

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2022

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 David Morgan
- 9 Wendy Fisher
- 14 Jay Barnes, Monika Nordberg
- 15 Jackson Schmidt
- 18 Pastor Anna Mae Peck
- 28 Nancy Williamson
- 31 Jan Dyson, Phill Evans

To All Members of Hope Lutheran,
I want to thank you for all of the
get-well cards and visits from you. I
am home and feeling good except for
my left leg that is coming along
slowly. I hope to see you all soon,
Bill Dougherty

OCTOBER AT HOPE

- 1 9:00 am Women of Hope
- 2 9:00 am Sunday Worship*
- 4 11:30 am 55+ Lunch at North Point
- 5 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
- 6 6:00 pm Praise Service
- 7 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 8 8:00 am Men of Hope
- 9 9:00 am Sunday Worship*
- 12 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
- 13 6:00 pm Praise Service
- 14 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 15 9:00 am Hope Craft Show
- 16 9:00 am Sunday Worship*
- 17 6:00 pm Hope Council Meeting
- 18 1:00 PM Quilters
- 19 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
- 20 6:00 pm Praise Service
- 21 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 23 9:00 am Sunday Worship*
- 26 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors
- 27 4:00 pm Car Cruise In
6:00 pm Praise Service
- 28 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 30 9:00 am Sunday Worship*

* Please join us for Fellowship/Coffee
Time after Sunday Worship, starting
Sunday, October 2nd!
(The sign-up sheet to "Host" and/or Bring
Treats is on the bulletin board across from
Kris' office.)

**Keep an eye out for the
2022 Stewardship Drive!
(Sundays in October)**

FALL CRAFT SHOW BAKE SALE & LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 15th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

ALL LOCAL CRAFTERS!!!

Great holiday gift ideas!!!

Wonderful baked goods!!!

LUNCH served from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

(Baked goods can be dropped off

Friday Oct 14th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

or starting at 7:30 am Saturday morning.)

WOMEN OF HOPE

The Women of Hope will meet

Saturday, October 1st.

The Guest Speaker will be Mark Jones from

Cedar Rapids Solid Waste and Recycling.

All are welcome to join us at 9:00 am!

REMINDER

Starting in November

the Women of Hope

will meet the **2ND SATURDAY**

of each month at 9:00 am.

OUTREACH

We are continuing to collect school supplies
through the month of October.

School supplies may be put

in the tote in the narthex.

These supplies have been going to Grant
Elementary and are greatly appreciated!!!

QUILTERS

Quilters have resumed meeting

on the 3rd Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Come prepared to help cut, pin, and layout
squares as we discuss articles in the

Gather magazine.

No sewing skills required!!!

Join us on October 18th at 1:00 pm!

MEN OF HOPE

The Men of Hope will meet October 8th

Breakfast starts at 8:00 am,

followed by the monthly meeting.

The Men of Hope's Monthly Maintenance

Project will be changing furnace

filters/check drain lines and

testing the water heater relief valve.

Please join us!

CAR CRUISE IN

Come join us Thursday

October 27th @ 4:00 pm

Lots of great cars and wonderful food

(served 4:00-6:00 pm) sponsored by the

Men of Hope!

CORN WAGON

The Corn Wagon has finished for this year.

As of September 24th, over \$14,800 in corn
sales and produce sales/tips was raised!

THANK YOU ALL!!!

**And a very big shout out to Joanne Eadie
for making salsa!!!**

(Word has it that she's canned **200+** jars!)

CHOIR

The Choir is on Temporary Hold

Please watch for updates about when

practice will resume.

55+

On October 4th we will meet at North Point

621 Center Point Rd Cedar Rapids

at 11:30 am

SPIRITED SENIORS

Bring your lunch and come join in for cards

and games every Wednesday at 12:00

noon! Everybody is welcome!!!

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PASTOR



Dear Members and Friends of Hope Lutheran Church,

Warm greetings in Christ to each and every one! I want to thank you for all the warmth you've shown to me, and also for your patience in learning your names and getting better acquainted. And along with that, I've been asked to write an autobiography so you can get better acquainted with me, which I am happy and honored to do. So, without further adieu, here it goes:

Anna Mae Peck was born to Loyd and Ida Mae (Wendel) Peck on October 18, 1943, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At the time my father was picking corn -- the old-fashioned way by hand and with his team of horses that pulled the wagon -- on his rented farm in rural Van Horne in Benton County. As such he was dog-tired the night I was born, and my mother had a hard time getting him out of bed. Finally, she made it to the telephone on her own and called the doctor. Then, when the doctor arrived at our farmhouse my father was still sleeping in bed beside my mother; so first the doctor examined my mother, and then he

got my father up and ordered him to get my mother to the hospital as fast as he could -- which he did; and I was born a few minutes after that. My parents also had three sons and two other daughters. Still living are Dale and his wife Mary Kay in Galena, Illinois, and my sister Ellen Miller in West Amana. My brothers David and Danny and sister Alice are now in heaven; and someday we will all be seeing one another again as Jesus has promised.

I started school in Blairstown, and then on March 1, 1951, our parents moved us to the farm they had bought, which is five miles northwest of Springville and even closer to Whittier. Although that farm is no longer in the family, I still take delight in it by driving out there a couple of times each year. That's especially to look at the beautiful big red barn that Dad built with the help of his brothers and my brothers. And by the way, Gary Knight's sweet corn farm is only a mile away across the fields. So, how's that for a sweet touch of irony.

In 1962 I graduated from Springville High School and started college at the University of Dubuque. In my junior year of college I studied at Schiller College in Kleiningersheim, Baden-Wuerttemberg, West Germany, traveling in both directions on ocean liners. Schiller College was housed in the town's sixteenth century Renaissance castle, which overlooks the Neckar River. My classmates and I both lived in the castle and had our classes in there as well. Then I spent my senior year at the University of Iowa, and was awarded a Bachelor of Music degree, with a major in vocal performance.

My first job out of college was with the Job Corps Training Center in Clinton, Iowa, as a resident advisor for corps women. I was there two years. Then in February 1968 -- in what I see now as a leap of faith -- I moved to New York City to follow my dream of becoming an opera and concert-stage singer. I lived there almost five years, taking private voice lessons from the renowned Emile Renan, and working to support myself. My first job was with RCA Records as a proofreader and copy editor of

liner notes on record albums. This was on both classical and popular albums, including those of Elvis Presley, which means that Elvis had a part in my career and I had a part in his. My second job in New York City was being a proofreader and copy editor for a company that published trade magazines for restaurant and department store chains.

Then in September 1972 I left New York and moved to Denver, Colorado, where I worked for the Rocky Mountain News as a telephone sales representative in classified advertising. From that time on I found a permanent home for my singing in the church and as an avocation. In 1975 I moved to Des Moines, where I worked in classified advertising for the Des Moines Register and Tribune. From 1979 to 1986 I lived in Dubuque where I worked for the Telegraph Herald as telephone sales manager in classified advertising.

It was while working and living in Dubuque that I began to realize God was calling me to become a pastor. So, in September 1986 I began my studies at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah, Washington, where I studied the Greek language, took several Bible courses, and earned a Certificate in Gerontology. Then a year later I enrolled at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. As part of seminary I did a summer of chaplaincy training at Rochester Methodist Hospital of the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minnesota, and a year of seminary internship at St. James Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

During my 1990-91 seminary year I was an exchange student at the Augustana Hochschule seminary in Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, Germany. That year on October 3, 1990, I got to attend Germany's reunification ceremony in Berlin with two of my German friends. That was one of the highlights of my life. Another highlight -- as arranged by two other German friends -- was getting the chance to sing on the stage of the Wagner opera house in Bayreuth, Germany, even though for only ten minutes.

At the age of 48 I received a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. A few weeks later on May 31, 1992, I was ordained at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, also in Dubuque. Then I devoted all of my 25 years as a pastor to small town and rural congregations in South Dakota. They included three calls with two congregations and one call with three congregations -- nine congregations altogether. Here's also to mention that I loved having a dog as my preacher's kid. First there was Percy Pearl Peck, who was an English Springer Spaniel, and then there was Susie, who was a Cocker Spaniel.

I retired on May 31, 2017, which was also the 25th anniversary of my ordination. Then, a couple of weeks later I moved to Cedar Rapids in a "back to my roots" retirement. I'm very happy to be here, including that I am close by to my sister Ellen and to my brother Dale. I have some nieces and nephews and cousins who live in Cedar Rapids and the area; and I'm also close by to several friends from my school days in Springville. Every once in awhile we get together at "Sally's on Broadway" in downtown Springville; and, by the way, I highly recommend that restaurant to all of you. Other benefits of being retired in Cedar Rapids are that I'm a lay member of First Lutheran Church, and can also serve other congregations as their interim pastor. My first interim was with Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lost Nation and St. Mark Lutheran Church in Oxford Junction. And now with a great deal of joy and gladness in my heart I am serving Hope Lutheran Church as your interim pastor. At the same time, however, someday I will be celebrating with you when you receive your next called pastor. So, to all of you members of Hope, let's be sure to keep our hopes up!

**THANK YOU
PASTOR ANNA!!!**

WELCOME TO HOPE!!!



On Sunday, September 25th, we received two new members. Gracie K Geimer was baptized and her mother, Michele Lee Long, was received as a confirmed member by transfer. Gracie's sponsor is her aunt, Linsey Long. We welcome both Gracie and Michele with open arms, happy hearts and thankfulness to God!

SAVE THE DATE:

Hope's Semi-Annual meeting will be held
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, after the 9am
Worship Service.**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

A word from our CALL COMMITTEE...

Call Committee update:
The Call Committee has been hard at work completing the Ministry Site Profile. This is an extensive document that tells prospective pastoral candidates about us at Hope Lutheran church. We have valued the

input from the congregation and incorporated it into our profile. The plan is to submit the document to the Synod on Friday September 30th.

Next step is Pastor Dan Kuckuck (Assistant to the Bishop) reviews the profile, makes it available to prospective candidates and works to find a good match for Hope. When a candidate is given to us, the Call Committee will begin the interview process. The committee is reviewing the interview process and selecting questions. If you have a burning question you would like us to ask, please forward it to any committee member. As we interview candidates you will not hear much from the committee as candidate information is held in the strictest confidence. Please continue to pray for God to direct the right match to Hope.

You may have noticed...



We've got a new reserved parking spot for our Administrative Assistant!
Thank you, Men of Hope!!!