

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" March 31, 2024

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

6:30AM Holy Communion
7:30-9AM Easter Breakfast
9AM Easter Service
10:45AM Easter Service

TUESDAY

11AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

No Worship Services

SUNDAY

April 7, 2024

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Children's SundaySchool
9:30AM Adult Bible Study
10:45AM Holy Communion
6:30PM Confirmation Class

Fruits of Our Faith:

Week of: March 24, 2024: \$8,403.13
Worshipped: 256

Birthdays:

March 31st Laurie Edwards
March 31st Larry Schenk
April 4th Dan McKelvey
April 5th Catherine Benson
April 5th Paul Miles
April 5th Bob Polanc

Anniversaries:

March 25th Ed & Janice Iliff
March 26th Connie & Randy Payne
April 1st Roy & Donna Rickmann

Altar Flowers

Please remember to submit requests & payment for Altar Flowers 2 weeks in advance so the florist can be sure to fulfill your request.



Everyone doesn't get to see the wonderful ways that God uses the people of Hope to serve in our congregation and community. Here are just a few of those, for whom we give thanks to God.

Thanks be to God for everyone who donated to the Easter Baskets that went to our families in need, and to Kathy Gustavison & Karen Kiel for organizing the event. There was an abundant amount of food and supplies that were shared.

Thanks be to God for our wonderful preschool teachers and staff who have endured the long Winter, which means busy toddlers, 2's, and preschoolers who are still faithfully taught, loved, and cared for with the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God for Gary Gregory who created and maintains the Easter display of the tomb and crosses in front of the church

Thanks be to God for the members of the Altar Guild who always make sure that the altar is prepared, and take on extra responsibilities during Lent and Holy Week (with all the extra services). In particular, we thank God for Karen Schlegel, and Ann Rudy, who assists Karen Schlegel, in leading the Altar Guild, who took care of many extra responsibilities this Lenten Season.

Thanks be to God for Gloria High who keeps track of the Shut-In cards and ensures they are available to reach out to those who can't join us in worship.

Thanks be to God for our Trustees and the Lawn and Landscaping Guild members who have cut the grass in cold weather, hot weather, they keep the property looking beautiful.

Thanks be to God for Art Bolstad, Case Farney, Zach Johnson, Jeff Nelson, & Nathan Tritch for their ongoing and faithful sharing of God's Word through the daily email devotions.

While this only scratches the surface, **Thanks be to God** for all of the many ways that He blesses us in Christ and through Christ's people!



A huuuuge Thank You to everyone who helped and donated to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We welcomed more than 80 kids and their families, and had a wonderful time with all who attended. **The Board of Evangelism has a request, if you are out shopping next week, or next weekend, please pick up Easter clearance baskets and stuffed animals.** We could use them for next year to share with the kids that come. As you pick them up, feel free to drop them off in the Friendship Room. Thank You!



There is **no Wednesday service on April 3rd.**
Regular 6PM Wednesday worship resumes on April 10th.

Flowers Decorating the Altar this Easter Sunday are Given in Loving Memory:

Given by:

The Baumgarth Family

Madeleine Cain

The Friel Family

Jean Gray

Ron & Roberta Gray

The Hoffmann Family

Jay, Becky, Jace, &
Grayson Long

The Nelson Family

Bob Nelson

Ken & Dawn Newberry

Melanie Salzman

Natalie Sevem

Mike & Sheri Welge

In Memory of:

Carolyn Eaton & Arnold & Beulah Eaton

Jake & Anne Mae Powell & Elaine Martin

Larry Cain & Shelby Jean Hauser

Joyce Friel

Richard Gray

Allen Barry, Russell Barry, & Richard Gray

James & Deloris Engemann

Bill & Lucille Hoffmann

Our Grandpas & Our Uncles

Charlotte, Dave, & Dawn Smith

Grandma Nelson, Grandpa & Grandma Smith

Marge Nelson

Dorothy Newberry, Patty Newberry, &

Harold Ulch

Anthony Sevem

Anthony Sevem

Our Son Trey & Our Parents



Flowers Given in Thanks to God for His Many Blessings:

Bonnie Baisch

Marcie & Ron Gerhardt

Ken & Kathy Gustavison

Karen Kiel

Harold & Linda Lindahl

The Oshwald Family

Pat Rainey

Jean Redman

Debi Sparks

Karen Tucker

The Wagner Family



Dear Members of Hope,

Two years ago we began to offer to our members an opportunity to share the hope of Christ with young people around the world through our partnership with **Pastor Dixon Gbeanquoi and the Mwanza Lutheran School.**

Go to Pastor's Saturday Update, you can watch the original video to learn more about the need and how you can help young people, especially girls in Tanzania, Africa. Whether you have been a sponsor for the past year or not, Pastor encourages you to watch this video and get an idea of the work that is being done. **We hope to provide sponsors for this year and one more year, which will allow this group of girls to complete their education at Mwanza Lutheran School!**

After watching the videos or reading the letter, if you wish to join this partnership (or renew your commitment), please email Pastor.

Life Thought in the Church Year

The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)!

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024:

Acts 4:32–35

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19–31

The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “came and stood among them,” and with His Word and the wounds in “his hands and his side,” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The apostles “have seen and heard” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “too may have fellowship” with the risen Christ, with the apostles and “with one another” (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,” and all who believe this Word are “of one heart and soul,” because in Him they truly have “everything in common” (Acts 4:32–33).