

HOPE LIGHT

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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HOPE LUTHERAN ✦ PALM DESERT

50th Anniversary

January 21 & 22, 2012

PASTOR CHERYL CORNELIUSSEN

will be Preaching at Hope

On Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22 former Associate Pastor

Rev. Cheryl Corneliussen will return to the Hope pulpit.

Pastor Cheryl is now serving Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Orange where with our help she will continue to "jump start" the congregation's potential.

All it takes is God's Spirit and a little congregational adjustment and great things will begin to happen. We can make that difference!

We will also present on the big screen that weekend the Corneliussen years!



Remember to bring an extra dollar with you on Super Bowl Sunday

February 5, 2012 for the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal.**

Last year we collected a record offering of \$1,078.70!

Thanks for making a difference!

**MISSION
STATEMENT
FOR
HOPE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

“As a part of the family of God’s people, we are a center of hope, a caring community, supporting individuals, nurturing children, assisting families, reaching out in the joy, love and fellowship that comes from Christ.”

**PRAY FOR
OUR
SERVICE MEN
AND WOMEN**

Please keep in your prayers the following service men and women who are serving our country: Jeff Lane, Sean Harrington, Rob McQueary, Phil Lucas, Victor Franklund, Bill Nesbitt, Chad Krause, J. J. Wilson, Drew Parker and John Hutchinson. We would like to update our list; if you know of any changes, please contact the church office.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA
THANKOFFERING SUNDAY,
JANUARY 29, 2012**

Women of the ELCA Thankofferings assist in supporting the total outreach of the ELCA and specific programs of the women’s organization. Throughout the year, we celebrate the many blessings we receive from our Lord by placing change in our “Act Boldly” Thankoffering Boxes. In January of each year at our Thankoffering Service, we present these gifts. As determined by our women of Hope, this year we will be sending 50% of gifts received to Women of the ELCA headquarters for churchwide programs and retain 50% to advance our local ministries. Be sure to pick up a box for next year and an envelope for your donation at the Women’s Corner.

WOMEN OF HOPE BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 7:30 am **this is a change in date for this month.** The Women of Hope Bible Study will continue exploring the book of Ruth every first and third Tuesday. The Women’s Bible Study meets in the last room on the east end of the Hope Center. Then join us for a great breakfast and fellowship at the Palms Café (next to Trader Joe’s in Palm Desert) following our study.

MEN OF HOPE BIBLE STUDY

Here’s an opportunity for the Men of Hope to join with other early morning risers in the study of God’s Word. No experience necessary! Our next Men’s Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 7:30 am in the Hope Center, **this is a change in date for this month.** Come join this twice a month Bible Study as we begin our study of the book of Galatians. Then join us for a great breakfast and fellowship at the Palms Café (next to Trader Joe’s in Palm Desert) following our study.

**ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN OF HOPE
THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!!!**

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for worship services on Saturday mornings. This is a great way to meet new people, make a difference and be part of a wonderful ministry here at Hope. It is usually once a month for a few hours in teams of three. For more information contact Jana Meinhold at 1.760.341.0683.

**NEW WOMEN’S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
NEXT MEETS TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 at 1:00PM**

The new women’s Bible Study is meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:00pm in the Fireside Room. 14 women attended our first study and shared in a lively discussion! Our format is from the book “Parables from the Back Side” by J. Ellsworth Kalas with Julie Fremstad facilitating our sessions. The book will be in Wednesday, January 18. See Tina for your copy. The cost is \$10.50. Our February sessions will be on the 14th and 28th. You are always welcome to join in whether or not you can make every session. For information, check with Tina.

QUILTERS OF HOPE

The Quilters of Hope began meeting again last Wednesday and will meet again on Wednesday, January 18. The Quilters meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship. If you would like more information or have any questions, please call Anita Holden at 1.760.346.0928.

PROJECT LINUS

Great News!! Our local chapter will remain active; someone has stepped forward to become the new coordinator. Let's keep making blankets as the need is great.

You don't need to be an expert to create a blanket that is beautiful to a child!

All sizes and types of blankets are accepted: sewn, knit, crochet, quilted or no-sew fleece. Ideal baby size is 36x42. For older children 40x50 is great. Blankets must be new, handmade and washable. We have material and yarn available. Any questions or for patterns call Anita Holden 1.760.346.0928.

“CHERYL’S SENSATIONAL SUCCULENT ARRANGEMENTS WORKSHOP” SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

HOPE CENTER

\$45.00 PREPAID (NON REFUNDABLE)

With her own artistic flair, Cheryl Witt will teach us each to create an arrangement of artificial succulent plants that looks so real you will want to water it! Come make one to enhance your own home or give as a gift. Our Christmas tree and wreath workshops Cheryl has led in past years have been enjoyed by all. Everyone went home with a creation to cherish and had a super time making it. Don't think you're crafty? Cheryl takes us step by step through the process. You will feel like a pro! **Please bring your own bag lunch, so nobody is left out in the kitchen.** Beverages and cookies will be provided. Register at the Women's Corner on the Plaza. 75 places are available. Prepayment required. Cost: \$45.00 Invite a friend!!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012 FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

2012 NEEDY PERSONS FUND CHART

The 2012 Needy Persons Fund Chart is now available at the Information Centre. The cost is \$50.

2012 FLOWER CHART

The 2012 Flower Sign-up Chart is now available at the Information Centre. The cost is \$50.

ANIMAL SAMARITANS

Animal Samaritans is looking for used, "ready to throw out" towels and blankets. They use them for surgery and cages. Please mark them for Animal Samaritans.

NAME BADGES

Please remember to wear your name badges to worship.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open 8:00—5:00 Monday—Friday and is closed for lunch from 12:00—1:00 pm Monday—Friday.

It is open on Friday from 8:00—2:00

WORSHIP SERVICES SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 & 9:30 &
11:00 am

Legacy of Hope

Eight years ago Hope Lutheran received a 2.2 million dollar loan from the Berger Foundation at the completion of the construction of the Worship center. **The present balance due as of January 17, 2012, is now \$37,625!** With your help we would like to have our mortgage paid off as soon as possible.

As we look to the future building plans and changes to our campus, we are asking you to continue to give to the "Legacy of Hope Campaign." Our loan balance is now below \$45,000, every gift from here until our loan's final payment due in May will make a huge difference. Your gifts and continued support will bring us closer to a mortgage burning Sunday. Won't you do your part to help us get to that "debt free" moment before we begin anew?

If you have not yet participated in the "Legacy of Hope Campaign," there's still time for you to join fellow members and friends in making a difference. Any and all gifts are welcome! If you would like to know where you stand with your current pledge, please call the Church Office at 760.346.1273; and the Finance Committee will share that information with you.

Thank you for your continued support. Without you the great things happening at Hope Lutheran Church would be impossible!

CHANGE IN DATE BECAUSE OF SUPER BOWL

Taize Service
Monday, February 6
at 7:00 pm

Invite a friend and come see what Taize is all about.

Meditative scriptures and readings are read.

Taize chants are sung and silent prayers offered.

There is a special quietness about the
Worship Center with the Altar area covered
in the glow of Candlelight.

NOTARY

Need of a Notary?
Hope member Victoria Radkte is a notary. Victoria is a mobile notary and is willing to come to your home or business to notarize. Her number is 760.831.0291.

DARE TO HOPE

If you've ever given up on a dream, then you have something in common with Zechariah. When an angel brought news that Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, would soon have a son, Zechariah had trouble believing it (Luke 1:13-18).

How long had it been since Zechariah first prayed for a son? More to the point, how long had it been since he'd given up praying for a son? With the couple's childbearing years long past, Zechariah likely felt compelled to emphasize the impossibility of the angel's proclamation.

Perhaps you know what it's like to lose hope. Zechariah's story reminds us that God's plans cannot be hampered, even when the laws of nature stand in the way. Hold on to your hope because God works miracles.



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HOPE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm to discuss “The Confession” by John Grisham. Books are available at the Information Centre.

January 24 “The Confession” by John Grisham
February 28 “Lost December” by Richard Paul Evans

TEAM HOPE MEN’S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We are recruiting players to play in an interdenominational men’s basketball league hosted by Desert Community Christian Academy, 40-700 Yucca Lane, Bermuda Dunes. The games will be held on Saturdays during the months of January and February and are open to men of all ages. This will be an excellent way to get to know other men in our congregation while working up a sweat on the court. Sign up at the Information Centre or let Pastor Derek know via email at pastorderek@hope-lutheran.com. Below is the schedule for the games.

January 21	8:00-9:15 am	Hope Lutheran vs Abundant Life
January 28	9:25-10:40 am	#1 Presbyterian Church vs Hope Lutheran
February 4	12:15-1:30 pm	Peace Christian vs Hope Lutheran
February 11	8:00-9:15 am	Hope Lutheran vs #2 Presbyterian Church
February 18	9:25-10:40 am	Hope Lutheran vs Church 212

HOPE LUTHERAN EIGHTEEN HOLERS

The Hope Golf League began again in January at Palm Valley Country Club, one and one-half miles east of Cook on Country Club Drive. It will be a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The fee is \$35, which includes 18 holes and cart rental. The following are the dates for the Eighteen Holvers:

Thursday, February 9 & 23
Thursday, March 1 & 15

Sign-up at the Information Centre. For further information contact Dr. Bruce Hagen at 1.760.360.3564.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday—March 4—6 pm
Concordia College Choir—Morehead, Minnesota

Friday—March 16—7 pm
Witnesses—Jonathan Swenson
One Actor/8 Characters/A Fresh look at Jesus

Wednesday—April 4—7 pm
California Lutheran University Choir in Concert

Waiting to Blossom

A 1979 song called "The Rose" encourages listeners to keep the faith, even when the source of our hope isn't visible.

In the depths of winter, we especially need the reminder that beneath mounds of snow lie seeds already being prepared to burst forth "with the sun's love" into springtime flowers.

When you're in the cold depths of despair, grief, illness or other struggles, remember the deeply buried seed. Beyond your view, God's love is already tending that seed, readying it to blossom into healing, new friendship, joy and life.

THE 2012 LENTEN EXPERIENCE

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

You asked for it! Our Lenten experience is upon us and this year we will be visiting the "New Lord's Prayer." That's the title you have given it, isn't it? Here's a question for you: "Is the 'New Lord's Prayer' really 'New?'" Come each Wednesday of Lent and be inspired and surprised!

Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Holden Vesper Service 7:00 PM

Lee & Sue Ruud—Cantors
Curtis Pierce & Bruce Mangum—Music

ASH WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 22, 2012

"Our Father In Heaven"

Soup Supper-Church Office Staff
Pastor Carl's Homemade Yeast Rolls
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
Everyone in attendance receives a Lenten coin

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

February 29, 2012

"Hallowed Be Your Name"
Soup Supper-The Esther Circle

March 7, 2012

"Your Kingdom Come"
Soup Supper-The Hope Chorale

March 14, 2012

"Your Will Be Done, On Earth as In Heaven"

Soup Supper-Phoebe Circle

March 21, 2012

"Give Us Today Our Daily Bread"

Soup Supper-Sarah Circle

March 28, 2012

"Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us"

Soup Supper-Congregational Council

PALM SUNDAY

March 31 & April 1, 2012

Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

Palms & Holy Communion

New Members Received 9:30 am

Confirmation 11:00 am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 5, 2012

Maundy Thursday

Absolution, Holy Communion & The Stripping of the Altar

The Hope Chorale

April 6, 2012

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service of the Word

April 7, 2012

Saturday Easter Vigil Service—5:30 pm

Service of Salvation Scripture & Baptismal Remembrance

April 8, 2012

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Hope Chorale & Special Music at all Services

APRIL 15, 2012

SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Hope Chorale Cantata

at 8:00 & 9:30 am

A Congregational Brunch served following the

9:30 am Worship Service

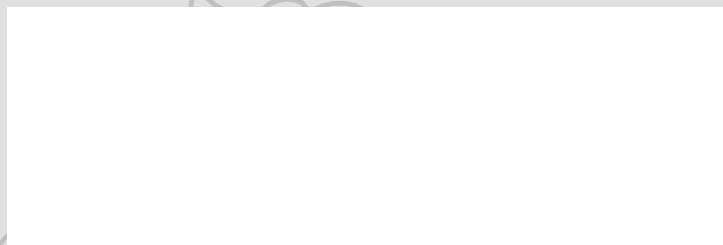
EPIPHANIES

“The word epiphany means to show forth. Epiphanies, both large and small, tend to be private events with great significance for the public. Trying to share the details with another of an epiphany is fraught with complications. The words are never quite right, and even the most sympathetic listener cannot fully bridge the gap between description and what it was like being there. Most of us keep our personal experiences of the Holy to ourselves. Who would believe it? And who would really understand? The irony is that epiphanies are made for sharing, even as they are impossible to communicate fully.”

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January 29, 2012**

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**Taize Service
Monday, February 6, 2012, 7:00 pm**