

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" February 14, 2021

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## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Worship Service  
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Class  
11:00 AM Worship Service

### **TUESDAY**

11:00 AM Ladies Online Zoom Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY**

12:00 PM Lenten Service  
7:00 PM Lenten Service

### **THURSDAY**

10:00 AM Men's Online Zoom Bible Study

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Class  
11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

### **Remember in Prayer**

Ella Cook & Cindi Hawkins

### **Fruits of Our Faith**

Week of: February 7, 2021  
Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$15,794.98  
Worshipped: 47

### **Birthdays**

February 14th Michael Hunsperger, Mary Schueler  
Marie Vail  
February 15th Alexis Sevem  
February 16th Jill Wolters  
February 18th Sidney Kolaks  
February 19th Marilyn Bachmann &  
Nicholas Uhlmansiek  
February 20th Michael Koenig & Henry McKelvey

### **Anniversaries**

February 15th Joe & Patti Fodor  
February 17th Wayne & Denise Rainey  
February 20th Willard & Pat Rainey

### **Altar Flowers**

The 2021 Altar Flower Calendar is up. Remember to please submit SPECIAL requests AND payment for Altar flowers at least 2 weeks in advance! The florist needs time to order the flowers you desire. We cannot assure your request can be fulfilled without this required lead time. Thank You.



Our Lenten midweek series this year considers the invitation of the prophet Joel to "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13)." God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Wednesday midweek services will be at Noon and 7 pm. As the attendance has not usually been higher than our current capacity, there is no need to sign up for a service. Please just plan to join us beginning with Wednesday, February 17th for Ash Wednesday services. (Note: if you would like to receive ashes, this will be offered for 30 minutes before each service, but not as a part of the service. This will allow Pastor to take some additional precautions between each person who wishes to receive ashes.)

Daily devotions that connect to the themes of our Lenten services are also available at the church to pick up. If you are not attending in person, please call the office at 636-677-8788 and we can get a devotional booklet delivered to you.

### Worship Schedule Reminder

Sunday Services  
8am - Mask Required (to be re-evaluated)  
(Sunday School & Bible Classes Online In Between)  
11am - Mask Required

Wednesday—Midweek Lenten Services  
12 pm & 7pm - Mask Required (To be re-evaluated)  
(attendance on Wednesday is low - so it is easy to spread out)

If you have not been attending, but would like to come, please call the Church Office at 636-677-8788. The Elders will re-evaluate a return to having some mask encouraged services when the Jefferson County Mask Order expires.

Anyone is welcome to join us for these online Bible class studies. The links are provided in Pastor's weekly update email.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE...  
EMAIL [pastorwagner@email.com](mailto:pastorwagner@email.com) OR CALL/  
TEXT 636-222-4303

Ladies Bible Class - Tuesday Morning at 11am

Sunday Morning Bible Class - Sunday Morning at 10am

Men's Bible Class - Thursday Morning at 10am



To the Glory of God and in loving Memory of  
Vi Miller a gift has been given by  
Rose Mary Norrid.

Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran \$233.00

Hope's Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars to the church:  
Chuck & Karen Benes, Dennis Lukefahr and Don Roth.

If you are a member, go to <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html> to read more and direct your Choice Dollars.

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#### Update from the Endowment Committee

It has not been too long-ago members of our church got together and set up an endowment fund. The purpose of the fund was to secure a solid financial resource in supporting church missions.

The fund grew slowly over the past few years but last year we had two substantial contributions. At the end of December 2020, we had \$448,948 in our unrestricted fund and \$13,991 in the restricted fund for future expansion. When you prepare your will or trust or giving regularly, I would like to remind members of our congregation to remember our small church on the ridge.

If you have questions about the endowment fund you can contact Ron Kraus or the Pastor.

#### Update on Our Ongoing Food Collection

Thank you for your great support in the continuous work of helping those in need in our community by supporting the work of the Peace Pantry.

We have resumed our collection for the Peace Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at any time and help over 200 local families.

Any food donations are appreciated, but a few specific needs include:

- Hamburger Helper
- Cake Mixes
- Canned Fruit
- Paper products

#### Life Thought in the Church Year

"God shines forth out of Zion" (Psalm 50:2), not from outer space or some other dimension. He adorns human faces with His own glory. It isn't angels, superheroes, or celebrities only that He makes so sacred, but sinners like Moses (Exodus 34:29-30) and peasants like Jesus (Mark 9:2-3). The Almighty Father holds every human life open, no matter how embryonic or elderly, as a window to heaven. Who are we to pull the shades?

#### Church Office Update

We are currently seeking a new secretary, but that search is still in process. In addition, Alica (our Business Administrator) will be in and out over the coming weeks as she undergoes treatment for cancer. So first and foremost, keep Alica in your prayers.

Also, please know that if you need something from the church office, it could take a little longer than usual. As always, feel free to contact Pastor Jason through the church phone 636-677-8788, by email at [pastorwagner@email.com](mailto:pastorwagner@email.com), or on his cell phone at 636-222-4303.

#### Church Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2020 are able to pick up from the church. For anyone with a church mailbox, your statement can be found there. If you don't have a mailbox, they are on a table in the Friendship Room. Please let us know if you would need your statement mailed to you, you can call the church office at 636-677-8788.



**When winter weather arrives** at the same time as any Hope Lutheran activity, please check the following places for information: Facebook, Channel 5 (KSDK) [ksdk.com](http://ksdk.com) **OR** [www.hopehighridge.org](http://www.hopehighridge.org) These are the only places that we will post information regarding closings for weather.

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

February 21, 2021

Genesis 22:1-18

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he "took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son." And "when they came to the place of which God had told him," Abraham bound Isaac "and laid him on the altar" (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham's hand and provided "for himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God's own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom "all the nations of the earth" are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit "into the wilderness" to be "tempted by Satan" (Mark 1:12-13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and "gives birth to sin" (James 1:14-15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained "steadfast under trial," and He has received "the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.