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Hope Lutheran Church
3295 Old Hwy 5 South, Ellijay, GA 30540

September 2022

From the Pastor...

Because it's the end of our fiscal year, August going into September is always a busy time. We're just finishing our "Returning Thanks Sunday" with its emphasis this year on the offering of our Time and Talents. We'll update our *Time and Talents Offering* folders and all the promise they hold for our continuing time and work together. And we'll leave our sealed and self-addressed *Returning Thanks* letters on the altar.

August seems to be all about wrapping up the past. September seems to be all about looking excitedly to God's future. In early September you'll be receiving a copy of our 2022 Annual Report that includes the proposed budget for the coming year and the slate of folks who are offered for your consideration to make up next year's congregation council.

On Sunday, September 18th, we'll worship together at 10 AM in one service; will convene our Annual Meeting of the congregation immediately following that service; and then all will gather in Founders Hall after that for our first Lunch-In together in several years. Then, on Sunday, September 25th our new Congregation Council for the coming year will be installed.

On the first Sunday of September, the 4th, we'll be welcoming New Members of the congregation into our midst. And on Saturday, September 10th, all who are willing will gather together at the church with work clothes on for a "God's Work, Our Hands Day" of service around the church. Sylvia Negri will be leading folks as they work outside to beautify our grounds; Janet Smedley and Jordan Pinson will have folks straightening out the nursery and classrooms; and I'll even be working to straighten out my office!

We're in the beginning stages of a new Long Range Planning process here at the church. The group includes Duane Northrup, Barbara Bell, Jordan Pinson, Sylvia Negri, Julianne Deloney and me. We've had several good meetings already – the first fruit of which has been the update of our Time and Talent folder. We'll be looking at all aspects of our life together here at Hope Church with an eye to the future. Any and all input from everyone at the church is welcome. We'll keep you all informed as our work moves forward. As we're coming out of the restraints of the pandemic, this is proving to be a perfect time to be undertaking this important work.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new choir director Matt Newton and his family – his wife, Krista, and their sons, Micah, Jonah and Noah. Of course, they're not new to our congregation but it sure is great to have them all back!

I'd especially like to offer my thanks to Wayne Buehler and LeRoy Polk who are going off our congregation council after serving four productive and important years there. Wayne has served faithfully first as president of the congregation for two years and as vice president the past year, and LeRoy has served us all well - keeping watch over our facilities' needs in these past years!

Of course, it has been my privilege and pleasure serving with our wonderful council in this past year: Julianne Deloney has done a great job as our president; Charlie Brown has been a wonderful secretary; Jan Austin has been an amazing treasurer; Jack O'Donovan has been a faithful financial secretary; and Mark Weber, Mike Hoover, Jordan Pinson, Sybille Bassano, Jim Berman and Barbara Fail have all served the congregation wonderfully well over the past year. These folks have been faithful stewards of all with which you have entrusted them!

Our Lord is good and faithful and loving and generous. He holds us together. He leads us always! It is my joy to be making this journey with you.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Lunch-In

This year our Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday, September 18th. We will have a combined worship service at 10:00 AM and the meeting will be convened immediately following the service. The 2022 Annual Report will be emailed to the congregation by September 4th and will be available in print in the narthex for those who are not able to access it on-line. Please read the report, and come to the Annual Meeting with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Following the meeting, all are invited to come to Founder's Hall for our first official Lunch-In in over two years! There is no special theme suggested – other than “just good old food!” You're asked to bring a casserole, entrée or side dish, jalapeno poppers, deviled eggs, salad or dessert to share. The church will provide the beverages!

2023 Council Nominees Are...

New Congregation Council members will be elected at the Annual Meeting. There are six council terms expiring September 18, 2022. Those nominated to serve two-year terms are: Charlie Brown, Sybille Bassano, Jim Berman and Jordan Pinson, who have agreed to serve a second term; and Duane Northrup and Ann Buehler.

Continuing on Council for another year to complete their terms are Julianne Deloney, Mark Weber, Barbara Fail and Mike Hoover. Many thanks to Wayne Buehler and LeRoy Polk who have served faithfully and well and are completing a second term of office and are leaving the Council.

Each of the nominees was contacted and has expressed his/her willingness to serve on the Congregational Council.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carole English
- 1 Kevin Pierce
- 9 Ann Buehler
- 13 Kim Peterson
- 16 June Edgemon
- 16 Gunther Rankenburg
- 19 Linda Hoover
- 20 Jaymie Pierce
- 21 Sally Harbin
- 22 Len Norwillo
- 24 Cindy Williford
- 26 Carol McCurdy
- 28 Jim Crawford
- 29 Jeannine Sieck
- 29 Trevor Pierce

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Donna & Mike Wren
- 14 Jean & Len Norwillo
- 17 Traci Kruger & Jim Richards
- 21 Tami & Gregg Bradley
- 22 Jeanne & Don Rosenbaum
- 24 Kay & Rich Hein

Shoes for Orphan Souls Report

Thank you so much for your support of our annual collection of shoes for needy children and youth! As of this printing Diana Barbato and her team have packages 620 pairs of shoes (a record number!) and over 300 pairs of socks.



God's Work. Our Hands. Workday

There's work to do! YAY!

On Saturday, September 10th starting at 8 AM, we'll be joining with ELCA congregations all around the country as we pitch in and do God's work with our hands! Our efforts will be focused close to home with teams working outside – getting our grounds in shape – and inside straightening up our kitchen and pantry areas, our nursery and classrooms and (GASP) – Pastor Dave will be doing work in his office!

If you'd like to help in the yard – call Sylvia Negri at 404-550-5376. If you'd like to help with the nursery and classrooms – call Jordan Pinson at 706-889-3331 or Janet Smedley at 770-826-5365. If you'd like to help with the kitchen and pantry areas – call Pastor Dave at 404-226-6833.

Angel Ministry Thanks

We continue to receive thank you cards from recipients of the angels, cards and well wishes that so many of you send out. The latest cards are posted on the narthex bulletin board. Be sure to stop by and read their messages.



Senior Solo Fellowship Trip

The Senior Solo Fellowship will be going to Cartersville for lunch and a museum visit on Friday, September 9th. Meet at the church at 10:30 AM to carpool. To sign up or if you have questions contact Jack O'Donovan at 706-698-7711.

September Ladies Gathering

On Saturday, September 24th at 11:30 AM in Founders Hall, the Ladies of Hope will gather for fellowship, food and fun. Those of you who have completed items for the OctoberFest sale on October 22nd please bring them in this month and put them in the craft room downstairs. "Deadline" is September 24rd, the day of the gathering. Please call Beverly at 706-698-7282 if you have questions.

Adult Bib and Crafts Work Day



On August 18th and 25th a number of folks gathered to construct adult bibs for local nursing home residents and put together crafts to be sold at OctoberFest. Everyone had a great time! Pastor Dave and Mark Weber served lunch on the first day, which was much appreciated by the hard-working quilters, sewers and crafters.



September Worship Assistants

8:15 Lectors

4 Ann Buehler
11 Wayne Buehler
18 No early service
25 Jan Austin

10:45 Lectors

4 Mike Hoover
11 John Hiscox
18 Joan Blomquist (10 AM)
25 Judy Kruger

10:45 Greeters

4 Leroy and Barbara Polk
11 Steven & Amy Freese
18 Jim Beno and Mary Young (10 AM)
25 Tom and Carole English

10:45 Ushers

4 Jim Beno and Janice Weber
11 Leon and June Edgemon
18 Jack O'Donovan & Barbara Fail (10 AM)
25 Rudy and Judy Kruger

10:45 Communion Assistants

4 Barbara Polk
11 Frank Quido
18 Joan Blomquist (10 AM)
25 Judy Kruger

Fellowship

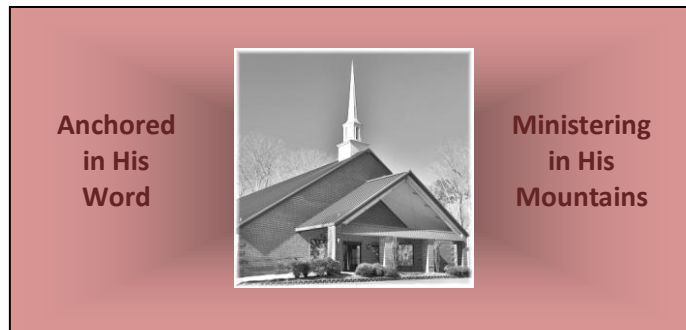
4 Jeannine Sieck
11 Julianne Deloney & Janet Smedley
18 Lunch-In
25 Sharon Smith, Katy & Jim Beno

Mid-Week Altar Guild

4 June Edgemon
11 Ann Buehler
18 Micky Northrup
25 Jim Beno

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Our Mission Statement:
Making Christ known through reaching, welcoming, praising, equipping and sending

Officers & Congregational Council

President	Julianne Deloney
Vice President	Wayne Buehler
Secretary	Charlie Brown
Treasurer	Jan Austin
Financial Secretary	Jack O'Donovan

Council Members

Sybille Bassano	Barbara Fail	LeRoy Polk
Jim Berman	Mike Hoover	Mark Weber
	Jordan Pinson	

Please contact any council member if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns. Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM.