

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

INSPIRING WORSHIP

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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

BIBLE STUDY – SCOUTING THE DIVINE

Thursdays @ 1pm Virtual or In-Person

AND with new online study sessions

Bible Study weekly on Join Thursdays at 1pm - virtually or inperson. We have recently begun a study on Scouting the Divine: My

Search for God in Wine, Wool, and Wild Honey by Margaret Feinberg, and 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

July Bible Study - Bible study will meet in July only on the 14th & 21st (not on the 7th or the 28th) **Pastor Christie**

FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE July 5-7

Hope will host St. Paul Lutheran Church (Borchers) Youth Group from Seymour, IN. Please join us! Contact Pastor Christie if you are interested in participating.



TUESDAY, July 5

•1pm-5pm – Volunteer with Side by Side Ministries

•6pm -8pm – Pool party at Debbie Schrader's home

•Overnight 9pm – 9am – Lock-In at Hope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

•9am – noon & 1:30pm – 4:30pm – Volunteer with Side by Side Ministries

•12 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch at a local park, location TBA

•6pm -9pm – Picnic dinner & outing at Smale Park

THURSDAY, JULY 7

MARK

All Day – King's Island – Families & adults of all ages are welcome (\$35 group rate)

Pastor Christie

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

August 28 – Congregational Meeting

CALENDARS! Save the date! Our next allcongregation meeting will take place

after 10 am worship on August 28.



PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER First Fruits

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. - Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)



In Scouting the Divine, Margaret

Feinberg talks about the concept of "firstfruits," and the practice of bringing a portion of the first harvest of a crop to the priests (p. 79, 81-86). This was a way of honoring God and of sacrificing to God... and perhaps a way of feeding the priests. It was also an incredible act of faith.

Feinberg talks about a conversation she had with her farmer-friend Joe, and about how Joe's family celebrates "firstfruits" together. Each year when the first part of the harvest is ready, the family



spends the day working together and filling themselves full of these early fruits of the harvest (79). It makes my mouth water to read the

description of these juicy, freshly picked fruits and vegetables. I'm not a farmer or even a prolific gardener, but as a lifetime midwestern girl, I know there is nothing like fresh produce right off the vine.

Taking that mouth-watering sensation that I already have, I imagine living during Biblical times when the land was tied so firmly to a family's livelihood, and when nature could quickly and easily destroy the crop at any time. The joy over the firstfruits of the harvest must have been immense, coupled with the longing for these fresh vegetables after the winter months.

I then imagine taking a portion of those firstfruits – so precious, so delicious – and giving them to God. There would be no guarantee that more produce would come. A drought, flood, or plague of insects could quickly devour the remaining plants. To give part of that initial harvest to God would require faith and trust that God would continue to provide. It would also require that I give up part of the harvest that is potentially the best, the thing I've been most longing for – and give that to God.

I cannot fully relate to what that agricultural existence would have been like. But it makes me ask the questions – What are MY firstfruits? Am I giving those to God, or to something else in my life? Perhaps my firstfruits are my thoughts upon awakening each morning, my energy throughout the day, my physical abilities, money, time, talents, etc. Do I trust God enough to give God all the beautiful things about my life before I do anything else with them? And do I believe that, when I do this, God will return my firstfruit offering to me with abundance?

What gifts and blessings are in the bountiful harvest that God has given you? In what ways can you do better at giving the firstfruits of the bounty in your life to God? Is there anything that is standing in your way of being able to give in this way? **Pastor Christie**

LOVE GIFTS FOR THE KLESS FAMILY

KC Kless and his family are loving members of Hope

Lutheran Church. Earlier this year KC was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor and in April, had surgery to remove it. Unfortunately, the medical team was unable to get it all, and KC is preparing to undergo radiation and chemo in a concentrated effort to eradicate the remainder of the tumor.



As you can imagine, life changed in dramatic ways for **KC**, **his wife Rachel, their 2year old Mira and 10-year-old, Sam**. They are overwhelmingly grateful for the prayers, cards, notes, transportation, food and all of the ways their Hope family has reached out to offer support.

To continue this loving support, the WHOO, Hope's women's group, is organizing a collection of "love gifts" for KC and his family. Items that will bring them joy, offer pathways away from their anxieties and gift cards to help with food and gas.

WOULD YOU LIKE to HELP? It's easy – take one of the hearts from the board in the narthex, purchase the item(s) and return them to the box designated (Kless Family Love Gifts) that is located on the counter in the church office. Please return all items by Sunday, July 10th. he gifts will be delivered to KC and Rachel that week. Thank you!

For questions, contact Karen Schneider 513 518 9047 Karen Schneider

JOYOUS JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dale Renner Nan Davis **Ron Thatcher**
- 5 Brian Byrne
- 7 Susan Cowan
- 8 Kathy Mushaben
- 9 Miles Chaney
- 15 Cathy Klayer
- 18 Kathi Boland
- 19 Joe Millard **Dylan Vogelsang**



21 Ben Millard 23 Trinny Toth

Boaz Williams 26 Mark Long 29 Julia Beagle Katie Gundrum

25 Crystal Beneker

Erin Krieg



WHOO (WOMEN HELPING OTHERS & OURSELVES) AHOO



In June several women relaxed at McCoy's Place Grill for an outside evening meal with lots of sharing and laughter.

Don't forget to read about their project to gather "Love Gifts" for the Kless Family. Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

The July meeting will be in Hope's Fellowship Hall on July 21st at 6pm. Bring your light meal and share in the dessert and camaraderie. There is always room for YOU!

SON MINISTRIES REPORT

During May SON's food pantry distributed food and personal care items to 115 families that included 103 children and 231 adults



with a total of 334 persons. There have been 77 new families registered since January.

During July, SON would like to collect canned beefaroni and ravioli (15-16 oz cans), and rice (one pound bags or small box).

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

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

One of my wife's third graders was wearing a Fitbit watch, which prompted my wife to ask, "Are you tracking your steps?" "No," said the little girl. "I wear this for Mommy so she can show Daddy when he gets home." James Avery (Reader's Digest)

BOOK DONATION FOR SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES

You may soon see The Magic Schoolbus at Hope – or at least a bin that resembles the fictional bus. Please donate books to the bin by July 3! We are collecting



new and gently used books for children and middle schoolers, which we will give to Side by Side Ministries during the youth event in July.

Side by Side is a division of Bloc Ministries. Serving Colerain Township and the northwest side of Hamilton County, Side by Side is involved in many outreach projects for

our community, including providing children's books for families who do not have books in the home. 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 Pr. Christie

CVT SURVEY RESULTS

Hope has been discerning God's calling and mission for us for the past couple of years through the Southern Ohio Synod's Collaborative session. Recently



you all were asked to complete a survey. The goal of this survey was to find out what you consider to Hope's identity now and also what you would like Hope's identity to look like in the future. And the results are in!

Now: Music and Hospitality ranked the highest with Caring as a close second, and then followed by Technology, Sacramental, Cooperation, and Prayerful.

Future possibilities ranked as follows: Youth/YA was the highest followed closely by Diversity and Growth (they were tied), then Engaging neighbors, Music, Raising Leaders (again a tie) followed by Creativity and Evangelism (also tied).

This was an extremely important exercise for our church and the CVT Committee wants to thank everyone who participated. CVT continues to evaluate these results and our path for Hope's Now and Future. You will be hearing further information as times permits for the plans for Hope. For questions, please see CVT Chair Jen Byrne or committee members: Pr. Christie, Carmen Hasdorff, or Lana Albright.

JULY THANK YOUS AND NEWS



Judy Royse has once again showered our entrance with beautiful flower pots of lovely flowers.

Thank you so much!



Pastor Christie was officially commissioned as a Stephen Leader on Sunday, June 12 and received a blessing from the present Stephen Ministers.



Thank you for our Fellowship Committee who provided a



wonderful ice cream treat after the worship service that Sunday.

Thanks to Lucinda Hardin for donating her time to handle the rentals of Hope's Fellowship Hall. It is not always a simple task.

Thanks to Jerry lvins for sawing and removing most of the limb and brush that fell during a recent storm at Hope. It was a hot job!

Thank you to Carmen Hasdorff for arranging the Prayer Chain Breakfast which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Check out the poster in the Narthex/lobby explaining their mission with a listing all of the 30 plus members. If you wish to join, just let Carmen know.





Have you noticed the new green paramount for the organ? Who do you think made it? Judy Royse, of course! Hope certainly appreciates her sewing talent!

NEED A COVID VACCINE OR BOOSTER?

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1553 Kinney Ave in Cincinnati, OH 45231 - 513 522-3022 will still have their vaccine clinic for Covid vaccines and boosters, every Friday, from 12-5 until the end of



July. This is offered through Hamilton Public Health. Karen Schneider

DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND VBS; Groesbeck United Methodist Church is inviting all



children K-5th Grade to their VBS on Sunday, July 10th - Thursday, July 14 from 6-8pm. Pick up a form on the counter in the Narthex/ lobby or visit their website at

myvbs.org/Groesbeckumc

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.

HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE Directions are on



the church counter or check for Instant Church Directory.

*Changes are continuously made. New pictures are requested. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.

Please contact Jerry lvins for any changes.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM 1.Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com



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

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. NO MORE CLIPPING Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will

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 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 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

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)



Interested in receiving prayer

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

HOW TO JOIN ZOOM EVENTS

To join virtually Join via zoom on computer or

smart phone: https://



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

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE MAY 2022



General Fund

Total	Μ	ONTH	YTD					
Beginning Balance	\$	44,450.99	\$	43,347.84				
Revenues	\$	11,572.71	\$	84,221.82				
Expenses	\$	13,023.02	\$	84,620.98				
Transfers In	\$.	0.00	\$	52.00				
Transfers Out	\$.	0.00	\$	0.00				
Ending Balance	\$	43,000.68	\$	43,000.68				
Memorial Fund								
Beginning Balance	\$	9,257.24	\$	7,789.41				
Deposit	\$	700.00	\$	2,167.58				
Interest	\$.07	\$.32				
Total	\$	9,957.31	\$	9,957.31				
Wilma Hoffman Fund								
Beginning Balance	\$	19,371.24 \$	1	19,365.40				
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00				
Interest Income	\$	1.64	\$	7,98				
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$	0.00				
Ending Balance	\$	19,373.38	\$`	19,373.38				
Mission Building Fund	d							
Beginning Balance	\$	14,378.71	\$	14,373.95				
Revenue	\$	0.00	\$	0.00				
Interest	\$	1.23	\$	5.99				
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$	0.00				
Ending Balance	\$	14,379.94	\$	14,379.94				
Capital One CD								
Beginning Balance	\$	52,677.09	\$	52,642.22				
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00				
Interest Income	\$			43.52				
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$					
Ending Balance	\$	52,685.74		52,685.74				

Chris Arany, Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



June 9, 2022 by Zoom +Chris Arany, Treasurer: Our

current mortgage will have a balloon (balance) payment in 2033 of \$158,000. Looking at a capital campaign pay off mortgage.

◆Lana Albright, Spiritual Life: The "WHOO Book Nook" has books in the Fellowship Hall ready for reading. In the future, at funerals families will be given memorial wind chimes from Hope purchased by WHOO. The Prayer Chain Breakfast was very successful. Pastor Christie has been commissioned as a Stephen Leader.

◆Mike Schweinfest, Worship & Music: An outdoor worship service is scheduled for June 26th at shelterhouse #1 at Colerain Park at10 am.

✦Erica Leppert, Christian Education: iSunday School is on hiatus until after Labor Day.

◆Bonnie Long, Generosity: The committee is working on projects and will meet on July 13.

Chuck Hasdorff, Property: Chuck reported there is a problem with the office AC. If an extra trash pickup is required in the future, it will be added to the rental contract.

◆Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship: There will be an Ice Cream Social on June 12 for Stephen Ministry Sunday. An outdoor picnic will follow the outdoor service on June 26. Hotdogs will be provided, a sign-up sheet for sides.

◆Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry: Additional microphone cords were purchased for the headphones.

◆Pastor Christie: Confirmation classes are going well. Activities are being planned for a Southeastern Indiana youth group coming in July. Hope has joined the Colerain Chamber of Commerce.

✦A Congregational Meeting is set for August 28th. The congregation will vote on changes to the constitution renaming the chair of Stewardship to Generosity and Evangelism to Outreach and adding bylaws regarding removing members from the roles. Adding a Digital Ministry Chair to council was postponed.

◆Jen Byrne, President: The Congregational Vitality Team will survey the congregation with questions regarding our beliefs and practices.

◆A Congregational Meeting is set for August 28th after the 10 am service.

◆The next meeting will be on June 9, 2022.

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary

FOR THE AUGUEST ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY MONDAY, JULY 24TH. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.





- section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue
- colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
- 6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake



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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.

