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Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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April 2022

WELCOME HOME! INSPIRING WORSHIP IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP



Enjoy Inspiring Worship Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in-person or on livestream. Visit the Worship tab at hopeonbluerock.org for information on how to view livestream or recorded worship videos, to



view weekly bulletins, and more. Our worship committee continues to monitor the Covid numbers in our community and to make informed decisions on worship practices based on this information, and we thank them for their hard work during these

challenging times! If you have questions or concerns regarding worship, contact **Mike Schweinfest**, Chair of Worship & Music Committee.

Pastor Christie

COME ONE, COME ALL

Please join us for a Carry-in Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, April 17th.

The events will be held between the services of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Please sign up for the breakfast on the counter in the Narthex/lobby.

Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship Chair

Easter is the assurance that no matter how hopeless and dark things appear, God is alive and actively working. Our heavenly Father births life out of death, transforms brokenness into wholeness and shines light into darkness.

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LENTEN & EASTER WORSHIP Pastor Christie's theme for Lenten Worship on Sunday mornings will be "Shelter." We will be looking at all of the ways in which the Bible describes God Shelter as our shelter and our refuge, A Lenten Series



and exploring how God is our shelter throughout our daily lives. Mark your calendars for this Sunday Lenten series, plus many more Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter activities:

Wednesdays Services Continue During Lent -



Taize Worship 7 pm @ Hope (March 30 and April 6)

Sundays During Lent – Worship 10 am @ Hope

Palm Sunday Celebration, April 10 – Worship 10 am @ Hope

Maundy Thursday, April 14 – Worship 7 pm @ Hope

Good Friday, April 15 – Cantata 7pm @ Groesbeck United Methodist Church, 8871 Colerain Avenue, 45251

Easter Sunday, April 17 – Worship 9 am & 11 am @ Hope

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10 am @ Hope

Carry-in Easter Brunch @ 10:15 am @ Hope

Worship With Us This Easter



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PASTOR CHRISTIE'S CORNER

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. – John 12:24 NRSV



Spring has sprung! Buds adorn the trees, and the

leaves of flowers poke up through the ground. We are beginning to see the results of grains, seeds, and flowers that fell to the ground last year. They hibernated all year long – those remnants of dead fruits – only to burst forth this spring and summer in all their beautiful and nourishing glory.

This journey of death into new life reminds us much of the Lenten journey: from the wilderness, to suffering, death, and into joyous new life. And the Lenten journey itself is a reminder of our lives.

We may find ourselves in life at different places along this journey. Perhaps we feel like a withering flower. Our seeds haven't quite hit the ground yet, but we're not sure how much longer we'll be able to hold on before they do. We find ourselves relating to the Israelites who wandered for 40 years, or to Jesus who was tempted for 40 years: We are in a Wilderness state.

Or perhaps we feel like the flower that has

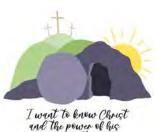


withered completely and dropped our seeds.

We suffer and feel that death is imminent. Possibly, we've emotionally and spiritually moved on to the Death stage. Though our bodies are still alive, we feel as though something within us has died. When we experience significant grief or trauma, we may find ourselves in a state of Suffering or even of Death, emotionally speaking.

What we cannot see or even feel is that the seeds we dropped are busy germinating underground. The decaying leaves of last fall have fertilized the soil for healthy growth this spring. And finally, after what seems so long, green stalks emerge from the soil once again – New Life has begun.

This is the journey upon which we embark each Lent as Easter people: Wilderness, Suffering, Death, New Life. But if you reach Easter Sunday and you still do not feel as if your



resurrection.

worry! Easter is a yearlong celebration. As followers of Christ, we live in the knowledge that death <u>always</u> leads to Resurrection. May

seedlings have

germinated - do not

you find that Resurrection Joy this Easter season, and may you share it abundantly throughout the year to come. As we accompany one another through these many lifelong journeys, I leave you with these words, from the hymn As The Winter Days Grow Longer (All Creation Sings Hymnal #924):

As we journey through this season, pilgrims through a thirsty land, quench us with your living presence; guide us with your loving hand. Wandering people, here we gather, called to rest along our way. God who blesses earth with springtime, grant us sabbath joy this day!

In the peace, love, and joyous hope of the Resurrection, Pastor Christie

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR'S EMAILS?

Pastor Christie sends a weekly "Hope Happenings" email to update us all on worship & the happenings



for the upcoming week. Due to technical difficulties, some folks haven't been receiving these. If you have not been receiving these emails lately, and you

would like to receive them – first check your SPAM or Junk folder – and if this is not the problem or you have questions, contact Pastor Christie <u>pastor@hopeonbluerock.org</u> / 317-828-5949.

If you do not want to receive these messages, please contact Pastor or click the unsubscribe link at the bottom of the message. It is best if you do not send the messages to SPAM, as this can trigger future messages (in your inbox and in other people's) to be marked as SPAM. **Pastor Christie**

YOGA - "LIGHT WITHIN" & BOOK CLUB



Both are on hiatus for now due to K.C. Kless's medical situation.

He is writing almost every day on the CaringBridge, and here is the link if you wish to follow his progress.

https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/klessk/journal

NURSERY IS OPEN

Don't forget that **Kayla Terbrueggen** is available during worship to entertain Hope's



youngest children if parents wish to take advantage of her services.

AWESOME APRIL BIRTHDAY

1	Judi Wendel	19
2	Megan Huth	
	Joseph Monroe	20
5	Zoey Beagle	
6	Janet Freland	
	Tim Bessey	21
8	Claire McMasters	22
10	Tim Beagle	23
	Amanda Rinear	24
11	Anthony Cowan	27
13	George Albright	
15	Richie Abbott	29
	Tyler Arany	
	Valerie Schneider	S
16	Finn Abbott	1
	Sara Beagle	1
	Barb Mack	
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17 Becky Lister

Miranda Kless
Ed McMasters
Olivia Byrne
Lucinda Hardin
Cade Leppert
George Phillips, Sr.
Phil Hollingsworth
John Wendel
Duale Maillians

Angie Brown

Bob Kelbley

Kelly Cuffe

Ruth Williams



WHY FRIDAY IS GOOD

To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ is to live



already in his kingdom. This is the essence of the Christian message, the heart of the Good News, and it is why the cross has become the chief Christian symbol.

A cross of all things — a guillotine, a gallows — but the cross at the same time as the crossroads of eternity and time, as the place where such a mighty heart was broken that the healing power of God himself could flow through it into a sick and broken world. It was for this reason that of all the possible words they could have used to describe the day of his death, the word they settled on was "good." Good Friday. —**Frederick Buechner**

Why Christ calls us to worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an "average" Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: "Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than



we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons."

He continues: "The risen Christ, however, may have had other

plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don't really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?"

-from The Wired Word

APRIL THANK YOUS AND NEWS

We would like to thank all the people of Hope for their thoughts and prayers, as well as support, on the passing of Tim Cowan, loving husband and father. Thank you to Pastor Christie. Jerry. Judy. Ruth and Karen for putting the service together so quickly. They did a beautiful job. We also want to thank the ladies who put a wonderful luncheon together and the lovely flowers on the tables. We appreciate everyone at Hope.

God Bless, Susie, Anthony and Kristi



Judy Royse has done it again. We hank her so much for giving the church entrance a pansy facelift!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the funeral **luncheon for the Cowan family** by donating money, preparing food, washing dishes and tables, or setting up and cleaning up afterwards as well as supplying other needed items. Hope's members are so helpful at "pitching in" and showing they care.

IN LOVING MEMORY

On March 17, Hope celebrated the We mount life of Tim Cowan, the loving husband of Susie Cowan, and dear



father of Anthony and Kristi, who passed away suddenly on March 11. He was an avid motorcyclist and sports enthusiast who volunteered as a firefighter/EMT while also working in the aerospace industry. May the grace and peace of God sustain this family as they grieve Tim's loss!

It was slow at the food pantry this month, so Nan Davis



took time for a little much needed nap!

SON MINISTRIES REPORT

During February, SON's food pantry distributed food and personal care items to 96 families that included 80



children and 198 adults with a total of 278 persons.

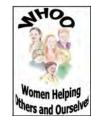
In April SON would like to collect boxes of crackers and jelly (no glass containers, please).

Thank you to all who donate to this worthy community food pantry.

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

WHOO (WOMEN HELPING OTHERS & **OURSELVES**)

At the meeting on March 24, the group decided to



donate \$500 to Lutheran World Relief for a matching gift to their Ukraine effort. Tikkun Farm is also a possible service project as well as a lending library. WHOO plans to have a dinner meeting when it warms up where there is outside seating. Debbie Schrader has

graciously offered her pool for a pool party in July or August.

The next meeting is April 28th at 6 pm at Hope. Come join the fellowship!

THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT

Our Lenten devotional and our Bible Study topic throughout Lent will be *The Sanctuary for Lent*. Devotional books are available to pick up free of charge in the

Narthex, or you can purchase the Kindle version for the low price of \$1.29. If you would like to have a paper devotional and are unable to make it to church for pickup, contact Pastor Christie,

The Sanctuary for Lent 2022 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion and a short prayer-all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection.



As we at Hope explore the theme of Shelter throughout Lent, this devotional book on sanctuary will help focus our hearts and minds on relying on God for our protection, sanctuary, and shelter.

Join in for Bible Study on Thursdays at 1pm in-person or on Zoom!

Prayer Chain – What It's All About

Hope's "Prayer Chain" is the method that we use to communicate with one another when we have prayer requests. As prayer requests come in, they are sent out daily via email and listed weekly in the



📉 bulletin.This is an important method of rayer Chain communication which helps our amazing

team of pray-ers to know who is most in need of prayer each day and each week. The prayer chain also serves sometimes to notify Pastor of people who are in need of extra care and to alert our teams as to who might need a card, message, or call of encouragement.

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-<u>requests/</u>, send a n email tо prayer@hopeonbluerock.org, or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949 (cell) 513-923-3370 (church office)

Interested in receiving prayer chain emails? Email prayer@hopeonbluerock.org_with your contact information and we will get you added to the list.

Thank you to our Prayer Chain for so faithfully praying for everyone, to our Spiritual Life Team for overseeing to the congregation's spiritual care, and especially to Lana Albright who chairs Spiritual Life and moderates Prayer Chain emails.

Pr. Christie

HOW TO JOIN ZOOM EVENTS

For the majority of our zoom meetings, the instructions for joining on zoom

are the same. See below for instructions, and contact Pastor Christie with questions or difficulties. In the occasional (case that the zoom link is



different, instructions will be noted with the event publicity.

To join virtually **Join via zoom** on computer or smart phone: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949? pwd=YSs1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTlmVINLUT09

Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 317 828 5949 Passcode: 4695 **Pastor Christie**

SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed



engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack." From Gateway to Jesus.com

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

You can't fool the kids in Sunday school, they are way too smart...

'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?' I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

'NO!' all the children answered.



'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the

yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?'

Again the answer was,'NO!'

'Well,'I continued,' then how can I get to heaven?'

A five-year-old boy shouted, 'You gotta be dead!' From Gateway to jesus.com

Everything can change in a blink of an eye, but don't worry. God never blinks. (church sign)

HOPE DIRECTORY APP



& Android

Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for Instant Church Directory 🎦 and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact Jerry Ivins.



Contact Jerry lvins for any changes.



2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account.



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Directions are on

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requested. If you

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address, you will

need to re-enroll.

It will not

recognize the new

email address for

confidentiality

purposes.

3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."

Hope's 5 digit number is 80286. Please join today!

BOX TOPS MADE EASY

Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone.



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automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. Karen Schneider

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DON'T FORGET OUR NARTHEX BINS!

-Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers for UC Dental

-Food and personal care donations for SON Ministries

-Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House

-Religious materials for Love Packages

-Boxtops for Education for schools

-Lids and caps for Buddy benches

-Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club

-Pill Bottles for Matthew 25



-Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

Congratulations to Kayla Willey who has now achieved a 2 Star award rating for her child care facility!



Spots available at 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below: yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

HOPE'S CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

To donate to Hope: Checks may be mailed to 4695 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 or brought to church.

Digital donations may be submitted at www.hopeonbluerock.org Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish to donate - either ChurchTrac or PayPal.

For questions email Ron Long at finance@hopeonbluerock.org



HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE February 2021



General Fund

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Total	Μ	ONTH	Y	TD
Beginning Balance	\$	42,759.48	\$	43,347.84
Revenues	\$	9,419.00	\$	32,269.00
Expenses	\$		\$	38,972.11
Transfers In	\$	10.00	\$	10.00
Transfers Out	\$.		\$	
Ending Balance	\$	36,654.73	\$	36,654.73
Memorial Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$	7,849.47	\$	7,789.41
Deposit	\$	182.58	\$	242.58
Interest	\$.06	\$.12
Total	\$	8,032.11	\$	8,032.11
Wilma Hoffman Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$	19,367.04 \$		19,365.40
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Interest Income	\$	1.48	\$	3.12
Disbursements	\$		\$	0.00
Ending Balance	\$	19,368.52	\$	19,368.52
Mission Building Fund	d			
Beginning Balance	\$	14,375.18	\$	14,373.95
Revenue	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Interest	\$	1.11	\$	2.34
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Ending Balance	\$	14,376.29	\$	14,376.29
Capital One CD				
Beginning Balance	\$,	\$	
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Interest Income	\$	8.93	\$	17.86
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Chris Arany, Treasurer

February 2022 by Zoom

Disbursements

Ending Balance

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



\$ 52,660.08

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+Chris Arany, Treasurer: See his report above for February.

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◆Chris is checking to possibly refinancing our loan. Hope still owes \$239,952.66 to be paid off in 23 years and 4 months.

◆Lana Albright, Spiritual Life: There will be a Prayer Chain Breakfast this spring. They are working on membership rolls and returning to visits to Mt. Healthy House.

◆The council passed the motion to send Pastor to take the leader training course for Stephen Ministry for \$1685 to be paid from the Wilma Hoffman Fund.

◆Erica Leppert, Christian Education: The youth are working on a Palm Sunday skit.

+K.C. Kless, Evangelism: Book Club and Yoga are

on hold for now. **Linda McBride** is handling the clothing donations for the Franciscan Sisters. The NOSH dinner will be a Nacho bar on March 27.

◆Bonnie Long, Generosity: They plan to present to the congregation how the ELCA money Hope donates is distributed. They will also be working with the children about why we give of our time, talent, and possessions.

Chuck Hasdorff, Property: Our lawn service is increasing the cost reasonably as well as our church building cleaning service.

+Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship: The committee is planning for the East Egg Hunt and Breakfast.

◆Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry: They are working through upgrades to our media devices and teaching youth to help run them.

◆**Pastor Christie:** On Easter Sunday there will be 2 baptisms: Josephine Tedesco and her cousin Miles.

✦Youth Outreach will be in July with a group coming from Seymour, IN. They will complete community projects plus other activities.

◆Jen Byrne, President: She is still working on updating insurance seeking estimates for building costs including content inside to seek rates for 80% and 100% to replace them.

◆The Congregational Collaborative will meet on March 18 and 19.

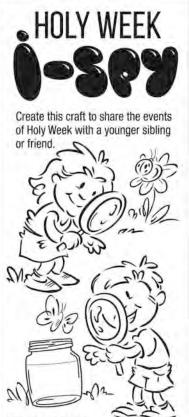
◆No council meeting will be held in April since it would be on Maundy Thursday.

◆The next meeting will be on May 12, 2022.

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary

FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY *MONDAY, APRIL 18TH.* ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.



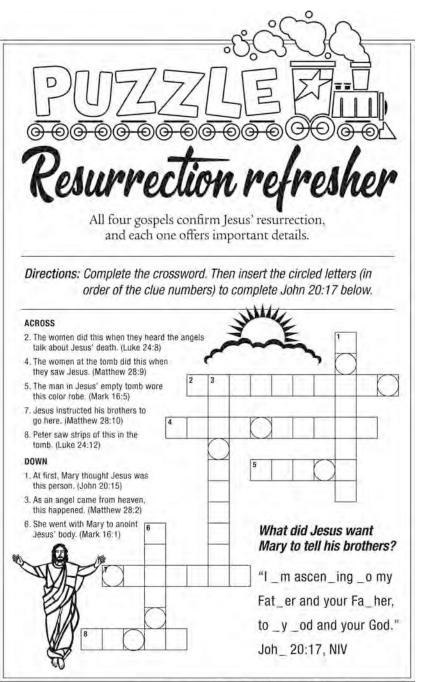


What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

- Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
- Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
- Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.



Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV



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📕 Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OUR MISSION

We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.



Pastor:	Christie Beckmann
Choir Director:	Karen Schweinfest
Organist:	Dale Renner
Altar Care:	Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain:	Carmen Hasdorrff
Web Site:	Pastor Christie
	Jerry Ivins
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Christ Is Risen!