

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" February 23, 2025

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

### This Week at Hope Lutheran

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 23, 2025</b>
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
12:45PM	<b>Voter's Meeting</b>
12NOON-4PM	Youth-Main Event
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
11AM	Ladies Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
6PM	Worship & Holy Communion
7PM	Board of Christian Ed Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
10AM	Men's Bible Study
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 2, 2025</b>
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion

### Fruits of Our Faith

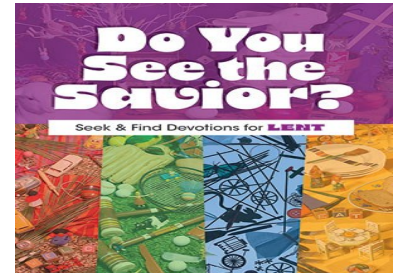
Week of: February 16, 2025  
Gifts to do His Work— General Fund: \$3,934.76  
Worshipped: 93

### Birthdays

February 24th	Lisa Hoffmann
February 24th	Lorraine Sartori
February 26th	Luke Biermaas
February 28th	Virgil Herschbach
February 28th	Anna Isselhardt
February 28th	Vi Powell

### 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 season of Lent begins on March 5th with the observance of Ash Wednesday. During the season, you are encouraged to take time to reflect on Christ's sacrificial love, and we provide a number of ways to help you do this.

Midweek Lenten worship begins with Ash Wednesday services at Noon and 7:00pm, and these two Wednesday services continue until April 9th. This year the services surround the theme: the Hand of the Lord. Hands are used to heal, mend, build, teach, comfort, and so much more. Yet, as humans, our hands are sinful and unclean. Christ's hands are the ones that can transform our dirty, sinful hands into beautiful, clean ones for His plans. Spend this Lent exploring God's Word to see how His hands are used in both the New and Old Testaments, from creation to crucifixion and eternal life.

In addition, we are providing a few options for Daily Devotions. You can read the email devotions, which will walk through the many events surrounding the passion of our Lord beginning on March 10th. We will provide devotional booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled, Servant of the Lord, or you can certainly make use of the Portals of Prayer.

Our youth and families with kids in Sunday School can begin picking up their devotional booklets beginning this Sunday also. "Do You See the Savior?" encourages children to find hidden objects that tell the story of salvation, and our youth will receive a devotion to help them consider Christ, "Savior, Servant, Friend."

We pray that these tools point you to our hope and confidence in Christ!



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...

Mar 16th-Last names Pas-Sar  
Apr 13th-Last names Sas-Th

We will share other dates soon.

**Life Thought in the Church Year**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for February 23 – Epiphany VII: Joseph’s brothers aborted him well after his birth because they thought him a threat. History eventually disclosed the Heavenly Father’s design: a life-giving mission they didn’t see (Genesis 45:7-8). The same holds true in the surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses we encounter. So Christians practice servanthood to apparently burdensome persons (Luke 6:29), because like mercy from God makes our lives possible.

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.



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

**During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, March 2, 2025:**

**Deuteronomy 34:1–12**  
**Hebrews 3:1–6**  
**Luke 9:28–36**

**The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ**

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,” but Christ Jesus “has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses” (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus’ own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His “departure” (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, “Listen to him!” (Luke 9:35).