

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 14, 2024

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY

April 14, 2024

- 8AM Holy Communion
- 9:30AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:30AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:45AM Holy Communion
- 12:30-4PM SS Family Bowling

TUESDAY

- 11AM Ladies Bible Study
- 6PM Board of Early Childhood
Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 6PM Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAY

- 10AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY

April 21, 2024

- 8AM Holy Communion
- 9:30AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:30AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:45AM Holy Communion
- 6:30PM Confirmation Class

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: April 7, 2024
Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$5,269.76
Worshipped: 150

Birthdays

- April 14th Karen Schenk
- April 15th Sharon Eberhardt
- April 16th Chuck Benes
- April 17th Matthew Bolstad
- April 17th Rose Mary Norrid
- April 18th Karen Gustavison
- April 19th Gil Schroeder
- April 20th Diane Moore

Anniversaries

- April 14th Robert & Diana Lentz
- April 19th Karen & David Kiel
- April 19th Dale & Alice Lindsey

Altar Flowers

**Today's Altar pieces are given by
The Nelson Family
in Memory of
Marge Nelson &
Dawn Smith**



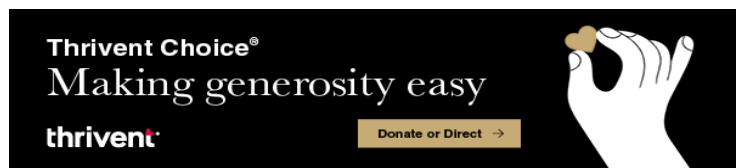
Confirmation

This week begins interviews for our two confirmation students for this year. As they complete Confirmation, share the hope that is in them, and begin fuller membership in the congregation, please keep them in your prayers.

Our Confirmands this year are:

Lucas Labbee
Hudson McFarland

The Confirmation service will be April 28th at the 10:45a.m. Sunday service. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.



Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran Church: \$224.00

Hope's Thrivent Financial Members directing Choice Dollars:

**Karen Kiel
Harold Luckritz
Jeff Oswald
Don Shell
Karen Tritch
Clayton Williams**

If you are a member of **Thrivent**, you may have some **Thrivent Choice Dollars** that you can share. Through the **Thrivent Choice program**, members can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to **Hope Lutheran Church**. If you are a member go to www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html to direct your **Choice Dollars**.

Hope Lutheran received \$3,879 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding for the year 2023. Thank You!



Adult Information CLASS

Pastor Jason will be leading two Adult Information Classes, one began **Wednesday, April 10th at 9 a.m., and the other begins THIS Sunday, April 14th, at 9:30 a.m.** The class is perfect for you if you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith OR if you are interested in joining Hope Lutheran OR perhaps you are a long-time member who would like a refresher in the Basics of the Christian faith. In this study, we will look at God's answers on subjects like: Who God is, Baptism, Communion, the Holy Spirit, Marriage, Prayer, Heaven, and much more.

If you are interested in joining the group, please sign up on the church bulletin board in the Friendship Room or reply to the Weekly Update email. (Even if you have a few possible conflicts, please sign up anyway.)



Grass cutting season is here! The Lawn and Landscaping Guild is looking for helpers to cut grass and trim weeds. With sufficient help, everyone would only need to cut/trim a handful of times throughout the mowing season. If you are **interested, please call Steve Thomas:**

(314) 365-1026

or email

steve1887@yahoo.com.



6pm Wednesday worship resumed
Wednesday - April 10th

Life Thought in the Church Year

With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday,

April 21, 2024:

**Acts 4:1–12
1 John 3:16–24
John 10:11–18**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "authority to lay it down" and the "authority to take it up again" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Since "there is salvation in no one else," His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "love one another" and "to lay down our lives for the brothers," as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).