

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" February 26, 2023

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY February 26, 2023

8AM Worship
9:30AM Children's Sunday School
9:30AM Adult Bible Study
10:45AM Worship
12:45PM **Voters Meeting**
6:30PM Confirmation Class

TUESDAY

11AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

12NOON Worship & Holy Communion
7PM Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAY

10AM Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY

9AM-9PM YOUTH-Hunger Retreat

SUNDAY March 5, 2023

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

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: February 19, 2023

Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$4,290.00

Worshipped: 200

Birthdays

February 26th Luke Biermaas
February 28th Virgil Herschbach
February 28th Anna Isselhardt
February 28th Vi Powell
March 2nd Courtney Krndzija
March 4th Miranda Payne

Altar Flowers

Todays altar pieces are given by
Karen Kiel
in Celebration of
Anna Isselhardt's
Birthday



The Benevolent Committee will be sponsoring Food Baskets for Hope families in need for Easter. Currently, we are helping eight families. The collected items will be **distributed on April 3rd.**

Donations of canned foods, jellies, cereals, boxed meals, cleaning supplies, and paper products may be placed in the shopping cart in the mail room. We received a grant from Thrivent to buy hams!

Hopefully all our families will have a Blessed Easter!

Easter Flowers



It is time for Easter Flower orders! Orders need to be **placed**, and **payment made by March 29, 2023.**

The prices are as follows:

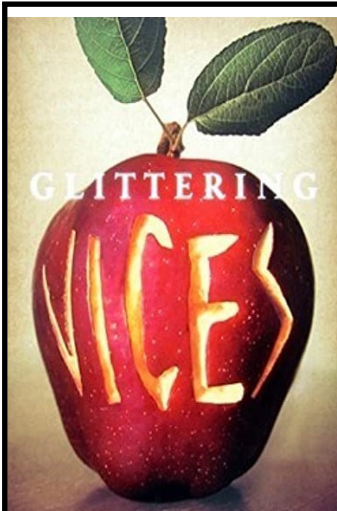
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| 6" Easter Lily - White | \$9.00 |
| 6" Daffodil - Yellow | \$7.00 |
| 6" Hyacinth - Blue | \$7.00 |
| 6" Tulip - Pink | \$7.00 |

If you wish to place a plant in memory of someone, be sure to **print their name** or leave blank for "With Thanks to God for His Many Blessings." The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Friendship Room. Please **take an envelope from the bulletin board**, complete the form, enclose your payment, and put the envelope in the offering collection on Sunday.



February 2023

Voters Meeting-TODAY—12:45PM



Midweek Lenten Services at Noon and 7p.m.

Vices are habits of the sinful heart that reveal that we, as people of God, fail to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. In place of God, vices cling to the self, or the things of this world, in an attempt to secure our own good. Vices “glitter” with the appearance of providing “do-it-yourself” shortcuts to

happiness, but they turn out to be idols that fail us every time.

In our Lord’s passion account, we find these vices time and again as broken people live their sinful lives. The disciples show their *greed* when the Lord is anointed with expensive perfume and they label the money “wasted.” Judas betrays our Lord for the false security of silver he can hold in his hands. *Prideful* Peter boasts his faith is so strong he will never betray the Lord.

But in His grace, when we do endeavor to fear, love, and trust in God above all things, He leads our hearts from the grips of idolatrous vice, and we are enabled to pursue holy habits-habits that run intentionally counter to our unholy penchants. Instead of being greedy, we strive to be generous. In place of pride, we learn humility. And so on.

As we journey through the passion account once again this Lenten season, we invite you to peer into the story through the lens of virtue and vice. As you do, examine your own sinful heart to recognize the vices that dwell deep within. Then, listen in for how the mercy of Christ leads you to learn holy habits, the virtues that grow and bear fruit from hearts that trust that the Lord provides for every need of body and soul.

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, ref. books, bible dictionaries, Sunday school materials (for at least 10 students), Portals of Prayer, etc. to **Love Packages**. 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.

Life Thought in the Church Year

The devil suggested Jesus attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6). Our Savior rejected the deception and rested Himself in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Death only delivers oppression because it serves sinfulness (Romans 5:14). But the victory Jesus gives over our ultimate enemies—Satan and the grave—frees us to leave life-and-death decisions to the Lord our God.

The Bulletin Board

Our Lutheran Preschool!

Take a moment to stop and look at the **Children’s Ministry** bulletin boards. Learn all about our Early Childhood Center and what people are saying about the wonderful things we are doing through our congregational mission!

Julie Wagner, Director of Children’s Ministry

Shut-in Card Ministry

There is a birthday coming up
March 14th:



Lori Stewart
1349 U. S. Highway 61
Festus, Mo 63028

Cards are available in the Friendship Room!
Questions, please contact Gloria High at
(636) 343-8487.

During the week, please take time to read the Scriptures below, they will be the subject of next week’s sermon:

Sunday, March 5, 2023:

Genesis 12:1–9
Romans 4:1–8, 13–17
John 3:1–17

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the LORD had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15).