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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

The R E A C H O U T In his reflection, (**The Cost of Nondiscipleship**) that was in the November 2019 Living Lutheran Magazine, William Flippin Jr., an assistant to the Bishop with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, said, "As Christ's disciples, we have received unmerited justification "by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). We lose nothing of value in becoming disciples; instead, we gain our very lives." The next paragraph says "The best missional strategy is to make disciples and deploy them. But to those who practice nondiscipleship, who live for their own sake, should fear the day of the Lord. For them, physically surviving political and natural upheavals has no consequence because they continue to invest only in things and keep trying to buy God's pardon with gifts". And at last he finishes with "Nondiscipleship is a practice that costs us abundant life, as Jesus pointed out when he revealed that "those who want to save their life will lose it" (Luke 9:24). The cost of nondiscipleship, ultimately, is death, not just of the church as the institution we know it as, but of the soul."

We need to learn to be disciples and find our abundance so we can share. We do not belong to ourselves, we belong to the one and only Jesus Christ our savior, our very life. Today I was reminded why I am always in a rush to do ministry. I have been reminded why the book of Mark is always saying immediately! I have lost another person to death and it hit hard. Bob was a person whom I did not always agree with, but I have always cared about and loved him. He was with us in a blink of an eye I was trying to write my front page and the phone rang. It was Bob's Mom Brenda and she explained that Bob was dead!!!!!! II could not believe it! I could not hear it. Then I got it. In a blink of an eye we can be here or be gone. That was in November and I just stopped writing.

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Boom I had been affected by the life and death of another and the only antidote is the life and death of my savior Jesus the Christ because of his Resurrection. Christ now comes to us to take us to himself so that where he is we maybe also!! To find peace in that we must believe it. I Believe now God help my unbelief.

As I told you during my sermon the other day, I totally understood that Bob believed and had faith in Jesus but he did not have faith in himself. That is the very reason during this Advent season I ask you to step back and allow your faith be startled and surprised that Christ comes! Jesus come to us!! Emmanuel! God with us!! WE now represent the Christ to the community. We practice that here at Good Hope. What makes us different from other Churches? How does Good Hope feed the body and soul of the people? We have to first believe ourselves; we must have faith. Then we must live out that faith in front of the community. We struggle, discuss, and yes even disagree together to not let the world or the problem we face to keep us from being together. The body of Christ is the church with Christ at the head. Leading as we follow and share the direction Christ has led us in. We take with us those who need help, those who are lost and those begging to follow.

Advent is basically our new year. We set our agenda, we give out a charge. So, lets try this out!! I like to look for direction from the Church as a whole. The ELCA has put out the challenge and a direction for the Church.

"As the ELCA looks ahead to the future, we aspire to have congregations whose faith shines in their relationships with God, each other and their community. Vital congregations experience heightened worship, prayer, study of scripture, and sharing of testimony as they discern the presence and will of God in their midst."

Vital congregations do these three things:

1. Strengthen Their relationship with God

A. Leadership articulates how God shows up in and through the congregation and its people.

B. The congregation has a clear understanding of God's larger mission and members know their purpose in this time and place.

- C. The congregation can articulate that purpose and create a plan for implementation.
- 2. Nurtures Relationships

A. Relationships among leadership, pastor and staff, and members create a loving community with good communication

B. People work together respectfully through successes and challenges

C. There is a sense of ownership and belonging that drives the commitment and engagement in the mission of the church

3. A strong presence in the community

A. The congregation opens its doors to welcome the stranger and goes beyond its doors to share the love of Jesus Christ.

B. Creates and nurtures partnerships within the Community to make a positive impact on the strength of the community.

This is my prayer for us to continue to be vital in the life of the church and community.

Wendy and I wish all of you a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ralph

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	2 Office open 9am-2pm	3	4 Office open 9am-2pm Advent worship 7pm	5	6 Office open 9am-2pm	7 Worship 5:00pm
8 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	9 Office open 9am-2pm	10	11 Office open 9am-2pm Advent worship and Winter concert 7pm	12	13 Office open 9am-2pm	14 Worship 5:00pm
15 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	16 Office open 9am-2pm	17 Council Meeting 7pm	18 Office open 9am-2pm Advent worship and cookie exchange 7pm	19	20 Office open 9am– 2pm	21 Worship 5:00 pm
22 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm Christmas caroling 12-2pm Blue Christmas 7pm	23 Office open 9am-2pm	24 Christmas Eve prelude 6:30pm & 10:45pm Christmas Eve worship 7pm & 11pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 Office open 9am-2pm	28 Worship 5:00pm
29 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	30 Office open 9am-2pm	31	Happy New Year!			

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 1st	First Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44	The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.
December 8th	Second Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12	At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.
December 15th	Third Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 5-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11	A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.
December 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25	Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.
December 29th	First Sunday of Christmas	white	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23	As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	December 1 First Sunday of Advent	First Sunday of Second Sunday of		December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 29 First Sunday of Christmas	
Altar Guild	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Alice Haller	Amber Powell	
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford	Lauren Coss Kellen Pitzer	Neil Takach Nick Haines	Cadence Elford Barry Pitzer	Stephen Coss Jimmy Powell	
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Kathy Kramer	Penny Felger Loetta Haller	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	
Lector 8:00 10:30	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Leslie Warren	Stephen Coss Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	
Liturgy	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz	N/A	Andy Tesyk	Loetta Haller	
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Sandy Kuntz	Leslie Warren	Art & Barb gray	Kathy Kramer	Jean Sauerwein	
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Sarah Deiger	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Need someone	Sarah Deiger Ruth McMurray	
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester Jen Razo Greg Razo	10:30 am Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico Joyce Herubin Chris Herubin	n Sarah Deiger		
Communion Bread	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum Rachel Hum		Rachel Hum	
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	John Chuey	Andy Tesyk	John Chuey	Andy Tesyk	

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE <u>AFTER</u> you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we many change the office calendar. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met at the church November 12th with 7 members present. Donna Jean Haller opened the meeting with meaningful devotions.

We discussed adding or deleting names for our Card Ministry Outreach. Hannah Circle will buy \$50 worth of paper products for the Harvest Festival which will benefit the 3 C's. The Haller girls will do the shopping.

We have been invited to the annual Advent Luncheon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Salem on December 5th at noon. Five members are planning to attend.

Hannah Circle will buy Christmas gifts for 4 children; Carol Jean Horst and Barbie Gray will purchase the gifts.

We concluded our meeting by working on the Christmas ornaments to be given at the Christmas Eve services. We then proceeded to Belleria where we enjoyed lunch and fellowship after Loetta Haller gave the blessing.

Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle so we may continue our good works. Thank you!

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle members met on November 13th at Gias restaurant for lunch. This will be our last meeting until April 2020.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The next meeting will be February 11th at 7pm. We are collecting hard candy to take to the gentlemen of Teen Challenge again this year. They were so excited last year that we had thought of them! Please bring your donations to the church by December 15th. Thank you !

DINNER TEAM

The annual Krautfest was a huge success! Proceeds were \$1,008. Thank you to all who donated dessert, prepared, served, and cleaned up the dinner!

2020 dinner team schedule:

Sunday January 12 -chili and cornbread all you can eat

Saturday February 8 -beef tips and noodles all you can eat

Sunday March 8 -pasta bake all you can eat

Sunday April 5 -soup and sandwich dinner all you can eat

May date to be determined -rummage sale with smoker

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Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

December 1

Patrick Scenna Samuel Scenna Sarah Scenna Kathleen Schneider

December 8

Sonny Schneider Alexia Sheehan Angel Sheehan Cole Sheehan

December 15

Kaden Sheehan Lisa Sheehan Scott Sheehan Sherri Sheehan

December 22

Xana Sheehan Dale Sheely Ohlin Sheely Joseph Slifka

December 29

Alyson Smith Eddie Smith Eddie Smith Edward Smith Jack Crouse Nancy Crouse Mike McMurray Charles Mohn Carol Coleman Gerald Hostetter Dolores Kuhar Lynne Grant Dave Sweeney Victor Slezak

Kerry Gumbs Sarah Corey Brooklyn Hostetter Heidi Byler Joe Kreidler Ned Ziegler Matt Breedlove Karli Hostetter Chad Anderson Serving in the military: Morgan Rhinehart Alyssa Bryce Liberty Jakeb Fry Lyndsey Liberty



29- Debbie & Joe Dulovich



MEETING MINUTES

Council Minutes for November 19, 2019

Meeting opened with prayer led by Sarah.

present: Sarah, Sue, Kelly, Andy, Stephanie, Jeff W., Greg, Jeff H., Wendy, P. Ralph excused: Peggy

Council welcomes Sue Deutschlander as a new member of council and thanks Joe Marino and Kelsie Valentine for their service.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly states that our checking account balance is still negative. She also contacted the water company to answer a question about the fire line. This is a separate bill for the sprinklers.

PASTOR'S REPORT -November- 2019

Area of Focus Last Month

- ✓ I had 31 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ✓ 1 Wedding Hum
- ✓ 1 Funeral Manning
- ✓ We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- ✓ Over the past month, I have presided at 14 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
- Oct 2, 9. 16 Bible Study
- Oct 5 Blessing of Animals 3:30 to 4:30
- * Oct 6 Fall Festival Camp Frederick
- Oct 9 Flu Shot Clinic
- Oct 10 Domestic Violence Beyond the Obvious Seminar
- Oct 10 Teen Challenge Banquet
- Oct 12-13 Wear Pink Sunday Breast Cancer Awareness
- Oct 13 Sue On VAC
- Oct 13 Oktoberfest
- Oct 18 Domestic Violence Seminar
- Oct 19 Hum Wedding
- ✤ Oct 22 Area Churches @ Jerusalem
- Oct 25 Ohio Valley Adult and Teen Challenge Chapel
- Oct 26 Kid's Trunk or Treat 5-7pm
- Oct 27 Reformation Sunday
- Oct 28 Mahoning County Trauma-Informed Care Community Meeting
- * Oct 28 Mahoning County Trauma-Informed Care Community Meeting Leadership
- Oct 31 Trick or Treat Hours 5pm to 7pm
- Nov 3 All Saints (Day Light Saving time ends)
- Nov 3 Music Fest (MVAC)
- Nov 8-9 Confirmation overnighter at camp Frederick (Sacraments)

Secretary's Report:

Attended Camp Frederick's Fall Festival Attended Reformation Fest Assisted with confirmation class Assisted at Blessing of Animals Created and distributed flyers and press releases Attended council meeting Cleaned up and organized office and ordered supplies

Handled incoming calls and answering machine messages

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Answered email and handled correspondence Helped with 3 c's phone calls Updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar Prepared 8 regular bulletins Prepared and distributed the Reachout Prepared 4 Sunday school lessons and bulletins Updated Red book and Realm Changed outdoor sign Prepared packet for council meeting

Old Business:

-Greg talked to RT Vernal and they recommend waiting until Spring to pave the parking lot.

-Jeff H. will take care of striping the parking lot now and filling the holes at the North entrance.

-Jeff H. has a quote from Boak & Sons for gutters and a downspout to be repaired in the Spring.

-Sarah will have the employee evaluation ready in December.

-Stephanie will continue working on the social media permission.

-Jeff H. is getting quotes from a few copier companies. Our current contract is over in May.

-P. Ralph obtained a quote from S&S Elevator to install a new reversing contactor. It is believed the previous lightning strike fused it together. Greg motions to repair the elevator. Jeff W. seconds. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Jeff H. motions to accept the contract for 2020 from Lipscomb's Lawncare. Stephanie seconds. Motion carried. -P. Ralph motions to opt out of the NOPEC electric governmental aggregation program. Greg seconds. Motion carried. Wendy will sign and send the opt out form back to NOPEC.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$16,040.15	\$142,946.83	\$50,553.17
Expense	\$16,751.18	\$164,501.67	\$28,553.61
Total	(\$711.03)	(\$21,544.84)	\$21,999.56

Treasurer's Report Ending October 31, 2019

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$30,638.90 Thank you for your donations!

Congregational Meeting Minutes For November 10, 2019

Sarah Deiger opened the meeting with prayer.

Sarah called the meeting to order.

Council nominees: Sue Deutschlander

Loetta Haller motions to close the nominations and unanimously accept the ballot. Debbie Dulovich seconds. Motion carried.

Representatives for Good Hope:

positions filled - Camp Frederick (Sandy Kuntz and Wendy Edwards)

-3 C's (Art & Barb Gray and Jeff Hum)

-Synod Assembly (P. Ralph and Wendy Edwards)

positions open -Community Day Camp (2)

-Shepherd of the Valley (1)

Loetta motions that a one-call and email be sent out to fill empty positions and that council be allowed to accept the volunteers. Nancy Barret seconds. Motion carried.

Budget Proposal:

Per Kevin, Kelly will ask the water company about the fire line charge. Ed Holisky motions to accept the 2020 budget. Kathy Kramer seconds. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Order:

Greg says that Vernal is backed up and the parking lot paving may have to wait until Spring. P. Ralph would like to have striping done now for visitors.

Sarah reminds us that Tithe.ly is a giving option and to bring questions about set up to her. Loetta states that she has noticed that our church has become very positive and thanks the congregation.

Thank you to Joe Marino and Kelsie Valentine for serving on council and we welcome Sue. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

SPECIAL NOTES

Christmas Eve:

Do you have a gift or talent you would like to share?

Do you like to sing or play an instrument?

Christmas Eve is a great time to perform and is fast approaching!

Please let Sue know as soon as possible if you want to be part of the prelude.

Altar Guild:

Starting December 1, please put out an extra loaf of bread and fill all 3 trays with wine and grape juice. Pastor Ralph and I will clean up after the noon worship. Thank you!

Bread Bakers:

Starting in December, please provide 4 more loaves of bread in addition to the regular amount so that we can provide communion at the noon worship. Thank you!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 1: An all new praise and worship service! Join us at noon for lots of upbeat music and word and sacrament. There will be no bulletins or strict structure. Please come as you are!

Advent schedule:

December 4- Worship at 7pm and fellowship after with the conformation class.

December 11– Advent concert at 7pm and fellowship after provided by Jean Ohlin.

December 18– Worship at 7pm and cookie exchange after.

December 22: We will be Christmas caroling at Glenellen, Whispering Pines, and Shepherd of the Valley right after the 10:30 worship. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex.

December 22: Blue Christmas worship service at 7pm.

December 24: Christmas Eve prelude at 6:30pm with worship at 7pm and prelude at 10:45pm with worship at 11pm.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Pastor Ralph,

We want to thank you so much for sharing at Bobby's service. Bob, Lawren & I can't begin to thack you, wendy, & your Church Jamily for all that you have done for Bobby. Your Church's name truly expresses who you are the are so comforted knowing that Bobby was in your care & coursed w/ your love, Sincerely, Bob, Brenda, & Pauren

Orders and money due by Dec. 8 **Poinsettia Sale** Name: 6" Pots \$10.00/per poinsettia Red:____ \$10 White: \$10 Total Amount Due: Check: Cash:____ Please take any time after 11PM Christmas **Eve Service** All profits will be donated to Good Hope Lutheran Church General Fund

Please give all payments to Wendy or Sarah Deiger Congratulations to Dan and Eda Jane Spivey on your 60th wedding anniversary and thank you for sharing your celebration with Good Hope!



NOON WORSHIP

Pastor Ralph is introducing a new and different type of worship service starting Sunday, December 1st, at noon. Join us for a an upbeat, non-liturgical, come as you are worship. This service will feature You-Tube videos and spontaneous prayer.



Good Hope Lutheran Church Advent 2019

This midweek worship series provides services of prayer, readings, and songs around the themes of "Do Less," "Wonder," and "Hope."





COOKIE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, December 18th right after the Advent worship.

A cookie exchange is a fun way for all of us to enjoy dozens of different Christmas cookies, but only have to bake one kind. You choose one kind of cookie to bake, and bake enough so that each participant can take home 1 dozen of your cookies. For instance, if 12 people sign up, you can take home 12 dozen other kinds. Bake an extra dozen for fellowship please. Package each dozen on a disposable plate and place in a Ziplock bag. Please bring your recipes too! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you wish to participate. PAGE 14



WINTER CONCERT

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 11th at 7pm

Sue Deutschlander (vocals and guitar) Rachel Aiken (violin) Christine Habuda (percussion) Love offerings will be accepted

GOOD HOPE IS GOING CHRISTMAS CAROLING!!

We will leave Good Hope right after the 10:30 worship on December 22nd. We will travel to Shepherd of the Valley (noon), Whispering Pines (1:00), and Glenellen (2:00).

We will return to Good Hope afterward, so we can carpool.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.



Blue Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00pm, we are having a blue Christmas worship. Not everyone feels like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas. We pray that you will find hope and peace and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.





The Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship services will be held at 7pm and 11pm on December 24th. The prelude will begin at 6:30pm and 10:45PM and will include many talented musicians and vocalists. The bell choir will perform during the service. Good Hope Lutheran Church 12030 Market Street North Lima, OH 44452

Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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