

Letter of Hope

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Meet your Bonfire Community Parish Nurse . . .

Hi! My name is Deborah “Debbie” Haney. I’m a registered nurse and certified women’s health care nurse practitioner. I grew up in west central North Dakota and graduated from the University of North Dakota College of Nursing. I started out as a public health nurse (and thought I would do that type of nursing forever. I truly loved it!). Just a few years into public health, I was given the opportunity to go to the University of California Los Angeles Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program by the North Dakota Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Division. (Too good an opportunity to pass up!) The ND Department of Health was building a state funded family planning program. In the beginning, I worked with the Public Health Nurses to help women, in the isolated and sparsely populated areas of the state, who had no health care insurance, in establishing and/or preventing pregnancy. It wasn’t long before there were clinics in the larger communities as well. I traveled hundreds of miles a week for a long time.

I came to the Twin Cities area in 1990 when my husband, Tom, transitioned from being a police detective with a specialty in arson investigation, to a fire origin and cause investigator with an insurance company. I have two grown sons (both graduated from Cooper High School) and three grandchildren. All live in the metro area.

My hobbies include working on and learning about my genealogy; spending time with my children, grandchildren and large extended family; photography; gardening; and occasionally reading a mystery novel.

By this fall, I will have regular specified office hours at First Lutheran Church of Crystal, House of Hope Lutheran Church, and St. James Lutheran Church in Crystal. Plan to stop by and visit me once those hours are known. I look forward to seeing you.

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Pastor's Letter . . .***"Race For Life"***

Imagine being a black woman growing up in Edina, Minnesota amongst a sea of white people. Though Joyce was well accepted by her peers they would talk about black people in very negative ways, but then quickly turn to her and say, "But, of course, that isn't true about you, Joyce."

Or perhaps you have seen the recent polls that highlight the disparity between blacks and whites in Minnesota. The educational outcomes for minorities in Minnesota is appalling compared to the outcomes for white students. And the jobless rates are twice as high for black people as for whites!

Although Minnesota has a long and cherished history of being a place of welcome and hospitality, there are issues that perpetuate these kinds of disparities and the question comes to the churches - "Who cares?" Or do we just shrug our shoulders and say - well that's too complicated for us to do anything about?

ISIAAH, the coalition of Christian communities in the Twin Cities, is doing something about it. We had a great event at Cooper High School in June that gathered state legislators, school superintendents, and school board members from the west side of the Twin Cities. It was a bold way for us to say - "We care and we dare to work to change these outcomes - and more importantly to give equal opportunity for all people.

I have been working on this issue both within the Minneapolis Area Synod and with the Northwest Caucus of ISIAAH. On July 18 I will begin a week of training to help me with such work. It is my hope and prayer that some of you will

also be able to be a part of letting the Christian voice be heard in St. Paul as well as in our neighborhoods. ISIAAH is asking congregations to hold house meetings in an effort to gather 10,000 people in the fall. That would be a mighty powerful voice. There is much work to do and we are just the ones to do it.

Pastor Mark

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In light of the horrific oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, we are reminded that God wants us to be good stewards of the environment. Psalm 24:1 states that "*the world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his*". Humans simply hold the Earth in trust for God. We are tenants here, called to care for the creation on behalf of future generations and all species. The Bible calls us to "till and keep the garden" and names human beings as the trustees of creation. Because God created all the Earth and all of us, creation is beautiful and good and sacred. We are called by our devotion to God and our love for God's works to protect it.

God created the whole universe through him (Christ) and for him. Colossians 1:16b

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*The heavens declare the glory of God;
The skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

Psalm 19:1

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S

Come Sing!



Come to worship and join in singing the hymns and songs. But why do we sing? When we sing the songs and hymns of the church we join the song of all creation, the song of the church of all times and places. Something happens to us when we sing. It's not necessary to be a "good" singer, you just need to join the song. As we sing tune, text, and the sound of our singing can transport us to places we never thought possible. Propelled by the wings of melody, rhythm, and harmony the message and images of the text pass through our lips, finding ways into our memories as well as our hearts.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in *Life Together*, writes: "It is not you that sing, it is the church that is singing, and you, as a member of it, may share in its song." When Lutherans assemble for worship, they sing not as individuals, but as a church. When Christians, Lutherans in particular, sing together in worship, it is primarily a community song. The song of the church provides a balance with the song of the culture. In this day and age, an emphasis on *we* helps to balance society's emphasis on *me*.

Take a little time each week to join with others on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to worship and to sing. As we sing in New Hope our song joins the song of all creation, the song of the church of all times and places, of Hannah, of Miriam and Moses, of Zechariah, of Simeon, of Anna, of Mary, of Christ Jesus.

George

EDUCATION NEWS . . .

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR VBS Hero Headquarters

July 11-14 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Elim Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale

GET INVOLVED! Do you want to teach kids about the Bible without a large time commitment? We are looking for people who have an interest in presenting the Time for Children at the 8:30 and/or 10:45 service. There are resources and people to help you get involved in the church service in this unique way. Please contact Torunn Harty at tlharty@gmail.com.

We Need You!!!

If you would be willing to be a teacher or a teacher's assistant for our Faith Forest Sunday School beginning in September please contact Torunn Harty by email at tlharty@gmail.com. Some areas that we need teachers for are art, Bible games, drama, music or video.

COMING SOON . . .

House of Hope Picnic

Sunday July 25, 11 a.m.

Potluck after worship service. Worship and picnic will be outdoors on the church lawn, weather permitting. Fun games for the kids! Good food and conversation!

NEW HOPE FARMERS' MARKET

Rides for Seniors

Saturdays, June 26- October 16
8 am- 1 pm

For a ride to the market call PRISM at 763-529-1252. You must call at least 48 hours in advance (by Thursday)
This service is paid for by the PRISM Faith Board.



Thank You Notes

Thank you for all of the prayers and cards as I recover from knee surgery. Thank you, Pastor Mark, for prayers and visits.
Margaret Steinbring

Thank you to all who have prayed for my sister and brother-in-law, Georgette and Paul Imig. Paul's surgery was successful and he has healed well. He has his new prosthetic foot and is learning to balance and walk on it. Their faith in God is very strong and knowing that others were praying for them allowed them to face the surgery and look for the good things throughout the ordeal. My brother-in-law says he was "most worried that I would lose my humor. Turns out I only lost a foot." He has a whole new repertoire of jokes and is discovering new ways that God can use him to reach out to others with the good news of the Gospel. Praise God who is ever faithful and our source of strength and healing.
Barb Drenth

Dear Friends at House of Hope, We received the beautiful check of \$500 realized from your Lutefisk supper. Thank you so much. It is always a nice surprise when we receive this check. We are having more and more new families come to the foodshelf each month. It is hard to keep up with the numbers. We have over 400 families on a regular basis. We are giving out 32,000- 35,000 pounds of food each and every month. Again, thank you for your on-going generosity to the NEAR foodshelf. May God.

Dear Sunday School kids & Staff, Please forgive the lateness of this note. You did a fantastic job during the month of March to raise \$68 to help other kids to have food. The month of March is an excellent time to do this because it is partially matched. Thank you again for helping our families. May God bless.

Jan Monroe, NEAR Foodshelf

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers working at Habitat for Humanity in June—to the men who worked 25 volunteer days and the women who provided and served lunch. You helped make a positive difference in someone's life!

House of Hope Care Ministry Team

GARAGE SALE WAS A SUCCESS!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU to all of you who donated items, priced, organized, set up tables, worked during the sale days, acted as cashiers, provided food, and cleaned up after the sale. It was definitely a team effort and we are grateful to all the willing helpers.

Ben & Mae Lou Thompson



Youth Happenings!

SIMUL IN THE CITY



MINNESOTA H.S. YOUTH GATHERING
JULY 18-19, 2010
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

Some of you youth remember AGAPE from our *Kick It Kick- Off* last fall. He is part of an incredible gathering this summer called "SIMUL". Nationally-known theologians Rolf and Karl Jacobson will be there as well as talented worship leaders and much more. All high schoolers are invited to come. For more info on the event, check the website: www.centralmpls.org/simul/home.php

Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit . . . As you may know there is a wonderful exhibit at the Science Museum on the Dead Sea Scrolls. We have enough interested for the group rate. If you would like to be added to the list please contact the office or let Pastor Mark know.

July is the month to eat at Country Kitchen on Mondays.

They have generously included time throughout the day for breakfast lunch or dinner, 8 am to 9 pm. Use the coupon included in this issue and pick more up at church on Sunday mornings. Please help support our youth. Thank you!

The Youth Stock Fund Sale continues – another great way to support our youth knowing that every dollar given is a dollar raised. Thank you for your generous support!



Memorial Gifts

The following gifts were given to House of Hope during the month of June:

In memory of Les Schendel—
\$500 for ministry at House of Hope

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR (DAYD)

I will need 8 drivers in July for 2 Fridays—July 9th & July 30th. Each church drives twice one month per year. Please let me know which day/days you can help deliver meals to shut-ins in our community. It is a very worthwhile and enriching experience and only takes a couple hours of your time. Thank you!

Connie Stensaas
763-537-0222

SERVICE TEAM NEWS . . . Team #3 will be responsible for August 2010. Team #3 will meet on Sunday, July 11, 2010, at 10:30 am to volunteer for the month's tasks. The sign-up sheets will also be available at the Saturday, 5:30 pm service. Please come and volunteer for as many tasks as you can. The members of Team #3 are:

Mike & Denise Anderson
& Danielle
BJ & Ella Mae Bjorkman

Shelly Caron
Janice Decker
Darrel & Karen Hamann
Mike & Julie Johansen

Bob & Ginny Kuns
Idonis McMullin
Robert & Sherry Olson
Emil & Victoria Salvog
Alan & Denise Strandlund
Darrell & Judy Watson

Tom & Judy Behlke
& Holly
Joe & Karen Brehmer
& Erik & Kayla
Tammy Christensen
Elizabeth Erickson
John & Kari Harmon
Kathy Johnson
& Brian & Jason
Nissa Larson
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Lowell Campbell

Mert & Gloria Cooper
Jane Griffith
Joann Houts
Laurie Klima

Judie Lucchesi
Heidi Och & Jenna
Scott & Michelle Reger
Tom & Kathy Serba
Ben & Mae Lou Thompson

SERVICE TEAMS CALENDAR . . .

Please mark your calendar with the date of your next Service Team meeting. Please note that our meeting time is the second Sunday of each month. The sign-up sheets will also be available at the Saturday, 5:30 pm service during the summer. Support your team by coming to the meeting and signing up for as many tasks as you can.

Service Team #3 - July 11, 2010
Service Team #5 - August 8, 2010
Service Team #6 - September 12, 2010
Service Team #7 - October 10, 2010
Service Teams #1 & #2 - November 14, 2010

The Service Team Task Force

Seen Any Good Bumper Stickers Lately?

- *Consciousness—that annoying time between naps*
- *Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- *I fish, therefore I lie.*
- *Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use Facebook and they won't bother you for weeks.*

FOODSHELF NEWS . . .

PRISM FOODSHELF . . . During the month of July we will be collecting CEREAL & TOOTHBRUSHES for the PRISM Foodshelf. Please bring your donations to the PRISM table in the narthex outside of Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support for the programs of PRISM in our community.

NEAR FOODSHELF . . . Needs your empty egg cartons along with your continued donations of non-perishable food items. Please bring them to the grocery cart in the narthex. THANK YOU!

NEAR & PRISM . . . will be collecting school supplies during July and August for distribution in August. Watch for the display in the narthex.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 7/1 - Paul Wallenfelt | 7/14 - Carol Hedican |
| 7/3 - Perry Peterson | 7/15 - Gary Remple |
| Tabitha Seiler | Karen Schaupp |
| 7/5 - Reggie Dahl | 7/17 - Karen Hoeg |
| 7/6 - Linnea Johnson | Alan Strandlund |
| 7/8 - Sophia Wangen | Nancy Walker |
| 7/9 - Terrence Hennen | 7/19 - Riley Mann |
| 7/10 - Thomas Haney | 7/21 - Rick Johnston |
| Isabelle Sundeen | 7/23 - Kate Strandlund |
| 7/11 - Leah Jensen | 7/24 - Rod Swanson |
| 7/12 - Steve Burshiem | 7/27 - Cheryl Wallenfelt |
| Ella Folmer | Carli Winslade |
| Ione Stedje | 7/28 - Dick Nelson |
| Connie Stensaas | Kayla Nyquist |
| 7/13 - Sharee Johnson | 7/29 - Michelle Follmer |
| Kathy Peterson | |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/5 - Mert & Gloria Cooper
Mike & Karen Utt
- 7/20 - Michael & Melanie Hanson
- 7/25 - Tom & Debbie Haney
- 7/29 - Robert & Sherry Olson

If you have a birthday or anniversary in July and are not on these lists please let Barb know. I will need a complete date (including year) for our data base.

Our Church Family . . .

Congratulations to . . .

Britta Sundeen and Rick Walstrom who were married on June 5

Christian Sympathy to . . .

Ginny Kuns and her family upon the death of her husband, Bob, on June 20th. A memorial service will be held at House of Hope sometime in July.



The deadline for the August issue of the *Letter of Hope* is Tuesday, July 20th.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (Communion 1st & 3rd Saturdays)
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)
11:00 a.m. Christian Interdenominational Assembly
(West African Worship)

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Mission Statement: *At House of Hope Lutheran Church we create a caring, loving community in Christ, nurture spiritual growth, and proclaim the Gospel, bringing people into a personal relationship with Christ.*



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