

December 2015 Council Corner

The council wants to wish a warm, friendly welcome to all of our new members: Alan Schramm, Patty Schramm, Chuck Hartline, Andrea Kalinowski, Miranda King, and Ariel Kalinowski. Wow! That is quite list. We extend to all of you our thanks for entrusting our church as you continue your journey down the Lord's pathway. While some of you have been part of the fabric of Hope Lutheran for multiple years and merely made things official with your membership, others have just begun. Please take the time to get to know the many unique, colorful personalities at our church or join the many groups/activities that we offer. You will surely not be disappointed.

It seems as if the housekeeping and/or maintenance of the church never ends. In the summer, we installed new doors and fixed our riding lawn mower (multiple times). Now comes word that other issues will need our attention by this spring. First, Hope Lutheran was notified that the old parsonage well requires capping. Second, the sagging ceiling tiles in the basement kitchen were brought to our attention. The council remains hopeful that we can fix these problems in an inexpensive manner through the combination of volunteerism, sweat equity, and possibly Thrivent Choice dollars. We will do things the right way to make sure that these issues do not pop up again any time in the near future.

In this holiday season, I want to mention a non-council issue. It brings a smile to my face to see all of the young faces running to the nursery, talking with their parents, and heading up to the front for the children's sermon each Sunday. Their humor, observations, and unique personalities add so much to our church. Two months ago, the Thrivent presenters remarked after services that they had not visited a church in recent memory that has so many young people involved. It makes me think that our future looks rather bright.

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

- Sandy Addy for her many years of service completing our quarterly payroll reports. We will miss you.
- All who took part and made the Lutefisk dinner a success. Not my cup of tea. However, to each their own. Still washing my daughter's clothes to get the smell out.
- Everybody who helped out with the children's x-mas program.
- The entire church council (Gary, Bill, Sky, Laura, Sharon, Pastor Evelyn, & Stan) of Hope Lutheran. It was an honor serving with you this past year.

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. Happy holidays. I hope all of our members enjoy a merry christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

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

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