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JUNE BIRTHDAYS
♪HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU♪

06/02 Ryan Hobbs
06/03 Ned Jones
Anna Noffsinger
06/07 Barry Potoker
06/08 Maddy Dean
06/14 Adele Clark
Eunice T'Chawi
06/15 Wendy Dean
06/16 John Bowlen
06/17 Scott Moore
06/27 Jennifer Graves
Brian Hill
06/28 Nedra Bird
06/29 Lana Bickert

June Anniversaries

06/07 Ted & Manh Veth
06/16 Clarice & Robert Williams
06/20 Debbie & Stan Moore
06/20 Jennifer & Carmelo Santos
06/20 Nami & Robert Wetherington
06/23 Lois & Dennis Chafin
06/24 Loretta & George Cross
06/26 Rosaura & Eddie Conde
06/28 Arlene & Fred Klauber
06/29 Gloria & Mecky T'chawi

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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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

There was once a pilot who announced to his passengers: "We have good news and bad news. The good news is that we are traveling at full speed. The bad news is that we are not sure where we are heading!" Without a clear sense of its mission a church can engage in many projects and programs, even successfully and at full speed, but it won't reach its destination. Who would buy a plane ticket for a flight that does not know its destination? Perhaps the poets are correct in saying that the destination only exists for the sake of the journey, but we won't go on the journey without the lure of the destination.

So, what is our destination? To where is God calling the people of Hope at the beginning of this new century? We all want to see Hope thrive and new people arrive, but when we invite people to Hope, what exactly do we want to invite them to? In other words, what is the mission of our church? That is the question that has been occupying my thoughts for the last several months and especially after our counsel's visioning retreat, what is the *raison d'être* of Hope.

After praying, surveying the congregation, going on a visioning retreat and pondering the question in my heart for many months, I am beginning to have an idea of the answer. I am still tinkering with the exact wording but I would say that the mission of Hope can be summarized in the following three general statements:

- To inspire hope in the community that a different, better world is possible
- To love our community and especially those most in need, by helping them as we are able and by advocating for them.
- To worship God joyfully with vibrant musical and liturgical traditions representing the rich diversity of our community.

We are called to inspire hope in the community by reminding everybody that our lives and our world are not accidents. God made us, Christ claimed us, and the Holy Spirit empowers us. So we can make something beautiful with our lives and together be agents of God's work of bringing healing, wholeness and beauty into the world.

We are called to love our community and especially those most in need. But to love does not mean to have cozy feelings about everybody. It means to be committed to the well being of the other because every "other" no matter how hateful or even evil he or she might seem, remains always a creature of our common Divine Creator, and the object of God's infinite care. Justice, as Martin Luther King Jr. once said, is what love looks like in public. We are called to love by helping those in need, but also by asking hard and uncomfortable questions about how things got to be the way they are? As a church we are called to advocate for justice and fairness in the social, economic and political spheres. We are called to worship God, which, in the biblical languages, literally means to prostrate ourselves before God. To worship is to surrender one's being to God as the eagle surrenders to the wind or the fish to the water. By surrendering to the wind the eagle soars through the skies, and by surrendering to the water the dolphin glides through the sea. In worship we surrender to the infinite love that has been revealed to the world in Christ, and in doing so we find ourselves marvelously lifted up from the inside out as if on eagle's wings and able to navigate through the ups and downs of life as the dolphin glides through the seas.

That is what I have in mind when I invite people to Hope. I want them to be inspired to hope that a different world is possible, I want them to join us in working for a more just and humane society, I want them to join us in boldly loving especially those who most desperately need to be loved (those that have been tossed aside by society); I want to invite them to join us in the joy of worshipping from the heart the One and Triune God who gifts us with our existence, who rescues us from guilt and evil, and who leads us unto eternal life. I think that is the mission of Hope; I think that is the destination to which the divine Spirit is calling us.

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What do you think? What do you think is the mission and destination of Hope? What do you want to invite people to when you invite them to Hope? Please let me know by sending me an e-mail at HopePastorAnnandale@gmail.com, or by giving me a call at: (703) 829-0299.

If there is consensus that this is the mission God is calling us to I will then proceed to flesh it out and with the input of the council, use it to develop a strategic plan so that we can not only travel at full speed, like the pilot mentioned above, but also make sure that we are heading in the right direction.

Sincerely yours,

Pr. Carmelo Santos
Senior Pastor of Hope

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Hope Kids' Sunday School Butterfly Project

The Sunday School, as part of our caring for creation series, has started building a Monarch Way Station. On May 22, the children, assisted by Barbara Liechti and Donna Moylan, planted Milkweed plants around the stump in front of the playground. We discussed how Monarch butterflies migrate and need food on their journey, and how they only like Milkweed plants.

The children also created a little birdbath on top of the stump with a metal bowl and stones. As we worked the ground, planted and watered, we discovered lots of little creatures that God made, including worms, ants and other little insects, as well as beautiful leaves and wild flowers in the church yard. We plan to continue planting native milkweed and other nectar plants, hoping to give Monarch butterflies a place to eat and rest on their migration through the Annandale area. Danny also got a chance to watch caterpillars turn into butterflies in the butterfly kit we sent home with him, which he took on his journey with his family all the way to Boston. Barbara plans to help the kids plant red and white geraniums and possibly also blue flowers this Sunday to honor Memorial Day in style!



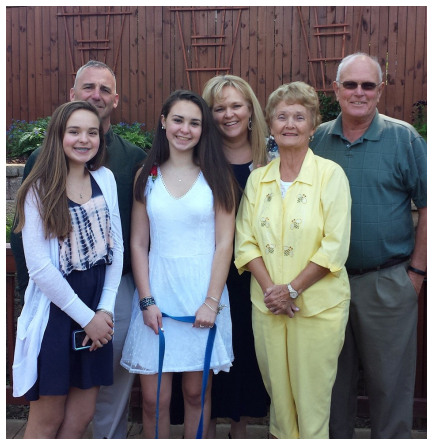
Rite of Baptism May 8, 2016

Thomas Edward Dean born on October 29, 2005

Madeline Elizabeth Dean born on June 8, 2008

Children of William Soloman Dean and Wendy Levenson Dean

Sponsors: Carmelo Santos and Jennifer Santos



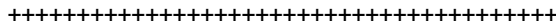
Congratulations to **Abby Grace Potoker**. Baptized at Hope Lutheran Church February 24, 2002 and confirmed at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on May 15, 2016. Abby is the daughter of Lore and Barry Potoker. Her Hope family wishes that the Lord bless and keep her always.



SYMPATHY

Lucy Bancroft Mckay died on May 8, 2016. A service celebrating her life was held on May 13, 2016 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Lucy was life-long Lutheran, and active member of many congregations including, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church of Norfolk. Her husband Jon, and their children, Myles and Liam are members of Hope. Please keep them in your prayers in the days to come.

A long time Lively Saints Volunteer, **Cecilia Novellino** died on May 18, 2016. A Memorial service were held on June 2, 2016 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Photos for Hope's 2016 Directory

We have about 75% of the photos taken! If you have not had your portrait taken, we invite you to do so after the 10:00 a.m. worship service between now and June 25. If you didn't like the way your picture turned out, you are welcome to have it retaken. There is no charge for the picture, only to place your order for the directory. If you can't get to the service on Sunday but would like your photo to be included, please be in touch with the church office.

Women's Breakfast/Study at the June 11, 10:00 am meeting the discussion will be on a book written by *Eben Alexander, M.D.* "Proof of Heaven." Call Ruth Wetherington 703-451-7412 to order a copy of the book. (Cost \$11.95)

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CALLING ALL OUR HLC AVID BOOK READERS!

Been wondering what our HLC Ropes Book Club members are reading for the June discussion meeting?

Here it is: "In the Shadow of the Banyan" by Vaddey Ratner. The novel is remarkable for it is based on the author's childhood experience in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge's brief reign. There is improbable survival in a climate of violence and also human resilience told by an author who has an extraordinary gift for language.

Our discussion club will meet Sunday, June 12, 2016, 2 p.m. Our hostess will be Andrea Nellius in Springfield, VA.

Questions? Contact Andrea (703-451-8507) or Mona Ottoson (703-866-0472)
Mark your calendars. See you there!

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Spirituality

Spirituality is the study of Spirit.

Spirit is a force trying to change an imperfect or hurtful drive into a Less hurtful drive, a helpful drive, a more helpful drive, a completely helpful drive, an improved drive or a Perfect drive.

A drive is a force.

Life is mass that can only be created by God and holds Emotions, Spirits and Drives.

Emotions, Spirits, Drives, Efforts all Life and all Forces were all created by God.

Effort (or mental toughness) is Life trying to do something in spirit of all of the other Emotions that exist within it.

Emotions are feelings we have like Love, Courage, Gratitude, Joy, Greed, Depression, Desire, Anger, Guilt, Pain and Fear.

I Love thinking about thinking about trying to make, trying to make or making a good, spirited and diligent effort. Thinking about trying to do it is a beautiful gift from God, trying to do it is a beautiful gift from God and doing it is a beautiful gift from God.

Aaron Lichtenstein

If anyone has a poem or brief piece that would like us to consider publishing in the Anchor, please send it to Hope.annva@verizon.net by the 15th of the month.

Adult Sunday School Continues Study of the Church and Criminal Justice

Hope's adult Sunday School class continues study of the ELCA's social statement, *The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries*, through June 19. Ending the overuse of incarceration is considered the area that stands out above others and deserves immediate attention. Amy Gill, director of federal legislative affairs for FAMM, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, will join the class June 19. FAMM is a leading advocacy organization in prison sentencing reform. Coffee and pastries are available at 8:45. Classes begin at 9:00 am. The classes are open to everyone.



Molly Gill is FAMM's director of federal legislative affairs. She works with federal legislators, affected family members, and other criminal justice stakeholders to promote sentences that protect public safety and that are proportionate to the offense. She also serves as a commissioner on the District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission.

Prior to coming to FAMM in 2007, Gill practiced construction and commercial litigation and assisted with prosecuting homicides, gang crimes, and gun offenses for the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a member of the D.C. Bar, and has a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and a bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University, where her Christian faith inspired her to advocate on behalf of prisoners.

Gill has appeared as an expert on mandatory minimum sentences, sentencing law, and executive clemency issues on CNN, CNN Headline News, NPR, Al Jazeera, *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*, *CBS Evening News*, *HuffPost Live*, and other American, British, and Canadian radio and television shows. She has spoken on a wide variety of academic and conference panels and is frequently a guest lecturer for the Washington Semester program at American University in Washington, DC. Her writings have been published in numerous journals and newspapers, including *The Washington Post*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Washington Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Sojourners Magazine*, and the *Federal Sentencing Reporter*.

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Lively Saints News

June 1st is the last Lively Saints luncheon for the season. We will resume serving the luncheons in October - always on the first Wednesday of each month. The program will be given by the Montessori children. We will also celebrate June, July, and August birthdays.

Last month our program was given by Anne Hicks, Chairperson for the Emily and Fred Ruffing ACCA Scholarship Fund, which is given annually to a handicapped high school student going on to college. Emily and Fred were the founders of ACCA.

ACCA will be celebrating 50 years of operation in 2017. The Lively Saints are already thinking about a project they can do to be a part of the celebration.

If you are over 55 years of age and have never yet attended a Lively Saints luncheon, you are also welcome to participate in this fun program for senior at Hope. Your friends are always welcome, too.

Question? Call Claire Greinke-703-852-4792

QUILTING NEWS

Recently the quilters have been busy working on a new project. Pastor Santos issued us an “**invitation**” as he often says, to come up with something he could take to folks who are hospitalized, facing an extended illness, a long recovery, or are homebound that would show that Hope church is mindful of their need and is praying for them.

What we came up with is a smaller, “**prayer shawl**” version of the quilts we currently make. These new items have been fun for our group to design and create and we hear that they have been much appreciated by those who have received them.



Several of our quilts went along with the personal hygiene kits that were delivered to Bailey’s Shelter after the special Easter project was completed. These quilts will be given to the folks who will be leaving the shelter and are headed for their own place. What a privilege to be a small part of this joyous occasion.



Our small group continues to be quite productive. We invite you to come and work with us as we continue to design and create our beautiful ministry for those in need. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9 until 12. No sewing experience is necessary.

ACCA NEWS

ACCA will be celebrating 50 years of service to the community this fall with member congregations participating in a joint service featuring combined choirs and with a special dinner recognizing the work done by the many volunteers.

ACCA’s volunteers continue to provide help to those in need, endeavoring to “do what Jesus would do” here and now in our community. Each month the Family Emergency Committee spends between \$15,000 and \$20,000 helping families pay for rent, utilities, prescriptions, car repairs or emergencies that threaten a family’s stability.

Hope Church collects food for the ACCA pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Items that are always in short supply are: personal hygiene items and laundry detergent. Foods that are needed include breakfast cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit and vegetables, rice and pasta. Your donations can be placed in the ACCA basket in the church narthex.

To learn more about ACCA and to receive their monthly newsletters, go to the website www.accacares.org

Property News

While this month seemed to be consumed with the usual mundane continuing problems: mice, ants, cleaning, and plumbing, a few major objectives were accomplished:

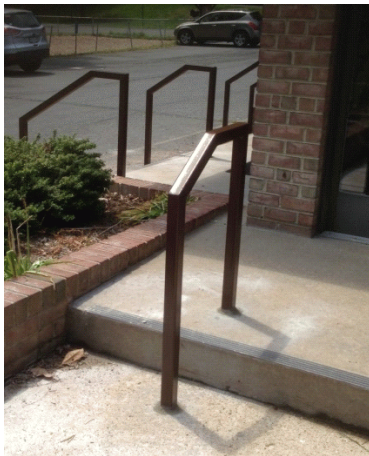


With the help of a contribution from a member, four dead trees close to the road were cut down. These trees were probably some of the original trees on the land here, in a time when Fairfax County held trees in high respect. Mario Martinez and his crew worked, mostly in drizzle and sometimes rain, to cut down the trees. The trunks were cut up, and the limbs were chipped. Paul Holland finished covering the Japanese knotweed area with landscape fabric just in time for Mario to pile the chips over that area so that Paul could spread them. The remaining chips were piled on tarps on the overflow gravel parking lot. Meg Marcus and Paul moved the chips to the border beds behind the building and more on the

knotweed. There is a small pile of chips left that can be used as we weed more of the border beds. The Sunday School, led by Barbara Liechti and Donna Haseley, is converting a stump into a Monarch Way Station. Unfortunately two of our beautiful *Betula nigra* (River Birch) trees in front of the church appear to have died, and Mario pointed out that another very large tree along the road is dying.



The leaking faucets on the kitchen sinks were replaced with new Kohler faucets. Karen Hogeboom selected and purchased the faucets, and Star Plumbing installed them. While they were there they rebuilt the dripping hose faucet on the small patio.



A generous grant from a memorial fund made it possible for Herndon Ironworks to replace the rusting and broken iron railings on the steps to the narthex. They also installed a new railing outside the east narthex door. Now the rest of the metal looks shabby and needs scraping and painting.

Finally, another request for people to work in the garden. If you own a chain saw or power cutting tool and you know how to use it, some smaller bushes and a small tree need to be pruned or cut down. Anyone with a pickup truck willing to drive to metal recycling or the landfill, please contact me. There is only so much that will fit in a station wagon

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