

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" May 9, 2021

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service

TUESDAY

11:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Worship Service

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School
9:30 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Holy communion

Remember in Prayer

Ella Cook

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: May 2, 2021
Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$7,361.20
Worshipped: 128

Birthdays

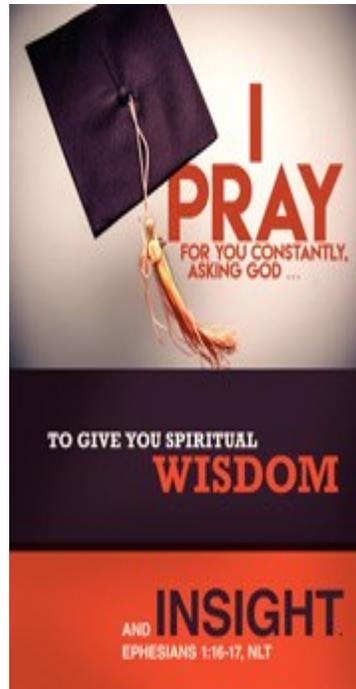
May 9th Diane Pflanz
May 12th Patti Fodor
Kim Miles
Sedalia Wilke
May 13th Eric Vail
May 15th Daniel Callahan
Carl Johnson

Anniversaries

May 15th David & Sandra Cain

Altar Flowers

The 2021 Altar Flower Calendar is up. Remember to please submit SPECIAL requests AND payment for Altar flowers at least 2 weeks in advance! The florist needs time to order the flowers you desire. We cannot assure your request can be fulfilled without this required lead time. Thank You.



This year, we have three high school graduates at Hope. We will be praying for them and giving them a gift at an upcoming service, but please keep our high school and college graduates in your prayers.

Our young people graduating from High School:

Pura Deluca
Abigail Wagner
Lindsay Wheelahan

Current Worship Schedule

Sunday Services - Through May 30

8am - Mask Optional
9:15am - Sunday School Online
9:30am - Mask Required
11am - Mask Required
Wednesday Service
7pm - Mask Optional



Almost all of the confirmation interviews are complete, and the young people have done a wonderful job expressing the faith that God has given them. As they complete Confirmation, share the hope that is in them, and begin fuller membership in the congregation, please keep them in your prayers.

Our confirmands this year are:

**Luke Biermaas, Emily Edwards, Emma Labbee, and
Isaiah Nelson.**

The confirmation service will be May 23rd at 11 am. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.

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Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran: \$57

Hope's Thrivent Financial Members directing Choice Dollars to the church: Donald Boettcher, Marvin Hook, & Dennis Lukefahr.

If you are a member of Thrivent, you may have some Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can share. Through the Thrivent Choice® program, members can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to more than 40,000 churches and nonprofits (including Hope Lutheran).

As a member, go to <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html> to read more and direct your Choice Dollars.

Update on Hope'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

"My body, my choice," says a sinful world. "You did not choose me, but I chose you" (John 15:16), answers a loving God. Motherhood comes about by His gift, not because of our will. Choice forces us to look out only for number one, but grace invites us to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Praise the Lord for mother's love!



Every few weeks, you will continue to see changes as we slowly move towards normal.

Worship - We are continuing to offer 3 services on Sunday (at 8, 9:30 and 11am). Additional changes have been made this week. The hymnals are back in the pews, and we have begun to invite the kids forward for the Children's Message as part of worship.

Bible Class - the weekday Bible Classes (Tuesday Women's Class and Thursday Men's Class) are meeting in person at the Activity Center (the old parsonage). The Youth and Sunday School classes will remain online for the time being. The Sunday Morning Bible study will take a break beginning April 25th with the goal of returning in person when the 9:30am service is dropped.

Landscaping Guild

The Trustees are looking for more volunteers for the Landscaping Guild. If you are interested, please call Terry Rodenberg at (636)274-2945.

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

May 16, 2021

Acts 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11b-19

Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them "from the evil one" and preserve them in His name (John 17:11-12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, "that they also may be sanctified in truth" (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father's Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things "to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). For "this life is in his Son," whom He has given by His Word, and "whoever has the Son has life" (1 John 5:11-12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together "with one accord," as one Body in Christ, "devoting themselves to prayer" and waiting upon the Lord in "the upper room" of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13-14).