

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 21, 2024 2308 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049 (636) 677-8788 hopehighridge@sbcglobal.net www.hopehighridge.org

### This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY	<u>April 21, 2024</u>
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Children's Sunday School
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
6:30PM	Confirmation Class
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
11AM	Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
6PM	Worship & Holy Communion
<u>THURSDAY</u>	
10AM	Men's Bible Study
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>April 28, 2024</u>
	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

### <u>Anniversaries</u>

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

# <u>Altar Flowers</u>

Todays Altar pieces are given by The Kiel Family in Celebration of the 56th Anniversary of Karen & David Kiel



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.."

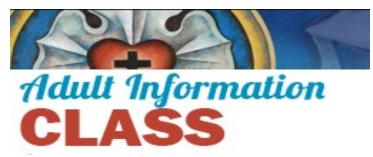
The Confirmation service will be at the 10:45a.m. Sunday service on April 28th.

# **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.



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!"



# **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

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).