

# BUILDING HOPE

A NEWSLETTER OF HOPE LUTHERAN OF THE SIERRA,  
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA

*From Pastor Diana....*

**JULY 2017**

## Are We Offering the Right Cup?

When the call committee asked me to submit to the call, a question was asked "What will you bring to Hope Lutheran"?

I explained that I have a straight-forward approach and what you see is what you get! I like to be honest and want people to be honest with me. I preach from the heart and know the Holy Spirit will guide me and the congregation to Jesus' love. I feel we are all searching and I don't know all of the answers - but together we can find them.

I feel we are on the right road! We are working together to find Jesus' love. We still have the road to eternity to follow.

### Are We Offering the Right Cup?

This Is the Church of the Warm Heart  
That Heals Hurt Lives  
That Comforts Old People  
That Challenges Youth  
That Knows No Distinction of Class or Station  
The Church of the People  
High as The Ideals of Jesus  
Low as The Humblest Human

Evangelism starts at home. Remember tent revivals on the edge of town where sinners were invited to walk the sawdust trail and offer their lives to Jesus?

**What cup are we offering?** "The Church of the warm heart" Are we? The one commandment that Jesus gave to his church was "love one another" (John 13:34)

**What cup are we offering?** Are we the church that "That Heals Hurt Lives"? Are we actively reaching out to each other and working together to mend the hurt lives here?

Our failure to take this commandment seriously has caused this church to stop reaching out to each other's needs in our congregation!

**What cup are we offering?** What we are doing is an excellent job reaching out "That comforts old people" and "That challenges youth"!

**What cup are we offering?** Are we the church "That Knows No Distinction of Class or Station"? I have seen the hurt in so many of our congregation's eyes when they are ignored, set aside like they don't matter, embarrassed, dismissed and even eye rolling when they begin to talk!

**What cup are we offering?** Are we "The Church of the People"? Do we take each other's needs in prayer?

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## Your Church Council

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## ***This and That . . .***

### ***FROM Church Council . . .***

#### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Church council meets once a month and reviews the financial report, talks about team reports and discusses any business needed within the church. Giving was down for the first four months of the year but through a motion we were able to transfer \$7,982 to the General Fund which had been set aside for Pastor's Call Fund (and not spent). This should hold us over for a few months until giving gets back to budget.

Art Eggers has been working on a tax exemption status for the parsonage. This is quite the involved process which will result in a congregational meeting some time soon to reword the Articles of Incorporation of Hope Lutheran so we comply with the governmental requirements of this tax status. Detailed information will be forth coming as we get closer an actual meeting.

The director of Jubilee Kids Academy, a local pre-school, has requested the use of our building for a "before and after school" care program. The hours would be 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6pm, Monday through Friday, Sept.-June. They would be using the fireside room and outdoor playground. The council has been reviewing the details of her proposal and hope to make a decision by the July 6th council meeting. Please ask a council member if you have questions and let us know your how you feel about this. We are all in this together!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Towle, Secretary

### ***FROM Property and Admin . . .***

#### **PROPERTY & ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

A church cleanup day took place in May which was not too well attended. The shed was cleaned and new lighting installed. Another cleanup day is scheduled for July 8. Pine cones and excess needles need to be bagged up, trash picked up and the loft is due for a major cleanup. The front sidewalk has been shoveled from years of sand and dirt. Windows and some kitchen cleanup took place too. The Men's group meet monthly and keep busy with repairs around the church.

To help Pastor Diana learn everyone's name, we are wearing name tags on Sunday mornings. John Long made a beautiful name tag holder you will see when you enter the narthex on Sunday. There are blank name tags if you don't see yours there.

Much has been done at the parsonage also - some plumbing work, landscaping, flooring and outside deck extension. Ted Turner is quite the handyman and has been sharing his talents where needed. For future events at the parsonage, we are looking for a long (20 foot) table. Any ideas, let someone on P&A know.

Marilyn Long has headed up a Stewardship Team, Cindy has been working on a church directory and ordered parking lot signs, Carolyn Meiers has been scheduling gardening and planting days, John Long is always seen working on something at the church and Mort Meiers and Diane Martin have been watering the new landscaped garden until a sprinkler system can be installed. Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in cleaning, raking, hammering, sweeping and disposing of those large "filled to the brim" lawn and trash bags. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Towle

### ***FROM Education Ministry. . .***

No Report at this time.

### ***FROM Worship Ministry . . .***

No Report at this time. Team meets every Friday at 10am. All are Welcome to attend.

### ***FROM Stewardship Ministry. . .***

Next Stewardship meeting is Thurs. July 20, 6pm in Fireside Rm.

We want to thank Hope Lutheran members and friends for volunteering to help in the various areas of Worship, Ministry Teams, Bread and Broth, Barton worship and "God's work, our hands". You should soon be contacted by the leaders of these ministries. You Are Stewards of God's Love!

# Church Calendar - July 2017

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                               | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|---|
|   |  |                                       |   |   |           | <p>1</p> <p>10:00am Adult Education Class</p> <p>7pm Pueblo de Dios</p>                     |
| <p>2 10:00am</p> <p>Worship Service</p> <p>4th Sunday After Pentecost &amp; <u>2pm - Barton Skilled Nursing Service</u></p> <p>4pm-Pope Beach</p> | <p>3</p> <p>7:30pm - 12 Step Program Open Mtg</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p>  | <p>5</p>  | <p>6</p> <p>12pm - Women's 12 Step</p> <p>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm - CRU</p> | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>5pm - Full Moon Outing begins at Blue Dog Pizza</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p> |
| <p>9 10:00am</p> <p>Worship Service</p> <p>5th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>4pm-Pope Beach</p>   | <p>10</p> <p>7:30pm - 12 Step Program Open Mtg</p> | <p>11</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p> | <p>12</p> <p>7:00pm - Talents of Hope: Peru &amp; Ecuador</p> | <p>13</p> <p>12pm - Women's 12 Step</p> <p>6:00pm - P&amp;A Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm - CRU</p>     | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p>   |
| <p>16 10:00am</p> <p>"Outdoor" Worship Service</p> <p>5th Sunday After Pentecost &amp; "Potluck"</p> <p>4pm-Pope Beach</p>                        | <p>17</p> <p>7:30pm 12 Step Program Open Mtg</p>   | <p>18</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p> | <p>19</p>   | <p>20</p> <p>12pm - Women's 12 Step</p> <p>7:00pm - CRU</p>                                     | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p>   |
| <p>23 9am CL Mtg</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>6th Sunday After Pentecost &amp; <u>Qrtly B'day Potluck</u></p>                            | <p>24</p> <p>7:30pm - 12 Step Program Open Mtg</p> | <p>25</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p> | <p>26</p>   | <p>27</p> <p>12pm - Women's 12 Step</p> <p>7:00pm - CRU</p>                                     | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7pm - Pueblo de Dios</p>   |
| <p>30 10:00am - 7th</p> <p>Blue Bucket Sunday &amp; 4pm-Pope Beach</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>7:30pm - 12 Step Program Open Mtg</p> |                                       |   |   |           |   |

# JULY SCHEDULES

## Worship Assistant Schedule for July 2017

**\*JULY 2nd:**

**Reader:** Wayne Pilhgren  
**Ushers:** Kim Blanck & Art Eggers  
**Communion Assistant's:**  
 Donna Bray & Cindy Towle

**\*JULY 9th:**

**Reader:** Ellie Hinkle  
**Ushers:** Robert Guebard & Larry Lambdin  
**Communion Assistant's:**  
 Phil Stevenson & Rex Thran

**\*JULY 16th:**

**Reader:** Nonna Katzenstein  
**Ushers:** Kim B. & Ted Turner  
**Communion Assistant's:**  
 Diane Martin & Lynn S.

**\*JULY 23rd:**

**Reader:** Norma Santiago  
**Ushers:** Linda M. & Cindy T.  
**Communion Assistant's:**  
 Wayne & Eva Pilhgren

**\*JULY 30th:**

**Reader:** Diane Martin  
**Ushers:** Art Eggers & Larry Lambdin  
**Communion Assistant's:**  
 Rex Thran & Cindy Towle

**\*Schedule of Worship Assistant's as per Publication.**

### Chancel Flower Dedications

**JULY 2:** Bonnie Driscoll and Dave Carneggie  
**JULY 9:** Cynthia McCormack  
**JULY 16:** Nonna Katzenstein  
**JULY 23:** Open for Hosting  
**JULY 30:** Pastor Diana and Ted Turner

### July Birthday's\*

July 16 Maddelyn Thran  
 July 17 Arlene Wolfe  
 July 23 Tara Nixon  
  
 Please Note: If you have a birthday in July & do not see your name, Please contact Cynthia to add to list.

Do you have any upcoming events for next Month -  
**August 2017? If so, before the 20th of the  
 current month (July), please  
 contact Cynthia in the Church  
 Office at (530) 541-1975. She can then get your article in our next Newsletter.  
 Thank You!**

## ***The Pastor's Letter....Continued from Page 1***

What cup are we offering? "High as The Ideals of Jesus"? Do we help each other be the best they can be and follow Jesus' ideals

What cup are we offering? "Low as The Humblest Human"? This is a big step for all of us! Including myself!

How are we to go out and teach the Good News of Jesus Christ if we can't even do it here.

Nothing makes us feel better than having someone say to us, "Thank you, Thank you for caring." It starts right here. If we can show Jesus' love in His house, we can show it in our community!

What cup am I offering? The next question in the packet was: "How are you going to do it"?

I answered, by building a sense of community...Will you, my congregation, help me?

There are four factors to build a sense of community:

1. **Membership** - Each and every person needs to feel they belong, are safe in their emotional being so they can contribute freely to the church.
2. **Influence** - Each person needs to know they matter. They need to know that their ideas and thoughts matter, in return they can keep an open mind to all in the community.
3. **Integration and Fulfillment of Needs** - People join a community to get a sense of family and if they feel that strength they will stay and we will grow as a church.
4. **Shared Emotional Connection** - All healthy communities have a story, when we learn them we will have a history together and will experience more stories together in the future.

Jesus sends us out to make new disciples. We read in Matthew 9:36, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Evangelism starts at home. Can you see others being harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"? Frightened and confused because they don't know which way to turn. Compassion starts at home

Jesus had compassion. When we reach out to each other in His name it is not because we are merely seeking to build up our ego's - It is because "We are the Church of the Warm Heart" and we believe in Christ and together we can help each other put our lives in order for and in His name and His church. It is because we believe that Christ can help with our Christian family lives, that he can bring all of us joy and peace on our road to eternity. Evangelism is always anchored in Christ's compassion for each other.

It hurts Christ watching us hurt each other. He wants us to know there is a better way. And together will find it! Help me build a loving, compassionate church in His name, offering His cup! Amen

Blessings,  
Pastor Diana ☩



### **"Bible" Funnies**

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

## ***From Pastor. . Bible Funnies....Continued from Page 5***

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. And also probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke the 10 commandments all at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan where the banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun. [Of course, we know it was Melchizadek. No joke!]

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groannn...)

KEEP SMILING!!!! GOD LOVES YOU BUNCHES AND BUNCHES!!!! Friends are God's way of taking care of us....



## ***FROM Congregational Life. . .Continued from Page 2***

### **Happening this month - July:**

**Saturday, July 8th at 5pm: Full Moon Outing begins at mid-town Blue dog Pizza.**

**TALENTS OF HOPE - TRAVELS THROUGH PERU & ECUADOR:** Join us for an adventure into South America, hosted by Tim & Natalie Johnson. They will be sharing with us by slide-show their trip to beautiful Peru & Ecuador. This was presented at the college and enjoyed by many. We're very lucky to have them share this with us as an encore Congregational Life Team [**Wednesday, July 12th at 9pm sic**]

**Sunday, July 16th at 10am: Annual "Outdoor" Worship Service and "Potluck Picnic"** - Please see page 8 of this Newsletter under "From Pastor Diana's Desk".

**Sunday, July 23rd after worship service: Quarterly Birthday Celebration and Potluck** - Please contact Arlene Wolfe for more information.

**Next Congregational Life Ministry Team Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd at 9am and before our Worship Service. Plans for late summer activities will be discussed and made.**

**If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Phil Stevenson.**

## ***From Linda Amundsen . . .Vinline Prayer Requests***

Dear Hope Lutheran Prayer Warriors,

I would like to give all of you via our newsletter a few updates on the Vinline Prayer Requests. Please continue to email your requests to: [lindamaria8726@msn.com](mailto:lindamaria8726@msn.com)

I check my email frequently and always try to put them out in a timely manner. Please know that I respect all your requests for prayer with confidentiality and will only pass on the information you tell me to include or ask me not to include. I feel grateful that you trust me with your prayer needs.

Something new is our Sunday Prayer List at church which is read at Sunday service. These names are taken from the pew cards (which are new also) that you put in the offering plate. These requests will be kept on the prayer list for one month unless you request for them to be removed or continued. When you send me your request via email I would appreciate if you would let me know if you want the name(s) on the request to be put on the prayer list at church. If you do I will forward that information to Cynthia[\*\* sic], our church secretary.

Another addition will be Pastor Diana's phone number on the Vinline Prayer Request should you or anyone else want to speak with her privately.

The Hope Lutheran prayer ministry provides a way to fulfill Christian duties that are mentioned in the Bible. We are to, "pray for one another." James 5:16; "bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2; "pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Lord God, may I use kind words, words that are like honey...sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. Proverbs 16:24

**\*\*Please note regarding the above article: Cynthia McCormack, our Church Office Secretary needs the actual person requesting a person(s) name added to the Sunday Prayer List to contact her directly to add. She will not take a request from a third party. This is to ensure accuracy and accountability. Thank you!**

## ***More From Linda Amundsen . . .Lutheran Hymns for Hope***

I have been looking through some old stuff I wrote 5 years ago for the church newsletter and I came across this . . .

Lead On, O King Eternal.  
Here, O Lord, your servants gather,  
We all are one in mission.  
Through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
Come, we that love the Lord,  
Come, join the dance of Trinity.  
We are marching in the light,  
We all believe in one true God.  
Listen, God is calling  
We are called.  
Bless now, O God, the journey  
Let us talents and tongues employ.  
I'm going on a journey  
Jesus, still lead on.  
Rise, O church, like Christ arisen  
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song.

On my heart imprint your image.  
My hope is built on nothing less.  
What a fellowship, what a joy divine.  
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word,  
Listen, God is calling  
Will you come and follow me.  
Lead On, O King Eternal  
Thine the Amen.

## ***From Paul Zaffiro . . . .Skilled Nursing Unit at Barton Hospital***

Members of Hope Lutheran Church for many years have provided on the first Sunday of every month a small Worship Service for the patients of the Skilled Nursing Unit at Barton Memorial Hospital. Anyone who wishes to attend this wonderful service is most welcomed. It is the first Sunday of every month at 2p.m. at The Skilled Nursing Facility at Barton.

The times that I have attended I have been uplifted to see the elderly patients eager for this worship service. There are approximately 8-10 patients who attend this service in the Social Room in the facility. Pastor Diana pray's with and for all patients who attend. Holy Communion is given and hymns are sung.

Thirty minutes of Christian fellowship with these good Christian people is not much to ask for you to worship with them. These good people really look forward to Hope Church members and Pastor Diana to feed their souls and mingle with them afterwards. It is wonderful to watch all the smiling faces through-out the thirty minutes of worship service.

We need some new people to join us from Hope Lutheran to reach out in love and peace to the Skilled Nursing Unit . . .please, I ask you to consider the "laying down of one Sunday a month" at the cross of Christ and help these elderly patient's smile and feel some peace from us. Remember, a half-hour makes a big difference to some lonely Christians.

Thank you,  
Paul Zaffiro



## ***From Pastor Diana's Desk . . .***

### **Annual Summer Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Picnic:**

More information to come!

### **The Fifth Sunday in July's Worship Service - July 30th:**

CRU will do Morning Prayer on this Sunday. I, as you pastor, will do Holy Communion - more information to come!

### **I Want to Hear from My Parishioners:**

If you wish to make an appointment with me, call me! My cell # is (916) 698- 6765 . . .



# Pastor's Calendar - July 2017

| SUNDAY                            | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                           |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                   |        |         |                                   |   |                                   | 1<br>10:00am Adult Education Class |
| 2<br>2pm - Barton Skilled Nursing | 3      | 4       | 5<br>Office Hours:<br>10am - 3pm  | 6<br>Office Hours:<br>10am - 3pm  | 7<br>Office Hours:<br>10am - 3pm  | 8                                  |
| 9                                 | 10     | 11      | 12<br>Office Hours:<br>10am - 3pm | 13<br>9am - So Shore Clergy Coalition Mtg. at Ski Run Red Hut Cafe<br>Office Hours:<br>10am - 3pm | 14<br>Office Hours:<br>10am - 3pm | 15                                 |
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OFFICE SHOULD YOU NO LONGER  
WISH TO RECEIVE THIS  
NEWSLETTER. Thank You!**

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**Address Correction Requested**

If you are receiving this Newsletter by regular mail and have an e-mail address that we could send this to, please notify us of your e-mail address so that we can cut the cost of postage. Thank you!

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