

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

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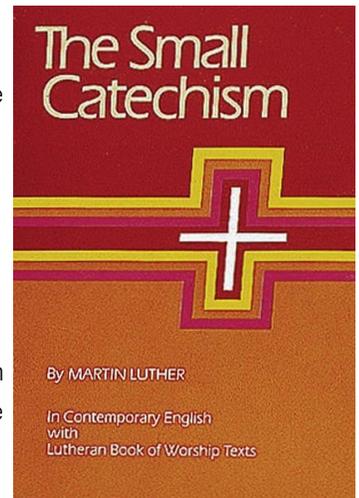
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FROM PASTOR GINNY

Focus on the Small Catechism

This Lenten season, which begins March 1 with Ash Wednesday, we will be discovering a piece of our heritage that was so critical in teaching and learning the faith especially in the early days of the Reformation: The Small Catechism. This is the 500th anniversary year of the beginning of the Reformation (usually associated with Martin Luther publicizing his 'talking points' for church reform on the door of the Wittenberg church). The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is extending an invitation to all congregations to engage Luther's Small Catechism in a new way.

At New Hope we are accepting the invitation and will have several opportunities to be enriched by this resource. First, we are inviting you to download the app on your smart phones. Just type in "The Small Catechism". Look for the version from the publishing house: Augsburg Fortress (red background with white branch). There are apps for both Android and iPhone. The Small Catechism contains not only teachings on the Apostles Creed and the 10 Commandments for example, but it also includes beautiful prayers for morning and evening as well as meal time blessings – all at your fingertips! If you do not have a smart phone, we will have copies available on the usher's table outside of the worship center. There is also a copy in the worship books (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) underneath your seat at worship.



The sermons on Sundays will be focused on the topics of the catechism. The topics of the Creed, 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Eucharist will be explored. The overarching question we will ask is 'what does this mean?' taken straight from the catechism itself. The format will be new, more interactive, as we will have at least 2 people reflecting on the catechism and its meaning for us today.

On Wednesdays for our midweek gathering, the worship setting will be quiet, contemplative and candlelit with Taize' style music (<http://www.taize.fr/en>). We will include inspirational readings on the topics in the catechism with reflection time.

Fellowship Activities

New Hope Lutheran Church tested a new card game called Pitch as an entertainment activity for Christians seeking fellowship and fun.

We all had a great time, fellowship, food and refreshments. We hope to make this a monthly event at New Hope Lutheran Church. It's a great way to meet new people and have fun. We recommend a contribution of \$5 per person to go to one of New Hope's many initiatives. It can be cash or check. This is a great way to help spread God's word, while participating in, and supporting, church activities.

The next Pitch event will be on Saturday, March 18 at the church, beginning at 6:30 pm. Come between 6:00 and 6:30 if you want an explanation and a demonstration of the card game. An appetizer food dish is requested for each group attending, along with a beverage of your choice for your consumption, which can include beer and

wine. The dishes will be shared by all attending, and finger food is preferred. The Pitch committee will decide who will bring dessert. The final Pitch party of the season will be in April. The game will resume again next October and November. There will be a break in December for Christmas, and then resume again in January through April.

It is all about having fun and helping to finance some of the church ministries. Even though many of the players seldom play cards, they all had a great time.

There will be a sign up sheet at the church. We need the names the individuals who will be attending, along with email address and phone numbers. We will email the rules to each of you. If you are a single individual, we will match you with another single individual. If you have no desire to play please join us as a spectator and enjoy the food and camaraderie.



NEW HOPE IS HAVING A **BOOK FAIR**

Looking for that perfect Easter gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for kids. Save up to 50% PLUS free shipping on all titles.

Stop by the Fellowship Hall on March 19 and 26 between worship services to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

Our church will earn 20% of the proceeds to go towards curriculum or other resources!

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, is designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage.

Worship & Music News

Worship Schedule

3/5

8:30am Band-led worship
10:00am Organ-led worship
10:00am Sunday School for all ages
11:30am Organ-led worship

3/12

8:30am Band-led worship
10:00am Organ-led worship
10:00am Sunday School for all ages
11:30am Organ-led worship

3/19

8:30am Band-led worship
10:00am Organ-led worship
10:00am Sunday School for all ages
11:30am Organ-led worship

3/26

8:30am Glocal Ensemble-led worship
10:00am Glocal Ensemble-led worship
10:00am Sunday School for all ages
11:30am Organ-led worship

Nursery available
at all worship times
for infants through
3 years old.



- Assisting Minister
- Lector
- Acolyte (6th– 12th grade)
- Altar Guild
- Usher
- Greeter
- Sound Technician

Training is available for all of these positions and volunteers serve on a rotating basis (so you won't be asked to serve every week!).

If you would like to learn more about these positions before signing up, or would like to volunteer, contact Sharon in the office (Info@NewHopeLutheran.org) or Deacon Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).



Music Ministry News

Rehearsal Schedule

Glocal Ensemble – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Mon @ 7:30pm
(they lead worship on the 4th Sundays)

Joyful Noise – Every Tues @ 7:30pm
(they lead worship on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays)

Choir – Every Thurs @ 7:30pm
(they lead worship on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays)

Handbells – Every Thurs @ 6:30pm

Seeking additional

Singers and Guitarist for the 8:30 Service and
Ringers and Singers for the Handbell group and the Choir.

Interested? Additional information? Contact Sharon Punte
(Sharon@NewHopeLutheran.org)

LENT

Midweek Meditations

Wednesdays, March 15 – April 5
7:30p

Reformation 500: Prayer

I will tell you as best I can what I do personally when I pray. May our dear Lord grant to you and to everybody to do it better than I. Amen. [Martin Luther, A Simple Way to Pray, p. 1].

As an Augustinian monk, Martin Luther was trained to pray in the ways common to his religious order. This included listening to what the Holy Spirit inspires while reading from God's written word.

When you pray to God in Psalms and hymns, think over in your hearts the words that come from your lips (II.3)··· Let not your mouths alone take nourishment but let your hearts too hunger for the words of God (III.2). [The Rule of St. Augustine].

“How Should I Pray?”

When asked by his barber how to pray, Luther responded by writing a short booklet that described his prayer as a four stranded garland or braid. Luther's form of prayer paralleled the *lectio divina* in its emphasis on reflecting on Scripture and on listening to what the Holy Spirit inspires.

If I have had time and opportunity to go through the Lord's Prayer, I do the same with the Ten Commandments. I take one part after another and free myself as much as possible from distractions in order to pray. I divide each commandment into four parts, thereby fashioning a garland of four strands. That is, I think of each commandment as, first, instruction, which is really what it is intended to be, and consider what the Lord God demands of me so earnestly. Second, I turn it into a thanksgiving; third, a confession; and fourth, a prayer. [Martin Luther, A Simple Way to Pray, p. 9].

Four-stranded Garland Prayer

Here is a spiritual exercise adapted from the way of praying that Luther described in the booklet, “A Simple Way to Pray”:

1. Instruction:

First, our prayer seeks meaning. We read a passage, for example the Ten Commandments, approaching it as we would a textbook. We let it instruct us as a teacher would. We ask: What does this passage mean to us? What is the passage teaching?

Teach me, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest: To give and not to count the cost; To fight and not to heed the wounds; To toil and not to seek for rest; To labour and not ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will. [Ignatius of Loyola] Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to Thee, “Speak, for Thy servant heareth.” Let me hear Thee speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of Thy voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be the music of Thy speaking. Amen. [A. W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, p. 73]. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. [Psalm 90:11].

2. Thanksgiving:

Next, we read the passage as a hymn of praise and thanksgiving, having it express our gratitude to God. We ask: How does this passage prompt us to be grateful? What thanksgiving does our prayer evoke in our heart?

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. [1 Chronicles 29:11–12 (NIV)]. O my Sustainer! Inspire me so that I may forever be grateful for those blessings of Thine with which Thou hast graced me and my parents, and that I may do what is right [in a manner] that will please Thee; and include me, by Thy grace, among Thy righteous servants! [Quran 27:19]. I will love Thee, O Lord, and thank Thee, and confess unto Thy name; because Thou hast forgiven me these so great and heinous deeds of mine. To Thy grace I ascribe it, and to Thy mercy, that Thou hast melted away my sins as it were ice. [The Confessions of Saint Augustine, p. 17].

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3. Confession:

The third strand of the prayer is acknowledging our sins and repenting. We examine our conscience and express our remorse. As we read the text, our thoughts reflect on our sinful condition. We ask: What sorrow does the passage evoke? What lament does it magnify in our heart? Does our prayer remind us of how far we have fallen and encourages us to amend?

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. [Psalm 32:5–7 (NIV)]. When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ said "Repent," [Matthew 4:17] he called for the entire life of believers to be one of penitence. [Martin Luther, 95 Theses: 1]. The house of my soul is too narrow for thee to come in to me; let it be enlarged by thee. It is in ruins; do thou restore it. There is much about it which must offend thy eyes; I confess and know it. But who will cleanse it? Or, to whom shall I cry but to thee? "Cleanse thou me from my secret faults," O Lord, "and keep back thy servant from strange sins." "I believe, and therefore do I speak." But thou, O Lord, thou knowest. Have I not confessed my transgressions unto thee, O my God; and hast thou not put away the iniquity of my heart? [The Confessions of Saint Augustine, Bk. I, Ch. 5.6].

4. Petition:

The last stage, or strand, of the prayer is to read the passage as a prayer-book that petitions God for personal and communal blessings. We ask: What is the prayer petition suggested by the passage? In what direction is the Spirit pointing during our prayer?

This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him. (1 John 5:14–15) You alone do I love, you alone do I follow, and you alone I seek. I am prepared to serve only you, because you alone govern justly, and I wish to be under your rule. I ask that only in your great mercy you convert me wholly to yourself and allow nothing to prevent me from coming to you. Grant that, while I live, I may be temperate, strong, just, and prudent, in love with your wisdom and capable of understanding, worthy of your blessed kingdom, and one day a dweller in that kingdom. [St. Augustine, Soliloquies, Book 1:5]. In the name of God, The Most Gracious, The Dispenser of Grace: All praise is due to God alone, the Sustainer of all the worlds, The Most Gracious, the Dispenser of Grace, Lord of the Day of Judgment! Thee alone do we worship; and unto Thee alone do we turn for aid. Guide us the straight way. The way of those upon whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings, not of those who have been condemned [by Thee], nor of those who go astray! [Quran 1:1–7].

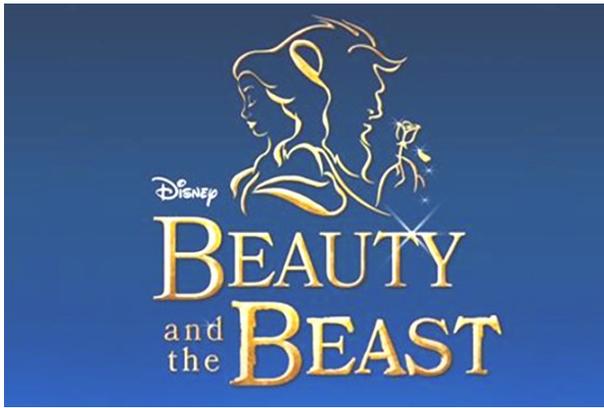
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TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT BALTIMORE LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

New Hope is looking to defend its victory at last year's Trivia Night. We are looking for anyone interested in a night of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. The trivia questions are not all Bible or religion questions. They are from all different genres, so we need a mix of generations and interests. The event will be held at Epiphany Lutheran in Northeast Baltimore on Saturday, April 29. Dinner, a taco bar, is included in the entry fee. It is also a BYOAB event. There will be a silent auction.

If you are interested in being on one of New Hope's Trivia Night Teams contact Kathy Piet or Charles Nicholas.



JOIN US AT TOBY'S!

Come one, come all – families, friends, singles, couples! On **Friday, April 28**, you're invited to join a group from New Hope to see *Beauty and the Beast* at Toby's Dinner Theatre.

Featuring the animated film's Academy Award-winning score, this breath-taking musical is the story of Belle and the Beast, who happens to be a handsome prince cursed by a beautiful enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will be lifted. If not, he and his servants will be doomed for all eternity. Will their love bloom before time runs out?

The evening will begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet, with lots of choices to suit different tastes, served from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. The show will start at 8:00 pm, allowing plenty of time to socialize. As a group, we qualify for a special price; adult tickets are \$52.55 (15% less than the regular price), and children 12 and under pay \$41.05. The ticket price includes dinner (including coffee and iced tea), show, all taxes, and tip. (Other beverages are available for purchase.)

Make reservations by filling out a form from the bulletin board in the narthex (gathering area) near the sign-up board. Place your forms and checks in the box on the organ marked "Toby's". We have a limited number of seats available, so don't wait!

Deadline for signup is Sunday, March 26!

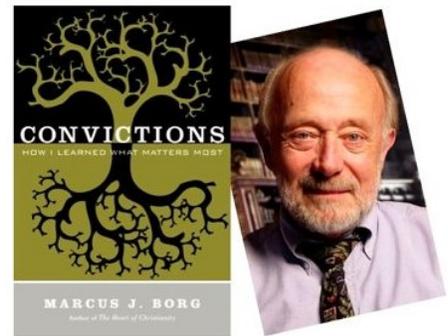
Other dates for shows at Toby's in 2017:

- July 21 – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- October 20 – Dream Girls
- December 29 – Miracle on 34th Street

Faith Formation - Education



Friday
March 10
@ 6pm



Book Study:

***Convictions* by Marcus Borg**

There are 2 study times for our reading of the book, *Convictions*. One class will be held during the day on Fridays in March from 10 to 11:30 am with Leah Shepherd or on Monday evenings from 7–8:30 pm at the church with Deborah Rizzo-Meyer.

Worship Assistants Training: Ushers, Communion Assistants, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, Greeters, Readers, Sound Techs, Acolytes – available for all of these positions. If you would like to learn more about these positions before signing up, or would like to volunteer, contact Sharon in the office (Info@NewHopeLutheran.org) or Deacon Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).



Thoughts from the Winking Luther (The Lutheran Handbook II)

How to Usher

Ushers are the front line of a welcoming ministry. Because they prefer to practice their craft largely out of the spotlight, however, ushers are widely misunderstood. The pastor preaches and the organist plays, but without the usher nothing begins of ends and chaos ensues. Consider these guidelines before taking up the mantle.

1. Practice scrupulous punctuality
A late usher is a contradiction in terms. When an usher arrives disheveled and confused, it frightens worshipers and risks anarchy. People require dependable ushers to navigate the sometimes high-tension environment of corporate worship. The usher distributes bulletins and helps to seat people who arrive late.
2. Exercise regularly; keep physically fit
Response times in worship settings make all the difference. A slow usher allows critical situations to grow, while an agile one nips them in the bud.
3. Employ a “soft touch” with people. Avoid becoming overzealous
Many ushers, like mall security, give in to the trappings of the office and take a “commando” approach to their job. They see worshipers as an enemy to be contained, which leads to bad decisions in a crisis and a dissolution of trust. A better approach is to guide the worshipers with kindness.
4. Use eye contact, eyebrow raises, and hand gestures
The usher’s glance indicates a time of change. While waiting for communion, a simple glance indicates the time to receive the body and blood of Christ. A premature glance can cause great confusion. Make sure eye contact is intentional and directive without being doctorial.
5. Keep calm at all times. Avoid allowing circumstances to overpower your imperturbability
Many things go wrong in worship as a matter of course. Remain calm in the storm. It is your job to make sure the service runs smoothly and that bumps are smoothed over.
6. Know your duty.
The responsibilities of ushering differ from congregation to congregation. Depending on the church, you may fine yourself lighting candles, bringing in Holy Communion, or passing the offering plates. Whatever the task, confidently assume appropriate authority and be ready to make godly decisions.

News from Mar-Lu-Ridge

MountainTopics
Spring 2017

March 21: Who's Not in Your Church?
Making church inclusive and relevant for all people
Rev. Julie Bringman

April 25: Crossing the Color and Culture Divide
Journeying toward personal and communal justice
Rev. Ginny Price

May 16: Faith and the Environment
Ideas for incorporating Creation Care into your ministry
Laura Heller and Rev. Tormod Svensson

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Summer Camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge



Summer Camp registration is open, and spots are filling up! Now is the time to register for your favorite camp. Visit our website to view the brochure and choose one (or more!) of our amazing camps: Night Owls, Adventure, Arts, Makers, Family camp and Grand Adventure, Day Camp, Mini camp, Hammock, Senior High, and more. We have residential camps for ages 6–17, and Day camp for ages 6–10. We are certified by the American Camp Association and have over 57 years of faith formation through small group camping.

OPEN HOUSE DATES: March 26, April 30, and May 21. No reservation needed. Come and take a tour, meet our staff, and enjoy a day on the mountain. Agape Hall 2–4:30 pm.

MountainTopics Day Retreats

Are you curious about the role faith plays in the environment? Or how to be more inclusive in your congregation or personal life? A variety of topics is offered during our monthly MountainTopics day retreats. Join us for discussion and fellowship – register for one or all of the days.

Register for one or all of the workshops!

Where? Potomac Lodge:

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp
and Retreat Center

9:00am – 3:00pm

3200 Mar Lu Ridge Rd. Jefferson, MD

Cost: \$30 which includes snacks and a delicious hot lunch served in Agape Hall.

RSVP by contacting the camp office: 800-238-9974
MLR@mar-lu-ridge.org

Outreach: What we do for others

BASKETS OF PROMISE – LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

On Easter, we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's resurrection. We respond to this gift of new life by answering the call to "care for the orphans and widows" (James 1:27, NRSV) — those living in poverty and marginalization throughout the world.

Again this year, New Hope is participating in Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise Lenten Appeal. This project is also part of New Hope's participation in Servant of All: A Year of Kits with LWR as part of the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We would like to complete at least 50 kits during Lent.

Each week in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits.

You can either bring in specific supplies for Personal Care Kits each week through Palm Sunday or you can assemble kits at home during Lent and bring them to church on Palm Sunday. We will assemble kits on Palm Sunday between services. Directions on how to assemble the kits at home will be available on the Outreach table by the water fountain and in the Fellowship Hall or you can go to lwr.org

Below is a list of the items needed and schedule for donations along with some suggested stores and costs. This list will also be in each week's Ministry Connections and is on the bulletin board in the coat area of the narthex (entry). All items can be placed in the bins under the bulletin board

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

MARCH 5

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



MARCH 26

Combs



MARCH 12

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

Big Lots \$3.50/
towel, Target RE
towels are \$4.99



APRIL 2

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)
Fingernail or toenail clip-
pers, no complete kits,
Target and Big Lots have
clippers for under \$1.50.



APRIL 9 (PALM SUNDAY)

Bars of Soap



MARCH 19

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

Multi pack
toothbrushes
are acceptable



For more information contact Kathy Piet, kampers1@verizon.net,

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We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on 04 / 09 / 17

at Fellowship Hall between services.



*What we do ...
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Outreach: What we do for others

BLESSINGS BAGS

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25, NSRV)

These verses are the guiding principles behind the Blessings Bags available in the narthex for anyone to hand out to people in need.

Several New Hope members have come to church with stories of their encounters with recipients of our bags. Kathleen continues to get a “thumbs up” from one person she hands bags to.

Brad handed a bag to a gentleman, David, who then proceeded to tell Brad all about the Day Resource Center (DRC), not knowing that Brad has volunteered there. Kathy spoke to David at the DRC about the encounter. David was very appreciative of the bag as it helps to get him through between visits to the DRC.

New Hope hands out at least 40 bags a month. To keep this ministry going, we need supplies. We need new men’s crew socks or tube socks, chapsticks or lip balms, individual packages of protein snacks (nuts, Jif to go, beef jerky), small individual packages of crackers, granola bars, cookies, and travel sunscreen. All donations may be placed in the bins under the table by the water fountain.



Bridges to Housing Stability’s

It’s Almost Here!!!! Bridges to Housing Stability’s Chili Cook Off is March 29, 12:30 pm at Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. New Hope will be competing against at least 15 other congregations for the Golden Ladle (most money raised) or one of two Silver Ladles (most money raised day of or most money raised prior to). Donate Sundays between services in the Fellowship Hall or donate online at <http://bit.ly/2iGjTKK>.

Come support New Hope’s entry, Kathy Boschulte’s Seafood Chili, meet people from other congregations in Howard County, and share an afternoon of fun and fellowship. You will also have a chance to learn how what we do is helping to end homelessness in Howard County. There will be activities for children as well as a silent auction.

If you would like more information about Bridges to Housing Stability, there are brochures around the church or you can go to <http://www.bridges2hs.org/>.





On Valentine's Day, Debbie Rizzo-Meyer and Mary Thomas accompanied Kathy Piet on a tour of the new house that Living in Recovery has purchased. The tour was led by Joe Wilmott, the treasurer of Living in Recovery. The 4 bedroom house is in a wooded setting with creeks on either side of the house to provide areas for quiet reflection. LIR is currently remodeling the house to be able to house 8 men and an on-site house manager. There is space for meetings for both residents and non-residents. The men are expected to work or spend at least 20 hours a week in purposeful activity. They are also expected to pay rent. During the tour, we learned that there is no time limit for how long someone can stay in the house but the longest time someone has spent in a LIR house is 2 years.

This tour was special as many times we don't get to see what help our donations are providing. Kathy, Debbie and Mary could see and learn what an impact our \$15,000 donation is going to have in the lives of our neighbors in need.

If you want more information about Living in Recovery, go to: <http://lirhowardcounty.org/>.



SERVANT OF ALL: A YEAR OF KITS WITH LWR

Servant of All: A Year of Kits with LWR is a way to join with other Lutherans across the U.S. in commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. As New Hope makes quilts and kits all year on a regular basis, it seemed a no brainer to join in this project. The Outreach Ministry Team along with the core group of people attending craft nights has projected that New Hope could complete at least 200 kits or quilts in 2017. This includes the personal care kits, school kits, quilts and tied fleece blankets that are assembled at New Hope on a regular basis. Each month we will update you with a total number of kits and quilts that have been completed to date. At the end of February we have a total of 48 kits and quilts completed.

If you are a Thrivent member, you can "run" a Thrivent Action Team to make kits/quilts and receive \$250 to help purchase supplies. Benefit members can "run" 2 teams a year while Associate members can "run" 1 team a year. For more information about how to "run" a Thrivent Action team, contact Debbie Crabtree, Charlie Bailey, Marg Goodlin, Charles Nicholas, Sue Moyer, Lila Haxton or Kathy Piet. For more information about Thrivent Financial, go to thrivent.com.

SERVANT OF ALL
A Year of Kits with LWR

COMMEMORATE REFORMATION 500!
Build Kits of Care.

Congregational Care

STEPHEN MINISTER: A HEART FOR THE HURTING

May 5th, 2016

Posted by: Paul Denherder



We all go through tough times in life — times that can seem turbulent and unsettling and even hopeless. In the midst of these challenging and difficult seasons of life, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to lend us understanding and encouragement and the will to push through them. It's assuring to have someone else identify with these situations and provide stability and hope that can help us through the temporary storms of life.

That is what a Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear and a supportive perspective that help ease us through the challenges of life.

Who are Stephen Ministers?

At our church, we have individuals who are compassionate and trained to help us when we encounter times of loss, grief, relational challenges, and a myriad of things that tend to throw our lives into a tailspin. These Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are not "know-it-alls." They are not individuals who can fix everyone's troubles. They simply are people who are able to provide love, care, and support for us when we need it the most. They are a listening ear, a different perspective, a caring individual who is able to help us navigate our present situation.

Perhaps you are in need of someone like this for yourself, a friend, or a family member. Maybe you simply want to learn how to listen effectively and deeply identify with the needs and hurts of others. Stephen Ministry may be just what you need—no matter if you need help and support from others, or you want to be more purposeful in helping provide love and care for others.

Becoming a Stephen Minister

For those who want to grow in being able to come alongside and support others in a more intentional way, we provide 50 hours of training to become a Stephen Minister. Through this training, you will learn the skills that are required to provide Christ-centered care for others. You will receive resources and practical in-class/hands-on help in learning to meet the needs of others both emotionally, spiritually, and physically. We also provide on-going monthly continuing education with skills and principles that will help you provide care, along with small group support and encouragement.

So, whether you are in need of support in your own life, or you want to hone and develop your own personal skills to support and care for others, Stephen Ministry is available in both situations.

For more information about how Stephen Ministry can help you, or how you can receive the necessary training to become a Stephen Minister, contact the church office. We all need help from time to time, and you can be sure that your request for a Stephen Minister will be confidential.

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The Deacon's Page

Information about Family Ministry and Faith Formation at New Hope.



DEACON CINDY'S PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS

Deacon Cindy has public office hours on
Wednesday afternoons from 1–3pm at
Mad City Coffee, 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd #101, Columbia, MD 21044.

Come by and talk, pray, drink some coffee with her
and invite your friends to join the conversation.

See you there!



We continue to expand our GIFT team! If you would like to volunteer to help with the monthly events, please contact one of the core team members: Stefanie Alt, Lois Bailey, Cindy Patterson, Cindy Ranker, Laura Rose, Jim Rossi or Pastor Ginny.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday, 10am – 12pm, in the Conference Room (1st Wednesdays optional bring your own lunch)

First Communion Class

If your child is ready for his/her first communion, contact Deacon Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org)

1st Communion



FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Our trip to the Rivers Park Fire Station. Thank you to all the Fire Fighters who were so nice to us all Saturday morning.



Special Dates to Remember

Birthdays

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| 1 | 17 |
| Bethany Kelley | Jane Sabatelli |
| 2 | 18 |
| Sara Furst | Herman Delang |
| Janice Smith | 19 |
| 4 | Art Patterson |
| Karsten Beckmann | 20 |
| Scott Lastova | Linda Southworth |
| Bernice Ammon | 22 |
| Gianpaolo Baglione | Ed Quick |
| George Berkheimer | Gail Winslow |
| Bob Patchan | 23 |
| 6 | Sara Seider |
| Ira Burcham | 24 |
| Lenny Moyer | Hallie Balassone |
| 7 | Kathryn Lastova |
| Lisa Turnbough | 25 |
| 8 | Jackson Greaser |
| Alexander Balassone | Karl Petre |
| Varsha Gazula | 26 |
| Christian Pladna | Kevin Dadin |
| 10 | John Sabatelli |
| Liz Bowman | 27 |
| 11 | Pam Rowe |
| Carly Good | 28 |
| Bryce Mack | Connor Fleming |
| 13 | 29 |
| Mark Farris | Anton Bricker |
| Johanna Hebert | Lindsay Palmer |
| Xander Henry-Rose | 30 |
| Rick Struble | David Ose |
| 14 | 31 |
| Derek Delang | Breann Smith |
| Deborah Kolessar | Olivia Struble |
| Laurie Miller | |

Baptism Anniversaries

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| 1 |
| Louise Lee |
| 15 |
| Tiffany Paul |
| 19 |
| Sarah Wheeler |
| 21 |
| Amanda Frekot |
| 22 |
| David Rowe |
| 28 |
| Megan Frekot |

Additional Baptisms

Danny Ballard
Ron Kolessar
David Riddler

Wedding Anniversaries

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| 12 |
| Mark & Debi Farris (88) |
| 19 |
| Ed & Ruth Ann Quick |
| 23 |
| Paul & Karen Severson (87) |
| David & Liz Bowman (13) |
| 29 |
| Ken & Hedy Schaedel (59) |

March 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 10a NH Bible St. 12p Ash Wed Service & Lunch 1p Deacon Cindy @ Mad City 5p Jazz Jam 7p Tr 373 7:30p Ash Wed Service | 2 6:30p Crew 373 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7p Den 4 7:30p Choir Reh 7:30p Conversations in Come-UNITY (The Turn House) | 3 10a Book Group 6:30p GS 4514 Badge Night | 4 9:30a Women's Discussion Group 10p Jazz Jam 2p Racial Healing (tent) 6:30p AA |
| 5 8:30/10/11:30 Worship 10a Sunday School 6p HS Youth Group 6:30p GS 1009 | 6 7p Book Group 7p Den 1 7p Single Again 7:30p Glocal Ens | 7 10a Staff Meeting 5p Daisy Troop 7:30p Joyful Noise | 8 9:30a MOMs Club 10a NH Bible St. 10a Finance Team 1p Deacon Cindy @ Mad City 5p Jazz Jam 5:30p Confirmation 6p Congregational Care 7p Tr 373 7:30p Midweek | 9 6:30p Crew 373 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir Reh 7:30p Pub Theology (The Corner Stable) | 10 10a Book Group 6p GIFT Dinner | 11 8a - 2p GS 4514 9:30a Grieving Together 12:30p Grassroots 3:30p Global Peace LC 6:30p AA |
| 12 Pie Sunday 8:30/10/11:30 Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Witness Team 6p HS Youth Group 7p Tr 373 PLC | 13 7p Book Group 7p Den 1 7p Single Again 7:30p Glocal Ens | 14 Newsletter Deadline 10a Staff Meeting 7p Craft Night 7:30p Joyful Noise | 15 10a NH Bible St. 1p Deacon Cindy @ Mad City 5p Jazz Jam 5:30p Confirmation 7p Tr 373 7:30p Pack Comm 7:30p Midweek Meditations | 16 11:45a Assoc of Comm Services 6:30p Crew 373 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7p Den 4 7:30p Choir Reh 7:30p Conversations in Come-UNITY (The Turn House) | 17 10a Book Group | 18 9:30a 1130 Sunday Service Task Force 10a Grassroots 10a Jazz Jam 4p Dinner at Balto Men's Shelter 6:30p AA 6:30p Pitch Game |
| 19 8:30/10/11:30 Worship 10a Sunday School 6p HS Youth 6:30p GS 1009 | 20 5:30p Stephen Ministers 7p Book Group 7p Den 1 7p Single Again 7:30p Glocal Ens | 21 9:30a Clown Care 10a Staff Meeting 5p Daisy Troop 6p Racial Healing 7p Council 7:30p Joyful Noise | 22 10a NH Bible St. 1p Deacon Cindy @ Mad City 5p Jazz Jam 5:30p Confirmation 7p Tr 373 7:30p Midweek Meditations 7:30p Den 2 | 23 6:30p Crew 373 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir Reh 7:30p Pub Theology (The Corner Stable) | 24 10a Book Group 6p Community Meeting Re: Eden Brook / Guilford Rd Property | 25 9a Worship SetUp 9:30a Rt 1 Breakfast 6:30p AA |
| 26 8:30/10/11:30 Worship 10a Sunday School 2p GS 4514 6p HS Youth | 27 7p Book Group 7p Den 1 7p Single Again 7p Tr 373 PLC 7:30p Crew Comm | 28 10a Staff Meeting 7p Craft Night 7p Prayer Ministry 7:30p Joyful Noise | 29 10a NH Bible St. 1p Deacon Cindy @ Mad City 5p Jazz Jam 5:30p Confirmation 7p Tr 373 7:30p Midweek Meditations | 30 6:30p Crew 373 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7p Den 4 7:30p Choir Reh | 31 9a Parenting Alone Workshop 10a Book Group 7p Pack 373 Mtg | |

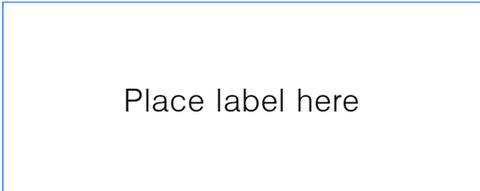
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