



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WEEKLY NEWS - January 8, 2012

✘ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ✘

WELCOME! We are glad that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 134:2 says, "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD." Here in the Lord's House our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in His Word and Sacrament to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the church basement. Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Mr. & Mrs. Club of Hope Church.

✘ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✘

In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:13-17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:26-31). Jesus is the "chosen" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1-7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

✘ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✘

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Martin Luther penned a hymn for this festival, *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* or *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*. This hymn appeared in the 1524 *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn* edited by Luther's kantor Johann Walter. This is a quintessential 16th century German hymn tune (LSB 406), which is sometimes challenging for 21st century Americans to sing. The prelude today is based on this German tune. It was recently composed in the Baroque chorale prelude style where the *cantus firmus* (melody) is highly ornamented over the harmonic structure of the chorale; it is reminiscent of the chorale preludes of Heinrich Scheidemann. The voluntary during the offering is based on this same tune and is composed by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow. It uses the opening phrase of the hymn as the subject for a short fugue. In the fugue form, the subject (aka the melody) appears in all four voices: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The postlude today is based on the Christmas hymn *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen alle gleich* (LSB 389), it was composed by Johann Gottfried Walther who lived roughly a century after the earlier mentioned musician, Johann Walter.

✘ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ✘

- *Prepare* to receive the Lord's Supper by reviewing "Christian Questions and Their Answers" beginning on 329 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *Reflect* on Psalm 85 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *Ponder* the words of today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 405, "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord."

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at both Sunday morning Divine Services, with both chalice and individual cup offered, and at the Wednesday evening Divine Service, with chalice offered. Members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may partake of the Sacrament trusting that in this Holy Meal the Lord Jesus Christ is present and gives His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Guests are asked to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Those who have a health concern with the alcohol in the cup are asked to speak with one of the pastors. If you are taking Communion, please fill out the attendance card by marking an "X" in the box by the names of those communing, and hand the card to an usher as you go to the Lord's Table.

✘ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✘

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany (January 15, 2012)

Jesus is our Lord of gladness and gives us a foretaste of His heavenly wedding feast.

- Old Testament: **Exodus 33:12-23**— God reveals His glory to Moses by showing His "back." God must hide Himself to reveal Himself to us.
- Psalms: **Psalm 67**—"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us"
- Epistle: **Ephesians 5:22-33**— Christ is the bridegroom and His Church is the bride—a divine picture for all husbands and wives.
- Holy Gospel: **John 2:1-11**— Jesus changes water into rich wine at a wedding banquet and reveals Himself as the Lord of gladness.

✘ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✘

NEW OFFICERS FOR HOPE CHURCH will be installed today at the 10:30 service. They are President, Jeff Nielsen; Secretary, Diana Brown; Elders, Phil Swenson and Mark Maichel. Congratulate them as they work to serve their Lord and their congregation this coming year.

FLOWERS in front of the altar are placed to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of dear husband, father, grandfather and brother-in-law George Taubel placed by Ella Taubel and her family.

WE WELCOMED THESE VISITORS to services last week: Rev. Jonathan Bakker; Amber Castens; Anthony Dodgers; Tim & Darci Fraher; The Grimensteins; Sally & Anna Herrickson; Betsy Karkan; Carole Lehr; Marlene Otto; Paul & Melissa Reske; Scott Schwiesow; Sarah Steiner; Jacob Webster; and Ashley Woods.

THANK YOU to all those who contributed gifts for the Giving Tree. The people were very thankful and appreciative of the gifts and the thoughtfulness. People that received the cookies really enjoyed them.

NURSERY CARE is provided from 9:30 to 10:15 in the nursery (located on the southeast side of the second floor). This is for children who are not yet old enough for Sunday School. It is staffed by four volunteers.

SNOW SHOVELING - If you are able, please consider volunteering your time and muscle this Winter when needed. Help is needed at 7:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning and occasionally at other times if the snowfall is significant during the week. Please contact Nathan Maichel at nmm79@cornell.edu if you are willing to help.

LUTHERAN WITNESS subscription renewal (or take out a new subscription!) time is here. The *Lutheran Witness* is a magazine that informs us as to what others are doing for the Lord. A yearly subscription is \$15. You can put your check in the specific envelope in your packet, make check payable to Hope Church. Please send your money in by **January 30, 2012**.

OPEN ALTAR VASES on Sun., **January 15, 22, and 29**. Please call Carol, 352-0014 to reserve a date. A vase cost \$16.00 each and the flowers are yours to take home after the service. If there is a Sunday this year that you want to put flowers on the altar, please check the Altar Flower Calendar for this year hanging in the narthex. You can write your name on the Sunday you want flowers and take an envelope to put your payment in.

QUARTERLIFE FELLOWSHIP is an LCMS young adult group. Their next activity is a trivia night **Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. at Village Lutheran Church at 9237 Clayton Rd., 63124**. There is also a Bible study the first and third Thursdays of the month at Village Lutheran. For more information about the group contact Nathan Maichel nmm79@cornell.edu. To get on the email list contact Chelsea at chels.madd@gmail.com. There is also a Facebook group to join for more information.

SAUSAGE DINNER at **Zion Lutheran Church, Pevely, Sun., Jan. 15**, from noon to 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (6-12).

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE at **St. Paul Lutheran School, Des Peres**, for **Kindergarten** will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m.** It will be held at the South Campus of the School, 829 Ballas Rd., just south of Manchester Rd. Families who have children going into Kindergarten next school year are invited to attend.

"MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE" is a workshop sponsored by Concordia Seminary Life Team on **Sat., Jan. 28, 2012** on Concordia Seminary campus. The workshop is suitable for adults and older teens. There is a \$20 fee which includes lunch and the manual. Register before *January 23* by calling 505-7486.

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Topics include: The Wise Men, The Epiphany Season, The Baptism of Jesus, and more. You can listen LIVE weekdays from 4-5 p.m. on KSIV, 1320 AM.

✱ **THIS WEEK AT HOPE** ✱

<i>Baptism of Our Lord - January 8, 2012</i>					
<u>Schedule</u>		<u>Offerings during Sunday School Hour</u>			
8:00 - DIVINE SERVICE <i>Coffee Hour (Coffee Room)</i>		Nursery - 2 nd floor - Rachel Asburry			
9:30 - Bible Class, Sunday School Youth Catechesis		<i>Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan Kam-</i> Kantor Rosebrock- coffee hour room			
10:30 - DIVINE SERVICE		Ages 3 thru High School - Auditorium			
11:45 Schola Rehearsal					
4:00 Kantorei Rehearsal					
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
7:00 Bd of Elders 8:00 Fiscal Board	10:30 Goodfellow- ship Club	6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Divine Service	<i>Kantor's day off</i>		<i>Pastor's day off</i>

Members & Guests Attending

Divine Services - Last week

New Year's Eve - 33
 New Year's Day 8:00 - 33
 New Year's Day 11:00 - 73

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

Monday, January 9 - Joel Maichel