

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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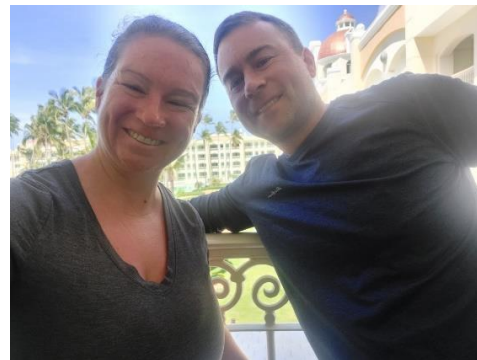
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Dear Members of Hope,

I have moved into my office and it feels like home now that I decorated my office the way I usually do. I have put up pictures on the walls I haven't hung while I was serving as an interim pastor. It's nice to see them again. Most of all I feel at home because you have welcomed me so warmly and made me feel right at home. I realized I owe you all a story about my name. I promised, then forgot to explain where my name first name, Rhea, came from. This story is getting more difficult to explain to younger people, because first you need to remember or know who Clark Gable was. If you watched the movie, "Gone with the Wind," he was the lead heart throb who tells Scarlett at the end of the movie, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a d_____." He was **the** movie star of the 1930's and 40's. His first wife was named, Rhea Langham, a Russian actress, most likely a silent film star who lost her popularity when the talking movies were invented because of her accent. She would travel the country doing plays during the day for women. She would give thimbles with her name etched in them to all the movie goers. (Clark Gable married Rhea to get into the movie business and divorced her when he became popular and when he met Carol Lombard, the love of his life.) My Great Grandmother went to one of Rhea's plays when she was pregnant with my grandmother. My grandmother was born in 1888 so this was before she knew Clark Gable. My great grandmother loved the name so much she named my grandmother Rhea, after the actress. My Grandmother was Rhea Marie, my mother is

Rhea Ann, I am Rhea Jean (my father's name was Gene) and my daughter is Rhea Kelly (Kelly was my Great, great grandparents last name) but we just call her Kelly. My grandmother wasn't going to pass on the name, but when my mother was born one of her sisters was my mother's godmother and took her to the church to be baptized. Martha thought Rhea was a unique name that should be passed on and told my grandmother if she wouldn't get out of bed to go to the baptism, my mother was coming home named Rhea Ann. Those were the days when they baptized babies as soon as they were born. My grandmother wouldn't get out of bed, so my mother was baptized Rhea and we continued to pass on the name.

A little about me, I have been single since my son, Peter and daughter, Kelly were 6 and 3. I raised them as a single mom. They are now in their 40's. Peter lives in Middleton Wisconsin with his wife, Tara and his two sons, Brenden who is 12 and Preston who is 10. Kelly lives in Nashville, she is still single. Peter and his co-workers were just given a trip to the Dominican Republic, to a high end resort on the beach this past week. Tara didn't want to go, so Peter took his sister. The two of them haven't been together to have fun in years. They had a great time! Here are a couple of pictures. Kelly has long hair, she just has it pulled back. Peter is an accountant and Kelly is a color consultant in interior design and works for a paint store.



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Above is a picture of my grandsons Preston, on the left and Brendon on the right. Below is my nephew Gianni with his girlfriend Hailey



Gianni is 18. He is also with his devoted dog, Akyla.

Last but not least is my nephew, Luis, who I usually call Louie. He turned 14 in January, and is the athlete of the family. Baseball season has begun!



I hope that I come to know all of you as well as family in the coming months and years. I

am grateful to serve you and be a part of Hope. May we make plans together to continue the amazing ministry you work at so well together and may we together find ways to reach out to share and grow the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church.

Blessings, Pastor Rhea

Let Us Pray:

Dear Lord, we give thanks that we have chosen to begin this journey of ministry together as a church. We pray that with your help and guidance, we will grow in love and strength here at Hope. Please watch over us, protect us and strengthen our faith. May your Holy Spirit transform us, may your light shine upon us and bring peace. We open our ears to hear your good news, we open our eyes to see your truth and we open our hearts to receive your endless love. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Kelly Draper
- 11 Don Schlotfelt
- 14 Marcey Luxa
- 17 Gary Couch
- 19 Bev Carnahan
- 20 Donna Fugate, Joni Tharp
- 23 Rayleen Pearson
- 24 Clete Moser
- 30 Jan Haar

CHOIR

Choir meets for practice every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 pm.
CAR CRUISE IN

Outdoor Car Cruise is back! On Thursday, May 25 we will have our next Car Cruise in. Food service will begin at 5 with cars rolling in around 4pm.

SPIRITED SENIORS

All are welcome to join – we meet at noon each Wednesday for lunch & games!

MEN OF HOPE

The Men of Hope will meet Saturday, May 13th in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast starting at 8:30 am, followed by the meeting.

Synod Revival Imagine

“Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or IMAGINE...” Ephesians 3:21

Worship, Inspirational music & speakers, learn about various ministries, bring a chair or blanket rain or shine (indoors if rain), \$5 cash lunch and free snacks,

All ages, all are welcome,

FREE!

No RSVP Needed

**Bishop Amy Current, SEIA Synod
Bishop Yehiel Cury – Metro Chicago Synod
Rachel Kurtz – Musician**

**Saturday, May 20
10:00am to 3:00pm**

Grand View University, Des Moines, IA

THE WOMEN OF HOPE will be meeting on May 13th at 9 am. This month they will be meeting at 1650 Kohler Dr. N. W. This is part of the Methwick community and is in the Deer Ridge building.. Our guest speaker will be Don Dixon from Quilts of Valor. What is a Quilt of Valor? A Quilt of Valor is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, “Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.” All are invited and encouraged to attend.

HOPE COUNCIL

Sue Williams - President

Clete Moser - Vice President
Betty Nelson - Financial Secretary
Linda Jones - Treasurer
David Adams - Secretary
Cal Burchland - Member
Jeanne Dahm - Member
Leon (Codge) Jones - Member
Andy Kuehl – Member

Incoming Council Members

Terry Slinger, Wendy Fisher, Ron Taylor, Patty Hasson, Bud Carnahan, and Karen Pahl

Our departing Council Members are Clete Moser, Codge Jones, and Sue Williams. Remember to thank them for their service!

MAY AT HOPE

- 2 12:00 55+ Potluck in Fellowship Hall
- 3 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5 7:00 A/A
- 7 9:00 Sunday Worship
- 10 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11 11:00 Bible Study/Pastor Rhea
- 13 8:30 Men of Hope at Hope
9:00 Women of Hope at 1650 Kohler Dr. N. W. – Methwick Community
- 14 Marcey Luxa’s 90th Birthday
- 17 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 18 11:00 Bible Study/Pastor Rhea
- 19 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 21 9:00 am Sunday Worship
- 22 6:00 Council
- 24 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 25 4 till dusk Car Cruise
- 26 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 28 9:00 am Sunday Worship Pentecost
- 29 Memorial Day – Office Closed



Pastor Rhea will be conducting Bible Studies every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.



This article was taken from a newsletter that Camp Courageous publishes.

Red Geraniums for Pentecost - 2023

If you would like to order a red geranium to help decorate our sanctuary for Pentecost, there are forms available on the table in the sanctuary.

You are welcome to bring your own plant (red) but please let us know so that we may acknowledge it.

Plants from Pierson's this year will be **\$6.75**. Checks **MUST BE MADE TO PIERSONS**. Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, May 15TH. (Pentecost is May 28TH this year.) **Late orders will not be accepted at the office. You will have to order your own.**



Palm Sunday – Procession of the Palms



New members to Hope Lutheran on April 23, 2023 were Dustin Lee and Erin E. (Costello) Chaplin. Their oldest son, Connor was baptized at Hope in 2018 and youngest, Jace was baptized when his parents joined. Please welcome them with open arms!



**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
MARCEY LUXA!**

This year on Sunday, May 14th (also Mother's Day) her family would like to invite everyone to an open house in her honor. The open house will begin directly after worship.