ADVENT RETREAT – Fifty children and sponsors participated and enjoyed this Retreat in December. Thanks to **Pastors Todd and Jamie Bruning** for the great job planning and presenting this wonderful event “Waiting For The Light” to help these young people discover the true meaning of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Mark your calendars now for **2008 – Dec. 5-6.**

“COME AND SEE” BRIARWOOD on January 26th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. You are invited to enjoy a tour of the grounds, a presentation on Briarwood, and a complimentary lunch. **“Come and See”** the changes that have been made and hear about where we are going. See how you can be a part of this wonderful ministry. RSVP jean@briarwoodretreat.org or call 940-241-2099.

SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR NEEDED -

We are searching for a Summer Camp Program Director. The length of this position is January – August 2008, with the possibility of a year-round position. For more information, check our website or contact Pastor Mel Hammer melvin.hammer@att.net.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED – We also need young people to serve as summer staffers. There are a variety of positions available from leadership staff to lifeguards, cabin counselors to maintenance staff. Check our website for more information; call 940-241-2099 / email henry@briarwoodretreat.org.

CHRISTMAS GIFT LETTERS were mailed in December. Please make this a part of your end of year or New Year's giving. There are wonderful changes in the works at Briarwood, as well as a new and exciting summer camp program. Your partnership and support is always needed and much appreciated.

INVITE Jean Oswald, Development and Outreach Manager for Briarwood, to your congregation to meet with your council and/or congregation. We also encourage you to hold a “Briarwood Sunday”. Jean will be happy to help you make this happen. You will learn about what's ahead for Briarwood, and how we can strengthen our partnership. Contact her at 972-754-6134 or email jean@briarwoodretreat.org.

CHILDREN'S FURNITURE FOR SALE -

New Children's furniture (they are still in the boxes) is available to purchase for your Church or Preschool. We have 24 blue children's chairs with chrome legs, 20 1½” thick red and blue 24” X 48” floor pads, three activity tables with adjustable height legs and molded plastic tabletops (one blue, one yellow and one red). Email henry@briarwoodretreat.org or call 940-241-2099.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2008

January 26 “Come and See” Briarwood

Feb 29/Mar 2 Lenten Retreat 4th, 5th, 6th Graders

March 7-9 Retreat for Senior Citizens

March 29 Spring Workday

April 4-6 Mother-Daughter Retreat

April 18-20 Father-Son Retreat

May 2-3 Confirmation Retreat

Mark these dates on your calendar and check your mailbox, your email and our website for more information and future events.

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WOMEN OF HOPE January 2008



Mission Statement for the Women of Hope Ministry:
Uplift and support each other, promote healing and wholeness, provide service and means to act on needed projects for our congregation and community, share our blessings and thanksgivings, with all glory to God our Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Our meetings are held after worship service on the third Sunday of each "odd" numbered month (January, March, May, July, September and November).

NEW DATE: Our next bi-monthly meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, 2008 after worship service. We need your participation and support. Please join us. We will be discussing our 2008 activities.

2008 Project — Our 2008 project will be a Prayer/Serenity Garden. Come to the January meeting to begin the planning and design process. We need your input and ideas.

Remember to keep your **Secret Pal** and her family in your thoughts, prayers and heart. It the most important gift we can give one another all year long.

MJR Room: Please help us keep the MJR organized. **We are continuing to ask everyone help us keep "stuff" out that doesn't belong in this working Altar Guild /Banner Room.**

KEEP OUR KITCHEN CLEAN — Please do not leave leftovers in the Church pantry, refrigerator or freezer. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Please check out the Women of Hope Bulletin Board for updates. Here are some of projects and events planned for the 2008. Mark your calendars!

2008 Scheduled Events:

January 19th – Winter Cleanup
January 27th – Meeting after service

2008 Itinerary:

To be decided

*A Very Blessed and Prosperous New Year
to All From the Women of Hope With Love*



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION/MEMORY GARDEN



To those listed below, thank you so much creating a beautiful Christmas poinsettia Memory and Celebration garden around our altar. God Bless You:



Carl & Georgette Clark in celebration of family and friends and in memory of loved ones who have passed



Sylvia and Joe Cone in celebration of our dear Savior's birth and their three precious grandchildren Finn, Georgia and Olivia Riddle



Doris Edmunds in loving memory of Jim and Judy Edmunds & all family members and in celebration of Christmas



Karen and Bill Propp in celebration of the Propp and Critzer families



Lynn & John Sowders in loving memory family who have passed and in celebration of family



Clara Swiggart in loving memory of Cora Varrato



Molly White in loving memory of Bob White



Jan and Audrey Thompson in loving memory of their parents and in celebration of 52nd Anniversary



Women of Hope in celebration of our congregation family

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Kitchen Angel Flight Update – January 2008

Mission Statement:

Mission of the Hope Lutheran Kitchen Angels Ministry is to provide Christian comfort and assistance in the form of meals during difficult times of illness and mourning for church family members.

NOTE NEW DATE: Meeting Date Reminder: Our next bi-monthly meeting will be on **Sunday, January 27, 2008** after service.

We usually meet after service on the third Sunday of each “odd” numbered month (January, March, May, July, September and November). **Captains, please call your team prior to the meeting to remind them of our new date and time.**

Please contact **Shirley Propp** during **January**, if you or a church member may be in need of meals due to illness. A dedicated area has been created on the Women of Hope’s new bulletin board. Check it out for updated information.

During January’s meeting we will be re-organizing our Kitchen Angel teams and rotating new captains. We need more angels so consider this our official invitation to join



January Grace

God, we thank you for this food.

For rest and home and all things good.

For wind and rain and sun above.

But most of all for those we love.

our ministry. We believe that God is speaking to your heart as you read this appeal. Come and join us.

Mark your calendars: Kitchen Angel Sunday is February 10th. Our theme is Le Chandelier – French festival.

Kitchen Angel Administrative Rotation
January 2008 – Team C Shirley Propp

Upcoming Events:

Our 2008 meetings and activities/projects:

- January Kitchen Cleanup – **January 19 @ 9am**
- **Sunday, January 27th** after service – Meeting **Sunday, February 10th** – Kitchen Angel Sunday

Angel Reminders: Team Captains Reminder: Two new duties for our Administrative Teams during their two-month tour duty: 1. Update the freezer inventory at the start of assignment and 2. Check refrigerator for science projects and discard “old” and/or unidentified food items.

*From our warm kitchens to yours
a Blessed New Year from the Kitchen Angels*

YOUTH EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 12 PM—THE YOUTH WILL HAVE A FELLOWSHIP OUTING AND PARTICIPATE IN A SCAVENGER HUNT. WE WILL BE CARPOOLING TO LAKE WORTH FOR THIS ACTIVITY. ALL ARE WELCOME!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 20—SEVERAL SENIOR HIGH YOUTH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE NTNL SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING BEING HELD AT THE DOREL HOTEL IN NORTH FORT WORTH. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME.

LOOKING AHEAD...

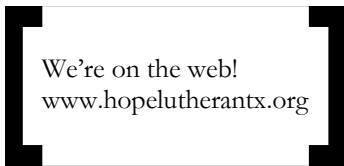
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH.



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Hope Lutheran Church is a people created by God in Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Recognizing that we are a community of Christ's people seeking to involve all people in Christ seek to proclaim the word of God. We wish to embrace one another as members of God's family with Christ as the head. We endeavor to accomplish this by youth and family ministry and outreach to the community.

Church Council, 2008

President: Cheryl Watkins
Vice-President: Mollie White
Secretary: Julie Morton
Treasurer: Vacant
Financial Secretary: Sylvia Cone

Deacons: Carl Clark, Betty Leonard, Colwyn Power

Trustees: Joe Morton, Sam Rutherford, David Utech

Board of Education: Georgette Clark, Christy Power, Lynn Sowders

COMMEMORATIONS

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| 1/1 Name of Jesus | 1/21 Agnes, martyr, c. 304 |
| 1/2 Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, 1872 | 1/25 Conversion of Paul
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends |
| 1/15 Martin Lutheran King, Jr., renewer of society, martyr, 1968 | 1/26 Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries |
| 1/17 Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, c. 356
Pachomius, renewer of the Church, 346 | 1/27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith |
| 1/18 Confession of Peter
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins | 1/28 Thomas Aquinas, teacher, 1274 |
| 1/19 Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, 1156 | |

NTNL PRAYER LIST

Please pray this month especially for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone.

Please pray each week for the congregations and ministries of our synod:

- 1/6 Calvary, Richland Hills
- Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie
- Pastors & Lay Rostered Leaders
- 1/13 St. John, Coryell City
- Our Savior, Clifton/Norse
- Mid-Cities Conference
- 1/20 First Salem, Roscoe
- St. Stephen, Shreveport
- DL Goal A: Renew Congregations
- 1/27 Covenant, Temple Shepherd of Life, Arlington
- Parish Lay Ministry Academy

