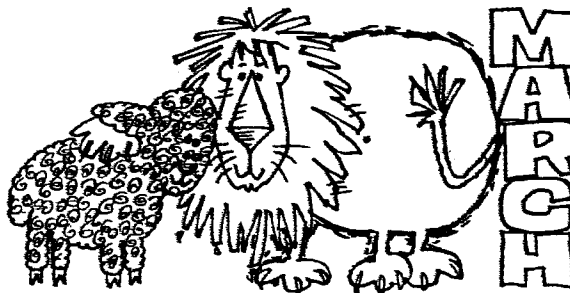


HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER - 2011

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MISSION STATEMENT: Hope Lutheran Church seeks to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to others, and to strive for unity in Christ.

Thomas T. Kolden Interim Pastor
Eric Anspach-Hanson and Christie Hanson Missionaries
Mary Hauschild Parish Secretary
Lynn & Barb Okrina Custodians
Gayle VanVooren Jubilation
Darwin Dyce Spirit Singers
Paula Dovre King's Kids
Valerie Buysse Organist

IF YOU ARE IN NEED of a pastoral call, or know of anyone who is, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Kolden. Office #507-872-6446 Home #507-872-6347 Cell #507-993-7920

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NEWLY ELECTED:

Guy Jeremiason
Ilene Merritt
Cherrilynn Schmig
Wayne Skaar
Rose Van Uden

OFFICERS:

President: Allan Dovre
Vice President: Deb Belaen
Secretary: Lois VanDePutte

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Chairperson: Nona Gottskalkson
Kathy Bulander
Allan Josephson
Ilene Merritt
Betty Prellwitz

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Co-Chairperson: Jennifer Mahan-Deitte
Co-Chairperson: Noel Orsen
Cherrilynn Schmig
Rose Van Uden

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Chairperson: Deb Belaen
Guy Jeremiason
Wayne Skaar
Sandy Tolk
Lois VanDePutte



*Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 9, 2011,
with worship services at 7:00 p.m.*

Weekly Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m.

2011 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE:

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

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| March 9 | Youth of Hope (Scott & Roberta Josephson and Randy & DJ Prellwitz) |
| March 16 | Confirmation (Noel Orsen) |
| March 23 | Youth of Hope |
| March 30 | Confirmation |
| April 6 | Sunday School (Noel Orsen) |
| April 13 | HLCW (Betty Prellwitz) |

Eight or nine crock pots of soup
Two boxes of crackers
Three loaves of bread
Three pans of bars
Two gallons of milk
Three pounds of sliced cheese

Need workers to: Set up, wait tables, do dishes, and clean up.

From the Pastor

With the weather we have been experiencing lately it is difficult to believe that Spring is near. The word Lent relates to the lengthening of days as the northern hemisphere climbs out of its winter darkness. I invite you all to come to Lenten Services beginning March 9th and to the suppers before each service. Because Lent is later this year there need not be as much concern about driving after dark. And maybe the dangerous ice will not be back until next winter (One can hope, right?) Come and have a delicious supper. Come and be challenged and fed spiritually in the worship services. This year's themes for our Wednesday Lenten Services are "Creation," "Stewardship of Money," "Serving Others through Vocation," "Sharing Your Faith," and "Forgiveness." We will be looking at what our lives out in the world say about our relationship with Jesus Christ. Pastors G. Duane Baun, Steve Rasmusson, Julie Anderson, and Lyle Snyder will be leading worship here during Lent when I am at one of the other churches. Vicar Jackie Braun from the Winds of the Prairie Parish will participate also. Our goal is that we all grow in acting out our faith, doing our faith, as disciples of Jesus.

The schedule for the Wednesdays in Lent is as follows (5:30 supper, 7:00 service):

March 9	Pastor Kolden & Vicar Jackie	"A Clean Heart"	(Communion/Ashes)
March 16	Pastor Baun	"Forgiveness"	Pastor K at Bethany-Elim, Bethany
March 23	Pastor Anderson & V. Jackie	"Serv. Others Thr. Vocation"	Pastor K at Grace in Lake Benton & First English in Tyler
March 30	Pastor Snyder	"Sharing Your Faith"	Pastor Kolden at Peace in Ruthton
April 6	Pastor Rasmusson	"Creation"	Christ in Hendricks
April 13	Pastor Kolden	"Stewardship of Money"	
April 21	Pastor Kolden	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	
April 22	Pastor Kolden	Good Friday, Passion History, Service of Tenebrae	

May God bless our Lenten journey. May we see what God is calling us to do as God's people, situations in which we can put our faith into action, and then begin to do it as God gives us power. May our relationship with our Lord grow deeper and closer as we immerse ourselves in the love of the one who gave his life for us.

In Jesus' name,
Thomas J. Kolden, Interim Pastor

A bulletin was received from: La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church of Scottsdale, Arizona

Man's Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday March 5th at Rusty's in Taunton.

A Prayer group meets each Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. in the office. All are welcome!

From the Internet - Pastor Holden's Internet address is hopeminneota@starpoinet.net

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service that evening. In the introduction, the pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service.

With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak. "A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the pacific coast," he began, "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experience sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized." The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued with his story. "Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy he would throw the other end of the life line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves." "As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!' he threw out the life line to his son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night. his body was never recovered.

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old minister's mouth. "The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that he should do the same for us. Our heavenly father sacrificed his only begotten Son that we could be saved. I urge you to accept his offer to rescue you and take a hold of the life line he is throwing out to you in this service." With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room.

The pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal. Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story," politely stated one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian."

Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face. He once again looked up at the boys and said, "It sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm standing here today to tell you that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up his son for me; you see --- I was that father and your pastor is my son's friend."

- anonymous

FROM YOUR CHURCH PRESIDENT

I thought I should explain the "Call" process.

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod gives us one name at a time to be considered. The congregation votes yes or no on that one name. If the vote is no, the congregation will be given another name. There is no going back to choose the best candidate.

Pastor Kolden expressed to the Synod his interest in being the permanent Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church. Therefore, the Synod said Hope Lutheran Church needs to consider him as our first candidate.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2011, to vote on whether the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church should extend a call to Interim Pastor Thomas Kolden to become our permanent pastor. The meeting will immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

On March 13th, we will discuss the process and ask Pastor Kolden to speak if he wishes. A motion and second will be needed and discussion will follow before the vote on whether or not to extend Pastor Kolden a "Letter of Call." The vote will be by paper ballot. See sample ballot below.

Please pray for our church during this very important time. God will be with us.

Allan Dovre

SAMPLE BALLOT

March 13, 2011

Hope Lutheran Church shall extend a call to Rev. Thomas T. Kolden to serve as permanent pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, in Minneota, Minnesota.

Yes_____ No_____ This is a **SAMPLE BALLOT ONLY** and cannot be used for voting.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Notes
February 7, 2011

Fund Balances:

General Fund - \$ 1,435.93
Building Fund - \$ 8,035.25
Cornerstone Fund - \$11,300.81
Petty Cash Fund - \$ 267.92
Borrowed from Cornerstone Fund - \$ 2,700.00

Treasurer's Report

- The council approved the outstanding bills for the month of February, 2011 as listed with the exception of repaying the Building fund (\$5,500.00) and the Cornerstone fund (\$2,700.00), bills totaled \$19,715.53. Approved bills to be paid from the Building fund in the amount of \$2,930.70 and from the Bell Tower Fund to Alley Repair for \$271.25.

Board of Trustees Report

- The Food Shelf is designated as local outreach for March.
- The balance in the Bell Tower project fund as of January 31, 2011, was \$1,990.00.
- There is a problem with ice jams on the church roof which has caused water leaking. Discussed having heat tapes put up in the fall to avoid this problem.
- The parsonage had a sewer backup in the basement due to a broken tile. This will be a summer project to repair sewer line.
- Discussed printing bulletins verses purchasing the cover and insert. We have a supply of covers and inserts until May. Will continue to work on this project.

Board of Deacons Report

- Sharing Responsibilities: Readers-Betty Prellwitz; Communion Assistants-Ilene Merritt; Music & Worship-Nona Gottskalkson; Meals on Wheels-Kathy Bulander; Sound & Video-Nona Gottskalkson.

Board of Education

- Souper Bowl donation was \$164.51.
- May 4th will be the last night of Confirmation. Statement of Faith will be May 18th and Confirmation will be May 22nd.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled to begin after school is dismissed for summer vacation.
- Graduation will be May 15th.

Other Business

- Wayne Skaar was appointed as sexton of Hope Lutheran Cemetery,
- Guy Jeremiason volunteered as Council Representative to serve on the Cemetery Board.
- Wayne Skaar will set up a meeting with the Trustees to have policies in writing between the cemetery and the church.
- Dan Deitte, Chairman of the Call Committee, gave an update on the call process.

Respectfully Submitted, Lois VanDePutte, Secretary

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

Seven members of the Prayer Shawl committee were present for the February 10, 2011, meeting. For the second month, 28 prayer shawls were prayed upon. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2011, in the church library. Thank you to the committee for such a great contribution of talents and love. Prayer Shawls can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; bridal shower or wedding gift; during an illness and recovery; ministering to others; graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination, holiday gifts; or just socializing...endless possibilities.

The Prayer Shawl committee is open to any donations of yarn or money for this project. There will also be a memorial fund set up through Bob Nelson.

For any questions or concerns about the Prayer Shawl ministry, please contact Becky Peterson at 507-872-5233 or Rita Dovre at 507-872-6059.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW

The "Hope for Tomorrow" Support Group met February 10, 2011, with seven people attending. The next meeting is scheduled for the third Thursday of the month, March 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone who has lost their spouse is welcome to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Josephson

TEEN POWER

Please join us for pizza, hanging out, fun, and learning on Wednesday, March 2nd and on Wednesday, March 30th beginning at 6:15 p.m.

HLCW

The HLCW met on February 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., with Sandy Tolk in charge of the program entitled, "Birthday Party." Sandy gave some interesting statistics about birthdays and how birthdays all came about. Sandy made a special birthday cake and gave all of us a cute birthday card as we celebrated everyone's birthday that was there. Pastor accompanied us with his guitar as we sang "Happy Birthday." Rita Dovre gave a very interesting program on their trip to India. Rita told about some of the cultural customs and showed the beautiful silk shawls that were given to her and the silk material that she bought. The designs on the material had a lot of gold color with other colors and were gorgeous.

We had the Father-Son Banquet with approximately 40 in attendance. We had a delicious meal prepared by Sandy Tolk and Marilyn Kompelien, with many other women who came to help set up and serve. I would like to thank all the women who helped in any way to make the Father-Son Banquet possible. Everyone who came seemed to enjoy the food as well as the speaker Byron Higgins. He was an outstanding speaker with some humor and told about his wonderful relationship with his adopted son from a foreign country.

We worked on the Senior quilts and health kits for Lutheran World Relief on February 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The HLCW will be serving the last soup supper for the Lenten Services in April. I will need nine crock pots of soup, bread, crackers, cheese, milk, bars, and workers. I will be contacting the circles as to the food that is needed and the workers as the event gets closer.

The Prairie Conference Spring gathering will be Friday, April 29, 2011, at Sillerud Lutheran Church in Balaton. As time gets closer, we will decide on car pooling.

The next HLCW meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., with Barb Fodness in charge of the program, entitled, "Loving Relationships." The Ruth Circle will be in charge of the lunch.

In April-June, we will be working on and bringing items for the Hospice kit project. The items are as follows: one regular-sized bath towel and one wash cloth, one bath-sized bar of hand soap (wrapped), one toothbrush, one tube toothpaste--medium or large (or two sample sizes), one "pick" comb, one nail clipper, six Band-Aids, one jar or tube of petroleum jelly, one bottle multivitamins (100-200 count), one bottle Tylenol or Ibuprofen (100-200 count), one pair heavy-duty household gloves (kitchen type) and medium sized, one small devotional booklet such as "Portals of Prayer" or "Christ in Our Home" (does not have to be a current issue.)

I will put a box in the office and you can put whatever items you choose to bring in that box, so we can put them together in May or June. These items will be used either by the local Hospice or the Aids patients overseas.

Take care,
Betty Prellwitz, President

BIBLE STUDIES

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Martha Circle: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., at the church

Mary Circle: Monday, March 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the church

Ruth Circle: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the church

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Rusty's Café, Taunton, Minnesota

March 12, 2011, at 7:30 a.m.

WORKGROUP CHAIRPERSONS:

Scott & Bree Anderson 872-5411

ALTAR GUILD:

Marilyn Kompelien 872-6796
Cherri Schmig 872-5989

SOUND OPERATORS:

Jack Jerzak March 6
Scott Josephson March 13
Gerard Morin March 20
Randy Prellwitz March 27

VIDEO OPERATORS:

Don Belaen
Ron Thostenson
Keven Larson
Ralph Hagen

2011 CHURCH ATTENDANCE

January 30: 93
February 6: 112
February 13: 140
February 20: 48
February 27: Not included in this newsletter

OUR MINISTRY SUPPORT FOR 2011

Amount received to date (Does not include February 27).....	\$14,321.60
Actual expenses to date (Only through February 22).....	\$17,421.58
Outreach: \$ 150.00	Salaries: \$10,387.73
Worship: \$ 642.33	Properties: \$ 4,534.32
Parish Education: \$ 6.00	Home Benevolence: \$ 0.
Administration: \$1,701.20	

"BELL TOWER FUND" UPDATE

The funds have been completely raised and we can finish up the project in the spring. Thank you to all who contributed to this project. It is most appreciated.

SPECIAL NOTES

The 2011 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign begins March 1, 2011. Fill 300 food shelves - focus on the statewide fight against hunger. Give to your local food shelf. During the month of March, all donations, food products, hygiene items, or cash, allow participating food shelves to receive incentive grants. This is based on what is raised (cash and pounds) in our communities combined with the number of people served. This will be a great opportunity to join together in eliminating hunger. If you are interested in helping with a monetary donation, here are a few reasons how your donation helps the food shelves:

Allow food shelves to purchase food items at a much lower cost per pound, able to purchase items they do not receive in a food drive, cash does not spoil or expire, and cash donations are stretched with bulk purchasing.

Here is a list of some items that are most needed by the Western Community Action Kitchen Table Food Shelf:

Besides cash, personal care items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet tissue), cooking oils/pancake mix/syrup, baby items (diapers and wipes), boxed side dishes (rice, pasta, stuffing, etc.), beef stew/chili/spaghetti sauce, fruit juices, pasta/ramen noodles/macaroni & cheese, cereal (hot or cold), canned fruit/vegetables, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), soup (cream or vegetable), boxed dinners-hamburger, tuna, and chicken helpers.

Prairie Home Hospice is sponsoring monthly "grief support" luncheons on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. These luncheons are an informal opportunity to share conversation with others who have experienced losing a loved one. For more information, call Barb Moore at 507-537-9247.

Prairie Home Hospice is also sponsoring grief support group—"Steps to Healing" which meets on Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2011, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Hill Street Place, 401 S Hill Street, Marshall. This is open to all (even for ones who have not used hospice services and there is no charge to attend.) For more information or to register, call 537-9247.

Daylight Savings Time changes on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.

The "Church Basement Ladies" sequel "A Second Helping" musical comedy is going to be held on Tuesday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 23, 2011--March 22 at 7:30 p.m./March 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This will be at the Swiftel Center in Brookings. Tickets are available at Swiftel Center Box Office, charge by phone at 800-745-3000, online at www.swiftelcenter.com or any Ticketmaster outlet. For group discounts of 15+, call Molly at 605-692-7539.

On Sunday, March 27th, our Walk-Around Offering will be for hunger/food shelf.

GROUP 3

March:	Scott & Bree Anderson	872-5411
June:	Caryn Hetland	530-5179
September:	Noel Orsen	872-5438
	Kelly & Adam Gamrak	872-5229
December:	Linda Okrina	872-6771
	Barb Okrina	872-5131

Duties Every Sunday

Ushering - Nursery Sitters - Coffee Servers

Special Duties

March

Clean Kitchen and Store Room Fellowship Hall
Lenten Services

September


Clean Kitchen and Store Room in Fellowship Hall

December

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

FUNERALS ARE SERVED ON A ROTATING BASIS

Robert & LaVonn Alleckson	872-6491	Yvette Kloos	872-5028
Gayle & Harriet Bernardy	872-6952	Tim & Dee Koppien	872-6359
Marcus Bruns	872-6712	Don Korman	532-6840
Valerie Buysse	872-6809	Jamie Lanners	929-2222
Jesse & Hope Christianson	428-3414	Keven & Kari Larson	872-6808
John & Arlene Claeys	872-5213	Carolyn Meiners	872-6757
Charles & Linda Dalager	872-6062	Gerard & Pat Morin	872-5270
Fran & Val Downing	872-6887	Eric & Paula Myhre	401-6872
Darwin & Lori Dyce	828-9567	Gerald & Shirley Myhre	763-3430
Cindy Esping	872-5228	Mike & Julianne Myhre	428-3546
Tony Esping	872-5466	Beulah Olson	872-6429
Troy & Lori Fink	872-6129	Brad Orth	872-5005
Ronald Gilgert	872-6743	Pete & Colleen Petersen	487-5536
Christine Hansen	872-6817	Randy & Deanna Prellwitz	872-5424
Earl & Laurel Hasert	872-6762	Karen Rogge	872-6099
Cindy Henline	428-3837	Rodney & Darlene Rye	296-4488
Royal Hettling	872-6326	Harold Schwartz	872-5109
Charles Hettling	872-6574	Helen Skaar	872-6049
Gary Huso	537-1031	Beth Swedzinski	872-6851
Jay & Cindy Jeremiason	872-5476	Ron & Tammy Thostenson	872-5437
Gordon & Alta Johnson	872-6092	Virgil Ufkin	872-6284
Norma Johnson	296-4522	Pete & Gayle VanVooren	872-6927
Sandy Josephson	872-6706	Judy Wambeke	872-6069
Cary & Rebecca Jurrens	872-5911	Tom & Maxine Yeo	872-6786

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2011</h1> 						
Pastor Kolden will be gone through March 2nd.		1	2 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle at church 2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle at church 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:15 p.m. Teen Power 7:00 p.m. Jubilation practice	3 2:30 p.m. Minneota Manor service	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Jubilation Choir 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour/Sunday School After Sunday School, Bell Choir practice 6:30 p.m. Worship TV Broadcast, Ch. 3	7 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	8 Noon - Text Study in Ivanhoe	9 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. Service at Clarkfield Apartments 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship service 8:00 p.m. Jubilation practice	10 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl meeting in library	11 Senior High Youth Gathering in St. Cloud	12 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Rusty's Café Before going to bed, set clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Savings Time change
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Thanks and Appreciation from Bishop Jon Anderson

Thanks to very strong giving from congregations across the synod, made possible by the generosity of many people in those congregations, we ended the year in a favorable financial position. We received 94.6% of our revised budget for 2010. Since we had spent at a lower percentage we know we ended the year "in the black."

The year-end report for the 2010 fiscal year showed that the synod received total revenues of **\$2,048,325. We give thanks to God for the personal and congregational generosity that made this possible.**

The giving in the past two months to mission support was stronger than we would have expected from past patterns. In the synod office we have managed carefully all year. We suspect that families and congregations also have also been careful financial stewards all year. We also know that farmers in most of the synod had a good crop with strong prices.

We also know that in challenging times people focus their energy on what matters most, so we receive these gifts with deep appreciation. Since you mostly give through your synod, we know that shared ministry partners and our churchwide organization would also want to express their thanks.

Many congregations shared more than they had indicated in their mission intent form for the year. That reminds me if you could let our office know what your mission intents will be in the coming year it will help us in our budget planning. Call or have a staff member report what your goals are for support of our synod and churchwide organization through mission support.

Thanks to all who contributed to our synod and national church body in the past year. If you want to see where your dollars went, you can use our spreadsheet calculator you will find on [this link](#).

Our Mission
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries presents the life changing love of Jesus in the vibrant settings of camps and retreats.

- Upcoming Events**
- Women's Spa-Tacular Weekend
 March 18-20
 at St. Andrew Village
 - Americana Quilt Retreat
 Session I: March 25-27
 Session II: March 25-30
 Session III: March 27-30
 - Spaghetti Dinner
 Thursday, March 31
 at GLBC
 - Yarn Over's Retreat (knit & crochet)
 April 8-10
 at Medayto Lodge, GLBC
 - Table Setting Extravaganza with a Bridal Flair
 April 16 at GLBC
 - Elementary Retreat
 **May 13 & 14
 at The Hill—GLBC
 Note change of date.
 \$45 per child
 - Scrapbook Buzz Retreat
 May 5-8 at GLBC
 - 27th Annual Quilt Auction
 Review: July 22 & 23
 Auction: July 23 at 11:30 a.m. at GLBC
 www.gllm.org
 (320)796-2181

This newsletter will provide your staff and congregation with up-to-date news from your Bible camp and retreat center, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Feel free to share this information in your bulletins, newsletters, etc.

Cling to the Cross
 Camp registration opened on February 14th for members of Member Churches. It is going to be a great summer with new twists on old traditions. This year's theme will be "Cling to the Cross" and will focus on 1 Corinthians 1:18: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." There will be some exciting new opportunities for campers of all ages; including fishing, art and much more. Brochures are available at any GLLM Member Church and online at www.gllm.org. You can also register online using our new form which is much more user friendly. If you have any questions about registering for summer camp, contact Jackie at (320)796-2181 or jgrothe@gllm.org.

Capital Campaign Halted
 The GLLM Board of Directors decided to halt the plans to go forward with a major capital campaign. Some of the campaign projects are still needed. Those projects will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Even though the campaign has been officially halted, the work that was done to prepare for it was still valuable. GLLM has added many new people to our donor lists. Giving is up over 90% this year. There have been many opportunities for the staff to meet new folks and to learn the kinds of dreams that they have for the Bible camp. All of this is very valuable and will serve to strengthen our ministry in the months and years ahead.

More detailed information can be found in Dave Eliason's article "Grace Notes" in the upcoming edition of the *Green Lake News*.

Are you in need of pampering? Time for yourself? Got the winter blues? Join Us For Spa-Tacular!

A weekend of rest and relaxation, renewal and rest, rest, rest! Please join us for this time for YOU. The weekend includes programming, speaker, food and lodging, plus many surprises. We will begin and end our time with worship, in between will be coffee and chocolate tasting and many spa treatments such as facials, manicures and care for your weary feet.

Sister Mary Weidner from the St. Ben's Monastery in St. Joseph will join us on Saturday and share with us *Food for the Mind, Body and Soul*. We are excited to hear her presentation on caring for our whole bodies.

Messages will also be available for an additional fee, please indicate on your registration form. Registration forms are available online at www.gllm.org or call (320)796-2181 for more information. We look forward to caring for you during this fun weekend.

March 18-20 at St. Andrew Village
 Fee: \$185.00

March 2011



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CANEWS FROM CAMP

Mark Your Calendar

- Snowshoe making workshop – March 19-20 2011
- Pre-marriage retreat – March 19th 2011
- Confirmation Retreat – March 25-26 2011
- Sugar bush dinner – March 27th 2011
- Early bird sign up for summer camp – April 1st 2011
- Pelican Banquet – April 10th 2011
- Confirmation Retreat – April 15-16 2011
- Waiting for wings – April 30th 2011

Call Shetek Lutheran Ministries for any Questions
 507-763-3567

Wish List

- Vehicles good running condition preferably mini-vans (work well for day camp)
- Life jackets – mostly Adult size
- BRACE hand drill – tapping trees
- Eureka Timberline 4 person tents
- Heavy duty extension cords
- New bed sheets (twin and double)
- Box fans
- New Kitchen towels
- Patio sets (table & chairs) for Lakota
- Used Golf cart good running condition

SLM... CHRIST-CENTERED RENEWAL & LEARNING FOR ALL AGES!

Calling all campers.....

We look forward to hosting you at Shetek Lutheran Ministries this summer! Camp is a great place to meet new friends, spend time in God's creation, singing songs and playing games. We gather at Shetek as a Christian community and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Shetek Summer Ministry Team is committed to safety, fun and following Jesus and can't wait to welcome you to camp!!
 Early bird registration April 1st 2011
 Call SLM at 507-763-3567

Help send kids to camp... Become a Pelican/Timber member... Call for a Brochure Today (507)763-3567



Need a weekend to relax!!

We have a couple of open dates at the Lakota. April 15, 16, 17 & May 27, 28, 29
 To make a reservation call Teresa at 507-763-3567
 Check out our website for more info. about the Lakota. www.shetek.org
 We are also looking for a queen/double bed for one of the rooms in the Lakota. (Good condition)
 Thank you!!

Thank You!! Thank You!!
 Thank You to everyone who continues to give of their time, talents, and gifts to Shetek Lutheran Ministries.
 We are so grateful to have such wonderful friends like you, who are willing to help make a difference in the faith building experience of youth and families who come to SLM.

Fill 300 food shelves.
Mission impossible?

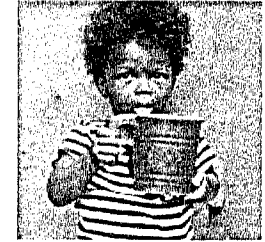
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Focus on the statewide fight against hunger.
Give to your local food shelf.



Thank You for Raising
\$1 Million for Fill the Well!



Because lack of clean water threatens the lives and livelihoods of 1.2 billion people, we asked you to help LWR Fill the Well and raise \$1 million for water projects in 2010.

You responded generously and helped us meet the goal in only 11 months! Thanks to you, 349,000 more people had access to water to keep them healthy to irrigate their fields in 2010.

In 2011, look for even more Fill the Well resources. The need for water continues in many parts of the world, and we've heard that many families and congregations plan to continue their Fill the Well emphasis into 2011. Learn more at lwr.org/water.



The Results are In...

We have officially concluded our Coffee Tasting Voting Contest! Thank you to all the congregations who held coffee tastings at your churches to share the new LWR Coffee lines. See the winners at lwr.org/coffee/tasting

Even though the contest is over, it's not too late to hold a coffee tasting! Limited quantities of tasting kits are still available, including prizes for attendees.

Easter, Mother's Day and World Fair Trade Day (May 14) are excellent times to host coffee tastings in your congregation. Order yours before they're gone!

We hope you enjoy this edition of eNews. If you have a story about how you put your faith into action with LWR, please [contact us](#). We love to hear your stories!

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