

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" February 21, 2021

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

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

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 Worship Service
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Class
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:45 PM Voter's Meeting

Remember in Prayer

Ella Cook & Cindi Hawkins

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: February 14, 2021
Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$4,303.68
Worshipped: 88

Birthdays

February 21st Jamie Parker
February 22nd Gina Ogletree
February 24th Lisa Hoffmann
Lorraine Sartori
February 25th Danny White
February 26th Luke Biermaas
Renee Gerlach

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 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





Next Sunday (Feb. 28) at 12:45pm will be our regular February Voters' Meeting. Please plan to attend while we discuss the ongoing work of the church and school, the maintenance of the property, and receive the regular financial update.

If you are a member of Thrivent, you may have some Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can share. Through the Thrivent Choice@ program, members can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars@ to more than 40,000 churches and nonprofits (including Hope Lutheran).

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.



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

"Do not lay your hand on the boy ... the Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:12-14). Don't mothers and fathers experiencing surprise pregnancies have the need—and the right—to hear this plea from God Himself? And what a privilege we have to repeat the holy prohibition and promise! Jesus Christ has stepped into every sinner's place (Mark 1:9, 13), and no other death is necessary or sufficient. His alone will atone for all of our shortcomings.

Church Office Update

We have recently hired a new Church Secretary - Sandy Baumgarth. Please welcome Sandy as she trains over the next few weeks.

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, 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 **OR** 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 28, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him "the father of a multitude of nations." It is "an everlasting covenant" in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed "throughout their generations" (Gen. 17:1-7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds "on the things of God," and not "on the things of man" (Mark 8:33). "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been "reconciled to God by the death of his Son," much more "shall we be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1-2).