

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 21, 2024

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

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

TUESDAY

- 11AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 6PM Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAY

- 10AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY

April 28, 2024

Confirmation Sunday

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

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: April 14, 2024

Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$4,449.43

Worshipped: 219

Birthdays

- April 23rd Rachel Henning
- April 23rd Adrienne Sevem
- April 23rd Abigail Woodfin
- April 25th Pilar Shell

Anniversaries

- April 21st Christina & Steven Payne
- April 24th Dave & Effie Westphal

Altar Flowers

**Today's Altar pieces are given by
The Kiel Family
in Celebration of
the 56th Anniversary of
Karen & David Kiel**



Confirmation

April 28, 2024, two of our young people will be Confirming their trust in the faith that they were baptized into. As they complete their work and confess their faith, please remember our two Confirmands in prayer:

Lucas Henry Philip Labbee — John 8:12
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Hudson Josephine McFarland — Matthew 28:20
"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of age.."

The Confirmation service will be at the 10:45a.m. Sunday service on April 28th.

Shut-in Card Ministry

There is a birthday coming up
May 15, 2024: Carl Johnson
6400 The Cedars
B Hall
Cedar Hill, MO 63016



Cards are available in the Friendship Room!
Questions, please contact Gloria High (636) 343-8487.



Adult Information CLASS

Pastor Jason will be leading two Adult Information Classes, one began **Wednesday, April 10th at 9 a.m., and the other began 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, every one 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

Life Thought in the Church Year

The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

The Bulletin Board

April Bulletin Boards-Check it out!

Take a moment to stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin boards in the Friendship Room and get a peek inside the March fun had by Ms. Jesi and her HLECC preschool friends. Plus, see the excitement of Hope's annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Julie Wagner
Director of Children's Ministry



Just a reminder, Hope Lutheran can manage your giving online!

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Giving online is easy, safe and secure, plus it allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. If you prefer to use your phone, you can download the VANCO app and search for Hope Lutheran Church-High Ridge, MO.

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

April 28, 2024:

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)
John 15:1-8

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

"God is love," and He has manifested Himself to us by sending "his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, "he has given us of his Spirit," so that we also believe and confess "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." In this way, we "abide in him and he in us," and we "love one another" (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip's preaching of "the good news about Jesus" to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when "they came to some water," the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35-38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into "the true vine," Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He "bears much fruit" in us (John 15:3-5).