

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

E VOICE

November 1, 2011
Volume 2, Issue 11



New Hope Lutheran Church, 4801 Sun Valley Drive, El Paso, Texas 79924; Jeff St Clair, Pastor; Phone: 915 821-2079
E-Mail: NEWHOPE4U@SBCGLOBAL.NET, Website: www.LutheransinElPaso.org; Editor: Joyce Palmer; Associate: Samuel Horstman

THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT

Where has the Fall Season gone? Because I enjoy this time of year the most, it seems it just goes so quickly. Thanksgiving and The Advent Season are right around the corner. We, as Americans, have so much to be thankful for - our Christian society, our democracy, our free-enterprise system, our families and our church family. There are many more blessings that I can mention but I think you get the overview. My hope is that these many blessings will be revealed in our stewardship commitment for the next year.

Right after Thanksgiving is the Advent Season - a time of anticipation and hope. Anticipating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Advent is a great opportunity for spiritual growth. Here at New Hope, the sanctuary is transformed to reflect the Advent Color, blue, and the Advent Wreath; also the appearance of the Cristo Rey tree where we can choose to purchase a Christmas outfit for a child in their after-school program as well as the "food products tree" where we can contribute to Christmas Food Baskets for Cristo Rey Families in need.

PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR NEW HOPE FAMILY

Lucille Hemphill is back in her home. She still is not able to drive but she is independent enough to manage her home and affairs. She tells me that her eyesight is improving slowly - some days more than others. Her Ophthalmologist is pleased with her process. She needs our prayers for patience and steady healing! **Alice Brauner** is facing more surgery on her back within the next two weeks. She needs our prayers for a rapid recovery so close to the Holidays! We lift up **Josh Pryor** and his family. Josh has arrived safely in Afghanistan while Samantha remains in El Paso during this deployment. Continue to pray for Josh's safety and our continued support of Samantha. **Angela and Chris Hildreth** are grateful for Chris' employment opportunity in Carlsbad even though it is a distance. Pray that something good will come out of this opportunity so the family can be together again. **Josephine Flores** is hospitalized at Sierra Medical Center. Her son has arrived from California overseeing her domestic affairs. She needs our prayers for recovery and return to her home and quality of life.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday Worship Services	9am and 11am
Sunday School	10:10am
Adult Conversation	10:10am
Bible Study every Wednesday	at 9:30am
Border Conference Mtg.	Nov 5, 9:00am
All Saints Sunday	Nov 6
Education Meeting	Nov 8, 7:00pm
Church Council Meeting	Nov 13, 12:15pm
Health Fair	Nov 20, 10 & 12 Noon
Property Meeting	Nov 22, 7:00pm
Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov 24, 5pm
Followed by service at 6pm	

Our Christmas Eve Service is the highlight of the Season! There is lots of music, Pastor Jeff's special Christmas message and a time when we see old friends and church family that we have not seen for awhile. Let's use this time wisely and encourage those that we see seldom to participate in the coming year's activities and become an active member of our church family. God's Love and Blessing to each of you during this special time!

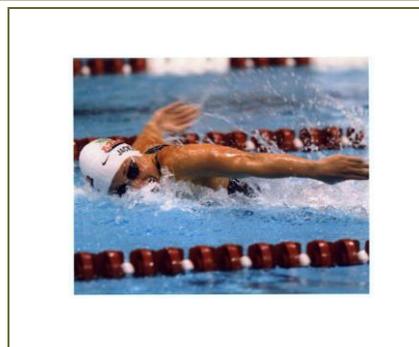
Joyce Palmer, The Editor

CHURCH FRIENDS & FAMILY

LARA JACKSON

Swimming does not define Lara, but it's been a big part of her life since she was 10 years old. Now her star is rising in the sport as she trains to compete at the *Olympic Trials* in Omaha, Nebraska June 25 – July 2, 2012 at the Quest Center. She is a contender to make the USA team for the 2012 Olympics in London July 27 – August 12, 2012! Her most recent victory was at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, MEXICO, where she **won** the 50m free with a new meet record.

Lara is the younger of two daughters of Keith and Martina Jackson. We, at New Hope, are blessed with Martina's beautiful voice and ministerial services she shares with us on a routine basis. She tells us that Lara started with a firm foundation at St. John's Lutheran Church, which we now know as New Hope Lutheran Church. She was baptized by Pastor Raymond Olson and



was active as a child in VBS, Sunday School and other church activities. Keith and Martina were always very supportive of their daughters and Martina relates that Keith was an amazing father! His daughters were his princesses. Despite losing Keith in April 2009, his legacy lives on in his daughters. Even through their grief, they have gone on (as has Martina) to achieve amazing feats. We at New Hope will continue to follow Lara's amazing career and with God's blessings and foundation described above Lara will live her dream!

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Leila Budnovich and Ingrid Moore are using their sales talents to wrap and sell homemade goodies at the Bake Shop during the Christmas Bizarre.

CHRISTMAS BIZARRE 2011

It was a crisp and sunny Fall Day at New Hope where a total of 51 vendors set up and sold their crafts at the Annual Christmas Bizarre. The crowd was excited about the variety of booths and items available for sale from Homemade Goodies at the Bake Shop to home crafted Christmas Santas to buying Raffle Tickets for the beautiful quilt that Karen Miller is promoting below. It was a day of fun and festivity for all!

