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7/07 Rebecca Leach
Barbara Thorkildsen
7/08 Charles Berreth
7/10 Bill Peterson
7/12 Debbie Bird
7/15 Pablo Santos
7/18 Chuck Hogeboom
7/21 Celesta Whitenight
7/23 Jean Williams
7/24 Arthur Homann
7/26 Jennifer Santos
7/27 Claudia Gander
Debbie Moore
7/30 Jack Gander

8/03 Marc Saylor
8/04 Frank Morris
8/05 John Knapp
8/12 Alex Johnson
8/13 Isabel Bampoe-Parry
8/16 Ray Bickert
8/18 Emmanuel T'Chawi
8/19 Warren Hults
8/21 Jenna Potoker
8/22 Andrew Crammer Jones
8/25 Eleanor Collins
8/27 Amanda Billington
8/29 Alex Saylor
8/31 Fred Felber

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/02 Lore & Barry Potoker
8/26 Barbara & David Thomas

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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

Exciting things are about to happen at Hope, and we all can be a part of it. The Holy Spirit is moving in this congregation, stirring us up and launching us forward into the future. We have great plans to share the gospel with our neighbors and to spread the love of Christ in Annandale and beyond. But we need your help. We need you to dream with us what Hope can be, we need you to believe that it can be done, and we need your gifts.

Do you enjoy singing? Join the choir! Do you like the melodious sound of bells chiming? Join the bell choir. (You can't read music? Don't worry, it is not necessary; just come and have fun making a joyful noise to the Lord). Do you love the laughter and energy of children? Join our wonderful Sunday School team. Do you like to listen to stories, to get to know people deeply, to develop significant friendships? Help us with our visitation ministry for the homebound. Are you homebound yourself but eager to help? Join our prayer team, or help us begin a greeting card program. Do you enjoy meeting new people? Become a greeter at Hope. Have you been thinking about taking up a new hobby? How about gardening at Hope? (Or even just weeding!). Do you like to scare people? Join our "alternative Halloween" planners. You are crafty? Help us set up for Rally Sunday. Do you love the liturgy? Consider becoming an acolyte, a crucifer, a reader, or an altar assistant. Would you like to help set up and clean up for Holy Communion? Join the Altar Guild. Do you have a story or testimony to share that could be inspiring to others (about your work, your health, your life)? Add your name to our speakers list for the adult Sunday School. Have you been blessed in your life and you want to pass it on? Write us a check. You don't know how to help? Pray for our church, pray for our community, (and pray for me, your pastor), that we may be attentive to the will of God and the needs of the people. There are so many ways in which we can all participate in the mission of God at Hope, the limit is our imagination.

I am excited because I know that the gospel transforms lives and communities. I am excited because we are living in very troubled times and yet we know, as the spiritual goes, that "there is a balm in Gilead!" There is a balm that can heal the sin-sick soul, and that balm is hope, the hope that flows from the cross of the crucified and risen Christ, the love of God poured in our midst through the Holy Spirit for the healing of the nations. And as we share the balm of the gospel with our neighbors, as we boldly proclaim the gospel of forgiveness of sins through faith by Grace, as we live out our faith in concrete acts of love, mercy and kindness, people will come. Others will join us in the mission that God has entrusted us to bring hope to this community, and the church will grow, and thrive, and serve, and praise!

Yes, I am convinced that exciting things are about to happen at Hope, and I can't wait to see them, and to be a part of it. Amen.

In Christ's Hope,

Pr. Carmelo



Pipe Organ Completes Long Term Repair

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A real pipe organ is a very complex electro-mechanical-acoustical instrument, and Hope's organ is no exception. Hope was fortunate to have John Knapp as Minister of Music/organist since he had experience and knowledge of pipe organs. In about 2001 or 2002, John told the Council that the leathers on the organ were deteriorating and would eventually need to be replaced. Wayne Higbe chaired the Worship Committee, and he succeeded in establishing an equity fund to pay for major repairs and upgrades to the organ. Over the years, the fund has grown, and the leathers were replaced on each wind chest as funds became available.

On July 22nd, Richard Maryman, the organ builder who has been maintaining Hope's organ for about the last decade, and Otto Pebworth, another organ builder, completed the replacement of the leathers on the 18th and final wind chest.

Heidi Zirtzloff, our organist, had reported that three notes were not sounding, and when the chest was dismantled, it was apparent that three of the leathers had torn and would not hold air.

When the action was tested in mid-afternoon, the new leathers held air, but Maryman was not satisfied with the responsiveness of the notes, so the parts were disassembled and reglued, a real commitment to quality. The work took most of the day and was completed about 7:15 Friday evening.

Heidi reported that the repairs had restored the missing notes and the organ was very responsive. The completion of this phase of organ maintenance is a tribute to the lay leadership of Hope Church, Wayne Higbe's foresight, John Knapp, and the ability of various Worship Chairs to maintain the organ equity fund and initiate and carry out the repairs over a decade.

While the completion of the leathers replacement is a major milestone, it is not an excuse to close the organ equity fund. The organ will eventually require other work in addition, of course, to routine maintenance and tuning which is covered in the budget. Eventually the 1980-90 vintage electronics, while a robust technology, will begin to fail, and decisions will be required as to the most effective technology to upgrade the electronics.



If, like me, you have been curious about what "leathers" do in a pipe organ, an article is being prepared for the next Anchor. However, a picture is included here to tease your imagination.

Exciting Fall Ahead...

Fall is around the corner – Get ready to kick off of Hope's new Sunday School year and some exciting new outreach events! Mark your Calendars, roll up your sleeves and get ready for some fun:

-Sept. 11: Rally Day. We will showcase our new Adult and Children's Sunday School plans, as well as all the other wonderful activities going on behind the scenes at Hope. Rally Day will be a big event with games, food and attractions – a celebration for everyone at Hope and we also hope to catch the imagination of our neighbors! We will have stations with games. Tickets will be sold for the games (at a very reasonable price), and small gifts (like stickers) will be given out as prizes. We will grill hamburgers and hotdogs, and have a potluck of side dishes and desserts.

Invitations/PostCard's will be prepared for kids to invite their friends to Rally Day/Sunday School. They will also be delivered door to door in the neighborhoods around Hope by the pastor and volunteers. Elvira offered to help with this (it was actually her idea!).

[Please contact Jane Graves, Dee Dawson, Donna Moylan or Barb Liechti if you can help with food, grilling, game stations, outreach, set-up, clean-up, etc. Jane will coordinate the food!]

-Kids' Sunday School. Kids will be divided into two age groups, we will use additional rooms at Hope, and incorporate games and crafts into a lectionary-based curriculum. We plan to start a new activity where the kids make a journal of who they are and what they want to become (and how their faith informs that), and then to invite guests who do what the kids would like to do to come and speak of their professions (e.g., veterinarian, architect, etc.) and how their faith informs their careers. Additional plans include cooking and service projects teamed with interested adults. Donna and Barb will team teach, Lois will work with kids on music, and Dee will help behind-the-scenes on crafts and other projects.

[Help needed! See Donna or Barb if you can help with teaching, cooking, crafts, service projects, or have other ideas.]

-Adult Sunday School. Dick Stewart will be in charge of organizing the class and securing speakers for the first half of the Fall session. ***[See Dick if you want to help.]***

ADULT EDUCATION 2016-2017

1. **Hope Adult Education Series** will present various topics concerning local, national and international issues and concerns and their relevancy on our perspective and actions as Christians.
2. Format will vary but will include newspaper and other written articles from various publications, electronic presentations and guest speakers.
3. Emphases will be on group participation and discussion with the hope that the experience will broaden our knowledge and awareness of major issues and the possibilities of our individual and collective actions for positive change.

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-Annandale Parade – Saturday October 22. Hope will participate! The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. from United Methodist Church (Gallows and Columbia Pike) and proceeds to the Bowling Alley-Safeway. We plan to create a banner announcing HOPE that the children will display from the top of Donna's Jeep. More to come...

-Alternative "Halloween" for Community Children. This will involve a version of a "haunted house" where the children can come and "trick-or-treat" in a safe environment. There will be contests of customs (e.g., the funniest, the tackiest, etc., to move focus away from "scary/monster/diabolic type of customs). We also plan to do a raffle as a way to get guests' names and contact information to follow up with them and invite them to church and Sunday School. Former youth members of the congregation and any others who are handy with building a haunted house will be invited to help with the project.

-Caring for the Community. Hope will continue being attentive to the issues happening in the community. We plan to have collections of food and supplies for victims of natural tragedies; and vigils for victims of violence; etc. **[Please let Pastor know if someone could use our help.]**

-Synod Sunday School Training. A new program at Hope for our church and other churches is in the works. Stay tuned for more information!

HLC Ropes Book Club

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Our HLC Ropes Book Club has chosen their summer reading.

Here it is: "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson. This best selling author is the master of the narrative non-fiction. He presents us with the enthralling story of the sinking of the great luxury ocean liner *Lusitania* during WWI by a German U boat. It's a gripping story of this disaster with "many details obscured by history."

Our discussion Club will meet Sunday, August 14, 2016, 3 p.m. at Greenspring. Our hostess will be Ruth Wetherington. Questions? Contact Ruth (703-451-7412) or Mona Ottoson (703-866-0472).

Mark your calendars. See you there!

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Caring for Creation News

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Gardens

Meg Marcus, Debbie Bird, and I have been weeding the border beds around the church, and Paul Holland has managed the ongoing control of the Japanese knotweed infestation.

Three native plants were donated and planted in two of the border beds. Meg, Debbie, Lois Chafin, and I have kept them watered and they are still alive. We hope to add more native plants in September when the weather should be easier on the plants (and us), and they will have the winter to become established. We are focusing on native plants to make our grounds more friendly to native insects like butterflies. Barbara Liechti has been watering the Monarch Way Station.

If you have native plants in your garden and you are dividing them this fall, please speak to me about possible use of your excess native plants for the church. Debbie Bird has been promised a donation of bee balm plants. We are also thinking about one or two large ceramic pots (at least knee high – higher better) for herbs and scented plants for the patio. Again please discuss this with me before leaving anything at the church; the timing of planting and care needs to be coordinated or the plants will die.

Parking lot lights

The Caring for Creation team has been analyzing several aspects of new parking lot lights. We have seven lights plus 2 Dominion owned lights (that Hope pays for) lighting the parking lot. Three lights aren't working despite new bulbs. So we probably need 3 or 4 new ballasts which can cost up to the \$150 each.

Parameters to be considered

We are considering warmer tones because they fit better with our neighborhood environment and to mitigate concerns about the effect of light glare on melatonin – a hormone that controls sleep/wake cycles. We are using an illumination standard found in many municipal codes.

Status

We have received several proposals and consulted with a number of manufacturers and we can probably buy and install new lights for \$500-\$750 each.

Photometrics were received from several manufacturers which show the distributions. Charles Hobbis has spent much time analyzing these data. Lois Chafin has been helpful in translating these displays into a form that can be printed for analysis.

Analysis will continue of electrical and mechanical issues and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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An anonymous donation has been made to the Caring for Creation equity fund toward new energy efficient parking lot lights that should cover a good portion of the cost.

Energy savings

Paul Holland helped in replacing the two 90 Watt floodlights on the corner of the parsonage with 18 Watt LED floods. Electricity consumption decreased by 12 kWhrs in June according to the bill. The payback time would be about 3 years.

Other energy savings are being achieved through replacement of existing lights with much more efficient and longer-lived LED bulbs.

Each parking lot light uses about 450 Watts averaging 4 -6 hours per day. More efficient LED light figures would use perhaps 150 Watts. Good LED lamps have a long lifetime, and some are warranted for ten years.

Why should Hope conserve energy

Conserving energy is an important principle because:

- It saves Hope money which allows Hope to do more positive things.
- It reduces our impact on the earth. Most of our energy (for the furnaces, boiler, and lights) is electric or gas. Much of Dominion's electricity is generated by coal. Coal mining in Virginia results in mountain-top-removal. Coal burning generates air pollution and the mining process generates water pollution and extreme amounts of waste ore. My parents grew up in the hard coal regions of Pennsylvania, and I am very familiar with the results of coal mining even fifty years after the mines are finished. Coal mining usually results in pollution of nearby bodies of water which kills fish and wildlife.
- Much natural gas is now produced by fracking where toxic chemicals are injected into the earth to force out gas. The chemicals pollute the water table destroying wells, making farmland unusable. In addition, the injection of water causes subsidence which destroys the foundations of homes and other infrastructure. The health effects of such water pollution are largely unknown.
- Finally, fossil fuel burning produces products that exacerbate climate change – a phenomenon that is causing flooding and rising sea levels in many parts of the world, and conversely causing desertification in other parts.
- All of these effects cause harm to all life, including people. Refugees will be increased by these effects as lands become unable to sustain existing populations in many parts of the world. Plants and animals are also being adversely affected.

Caring for Creation is working using donations to the equity fund to reduce Hope's carbon footprint to do something real to show compassion for the lives adversely affected by climate change and waste of energy.

From Worship Committee

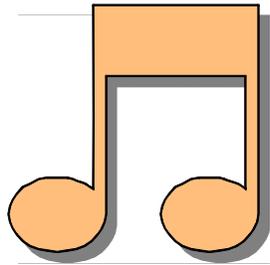
Summer is quickly ending and we are busy starting to plan for the upcoming year at Hope. While we are planning, we would like for all to prayerfully consider sharing your love of music. There have been many times I've been in meetings at Hope and heard members "sing the praises" of the music program and how music is an important part of the Hope experience.

We are looking for bell ringers, choir members, and assisting ministers. No experience needed. Don't read music? Not a problem.



-If you are interested in the bells, we are planning a bell session on Rally Sunday. Plan to come and just take the opportunity to ring a few bells with the help of other members of the bell choir.

-If you would like to "Make a Joyful Noise" in voice, watch the bulletin for the start of choir rehearsal in September.



-If you are interested in assisting Pastor Carmelo during Sunday service, singing is not required.



Please let Heidi Zirtzlaff or Arlene Klauber know if you are interested or have ideas that you would like to share.

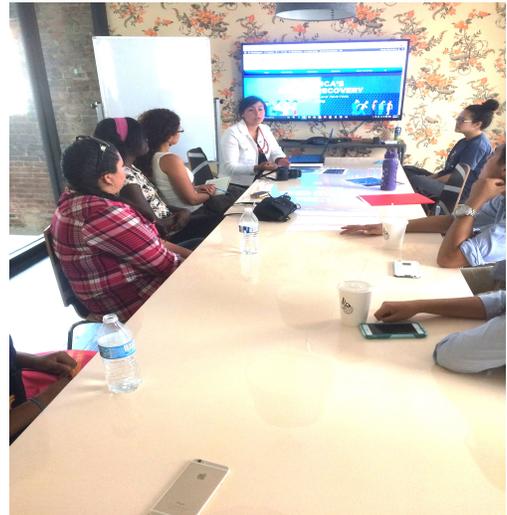
“Career Tours”

On July 8, Jennifer Santos took a group of 9 high school students from Annandale, Falls Church, and JEB Stuart High Schools on "career tours."



First stop was DC Superior Court. An experienced magistrate judge and two US Marshals received the students and outlined careers in the court system. The highlight of the day was seeing two court cases being presented.

After lunch, we visited "WeWork," an entrepreneurial co-working space, where we got a tour and learned briefly about new trends and options for start up businesses. The students were impressed that most people worked in jeans.



Hilary Strahota, of Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, met us there and outlined what the communications field is about; highlighting marketing, working with reporters, and social media engagement. Many of the students were not aware of this career option and found the entire day to be very meaningful!

All students were invited to worship at Hope Lutheran at a later date.

Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield Lunch N' Life

Thursday, August 11th. Reserve your seat by Tuesday, August 9th!

Come hear Dan Ancona speak on "Wind Power for the Mid-Atlantic States?"
Join us from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. at Greenspring Retirement Community Accotink Room at
7470 Spring Village Dr.
Springfield, VA. 22150

Cost is only \$10 per person for lecture, lunch, and a tour of Greenspring. Call today to reserve your seat! Send a check to SCAS, 7610 Newcastle Dr., Annandale, VA 22003. Call for questions 703-941-1419.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

July 20, 2016

My soul is bereft of peace: I have forgotten what happiness is. (Lamentations 3:17)

Too often in the past months we have been stunned by violence. Last Sunday in Baton Rouge, La., and earlier this month in Dallas, police were the target. Many in our congregations serve in law enforcement. These are our brothers and sisters, children of God who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe, who risk their lives for strangers.

Acts of violence, at home and abroad, are all too frequent. Each is evidence of a broken world. Lutherans understand this and believe that the state has the authority and obligation to protect its citizens. Good government and peace are among the things we ask for when we pray "Give us today our daily bread."

Not all citizens have the same experience with law enforcement. We are working on that as a nation and a church. But the targeting and assassination of police officers is a threat to all of us. Nothing is solved by this violence.

Working in law enforcement is an honorable way to live one's baptismal vocation. Many of us know police who are members of our congregations. They serve with dedication to the common good even at the risk of their lives. Police and other first responders see the best and the worst of human nature, and they do that on your behalf and mine.

Officers killed in the line of duty leave behind families, comrades and friends. We continue to hold those who mourn in our prayers. But a little bit of us has died too. "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (I Corinthians 12:26).

Although broken, our world is also a redeemed one. God's answer to hatred and violence is the love and life revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Christ, God reconciles the world to God's self. We are called to that ministry of healing and reconciliation in our hearts, in our homes and in our communities. God is ever faithful. We are held as one people in God's love and that love will never let us go.

But this I call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning (Lamentations 3:21-23)

In Christ's peace,

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

August 2016

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