



Our Family

Hope Lutheran Monthly Newsletter

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From the Pastor

God's blessings to you,

This past month has been a little tremulous for Hope Lutheran Church. While the congregation was contemplating what to do concerning a projected deficit budget, I received a call from another congregation. It was not until Feb 19 that I could announce my decision to decline the call (please pray for St Peter's Lutheran Church in Estevan) and we could have a Congregational Meeting regarding the budget. The discussion in the meeting has left me hopeful that we, as a congregation, will address our difficulties in a godly and rational manner in order to move forward. And with the changing of the Church season, we are invited to reflect on these things all the more.

On Ash Wednesday (Feb 22), we entered the season of Lent. It is a time of penance, prayer, and fasting to redirect our focus toward God's importance in our lives. When you give up particular foods, you are consciously making an effort to decline what you normally would do and say that God is richer than the foods you have forsaken. When you give up certain activities, you possess more time for prayer and meditation on God's word. So, as we move forward as a congregation, let us use this time to pray and meditate on how to serve God and one another at Hope Lutheran Church, enlivened by Christ.

There are two sides of what we have to consider for Hope Lutheran's future. On the right hand

is the proclamation of the Gospel, and on the left is the practical workings of everyone according to God's governing Law. (This is in the motif of the Lutheran teaching of Two Kingdoms Theology, which I used to outline things at the Congregational Meeting.) As the Church of our Lord, we are of the right-hand kingdom. We have been called to preach the Gospel, spreading the good news that salvation is found in Christ. This we do in Word and Sacrament every worship service, and also in everyday activities amongst our neighbours when we point to Christ. Without the Gospel, we cannot be the Church. It is what defines us. Yet, we cannot live without the Law either. We are the Church founded on the Gospel, but our congregation is in the world where the laws of nature, principles of economics, and legislation of Canada apply. Our building is subject to decay and the various things we do cost money. That is simply reality. Therefore, if we wish to continue preaching Christ crucified in our building, we must consider the cost.

In the parable of the Dishonest Manager (Luke 16:19), Jesus speaks of a man who is about to be fired by his master. Seeking to garner good relations with people before he is unemployed and homeless, the manager reduces the debts owed to his master. The master then commends the manager for his shrewdness in cultivating friendships. "For sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." There are times we should be thinking of finances and property if this means we can continue delivering the grace

which comes from the Gospel. These worldly things should never outshine the Gospel but we should still count the cost.

The suggestion given in the Congregational Meeting (and currently being researched for its viability and presentation at the next meeting on June 11) is to sell off part of our parking lot to developers and also pave over the grass to supplement this reduced parking. In terms of God's left-hand kingdom of the Law, this could be a good financial decision to help us continue preaching the Gospel. However, we still need long term planning in order to communicate the Gospel. This means we need people outside the congregation to receive the Gospel.

We should be thinking of ways to invite people into the building to join us in faith and fellowship. It is rare for people (not on vacation) to stumble upon us without an invitation. Therefore, whom can we invite? And to what can we invite them? Thinking forward, Easter breakfast would be a good event to invite people to join us so that we might establish a relationship before the worship service. It has also been suggested we go back to having family events—lunch and games—once a month. How can we, as sons of light, be shrewd in dealing with our neighbours, the sons of this world, that they may witness the light of Christ and join us in his Church?

God Bless,
Pastor Adam Chandler

"By Grace, we are saved", A Response to God's Grace

What is our reaction to this amazing gift from God? Thanks is not enough; nor is a show of gratitude. Our imperfection cannot adequately begin to repay the grace received from God.

And, how can we give back to God what He has already given us? Giving God a gift is like giving a gift to someone who has "everything".

On the other hand, upon receiving a gift there is a requirement for a thank you, an acknowledgement of another's generosity. "Give thanks with a grateful heart" is the first line of one of our hymns. Still, thankfulness is only the beginning!

Jesus instructs us in how to respond to the gift of grace, by giving us the new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Then He does more! He teaches us, through the Word written down by His disciples, to do "as Christ would do" with word and action. Jesus (among other miracles) fed the hungry, cured the sick, consoled the mourners, and healed people who had fallen away from their faith. None of us can do all that is needed, as He did. We can work together to do some by combining our mites, resources, and time, to work with what God gives us. We can open our eyes to needs in the community, locally or globally, to share what we are able, in a joint effort.

Go out two by two, Jesus teaches us, to listen and talk with people, who need aid or compassion and do it in the name of the Lord.

In the season of Lent, meditation and worship is focused on God's grace and Christ's sacrifice and how we are saved through it. Take time to contemplate and pray about what we can do for others and then, as importantly, follow through with actions to show His grace, with the help of God. There is much to be done.

In Luke 10:1-2, Jesus sends out seventy-two more people into the field, two by two, to prepare the villages for His arrival. "He told them, ' The harvest is plentiful, but the workers

are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' "(Matthew 9:37-38)

Show God's grace to us by our words and actions with others; in His name, we pray.

In Christ,
Louise

Musical Notes



On Feb 26th, we began our Lent worship services. The opening meditation piece, "Pie Jesu", was sung by Belle Voci. The words of "Pie Jesu" translate to 'Lord, may they rest in peace' and is often sung at funerals. It is also appropriate for Lent, connecting death with peace, and the strength of our faith for resurrection.

In a few weeks, the chime choir will play a different version of the "Pie Jesu", from Gabriel Fauré's most eloquent Requiem.

Another of our Lenten meditation pieces will be "Lamb of God" from my Ancient Hymns music book, with this score composed by Giovanni Palestrina, one of the leading composers of the 16th century.

We are using Divine Setting 3 during Lent, known to some and not so familiar to others. It is one of the older liturgical settings with a more pensive tone. I am sure that this is why Pastor selected this setting for Lent. Whether or not the musical setting is familiar to you to sing, try to embrace the pensive mood of Setting 3 and it will add to your Lenten worship and prayers.

Barbara G



Remembering

Our condolences and God's Loving Grace to those called home: Theodora's aunt (Estela); Jurgen Furdal, Monica's Father; Edel Satermo, Solfrid White's Mother, and Barbara Guidetti's father (Victor).

Greeters wanted

Looking for a way to help and serve? You may have noticed that in the last month, Andrew Johnson has been greeting and handing out the bulletins, and Louise Rushton has been greeting you as you came up the stairs. We do need a few more to help in this area. Please contact Louise Rushton if you have some time before the service to help.

Church History

Got some time? Please check out your saved church invites, photos, newsletters, celebration announcements, etc. that you may want to share or donate. Copies can be scanned at the office. A group of Hope archivists are looking for church history of any era but especially for the last 25 years!

Prayer

Prayers of thanksgiving that Pastor decided to stay with us. Please continue to pray for St Peter's Lutheran Church in Estevan, Saskatchewan, as they continue to search for a pastor for their flock.

**God's Blessings to all with
March birthdays!**

Back to the Future

January 27, 2023, marked the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building!

During the 1950s, Hope Lutheran's congregation was outgrowing the previous church (located on the corner of Princess Ave and Chambers St.). In April of 1959, plans to relocate it officially began. Not long after that – in September 1959—the lots on Dean and Carrick Streets were selected and purchased. On April 1, 1962, the ground was ceremoniously broken and the following Wednesday the basement was dug. Less than three months later, on June 24, 1962, the Cornerstone was laid. And finally, on January 27, 1963, with Rev. L.M. Carlson serving as pastor, the new Hope Lutheran Church was dedicated.

To commemorate this joyful and significant event, a dedication booklet was created and published. This booklet is a 14-page memento that includes a message from Pastor Carlson, a brief history of the church (which was only 18 years old at the time!), a summary of the planning and building of the new church, and a list of gifts and memorials made in honour of the dedication.

To the right is a page from that booklet, chosen to remind us of what we as a church committed to with the new building, both in body and soul.

May God help us to be inspired and motivated by this dedication now, 60 years later.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. For Thou has created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."—ST. JOHN.

Dedicatory . . .

To the Glory of God the Father—Almighty Creator of all things: source of all life and light and love;

To the Glory of God the Son—Jesus Christ, Blessed Redeemer, only Head of the Church;

To the Glory of God the Holy Ghost—heavenly Teacher, Sanctifier, Guide and Comforter;

For the proclamation of the eternal Word of Truth and the administration of the Holy Sacraments;

For the conversion of sinners, the edification of saints, the comfort of mourners, the strengthening of the tempted;

For the guidance of parents, the training of youth and the sanctification of the Christian home;

To the memory of our beloved dead; to foster the love of the brethren and the unity of the spirit in the communion of saints;

To bring to men everywhere the gracious Gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus by personal efforts and the ministry of missions;

To ever hold before men's eyes the sacred Cross of Christ, that here men may see none save JESUS only—

WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH

May this be Bethel, the House of God.

May all who enter sincerely worship the Lord.

May each heart be reverent and devout in adoration of the Saviour.

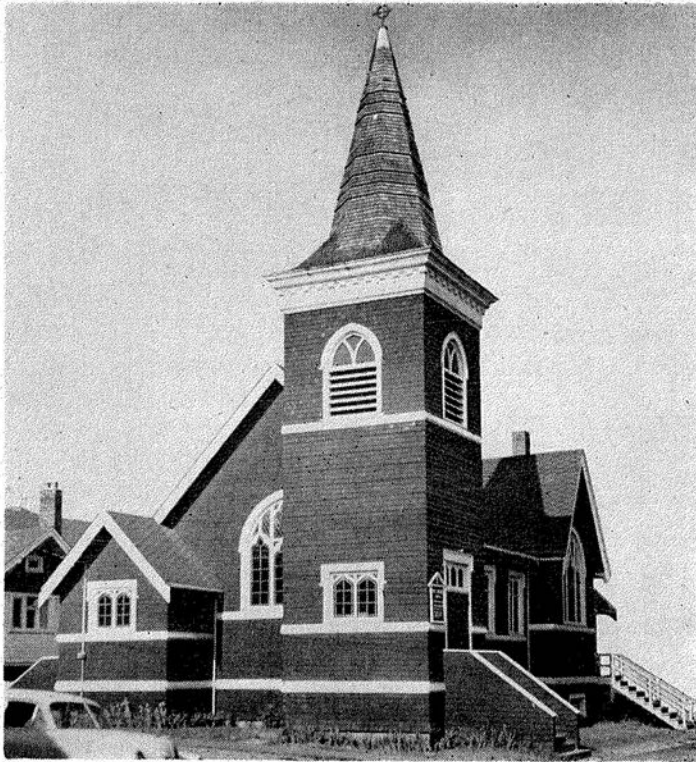
May every vow before His altar be kept by the power of His Holy Spirit.

May our hymns praise Him; our prayers be heard; and our offerings be acceptable.

May every penitent believer receive the full pardon of all sins and the sure and certain hope of heaven.

"But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His glory by Jesus Christ, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."—ST. PETER.

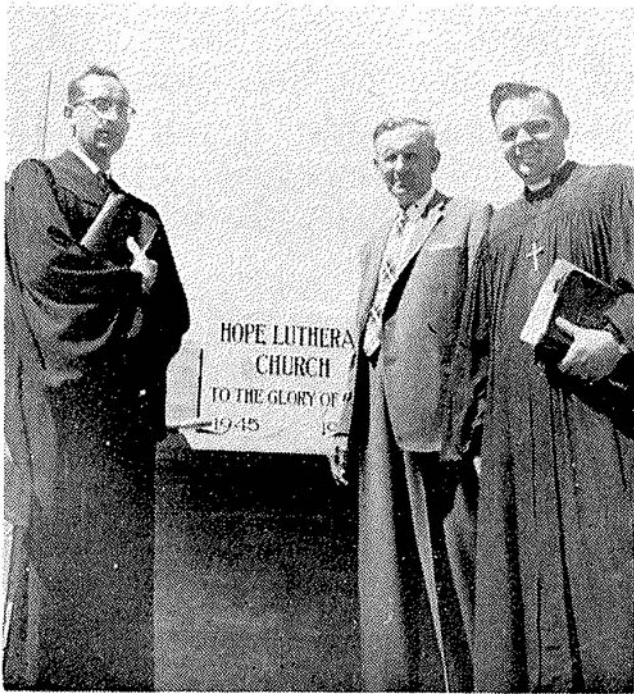




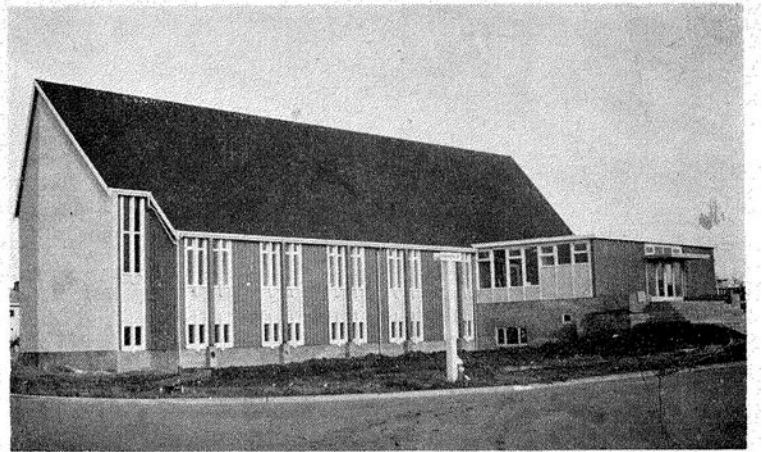
THE OLD CHURCH
CORNER, PRINCESS AND CHAMBERS



GROUND BREAKING, APRIL 1, 1962



CORNERSTONE LAYING
JUNE 24, 1962





Coming Events

You will want to mark your calendar for March 11th at 8am; it is our next Mites in Action webinar featuring Rev. D. J. Kim’s outreach ministry to troubled youth and young adults who are living on the streets of Regina, Saskatchewan. Discover how he brings the message of our Saviour to them in a way that is meaningful to their lives. To attend, please email: webinar@luthethranwomen.ca no later than March 7th.

You will also need to mark your calendar for April 22nd, the date of our Island LWMLC Spring Rally. As this newsletter goes to press some decisions have yet to be made, however it has been confirmed our newly elected VP District Administrator from Edmonton, Sherley Hearty, will be our guest speaker. You’ll not want to miss the opportunity to meet her.

Remember, all women are invited to join us on the fourth Thursday of the month—March 23—for lunch and our Pastor-led Bible study. If you are unable to join us in person, join us on Zoom using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87423645722>

Meeting ID: 874 2364 5722

In His Service,
Deborah

Tapestry, a magazine for women of LCC and their friends is published quarterly by LWMLC. If you would like a copy in regular or large print please contact Theodora Henry by April 30th (cost/subscription is \$15). Subscription is also available in digital or audio form.

Get The Word Out: Our Youth Cook, Clean and Serve

On Ash Wednesday, Emily, Jade, and Rachel Russell (aka The Triplets), and Fisher and Milo Novakovics prepared and served a delicious pancake supper including the famous Yager blueberry sauce (thank you, Adele). Thanks to Solfrid White, everyone had Ooh La La cupcakes for dessert. Together, they realized \$185 toward their goal of \$1,500 - the amount needed to send all five to the Impact Youth Gathering in Grand Forks, BC.

Watch for more such events! Perhaps an afternoon of sacred music and cheesecake?

In His Humble Service,
Deborah



Children's Corner and for those Young at Heart

Hey! What happened to the "a" word?

There's one word we often use in the Church that isn't used during Lent. Usually we use it after responsories, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed "alleluia," then you are right. We stop singing and saying "alleluia" during Lent and won't speak it again until Easter morning.



What does "alleluia" mean and why don't we say it during Lent?

"Alleluia" is a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord." Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

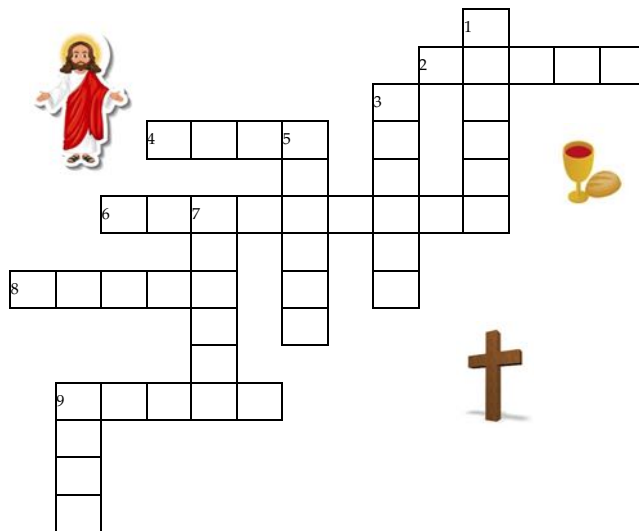
Parents:

A During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where "alleluia" has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the "a" word.

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Daylight Saving Time on March 12th – Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th.

Lent and Easter Crossword



Across:









2. What did the disciples eat at the Last Supper?
4. The means to go without food.
6. On what day does Lent start?
8. What was the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus?
9. How many days does Lent last for?

Down:

1. On what day did Jesus die?
3. On what day did he rise again?
5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
7. Where did Jesus go for forty days?
9. What did Jesus wash at the Last Supper?

twelve	Dessert	bread	Judas	feet
fast	Wednesday	Forty	Friday	Sunday



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
26 1 st Sunday in Lent Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am	27	28	1 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent 1 Service	2 1:00pm Sewing Group 3:00pm Belle Voci	3	4 10:00am Confirmation Class 2:00 pm Organ Rehearsal 3:00pm Chimes Rehearsal  Adele Yager
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