

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



The "dog days" of August in Houston, days of unrelenting heat and humidity, hot tempers and sweating, have their origin in the ancient Roman belief that the dog star Sirius, which dominated the night sky during this time of year, produced the heat. They sacrificed a brown dog to assuage Sirius, hoping to have the heat abate. Well, we are not Roman but we do sacrifice the dollars to keep the air conditioner running non-stop! It is also believed this time of year made dogs go mad, a time of evil. Might be said of baseball as 162 game season wears on (Go Astros!). But I would like to put a bit of a different spin on the dog days. Even though August is not the darling of the tourism industry, it is the gestation time for all sorts of new beginnings at Hope. All the planning and preparation for big events is underway. Five Hundredth Anniversary (31 October 1517) of the nailing of the Nine-five Thesis to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Rally Day, HopeFest, Confirmation, Tiny Treasurers, Renewal Study, and Music programs, to mention just a few, are being planned. This congregation continues to be blessed with great leadership, committed members and a bright future in God's hands. Thanks be to God for the dog days of new beginnings!

What if vacations were to happen on a weekly basis? Would you be interested? Take advantage? Well, they do! It is called the Sabbath, the first day of the week (by the way the seven-day week is our contribution to society), the day of resurrection. Our God calls us to set aside one day out of seven to rest and reconnect with him, just as he did after the days of creation. Worship and time in the Word highlight the intent of a Sabbath. Rest from physical labor and daily demands refreshes us for the following six days. Left to our own self-centered desires, we would work more to get more. Our Lord curbs that thirst for more by encouraging less. Come away to a quiet place and build relationships that make our hearts glad, relationship with our Heavenly Father and relationships with the ones he has placed around us.

Intergenerational Bible study continues for the first three weeks in August during the 9:45 A.M. allotted time. From our experience during the first three weeks, this has been well received. Having the entire congregation focus on a single section of Scripture has proved an effective way to interact across generations.

The experiment of a single-service-July has been concluded. I solicit your reactions to this different way of doing worship on Sunday morning and the combining to two congregations into one with service opportunities for us to be church in some new ways. The 8:00 and 11:00 times for worship are back in play.

I hope your summer has provided you time for vacation and recharging, leaving you prepared to embrace the startup of regular schedules!



Notes from Pastor Jon

At the time I write this, our little “experiment” with the month of July is still underway. But it appears to be a success. One worship service on Sunday has allowed us to gather as the one congregation that we truly are and surpass the critical mass needed. It has been wonderful to hear all of you sing together! We have tried some new things — in-reach opportunities, outreach opportunities, new ways to fellowship with one another, and new ways to study the Scriptures together in June and August. So far, it has all gone well and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. A big “Thank You” to all of you who have participated in any way. I encourage each one of you to continue to come and be a part of what is happening at Hope as we live and work together as the Church.

Confirmation:

Another year of training our young people in the Faith we all share in Christ Jesus begins later this month. Here are a few important dates:

- Sunday, August 13th — There will be a Parent Meeting for those with a child entering Level 2 or 3 Confirmation. It will be an opportunity to register your child, receive materials, and hear a brief overview of the program. The meeting will take place in the Great Room immediately following the 11 o'clock service.
- Faith Builders V — Also, Sunday, August 13th beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Great Room. This event is for those whose child will begin confirmation this year (typically 6th graders). We will enjoy a meal together, take care of registration and materials, hear an overview of the program, and participate in worship including a blessing of your child as they begin their confirmation journey.
- Sunday, August 20th — Classes begin!

The goal of confirmation at Hope is to prepare the hearts and minds of our young people to speak for themselves the vows made at their baptism and to personally make confession of the Faith we all share in Christ Jesus and then to live that faith they confessed for the rest of their lives. If you have any questions at all about the program and your child's place within it, please contact me.

Community Garden:

If there is a “winter” for gardening in Coastal Texas — it's July and August. Nothing grows well in the heat and often, drought. We will re-till and clean everything up for Fall planting in the first half of September. The date is not certain yet — dependent upon the weather and scheduling. Watch for verbal announcements as well about a date/time to help out.

His Peace Be with You,
Pastor Jon



Music Ministry

Music Ministry Sign-Ups Sunday, August 20th Grand Hallway

Have you ever wanted to join the Music Ministry to serve in worship? Now is your chance! Sign-ups will be held between services in the Grand Hallway on Sunday, August 14th. It will be important to sign up on this Sunday so that we will have your contact information for the rehearsal and service schedules. Rehearsals for ALL adult ensembles will begin the week of August 20th. Children's ensembles will begin Wednesday, September 6th.

Please prayerfully consider joining us in these worship ministries.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord!

Stephanie Poyner
Director of Music



Rehearsal Schedules Fall 2017

Tuesdays

- 6:00 p.m. — Hope Woodwinds and Strings (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. — Hope Brass (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 p.m. — Jubilate Bells (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

- 5:30 p.m. — Children's Choirs (CFD Room 100)
- 6:00 p.m. — Children's Bell and Chime Choirs (CFD Room 101 & Music Library)
- 6:30 p.m. — Celebration Bells (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. — Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

Youth Ministry

I have had some pretty incredible views this summer — the endless waves of the ocean, the soaring heights of the mountains, the capacity of human kindness to change the course of things and the strength of a goal to see you through difficult times. I am certain I heard God's delighted laughter in a room filled with my faith family and while I saw no tongues of fire hovering over their heads, there was the unmistakable presence of the Holy Spirit stirring embers of Hope. In struggles, God has reached out to calm my heart and I am blessed — my heart overflows. Much of my

perspective this summer has been shaped by a group of people with whom I have shared discussion over the past nine months. We've talked about the past and the present and the future as it relates to faith and the people of Hope. We reflected on the strength of previous generations and the creative vision of those who are sharing this present day. Most importantly, we spent time talking about the gifts each and every one of us has to offer and how we might better bring people together to connect those gifts and those hearts. We dared to think what might happen if we tried old things in new ways and this summer it has been a joy to watch so many of our conversations become realities. I am so excited as we continue to move forward. My sincere thanks to the D6 Committee: James and Corrine Schleider, Raymond and Krista Beken, Pastor Jon Petering, Therese Huning, Steve and Michelle Scheer, Gail Akens, Lynn Hobrathschk, Tiffany and Jason Henry, LilaJan Hibbs and Barb Gahrning. Thank you for your encouragement, honesty, conversation, creativity and guidance.



On the calendar:

August 27th — Rally Day

August 27th — Freshman Welcome Breakfast in Senior High Bible Study

September 10th — Senior High small groups being

September 13th — BASIC is back!!

September 17th — Congregational potluck — Mission Trip reviews on display!

This fall we will begin registration for our Summer 2018 trip to Camp Eagle — details coming soon.

Children's Ministries

On this Rock

(Matthew 16:13-20)

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'"

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah."



Where is your rock? What are you building on? Why not start the school year building the habit of Bible study and make Christian education part of your routine?

Rally Day at Hope is a great way to learn how Hope can help as you grow your faith and the faith of your child. Rally Day is just around the corner! August 27th is going to be an exciting Sunday. Rally Day kicks off the new school year and promotion to new grade levels.

Pre-K3 through 5th grade:

The children's CrossTraining (education hour) opening begins in the Sanctuary at **9:30 a.m. each Sunday**. Lynn Hobratchk does a fabulous job leading the children in song and introducing the day's lesson, so they will not want to miss the opening.

We ask that parents accompany their children to the Sanctuary to sign them in. Please also sign your child out at 10:45 a.m. from their classrooms. Classroom locations for each Sunday are listed on the children's ministry board in the grand hallway, as well as in the bulletin each Sunday. Classroom doors are labeled as well.

Together with Jesus:

This class is for parents and children 2 and under *together*, and will meet in CFD Room 117 from 9:45 a.m. — 10:45 a.m. Please also join us for opening in the Sanctuary.

How do I register for CrossTraining and why?

On August 27th, after you sign in your children in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for CrossTraining (a.k.a. Sunday School) opening, please stop off in the Narthex for registration and information. If you registered for Sunday School last year, you will just need to check to make sure our records are correct and current. If we do not already have your information, please complete a registration form for each child that will attend CrossTraining. Your registration enables us to track attendance, follow-up with you, and send important announcements to you and messages to the children like "Happy Birthday." We do not share your information without your permission.

What else is there to Rally Day?

I'm glad you asked! After the opening, **the children** will spend the hour with their teachers doing team building exercises and getting to know one another. The foundation of their learning experience begins with these relationships.

At 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room, **the adults** will learn more about the opportunities available to them and their children to continue building their faith throughout the coming year.

Stephen Ministry Values Trust

In today's atmosphere of social media and politics, trust is important and valuable. We need it in the work force, the family relationships, and in our fellow believers. Even the phrase "In God We Trust" is under attack.

As Christians, it would be unthinkable for us who profess our trust in God to remove that trust from our lives. Trust is a vital part of Hope's Stephen Ministry and is the foundation of which relationships depend.

Not only are Stephen Ministers equipped to carefully listen, to offer God's love and care instead of judgment, but they can be trusted to keep conversations private and to focus on ways to help and heal difficult stresses. Such trust is built on time spent together, whether it be hours, months or more. . .time to truly know concerns and explore ways to bring relief.

Trust comes also from the one requesting a Stephen Minister. The fact that a request is made indicates the trust in God to truly help, to trust in the one that Pastor sends, and trust yourself in that if you ask, you are ready and receptive.

May God bless you as you place your trust in Him and this Ministry.

Christmas Progressive Dinner

Anyone want to open their home for a Christmas Progressive Dinner? It will be a Hopefest fund raiser and a delightful evening with fellow Hope families.

Contact Lynn Hobratschk, and let's talk!!



Texas Tech

The Texas Tech Lutheran Student Center, right across the street from the Texas Tech campus, would like to invite all incoming freshmen (and any other students) to come to our SOS (Supper On Sunday). Local pastors lead a Bible Study from 5:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Area churches provide home cooked meals on Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. (Dorms do not provide meals on Sunday evenings.) After 7:00, there will be time for fun and fellowship.

The Lutheran Student Center is a place where students can come and have a quiet, relaxing place to just hang out, study, or play games. There is always a stocked refrigerator (water and soda). There is also a kitchen if students would want to come and cook. Our address is 2615 19th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410. The email address is lsclubbock@gmail.com. The phone number is 806.763.3644. If someone will be here for orientation and would like a tour of our facilities, please text us at 806.543.7215 and we can set up a time to meet.

The Student Center is equipped with WIFI throughout the building. There is a ping-pong table, foosball table, pool table, big screen TV with cable and board games.

Please check out our webpage at www.lsfttech.org.

Ladies Guild — Serving in Summer

The permanent motto of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was chosen at the first convention in 1975 from Psalm 100:2, and soon afterwards were written to be sung to the melody of "Onward Christian Soldiers." We are eager to serve Him as commanded and to proclaim his Gospel in every land.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness: Us He gave Command
To proclaim His Gospel, now in every land.
So that fellow sinners may like us be blest;
Leading them to Jesus we can serve Him best.
Onward, then for Jesus, let this be our aim.
Serve the Lord with Gladness, glorify His name."

It's summer, school is out, vacations are happening, places to go, relatives to visit, etc. How do we continue to do all we want to do? Be assured that there are ways to continue to serve Him.

Braille printing still meets twice a month. . .
Secret Pals and Prayers Sisters still need to be remembered. . .
Prayers are still to be offered. . .
Lutheran Bible Translators still need to be supported. . .
Mite Boxes still need to be filled. . .
Guild meetings still need to be attended. . .

Our recent Zone Rally urges us to "bloom where we are planted." We have so many opportunities to serve, support Hope activities, attend worship, Bible classes and Small Group sessions, Stephen Ministry to call on in life's stresses.

God will bless your personal ways to "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Next opportunity: August 8th, 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room — see you there!



What is Hopefest at Hope Lutheran Church?

Are you new to Hope? Hopefest is several events that culminate with the BIG weekend on October 7-8, 2017. This is a time for all the congregation (no matter which service you attend) to get together for fun, food and fellowship and to open our campus to the community as an outreach activity.

Our community recipients this year are:

- **Point of Light** — Sponsored by Christus St. John Hospital, a clinic that provides health care for everyone including assistance for uninsured and under-insured. They offer a wide range of family health services including family practice, primary care, and acute care with a volunteer staff of physicians, nurses and physicians assistants. The clinic provides for people of Dickinson and the surrounding communities.
- **Christian Helping Hands** — Provides services to the needy in the Friendswood-Pearland-Manvel area. Services include food, utility bills, emergency rent, clothing, and medical services. CHH has assisted over 140,000 people in the service area. It is an all volunteer organization with funding from churches, community organizations and private donations.
- **Forgotten Angels** — This organization provides specially designed homes and facilities, as well as recreational, educational and vocational opportunities for more than 100 individuals with special needs. Founded by a Pearland business owner, this organization has been in operation since 2001.
- **Adult Reading Center** — Located in Pearland, this organization's mission is to transform lives through education. They provide a nurturing environment that improves reading, writing and basic communication skills. Since its launch in 1987, the Center has achieved steady, managed growth with over 200 volunteers assisting adult learners each year.

These organizations will receive a portion of what we raise during HopeFest weekend. Some money we raise also stays here at Hope for various needs in the congregation.

The BIG weekend will begin on Saturday, October 7th with a Craft Fair, Tea Room, Bake Sale, Shrimp Boil and Live Auction. Followed on Sunday, October 8th with a traditional service at 8:00 a.m. and a casual service at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. we will begin serving BBQ, free Children's Games, Craft Fair & Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Bingo and hours of fellowship.

So, mark your calendar now and watch for more information in Sunday bulletin, September's Anchor Chain, and sign-up sheets in the Narthex.





	ANNUAL PLAN	Y-T-D PLAN	Y-T-D ACTUAL	% OF PLAN
Operating Receipts	\$1,046,393.00	\$243,740.60	\$226,366.40	92.87%
Early Childhood Tithe	\$45,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	100.00%
Total Receipts	\$1,091,393.00	\$252,740.60	\$235,366.40	93.13%
Outreach	\$74,268.00	\$17,834.09	\$17,571.99	98.53%
Education	\$8,850.00	\$1,617.14	\$1,451.85	89.78%
Children	\$2,300.00	\$118.55	\$99.01	83.52%
Youth	\$13,200.00	\$932.19	\$616.39	66.12%
Music	\$6,000.00	\$1,620.24	\$1,318.03	81.35%
Assimilation	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc. Ministries	\$10,050.00	\$605.00	\$617.33	102.04%
Personnel	\$637,288.00	\$149,832.33	\$146,698.03	97.91%
Finance	\$62,187.00	\$15,546.75	\$15,396.52	99.03%
Facilities	\$227,150.00	\$47,834.33	\$39,987.90	83.60%
Office & Worship	\$40,600.00	\$9,791.12	\$9,126.96	93.22%
Omnibus	\$9,000.00	\$550.00	\$544.33	98.97%
Total Expenditures	\$1,091,393.00	\$246,281.74	\$233,428.34	94.78%
Income Less Expenses		\$6,458.86	\$1938.06	

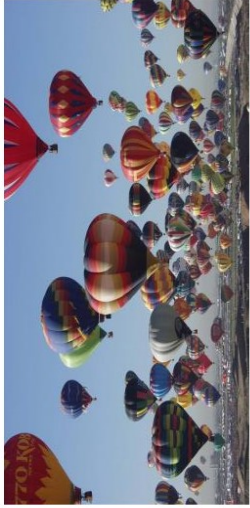
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**Fiscal Year (04/01/17 - 03/31/18)
As of June 2017**

Sarah Brown	8/1	Helen Meester	8/18	Gary & Annette Berg	8/1
Mildred Riewe	8/1	Matthew Mustain	8/18	Gilbert & Pam Bubendorf	8/3
Jinx Schkade	8/1	Mark Furtado	8/19	Nelson & Gerlane Jacob	8/4
Julanne Lott	8/2	Kevin Groeper	8/19	Matthew & Jennifer Steakley	8/4
Jon Petersen	8/3	Rachel Krause	8/19	Joyce & Steve Schrader	8/5
Jamie King	8/4	Kyle Wiley	8/19	Mike & Debbie Schkade	8/8
Donna Chauvin	8/5	Edward Jackowski	8/21	Harold & Carolyn Benson	8/9
Ray Fournier	8/5	Carissa Petersen	8/21	Carl & Cynthia Bayer	8/10
Jennifer Kroesen	8/7	Tom Anderson	8/23	Jeff & Laurie Ellis	8/14
Mike Rouse	8/7	Pam Bubendorf	8/23	Donnie & Billie Kleiber	8/14
Loranne Lemire	8/8	Jennifer Freestone	8/23	Michael & Rachel Van Chau	8/14
Pat Anderson	8/9	Dylan Henry	8/25	Philip & Betty Johnson	8/15
Sarah Chauvin	8/9	Jason Kerch	8/25	Craig & Jessica Horak	8/27
Melissa Hovorka	8/9	Spencer Schneider	8/25	James & Corrine Schleider	8/29
Eddie Robinson	8/9	Michele Wilson	8/25	Terry & Leslie Engle	8/30
Sallie Rouse	8/9	Barbara Knighton	8/26	Raul & Pat Cruz	8/31
Larry Stiles	8/9	Audra Rhodes	8/26		
Erinn Sweeley	8/9	Matthew Steakley	8/26		
Katherine Plumpton	8/10	Autumn Aman	8/27		
Bruce Brown	8/11	Cindy Carter	8/27		
Violet Mittendorf	8/11	Jayme Norris	8/27		
Meagan Chauvin	8/12	Cheryl Wilson	8/27		
Craig Horak	8/12	Andrew Groeper	8/28		
Rose Mustain	8/12	Emily Groeper	8/28		
Jennifer Dippel	8/14	Craig Hall	8/28		
Sydney Henry	8/14	Dolores Jackowski	8/28		
Kathy Johnson	8/14	Daniel Jensen	8/28		
Jessica Kroesen	8/14	Samuel Sweeley	8/28		
Gary Meester	8/14	Sarah Blankenship	8/29		
Toria Peterson	8/14	Nova Chauvin	8/29		
John Todd	8/14	Kaci Durling	8/29		
Dalton Brown	8/15	Maya Gailey	8/29		
Jacob Gruener	8/15	David Glebe	8/29		
Brook Williams	8/15	John Kueck	8/29		
Kathy Zimmerman	8/15	Austin MacRill	8/30		
Matthew Cox	8/16	Thomas White	8/30		
Claudia Ramming	8/16	Kara Annis	8/31		
Bradley Cunningham	8/18	Cristen Lewis	8/31		



Birthdays and Anniversaries



This Month at Hope August 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		8/1/2017	8/2/2017	8/3/2017	8/4/2017	8/5/2017
		CHESA Volleyball	Small Group (Ericson) Basketball (Van Chau)	Small Group (Hinga)	HURT Meeting Small Group (Petersen)	10:00 AM 6:30 PM
8/6/2017	8/7/2017	8/8/2017	8/9/2017	8/10/2017	8/11/2017	8/12/2017
Eucharist Intergenerational Bible Study Sunday School Together with Jesus Eucharist Small Group (Butler)	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	CHESA Volleyball Ladies Guild	Basketball (Van Chau)	Lakeview Quilt Guild		Orsak Wedding 4:30 PM
8/13/2017	8/14/2017	8/15/2017	8/16/2017	8/17/2017	8/18/2017	8/19/2017
Eucharist Intergenerational Bible Study Sunday School Together with Jesus Eucharist Confirmation Parent Meeting Men's Ministry Study Group Faith Builders V	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	CHESA Volleyball	Small Group (Ericson) Basketball (Van Chau)	<i>Newletter Deadline</i> Hopefest Meeting Small Group (Hinga)	Small Group (Petersen)	6:30 PM
8/20/2017	8/21/2017	8/22/2017	8/23/2017	8/24/2017	8/25/2017	8/26/2017
Eucharist Intergenerational Bible Study Confirmation Sunday School Together with Jesus Eucharist Small Group (Butler)	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	TT Teacher In-Service CHESA Volleyball Hope Woodwinds Hope Brass Jubilate Bells	<i>MEALS ON WHEELS</i> Celebration Bells Sanctuary Choir	Tiny Treasures Meet & Greet Board of Director's Meeting		
8/27/2017	8/28/2017	8/29/2017	8/30/2017	8/31/2017		
RALLY DAY Worship Adult Bible Study Confirmation High School Sunday Studies History of Christianity Men's Ministry Parent Bld Study Sunday School Together with Jesus Video Discussion Group Women's Study Group Worship	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM	PreSchool / MDO CHESA Volleyball Hope Woodwinds Hope Brass Jubilate Bells	PreSchool / MDO Basketball (Van Chau) Music Ministry Hymn Sing	PreSchool / MDO CHESA Volleyball		





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