

Sharing a little good news...

In the Spring, Abigail Wagner won the Missouri Lutherans for Life (LFL) high school essay contest. Here is an update from Missouri LFL President Diane Albers. "Both (the Jr. and Sr. High winning essays from Missouri) went on to the national contest run by the Federation Presidents of LFL. What is very exciting to LFL of MO is that both David (Jr. High) and Abigail (Sr High) won the National Essay Contest! As the national winners Abigail and David will be given the opportunity to attend the national conference where they will read their essays to the conference attendees. They will also receive a \$250 check, free registration to the conference and a free night's stay at the conference hotel. Congratulations again, David and Abigail! We are so proud of you!" The national convention is in St. Louis this year, so consider attending. Most of the event takes place on Saturday October 13th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivette. More information will be made available soon, but also see lutheransforlife.org to sign up now!

Life Thought in the Church Year

Matters of marriage, sexuality, and procreation are not marginal to the Christian message. Husband, wife, and children capture the heart of the Gospel in their unconditional acceptance and self-sacrificing servanthood (Ephesians 5:31-32). Indifference or abuse to family structure diminishes our life-saving witness. Celebrating and exercising these gifts will strengthen all other social institutions as well.
We Pray: Heavenly Bridegroom, charm us into enthusiastically submitting to Your will. Amen.

Amazon Smile Program Donations - \$5.41

You can increase your organization's donations by spreading the word about AmazonSmile. Shop back to school gear and supplies at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to Hope Lutheran Church.

Box Top Collection-Help support our local Lutheran school and the children of Hope who attend there! Our Savior Lutheran School of Fenton collects these box tops as one way to raise money. Simply clip the box tops and place them in the box on the ledge of the mailroom (*please make sure the box tops are not expired*). Any questions? See Julie Wagner or Melanie Friel

The Anchor - Take it Home!

Remember to mark your calendar - remember a friend's birthday - share information with a friend -
Take it with you!

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Dear Hope Members,

Before we know it Sunday September 30th will be here. What's that you say? That's this year's Block Party that Hopes Evangelism/Outreach committee sponsors every year for our members, families and neighbors. This is a great outreach to our community with many activities going on. With contributions sharply cut by Thrivent Financial that we depended on for this activity in previous years and monies available in the budget very tight this year, we are asking for members to sponsor an activity or give a donation to help curtail the cost. The sponsorships are listed on the flyer enclosed, or if you wish to make a general contribution anything would be appreciated. If you would like to do a full or partial sponsorship of one of the items listed, please make out a check to Hope and reference it to the Block Party 2018. If you have questions, please contact Don Boettcher at 314-540-9620. Thank you.



"Hope at Prayer" Emails

If you have not been receiving the prayer emails and would like to, please send your email address to hopehighridge@sbcglobal.net or drop a note in the church secretary's mailbox. Thank you!

Please take some time to review the Bible readings below, they will be the subject of next week's sermon.

September 2nd-

(OLD TESTAMENT) – Selected verses from Deuteronomy, chapter four. Moses urged the Israelites to obey the Lord's commands fully – and reminded them that their greatness lay only in the Lord, and in the covenant of blessing he had made with them. This Old Testament Reading encourages us to acknowledge the same truth.

(EPISTLE) – Ephesians 6:10-20. In our continuing struggle against the forces of evil, only our wearing the whole armor of God will suffice – for that armor utilizes the victory already won for us by Jesus Christ. In this Epistle Paul uses the imagery of a Roman legionnaire, a heavily armed soldier of the line.

(HOLY GOSPEL) – From Mark, chapter seven. In this week's Holy Gospel we see Jesus reject the Pharisees' obsession with ritual uncleanness, and point to what really constitutes uncleanness – and where it comes from. His words convict us of the truth of our sin and need, and make us rejoice that in him we have a Savior.