

October 2015 Council Corner

The council focused intently on the topic of new members at our recent meeting on October 11. We have a few people who have expressed an interest in joining our church. In this light, the idea of holding a new member Sunday was discussed. We looked at various dates, settled on one, and later changed it to December 6 due to a scheduling conflict. In the interceding months, the council urges our members to think of any friends, family members, neighbors, or even coworkers who are presently looking for a church to call home. Hope Lutheran has a lot to offer people in the surrounding area. Please do not hesitate to reach out a hand and invite someone new to attend a Sunday service at our humble abode. After all, new members represent the key to the long-term stability of our congregation.

I would like to mention again something that I talked about in last month's newsletter. Pastor Weston and the council have talked about the importance of getting involved in our surrounding communities. We take the mantra advocated by the Northeast Minnesota Synod very seriously. "God's work. Our hands." If you know of any event that needs volunteers or a person/family that needs some help, please do not hesitate to contact the church. Lending a hand to those in need is perhaps one of the most noble acts of kindness that a person or group can do.

I also have another repeat request. Over the past two months, the council's youngest member, Sky Dow, has worked feverishly to set up an area youth group. This represents quite an undertaking on her part. She has gotten many of the foundational pieces in place. However, the one thing we need the most to make this group work is youths. We have an opportunity to spread the word of God through our young people. In this light, please do not hesitate to contact the church if you know of any local young people who would benefit through their participation in this group. Let's do whatever we can to make this group a rousing success.

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

- All those who helped out the Schramm family on September 26.
- Rocky Roggenbuck and those who helped take care of the church grounds during the late spring, summer, and early fall months.
- The members who brought their pets to be blessed on October 11. Our dog was so well behaved that we may just bring him to church every Sunday.

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.....

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