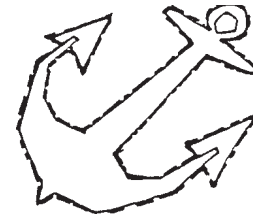


# Hope's Anchor

Hebrews 6:17-20



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October 2004



## KTOBERFEST

at

### Hope Lutheran

2636 SE Minnesota Avenue

October 24, 2004

12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM

Craft Sale  
and  
Bake Sale

MENU:

Bratwurst  
Bierocks  
Red Cabbage  
German Potato Salad  
Green Beans  
Rolls/Butter  
Apple Crisp with Cool Whip  
Coffee - Tea - Lemonade

Silent Auction  
for  
Two Quilts

Price

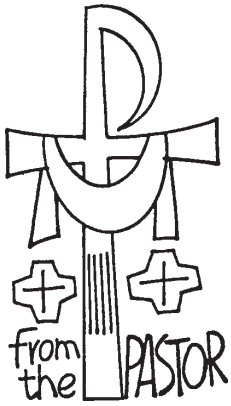
Adults - \$5.00  
children 3-12 years of age - \$2.00  
Under 3 years of age - FREE

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Sharing Christ Person-to-Person Builds HOPE



Scripture alone! Grace alone! Faith alone! These Reformation watchwords are timeless. With them we confess who we are as holy people created, redeemed and sanctified by our Holy God. Therefore, it is no surprise that evil forces and foolish people are determined to remove the Holy from our society. If this effort is successful, the cost will be monumental.

The price people pay for losing the Holy is the loss of their true identity. With the loss of true identity comes the reality that people can no longer think correctly about who they are, what their purpose is in life, or where they are going. People need to

know these basic truths in order to be properly oriented in a lost and dying world. The answers to these questions cannot be supplied by science, whose quest is limited by human measurement, nor by psychology, whose quest is limited by human perception, nor by philosophy, whose quest is limited by human opinion, nor can these answers be arrived at by any other human endeavor. The answers to these questions can be found only in Scripture.

Our first parents were created holy by a holy God and placed in a holy world. When Adam and Eve lost their identity in the Garden of Eden, a gracious and holy God promised a Savior whose purpose was to restore their identity as His holy children. The blood sacrifice necessary for this restoration was previewed in the sacrifices of God's Old Testament people. God Himself provided the true sacrifice in the person and work of His only-begotten Son. The power of sin and death was broken by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. The grace of God is no mere down-payment on a better life to be achieved by our own efforts. By God's grace we are given the gift of a whole new life, a new identity as the holy children of a holy and loving God.

Through faith in the promises and accomplishments of Jesus the Messiah, God's gracious gift of life does what it promises. Sin is forgiven. Our identity as the holy children of a holy God is restored. Our purpose is to serve. Our destination is the Father's house.

Where this self-understanding is missing, people are homeless, adrift, wanderers running from one garbage can to another looking for nourishment that only God's Messianic banquet can provide. It is tragic that people do not know the grace of God in Christ Jesus. It is especially tragic when someone has known and trusted the true God only to replace Him with an idol.

All around us are efforts to promote the unholy by removing the Holy. These efforts are fueled by the basest of human motives—pride, arrogance, a lust for power, a desire to control, a hatred of humility—and they constantly lure us with their litany of rights and promises of a better life while delivering only unholy coarseness, profane cheapness, and an unsanctified identity.

As we celebrate our Reformation heritage, we celebrate our Holy God, His eternal justice and His eternal mercy in Jesus Christ. As His holy children, we tell others about the Holy God whose forgiveness cancels sin, gives life, and brings the joy of salvation. Then the Holy will not be lost, and the unholy will not win the day. Rage as he will, the tyrant and his minions cannot overpower us. The Kingdom is ours forever.

## Obituary

We mourn the passing of a beloved friend who has been with us for many years. No one knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain and life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate with the rise of political correctness. A kindergarten boy was charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate on the cheek. Teens were suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch. A teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin, but were not allowed to inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live when the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses run by CEO's, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. He finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled some in her lap, sued, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his son, Reason, and his daughter, Responsibility. He is survived by two stepbrothers, My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because few were aware that he had died.

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builds*

*Hospitality*

*Outreach*

*Prayer*

*Education*

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is LWML Sunday. LWML members will be around assisting with various duties. They will be ushering, greeting, and even have baked some goodies for fellowship hour. So say "Hi" to the gals wearing the purple corsages and tell them indeed, "They are Lutheran Women on a Mission!" Don't forget that we will be making Bierocks on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. We are asking for donations of: hamburger, (needed by Sunday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>) cabbage, Rhodes frozen dinner roll coupons (needed by Sun. Oct 10<sup>th</sup>) and also gallon cans of green beans for the Oktoberfest dinner. It certainly cuts down on the expenses for the dinner which in turn means money for the HVAC Fund. This year the Oktoberfest

will be supplemented by funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. So don't forget to put October 24<sup>th</sup>. Noon - 2pm on your calendar. It's Oktoberfest!

### Dates to look forward to:

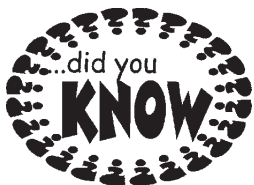
- October 2, 2004 - Topeka LWML Fall Rally, St. John's, Topeka. Registration starting at 9:30 a.m.
- October 3, 2004 - LWML Sunday
- October 4, 2004 - Pack for Lutheran World Relief @ 9:00 a.m.
- October 6, 2004 - LWML Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm, Hope basement
- October 7, 2004 - Dorcas Circle @ 1:30 pm at Hope, Leola Passow, hostess
- October 7, 2004 - Ruth Circle @ 7:00 pm at Sharon Rosenow's
- October 8, 2004 - Lutheran World Relief pick-up at Christ Lutheran
- October 11, 2004 - Bierock making starting at 9:30 a.m.
- October 22, 2004 - Cooking cabbage and setting up tables for Oktoberfest
- October 24, 2004 - Oktoberfest 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- October 25, 2004 - Oktoberfest basement clean-up @ 9:30 am

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### CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The time is approaching for our Oktoberfest which means wonderful food plus we will be having our craft and bake sale. This year Barbara Eberhart and Dee Byers are co-chairmen so any questions you may have on when to bring crafts (we'll accept them anytime but we really would like them before Sunday the 24th) or baked goods (Saturday or Sunday would be good) just ask them and they'll let you know what hours they'll be there to accept the donations. We'll also have some new cards, Christmas, Secret Pal, Birthday, Thinking of You and also some new napkins. So be sure to stop, look and buy when you come to eat.

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..... that Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the last time you will see all the quilts and lap robes the "quilting gang" has made over the past year. On Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the quilts will be packed away ready to be picked up by Lutheran World Relief and sent to whatever nation has need of them.

# Prayer Chain Report

## Birthdays

## Adopt a Student

The Board of Stewardship has committed to raising \$1,000.00 for the Concordia Seminary Adopt a Student Program. This is a program to help seminary students with their tuition. One hundred percent of your gift will be used to provide future pastors with full-tuition grants.

We do not have a deadline for raising this money. We will keep the project going until we reach our goal. There will be a chart in the Narthex of the church to record our progress. Please use a Designated Gift envelope for your contribution to the Adopt A Student Program. May God bless our efforts to help our future pastors.

## Singles

The Singles Group met Monday evening, September 20 to discuss plans for the coming year. We are planning on having a New Year's Eve party at Sharon Rosenow's house. Plus we will also be attending a performance of "The Foreigner" that will be playing at the Topeka Civic Theater during the months of January and February. You don't have to be single to join us. More details will be coming in future issues of the Anchor.

Do you enjoy talking? Do you like eating? Or maybe discussions dealing with events that pertain to single individuals? If you have said yes to at least one of these questions then you should plan to attend the Singles meeting that is held once a month at Hope. There are no dues to pay, no minimum or maximum age, just a requirement that you would like to have fun, and maybe learn more about some of the other singles in the congregation.

Our next meeting night is October 18 at 7:15 p.m. in the basement of Hope. We'll be planning the New Year's Eve party to be held at Sharon's, so come join us for a fun night.

If your birthday is not mentioned, please call the church office and notify the Secretary. Thanks.

## Wedding Anniversaries

If your anniversary is not mentioned, please call the church office and notify the Secretary. Thanks.

## Changes

*Please make the following changes to the **Prayer and Membership List**. The actual change is underlined.*

A 4-year-old boy ran up to his father at the beach, grabbed his hand, and led him to a sea gull lying dead in the sand.

"What happened to it?" the boy asked.

"He died and went to heaven," said his father. The boy thought a moment and said, "Why did God throw him back?"

# Board Reports - September

## **Board of Evangelism** - Lou Bauerle

Keep trying to talk with someone about the Lord Jesus. The way the world is going all people need to be reminded of their salvation. At our meeting this evening we'll finalize activities for the rest of the year.

## **Board of Education/Youth** - Margaret Knehans

The Board of Education has completed our 2004 goals.

## **Board of Elders** - Mark Bauerle

Elders are still focusing on our 2004 goal. Thank you to all the members of Hope for using their time and talents to God's glory. Still waiting for information about the communion ware.

## **Board of Parish Fellowship** - Joyce Schwartz

Forty-four people attended the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 29. We welcomed David & Barbara Eberhart and David & Deniece Detjen. Thanks to everyone who made ice cream, pie, cake, and crisp. We received \$267 in a free-will offering and have received matching funds from Thrivent. Proceeds will to the HVAC fund. LWML Sunday is Oct 3. Quilts and lap robes will be displayed, and the ladies will provide coffee and treats following the service. Lutheran World Relief pickup is Monday, Oct 4. Bierock making day is Monday, Oct. 11 at 9:30 am. Bring rolling pins and cookie sheets. Needed are donations of hamburger, cabbage, and gallon cans of green beans. Lunch will be served to all who help. Oktoberfest is October 24, and crafts and home made items are needed. Watch the Sunday bulletin for updated information.

## **Board of Stewardship** - Barry Beagle

Mission Site Purchase Fund balance: \$11,499.78; Adopt-A-Student balance: \$1,450.00; HVAC received \$485.00 during August. Promissory notes issued remain at \$16,500.00.

## **Board of Trustees** - Dick Passow *(report given by Allen Neuhaus)*

Made monthly safety checks, and completed minor maintenance items. Dick finished installing the cabinets for the LWML. The reason for the warm church last Saturday is still a good question. The problem remains under investigation. Myron is back mowing grass, and he is feeling pretty good.

## **Picnic**

Be sure to bring a friend to the annual picnic sponsored by the Board of Evangelism. This year's picnic will begin at 5:00 pm, Sunday afternoon, October 17, at Shawnee Lake Shelter House #2 (west side of the lake). Drinks and watermelon will be provided. Also, bring your own table service and a covered dish.

## **Topeka Lutherans for Life**

The mission of Lutherans For Life is to witness to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God.

The third organizational meeting to form Lutherans For Life of Kansas was held August 21 at Faith Lutheran in Emporia. Those desiring to contribute financially to this non-profit organization or to be considered for election to the Board of Directors please contact Jeanne Mackay, LFL of KS, PO Box 19302, Lenexa, KS 66285. Phone: 913-894-0904.

Officers for a new Topeka Region Lutherans For Life chapter are conducting meetings with interested Lutherans to organize the chapter and plan activities. Contact persons are needed from each congregation. For more information or to be involved please contact President Pat Barrett, 785-256-2377 or Vice President Michelle Walter, 272-1083.

## **Bumper Stickers**

God grades on the cross, not the curve

Wrinkled with burdens? Come in for a faith lift

The family altar alters the family

We don't change the message,  
the message changes us

Exposure to the Son may prevent burning