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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
¡HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

11/04 Dottie Usilton
11/10 Polly Karnes
11/11 Karen Smith
11/18 Brian Chafin
11/19 Eleanore Crosby
11/22 Jane Zaricki
11/25 Pearl Rogal
11/26 Bobby Wetherington
11/29 Tsedale Ayalew
12/01 Joan Eckert
Abby Potoker
12/03 Anna Reinertson
12/11 Helene Schaller
12/16 Vernon Liechti
Joan Morgan
12/20 Jane Curzio
Diane Reinertson
12/21 Ernie Hohman
12/23 Sallay Kanu
12/30 Kathy Kielmeyer
12/31 Stan Moore

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/02 David & Debra Greinke
12/08 Valerie & Steven Wilson

Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos, Pastor
703-829-0299
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www.HopeInAnnandale.church

The church office appreciates notification of additions, omissions and address changes of our members and friends. It is important that our records are kept current. Thank you.



Hope is alive!

Annandale Parade, Hope Halloween, Caring for Creation, Cooking For Needy

After a very successful Rally Day in September, we continued with fun and meaningful events in October and November. Hope's kids Sunday School was busy this fall parading, walking the plank, planting and cooking!

Parade: On Saturday, Oct. 27, Hope's Kids Sunday school-- along with several adult volunteers, including Pastor Santos and Jennifer, Donna, Barb, Dee, Jane and Wendy – participated in the Annandale Chamber of Commerce parade. The kids decorated Donna's jeep (crepe paper is still emerging from strange places...), made signs about Hope, designed their own parade T-shirts in Sunday School to show others why Hope is a cool place. The kids took turns walking and riding in the top-less jeep, handing out candy and invitations to Hope's "Alternative Halloween Event," giving treats to doggies and making lots of noise with noisemakers to show that Hope is alive! Next year we will bring tons more candy and invitations, as we had no idea that the streets would be lined with hundreds of kids!! Fun was had by all, cold weather aside.



-Hope's Halloween Party: Thanks to all the hard work by Dee and Joe, and our High School volunteers, our Alternative "Halloween" for Hope and community children was a smashing success! We had over 100 kids attend, as well as adult volunteers from Hope. The kids enjoyed the many Halloween games prepared by Dee and Joe – including a pirate Walk the Plank game – as well as crafts, and of course all got treats! We appreciate the donations of candy, and a big thanks to Dee, Joe and all of our volunteers!



-Caring for Creation: Hope's kids continue to care for creation. Barb, with help from the Conde family, planted Milkweed seeds to continue growing our Butterfly Habitat in the front yard of Hope. Barb plans more planting ahead! Thanks to all who dug and got dirty. The Monarch butterflies will appreciate your work on their future migration path.



-Caring for the needy: Hope's Sunday School, with help from Barb, Donna and Claire, baked cookies for the needy. The goodies were delivered to Baily's Homeless



Shelter in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

From the Pastor's Desk

“Look ahead to where you want to go, not to where you fear you might crash.” That is the advice that is given to people when they take professional driving lessons regarding what to do in case of a crash or if they lose control over their vehicle. Your hands control the steering wheel but it is your eyes that control how your hands will steer it. You will end up going in the direction in which you are looking. Ultimately, you control the vehicle with your eyes, not just with your hands! The advice applies to life; and to the life and mission of the church. I know that today there are many of us that are feeling anxious and deeply troubled, even disturbed. People feel like they have been hit hard and unexpectedly, and now find themselves in a spinning vehicle (life) that has gone out of control.

Turn your gaze in the direction of your hopes not of your fears. Dare to dream, or as we say in our website: Dare to Hope! The problems are real, the dangers are not imaginary, the anxiety is justified. But we believe in One who knows a thing or two about dealing with difficult situations; we believe in One who calms the raging winds of the storm, who raises the dead to life, who calls the universe into being out of nothingness! And that One is at work in our midst, calling us to turn our gaze in the direction of the future that has been promised to us, the future that we have been called to help bring about. Hope is not passive. Fear freezes but hope mobilizes. Hope lights a fire in the heart. Hope does not allow us to give in to despair or to give up on life. Hope compels us, propels us even, to stir our whole existence and commitment in the direction of a future that does not yet exist but that is being brought into being by the One who breathes the fire of hope into our hearts.

Once we turn our gaze back to God, we will be able to carry out the mission that has been entrusted to us. Our mission is bring people to hope. It is our duty and privilege to help ignite the fire of hope in this community by proclaiming the Good News of the power of God's liberating love in Jesus the Christ, by sharing the holy sacraments of bread, wine and water with all those who are hungry for God, and by offering ourselves in acts of service, protest, reconciliation, kindness and peace.

As we get ready to start a new year let us take a moment to take a deep breath and reorient our gaze in the direction that we want to go. The rest will follow, as Jesus said: seek first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33 NRSV). Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Carmelo Santos

SYMPATHY

+ We share the comfort of resurrection hope in Jesus Christ with Pastor Carmelo Santos and family at the death of his father, *Carmelo Santos Torres* on October 29, 2016.

+ We share the comfort of resurrection hope in Jesus Christ with Martha Morris and family at the death of her husband, *James (Frank) Morris* on November 13, 2016.

+ We share the comfort of resurrection hope in Jesus Christ with Sherry and family at the death of her father, *Arthur Homann* on November 30, 2016.

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HLC Fall Work Day (11/05/2016)

On Saturday, November 5th, we had our Fall Work Day at Hope Lutheran Church. It was a beautiful Saturday, the sun was out and it was cool and crisp.

Approximately 8 to 10 hardy souls showed up to do some outside work around the church property. We focused on trimming low hanging branches, weeding in the beds at the north end of the church and clearing brush at the south end of the property near the shed. We accomplished a lot but as always there is still more to do.

Around noon a soup and bread lunch was provided by Karen Hogeboom and Debbie Moore. It was great.

Next HLC Work day will be in the spring so be ready to help our church property look better after a cold winter.

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Altar Flowers and Candles



The Altar Flowers, Monthly Candles and Presence light charts for 2016 will be posted in the hall. Your donation of flowers, candles or the weekly presence light help make Hope's worship service meaningful.

The Sunday Altar flowers are \$40 for one arrangement and \$50 for two arrangements. Monthly candles are \$15 and the presence light is \$4.50 a week. All donations are appreciated.

If you would like a special flower arrangement or would like to welcome a new baby with a rose on the altar, please contact Unell Hobbs. 703-851-7514 or hobbsusa@verizon.net.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Red Christmas Poinsettias plants will be available again this year. The plants will be \$10.50 and will be available for pickup after the Christmas Eve Service.

Outdoor Christmas Wreaths

Please be a sponsor of an outdoor Christmas Wreath.

The cost is \$20 and the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

Thanks for helping in decorating Hope!

6480 7th Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
11 October 2016

Hope Lutheran Church
4604 Ravensworth Road
Annandale, VA 22312

Dear Family of Hope,

I was very surprised to receive the gift honoring the work done during 2014-16 to repair and improve the buildings and grounds of Hope. Thank you very much for the beautiful memento.

I will always cherish it as a recognition of a rare coming together of members of a congregation to stand up and assume leadership and responsibility for the future of the work of that congregation in the community. I was honored to be a part of that movement which succeeded in fixing the leaking roof, replacing the heating system, saving energy, and making the building and grounds safe and attractive.

Those who contributed time, intelligence, and money to accomplish these goals have my greatest respect and gratitude.

May God continue to be with the Family of Hope and guide its mission in Annandale.

Sincerely,



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Thank You!

Trudy Whitlow sends her deep appreciation to the Hope Lutheran community for the calls, visits, and beautiful quilt she has received in rehab and since being home. Many thanks to all who have checked in on her and shared God's love with her.
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Gifts of Hope

Bring Hope to Others; Shop Gifts of Hope.

Give a unique gift to your loved one this Christmas and help those in need by selecting gifts from the 2016 Gifts of Hope Catalog of Gifts. With prices ranging from \$10 to \$250 the gifts support the mission and programs of area Lutheran social service organizations, camps college and seminary; and our Metro DC Synod's companion synods abroad. Your Gifts of Hope selections will bring hope to others while you honor those on your gift list. You will receive, by mail, a Christmas card to present to your honored loved one.

View all gifts and the GOH organizations in our catalog and at www.GiftsofHopeDC.org

The Lutheran magazine - now called *Living Lutheran*.
website, WWW.LIVINGLUTHERAN.ORG.

Living Lutheran, signifies this church's living, daring confidence in God's grace.

The Living Lutheran magazine is a connection with members of congregations that offers news and views on faith, Scripture and mission advocacy. The magazine is a resource for education, outreach and evangelism while providing a forum for discussion on issues of the day. If you already have a subscription to *Living Lutheran* through the church, it is time to renew your subscription. The cost is \$8.95 for the 12 issues a year. Please make out your check to HLC and mark it for *Living Lutheran*. If you wish to begin a subscription, please call church office. Ph.703-256-9040

QUILTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Hope quilters have a varied selection of Christmas design quilts this season. We are pleased to be able to hang them in the Narthex as part of the decorations for the church for the holidays. These quilts will also be for sale. If you would like to purchase one, please let us know. We will take it down for you and then replace it with another. The quilter's closet also contains a number of quilts with other designs. If you are searching for a unique gift, we will be happy to help you with that choice. Let us know you are interested and we will arrange a time for you to browse. The selection contains designs suitable for children, women and men. Several are hand quilted and are extra special.



Please contact Debbie Moore at 703-256-5563 to schedule your shopping experience.

Just a reminder that we meet on Tuesdays from 9-12 and are always looking for new folks to join us. No sewing experience is necessary. Think about us for your New Year's resolution!!

LIVELY SAINTS - The Christmas luncheon will be held **Wednesday, December 7 at 12:00 noon**. An outstanding musical program is planned. "The Village Four" a men's quartet from the Greenspring Retirement community will share their outstanding talents with us and will also join us for lunch.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a guest to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch and an outstanding musical interlude with you.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office as soon as possible.

Don't miss out on the fun! - - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 12:00 NOON

For information contact: Susan Turnbach at susan.turnbach@verizon.net

Parking lot lights

In October, new highly efficient fixtures were installed in our seven parking lot lights replacing high pressure sodium vapor lights.

This culminated a six month effort screening contractors, receiving bids, and finally purchasing and installing the lights. New wiring was provided only for the light fixture on the entrance driveway near the Hope sign.

The principal benefits are

- Energy savings and reduction of Hope's carbon footprint
- operating cost savings
- reduction of hazardous waste generated.



The lights were manufactured by SimplyLEDs located in Idaho and installed by Nugent Electric.



- These lights reduce the electricity demand from 455 Watts to 120 Watts per fixture. The lights are operated from 4-6 hours daily.
- They have a tested lifetime of more than 250,000 hours and come with a ten year warranty. The lights are on the DesignLights Consortium Qualified Products List and ETL Listed (Electronic Testing Laboratories)
- The payback period for electricity alone is estimated at about 6 years at 2015 electricity rates.

New light bulbs for the old fixtures ran about \$15-\$18 each and must be treated as hazardous waste. New ballasts can cost up to \$150 each.

The lights were purchased with a generous donation to the Caring for Creation equity fund.

**Hope Montessori School and Hope Lutheran Church
are partnering to help feed children in need in our very own community.**

Over 75% of the children at both Annandale Terrace and Braddock Elementary schools are on free/reduced meals.

With the children out of school for the 2 weeks of winter break, those children are in a particularly vulnerable situation. The breakfast and lunch they receive at school are, many times, the only meals they eat during the day.

Our joint goal is to feed 25 families at each school and we ask for your help in different ways:

1. Food donations: please bring in nutritious non-perishable items that do not require cooking, or very little cooking. Things like healthy cereals, granola bars, applesauce, peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal, canned soups, etc.
2. Grocery gift cards to Giant, Kmart or Safeway: these are the main grocery stores for families of these particular schools. The maximum gift card value should be \$25. If you desire to give a larger amount, please split it up among multiple cards (e.g. if you wish to give \$50, please send in two gift cards of \$25 ea.)
3. Money: you may also write a check for any amount to Hope Lutheran Church and make a note of "school food drive"

The members of the Church will be filling the food bags before delivery, but specific date still TBD (likely will be a late Sunday morning). School families are welcome (and encouraged!) to participate in the "assembly line", so keep an eye out for the next email with more specifics (as well as the closing date for us to accept donations, but it likely will be coming up sooner than later...)

Please feel free to drop donations off at school during the school week/hours, or on Sunday in the Church lobby.

For more info contact Barbara Thomas, 703-425-2850 Email: Bkundathomas@gmail.com

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- HLCW CHRISTMAS GIVING -

In past years, the Hope Congregation has offered assistance to the surrounding community with generosity and a Christian spirit that was joyful in its celebration of the Christmas spirit. It has been our custom to remember families recommended by ACCA, Fairfax County Social Services, or families from our Parent Education Classes.

We would like to continue this tradition but are finding it hard to do the physical work of shopping and delivering the gifts. We would appreciate hearing from those of you who would like this gift giving to continue and would be willing to help make it happen.

Peg Honour and Mona Ottoson

ACCA News -

Annandale Christian Community for Action - www.accacares.org

The ACCA Food Pantry is currently low on food, especially Jello, pudding, crackers, canned fruit, cereal, dried black beans, and personal items such as soap, toilet paper and diapers.

ACCA History - Did You Know?

ACCA was born on March 13, 1967 at a small meeting at Peace Lutheran Church on Lincolnia Rd. About three dozen people representing eight area churches attended that first meeting, including six clergy. Their goal was to "weld the Annandale Christian community into a spiritual and material force for Christian social action." The immediate problem they were addressing was the plight of 13 children who attended the Higher Horizons Day Care Center, Inc., and who were going to be ejected because their family income exceeded the poverty index. By the end of the evening the group had pledged to raise \$1,000 to place the children in other centers and a day care action committee was established.

WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM) ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

| DATES | NOVEMBER 6 | NOVEMBER 13 | NOVEMBER 20 | NOVEMBER 27 | CONTACTS |
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WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM) ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER 2016

| DATES | DECEMBER 4 | DECEMBER 11 | DECEMBER 18 | DECEMBER 25 | CONTACTS |
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DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 3:00 PM: CLAUDIA GANDER & MEG MARCUS
 7:30 PM: DIANE CAMERON & CLAUDIA GANDER

FLOWERS & CANDLES - UNELL HOBBS 703-851-7514

December 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>9:00am Christian Education 10:00am Worship Service/HC 11:15am The Hope Ensemble 12:30pm - 4:00pm Korean Cong. 5:00pm - 6:00pm OA Meeting 5:00pm "RYD-A-OUND"</p> | <p>26</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i> 7:30pm "RYD-A-Round"</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:00am Quilter 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:00pm-7:30pm Hope Ensemble—(Fellowship) 7:30pm Bells of Hope 7:30pm-8:30pm KCPC (3/3a)</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8:30pm AA Mtg. (Flwshp Hall)</p> | <p>31</p> <p>7:30am-9:00am KCPC (3/3a)</p> |