

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" May 4, 2025

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY May 4, 2025

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

MONDAY

- 5:30PM Board of Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6PM Worship & Holy Communion
- 7PM Board of Evangelism & Assimilation Meeting

SUNDAY May 11, 2025-Mother's Day

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

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of April 27, 2025: \$3,688.54

Worshipped: 148

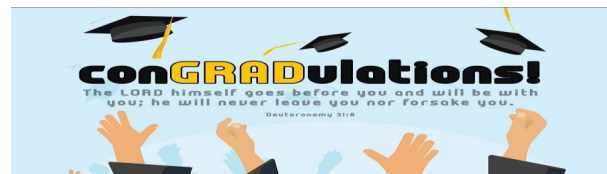
Birthdays:

- May 4th Pat Bibb
- May 4th Karen Tucker
- May 5th Dixon Gbeanquoi
- May 5th Alan Uhlmansiek
- May 7th James Cochrane
- May 7th Gerri Webb
- May 9th Diane Pflanz

Anniversaries:

- May 4th Bill & Laura Broy
- May 5th Bob & Sandra Polanc
- May 8th Lon & Ellen Kolaks

TODAY, at the 10:45 a.m. service, 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 in prayer our two Confirmands, Elijah John Bergmann and Laney Grace Strande.



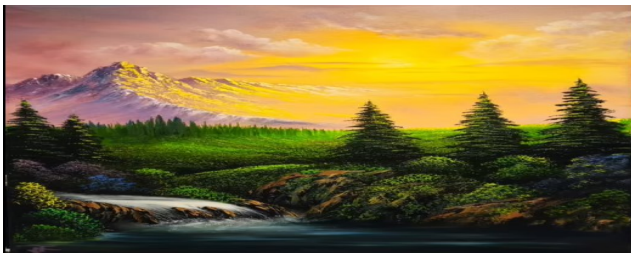
In the coming weeks, several young adults from Hope will graduate from high school and college. We will pray for our high school youth and share more information about them in a few weeks. For now, keep all those graduating in your prayers. High School graduates include Luke Biermaas (Northwest HS), Emily Edwards (Pacific HS), Emma Labbee (Lutheran South HS), and Isaiah Nelson (Fox HS). Our college graduate is Abigail Wagner (Hillsdale College). May the Lord bless and direct each of them as they begin new endeavors, supported by His grace.

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!

We could use your help! If you are interested in taking an EPIC Australian Adventure with the kids of our community this July 7-11, please sign up in the Friendship Room. To contact Melanie (text) 314-540-3417 or (email) friel4real@att.net.

Altar Flowers
 Todays Altar Pieces are given by
 The Congregation
 in Honor of our Confirmands
 Elijah John Bergmann
 Laney Grace Strande



Can't draw a straight line? Don't believe you have talent? That's bologna. The late Bob Ross quotes "Talent is a pursuit of interest". If you don't believe and/or take the step to pursue it, then you talked yourself out of wanting to try with a little practice.

On May 31st, Saturday, experienced and "first timers" are invited to a fellowship oil painting class taught by Randy Tritch featuring: "Mountain Gaze", "The Ascension": ACTS 1:9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Stay tuned for details by email and a sign-up sheet in the Friendship Room. Call Randy Tritch at (314) 686-2096 if you have questions.

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

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:

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

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

Life Thought in the Church Year

Our Father in heaven gathers into His flock persons of every tribe and nation and language (Revelation 5:9-10). Ages, appearances, and abilities do not disqualify anyone, and our world works best when our words and ways proclaim and practice it. And as both Peter and Paul illustrate, neither heritage nor history keeps hearts from Him either. Forgiveness and faith relieve even from involvement in abortion!

The Bulletin Board

Check it Out!

Take a moment to stop by the bulletin boards in the Friendship Room and get a peek at the April fun had by Ms. Yolanda and her HLECC toddler friends. Plus, see the excitement of Hope's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Julie Wagner,
Director of Children's Ministry

Shut-in Card Ministry

We have a birthday this month on May 15th: Carl Johnson
6400 The Cedars Court
B Hall
Cedar Hill, MO 63016



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

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, May 11, 2025:

Acts 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, "they will never perish" (John 10:28), for "no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, "shepherds") "care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).