

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" March 5, 2023

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY	March 5, 2023
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Children's Sunday School
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
TUESDAY	
11AM	Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
12NOON	Worship & Holy Communion
7PM	Worship & Holy Communion
THURSDAY	
10AM	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY	March 12, 2023
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Children's Sunday School
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
6:30PM	Confirmation Class

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: February 26, 2023
 Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$6,813.84
 Worshipped: 196

Birthdays

March 5th	Krista McFarland
March 6th	Carol White
March 7th	Emma Labbee
March 7th	Hannah Tucker
March 11th	Carole Myers
March 11th	Brendan Woodruff



The Evangelism & Assimilation Committee is sponsoring Hope's Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st.

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.

Beginning Sunday, March 12th, we will 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!

Community Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 1st
 Registration 12:30PM—Egg Hunt Event Begins at 1PM

Easter Food Basket Time!

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



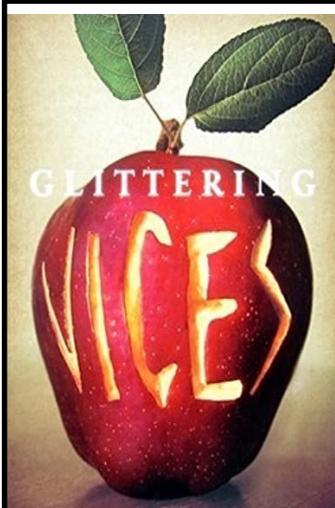
It is time for Easter Flower orders! Orders need to be placed, and payment made by March 29, 2023.

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.

Altar Flowers
 Today's altar pieces are given by
The Nelson Family
 in Memory of
Dave Smith



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.



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Hope Lutheran Church was issued a \$28.91 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile Activity between October 1 and December 31, 2022.

As you know the program was discontinued on Feb. 20, 2023—after ten years. **Thank You to everyone who donated on behalf of Hope Lutheran Church!**

Life Thought in the Church Year

Father Abraham was justified (Romans 4:2-3); that is, he had a reason for coming into being and continuing to live. Abraham was not justified by works, that is; this reason arose from elsewhere than his own origin, appearance, or ability. Abraham was justified by grace; that is, God’s creating, redeeming, and calling defined his identity. The Gospel proclaims the sanctity of life to all Abraham’s offspring (Romans 4:16)!

The Bulletin Board

February Fun!

Take a few moments today to check out all the fun our ECC & Sunday school families and children had during the month of February. HLECC celebrated Lutheran Schools Week & our Sunday School families had a blast playing Minute-to-Win-It games together.

Julie Wagner
Directory 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 12, 2023:

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-8
John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “all the congregation of the people of Israel” grumbled against Him because “there was no water for the people to drink” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “about the sixth hour” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “the gift of God” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “worship the Father in spirit and truth” (John 4:23). “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:2, 5).