

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 27, 2025

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## This Week at Hope Lutheran

### SUNDAY April 27, 2025

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

### TUESDAY

11AM Ladies Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

6PM Worship & Holy Communion

### THURSDAY

10AM Men's Bible Study

### SUNDAY May 4, 2025

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

### Fruits of Our Faith

Week of April 20, 2025: \$10,612.78  
Worshipped: 534

### Birthdays:

April 27th Scott Johnson  
April 28th Craig Benson  
April 28th Lee Strande  
April 29th Virginia Heitzenroeder  
April 29th Garrett Hoskins  
April 30th Benjamin Menke  
May 3rd Aiden Krndzija  
May Amanda DeLuca

### Anniversaries:

April 30th Dixon & Christiana Gbeanquoi  
April 30th Brian & Marie McQuade  
April 30th Mike & Sheri Welge

### Altar Flowers

Todays altar pieces are given by  
Karen Kiel  
in Celebration of the  
57th Anniversary of  
Karen & David Kiel



## Confirmation

May 4, 2025, two 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 two Confirmands in prayer:

Elijah John Bergmann — Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Laney Grace Strande — 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."

The Confirmation service will be at the 10:45a.m. Sunday service on May 4th.



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 endured a pretty damp Spring, which means squirrely toddlers, 2's, and preschoolers who are still faithfully taught, loved, and cared for 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, and took care of 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 the downpours and raindrops to keep the property looking beautiful.

**Thanks be to God** for Art Bolstad, Micah Brown, 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!



Hope Lutheran Church  
Welcomes to our  
Congregation

Zoe Cassin  
Phil, Amanda, Peter, & William Heaviside  
Brian, Nicole, & Micah Leachman  
Derek & Paul Olsen  
Shane & Heidi Rosenthal  
Jade Sears  
Doug & Sharon Wagstaff

**Love Packages  
Recycling with a purpose!**

**Love Packages** is a program that creates an opportunity for all of us to participate in the work of sharing the Gospel of Jesus. Please donate your unused Bibles, Sunday school materials (for 10 Students or more), Portals of Prayer, etc. to **Love Packages**. Please drop your items in the Mail Room, the box designated Love Packages.

For further information, please contact Marilyn or Ed Bachmann at (636) 938-4663 or (636) 288-7502.



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.

**Life Thought in the Church Year**

**"An angel of the Lord...brought them out and said, 'Go...and speak to the people all the words of this Life'" (Acts 5:19-20). Life—immediate, abundant, ongoing from fertilization to forever—belongs to the heart of the Gospel and the very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ. And is there any clearer Scriptural invitation for the sanctity of life to occupy all our conversation?**



Who: YOU 😊  
What: VBS (Vacation Bible School): EPIC Australian Adventure  
When: July 7-11 (8:00am-11:30am)  
Where: Hope Lutheran Church, High Ridge

Melanie Friel is looking for adult volunteers for VBS 25!

Whether you have helped in the past OR would like to begin helping this year, we could use your help!

If you are interested in taking an EPIC Australian Adventure with the kids of our community this July, please contact Melanie at (text) 314-540-3417 or (email) friel4real@att.net.

THANK YOU!



*Thank You to everyone who helped and donated to 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 them up, feel free to drop them off at Hope in the Friendship Room.*

**Thank You!**  
**The Evangelism Committee**

**During the week, please take time to read the scriptures below, they will be the subject of next week's sermon, Sunday, May 4, 2025:**

**Acts 9:1-22**  
**Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14**  
**John 21:1-14 (15-19)**

**The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs**

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain" (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has "ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He "was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead" (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15-17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name "before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).