

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" March 12, 2023

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## This Week at Hope Lutheran

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b><u>March 12, 2023</u></b>
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Children's Sunday School
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
6:30PM	Confirmation Class
<b>MONDAY</b>	
6:30PM	Board of Evangelism & Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
11AM	Ladies Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
12NOON	Worship & Holy Communion
7PM	Worship & Holy Communion
8PM	Board of Elders Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
10AM	Men's Bible Study

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b><u>March 19, 2023</u></b>
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Children's Sunday School
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion

### **Fruits of Our Faith**

Week of: March 5, 2023  
 Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$6,420.00  
 Worshipped: 189

### **Birthdays**

March 12th	Harold Lindahl
March 13th	Chrissy Tritch
March 14th	Kathy Gustavison
March 14th	Lori Stewart
March 15th	Isaiah Nelson
March 15th	Tom Uhlmansiek
March 17th	Dan Gardner
March 17th	Terri Strande

### **Anniversaries**

March 14th	Tom & Christine Yakel
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### Altar Flowers

**Today's altar pieces are given by  
 The Gustavison Family  
 in Thanks to God for  
 His many Blessings**

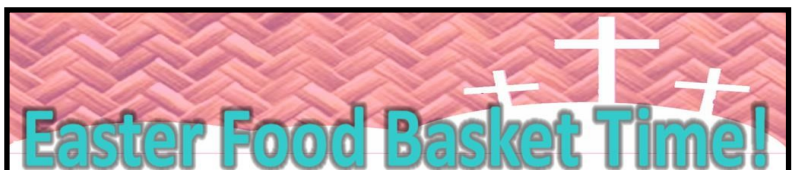


**The Evangelism & Assimilation Committee is sponsoring Hope's Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st. Registration 12:30PM—Egg Hunt Begins at 1PM**

We invite members to take empty eggs (50 or so per bag), fill them with candy (no gum or hard candy) or stickers, and return them by March 26. Additional bags of empty eggs will be available each of the next few weeks. You can also buy filled eggs to donate. Hope needs about 4,000 eggs for the Hunt.

Today, Sunday, March 12th, we have sign-up sheets for the event, as we always need extra hands on the day of the event.

**This is a great way for Hope to serve the Community!**



**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!**



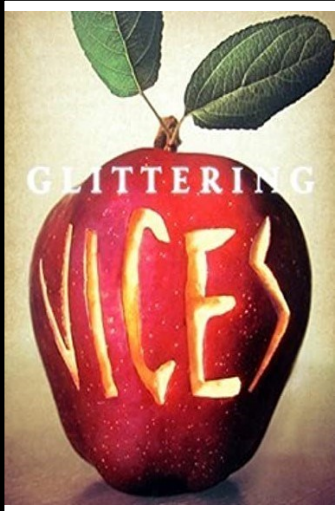
### Easter Flowers

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

The prices are as follows:

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.



**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.

To the Glory of God and  
in Loving Memory of  
Clara “Doris”  
&  
William “Bill” Sawyer  
a gift has been given by  
Alicia & Tony Jaco and Family

**Life Thought in the Church Year**

Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and forgiveness for her sordid past (John 4:13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our mistakes and failures. And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating the same grace to any who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds their lives as precious as those already lost.

Direct your  
**Thrivent Choice  
Dollars**  
Today!



Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran: \$390

Hope’s Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars to Hope Lutheran Church:

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| Karen Kiel       | Dennis Lukefahr |
| Don Shell        | Karen Tritch    |
| Darrel Weinstock | Mike Welge      |
| Sheri Welge      | Dave Westphal   |

Thrivent Members - Take a few minutes today and direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to your favorite ministries, including Hope Lutheran. Log in at <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html> to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

**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 19, 2023:**

- Isaiah 42:14–21**
- Ephesians 5:8–14**
- John 9:1–41 or John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39**

**By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light**

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. “For his righteousness’ sake,” He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns “the darkness before them into light” (Is. 42:16) because He is “the light of the world” (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh “while it is day,” until that night “when no one can work” (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though “at one time you were darkness,” now “you are light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to “awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead” (Eph. 5:14).