



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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September 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

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. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. Sign up in the Narthex to be part of Hope's team.



Pastor Christie

God's Work Our Hands & SON Ministries

ELCA God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 11. In lieu of a one-time event on that specific day, this year for GWOH, we will celebrate throughout the month of September by having a special collection for SON Ministries.



Throughout September, SON is asking for special donations of boxed brownie mix and boxed stuffing, to help them get a head start on their Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, which help hundreds of people in Colerain Township. You may place your stuffing or brownie mix boxes in the SON bin the Narthex. Thank you, as always, for your generosity toward SON and for helping all in the community to remember that we do indeed do God's work with our hands!

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 October 2nd.



The Generosity Project will be presented in 6 sessions, and the committee will offer an in-person option and a virtual option.

In-person Sessions will take place after worship, with lunch provided, on the following Sundays: 10/2, 10/30, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5.

Virtual Sessions will take place via zoom on the following Wednesday evenings at 7pm: 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, (final session TBA).

Sign up to participate in the narthex or online at hopeonbluerock.org/generosity We hope to see EVERYONE there!

Pastor Christie

PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

Generosity & Abundance in Christ



Over the next few months, we'll be talking about generosity here at Hope. October begins not only our annual Stewardship/Generosity Pledge Drive, but also a new series that our Generosity Team is leading, entitled "The Generosity Project." You may begin to wonder why we are discussing this so frequently and why you would want to sign up for the Generosity Project workshops (and you absolutely DO want to sign up!). All of this "generosity" talk is not simply about giving money to the church. It's about shifting our entire mindset: from scarcity to abundance, from focusing on ourselves to focusing on others, and from cultural expectations to Jesus's expectations.

In this passage from John, Jesus says that he has come so that his sheep — his followers, all of us — may have life and have it abundantly. Life, obviously, is good, desirable, important. How much more so, then, abundant life. The chance to not simply persist, but thrive, to not simply exist, but flourish. To have a sense of meaning, purpose, and fulfillment; to know



and be known, accept and be accepted. I believe that if there is one thing that pretty much everyone in our congregations (and outside of them!) desires — even if they can't name that desire — it's this. More than that, I believe we regularly make all kinds of sacrifices in the hope to earn or achieve or purchase this life, and each time we fail it kills us just a little. (<https://www.workingpreacher.org/dear-working-preacher/abundant-life-2>)

Dr. Lose continues in his article to talk about the ways in which society teaches us so many lessons that are contrary to this "abundant life" that Jesus wants for us. In particular, Lose highlights the marketing industry, and how our American culture has been shaped by the messages we constantly hear in advertisements.

We all are bombarded by advertisements every day that tell us we will only be happy and fulfilled

if we purchase a new car or a diamond ring or a certain type of soda or whatever the advertiser is selling. In truth, we are so much happier when we learn to be fulfilled by the things that money cannot buy — love, grace, forgiveness, and most importantly, Jesus.

As Hope offers The Generosity Project and other opportunities to learn about how to live abundantly, I hope that you ALL (everyone from ages 2 – 102!!) will take advantage of these opportunities. As we learn more about living abundantly in Christ, we will grow in faith together as individuals and as Hope Lutheran Church.

In Christ's **abundant** love, **Pastor Christie**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

September 11

Pastor Christie invites students and EVERYONE to



Blessing of the Backpacks

bring your school backpack or work bag or any bag that you use on a daily basis. We will bless the

bags during worship Sunday Sept. 11, praying that God will bless us in our studies and work in the months to come.

Pastor Christie

COMING SOON! NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20

There will be a Welcome Program for members, visitors and prospective new members on Sunday, November 13, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00, right after Church service. Anyone interested should contact Mary Bryant.



(mabryant@cinci.rr.com or 513.245.1151)

Mary Bryant, Outreach Committee Member

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. **Compassion** is the fire that flames the candle of service. **Service** is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. **Hope** is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. **Faith** is the beacon that reflects the power of God. **God is the power that creates the miracle of love.**

—William Arthur Ward

SIZZLING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ray Davis	23	Danica Tedesco
3	Aaron Byrne	24	Linda Hayden
4	Michelle Kidd	25	Tristan Hermann
	Joey Terbruggen	29	Chrissy Hermann
5	Chuck Hasdorff	30	Mary Fennell
9	Dennis Collins	Happy Belated August 25th Birthday to Adams Williams!	
14	Chuck Gundrum		
15	Larry Speeg		
17	Amy Monroe		
18	Kimberly Swiecki		
23	Beulah Kroger		
	John Kroger		
	Skip Lister		
	Olivia Lundy		

SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

WHOO (WOMEN HELPING OTHERS & OURSELVES)

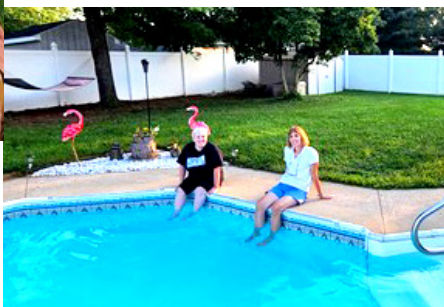


On August 25, several women filled with delicious appetizers and desserts, enjoyed a pool party at the home of their gracious hostess, **Debbie Schrader**.

Here are a few pictures from the evening.



This is our hostess, **Debbie Schrader**, who is shown in the hot tub in the picture at the bottom.



See her lovely pool? **Thank you Debbie!**



Come join the women on September 29 as they meet at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Take some time to relax and get to know one another!

SON MINISTRIES REPORT

During July SON's food pantry distributed food and personal care items to 144 families that included 102 children and 239



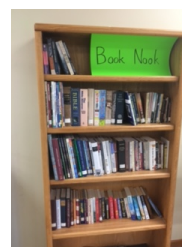
adults with a total of 341 persons. There have been 77 new families registered since January.

During September SON is requesting boxes of standard size turkey or chicken flavored stuffing and brownie mix.

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

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

CHECK OUT THE "BOOK NOOK"



Women, don't forget to check out the books available for loan in the "Book Nook" located in the Fellowship Hall. There is still room on the shelves for any books you wish to donate. Take some time for yourself to read a book and rest!

BOOK DONATION FOR SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES

The Magic Schoolbus at Hope is still collecting new and gently used books for elementary children and middle schoolers which will be given 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>



JUST A FEW LAUGHS

- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.

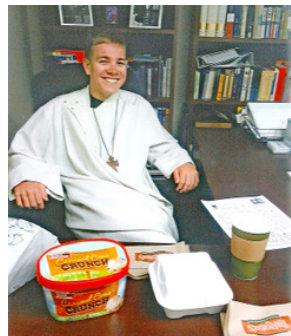
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SEPTEMBER THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

A great big thank you to everyone who contributed to the 3 filled baskets of school supplies for children in Northwest Local Schools. The district will divide the supplies among their schools for the teachers to distribute as needed.

PASTOR BEWARE!

While **Pastor Christie** was away, the mice did play!!



Here is **Jake Byrne** garbed in her alb and sitting in her desk seat with the remains of lunches from her favorite eating establishments.

Wonder who might have arranged this loving tribute to “**Pr. Chrispie**”? - her nickname

UPDATE ON LID COLLECTION

Hope partnered for many years with Earth Connection, to collect plastic lids that were used to make Buddy Benches. Recently Earth Connection shared with us that they are no longer collecting lids.

However, we have fabulous news!

An organization called, 9United, is excited to be our partner and will take all of the plastic lids that we collect! Thus, we continue to participate in the stewardship of our resources, connect with a worthwhile group that not only collects lids, but is involved in numerous service opportunities in the Cincinnati area. Their website is <https://www.9United.org>.



God provides and we serve!

To date, nearly 15,000 lbs of plastic have been recycled into 40 tables and benches that can be found on every Forest Hill school campus, in multiple Anderson Township Parks and in a variety of spots throughout the Anderson and Newtown communities.

The mission of 9United – We seek to provide the students and families of Forest Hills School District with authentic service opportunities that impact the lives of their fellow students, families, neighbors, and community

Karen Schneider

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Healthy has announced two vacancies in their church staff. They are Director of Music or Director of Children, Youth, and Family. The detailed information regarding the duties, qualifications, and terms of employment are posted on our narthex/lobby bulletin board.

ATTENTION!

If you are interested, you may mail a cover letter and resume to **Kathryn Schnier, Staff Support Ministry, 1553 Kinney Ave. Cincinnati, OH. 34231** or email her at hiring@trinitycincy.org

BIBLE STUDY WILL RETURN

September 8th at 1 pm

Those attending will begin a new Bible Study when it reconvenes on Thursday afternoons in the Fellowship Hall. **Pastor Christie** has not chosen the new topic as yet, but mark your calendars so you will have the time available to attend. Come share your thoughts on the Word!



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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?pwd=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09)
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Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 317 828 5949

Passcode: 4695

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 Ivins for any changes.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign in to your online account, or 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. 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 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 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HUMOR

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages. 'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'



HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

July 2022



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 31,606.94	\$ 43,347.84
Revenues	\$ 15,732.70	\$ 105,749.53
Expenses	\$ 19,500.25	\$ 119,044.40
Transfers In	\$.00	\$ 1,739.00
Transfers Out	\$.00	\$ 2,167.58
Ending Balance	\$ 27,839.39	\$ 27,839.39

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,957.38	\$ 7,789.41
Deposit	\$.00	\$ 2,167.58
Interest	\$.06	\$.45
Total	\$ 9,957.44	\$ 9,957.44

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,687.84	\$ 19,365.40
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 1.55	\$ 10.99
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,687.00
Ending Balance	\$ 17,689.39	\$ 17,689.39

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,381.25	\$ 14,373.95
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 1.27	\$ 8.57
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 14,382.52	\$ 14,382.52

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 52,685.74	\$ 52,642.22
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 8.65	\$ 61.11
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 52,694.40	\$ 52,694.40

Chris Arany, Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 11, 2022 by Zoom



♦Ron Long, Financial Secretary:

July receipts were better than in June.

♦**Lana Albright, Spiritual Life:** The Women's group (WHOO) has purchased 2 wind chimes to be used as memorial gifts for member funerals. The nearby Liberty Nursing Home has requested worship services or a Bible Study.

♦**Mike Schweinfest, Worship & Music:** Karen is looking into a new electric piano since the current one is having problems and is not fixable. The Christmas Eve Service will be on 12/24 at 5 pm.

♦**Bonnie Long, Generosity:** The Generosity Project will begin on October 2nd with a virtual one on Wednesday. October 9th is the kick-off for the fall giving campaign called "Grace in Action." October 23rd the pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets

are due.

♦**Chuck Hasdorff, Property:** Chuck reported the fire inspection was complete with a few needing replaced. We have a new cleaning crew that is less costly and providing better service.

♦**Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship:** The plans are for events in connection with "Hanging of the Greens" in November, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

♦**Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry:** He is looking into new speakers for the sanctuary to improve sound quality. The existing speakers are 24 years old.

♦**Pastor Christie:** Confirmation resumes monthly classes on August 24 with confirmation in May.

♦She is checking what Hope can do for October 22 "People Working Cooperatively Colerain Day."

♦The motions to change the title of Evangelism Chair to Outreach and Stewardship Chair to Generosity with job changes to both committees passed. The motion to add the position of Digital Ministry to the Congregation Council with its duties also passed. Both constitutional changes will be voted on at the August 28th Congregational Meeting.

♦**Jen Byrne, President:** The council was asked to send their favorite suggestions for the Hope Purpose Statement. The top 3 will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.

♦The next meeting will be on September 8th, 2022.

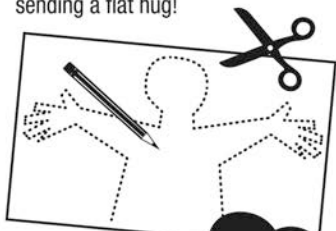
From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary

FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.



Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



What you do:

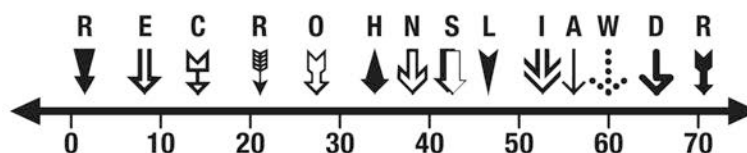
1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



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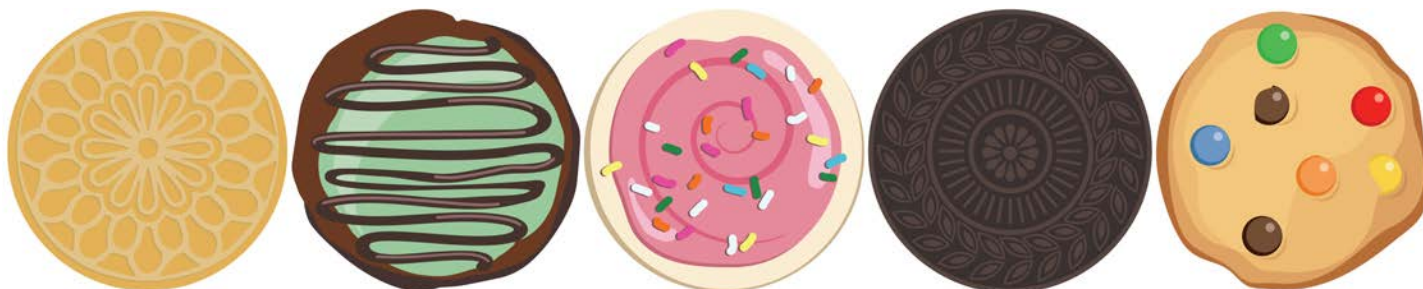
in the hands of a warrior are

14 33 52 47 65 2 9 39

born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answers: arrows, children



September 2022

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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 11:00 AM Congregation Meeting	29 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise band	30 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	31 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	1 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	2 Pastor's Day Off	3
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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 Hasdorff
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