

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" July 25, 2021

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY July 25, 2021
8:00 AM Communion
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (In Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Communion

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM Worship Service

SUNDAY August 1, 2021
8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (In Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Remember in Prayer

Ella Cook

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: July 18, 2021

Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$4,355.59

Worshipped: 127

Birthdays

July 25th Kevin Koester
Lena Lindsey
July 27th Elizabeth Leisse
Linda Schroeder
July 29th Dorothy Baumhoegger
Theodora Pluschke
Karen Schlegel
July 30th Penny Koester
Lon Kolaks
Linda Lindahl
July 31st Kamala Schroeder

Anniversaries

July 25th Jeff & Beth Nelson
Paula & Tommy Parton
July 26th Randy & Karen Tritch

Altar Flowers

Today's altar pieces are given by
Ken & Kathy Gustavison
in
Thanks to God
For His many blessings.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Jason is on vacation. He will be back in the office on August 9th. If you need to get in touch with Pastor Jason, please call the Church Office at 636-677-8788, email at pastorwagner@email.com, or text Pastor Jason at 636-222-4303.

Shut-in Ministry—Cards are available in the Friendship Room! Cards are pre-addressed and ready for you to stamp. This is your opportunity to bless our Shut-in members with a card & message. You can adopt one of our Shut-in members too. If you have questions, please contact Gloria High at (636)343-8487.

Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Personal Care Products Drive for the Peace Pantry and Feed My People using a Thrivent Grant. Our members are encouraged to donate personal care product items for the next four weeks. We will use the \$250 Thrivent Grant to supplement our collection.



ONE MORE Sunday school teacher needed!

Hope's Sunday School is looking for one more teacher in the 3rd/4th grade class! The goal is for each classroom to have 2 teachers, allowing for more scheduling flexibility.

If you are interested in helping our youngest members develop their Biblical worldview through fun, simple lessons, please contact Julie Wagner @ (636)222-2122 (call or text) or by email at hopesundayschool316@gmail.com.

Ushers are needed. Please contact Gary Gregory, Head Usher, at (636)677-3956, if you are interested in training to become an usher.

Current Worship Schedule
Sunday Services - All mask optional
8am
9:15am - Sunday School Online
9:30am - Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary)
11am
Wednesday Service
7pm



In the Friendship Room, you can pick up a viewing guide that I wrote about a popular series called *The Chosen*. With some artistic license, it seeks to faithfully portray the ministry of Jesus through the lens of the disciples. The show begins with a disclaimer that some events and dialogue are added, so for the 100% true story go read the Gospels. With this proper foundation, the show is the best film or television depiction of Jesus (in my opinion) because it emphasizes and portrays four main things:

1. Jesus is fully God and fully man.
2. Jesus did not come because we had our act together. He came because we couldn't get our act together.
3. Characters who should be judged and condemned are instead drawn to Jesus, and he is pleased to redeem, release, rescue, and forgive them.
4. When we stumble, Jesus does not leave us.
(this summary is borrowed from an excellent review at

<https://www.1517.org/articles/the-chosen-a-review>)

In light of these points, this show portrays the good news of Jesus in a powerful way. I'd encourage you to watch it (with my Viewing Guide nearby!) and bring your questions. Thus far 2 of 7 anticipated seasons have been made.

Where you can find *The Chosen*:

1. DVDs can be ordered. I have one copy that I can loan out from Season One. Or you could purchase your own. (<https://thechosengifts.com/collections/discs>)
2. You can watch for free through *The Chosen* app (which can be found for Apple and Android) and can be cast to a Smart TV or Roku type-device.
3. Season One is on The Peacock app (from NBC), and can be watched free there also.

Sadly, *The Chosen* is not on regular networks, which also gives more freedom to its makers.

from Pastor Jason



- The narthex and the choir loft are reserved as mask mandatory areas, for those who would be more comfortable.
- Adult Bible Class will be looking at **Favorite Bible Stories** during the Summer months at 9:30 in the Sanctuary. Each week we will focus on a different story. *This week we are studying Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well.*

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we make these adjustments.

Life Thought in the Church Year

Supporters of physician-assisted suicide might label the martyrdom of St. James as undignified. He did not choose the timing of his death. He had no control over the manner of his passing. But history and heaven celebrate both his life and his last breath. He met his demise with courage and purpose that allowed him to go gracefully with a Savior whose presence and promises to dignify and sanctify even lives death attempts to humiliate.

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

August 1, 2021

Exodus 16:2–15
Ephesians 4:1–16
John 6:22–35

Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven

Having rescued Israel “out of the land of Egypt” (Ex. 16:6), the Lord manifested His glory and made Himself known to His people. He fed them with “meat to eat” in the evening and with “bread from heaven” in the morning (Ex. 16:4, 8, 12). But now, the “true bread from heaven,” which the Father gives to you, is the Son, “who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:32–33). Whoever comes to Him “shall not hunger,” and whoever believes in Him “shall never thirst.” He is “the bread of life,” who gives Himself to you as “the food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27, 35). By the gracious working of God, you believe in Him by the calling of one Spirit through the Gospel, so that you also have “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Eph. 4:4–6). As you eat His one body in the Holy Supper, so you belong to the one Body of His Church, in which you “are to grow up in every way into him who is the head” (Eph. 4:15).