

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" July 4, 2021

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## This Week at Hope Lutheran

### SUNDAY

July 4, 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

### TUESDAY

11:00 AM Ladies Bible Study (Does not meet until July 13, 2021)

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM NO Service

### Thursday

10:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Does not meet until July 15, 2021)

### SUNDAY

July 11, 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

### Remember in Prayer

Ella Cook

### Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: June 27, 2021

Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$3,910.18

Worshipped: 118

### Birthdays

July 7th Colin Moore  
July 8th Valerie Donnell  
July 9th Pat Rainey  
July 10th Kiersten Green  
Ashley Maricic  
Lucy Payne

### Altar Flowers

Today's altar pieces are given by  
Karen Kiel  
in Celebration  
of God's Blessings to the U.S.A.



We are looking for caring Christian adults who love to share Jesus' love with kids.

When Sunday School begins again in the fall, we are looking to have teams of two teachers for each of our four classes: Pre-K/ Kindergarten  
1-2 Grades  
3/4 Grades  
5/6 Grades

If you are interested, you can contact Julie Wagner at [julie.wagner715@gmail.com](mailto:julie.wagner715@gmail.com) or by text at 636-222-2122.

## Current Worship Schedule

Sunday Services - All mask optional  
8AM  
9:15AM - Sunday School Online  
9:30AM - Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary)  
11AM  
Wednesday Service  
7PM



- There is no longer a mask mandate for any service.
- The narthex and the choir loft are reserved as mask mandatory areas (at least for the month of June), 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 The Fiery Furnace.*
- This Sunday we will return to using kneelers and our normal communion practice for distribution.

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

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**Portals of Prayer** for July-September 2021 are in the Friendship Room. We understand that some of you take multiple books for your family, friends, etc. That's great! We are increasing the number of books that we order. Please consider giving a small offering in the box that is next to the devotional books. Our group subscription allows us to get the books for about \$1 each. If you can't give right now, **PLEASE** still take the devotionals and share them. Even a small offering will allow us to order and share more of God's Word.

**Update on Hope Lutheran's 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.

Donations can be dropped off at any time and help over 250 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

Many in the world and some in the churches won't listen to the sanctity of human life. It doesn't mean we've failed. Both Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:5) and Jesus (Mark 6:3) experienced rejection. So, we may borrow their boldness. The Lord perfects His power (2 Corinthians 12:9) even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. His creating, redeeming, and calling grace prevails in our weakness as well. And all ages, appearances, and abilities will know He Himself has been among them.



5 of our high school youth and 2 adults will be leaving Monday to attend a Higher Things youth conference in Colorado from July 6th to the 9th. Please keep them in prayer for safe travels and to grow in faith and knowledge during their time in Colorado.

As he is traveling with the group, Pastor Jason will be out of the office this week. Pastor can be reached on his cell phone at (636)222-4303.



The Lawn and Landscaping Guild is always looking for willing helpers to mow the grass or trim weeds. With enough help, everyone only needs to mow/trim a handful of times through the mowing season. If you are interested, please call Terry Rodenberg at (636)274-2945.

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

July 11, 2021

Amos 7:7-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him "from following the flock" and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel" (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would "die by the sword," and Israel would "go into exile away from his land" (Amos 7:10-11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod "sent and seized John and bound him in prison," even though he knew that John "was a righteous and holy man" (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod "sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head" (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist "has been raised from the dead" (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself "before the foundation of the world," and even now by faith, "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" has blessed us in Christ "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3-4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).