

The Message

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Lent is a traditional time in the church year for repentance and renewal, a time for a re-ordering of one's life and priorities, of intentional focus on the cross of Christ and its central place in our lives. This Lenten season, I would like to invite all of you to attend our evening worship services where I will give a brief message on the SIX MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Prayer, Worship, Bible Reading, Service, Spiritual Relationships and Giving. It is my prayer that these services will encourage you as you search for ways in which to renew and enrich your faith during the journey of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we are invited to begin our observance of a holy Lent with a service of communion and the imposition of ashes. "You are dust and to dust you shall return." This can be a little too close to one's own experiences and fears for comfort. But, Ash Wednesday is not about comfort. Some people think it is too negative and stay away from church that day—too morbid, too self-absorbed, and too depressing. Who wants to walk around with a smudge of ashes on their forehead? And who wants to think about death anyway?

And then there's Lent—again, too negative, too depressing, too serious, too much of a focus on sin. Why all this focus on sin and negativity? Why can't we just go straight to Easter? Because, without that dark walk to and through Gethsemane, we would have no Easter to celebrate.

Life is full of good and bad, happy and sad. Good things don't always come without some cost or sacrifice. Life and death are part of the cycle of our human existence. And that is precisely what the Lenten season is about—reflecting on the cost that Jesus paid with His death on the cross for us ...and what our response to that gift of life will be.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I would like us to focus on the Marks of Discipleship and how we can continue to grow deeper in our faith through this Lenten season.

In His Service,
Pastor Scott

Pastor's Community Office Hours

Pastor Scott will be at Hy-Vee on Harrison every Tuesday from 9-11:00 a.m. You can also call him anytime for visitation. 217-440-0191

Our Beliefs...

We believe in the triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

We believe that the Bible is the divinely-inspired and inerrant Word of God

We believe that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ

We believe that God's grace comes to us through Word and Sacrament

We believe in the Lutheran Confessions

We believe that all are called to serve God and our neighbors through our God-given gifts, talents, and abilities

LENTEN SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday
Communion Service
February 22 at 7pm

Lenten Services 7pm

(Holden Evening Prayer Service)

"Marks of Discipleship"

February 29—Worship

March 7—Bible Reading

March 14—Service

March 21—Spiritual Relationships

March 28—Giving

Lenten Dinners will begin at 6pm each week starting February 29th.



Church Leadership

PRESIDENT: Jeff Spear
VICE PRESIDENT: Rich Demein
SECRETARY: Lori Lammers
TREASURER: George Black

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Sandy Cassens
Jamie Fisher
Brian Happel
Charlie Buckman

Ministry Teams

SERVICE

Hope has many opportunities to serve our Lord by giving freely of ourselves and our love, setting an example of Christian love and charity in our community. Our unique partnership and association with Horizons Social Services gives us the opportunity to serve those in need in many ways, including our donation of money, donation of time (serving every 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month), and our donation of food (items collected each week help keep the food pantry stocked). We at Hope have been blessed, and we share our blessings with love. We look forward to our continued service in the community and with Horizons. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or ideas for service. Hospital Sisters Service Opportunity is scheduled for Feb. 18th in Springfield. Please consider joining us. Co Chairpersons: Theresa Spear and Stephanie Demein

WORSHIP

We invite all to begin the Lenten season of reflection by attending our service of Imposition of Ash at 7pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There will be services during Lent on Wednesdays at 7pm using the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

Please share your musical talents with fellow worshipers at any of the upcoming services—contact Tracey or Grant VanDenBerg to schedule or for assistance as needed.

Some members of Hope have asked for a different communion bread, so our team has decided to look for a gluten free wafer for those who have such needs and to then use a different bread recipe.

Chairperson: Linda Waite

Next Meeting: March 29

EVANGELISM

In the recent "Connection", the author reflects on the mission of the church. "Is Jesus becoming larger through what we do?" Each of us needs to seek those moments when we can spread the Gospel or invite someone to church.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, some of our Sunday School children are teaming with the Evangelism Team to distribute Valentine cards & home made cookies to neighborhoods. The message- "Jesus loves You and we love you, too."

Anyone is welcome to help with planning.....

Chairperson: Linda Sachs

Next Meeting: Feb. 23 at 7pm at Spurrier's.

DISCIPLESHIP

FIRST COMMUNION class will begin on Wednesday, February 29 at 7:45pm following the Lenten Service and will continue each Wednesday throughout Lent. Class is open to those in 3rd grade and up.

CONFIRMATION is held on Wednesday's at 5:30-7:00pm at Pastor Scott's House, but through Lent they will take part in the First Communion Class at 7:45pm

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES are meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings but will not meet during Lent.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will again be a joint effort with Faith Presbyterian. More information to come!

Chairperson: Mark Cassens

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship event for the month of February is the PROGRESSIVE DINNER to be held on Feb. 11th at 6pm. Sign up in Atrium until February 5th.

Our Lenten Dinners will begin Wednesday, February 29th. Please join us through the season, the time of preparation for Easter Sunday, and in fellowship before each Lenten service.

Co-Chairpersons: Tonya Fisher and Gwen Happel

Next Meeting: February 27 at 5:45pm

HOPE HAPPENINGS

Progressive Dinner
Saturday, February 11 at 6pm



Make plans to be a part of this evening of fun and fellowship! Sign up sheet located in the atrium until Feb. 5th.

**HORIZONS
SOUP KITCHEN**

Hope Serves every 3rd
and 5th Thursday's
From 11am-1pm.

This month our date is **February 16th.**
All are encouraged to serve!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH FROM 7:45-8:30PM
FOLLOWING THE LENTEN SERVICE AND WILL CONTINUE FOR
FIVE WEEKS. IT IS OPEN TO OUR YOUTH CURRENTLY IN 3RD/4TH
GRADE AND ANY OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH THE
CLASS. OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE PARTICI-
PATING IN LIEU OF REGULAR CLASS DURING LENT.



HORIZONS FOOD PANTRY ITEM
For February is:

Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper

Hope Council will meet Monday,
February 6th at 7:00 p.m at Demein's.

HOPE CHOIR



will resume rehearsals on Tuesday,
February 14th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.
Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



WoW (Women of the Word)

will meet on February 27th at the home of Linda
Waite from 7-8:30pm. Susan Hetzler will lead our
"Life Lessons with Max Lucado" on Romans.
All women are welcome!

SMALL GROUPS have begun a new
study entitled "LifeShapes" and are cur-
rently meeting on Tuesdays from 7-
8:30pm at the home of Les and Linda
Sachs, Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm at the
home of Mark and Sandy Cassens, and
Thursdays from 7-8:30pm at the home of
Mark and Lori Lammers and are lead by
Pastor Scott. It's not too late to join and
ALL are strongly encouraged to attend
which ever night works best for you. We
will not meet during Lent, however, and
will resume our studies in April.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

available during our
Sunday Morning Discipleship Hour:



Adult Class - currently studying the Gospel of John.
Jr/Sr High Class - doing a study on the book of James.
Pre-K - 6th Gr. - learning about the Fruit of the Spirit.
All members of Hope are encouraged to attend a class each
week as we continue to learn how to be disciples of Christ.

HOPE will be collecting items to make a
"Family Movie Night" **gift basket** to be auctioned off at the
HORIZONS EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER on March 18th.
A list of desired items is available in the Atrium.
Contact Tonya Fisher with any questions or ideas.

SAVE
THE
DATE!

Mark your calendar for **HORIZONS
EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER**
to be held Sunday, March 18th
from 11am-2pm at Quincy Senior High.
Tickets on sale now!
Call Tonya Fisher for more information: 430-8513

In order to build relationships with you, the people
of Hope, Pastor Scott is going to begin making
home visits to **ALL** members! You will be
contacted soon to set up a time for visitation.

Hospital Sister Service Opportunity

Saturday, February 18
8:30-11:30am in Springfield, IL

We need eight volunteers!
Sign up available in the Atrium.
(Allow two hours before and after the project for driving time.)
Contact Theresa Spear for more information.

February Birthdays

2nd - Harriet Adams
 3rd - Les Sachs
 10th - Fred Lauder
 11th - Rashayla Bias



11th - Damion Epping
 20th - Jacob Happel
 28th - Joshua Hetzler

February Anniversaries

2nd—Jim and Becky Albert
 2nd—Ron and Valerie Anders



13th—Bob and Marlene Kanoy
 14th—Ed and Brenda Willner

20th—Jamie and Tonya Fisher

February Servers

	5th	12th	19th	Ash Wednesday	26th
Worship Assistant	Rich Demien	Patricia Smith	Shirley Lindroth	Mark Cassens	Linda Waite
Reader	Stephanie Demien	Inez Totsch		N/A	Kathy Seidel
Greeters	Harriet Adams Delors Wingerter	Mark Lammers Lori Lammers	Brian Yates Jan Yates		
Ushers	Jeff VanKanegan Mary VanKanegan	Helen Langan	Beth Boster Helen Langan		
Altar/Communion	Kathy Seidel Linda Waite	Val Anders Ron Anders	Shirley Lindroth Linda Waite	Linda Waite	Corrine Sutcliffe Inez Totsch
Communion Helper	Jacob Happel	N/A		Isaiah Mikkelson	N/A
Flowers					
Refreshments	Demien's		Willner's	N/A	



Approved Council Minutes - January 10, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Happel at 7 pm at the Demien home. Council members present: Brian Happel, Sandy Cassens, Jeff Spear, Rich Demien, Kristin Kanoy, Pastor Scott, Jamie Fisher, Joe Sutcliffe. Kristin Kanoy led devotions.

Sandy Cassens moved that the Dec 2011 minutes be approved. Kristin Kanoy seconded and minutes were approved as amended.

Pastor Scott reported that he was very pleased with the Advent Sunday Services and Christmas Eve Service. Pastor thanked the council and congregation for the generous Christmas gift. Pastor Scott will be involved with a huddle (group of LCMC Pastors). He is working with insurance company through LCMC on insurance. Pastor and council discussed the church newsletter and ideas to improve. Pastor has been involved as a Chaplain at Blessing Hosp.

Treasurer's Report: Kristin Kanoy moved and Jeff Spear seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved.

Team Reports:

Service: Jeff Spear moved that \$100 a month be allocated to Horizons Social Services beginning Jan 2012. Rich Demien seconded and this was approved. Jeff Spear moved that \$130 be allocated from Pastor's Emergency Fund to Horizon's Social Services when money becomes available. Rich Demien seconded and this was approved.

Council discussed the teams and how to get more people involved and making sure the teams are proactive. Council discussed having the teams be introduced, tell what they do and invite members to be involved at the annual meeting. Another idea is to have the Purpose Team give a brief talk (Ministry Team Minute) at various Sunday services telling what the teams do and how members can become involved.

Old Business: Joe Sutcliffe reminded Council that the supplies bought from Trinity Lutheran Meredosia need to be moved out of Inez shed before March 1st. Rich Demien moved that Joe Sutcliffe take appropriate action in dealing with the chairs (selling or repainting). Kristin Kanoy seconded and this was approved.

Relocation Team: Pastor received information from Morton Building. Kristin Kanoy recommended that we do a two phase process which involves a fund drive to buy land and then fund drive to build. Relocation team should be prepared to come to the annual meeting with information about what the cost is to buy land/build and plans for a capital campaign.

New Business: Jeff Spear moved that Council have a draft of the minutes within a week of the meeting. Council will review and approve the council minutes within a week via email and have them published in the church newsletter. Rich Demien seconded and this was approved.

Annual Meeting: Council reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting.

Jamie Fisher moved that we adjourn, Sandy Cassens seconded. Motion approved. Next Council meeting will be Monday Feb 6, 2012 at Demien home at 7pm. Jeff Spear will lead the devotion. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Jamie Fisher, Secretary




Relocation Update

The Relocation Team continues to look at and study different options for the future of Hope Lutheran. After the congregational discussion that took place during the annual meeting, the next steps are to look again at the property on S 24th and to further evaluate possible land acquisition for building. We will begin raising financial support for the next step in this process, whether it be the purchase of land or existing property. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the future of Hope.

Pastor Scott, Jamie Fisher, Rich Demein, Charlie Buckman, Brian Happel, Jeff Spear and David Hetzler

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30pm Confirmation at Pastor's 7:30pm Small Group at Cassens'	2 7pm Small Group at Lammers'	3	4
5 9:30am Worship 11am Discipleship 7:00pm FPU	6 7:00pm Council	7 9am Hope at Hy-Vee 7pm Small Group at Sachs'	8 5:30pm Confirmation at Pastor's 7:30pm Small Group at Cassens'	9 7pm Small Group at Lammers'	10	11 6pm Progressive Dinner
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19 9:30am Worship 11am Discipleship 7:00pm FPU	20	21 9-10am Hope at Hy-Vee 7pm Hope Choir	22  7pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 7pm Evangelism mtg. at Spurrier's	24	25
26 9:30am Worship 11am Discipleship 7:00pm FPU	27 5:45pm Fellowship meeting at Gwen's 7-8:30pm WoW at Linda Waite's	28 9am Hope at Hy-Vee 10:30am Chaplaincy 7pm Hope Choir	29 6pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm 1st Communion Class			