

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" November 1, 2020

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## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
9:15/9:30 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Class  
11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

### **TUESDAY**

11:00 AM Ladies Online Zoom Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM Worship Service

### **THURSDAY**

10:00 AM Men's Online Zoom Bible Study

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8:00 AM Worship Service  
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### **Remember in Prayer**

Ella Cook & Cindi Hawkins

### **Fruits of Our Faith**

Week of: October 25, 2020  
Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$3,233  
Worshipped: 95

### **Birthdays**

November 1st Sandra Cain  
November 2nd Vi Miller & Michael Reasoner II  
November 4th Tim Bushart  
November 6th Renzo DeLuca & Bill Sawyer  
November 7th Karen Tritch

### **Anniversaries**

November 6th Steve & Denise Parker

### **Altar Flowers**

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.

## **Update on Our Ongoing Food Collection**

We are continuing a collection for the Peace Pantry in Cedar Hill. Food donations are taken to Peace Pantry weekly - and we cannot say thank enough for your generosity.

You can bring items when you come to Saturday or Sunday service or by calling the church and setting up a time. Any donation is appreciated, but items of particular need include:

**Jelly and Jams, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Potatoes,  
Laundry Detergent, Flour, Sugar, Vegetable oil**



Anyone is welcome to join us for these online Bible class studies. The links are provided in Pastor's weekly update email.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE...**

**EMAIL [pastorwagner@email.com](mailto:pastorwagner@email.com) OR CALL/TEXT 636-222-4303**

**Ladies Bible Class - Tuesday Morning at 11am**

**Sunday Morning Bible Class - Sunday Morning at 10am**

**Men's Bible Class - Thursday Morning at 10am**

### **Worship Schedule Reminder**

Sunday Services  
8am - Mask Encouraged  
(Sunday School & Bible Classes Online In Between)  
11am - Mask Required

Wednesday  
7pm - Mask Encouraged  
(attendance on Wednesday is low - so it is easy to spread out)

If you have not been attending, but would like to come, please reply to this email or call the Church Office at 636-677-8788.

### **HLECC Corner**

**THANK YOU** to all who have helped with prayers and donations to the preschool. We continue to need your prayerful support. Over the last couple weeks, we have received a good amount of disinfecting wipes and spray. We should be set for a little while.

We will certainly let the congregation know if others needs arise, but thank you for your faithful support.

Last fall, the congregation and preschool wrote on leaves like this one to thank God for all of His many blessings to us.



Originally, I considered only doing this once (or perhaps occasionally), but upon further thought I decided we need to focus on the numerous gifts of God in this year perhaps even more than usual.

For those attending worship in person, we will have the leaves available the next couple weeks. Please fill out more than one.

I would love for everyone to participate. So if you are not yet worshipping with us in person, please just reply to this email with your conclusion to the sentence "I thank God for.." And we will write on a leaf for you and add it to the collection that will hang in the sanctuary through the month of November.



Support us when you shop.

Each quarter we receive a donation from Amazon.com as a result of the Amazon Smile program. Amazon donates to Hope Lutheran Church when you shop @AmazonSmile. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0863212> Use this link to shop and 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to our church.

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).

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



**The Anchor - Take it Home!**

Remember to mark your calendar - remember a birthday - share information with a friend -  
**Take it with you!**

Life Thought in the Church Year

Abortion often offers cover for sexual immorality, like pre-marital intercourse, infidelity, and abuse. Forgiveness and everlasting life in Jesus Christ release us from enslavement to such lusts (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). We get to engage our bodies in lives of holy worship to God and righteous service to one another. And since we share one Father (Matthew 23:9), we pursue purity not only for our own bodies but for each other's, as brothers' and sisters' keepers.



**Help Us Grow:  
Give Electronically**

Hope Lutheran is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online!

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, weather, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

You can also make one-time gifts to special events, programs and other Church funds or activities.

Giving online is easy, safe and secure, plus it allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [hopehighridge.org](http://hopehighridge.org),
- 2) Click on the Online Giving tab and follow the link,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you prefer to use your phone, you can download the Give Plus app for both Apple and Android devices, and simply search for Hope Lutheran – High Ridge, MO.

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

November 8, 2020

Amos 5:18–24  
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18  
Matthew 25:1–13

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Trying to remember details of something in the Anchor, but don't have it any more? Check out our Facebook page! The Anchor link is pinned to the top. You can also use the link on Saturday to see what Sunday's Anchor will say.

