

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 19, 2026

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY April 19, 2026

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

TUESDAY

11AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6PM Holy Communion

THURSDAY

10AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY April 26, 2026

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

FRUITS of our FAITH:

Week of: April 12, 2026

Gifts to do His Work-General Fund: \$4,085.99

Worshipped: 170

BIRTHDAYS:

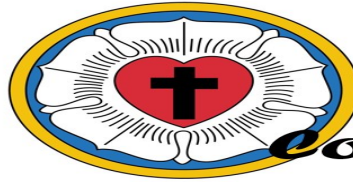
April 19th Gil Schroeder
April 20th Diane Moore
April 23rd Rachel Henning
April 23rd Adrienne Sevem
April 23rd Abigail Woodfin
April 25th Pilar Shell

ANNIVERSARIES

April 19th Karen & David Kiel
April 19th Dale & Alice Lindsey
April 21st Christina & Steven Payne
April 24th Dave & Effie Westphal

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Pieces are Given by
the
Nelson Family
In Memory of
Margret Nelson &
Dawn Smith



Confirmation

This week begins interviews for our four confirmation students for this year. As they complete Confirmation and begin fuller membership in the congregation, share the hope that is in them and keep them in your prayers.

Our Confirmands this year are:

Zoe Addison Henry — Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Jace Ronald Long — Romans 8:28

"And we know that for those who love God all things
work together for good, for those who are called
according to his purpose."

Andrew Michael McSwain—Joshua 1: 9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and
courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be
dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever
you go."

Briana Sue Menke—Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and
hope."

The Confirmation service will be at the 10:45a.m. Sunday service on May 3, 2026. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.



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.



Just a reminder, Hope Lutheran can manage your giving online!

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



Giving online is easy, safe, & secure; plus, it allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history. You can download the VANCO app on your phone and search for Hope Lutheran Church-High Ridge, MO.

Life Thought in the Church Year

The practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are “for you and your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the “precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.

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Dollars**
Today!



Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran: \$610.00
Hope's Thrivent Financial Members directing Choice Dollars:

Bonnie Baisch
Chuck Benes
Anna Isselhardt
Alice Manus
Dan Schlegel
Karen Schlegel
Clayton Williams

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 Contributions for 2025 — \$4,491!
Thank-You Thrivent Financial Members!

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, April 26:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24-25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3-4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).