Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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August 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*

COMING SOON: THE GENEROSITY PROJECT

The Generosity Team is excited to announce a new opportunity for our congregation: The Generosity Project. The Generosity Project is an expression of



the ELCA churchwide initiative to grow faithful stewards and generous leaders, so all may grow in their capacity to recognize and respond to God's abundant grace and generosity – in congregations and at home. The goals of the project are to connect

people ages 2 to 102, equip all ages and households for the faith practice of generosity, and to grow in God's grace generation to generation. Hope's Generosity Team looks forward to bringing this initiative to Hope, beginning this October. More details coming soon!

Pr. Christie



Please watch for children returning to school!

WHOO IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Northwest Local Schools is sponsoring their annual Health & Safety Fair at Northgate Mall on August 10th to prepare children returning to school. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please place your them in the marked basket in the Narthex/lobby by



August 3rd. Supplies most needed are 2-pocket folders, single subject spiral-bound notebooks, 24-packs of Crayola crayons, glue sticks, and packs of loose leaf paper. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Colerain Township 6th Annual Community Give Back Day Saturday, October 22nd 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All Hope members & friends are invited to volunteer



for this special event in our community hosted by People Working Cooperatively. Many organizations throughout Colerain Township volunteer to help low income, elderly, people with disabilities, or veteran neighbors

with yard work and basic home maintenance.

See http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/ for more information.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

August 28 - Congregational Meeting

Save the date! Our next all-congregation meeting will take place after 10 am worship on August 28. On the agenda is a change of By-laws and an update from the Congregational Vitality Team.



PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER The Transformation of Holy

Communion

When you take communion, have you ever thought about all the processes of transformation that occurred in order for us to partake together in the sacrament of bread



and wine that is the body and blood of Christ?

As our Bible Study group wraps up our study of Scouting the Divine, we find ourselves learning about wine. There are hundreds of images in the Bible about grapes, vines, vineyards, wine, and winemaking. Many of the original hearers of scripture would have understood these images as a part of their everyday lives in ways that many of us may not be able to relate to, and so understanding more about vineyards is helpful to our own study of scripture.

One passage that we examined is when Jesus turns water into wine in John 2:1-11. In a matter of moments, Jesus transforms multiple large iars of water into the finest of wines. This might not seem like an important miracle, but we've learned



some things in our Bible study about wine that enlighten this passage. First of all, it takes years to make wine - approximately 8 years from first vine to first bottle. Additionally, making fine wine is an expensive and time-consuming endeavor. The finest wines are incredibly expensive to produce, in part because a vine

with fewer grapes on it will produce grapes with more intense flavor; quality is valued over quantity in the making of fine wine. It is truly a miracle that Jesus can transform something as simple as water into something as complex into wine so quickly.

As we come to the table of Holy Communion, we might never have thought before about all the time, effort, and transformation it took to place the bread and wine before us. And here at the table, we experience the most miraculous transformation of all: In the presence of Holy Spirit, these not-so-simple gifts of bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. Bread and wine become Christ in our mist, food with the power to transform our very lives.

Each time we partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion, we emerge forever changed. Transformed. From a single grape seed and a single grain of wheat into holy, nourishing, transforming food for life - both as individuals and as a community. This is truly a miracle.

During your devotional time this month, and the next time you have the opportunity to partake of Holy Communion, I invite you to think about a few things: Where and when in your life have you experienced transformation? Are there places in life now where you are longing for transformation? If so, invite Christ to be present in those places, to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary. When we allow ourselves to be transformed in this way, we experience God's miraculous abundance in ways we never could have anticipated.

In the peace, hope, and everlasting gracious abundance of Christ's love, **Pastor Christie**

BIBLE STUDY - SCOUTING THE DIVINE

Thursdays @ 1pm Virtual or In-Person AND with new online study sessions

Join Bible Study weekly on Thursdays at 1pm virtually or in-person. We are finishing a study on Scouting the Divine: My Search for God in Wine, Wool, and Wild Honey by Margaret Feinberg, but it isn't too late to join! The study includes a book and workbook, as well as short DVD



lessons that will be shared during class.

ONLINE STUDY - If you've missed a session, are unable to join on Thursday afternoons, or would like to delve even further into the study, Pastor is now offering online blog posts for supplemental study. Visit hopeonbluerock.org/scouting-thedivine

HOW TO JOIN ZOOM EVENTS

To join virtually Join via zoom on computer or smart phone: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 3178285949? pwd=YSs1QzNScVIMZzIkMkZpMTImVINLUT09

Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 317 828 5949

Passcode: 4695



AWESOME AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Gary Millard
- 8 Eric Kelbley
- 9 Doris Heybruch
- 11 Cheryl Rospert John Simpson
- 21 Su York
- 26 Parker Beagle



- 28 Jerry Ivins
- 30 Eva McMasters



WHOO (WOMEN HELPING OTHERS & OURSELVES)



At the July meeting, the women placed Hope labels on individual tissue packages to distribute at the Northwest School District's Health and Safety Fair on August 10th. (*Thank*

you Karen Schneider for ordering the

tissues and making the labels!)

The next gathering will be on August 25 at 6pm. On that date Debbie Schrader has graciously invited the women for annual swim party at her home on 5765 River Road in Fairfield OH 45014. Just bring an appetizer or dessert and an adult beverage of your choice. If you do not wish to swim, come for the food and fun!

SON MINISTRIES REPORT

During June SON's food pantry distributed food

and personal care items to 142 families that included 149 children and 309 adults with a total of 458 persons. There have been



77 new families registered since January.

During August SON is requesting peanut butter (I lb.), ravioli (15-16 oz.), chicken noodle and tomato soup (standard size).

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

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

THE WATER OF LIFE

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.

—Jonathan Edwards

A LOVING DELIVERY

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed gifts and prayers for the Kless Family Love Basket!



Every request that was posted on the Love Gift board in the narthex was given and then some! Hope members gave 15 gift cards, books, puzzles, toys, and many more

wonderful, thoughtful and joy filled gifts for KC, Rachel. Sam and Mira.

The gifts filled a small laundry basket sized tote and 4 medium size aift bags! It was like Christmas in July! What a n amazing show of Hope love! KC and Rachel were overwhelmed by your generosity and compassion! Thev miss their Hope



family and can feel the prayers and love that we send their way everyday! Once again, our Hope family transformed into the caring hands of God! God is so good! Karen Schneider

CHECK OUT THE "BOOK NOOK"

We have a "Book Nook" in Hope's Fellowship Hall. All



kinds of reading material, even some spiritual books. Nothing to sign for...just borrow, read and return to the Nook when finished. Hope you enjoy this new feature at Hope. Books are always being added so if yours is not there today, check next Sunday. Provided by the Spiritual Life Committee.

Lana Albright, Spiritual Life Chair

AUGUST THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

Some Hope heart felt thank you's to:

- * Karen Schneider who writes such beautiful prayers for our worship services.
- * Carmen Hasdorff who keeps our worship attendance records in case notifications are needed.
- * Jake and Aaron Byrne who helped Pastor prepare the Fellowship Hall for the visiting youth from Indiana.
- * Hope's audio/visual team of Rachel, Issac and Adam Williams, Chuck Hasdorff, Judy Royse and Jerry Ivins (and a host of others who fill in when needed) who work tirelessly to produce our worship services.
- * Nan Davis who scrubbed the kitchen cabinet fronts so badly in need of cleaning. They are white again!
- Our musical staff and volunteers, especially Karen Schweinfest, Dale and Martha Renner, and the Praise Band for leading our congregation in song.

HOPE'S NEWEST MEMBER

During worship on Sunday, July 10th, Hope



welcomed a new child of God. Emerlie Skye Leblanc was baptized by Pastor Christie surrounded by her family: parents Sarah and Christopher Leblanc and her older brothers Carson and Cameron.

May the light of Jesus shine within her!

NURSERY IS OPEN

Don't forget that **Kayla Terbrueggen** is available during worship to care for Hope's youngest children if parents wish to take advantage of her services.

"Brevity is the soul of wit".

From Shakespeare's Hamlet.

QUILT OF VALOR AWARD

Recently **Ron Long** received a "Quilt of Valor" for serving as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during



the Vietnam War. Ron was assigned to the Fourth Infantry Division at Camp Enari, located east of Pleiku, in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. He arrived on February 15, 1968, during the TET Offensive, and served through

February 15, 1969.

Kathleen mentioned some of the awards Ron has received as follows: Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal & Bronze Star Attachment (Quadrupled), Republic of

Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Expert Badge & Rifle Bar, Sharpshooter Badge & Pistol Bar. Ron was honored and thankful to receive the quilt and shared some of his



experiences in Vietnam with those present.



Pictured are **Ron and Bonnie** along with **Kathleen Fahey** who presented the quilt.

Congratulations, Ron, on this highly regarded honor!

ANOTHER GRADUATE TO HONOR

This spring Ava McKenna graduated from Mercy-McAuley. She is the youngest daughter of Heidi and Tom McKenna and the granddaughter of Judi Wendel. She plans to attend Miami University this fall. We offer our congratulations on her accomplishment!



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE YOUTH EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL!



A drop off box for Side By Side Ministries



Pausing from working at Side By Side Ministries for a picture





Two of the
workers resting
before the rain
came and after
weeding the
shrubbery on the
parking lot side at
Hope



Some youth helped Colerain neighbors clean up their yards.

What a wonderful group of youth!!



BOOK DONATION FOR SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES

The Magic Schoolbus at Hope – or at least a bin that resembles the fictional bus remains at our entrance

door. Books may still be donated! We are collecting new and gently used books for children and middle schoolers, which we will give to Side by Side Ministries.

Their mission is "to Serve, Share and Support. Serve our Neighbors. Share our Gifts. Support our



Community." For more information on Side by Side, visit https://www.facebook.com/sidebysidecinci

FYI:

Pastor Christie continue her vacation through August 5th. Pastor Heidi Johns will preach and preside again on the worship service on July 31. If you have an urgent church need or a pastoral emergency, you may contact Jen Byrne council

emergency, you may contact Jen Byrne counci president at (513) 708-9851.

HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE Directions are on

the church counter or check for Instant Church Directory.

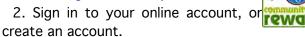
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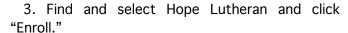
Please contact Jerry Ivins for any changes.

SUPPORT US THROUGH

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM







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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YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

Congratulations to Kayla Willey who has now



achieved a 2 Star award rating for her child care facility!

Spots are available at 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below:

yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

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

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

www.hopeonbluerock.org Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish

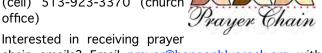
to donate - either ChurchTrac or PayPal.

For questions email Ron Long at finance@hopeonbluerock.org

PRAYER CHAIN INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/, or send an email to prayer@hopeonbluerock.org, or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949

(cell) 513-923-3370 (church office)



chain emails? Email <u>prayer@hopeonbluerock.org</u> with your contact information and we will get you added to the list.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HUMOR

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off



the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey "he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE June 2022



General Fund

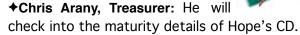
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Beginning Balance	\$	44,220.57	\$	43,347.84	
Revenues	\$	5,743.01	\$	•	
Expenses	\$,		101.724.23	
Transfers In	\$.	,		52.00	
Transfers Out	\$.		\$		
Ending Balance		32,819.44		32,819.44	
Memorial Fund		•		,	
Beginning Balance	\$	8,732.31	\$	7,789.41	
Deposit	\$.00	\$		
Interest	\$.07	\$.39	
Total	\$	8,732.38	\$	8,732.38	
Wilma Hoffman Fund					
Beginning Balance	\$	19,373.38 \$	•	19,365.40	
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Interest Income	\$	1.58	\$	9.56	
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Ending Balance	\$	19,374.96	\$19,374.96		
Mission Building Fund	d				
Beginning Balance	\$	14,379.94	\$	14,373.95	
Revenue	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Interest	\$	1.19	\$	7.18	
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Ending Balance	\$	14,381.13	\$	14,381.13	
Capital One CD					
Beginning Balance	\$	52,685.74	\$	52,642.22	
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Interest Income	\$	8.94	\$	52.46	
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$		
Ending Balance	\$	52,694.68	\$	52,694.68	

Chris Arany, Treasurer

Council Notes

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 14, 2022 by Zoom

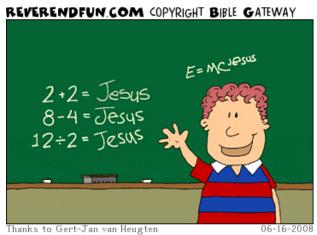


- **✦Lana Albright, Spiritual Life: Pastor Christie** was installed as a Stephen Leader/Minister on June 12. The Hope gift basket was delivered to the Kless family. The Mt. Healthy House project is on the back burner for now. A committee meeting is set for July 21.
- ♦ Mike Schweinfest, Worship & Music: The outdoor service at Colerain Park was well attended with the picnic following the service. A committee meeting is scheduled for August 10th.
- **◆Erica Leppert, Christian Education:** Meditation prayer bottles were made during a summer Children's Church on July 10th. **Fall Children's Church will return on September 11.**

- **♦Bonnie Long, Generosity:** The committee is working on a special ELCA Generosity Project to encourage returning to the basics. In the future they plan to schedule a CPR class and a blood drive.
- **♦ Chuck Hasdorff, Property:** Chuck reported the the detention basins were trimmed.
- **♦Karen Schweinfest**, **Fellowship**: The outdoor service was wonderful, and all had a nice time.
- **◆Pastor Christie:** The churches in the vicinity will meet on August 30th at 7pm to talk about what is working well in their churches.
- ◆A child, **Emerlie Skye Leblanc**, of non member parents, was baptized on July 10 during worship.
- ◆The St. Paul's youth event including a few youth from Hope and our area was very successful, and Pastor thanked all of the volunteers who helped make it such a rewarding event.
- **♦**Pastor Christie will be on vacation July 23-August 5th. Contact our president Jen Byrne if needed.
- ♦October 22 is People Working Cooperatively Colerain Day which is a way to give back to the township.
- **♦Jen Byrne**, **President**: The council was assigned to work on a Hope Purpose Statement.
- ◆ Constitutional changes will be voted on at the August 28th Congregational Meeting following the 10 am service.
- ◆The next meeting will be on August 11th, 2022.

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary

FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.



IN BIBLE CLASS WE LEARNED THAT JESUS IS THE ANSWER



- · Plain Greek yogurt
- · Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- · Honey

What you do:

- Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
- Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
- 3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
- Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The LORD is MY ROCK, my FORTRESS and my DELIVERER; my GOD is my rock, in whom I TAKE REFUGE. HE is my SHIELD and the HORN of my SALVATION, my STRONGHOLD.

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GOP ROCKS!



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Hope Calendar

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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.



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Altar Care: Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain: Carmen Hasdorff
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