

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" March 2, 2025

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY	March 2, 2025
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
6:30PM	Confirmation Class
MONDAY	
5:30PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY	
11AM	Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY
12NOON	Worship & Holy Communion
6PM	Spaghetti Supper
7PM	Worship & Holy Communion
7PM	Board of Evangelism & Assimilation Meeting
THURSDAY	
10AM	Men's Bible Study
FRIDAY	
6:30PM	Sunday School Family Service Night
SUNDAY	March 9, 2025-Daylight Saving Time
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: February 23, 2025

Gifts to do His Work— General Fund: \$8,428.45

Worshipped: 166

Birthdays

March 2nd	Courtney Manus Krndzija
March 4th	Miranda Payne
March 5th	Krista McFarland
March 7th	Emma Labbee
March 7th	Hannah Tucker



**Join us for Hope's Annual Spaghetti Supper!
Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 6PM**

Our Youth will prepare and serve the meal as a gift to the congregation (absolutely no charge!). Come, enjoy, & stay for Ash Wednesday Worship.



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. Sunday School family devotions can also be picked up in the Friendship Room.



Our Sunday School families will be taking part in a service project on Friday, March 7th to make blankets for families and children served by the My Life Crisis Pregnancy Center. To do this, we could use your help!

We are asking to borrow fabric scissors. Please bring them Sunday, March 2nd or on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Please mark them with your name, and put them in Julie Wagner's church mailbox. They will be returned Sunday, March 9th. Thank you!



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

Our Savior's miraculous radiance reveals three sanctity of life truths. The timing and manner of our deaths—like those of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah—are God's business and decision (Luke 9:30). Then, every human life receives a glory from Jesus that we cannot always immediately envision. Just because it's hidden doesn't mean it's missing. And this message isn't meant for keeping to ourselves!

Shut-in Card Ministry

We have a birthday this month on March 14th:



Lori Stewart
1349 U. S. Highway 61
Festus, MO 63028

Cards are available in the Friendship Room!
Questions, contact Gloria High at (636) 343-8487.

Portals of Prayer for APRIL-JUNE 2025 are in the Friendship Room. Please consider giving a small offering in the box that is next to the devotional books. Our group subscription allows us to get the books for \$1 each. Even if you can't give right now, **PLEASE** take the devotionals.

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, March 9, 2025:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes "every temptation" (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Jesus' victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For "with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, "for 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to "our affliction, our toil, and our oppression" (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the "signs and wonders" of Holy Baptism, "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.