

## March 2016 Council Corner

Membership appreciation. What exactly does that mean? I understand that a handful of people were thinking that they needed to cook something or help out at the event. That could not be farther from the truth. Our church honors many different people in many different phases of their lives: births, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, etc. The council felt that it would be nice to honor the members of Hope Lutheran just because they are members and have contributed a small piece of the puzzle to what makes our congregation so very special. Sit back. Relax. Converse with your neighbor sitting next to you. Enjoy the absolutely delicious food. You have earned it over the years.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the council finally came up with an acceptable solution to deal with the issue of our parsonage well. As some of you may know, the inspector came last fall and mentioned that we needed to cap the well to the parsonage. We looked into various options to get this task done. Unfortunately, none came with an inexpensive price tag. The council was facing the possibility of spending a few thousand dollars in order to take care of this problem. Lo and behold, Gary Rantala talked with Marge Sella at a meeting a little over a month ago. Marge mentioned that we could attach a hand pump to the well and make it a functioning unit once again. Granted, this could cost us some money. However, it falls nowhere near the amount that capping would have entailed. With this option firmly in place, the council can now breathe a huge sigh of relief.

In closing, I would like to send out a number of thank you's to the following members and/or groups:

- Laura Rosenthal and all those whose names I have forgotten for their efforts in organizing the tea social.
- The congregation at Hope Lutheran for supporting our church financially. To this date, the money coming in outpaces our expenses. Let us pray that this trend continues.

The council and all the members of church appreciate your efforts. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to lend a hand. Our church could not function without great, caring people like you.

May God grant you peace until we meet again next month.....

Lance Kupka  
Council President  
Hope Lutheran Church