

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 7, 2024

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY

April 7, 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
- 7PM Board of Elders Meeting (Arnold)

WEDNESDAY

- 6PM Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAY

- 10AM Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

- 8-11AM Youth Shine: Servant Event

SUNDAY

April 14, 2024

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

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: March 31, 2024

Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$7,194.69

Worshipped: 269

Birthdays

- April 7th Joyce Glatt
- April 8th Logan Henry
- April 8th Randy Tritch
- April 10th John Salsman
- April 12th Sierra Boehm
- April 12th Austen Cochrane
- April 12th Brian Finger
- April 12th Stephanie Jaderko
- April 12th Roy Rickmann
- April 12th Madelyn Shelby
- April 13th Lana Weinstock

Anniversaries

- April 9th Gil & Linda Schroeder
- April 11th Ronald & Bonnie Baisch

Altar Flowers-Place orders 2 wks in advance!



Adult Information CLASS

Pastor Jason will be leading two Adult Information Classes beginning **Wednesday, April 10th at 9 a.m. and 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.)



6:00pm Wednesday worship resumes
THIS WEEK - April 10th



Everyone doesn't get to see the wonderful ways that God uses the people of Hope Lutheran to serve in our congregation and community. Here are just a few of those, for whom we give thanks to God.

Thanks be to God for everyone who donated to the Easter Baskets that went to our families in need, and to Kathy Gustavison & Karen Kiel for organizing the event. There was an abundant amount of food and supplies that were shared.

Thanks be to God for our wonderful preschool teachers and staff who have endured the long Winter, which means busy toddlers, 2's, and preschoolers who are still faithfully taught, loved, and cared for with the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God for Gary Gregory who created and maintains the Easter display of the tomb and crosses in front of Hope Lutheran.

Thanks be to God for the members of the Altar Guild who always make sure that the altar is prepared, and take on extra responsibilities during Lent and Holy Week (with all the extra services). In particular, we thank God for Karen Schlegel, and Ann Rudy, who assists Karen, in leading the Altar Guild, who took care of many extra responsibilities this Lenten Season.

Thanks be to God for Gloria High who keeps track of the Shut-In cards and ensures they are available to reach out to those who can't join us in worship.

Thanks be to God for our Trustees and the Lawn and Landscaping Guild members who have cut the grass in cold weather, hot weather, they keep the property looking beautiful.

Thanks be to God for Art Bolstad, Case Farney, Zach Johnson, Jeff Nelson, & Nathan Tritch for their ongoing and faithful sharing of God's Word through the daily email devotions.

While this only scratches the surface, **Thanks be to God** for all of the many ways that He blesses us in Christ and through Christ's people!

Life Thought in the Church Year

How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

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

Love Packages LOVE PACKAGES Recycling with a purpose!

Love Packages is a program that creates an opportunity for all of us to participate in the work of **sharing the Gospel of Jesus**. Please donate your unused Bibles, tracts, etc. **Please drop your items in the Mail Room**, the box designated Love Packages.

For further information, please contact Marilyn or Ed Bachmann at (636) 938-4663 or (636) 288-7502.

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

April 14, 2024:

Acts 3:11–21
1 John 3:1–7
Luke 24:36–49

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

John 3:3, 5). The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5).