

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 12, 2026

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY April 12, 2026

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Sunday School
Adult Bible Study
10:45AM Holy Communion
6:30PM **Confirmation Class**

TUESDAY

9AM-12NOON **Pastor's Circuit Meeting**

WEDNESDAY

6PM Holy Communion
7PM **Board of Elders Meeting**

THURSDAY

10AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY April 19, 2026

8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Sunday School
Adult Bible Study
10:45AM Holy Communion

FRUITS of our FAITH:

Week of: April 5, 2026

Gifts to do His Work-General Fund: \$7,718.43

Worshipped: 508

BIRTHDAYS:

April 12th Sierra Boehm
April 12th Austen Cochrane
April 12th Brian Finger
April 12th Stephanie Jaderko
April 12th Madalyn Shelby
April 13th Lana Weinstock
April 15th Sharon Eberhardt
April 15th Bryce McQuade
April 16th Chuck Benes
April 17th Matthew Bolstad
April 17th Rose Mary Norrid
April 18th Karen Gustavison

ANNIVERSARIES

April 14th Robert & Diana Lentz

Altar Flowers

Just a reminder, please submit your request & payment for Altar flowers 2 weeks in advance.



Everyone doesn't get to see the wonderful ways that God uses the people of Hope Lutheran 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 faithfully taught, loved, and cared for our toddlers, 2's, and preschoolers with the love of Christ.

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 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 and snuck up here between lots of raindrops to keep the property looking beautiful.

Thanks be to God for Micah Austin, Art Bolstad, 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!



Thank You to everyone who helped and donated for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Hope welcomed kids & their families, and had a wonderful time with all who attended!

The Board of Evangelism has a request, **if you are out shopping after Easter, please pick up Easter clearance baskets and stuffed animals.** Hope Lutheran can use them next year to share with the kids that attend the Egg Hunt. As you pick up Easter clearance items, feel free to drop them off at Hope in the Friendship Room.

The Evangelism Committee:
Cheryl Woodruff, Co Chair & Savaunna Hoffmeister Williams, Co Chair
Elaine Andree, Janet Lammert, Sharon Wagstaff, & Pat Weiss, Members

Hope Lutheran VBS 2026



Who: YOU
What: VBS Tropical Trek
When: July 6-10, 2026 (8AM to 11:30AM)
Where: Hope Lutheran Church

Melanie Friel is looking for **Volunteers** for **VBS 26**

Hope Lutheran Church can use your help! Adults, if you are interested in taking a Tropical Trek Adventure with the kids in our church and community this July, please **contact Melanie Friel by email at friel4real@att.net or (314)540-3417.**

Vacation Bible School:
Please use the QR code to register.
Ages 3(potty-trained)-6th grade!
Registration Fee is \$10.
Deadline to Register is June 30.



FUNDING UPDATE THROUGH MARCH:

Hope Lutheran's Original Loan: \$65,000
Funds Raised through 3/31/26: \$32,505
Loan Balance @ 3/31/26: \$32,495

Life Thought in the Church Year

The disciples locked themselves in the upper room out of fear (John 20:19) ... fear of the unknown, of what might happen. Like the dry bones seen by Ezekiel, fear can leave even the boldest and strongest feeling dried up, crying out, "Our hope is lost" (Ezekiel 37:11). An unplanned pregnancy, a terminal illness, a sudden death—just to name a few—these can leave us feeling like all hope is lost. But the Lord did not leave the disciples in fear without peace, and neither will He leave you. "Peace be with you!" Christ is risen, and in Him is the peace that surpasses all understanding. "Do not disbelieve, but believe" (John 20:27). Jesus knows how to turn death into life and fear into gladness. He has the nail marks to prove it.

The Bulletin Board

HLECC & Hope's Easter Egg Hunt!

Check it Out!

Take a moment to stop by the bulletin boards in the Friendship Room and get a peek at the March fun had by Ms. Alicia and her HLECC preschool friends. Plus, see the excitement of Hope's annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Julie Wagner, Director of Children's Ministry



"I want to express my gratefulness to Pastor Jason and our congregation for the support given to me during my surgery and recovery. The visits and prayers genuinely comforted Karen and I."

Randy Tritch

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, April 19:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).