



Living Hope News

October 2008

Sunday Worship:

Traditional 9:00 am
Contemporary 10:30 am

Mission Statement

To invite people into, and nurture them in, a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, so they can serve God's mission in the world.

INVITE * NURTURE * SERVE

From the Pastor:



Dear Living Hope Lutheran and friends,

Our fall schedule is off to a good start. Promiseland (Sunday School) has registered several students. We have a few new families looking us over. One family has said they wish to join the congregation.

Let us give thanks to God for sending us people in need of a church home. Remember to invite persons you know who are without a church, or share their names with me.

Harvest Festival / Daniel's Window Concert

The Harvest Festival is coming up soon on October 26th. Several fun events are being planned for the entire family. The event will be a celebration of our faith in Christ. Also, the special Five Loaves Project offering will be collected. (Thanks for your efforts in working to multiply the \$5).

The Five Loaves Project offering will be divided 50% for our new sign and 50% for local food pantries. Thanks for your generosity!

Lutheranism 101

I am offering a new Bible Study that will introduce "Lutheranism as a way of life." It is intended for the novice and the more experienced to answer the question, "What is a Lutheran?" "Why do we call the church a Lutheran Church?"

The class will be held for five weeks. The Wednesday and Thursday classes will be the same lesson each week.

Classes will begin on Wednesday October 29th and Thursday October 30th.

Wednesdays 6:45PM -7:45PM
Thursdays 10AM - 11AM

If you are interested, please let me know since I would like to share our class book with you prior to the class beginning.

Stewardship

The church will begin a stewardship program this fall. Our faith moves us to share the bounty God has entrusted us with. Your prayers for this program's success is greatly appreciated.

God watch over you and your family.

Pastor Howard Buchholz II

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Prayers for the Church

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers ...

- *Jacque Guest* (A friend of Cal Hainzinger who underwent surgery for cancer)
- *Nancy Keyt* (A friend of Pastor Howard and Susan who has lung cancer)
- *Robin Krusenoski* (being tested for lung cancer)
- *Kris Owak* (Lin Mizutowich's sister who had hip surgery)
- *Laurie Couch* (friend of Rob's battling cancer)
- *Peggy Nuccio* (wife of a friend of Jon Nebor who has breast cancer)
- *Ed Bermes* (bypass surgery grandfather of Nicholas & Miranda Joebgen)
- *Rob Jarigese* (friend of the Towler family) who had brain surgery after a recent accident
- *Carson Shepard* (nephew of Lin Mizutowich currently employed in Iraq)
- *Bob Dartsch* (friend of the Fitzgerald family who has bladder cancer)
- *Steve Stevens* (Steve Kryl's uncle)
- *Lois* (Sue Towler's mother)
- *Rich Murdock* (battling liver cancer)



We will now keep people on the pray-for list for 30 days unless you tell us otherwise. Thank you.

Crop Walk News

Living Hope participated in the Lincoln-Way CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 28th, along with several other area churches and organizations. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The goal of the walk was to raise awareness and money to fight hunger and poverty both locally and around the world. The theme of the walk was "We Walk Because They Walk!" The goal was to walk in solidarity with those all around the world struggling with poverty who may walk several miles a day to get basic necessities such as food, water, and fuel. 75% of the funds raised will be used by Church World Service for local and international disaster relief and for fighting poverty. 25% of funds will be used to benefit local food pantries. Sixteen members of Living Hope participated in the 1 and 3 mile walk.



Opportunities to Serve

Night in Bethlehem December 6 from 3-6pm

We are looking for volunteers to help with stations, decorations and acting. Please sign up on the YELLOW sheet in the narthex. We need YOU to make this event a successful church-wide and community event! Please contact **Chris Olson at (815) 463-1124**

Altar Guild

An **Altar Guild team** is currently being put together and there is a sign-up sheet out in the Narthex along with the responsibilities associated with it. Cindy Fitzgerald will contact and train any of you who may be interested.

Definition of Altar Guild: The Altar Guild is the ministry of preparing and maintaining the vessels and vestments used at the altar. Members are trained and assigned to a rotating team that is responsible for the services during a given week.

Financial Information

General Fund

(January 1 - August 1, 2008)

Receipts	\$109,766.88
Disbursements	\$108,681.56
YTD Change	\$ 1,085.32

Fund Balances (as of 10-1-08)

General	\$ 20,112.43
Youth	\$ 238.00
Special Offerings	\$ 3,198.08
Petty Cash	\$ 0.00

Total
\$ 23,548.51

Worship Assistants/Volunteers Needed

The church is always in need of Worship Assistants/Volunteers. Please look over the list below and pray and consider where you can help serve. Please use the sign up sheets in the narthex or call the church office.

- Greeters**
- Ushers**
- Communion Assistants**
- Run PowerPoint**
- Refreshments and Juice**



Stewardship Corner

10 Stewardship Principles:

1. Respond gratefully.
2. Obey responsibility
3. Sacrifice proportionately.
4. Give willingly.
5. Share abundantly.
6. Give proportionately
7. Commit intentionally.
8. Contribute regularly.
9. Live genuinely.
10. Accept a challenge.

For more information go to <http://archive.elca.org/stewardship/communication.html>.

Opportunities to Give

A “Sign” from Heaven

Did you know those CDs, DVDs, and video games that your family no longer uses and are taking up space can be turned into a beautiful new sign! Donated items will be sold on half.com. All proceeds will go toward the construction of a new sign. **Items need to be in their original case and in working condition.** A drop off box is in the narthex. (Due to shipping costs, VHS cassettes can not be accepted).

Thank you to everyone for your donations toward a “Sign” from Heaven. To date we have a profit of **\$1825.00.**

DON'T FORGET Aluminum recycling and Campbell Soup Labels

Aluminum Recycling Bring your aluminum cans to church! It's a fund raiser that costs nothing, is good for the earth and everyone can participate!



Campbell Soup Labels Don't forget to bring in your Campbell Soup Labels.



Raise funds for Living Hope

Help raise funds for Living Hope just by searching the internet!

Here is how you can do this:

1. Visit www.goodsearch.com
2. Enter Living Hope Lutheran Church (Frankfort, IL) as your Charity.
3. Use the search engine!

Each search generates \$ 0.01 for Living Hope. Also if you shop online, you can use www.goodshop.com. By purchasing items through this site, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Living Hope. Some of the shopping partners are amazon.com, ebay, Expedia.com, iTunes, Lands End, and Target.com.

Amount Raised by **October 1st:**

Searches: 1762 searches = \$17.62

Shopping: \$24.50

Total: \$42.12

Fellowship Opportunities

Scrap booking

Scrap booking will continue to meet on the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm. Remember to bring a snack to share.

New Living Hope Men's Group

Sox game—The men enjoyed a fine night at the ballgame on Saturday, September 27th. 20 men attended.

Thanks men for getting our group off to a great start!

Our next event is golfing on October 12th. We hope you can attend.

Please contact **Don LaBarbara** for more information at **815-469-7494**

Yadah Yadah Puppet Team

Check out the below link for a video of the **Yadah Yadah Puppet Team**. Also go to the Living Hope website to view additional pictures.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/YadahYadahPuppetTeam>

Yadah Yadah Puppet Team is planning to compete in One Way Street's Puppet Festival in Feb 2009. Set/Prop Building will take place Sunday Oct 12 & 19 immediately following 10:30am service. Weekly rehearsals will begin in November after sets are completed. If you are interested in helping, please see Chris Olson.



Interested new or current members, please plan on attending these practices on Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm. Questions? See Chris Olson or email her at puppets@frankfortchurch.com

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Family News

Daniels Window / Harvest Festival

October, 26th. 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Join us for Face painting, children's games, Pumpkin painting, other fun activities

At 5:00 The band Daniels Window will be in concert, with Special guests, The Praise Monkees. Tickets will be \$7.00 in advance \$9.00 at the door.

There are 25 special tickets that are \$25.00. This includes sound check and dinner with Daniel's Window, see Dean Schuldt for these.



Tickets will be available starting September, 15th. Daniels Window will judge a costume contest and prizes will be awarded.

www.danielswindow.com

www.myspace.com/thepraisemonkees

Curt Murff,	1
Layne Waleski	3
Katrina Piotrowski	5
Shane Schultz	6
Joan Fischmann	7
Maya Culbertson	11
Troy Culbertson	11
Dale Richter	16
Nicholas Joebgen	17
Sara Piotrowski	17
Fran Heinemann	19
Dawn Gareiss	20
Ellyn Waleski	22
Casie Culbertson	23
Michael Stern	23
Melissa Bell	26
Rob Fitzgerald	29
Lenae Kirchner	29
Heather Ippolito	31

Youth News

Senior High News

Sr. High Monthly Chaos

OCTOBER 14
NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER 9

WHEN: The second Tuesday of the month
WHERE: The Trosts. 7805 Wheatfield dr. Frankfort
WHAT TIME: 6:30 Till 8:00
BRING: Your bible and friends

Jr. High Monthly Lions Den/ Confirmation

Confirmation will now be combined with Lion's Den. We will meet twice a month (one Sunday and one Tuesday) for fun, fellowship and instruction. Additionally, we will work with the Sr. High on service projects. Please mark your calendars!!!

OCTOBER 5 (SUNDAY)
OCTOBER 21 (TUESDAY)
NOVEMBER 2 (SUNDAY)
NOVEMBER 18 (TUESDAY)
DECEMBER 7 (SUNDAY)
DECEMBER 16 (TUESDAY)

Junior High News

For the Tuesday night meetings:

WHEN: The third Tuesday of the month
WHERE: The Trosts
7805 Wheatfield Dr. Frankfort
WHAT TIME: 6:30-8:00
BRING: Your Bible and friends

For the Sunday Meetings:

WHEN: The 1st Sunday of the month
WHERE: Church
WHAT TIME: Directly after the 2nd Service(1 hour)
BRING: Your Bible and friends

Leadership Team Minutes—Sept. 25, 2008

Living Hope Leadership Team Minutes – September 25, 2008

Called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Attending: Rob P.
Pastor Howard
Hans B.
Joan F.
Pat H.
Ed O.
Kevin R.
Pastor Jeff Clements

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Discussion of the following agenda items:

Financial - Current balances in the funds - general fund, \$33,919; youth \$238, special funds \$3,196. Quickbooks has been installed on church's computer for better access for the Treasurer. Need to set up accounts so that they are aligned with the church budget. New secretary can help with inputting items into Quickbooks. Received check (refund) from ComEd for \$1,803. Need to categorize expenses so that we can get a better idea of how we are doing for each line item in relation to budget – Robin Waleski will help with this. Will work on producing financial statements that compare our actual position year to date to budget.

Pastor Clements (Stewardship) – Asked about our former stewardship drives, how was stewardship drive accomplished. What are our plans for the 2008 stewardship drive. Pastor Clements talked about the need to understand connection between stewardship and walk with faith. Only 25% of church members understand that they are part of something beyond their own congregation. Each member of the leadership team received a copy of “Stories of Faith in Action.” Pastor Clements emphasized the need to say “thank you” to members, and explain how the offerings support our church and our community. He also gave the leadership team the current issue of “Stewardship.” LT talked about the need to establish a Stewardship Committee. Pastor Clements gave the Leadership Team a pamphlet “Walk with Jesus,” which walks through the process for conducting a stewardship drive. Pastor Clements offered to do whatever we need to help.

Property – Backflow devices will be tested in November (required) – looking at companies to do this. Minimum cost will be \$540; if any repairs are needed, may be more. Filters have been replaced on the roof (\$80). Mower that has been purchased., cost \$2,900. Pending – need to decide what to do with the items remaining in the storage unit, as well as the corn booth (bonfire?). Perhaps break it up and put pieces in dumpster over the course of a few Sundays. Need to move the rest of the bricks that are in the front (South) part of the property. Discussed the pipe that has stained the wall outside of the church offices.

Outreach – start planning for “Night in Bethlehem.”

Education – Promiseland – schedule has been worked out for the first half of the year. Experienced teachers teaching the first part of the year, will have newer teachers later who will be trained by the experienced teachers. “Veggie Tales” is the theme.

Pastor's report – Sox game for men's group this Saturday; have 12 students signed up for confirmation class. The Lutheranism 101 class will start up the last week of October. Working on Pay Pal account on Ebay. Continuing Ed – Pastor Howard going to Franklin Planner class – free at Purdue Calumet. Joel Committee to meet in October. Crop Walk is this Sunday. Need to thank Craig Bachman for flowers for the altar. Warm welcome to our new secretary, Pam.

Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion approved.

Discussed being more efficient in paying bills by using electronic payments (not automatic, would go on-line to make payments; having a debit card for paying for ongoing supplies, etc.). Have debit cards for youth (which has a separate account) and for the general account. Only one person would have a debit card for each account – Pastor Howard for the general fund and Kathy Trost for the youth fund. Receipts would also need to continue to be submitted to the church. Motion made by Pastor Howard; seconded by Ed. Have a church Sam's Club card, primary signer is Pastor Ben; only secondary signer still a member is Chris Olson. Working to change the primary signer to Kevin; secondary Pastor Howard. Ed motioned; Hans seconded. Motion passed.

Baffles – need to make sure that they are fire retardant; Ed recommended that we go with regular burlap (the color of the fabric will be black). Ed is moving forward with the fabric. Approximate cost \$500-\$600.

Church sign – have been unable to reduce the estimate of \$4,500. The Frankfort Park District building on Nebraska has a sign similar to what we are looking at. Need to get the sign in as soon as possible. Would take four weeks to install the sign. Need to get approval from the Village of Frankfort (Zoning Committee) before we can proceed. With the \$1,800 refund check from Com Ed, we have the money for the sign. Motion to buy a sign (cost up to \$4,500) and set up a small committee to oversee the sign process made by Pastor Howard, seconded by Rob, motion carried (one abstention). Will ask for drawings of different color schemes, which the Leadership Team will review, and determine which we will go with for the sign. Will ask Rob Fitzgerald and Mike Waleski to be on the committee. Rob will be the Leadership Team liaison for the committee. The sign will have the church name, and phone number. The service times and web address will be put on a hanging sign on the bottom, which could be changed in the future, if needed.

Pastor Howard has been trying to get in touch with Scott's Lawn Care to replace the dead trees. Kevin will try to get in touch with them.

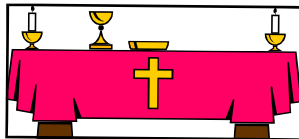
New members – Greer family

Joany Kryl has made a suggestion for a baked goods silent auction (Five Loaves project).

Kathy Stern is ready to take over the payroll whenever we're ready. Need to bring forms in that will need to be signed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50.

SERVING OUR CONGREGATION	GREETER	USHER	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	REFRESHMENTS
October 5; Sun.: 9:00 a.m.	Joan Fischmann	Fitzgerald	Pr. Howard Buchholz	Fitzgerald		Gloria Harvey
October 5; Sun.; 10:30 a.m.	Pat Zuzak	Juan Barrera Rich Schultz	Alicia Joebgen	Joebgens	Miranda Joebgen	Nebor, Quinlan
October 12; Sun.: 9:00 a.m.	Melissa Bell	Chuck Adams		Melissa Bell		Fitzgerald
October 12; Sun.; 10:30 a.m.	Peggy LaBarbara	Don LaBarbara Steve Kryl	Sue Rowland	Ryan Olson	Miranda Joebgen	Kryl, Logan
October 19; Sun.: 9:00 a.m.	Pat Kraling	Hans Bell	Karen Glim	Chuck Adams		Bell
October 19; Sun.; 10:30 a.m.	Carol Quinlan	Dave Towler Jeff Trost	Joany Kryl	Haaksma	Miranda Joebgen	Olson, Schuldt
October 26; Sun; 9:00 a.m.	Pat Kraling	Chuck Adams	Dave Towler	Melissa Bell		
October 26; Sun; 10:30 a.m.	Pat Zuzak	Juan Barrera Rich Schultz	Dawn Schultz	Ryan Olson	Miranda Joebgen	Quinlan/Werner
November 2; Sun; 9:00 a.m.	Joan Fischmann	Chuck Adams	Rob Pieczynski	Fitzgerald		Fitzgerald
November 2; Sun; 10:30 a.m.	Pat Zuzak	Jeff Trost	Chris Olson	Haaksma	Miranda Joebgen	Haaksma
November 9; Sun; 9:00 a.m.	Chuck Adams	Hans Bell	Melissa Bell	Chuck Adams		Bell
November 9; Sun; 10:30 a.m.	Peggy LaBarbara	Don LaBarbara Steve Kryl	Dayna Mitchell	Laura Geekie	Miranda Joebgen	Olson/Schuldt
November 16; Sun; 9:00a.m.	Gloria Harvey	Cal Hainsinger	Nancy Adams	Pat Kraling		Hainzinger
November 16; Sun; 10:30 a.m.	Carol Quinlan	Dave Towler Jeff Trost	Steve Kryl	Wayne Knight	Miranda Joebgen	Towler/Lang



NOTE: If you cannot serve as scheduled, please try to find someone to take your place.
Please call the church office at 815.464.0101 with any changes. Thank you!

October 2008

Always check the website for
an updated calendar.
www.livinghopefrankfor.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30am NWI Conference Pastor's Bible Study BULLETIN ITEMS DUE	2 6:30 Suessification Rehearsalo	3 7pm Scrapbooking	4
5 9 am Traditional 10:30 am Contemporary 11:30-12:30 am Lion's Den Jr. High Confirmation 2pm Suessification Rehearsal	6 6:30 pm Yadah Yadah	7 6:30 Suessification Rehearsal	8 8:30 am NWI Conference Pastor's Bible Study BULLETIN ITEMS DUE	9 6:30 Suessification Rehearsal	10	11
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Five Loaves Project

Jesus said to them, "...you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." "...they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full." Matthew 14

On Sunday, August 3rd, the Pastor handed out 100 \$5 bills to the church. The church is challenged to ask the Lord to help multiply this special offering as he did the loaves and fish for over 5000 people. The \$500, plus any gain from our individual or group efforts, will be returned to the church on **Harvest Sunday, October 26, 2008**. 50% of the proceeds will go to local hunger relief efforts in Joliet (Second Baptist Church food pantry, Morningstar Mission); the remaining 50% will be used for the Church Sign.

Help us good Lord in our work!

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is October 19. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

*** Bereavement Support Groups**

-*Evening Ongoing Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *No fee*

-*Afternoon Getting Through Grief* – Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Inn at Willow Falls, Joliet, IL, *No fee*

-*Hugs and Snuggles Grief Support* – Meets the first Tuesday of the month, for adults who have experienced a miscarriage, SIDS, still birth, child or adolescent loss, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Joliet Area Community Hospice, *No fee*

* You are invited to subscribe to the monthly publication for women of the ELCA, *Lutheran Woman Today*. You can learn more about this publication by visiting their website at www.lutheranwomantoday.org.

* Check out www.thelittlelutheran.org for the ELCA's newest publication. *The Little Lutheran* was developed for children age 6 and younger to help them learn about God's love for them and the world in which they live.

* "*Prayer Ventures*," daily prayers for ELCA ministries and missions, is available for printing month by month, for reading daily on the Web, for subscribing from your e-mail inbox.

* **Illinois House of Hope's teen Support Group, LIGHTHOUSE**, is a weekly group for teens and is open to any teen that struggles with life's confusing issue and challenges; a group where teens can find hope for the future. This group meets weekly, every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Illinois House of Hope office located at 9700 W. 197th St., Suite 106, in Mokena, IL. For more information, please call (708) 479-2322 or go to their website at www.illinoishouseofhope.org.