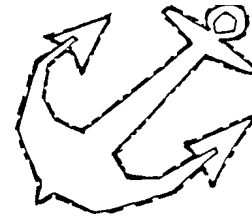


# *Hope's Anchor*

Hebrews 6:17-20



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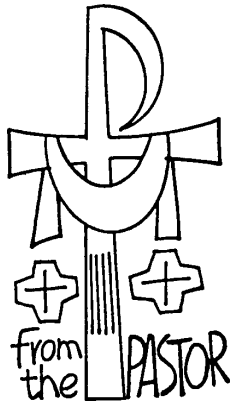
**November 2004**



*Thank  
you,  
Lord!*

Sharing Christ Person-to-Person Builds HOPE

## Senior Wisdom



When someone dies, people wait for the estate to be valued wondering “How much was he worth?” A Rolls Royce passes by and people think, “He must be worth a lot.” Professional athletes say “I’m worth more than that,” and some receive more money playing one game than most of us earn in a lifetime. A biology teacher once told our class what the average person is worth. Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, calcium, iron and all the rest of the elements that compose the human body are worth \$2.98.

Scientists now tell us that we’re worth far more than ever before. They estimate that the atoms of our body contain enough energy to supply the electrical needs of the entire United States for a week, about eleven million kilowatt hours per pound. Using this estimate, the average person is worth about 85 billion dollars.

Do you feel better now? Somehow it’s more uplifting to be worth 85 billion dollars than \$2.98. However, did you catch the “stingers” in this common understanding of people’s worth? The world measures worth in relation to its god, so it measures the worth of people in dollars and cents.

I think this is the primary reason why stewardship is such a problem for so many people. A false god promotes fake values which produce faulty understandings. Because of faulty understandings people sometimes hear “money” whenever the word “stewardship” is used. When that happens, a tug-of-war starts between the Biblical view of stewardship and the person who wants to protect his worth by hanging on to his money.

What are you worth? The true God says, “*You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ...*” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

What are you worth? The blood of Jesus Christ! Stocks and bonds, bank accounts, job market, rising gasoline prices have not one thing to do with the worth of God’s children, much as they affect our lives. Our God has demonstrated that we are worth the righteous life, atoning death, and victorious resurrection of His only Son. That’s what we’re worth. Our God tells us He has given us all we have. When we ran away from Him, He bought us back. The cost was Jesus’ holy, precious blood.

This understanding of our worth promotes true stewardship because it is based on true values revealed by the true God. The result is a life of service, a life of thanksgiving, a life measured by what God has given.

When we fully understand our worth, our desire is to support the spread of the Gospel with all that God has given us—our time, our energies, and our money. What are you worth?

You read about terrorists, most of whom came here legally but stayed on expired visas for as long as 10 -15 years. Compare that to Blockbuster. You’re two days late with a video and those people are all over you. Let’s put Blockbuster in charge of immigration.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians - the quick and the dead.

An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who said, “Quit while you’re ahead?”

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60’s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

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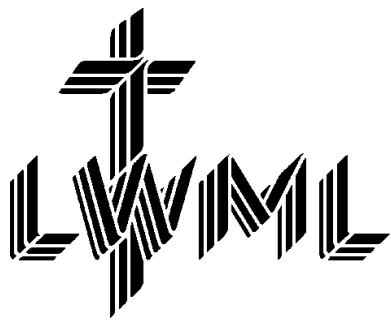
*Hospitality*

*Outreach*

*Prayer*

*Education*

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League



November is the traditional month for giving thanks for a bountiful harvest. The Lord was gracious and gave us a bountiful Oktoberfest for which we are very thankful. We served 250 adult dinners plus 32 take-outs. We did sell bierocks after most everyone had been served. Had lots of orders for those. Do you think we can break our record of making 485 bierocks next year? Thank you to all who assisted the LWML in this endeavor. Especially to those who donated items, whether it was a can of green beans, head of cabbage, hamburger, coupon for Rhodes Rolls, potato salad, apple crisp, or Cool Whip. We truly appreciated it. And if you took time out to help make the bierocks and/or helped the day of the Oktoberfest - we really appreciated that! Special thanks to Inge and Charlie Isaacs for their red cabbage, ingredients and recipe. All in all it was a tiring but wonderful celebration.

### Dates to look forward to:

November 4, 2004 - 1:30 PM, Dorcas Circle @ Hope, Pauline Braden, hostess  
November 4, 2004 - 7:00 PM, Ruth Circle @ Hope, Pam Johnston, hostess  
November 21, 2004 - Noon, Pre-Voter's Assembly Luncheon  
December 11, 2004 - 10:00 AM, LWML Advent Brunch @ Hope  
December 18, 2004 - 9:00 AM, Putting Christmas boxes together @ Hope  
June 16-19, 2005 - LWML National Convention in Tampa, FL

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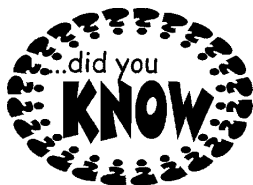
### LCMS World Relief

Here is what Hope sent over to Christ Lutheran on October 8<sup>th</sup> to help with World Relief:

Soap - 148.5 lbs. (7.5 more than 2003)  
Health Kits - 29 (9 more than 2003)  
Quilts - 76 (36 more than 2003)  
Clothing - 117 lbs (16 lbs less than 2003)  
**Grand total of 573.5 lbs.**

Way to go Hope! Thanks for your support!!!

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.....that we still have some new cards and napkins for sale. Plus we have new 2005 LWML planners that are selling for \$2.50. They make great Christmas gifts. If you brought food to the Oktoberfest, please remember to pick up your dishes!

# 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.

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

## Singles

The Singles Group met Monday evening, October 18 to discuss plans for the coming year. We decided that since our New Year's Eve Party will be our December meeting, our November meeting will be later than usual. 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.

Our next meeting will be November 29, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. in the basement at 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.

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. Or maybe learn more about some of the other singles in the congregation. So join us on November 29 and have some fun also!

## 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.*

# Board Reports - October

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

Sunday evening at 5pm is our Hope Lutheran Church Picnic at Shawnee Lake, Shelter House #2 west end. Invite unchurched friends, neighbors. Bring a covered dish, desert, meat, salad. Evangelism Board will furnish drinks, watermelon, and raw vegetables. Let's all join the fun. Other activities are in the planning. Watch for details.

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

The Board of Education has completed our 2004 goal and will choose a 2005 goal shortly. We would like suggestions on how to make the library more popular with Hope members.

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

Elders are still focusing on our 2004 goal. Information about caring for the communion ware has been received from CPH. Thank you to all the members of Hope for using their time and talents to God's glory.

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

Kitchen Two is now in full operation. Glass dishes and other items are stored in the cupboards, and shelves have been cleaned and organized. Six ladies attended the LWML Zone Rally at St. John, Topeka on Saturday, October 2. Packing for Lutheran World Relief was done Monday, October 4. We had a total of 573 ½ lbs, which topped last year's 437. Thanks to Allen and Gladys for delivering the boxes to Christ Lutheran. In preparation for the Oktoberfest, 28 people helped make 485 bierocks on Monday Oct 11. Oct 22 we'll chop and cook red cabbage beginning at 9:30am, and tables will be set up. Dee Byers and Barbara Eberhart will be at the church from 5-7 pm Friday evening, October 22, 9-Noon on Saturday, and before the service on Sunday to accept crafts and home-made goodies.

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

Mission Site Purchase Fund balance: \$11,704.78; Adopt-A-Student balance: \$1,485.00; HVAC received \$295.00 during September. Promissory notes issued remain at \$16,500.00. Forms for preparing the preliminary 2005 budget will be handed to the Directors on Sunday.

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

Made safety checks and did minor maintenance items. HVAC system is now set up to put out either hot or cold air depending upon the temperature that is circulating within the building. The air will be turned on October 19 since they are coming in to check the organ.

## Recipes

Two recipes from the Sister to Sister Tea

### **Party Ryes**

1 lb hamburger  
1 lb sausage  
1 lb Velveeta Cheese  
1 t Oregano  
2 T Worcestershire  
1-2 loaves Party Rye Bread

In a large skillet, brown the hamburger & sausage. Drain well and return to skillet. Add the Velveeta and seasonings. Stir until cheese is melted.

Spread the mixture on the bread and place on a cookie sheet. Bake @ 350 for 15 minutes.

These may also be made ahead and frozen. Follow the directions but DO NOT BAKE. Place them on a cookie sheet or tray in a single layer and freeze. Store in freezer bags. When ready to use follow the above baking directions.

### **Apple Brickle Dip**

8 oz cream cheese, softened  
½ c packed brown sugar  
¼ c sugar  
1 pkg (7 ½ oz) Almond Brickle Chip, or 10 oz English Toffee Bits  
3 med tart apples, cut into chunks

Beat the cream cheese, sugars and vanilla together, fold in the bits and serve with the apples. Makes 2 cups of dip.

## Christmas Card Mailbox

The Christmas Card mailbox will once again be in the narthex for sending cards to friends and from here at Hope. Money collected will go to the HVAC Fund. The mailbox will be ready for mailings the week of November 21st.

# Concordia, Selma, Alabama

## Lutheran Fine Arts Council

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

God is so good! I wrote to you last year with our tale of woe. You probably remember that our enrollment was down slightly from the year before. Synod was in financial strains and could no longer grant subsidy. The state of Alabama cut the heart and soul out of student aid. We were losing about a half million dollars of anticipated income from our annual budget. We prayed to God about this and we brought to you our tale of woe. God answered our prayers in so many ways. It is truly humbling to think of how richly he blessed. The Alumni Association gave more than \$70,000.00. More congregations and friends came to our aid than ever before. We were able to finish the year with a balanced budget. We give God thanks and praise.

Perhaps you were one of those congregations that sent in a contribution. If so, I know that you have received a letter of thanks from the school, but I want to thank you again. We are so blessed to have supporters like you, and I want you to know that your gifts are accomplishing great things for the Lord through Concordia. Last year Concordia received a grade of "A", when inspected by the board of education of the state of Alabama. This year the enrollment has greatly increased. The enrollment for the Fall Semester is 928. The campus is receiving a new look. With the building on Franklin Street demolished, one can see the entire campus as they drive down Franklin Street. The boys dormitories are full to capacity and some boys are in the old girls dormitory. We have a football coach and football practice had already begun although we will have no scheduled games until next year. I wrote the above in order to say that Concordia marches on, and God is still blessing us abundantly.

If I would tell you our tale of woe, it would be the same as last year. The state of Alabama has not increased its financial aid to its students. The LCMS is still not able to give subsidy. We are asking you to help us again this year. We don't want to start that downward spiral into endless red ink, which has been the downfall of many institutions like us.

We don't propose to tell you how to develop or raise your gift. You should do that in the way that fits you best. Some congregations have put Concordia in their budget and send in the contribution monthly, quarterly, or annually. Others have a Concordia Sunday and give the offerings to the school. Some announce the week before that they will have a door offering for Concordia on the next Sunday. They receive the offering and send it on to the school. Since you did so well last year, I would say, whatever you did, do it again. It worked. The Alumni Association has pledged to raise at least \$100,000.00 this year and they are already off and running trying to reach that goal.

*Dr. Richard C. Dickinson, Development Office*

Student writers, it's again time for the Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka Children's Writing Contest. Children who attend Lutheran churches or Lutheran schools in Shawnee County are eligible and are invited to submit a short story or poem for competition. The theme is the author's choice. Grade ranges for contestants will be 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9. Contestants may enter two poems of any style and one short story up to 4,000 words. Poetry up to 60 lines will be accepted for competition. The poem must be clearly printed. Entries over 20 lines MUST be typed. Any one short story from an author will be accepted up to 4,000 words. Prose entries must be typed in 12 point type/font and double spaced. Editorials, essays or articles will not be judged. Additional details will be available later and entry forms are available at your church and TLS. The entries will again be judged by the Kansas Author's Club. Prizes will be awarded at a March 13 ceremony to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries in each grade level. We especially encourage younger writers to enter their work so that all prizes may be awarded. There is no entry fee. Entries will be accepted until January 10, 2005 and are to be returned to any Lutheran Fine Arts Council member or mailed to PO Box 4797, Topeka, KS 66604-0797. For more information, contact Myron Dunavan at 785-246-2123.

Please your 2005 calendar for another great music event. Sponsored by The Lutheran Fine Arts Council and Washburn University, the Lutheran College Symphony Orchestra of Decorah, Iowa, will appear at White Concert Hall on Sunday January 30, 2005

## TLS Art Fest

"Creating Christian Mosaics" will be the theme of this year's Art Fest which will be held at First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn, Topeka on Saturday, November 6, 2004, from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Registration forms are available from your SS teacher and also at TLS. Information on the forms will tell you where they are to be returned and the deadline. This fun and rewarding event is open to all Topeka Lutheran children grades 1-6. Questions? Please call Kris at 2725302 or Ann at 272-8165.

# Topeka Habitat for Humanity

Topeka Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1984 and has been making home ownership possible for low income, hard working families, since 1985. To date, through the efforts of area churches, businesses, civic organizations, community groups and individuals, 72 families have been given the opportunity to own their own homes. These opportunities would not have been possible without the support of these much-appreciated groups and individuals.

Through the generosity of many organizations, Topeka Habitat for Humanity has been able to continue building houses in our communities for the past 20 years, providing basic homes for low-income families who have no other access to home ownership or decent and affordable housing. Habitat receives no government funding. Habitat's financial efforts rely solely on donations and contributions—both financial, and in-kind—from people with common goals who open their hearts to help provide home ownership opportunities to deserving families.

Habitat houses are built with volunteer labor and donated professional services, and are sold to a selected family at cost. Habitat does not charge interest, and payments are spread over 20 years to make them affordable. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of "sweat equity" into building not only their own homes, but also the homes of others. These families work side by side with other wonderful Habitat volunteers, who assist in making the home ownership dream possible.

In 2003, Topeka Habitat for Humanity was able to complete three homes and start another. In 2004, Habitat completed three homes and started another. The completed homes have been built by Women in Construction, Seaman High School, and Holton High School, among many other groups. Our fourth home is being built in partnership with Topeka Board of Realtors.

The first Annual Information Fair will be held at the Topeka Public Library, October 2 from 10 am to 2 pm. Information about Habitat, Open Applications, Location of Future Homes, and Information on how you can make donations.

*Nancy Artzer-May, Executive Director*

## Trivia

Early TV puppet Howdy Doody had 48 freckles, one for each state in the union at that time.

The first US electric traffic light was installed in Cleveland Ohio

Father, Cole, mother, Nana, and brother, Castor, were the family members of Popeye's girlfriend Olive Oyl.

In 1850 Levi Strauss received six dollars in gold dust for his first pair of jeans

## Ever Wonder Why?

...the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

...women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

...you never see the headline: "Psychic Wins Lottery?"

..."abbreviated" is such a long word?

...doctors call what they do "practice"?

...you have to click on "Start" to stop your computer?

...lemonade is made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

...the man who invests all your money is called a broker?

...the time of day traffic is slowest is called "rush hour"?

...there isn't a mouse-flavored cat food?

...they're called "apartments" when they're all stuck together?

...if flying is safe, they call the main airport building the "terminal"?

## Favorite Dogs

Most popular breeds of Dogs in the U.S. are

1. Labrador Retriever
2. Golden Retriever
3. German Shepherd
4. Beagle
5. Dachshund
6. Yorkshire Terrier
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Chihuahua
10. Shih Tzu

*Source: 2002 AKC Dog Registration*