

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 13, 2025

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY April 13, 2025-Palm Sunday
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Sunday School
 9:30AM Adult Bible Study
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 Sunday School Kids Sing
 Confirmation Class
 6:30PM

TUESDAY
 11AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

 6PM **No Worship Services**
 Board of Early Childhood
 Ministry Meeting

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7PM Maundy Thursday Service

GOOD FRIDAY **HLECC & Church Office Closed**
 12NOON Worship Service
 7PM Worship Service

HOLY SATURDAY
 8:30-10AM Youth-Set Up Easter Breakfast
 7PM Holy Saturday Service

SUNDAY April 20, 2025-Easter Sunday
 7:30-9AM Easter Breakfast
 6:30AM Sunrise Service
 9AM Easter Service
 10:45AM Easter Service

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of April 6, 2025: \$5,558.24
 Worshipped: 203

Birthdays:

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
 April 19th Gil Schroeder

Anniversaries:

April 14th Robert & Diana Lentz
 April 19th Karen & David Kiel
 April 19th Dale & Alice Lindsey



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday	7PM
Good Friday	12Noon & 7PM
Holy Saturday	7PM
Easter Sunday	6:30AM
Easter Sunday	9AM
Easter Sunday	10:45AM



*Hope's Youth Invite You to
 Our Annual
 Easter Breakfast
 April 20, 2025
 7:30-9AM
 A gift to the congregation in celebration of
 Christ's Resurrection!*



Thank You to everyone who helped and donated for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Hope welcomed 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 after Easter, please pick up Easter clearance baskets and stuffed animals.** We could use them for the next year to share with the kids that come. As you pick up Easter clearance items, feel free to drop them off at Hope in the Friendship Room.

Thank You!

The Evangelism Committee:
 Savaunna Hoffmeister Williams, Co Chair
 Cheryl Woodruff, Co Chair
 Elaine Andree
 Kathy Gustavison
 Karen Tritch
 Pat Weiss

Easter Food Basket Time!
 The Benevolent Committee is delivering food baskets this Tuesday, the 15th. Please turn in your donations today.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice Dollars
 Today!




Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran: \$1195.00
Hope's Thrivent Financial Members directing Choice Dollars:

Richard Bardon	Karen Tritch
Harold Luckritz	Randy Tritch
Carl Mayer	Mike Welge
Robertta Mayer	Sheri Welge
John Pogue	Dave Westphal
Paul Siems	

If you are a Thrivent member, direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to your favorite ministry, including Hope Lutheran. Go to your Thrivent account today to direct your dollars.

Thrivent Choice Deposits for 2024 - \$4,380.00
Thank-You Thrivent Financial Members!



New VANCO Mobile Giving App!

If you have considered mobile/online giving, the Vanco App is secure and easy to use. For more information about the Vanco Mobile App, go to Pastor's Weekly Update.

If you have already used the GivePlus Mobile app, you will want to download the new Vanco Mobile App (for both Apple and Android phones). The GivePlus app will no longer work as of today.



Update on Open Houses at Pastor & Julie's

Over the last number of months, we had a great time hosting 5 groups of members at our first Open Houses in 8 years! Thank you to everyone who was able to come.

Just a reminder...

Apr 13th Last names Sas-Th (POSTPONED)

Due to the busyness of Summer, we will invite the other two groups (and all those who had to miss) in the Fall.

Life Thought in the Church Year
Incarnation, atonement, and resurrection from the dead have earned Jesus Christ authority over the manner of our living and the timing of our dying (Deuteronomy 32:39). Even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, we may commit human life's course to His loving care, for His own humble humanity has sanctified every moment of ours (Philippians 2:8-9).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Cookie Bakers! Help Needed!

One volunteer is needed to bake & frost 36 small heart sugar cookies for Sunday school on Sunday, April 27th. Our preschool thru 2nd graders will be making them into a butterfly to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! If you are able to help, please see or contact Julie Wagner (hopesundayschool316@gmail.com or (636) 222-2122) and Julie will provide you with the cookie cutters!

Thank you for your help with our youngest Hope members!
 Julie Wagner, Director of Children's Ministry

The Bulletin Board

Check it out!

Take a moment to stop by the **Children's Ministry Board** in the Friendship Room and get a peek inside the March fun had by Ms. Julie and her HLECC 2 & young 3 friends as well as our Sunday school families' great afternoon of pizza, games, and bowling!

Julie Wagner, Director of Children's Ministry

Easter Flowers



We still have 3 Daffodils & 3 Tulips available for purchase.

The prices are as follows:

- 6" Daffodil - Yellow \$7.00
- 6" Hyacinth - Blue \$7.00
- 6" Tulip - Pink \$7.00

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please complete the order form, take an envelope from the bulletin board, enclose your payment, and put the envelope in the offering collection on Sunday.

During the week, please take time to read the scriptures below, they will be the subject of next week's sermon, Sunday, April 20, 2025:

- Isaiah 65:17-25**
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**
- Luke 24:1-12**

Christ's Resurrection Is the First fruits of the New Creation

The Lord has promised to "create new heavens and a new earth" (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are "the offspring of the blessed of the Lord" (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For "if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be "perplexed about this" (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an "idle tale" (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.