

Hope Happenings

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OCTOBER 2011

Services in October:

FOOD CART

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Cart each Sunday. We suggest protein-filled donations such as peanut butter, energy bars, nuts, meat or fish and canned fruits or vegetables. These donations go to *Feed My People, Clothe My People* each week.



2 COMMUNION

9:00 Adult Forum: **“Human Trafficking”**

Presented by Kathleen Ann Thompson

9:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:30 **Worship Service: “Live Out the Life”**

Rev. Richard Feyen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MARGGRAF BAPTISM

Sunday School: Grades 4K – 6th



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9:00 Adult Forum:

“A Brush with Kindness”

*Presented by Rick Nelsen, Executive Director,
Habitat for Humanity*

9:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:30 **Worship Service: “A Little Stupidity”**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mel Henrichs

Sunday School: Grades 4K – 6th



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9:00 Adult Forum: **“The Journey is the Reward”**

Presented by

Doug & Kim LaViolette

9:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:30 **Worship Service:**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Allin Walker

Sunday School: Grades 4K – 6th

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9:00 Adult Forum: **Sunshine House**

Presented by Annie Lambert

9:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:30 **Worship Service: “Giving of Your Heart”**

Rev. Richard Feyen:

Sunday School: Grades 4K – 4th



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9:00 Adult Forum: **“Cultivating Change to End Domestic Abuse”**

*Presented by Ursula Bunnell, Executive Director,
HELP of Door County*

9:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:30 **Worship Service: “Map Reading 101”**

Rev. Richard Feyen:

Sunday School: Grades 4K – 6th



DEACONS' CORNER



3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PIZZA & MOVIE PARTY

Monday, October 31,

at 5:00 pm

Use Hope's parking lot to Trick-or-Treat in the neighborhood, Then

Stop in for some pizza, sodas, movies, & good family time!



We're working on how to make our management of the prayer list more responsive to your needs. Let us know how you feel about it.

Happy Autumn!



TRUSTEE'S STUFF

We have been busy at Hope. Our accomplishments include:

- ✘ We repaired a leaky gutter in the courtyard, thanks Steve Brunstrom.
- ✘ We replaced 4 burnt out light bulbs in the foyer. 2 more need replacement.
- ✘ Allin Walker repaired and hung a large mirror in the choir room.
- ✘ We had an inspection from the fire department and we corrected 3 out of 4 issues. We purchased an emergency light and will replace it next week.
- ✘ Henk Wolst stripped and primed the center post of the main entry way. He is conferring with colleagues to choose a proper weather-stripping product and will install same.
- ✘ Jerry Bloom has headed to Florida for the winter. Jerry, Henk Wolst, and Steve Brunstrom were part of the lawn mowing team for this season, thank you all for your help.

Projects in the works include:

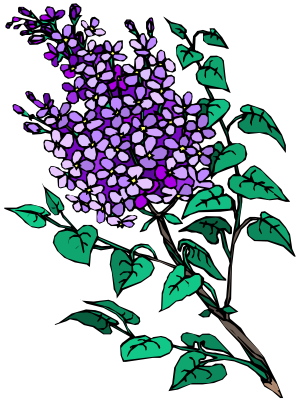
- ✓ We have set a date of October 6th at 5:00 pm to replace the roofing tiles that got water stains from this spring. If anyone wants to help contact Mark Nelson 559-0234.
- ✓ We are going to check on heating system in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ We want to determine why two banks of lights are out in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ We need to caulk a window in the entry way.

Mark Nelson, Chairperson

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FROM PASTOR RICHARD



. . of Lilacs and Rhubarb

During the first week of October, the Sturgeon Bay Noon Rotary Club will (hopefully) vote to include me in their membership. I have been proposed for membership by a colleague, then the application goes to a membership committee. Upon their referral, the application goes to the Board of Directors where, I understand, a final vote is taken and any member has the right to object. There have been one or two friendly folk who have suggested that they might object - but it does cause me to wonder if it ever really happens. Perhaps, in the past, it did when businessmen feared a competitor gaining access to the same set of acquaintances; but now most organizations are more than eager to welcome as many new members as possible. Even the church. But why? This is more than a rhetorical query. And before you answer it, be careful because there are some very popular wrong answers.

My thoughts today are affected by a couple of recent meetings I've attended. All day Saturday (17th) and then from 5:00pm Sunday until 5:00pm Monday (18th and 19th) I attended meetings having to do with "change in the church". State-wide, churches are, for the most part, declining in membership; feeling rather stale

because, for most churches, contributions are down, and attendance is lagging. The result is that financial support is declining and our state wide organization is cutting back on the services (sound familiar) that it provides to the local churches. So, popularly, folk want to say that we need more members in order to survive. But the deeper question really is, what is the church doing or not doing or what are the overall cultural changes going on that result in people drifting from a community of people that gather to celebrate the Sacred Spirit that is among them?

On the 25th of September we celebrated the welcoming into our community some new members with a lunch and statements of assurance that we will be here for one another. On October 2nd we also welcome some new members and we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. In both cases ancient traditions are often recognized and lifted up in most churches to celebrate new life among us. The words we hear are different at Hope than in most churches. But the message is still the same; we are going to be here for one another. We are a community that lives to support one another and help one another; feeding and nurturing our youth together, learning together and reaching out to care for others together. We are a community of faithful

spiritual people striving to build a better community. In my mind it is all about a better life for all now.

Our challenge, and our message, as a community of people seeking a more faithful Christ-Spirit life of mindfulness, is to let others know that we respect the path to the Sacred they are on and wish to be One. If we do that we will grow, not so that we survive, but because we have an important and honest message to share.

ADULT FORUMS

2011-2012 Mission:
To promote acts of kindness, no matter how small or large from Sturgeon Bay to Swaziland!

At a Glance October Forums

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Human Trafficking

Presented by Kathleen Thompson

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A Brush With Kindness

Presented by Rick Nelsen, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

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The Journey is the Reward

Presented by Doug & Kim LaViolette

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Sunshine House

Presented by Annie Lambert

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Cultivating Change to End Domestic Abuse

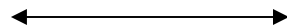
Presented by Ursula Bunnell, Executive Director HELP of Door County

October 2

Human Trafficking

Presented by Kathleen Thompson

We have a very special opportunity to have a forum conducted by Kathleen Thompson who, while traveling from Poland to Germany in 1999, witnessed the trafficking of two young Ukrainian girls into the sex trade of Western Europe. Haunted by their faced and naïve eyes, she contemplated their future captivity. They could not know the cruelty, torture, degradation and brokenness they would soon experience. The memory of that day stalked her conscience until she decided to produce "SEE ME! HEAR ME!" as a cry of expression to give voice to the 27 million people in our world (80% are women and children) who exist in slavery.....a HELL ON EARTH!



October 9

A Brush With Kindness

Presented by Rick Nelsen, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

Rick Nelsen will present a program that could lead us to "local" mission trips. Oftentimes people ask, "Why travel to do mission trips when there are people that need help right here?" We now have a local program to answer that query. Rick will tell us just how we can be involved in local, short term projects that will strengthen our community.

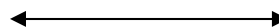
October 16

The Journey is the Reward

Presented by

Doug & Kim LaViolette

At just 15 years old, Brian LaViolette was wise beyond his years. He loved his family and friends, made time for soccer, golf and enjoyed playing the trumpet in his high school band. But with the fun came hard work. He excelled in school and set his sights on college. Life's journey, however, doesn't always work out as planned. Brian's life was claimed in a swimming accident, but his dreams live on; not only in the hearts and souls of today's students, but also through the encouragement of others to truly appreciate every moment of their life's journey. Since 1992, the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation has presented more than 450 scholarships to deserving college-bound students in Northeastern Wisconsin, the United States, and other parts of the world. The Foundation continues Brian's legacy by helping high school seniors financially to achieve their educational dreams. Join us on October 16 at 9:00 as Doug LaViolette presents "The Journey is the Reward."



October 23

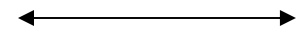
Sunshine House

Presented by Annie Lambert

For 40 years Sunshine House Inc. has been providing services to Door County, Wisconsin's citizens with special needs and/

or disabilities. Today the services that are offered include Personal Care, transportation, work services, supported employment and activities. From the beginning, Sunshine House has been committed to it's mission:

"Sunshine House Inc. is a diverse community service organization whose purpose is to achieve full participation in society of people with special needs."



October 30

Cultivating Change to End Domestic Abuse

Presented by Ursula Bunnell, Executive Director HELP of Door County

HELP of Door County, Inc. was started in 1979 as a grass roots initiative to address the issues of domestic violence. Their mission today is to eliminate domestic abuse through prevention and intervention services and to advocate for social change. This one hour presentation will prompt listeners to think about how creating awareness within our communities can cultivate a societal change where domestic abuse is no longer tolerated or accepted.

Ursula Bunnell BSW, CSW has been Executive Director HELP of Door County since June 2011. She is the former Director of Client Services for Golden House Domestic Abuse program in Green Bay, where she worked with hundreds of victims and children for 15 years. She is currently a board member for Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence and a State and Federally

CHURCH YOUTH

Greetings from the Youth Education department!

For any church there is no greater barometer of vitality than the laughter of children in its halls. This year Hope Church has been blessed with a sizable increase in the number of children attending the Sunday School program! Through the diligent work of the newly formed Youth Education Committee, a revitalized program awaited the children on September 11th. The drum-building kick off was a wonderful experience for the kids! The drums came out great and the children easily grasped the listen-and-respond aspect of improvisational drumming.

We're doing something new this year—we've decided to separate the 4k-1st graders from the older students so that their Sunday School experience can be much more meaningful to each of them. A Big thank you to June Kirali for teaching

the younger kids in September and to Holly Cole, who has volunteered to teach the older kids for the rest of the year!

A new bulletin board has been placed in the back hallway outside the classrooms - this board will focus on the fun and learning going on in our program this year! There are already fun photos of the drumming kick-off—keep checking back for more photos and artwork during the year!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has rolled up their sleeves and jumped in to make this happen. Blessing to all!

OCTOBER 23rd is going to be a big Sunday for the kids! They will be "hosting" the service, which will include doing all the readings, singing songs and preparing and serving the Coffee Hour! Please be sure to attend and show the kids how much you enjoy their efforts!

On an official note, Ed DiMaio has been named the

Chair for the Youth Education Committee and Jessika McCoy will be taking on the mantle of Superintendent. What does this mean to you? Well, if you have ANY questions about the classroom details or participation in Sunday School, either as a student or a volunteer, you should talk to Jessika. If you have any great ideas or concerns about general curriculum, you'll want to talk to Ed and he will present your comments directly to the committee (who meet at least once a month) and the Council.

As always, we would love to encourage and welcome any volunteers who think they might want to help with the Sunday School program!



CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation / Affirmation of faith will be taking on a little bit different look with 2 separate programs being offered:

Affirming Faith Class

For all ages, high school students who have not yet been confirmed to adults who have expressed a desire to learn more about the church. This program will consist of at least 2 day-long "retreat" experiences where faith practices (ours and other cultures) and personal faith experiences as well as the wider aspects of Christianity. Dates will be determined by the participants and Rev. Feyen. If you are interested, please call the church office at 743-2701.

Confirmation Class

Traditional confirmation program for youth in grades 7, 8 & 9 and will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays every month, with the initial gathering on Sunday, October 2nd. This class will be involved in the typical Faith Exploration; exploring Christianity and faith in a truly cross-cultural way. We will also spend time understanding Hope Church, its history and who we are today. By the end of this class each person will be able to write a personal statement of faith and each child will be able to choose whether or not to join this church in a traditional service at the end of April.

For this class we will need a commitment of at least 3 youth who will commit to every session. If interested, parents & youth should come to the meeting on October 2nd at 12:15 pm (following church).

FELLOWSHIP HALL ART ALCOVES

October's featured artist will again be:
Ram Rojas

Ram Rojas Biography

Ram was exposed to the art culture early in childhood. Because of his natural talent, at the age of 14 he was selected from his art training at the **National Art Academy** in Caracas to travel to the United States, along with artists from Europe, China and Australia to study at the Academy of Vedic Art in Los Angeles. After extensive study, he was invited to par-

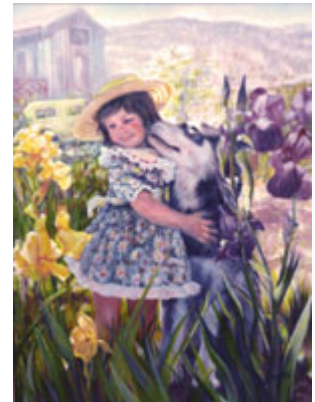
ticipate in projects and shows in Los Angeles, New York and West Virginia, where there is a permanent display of his work.

Ram's integrity and dedication, combined with his unique cross-cultural exposure and inborn talent make him an exciting contemporary artist, a valuable contribution

to universal artistic expression and a Door County treasure.

Ram's ability to manage a variety and subject matter, ranging from beautiful, classical iols to impeccably rendered watercolors, to delicate drawings and air-brush portraits have become his trademark.

Biographical information from RamRojas.com



BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

Fall Rummage Sale

November 7 - 12

We will be pleased to accept your donations beginning on Monday afternoon (11/7) and continuing through Thursday (11/10).

Clean items, in good condition are welcomed: clothing, working appliances, household items, books, children's items, decorative and garden items, sports equipment, small furniture pieces, artwork, games, holiday decorations, etc.

We also need assistance setting up on Monday morning(11/7) starting at 9:00 a.m. If you can volunteer during that week, please contact Nancy Feld at 746-4417 or Maetta Chase at 743-2971.

We thank you in advance for your donations and help!

Please remember, we cannot accept used TV's or computers as we have to pay a fee to dispose of them -- Sunshine House will no longer accept these items.

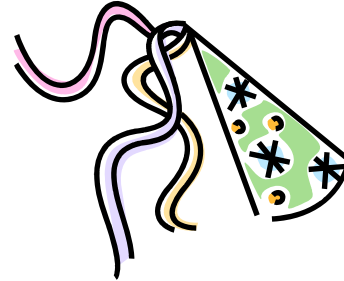
REST UP - WE WILL SURELY NEED YOUR HELP!!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October Birthday Greetings

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| 1 Linnea Schmelzer | 10 Jo McNeil |
| 3 Mark Rittle | 10 Ray Stonecipher |
| 5 Nancy Feld | 11 Kathy Stanaszek |
| 5 Amy Jung | 11 Millar Minahan |
| 5 Ben Whitman | 12 Peggy Nelson |
| 6 Emma Anschutz | 16 Peg Debenham |
| 6 Jacob Guthrie Barbercheck | 18 Kate Rericha |
| 7 Eric Harding | 20 Noah Schmelzer |
| 8 Roger Carmody | 21 Jeff Birch |
| 9 Jeremy Popelka | 23 Aidan Woods |
| 10 Jessika McCoy | 25 Mary Torinus |
| | 25 Ralph Chase |
| | 26 Bill McClelland |



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| 26 Dave Tauber |
| 27 Hans Feld |
| 28 Gretchen Schmelzer |
| 29 Barret Hedeem |
| 29 Rev. Richard Feyen |
| 29 Isabeau Hitzman |
| 31 George Nelson |
| 31 Karen Rittlerman |



PRAYER LIST

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| Karen Allen | Christine Hardin | Ed Reuter |
| Ty Amble | Alex House | Mike Scieszinski |
| Family & Friends of Bill Baud-
huin | Keegan & CJ Hutchinson | Marybeth Schuster |
| Kelly Brosch | Evanelle Jacobson | Frances Shields |
| Brynn (a young child) | Bob Jones | Emily Siira |
| Mike Bushman | Sue Keefe | Bill Skadden |
| Dorothy Crocker | Family & Friends of Howard
Kinn | Dave Streyle |
| The Ekberg Family | Kristy Larch | Marlys Trunkhill |
| Ruth Fahey | Family & Friends of Roger
Madsen | Roberta Trutnau |
| Jane Franz | Barb McCumber | Nancy Thomas |
| John Franz | LaMar Meihnsner | Janet Van Duyse |
| Milly Fuglestad | Joshua Mier | Dana Walters |
| Tom Gancaril | Claire Minahan | Family & Friends of Andy
Welborn |
| George Garman | Doris H. Moore | Tom Young |
| June Gerig | Eric Murrock | |
| Jane Gore | Brian Murrock | |
| Steve & Rae Ann Gosser | Susan Nugent | |
| Mark Greaves | Katharine Olski | |
| Bob Haas | The Phillips Family | |
| Paul Hain | Margaret Reed | |
| Family & Friends of Breila | Rick Rakowski | |
| Jennifer Hintz | | |

Please inform the office of any additional concerns or to add or remove names from prayer list.

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED: If you are dealing with a hospitalization, crises large or small, please contact the church office directly (743-2701). Mon. thru Fri., 9:00-1:00.

Note: If you are planning a stay at a hospital or have a relative who is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, PLEASE phone the church office directly (743-2701), or be sure hospital personnel know you wish to have the church notified.



HOPE NEWS & INFORMATION

Open and Affirming Update

PFLAG NEWS FOR OCTOBER:

Important dates:

- October 9th: **Solidarity Sunday**- the Sunday before National Coming Out Day, www.dignityusa.org
- October 11th: **National Coming Out Day**
- October 15th: **National Latino AIDS Awareness Day**
- October 16th: **PFLAG Door County meeting**, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Hope Church (3rd Sunday of every month)
- October 26th: **Intersex Awareness Day**

For more information on any of these issues, contact PFLAG at 920-421-8815 or pflag@doorcounty.com.

Dare to Look: Human Slavery Exists!

See Me! Hear Me!

With Kathleen Ann Thompson

A drama giving voice to the voiceless victims of Human Trafficking followed by an open forum discussion with the artist.

Sunday, October 2 ~ 2:00 pm

United Methodist Church of Sturgeon Bay,

836 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

920-743-3241

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