

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" February 16, 2025

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Voters Meeting-Sun. Feb. 23rd @ 12:45PM

This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY **February 16, 2025**
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Sunday School
 Adult Bible Study
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 6:30PM Confirmation Class

TUESDAY
 11AM Ladies Bible Study
 6PM Board of Early Childhood Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY
6PM Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAY
10AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY **February 23, 2025**
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Sunday School
 Adult Bible Study
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 12:45PM **Voters Meeting**
 12Noon-4PM Youth—Main Event

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: February 9, 2025

Gifts to do His Work— General Fund: \$4,458.99

Worshipped: 133

Birthdays

February 16th	Jill Wolters
February 18th	Sidney Kolaks
February 19th	Marilyn Bachmann
February 20th	Henry McKelvey
February 22nd	Gina Ogletree

Altar Flowers

Just a reminder, please submit your request & payment for Altar flowers at least 2 weeks in advance to get the flowers desired.



The Evangelism and Assimilation Board is hosting a Cake Decorating Class on March 22nd from 9:00 am to Noon. The group will be led by an experienced decorator to decorate your own cake for Easter. All of the needed tools (including the baked cake!) will be provided. Spots are limited to 10, but if there is more interest, we will offer other classes in the future. The cost for each person is \$10, as a Thrivent Grant will cover the remainder of the costs. You are invited to sign up on the bulletin board in the Friendship Room.

The Evangelism & Assimilation Committee
Savaunna Hoffmeister Williams, Co-Chairperson
Cheryl Woodruff, Co-Chairperson

THANK YOU!

The Evangelism & Assimilation Committee would like to thank all of the Thrivent members who sponsored grants in 2024. We did 39 Grants, which saved our church \$9,750, helped countless people, our Sunday School, & ECC. We thank the following Thrivent Members for the number of grants they sponsored:

Chuck Benes (2)	Joan Pogue (2)
Karen Benes (1)	Bob Polanc (1)
Don Boettcher (1)	Karen Schlegel (2)
Marcie Gerhardt (2)	Karen Tritch (2)
Ron Gerhardt (1)	Randy Tritch (2)
Kathy Gustavison (1)	Claire Vail (1)
Ken Gustavison (1)	Pastor Wagner (2)
Anna Isselhardt (1)	Julie Wagner (2)
Karen Kiel (2)	Mike Welge (2)
Janet Lammert (1)	Sheri Welge (2)
Carole Myers (2)	Dave Westphal (1)
Jim Myers (1)	Cheryl Woodruff (2)
Beth Nelson (1)	



We are looking for a few new ushers to help out during worship in the coming year. All confirmed members of the congregation are able to serve in this simple way.

For the coming year, ushers are needed:

- 1st Sunday of each month, Late Service-1 usher needed
- 2nd Sunday of ea. month, Early Service-1 usher needed
- 5th Sunday, Late Service-1 usher needed (only 4 months of the yr.)

Contact Alice Lindsey at (314) 420-4602 if you are interested in serving!



UPDATE on Open Houses at Pastor & Julie's

In October and December, we had a great time hosting our first Open Houses in 8 years! Thank you to everyone who was able to come.

We have hit a few snags with other groups due to scheduling conflicts and now weather. After the Elders meet this week, we will be sharing a number of dates through the Spring.

Just a reminder...

- Feb 16th-Last Names Cm-I (Rescheduled from Nov. and Jan.)
- Mar 16th-Last names Pas-Sar
- Apr 13th-Last names Sas-Th

We will share other dates soon.

Life Thought in the Church Year

Only in 1 Corinthians 15:8 (“untimely born”) do the Scriptures use a technical term for “abortion.” Paul labeled himself like a miscarriage or one designated for intentional termination. But the Lord God intervened by reaching out with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Savior dying and rising makes abortion entirely unnecessary – and diametrically opposite to the Gospel message and community.

When winter weather arrives at the same time as any Hope Lutheran activity, please check the following places for information:



- Facebook
- Channel 5 (KSDK) ksdk.com
- www.hopehighridge.org

These are the only places we will post weather information.



Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran: \$192.00

Hope’s Thrivent Financial Member directing Choice

- Dollars:**
- Don Boettcher
 - Dennis Lukefahr
 - Bob Polanc
 - Don Shell
 - Karen Tritch
 - Clayton Williams

If you are a member of **Thrivent**, you may have some **Thrivent Choice Dollars** that you can share. Through the **Thrivent Choice program**, members can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to **Hope Lutheran Church**. If you are a member go to your Thrivent account and donate today!

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, February 23, 2025:

- Genesis 45:3–15*
- 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*
- Luke 6:27–38*

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).