

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 26, 2026

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY April 26, 2026

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

TUESDAY

11AM Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6PM Holy Communion

THURSDAY

10AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY May 3, 2026

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

FRUITS of our FAITH:

Week of: April 19, 2026

Gifts to do His Work-General Fund: \$6,317.29

Worshipped: 171

BIRTHDAYS:

April 27th Scott Johnson
April 28th *Craig Benson*
April 28th Lee Strande
April 29th *Virginia Heitzenroeder*
April 29th Garrett Hoskins
April 30th Ben Menke
May 1st *Amanda DeLuca*

ANNIVERSARIES

April 30th Brian & Marie McQuade
April 30th *Mike & Sheri Welge*



Confirmation

May 3, 2026, four of our young people will be Confirming their trust in the faith that they were baptized into. As they complete their work and confess their faith, please remember our four Confirmands in prayer:

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."

Breanna 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.

Altar Flowers
Todays Altar Pieces are Given by
the Kiel Family
in Celebration of the
58th Wedding Anniversary of
Karen & David Kiel



Thank You so very much for the cards & prayers during my surgery & recovery. I appreciated your thoughtful correspondence so very much!

Bonnie Baisch



Last Sunday, Julie Wagner shared the story of Emma, a 10 year-old little girl who attended our preschool. On March 28th, Emma was at a sister LCMS church (her church) for their Easter Egg Hunt, when a previously unknown birth defect caused a brain bleed that led to an aneurysm in her brain.

Within a few days, Emma had 3 brain surgeries, and has been at Children's Hospital since—with additional procedures. Emma has had slow improvement, but she is still unable to talk, and will be staying at Children's for intensive therapy (physically, verbally, & mentally) for a minimum of 2 months.

Obviously, the family has many needs. Emma's Mom is a kindergarten teacher in Valley Park, and her Dad works in the Rockwood School District. Hope Lutheran would like to help by covering the tuition of \$2,580 (tuition for the remainder of the school year and the summer program) for Amelia (Emma's younger sister) who is in the HLECC 2-year old class. With so many things up in the air for Amelia, as Mom & Dad regularly must stay at the hospital, school a few days a week provides stability and a regular routine.

Hope will take another door offering on Sunday, April 26th. After that date, if you would like to contribute, please do so, put your contribution in the offering plate in an envelope marked for "Amelia Tuition." The excess contributions will go towards tuition for 2026-27.

Thank you for considering how we can share the hope and love of Christ with this family, contributing \$1,637 last week. Please keep Emma in your prayers!

Current Goal: \$2,580

Raised thru 4/19: \$1,637

Amount Needed to hit the Goal: \$ 943

Life Thought in the Church Year

The conception and birth of every baby should be cause for joy (John 16:21). Sadly, millions of babies every year are conceived but never born. Either by intentional abortions or unintended miscarriages, joy falls victim to sorrow. A life is lost, and even if the world does not know it, a mother does. In His mercy that never comes to an end (Lamentations 3:22), Christ has died for our sins. He forgives. He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love (Lamentations 3:32). Now you know sorrow but also know that when Christ appears, you shall be like Him, pure as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3). Then your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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.



During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, May 3:

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life

The risen Lord Jesus alone is "the way, and the truth, and the life," and we come "to the Father" only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus "glorified in the Son," and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14). Stephen, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5) and "doing great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he "gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was "rejected by men" in the sight of God, He is "chosen and precious" (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father's "spiritual house," and we are built upon Him as "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5).