

Pastor's Page - May 2018

The following article was written by Nikki Massi for the Faith in Action newsletter for Lutheran World Relief. It tells the story of the impact of the one of the quilts made for people in need around the world and distributed by Lutheran World Relief. The quilters at Hope Lutheran are busy creating this year's quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief in October along with the bars of soap and School Kits that will be collected in the coming months. It is inspiring to see how God's love is shared through these simple gifts. If you would like to help our quilters they meet on the first and third Thursday of every month beginning at 9:00 am. All are welcome. If you cannot join them, they are always looking for donations of material that can be used in their quilting. Enjoy this inspiring story!

By all accounts, Pastor Del Akech Del has lived an extraordinary life so far. As a member of the refugee group that came to be known as the Lost Boys of Sudan, he lost family members, fled from civil war, and sought refuge in two different countries before coming to the United States as a refugee in 2001.

"I fled the country with other Lost Boys because of the war in South Sudan that broke out in 1983 between Muslim Arabs in the North and Christians in South Sudan," explains Del, who now serves as interim pastor at St. Christopher Lutheran Church in Lykens, PA. "There were many life-threatening challenges on the way to Ethiopia, but I made it safely even though some relatives and friends died in the desert."

Listening to his story, and all that he's gone through, you might be surprised to know that one seemingly small act of kindness still stands out in his mind to this day – while in a refugee camp in Ethiopia, Del Akech Del received the gift of a quilt.

When Del arrived in Ethiopia in 1987, he says and the other Lost Boys lacked many of the most basic necessities of life. "I spent about six months with other Lost Boys of Sudan without food or clothes," he says. "But most importantly, there were no blankets to keep me warm when it was cool at night."

A few months later, Del recalls, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees delivered supplies. And with those supplies came very special gifts. "You may be surprised when I tell you this, but the quilts you spend hours putting together saved millions of lives in refugee camps around the globe."

Pastor Del saw those quilts used in a variety of ways. "Women used them as skirts because there were no sewing machines at that time," he says. Some people used them as blankets for their beds and even, Del says, as protection against malaria-bearing mosquitoes. "That didn't work well, though, because it was hard to breathe under the quilt."

We already know that a well-padded quilt is useful to refugees who very often face harsh weather conditions. Pastor Del also recalls that the thickness of the quilt determined how it was used. "If a quilt was double, two people would share it. If it was triple, three would share it," says Del, meaning that if a quilt had double or triple batting, it was shared between more than one person.

In 2001, Del came to the United States as a refugee, but long before that he began worshipping God and sharing the story of Jesus with others. Once in the United States, he led worship for fellow Sudanese refugees and eventually connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through which he became an ordained pastor, completed seminary and eventually got his Master of Divinity degree. He now serves several communities, including the Sudanese refugee community of the Lancaster area.

Pastor Del uses his life story as a testimony to God's grace, and fondly recalls that quilt, given to him so long ago, as one of many blessings he's received along the way. "God is always present in our lives regardless of life struggles and setbacks. I always share my story and remind my church members about my hard-earned life experiences. I believe God knows everything we lack and in God's time His response to our prayers is always right."

This article appears in: Faith in Action. A newsletter especially for LWR Quilters and Kit makers.

GRADUATION SPOTLIGHT

Baccalaureate-May 16th at 7:00 pm at Hope
Summit graduation-May 19th at 2:00 pm
Milbank graduation-May 20 at 2:00 pm



McKayla Johnston
Summit

Future plans-attend Lake Area Technical Institute and becoming a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Favorite High School Memory- would have to be making it to state basketball my freshman year.

I am thankful to God-for-everyone and everything that he has surrounded me with. Especially my amazing family and friends. But most importantly, for allowing me to be myself and helping me conquer tough obstacles that I face throughout my everyday life.



Sophia Seffrood
Milbank

Future plans- to study mechanical engineering at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Favorite High School Memories- were on school trips with my friends: New York City, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Black Hills, and lots of other small ones. I also enjoyed our youth group trip to Detroit in 2015. I love the opportunity to take a break from school and visit somewhere new.

I am thankful to God- for giving me the strength to work hard during my high school career in order to go where I wanted after graduation. All of my activities, in addition to school, could get stressful, but my parents, friends, and teachers supported me. I am thankful for my church community because they have always been a positive force in my life. I hope in my future I can find my own community that is just as supportive and welcoming.

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2018 Offerings

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28		Total January
1762.75	1744.00	2305.00	1190.25		7002.00
February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25		Total February
1545.00	1443.00	2161.00	613.00		5762.00
March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25		Total March
1300.00	956.00	2685.00	1072.00		6013.00
April 1 Easter	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	Total April
2429.00	570.00				
May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27		Total May
June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24		Total June
July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Total July
August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26		Total August
September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30	Total Sept.
October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28		Total October
November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25		Total Nov.
December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30	Total Dec.
					2018 Total

Special Offerings

Ash Wednesday Feb 14	February 21 Lent	February 28 Lent	March 7 Lent	March 14 Lent	March 21 Lent
395.00	353.00	298.00	157.00	178.00	248.00
March 29 Maundy Thursday	Lenten Folders 4/2	Lenten Folders 4/13			
645.00	163.19	20.36			

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Offerings and Expenses
March 2018

	Mar 18	Feb 18	Jan - Mar 18
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	6,013.00	5,762.00	18,777.00
41200 · Special Services Offerings	1,228.00	1,245.00	2,473.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	7,241.00	7,007.00	21,250.00
44000 · Other Income			
44450 · Facility Rental	50.00	0.00	50.00
44300 · Special Event Donations	135.00	0.00	135.00
44100 · Interest Earned	102.70	0.73	104.16
44200 · Thrivent	0.00	50.00	106.00
44000 · Other Income - Other	259.42	0.00	259.42
Total 44000 · Other Income	547.12	50.73	654.58
Total Income	7,788.12	7,057.73	21,904.58
Expense			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,198.08	7,203.36	21,447.04
66190 · Relief Pastor Salary	210.97	0.00	210.97
66300 · Other Church Payroll	520.00	520.00	1,560.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	7,929.05	7,723.36	23,218.01
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	361.66
63100 · Worship & Education	73.56	19.39	404.97
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	336.94	0.00	336.94
62000 · Office Expenses	224.56	39.80	842.18
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,239.91
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	1,231.72	0.00	2,698.26
67420 · Electricity	257.13	260.64	794.25
67430 · Water/Sewer	51.00	51.00	153.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	94.99	92.70	281.81
Total 67400 · Utilities	1,634.84	404.34	3,927.32
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	1,634.84	404.34	5,167.23
61400 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	0.00	275.00
63400 · Interest Expense	14.44	0.00	14.44
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	3.00	1,066.88	1,082.88
Total Expense	10,216.39	9,253.77	31,703.31
Net Ordinary Income	-2,428.27	-2,196.04	-9,798.73
Net Income	-2,428.27	-2,196.04	-9,798.73

Church council

April 15, 2018

P: Kathy Brink, Tamijo Bronson, Laura Frankenhoff, Ben Graff, Matthew Amdahl, Kelly Faeth, Stacey Amdahl, Pastor Justin.

A: Mark Amdahl, Billi Whempner, Thomas Frankenhoff

O: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright

Call to order

Secretary report read and approved

Financial secretary and Treasurer Reports read and approved.

Pastor's report- 1 baptism-James Anderson, 1st communion-Anna Neugebauer, Cooper Ebsen, William Thuringer, Nolan Thuringer, Average attendance has been- 57, Lent attendance average-52.8. Youth are getting ready for youth gathering, Rogation Sunday is April 22. Pastor will be gone May 20 so will see if NeSoDak could do Worship or layperson.

Old business

Camperships-was decided to give \$400 to each camper that is registered to go this year.

Membership list-a committee will meet to review and update the list.

New business

Senior recognition/teacher appreciation/Last day of Sunday school-May 13. A pancake breakfast will be served by the men.

Baccalaureate- May 16 at 7:00 pm at Hope.

Summer plans- Continue another year with Church to Go and "Bring a Little Hope" (will probably do this all year), Summer Worship time-9:30 am- June-August,

Fogfest Worship- Will discuss further but will be at the park on July 1.

VBS- July 23-27 from 1pm-5pm

Synod Assembly-June 1 and 2 in Sioux Falls. Let Pastor know if interested in going.

Next meeting- June 10 following Worship

Meeting adjourned

Closed with Circle prayer/Lord's prayer

HOPES HAPPENINGS



- Thank you to the Youth Group and their parents for serving the Lenten Suppers and Campers and their families for serving the Easter Breakfast. Thank you to the congregation for your generosity and support of the Youth of this church.
- Thank you to Myla Kneeland for making all of the bread for the Seder Supper. Myla also bakes and donates all of the Communion Bread throughout the year. It is much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who donated a lily in memory of a loved one. The following is a list of who gave and to whom it was given in memory of.

In memory of:

Donna Bronson from Orvin and family

Leonard, Jessie and Gary Knutson from Ricky and Diane Knutson

Harvey Kneeland from Myla Kneeland

Harvey Kneeland from Bruce and Diane Kneeland

Lloyd Christofferson from Sandra Christofferson

Sandy Wohlleber from the Wohllebers'

Gary and Craig Holt, Earl and Bernice Drake from Randy and Earline Holt and family

Allen Theye, Mitzi Strasser, Grandpa Freddie and Grandma Wohlfort from the Grabows.

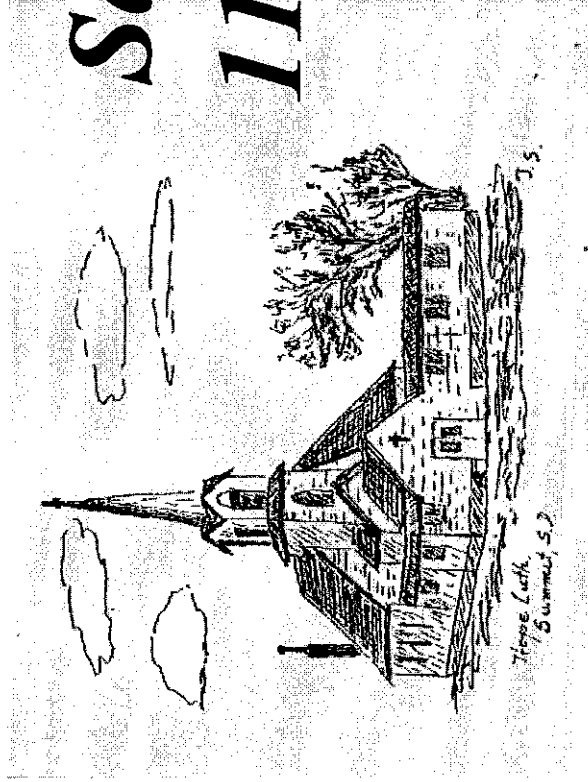
SAVE THE DATE: VBS WILL BE HELD JULY 23-27, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. Watch for more details. This year's theme is Favorite Stories from Jesus!! ☺

WELCA NEWS: WELCA meets on Thursday, May 3 at 9:00 am for quilting. 1:00 Business meeting and Bible study. Devotions: Myla, Cause of the month: Lutheran Social Services, Bible study: Pastor Justin. A second quilting day will be on Thursday, May 17th at 9:00 am. SOUP/SANDWICH has been rescheduled for May 12 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. See you there!!



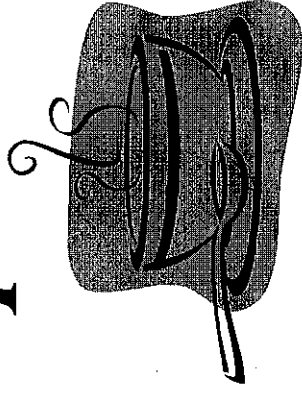
You're Invited to Hope Lutheran's Annual

Soup, Sandwich, Pie & Bake Sale



Saturday, May 12th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Hope Lutheran Church, Summit

Sponsored by Hope Lutheran Women of the ELCA

Fundraiser for Women, Youth, and Education Events At Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship Schedule - May 2018

May 6

- 9:15 am – Sunday School
- 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am – Worship

May 13 – Celebration Sunday

Celebrating Mothers, Sunday School Teachers, & Senior Graduates

- 9:15 am – Last Day of Sunday School
- 9:00 am – **Pancake Breakfast served by the Men of the Congregation**
 - All Men of the Congregation are invited to help cook and serve pancakes. Please talk to Pastor Justin if you would be able to help.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!



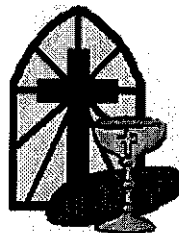
- 10:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
 - Senior Graduates – McKayla Johnston and Sophia Seffrood
 - We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers as well during worship. This year's teachers were Pam Neugebauer, Nikki Pays, Dawn Wright, Lee Wright, Kathy Brink, Tamijo Bronson, Michelle Urban, and Anne Seffrood.

May 20

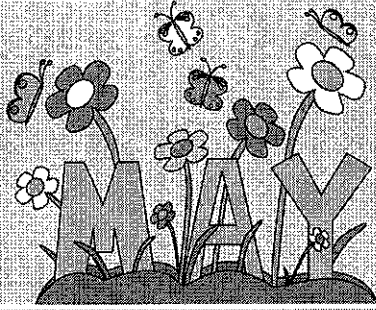
- 9:45 am – Coffee Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am – Worship

May 27 – Holy Communion Sunday

- 9:45 am – Coffee Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am – Holy Communion Worship



NOTE: This will be the final worship at 10:30 am until September. Summer Worship time for June, July, and August will be 9:30 am. There will be no Coffee Fellowship Time during the Summer months as well.



May 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 4:00 Confirmation	3 9:00 am Welca quilting 1:00 Bible study	4	5
6	7	8	9 4:00 confirmation 6:30 Youth group	10	11	12 11:00 am-1:00 pm- Welca Soup/sandwich 9-4 Spring Fling at community hall
13 Graduation Pancake Breakfast/last day of Sunday school/Teacher appreciation- Celebration Sunday!!	14	15	16 4:00 Last day of Confirmation 7:00 Summit Baccalaureate	17 9:00 am Welca quilting	18 Newsletter items due	19 2:00 Summit graduation
20 9:45 Coffee 2:00 Milbank graduation	21	22	23	24 Last day of school	25	26
27 9:45 Coffee	28	29	30	31	Summer Worship schedule begins June 3 at 9:30 am.	

Notes

Worship: 10:30 am (unless otherwise noted), 9:15 Sunday school, 9:45 Coffee
 Communion: 13th and 27th
 Communion committee: Jolene Johnston, Joni Wohlleber
 Servant team: Scott and Laurie Kneeland

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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1-Jimmy Amdahl | 14-Jeff Amdahl |
| 2-Harold Binde | 14-Tina Christofferson |
| 3- Tim Frankenhoff | 14-Douglas Larson |
| 4-Mackenzie Schoonover | 14-Tate Amdahl |
| 5-Lynn Amdahl | 15-Billi Whempner |
| 7-Jim and Donna Arten | 15-Jacob Gapp |
| 8-Beth Hills, Jonathon Johnston | 16-Kris Bronson |
| 9-Royce Strasser | 18-Cal Pies |
| 10-McKayla Johnston | 23-Jessica Moe |
| 11-Dylan Amdahl | 24-Landen Nelson |
| 12-Jacob Kneeland | 25-Hunter Phillips |
| 14-Cassie Quale | 26-Justin and Pam Neugebauer |
| 14-Joey Johnston | 27-Frank and Brenda Redlin |