

The *Vo*ice

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Christian Hope for 2011

As we say our farewells to 2010 and welcome 2011, I challenge all of us to be hopeful and eagerly await new opportunities God will bring our way. Here are a few thoughts for us to reflect on as we enter into the new year.

The word "hope" in ordinary English vocabulary is generally distinguished from certainty. It is like saying, "I don't know what's going to happen, but I *hope* it happens."

Christian hope is when God promises something is going to happen and you put your trust in that promise. Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass and God will indeed keep his word. Hope is the birthplace of Christian self-sacrificing love. When we allow God to take care of us, then we are able to be there for other people, because God is always there for us.

Remember the Apostle Paul's question? If God be for us, who can be against us? Let God take hold of our future because then we can be free to love others. God's glory will shine through our lives.

Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God". This implies that hope, like faith, is also strengthened by the word of God. Hope comes from reading God's precious promises and looking to Christ who fulfilled them.

The essence of what we look towards not only in 2011, but every year after that, is what Christ did for me in my sinful condition that enables me to know I am a forgiven child of God. Christ died for me, rose again for me, and therefore all the promises of God are a reality in Christ.

As we enter 2011, I challenge us to not focus on our current circumstances, but instead focus on Jesus Christ, the one who can handle our circumstances and make real the promises He fulfilled for us.

Happy New Year!

Treasurer's Report

Actual Income
Actual Expenses
Difference

YTD

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Actual Expenses
Difference

Items needed to give to the homeless who attend the Community Breakfast @ St. Paul's

Backpacks (any style), Pants/ Slacks-Shirts/T-shirts/ Blouses, Socks, Shoes, Boots, Athletic Shoes, Baseball Caps/ Hats/ Belts, Toiletries (individual) - Sunglasses, Books (paperbacks; crossword puzzle books, etc.) Sport Water Bottles (refillable kind), Snack Crackers/ Cookies (individually wrapped)

Please continue to give as you can and thank you to everyone who prays for this ministry.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports are due at the end of the year. Please turn reports into the office by January 15 so they can be included in our annual report booklet, due to be published Jan. 31st. Reports include Pastor's report, Women of Good Shepherd, Men of Good Shepherd, annual minutes by the secretary, treasurer's report, Sunday School, Mission Coordinator, Deacon, Elder, and any other committee or activity group at Good Shepherd.

Three large boxes of coats were delivered by Nelson Haugh to Operation Holiday at Twin Lakes on Dec. 11th. This program of Inter-Faith Ministries is celebrating 50 years of service and expects to help over 14,000 people stay warm during the winter holidays.

20 scarves and 26 hats that were hand knitted by a friend of Lorraine Delzer plus 4 pairs of gloves given by Mary Bryant plus some left-over items like caps and gloves from the yard sale were mailed to The Oaks Indian Mission on Dec. 13, 2010 by the women of Good Shepherd.

Angel Food

Angel food **Order forms for January** will be in the Church
December 26th, 2010

I will need your order and payment by Thursday January 20th

Distribution will be Saturday January 29nd at Good Shepherd
between 9:30 –9:40am

If you have any questions
Call 260-1277 or email me at dmoran27@cox.net

Thanks Doris Moran



Birthdays in January

- 9 Dorothy Rickords
- 13 Kyle Haugh
- 18 Amber Bosarge
- 26 Doug Eckert



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/20/50 Eleanor & Daryl Spencer



Remember your Secret Heart Sister



Please remember these individuals in daily prayer:

- Irene Henschel (Nursing Home)
- Louis Plummer (Nursing Home)
- Edna Mae Wickland (Rehab for stroke)
- Mike Howard
- Hohnthen Smith (seizures)
- Felisha Brackhahn
- Peggy Hansen (recovery)
- Kevin Hansen (cancer)



Prayer Support Available

If you have a concern for which you would like much timely prayer support, please call the church office (524-3401). Your concern will be communicated promptly through our prayer chain.

“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

**REMEMBER TO:
Help with the Newsletter!!**

**The turkey dinner put on by the Women of the ELCA was a great success!!
The Children’s Christmas Program was wonderful.
Thanks to all who helped.**

Now thru the end of February we are collecting clean used warm clothes, coats, blankets for breakfast friends at St. Paul’s and the free clothing ministry at United Methodist Open Door.

Participating In The Generosity of God

Thank you to those who turned in Estimates of Giving on Commitment Sunday and since. If you haven't turned in yours yet you may put them in the offering or mail to the church treasurer Nelson Haugh. Our consideration of how we will manage our gifts of treasure helps us keep our lives in balance. As part of our stewardship thinking we look at the big picture of what God is doing in the world and through our congregation and we look at our own gifts and resources and determine what our past is in growing the learning opportunities, the service ministries and the opportunities for worship and Christian growth of Good Shepherd as we carry out our mission.

ITEMS COLLECTED FOR VETERANS HOSPITAL

15+ boxes of men, women, and children's clothing, toys, school supplies, household supplies, and personal hygiene products were delivered to the Robert J. Dole Veterans Medical Center. These items will be used in the housing quarters for homeless veterans and their families who are starting from scratch. A BIG THANK YOU to ALL who help make this Christmas project a huge success. A special thank you to Dave and Lynn Standrich who helped transport much of the items. Judi Epperson and Rhonda Rogers, both employees of the VA medical center, also extend their 'thank you'. I am proud to say the Good Shepherd family has huge, loving hearts.

Bags Of Blessings From the Heart

Now until the end of February, we are collecting for "Bags of Blessings From the Heart". It is a program of Partners for Wichita to collect personal care items for people in need in the Wichita area. The bags will be delivered to shelters and emergency assistance centers in the area. Some of the items needed are:

Soap (bar, liquid, sanitizer) Combs Clippers Deodorant Razors
Hand Lotion Chapstick Shaving Cream Wash Cloth
Small Kleenex packages.

We will assemble items in gallon ziplock bags and deliver on Thursday, February 24th. Extra items are welcome such as knit caps, gloves, socks, treats. Please place items on the table in Fellowship Hall.

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!</i>
2 No Sunday School 10:15 Worship No Confirmation	3 Pastor's Day Off 7p Council Meeting	4 9am Text Study @ St Paul's Lutheran Church	5	6	7	8 9:30 Women of the ELCA
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 3:30 Confirmation	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 9am Text Study @ St Paul's Lutheran Church	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 3:30 Confirmation @ Georgetown Village	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 9am Text Study @ St Paul's Lutheran Church	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 3:30 Confirmation	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 9am Text Study @ St Paul's Lutheran Church	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 3:30 Confirmation	31 Pastor's Day Off					

Men's Fellowship

President: Don Leidheiser
Secretary: Roger Brubakken
Treasurer: Earl McCain

Women of ELCA

President: Dolores Haugh
Vice President: Mary Bryant
Secretary: Willie Cooper
Treasurer: Lorraine Delzer

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Council Members

President: Sue Draper
Vice President: Brent Albright
Secretary: Kerri Kuhlman
Deacon: Tara Brubakken
Elder: Vacant
Mission Coordinator: Willie
Cooper
Treasurer: Nelson Haugh

*I am the
good
shepherd.
I know
my own
and my
own know
me, just as the Father knows me and I know
the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I
must bring
them also,
and they
will listen
to my voice.
So there
will be one
flock, one
SHEPHERD.
John 10:14-16*

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