

Congregation Letter 3/8/2023

Greetings Hope Family!

These are interesting times in which we live! Speaking of "times" - **this Sunday, March 12 is Time Change Sunday!** Be sure to move your clocks forward one hour so you will be on time for church! We will have Hot Coffee / Hot Chocolate / and a delightful spread of goodies to help you adjust to the early start! See you at church - bright & early!

As you know, Angelika Mendal has passed away and is in the presence of Jesus (2 Cor. 5:8). There will be a celebration of her life on **Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 pm at Hope**. We hope many of you will be able to attend to support Geoff and others who grieve at this loss. A reception will follow, allowing us a time to comfort one another and sharing stories of Angelika! You can go to www.darlingandfischerchapelofthehills.com where a **Tribute Page has been set up for Angelika**. At this website, you can extend condolences, share a memory, order flowers as well as consider other options in celebrating Angelika.

We are planning a **BIG workday** at Hope for **Saturday April 1** (no fooling!). We will gather together to clean / repair / fancify (is that a word?) our facility as we get ready for Easter! Workday will begin at **8:00 am** and go until 2:00 pm (come for all or part of the time). **Brunch will be served mid-morning** to give you the "umph" for the day. This is a great time to get things done around the church, and to get to know others from Hope as we work/serve shoulder-to-shoulder!

We will have a **Good Friday Service at Hope on April 7 at 7:00 pm**. This will be a quiet/contemplative service, to focus on the sacrifice of Jesus upon Calvary's Cross. We want to encourage you to attend as many find a service such as this to be helpful in drawing closer to Christ. Hope to see you then!

Easter is April 9! The last few years of COVID have kept us from gathering and celebrating as we would like. This year will be a time of joy as we celebrate the risen Christ and gather as a grateful people! There will be uplifting music, a message of Hope, delicious treats, wonderful people! Invite your friends to join with us as at **9:45 am** as we gather that glorious morning!

Hope is family. It is a joy to be in relationship with each of you - centered upon Jesus!

Yours in Christ,
Kevin McCauley
Ray Wolff