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MAY BIRTHDAYS
♫HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU♫

05/07 Bonne Clark
05/08 Lois Chafin
05/10 Frank Hobbs
05/11 Paul Holland
05/12 Janice Sienkiewicz
05/20 Bob Wetherington
05/27 Andrew Bampoe-Parry
05/28 Fatima Kanu

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The church office appreciates notification of additions, omissions and address changes of our members and friends. It is important that our records are kept current. Thank you.



From the Pastor's Desk

THE GIFT OF CHILDREN

Once I read somewhere that as long as there are children around there is hope. Each new child that comes into the world is evidence that God has not given up on us, the world must go on. God has hope for us. Many of you have told me how much you yearn to see Hope filled with children again. The truth is that hope is already blessed with an abundance of children. Every morning when I come into my office and every afternoon as I walk to the car the air is filled with the laughter and jolliness of the children of Hope at play. I mean the children of Hope Montessori. What a privilege it is to be able to provide space for children to learn and grow and be nurtured intellectually and emotionally in a safe environment where they know that they are loved and cherished. And what a great opportunity for Hope Lutheran Church to make a difference in the community by witnessing to Christ's love by the ways in which we interact with these children and their families as well as with the teachers and staff of the school. Therefore, I invite you to add them to your prayer list and stop by sometime for their celebrations (see Ms. Russell's invitation elsewhere in this Newsletter). The teachers have also expressed interest in having volunteers sign up to read to the children. Jaime Russell, Administrator and I are working on ways in which the two Hopes can collaborate in future projects, please let me know if you would like to be involved.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

There are also many exciting things already taking place at Hope. The Sunday school teachers are collaborating with the *Care for Creation* director in creating a children's butterfly garden so they will learn about the important role of pollinators in God's in nature. For adults there will be a Sunday School forum on what our church teaches regarding criminal justice issues. The study will be led by retired judge Chuck Hogeboom and it will meet on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. beginning on May 22 through June 19th. And for high school age youth Jennifer Santos will be offering "Career Tours" to help students think about vocation. For our retired members at Green Spring we will be adding to the book clubs that are already meeting regularly a prayer group that will meet once a month to pray for those on our prayer list.

PRAY FOR HOPE

There is so much going on at Hope! But in order for it to be sustainable we need your help. We need you to continue to pray for Hope and for our council. Spread the word about Hope, about what Christ is doing in this little congregation, and to invite people to come and see. Finally, pray for me, please, as I try to be a good pastor to this congregation and to discern the paths to which God is calling us. I conclude with a prayer from Luther: *"Oh God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Sincerely yours,
Pr. Carmelo

Thank You!

Sidney Anderson's family would like to extend their sincere, heartfelt appreciation to the Hope Congregation for their many kindnesses, support, and most of all, friendship throughout the 53 years that he was a faithful member of the church. Many thanks to those friends who came to Sid's memorial service at The Gardens Assisted Living, and to Pastor Santos and Pastor Sea for officiating. Although he wasn't able to attend services in the past several years, or participate in the activities he so enjoyed, Sidney loved Hope, and considered it his spiritual home till the end.

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Adult Sunday School to Study ELCA Criminal Justice Statement

Beginning May 22, Hope's adult Sunday School will study the 2013 ELCA social statement on "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries." The five-week study, led by Chuck Hogeboom, will cover the ELCA's assessment of the current US criminal justice system and various reforms urged by the church. Coffee and pastries will be available at 8:45 am in advance of the 9 o'clock discussions. The 62-page statement can be read or downloaded from the ELCA website. A complimentary copy is also available from the ELCA by calling 800-638-3522.

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Women's Breakfast/Study will not meet in May. At the June 11, 10:00 am meeting the discussion will be on a book written by *Eben Alexander, M.D.* "Proof of Heaven." Call Ruth Wetherington 703-451-7412 to order a copy of the book. (Cost \$11.95)

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YOGA AT HOPE

Learn Yoga at Hope from certified instructor, Stefan Edmund. Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. for five weeks beginning on May 5th. The cost is \$50 for all five sessions or a \$15 drop in fee per session. Please bring your own mats and check with your medical care provider before beginning this or any other physical program.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MAY 15, 2016

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE

Earth Day at Hope



Worship

Caring for Creation Sunday was observed at Hope on April 24th as a celebration in worship, learning and service. About 30-35 members, families, and friends worshiped and celebrated the Eucharist together on the lawn facing the cross. Pastor Santos encouraged people to listen, look, and experience the natural world. One of our two resident bird nests was on display. His sermon included a story about

the bells of a disappeared church which appeared only when one listened to the sounds of nature. The Bell choir performed at that point. Hymns were accompanied by guitars, and Lois and Kathy sang a duet.



Food

Breakfast and a lunch were provided by Karen Hogeboom and her team (Debbie Moore, Sayran Hassan, Diane Winter, and Bradley McNellis).

Service

I can't remember a time when I was more astonished and impressed by Hope members than Earth Sunday. Signups for the woods cleanup were sparse, and I was contemplating how much could be done by 5 or 6 people. But God was with us. About 20 adults and youth, dressed to minimize exposure to poison ivy and ticks, convened on the woods between Haven and Rawlins Road and worked their way up Rawlins from the Hope parking lot to the townhouses on the south side of Rawlins Road. They removed an incredible array of dumped materials: bathroom appliances including a shower pan, sinks, a toilet, loads of concrete, furniture, mirrors and plate glass, 6 truck tires, a large roadway lamp, a crib, a chandelier, bed frame, motor oil, a large can of paint, about 30 large Pepsi cases and a dozen Coke cases, a large crab pot, plus the pervasive foam food containers, bottles, cans, and paper trash. By 11:15am most of the refuse had been consolidated on Hope property in separate piles: trash, recyclables, metals, special handling, and construction debris. Most of the trash and the recyclables fit into Hope's dumpsters. Paul Holland broke all the glass into pieces and put it in bags in the dumpster in accord with the trash collection service requirements. A pickup truck borrowed from Jennifer's grandfather was filled with construction debris which went to the landfill (Pr Santos and Unell). On Monday, the metal was taken for metal recycling (worth \$6), and on Tuesday six of the tires went to Pep Boys, who waived the \$3 tire charge. Oil and the beverage trays (distributors take no responsibility for their products) remain for disposal.



Most heartfelt thanks to those who worked on this project: Coordinators Diane and Chuckie Cameron, and Paul Holland; Claudia Gander, Jane Graves, Lynn Crammer, Andrew Jones, Jennifer and Pablo Santos, Jon, Myles, and Liam McKay, Stan Moore, Dave Thomas, Bill Peterson, Unell Hobbs, and Scott Schlecht. Lucy McKay weeded the cross bed – another great help.

If you worked on the cleanup and we didn't get your name, please let me know. If you didn't work on the cleanup and you wish to help there is plenty of work to do, so please tell me. *Susan Turnbach*

Hope Kids' Butterfly Project

After Worship on Earth Day Sunday, Donna Moylan led an educational project about the life cycle of butterflies, after which Rosaura Conde read *The Hungry Caterpillar* and led the kids in a butterfly and caterpillar craft project. Barbara Liechti and Kathy Kielmeyer assisted Donna and Rosaura in our kick-off Butterfly project activity. Donna purchased some butterfly larvae and a pavilion for when the chrysalis forms. The kids enjoyed observing the live caterpillars in the jars, and they took the critters home to observe for the week!



Rosaura and Ed Conde are now busy at work mapping out our garden with stakes and tape, so the kids can be prepared to start shoveling this Sunday. Barbara is in search of Milkweed plants!

Our Earth Day program launched a several-week Caring for Creation children's Sunday School series that will include watching our very own caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies, planting a butterfly garden, creating Hope's own Monarch Way Station, and learning about protecting Monarch butterflies and many other ways to care for God's creation. We will also tie the gardening and butterfly fun to spiritual lessons on ways to grow God's spirit in our hearts and in our daily lives. We will learn about how we will transform one day

when we leave this Earth to join God in heaven.

The kids also hope to teach Hope's adults a little more about butterflies by posting some signs and photos around our gardens.

Donna, Rosaura and Barbara will team up on leading the activities during the children's Sunday School hour, and during sermon time for the very young ones. We welcome more volunteers and kids! Anyone interested in joining in the fun, please contact Donna, Rosaura or Barbara.

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Dear Hope Lutheran congregation,

The new Hope Montessori School administrator (Mrs. Jaime Russell) would like to extend an invitation to International Night, to be held at the church on Thursday, May 26, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Hope Montessori families represent over 20 different nationalities, so it's as close as you might get to a UN meeting, right here in Annandale! The parents and children are asked to come in traditional dress and bring a traditional meal to share, so if you want to partake in an evening of global cuisine exploration, please stop by!

They'd love to see you there.
Jaime Russell, Administrator

Creative Aging in Fairfax County



The Art Council of Fairfax County selected seven outstanding artists, ranging from arts education, dance, music, storytelling, and theatre, who will be part of a diverse line-up at the 2016 Creative Aging Festival, during the month of May, coinciding with Older Americans Month. Fifty activities and events are planned at fourteen senior centers throughout Fairfax County.

To find an event near your senior center, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov>.

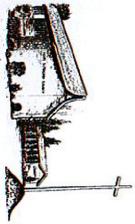
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“Career Tours”

The week of June 27, Jennifer Santos will take 10 high school students to various professional sites to learn about different career paths up close. In previous years they have visited with a veterinary clinic, an architect, an accountant, several from the legal sector, law enforcement, and more! Site hosts discuss their background, training, typical day, answer questions, and provide advice on career paths for students. In between the visits students have the opportunity to take career assessments and reflect on how their interests, skills, and personality play into their vocation. They are given guidance on creating a "Personal Progress Portfolio" for their use in postsecondary applications.

The summer camp is organized and led by Jennifer Santos, who is a counselor and career development facilitator. If you would like to help in some way, send her an email: jl378@gmail.com.





WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS FOR MAY 2016
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

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May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:00am Christian Education 10:00am Worship Service/HC 11:15am The Hope Ensemble 12:30pm Orientation Mtg -Fellowship 12:30pm - 4:00pm Korean Cong. 3:00pm-5:00pm OA Step Mtg 5:00pm - 6:00pm OA Meeting 5:00pm-8:00pm --R.YD-A-ROU/ND --</p>	<p>2 7:30pm --R.YD-A-ROUND*</p>	<p>3 9:00am Quilters 9:00am & 7:00pm ESL Classes 6:30pm EXCOM</p>	<p>4 12:00 noon Lively Saints Luncheon 6:40pm-7:25pm The Hope Ensemble -(Fellowship Hall) 7:30pm-8:30pm KCPC (3/3a)</p>	<p>5 9:00am & 7:00pm ESL Classes 6:15pm-7:15pm YOGA - (Fellowship Hall) 7:30pm Hope String Quartet</p>	<p>6 8:30pm AA Mtg</p>	<p>7 7:30am-9:00am KCPC (3/3a)</p>
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