



# The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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## WELCOME HOME!

**INSPIRING WORSHIP IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP**

You are invited to Hope every Sunday at 10 am to join us in a combined worship with Contemporary and Traditional songs and liturgy.



## GETTING READY FOR THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Our AED arrived in July. I have been listening to the CD's that came with it and reading the Administrators Guide. I am very excited about getting education and classes set up. I do hope you all will consider taking the CPR class and training for the AED. You do NOT need to be a health care worker to take this class and understand how to use the AED and initiate CPR. Look for more information as the dates for training is decided.



I am working with **Karen Schneider** who has a connection with a person who can do our CPR and AED training. **Bonnie Long** is also working with us.

Many years ago in a land far, far away Bonnie was a nurse. She has been interested in getting the AED up and running. So we have a small team right now but we welcome other members to join us. Please let Karen Sue, Bonnie Long or me know if you are interested.

**Carmen Hasdorff**

## DOES A FRIEND NEED A LIFT?

All occasion cards are available for many different holidays and situations to show the friend or family member you care. Check out the assortment on the counter in the Narthex/lobby. And the beautiful prayer shawls, so loving made, are ready to put a warm smile on someone's face.



**Check out page 6 to see what our treasurer, Chris Arany, is up to these days. It's a Red Bull Flugtag event for flying machines on August 12th at Sawyer Point!**

## CHILDREN'S BOOK DONATIONS FOR SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES

You may have noticed the giant yellow "Magic Schoolbus" trash can outside of Hope's front door for the past year. The big yellow bin will be going away, back to Side by Side Ministries soon.



**However, please continue to donate children's books to Side by Side Ministries any time!**

One of our Narthex bins is now dedicated for this purpose.

Side by Side is a division of Bloc Ministries. Serving Colerain Township and the northwest side of Hamilton County, Side by Side provides 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/sidebysideinc>

**PastorChristie**

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**The book of Romans  
Thursdays 1 p.m.**



Join for fun, fellowship and sharing God's word together as Bible Study continues throughout the summer. Our Bible Study theme for the summer will be the book of Romans. Bible study meets Thursdays at 1p.m., and is available on zoom as well as in-person. Contact Pastor Christie if you have any questions or are interested in joining via zoom. This is a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and studying God's word. All are welcome!

**Please note: Bible Study will not meet July 27.**

**Pastor Christie**

**HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING THE SUMMER  
AND MANAGING TO STAY COOL!!** 😎

## PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

### Hearing God's Voice

#### *A Reflection on 1 Kings 19*

In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah is running for his life. He's been living in the wilderness and hiding in caves because people are after him. Now he is sheltering in a cave at the top of a mountain, waiting for God to pass by. Elijah expects God to arrive with huge fanfare, as God as done in the past. But Elijah waits. First there is a great wind, strong enough to split mountains and to break rocks in pieces, but God isn't in the wind. Elijah waits some more. An earthquake comes along, and then a great fire, but God isn't in the fire or the earthquake either. Finally, there is a sound of sheer silence. In this moment, Elijah somehow senses God's presence. He goes to the entrance of the cave, and God speaks to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (v. 13)

How do we hear God's voice? Is it in the midst of tumult or in the sound of silence? I believe it can be both of these, and everything in between. We can hear God in the midst of a thunderstorm, or when sitting beside a quiet pond watching the fish and the frogs. We can hear God while we're exercising or meditating, mowing the lawn, running the vacuum cleaner, or making breakfast. We hear God in a baby's cry and in the quiet whispers of those who love us.

It can be difficult to find time to listen to God. Even when we pray, perhaps we bring our list of joys and concerns to God, and then say "Amen," and move on to other things. And when we aren't intentionally praying, there can be constant noise around us - the noise of traffic, or our tv or internet videos, conversations with those around us, and the radio in the car.

I want to challenge all of us to find time to listen for God's voice. That can mean different things for all of us. Some of us may need absolute silence. Perhaps others can hear God better in nature, with the sounds of birds and squirrels and rustling leaves. Maybe some of us focus best with some quiet meditative music.

Whatever "listening for God's voice" sounds like to you, I invite you to intentionally carve out some



time for this each week. Let's all set aside our distractions, worries, and to-do lists for a while. And just listen.

May God bless you in this and in all things.

Peace, Pastor Christie

## HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

June 2023



### General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 31,905.64	\$ 22,843.59
Revenues	\$ 14,170.90	\$ 112,274.67
Expenses	\$ 18,992.27	\$ 118,855.99
Transfers In	\$ 10.00	\$ 10,822.00
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 27,084.27	\$ 27,084.27

### Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$10,058.28	\$10,057.86
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ .08	\$ .50
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$10,058.36	\$10,058.36

### Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,703.97	\$17,696.79
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ .58	\$ 7.76
Disbursements	\$ .00	\$ 10,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 7,004.55	\$ 7,004.55

### Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,394.37	\$ 14,388.56
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 1.18	\$ 6.99
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 14,395.55	\$ 14,395.55

### Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 53,526.97	\$ 53,111.79
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 85.64	\$ 500.82
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 53,612.61	\$ 53,612.61

Chris Arany, Treasurer

## A SMILE FOR TODAY

Teacher: Harold what do you call a person who keeps talking when people are no longer interested?

**Harold:** A teacher?



How do you get a fish to talk? You drop it a line.

ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, JULY 23RD. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO [joyceivins@icloud.com](mailto:joyceivins@icloud.com) or anytime before that date.



## AUGUST THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

### Dear Prayer Chain Ministry Women,

I was just delighted and surprised to receive the beautiful handmade prayer shawl. Its lovely colors will remind me of God's promises to me and of your care and combined prayers for me.

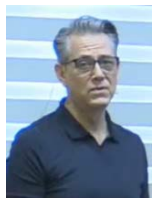
Thank you so very much. May God Bless you always.

Love, Joy, Peace **Vickie Groenke** (wife of former Hope Pastor)

### Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

A package came from my sister-in-law Joyce containing a lovely prayer shawl. It is beautiful! and I will use it. You won't believe it, but I will be able to wrap my shoulders with the shawl since even June days here in Duluth can be quite cool by the Big Lake (Lake Superior). Judy wears a sweat shirt that reads "Duluth is a cool city!"

Remembering our earlier days at Hope and our legacy to your congregation - the gift of Joy and Jerry. **With gratitude, Jim Bailey**, former Hope Pastor



**Our heartfelt thanks to Mark Davis** for sharing his wonderful voice at the July 2nd worship service while he was back in Cincinnati to celebrate his Mom's (**Nan Davis**) birthday.

**Thank you to the Fellowship Committee** under the direction of its Chair, **Karen Schweinfest**, for organizing the delicious potluck after our outdoor service during Praise and Potluck Day on July 16.



### Dear People of Hope and Prayer Chain,

For too many years I have been living with severe chronic pain and have needed and depended upon your wonderful prayers. Oh, how I love and appreciate you! You keep me out of the deepest valleys and point towards the mountains. With all my being I thank you. I have received some relief. Please never stop praying.

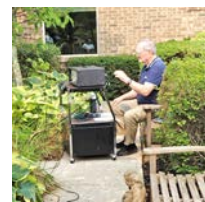
God bless and abide with each of you always, **Judi Wendel**

Many thanks to **Judi Wendel** for providing unleavened bread for our communion meal and pumpkin bread for a treat after the July 30th service.

## PRAISE AND POTLUCK DAY, JULY 16, 2023



The musicians for the service.



The man behind the sound.

Pastor and children planting sunflowers.



The children enjoyed blowing bubbles while those attending sang, "We will Remember."

The congregation is waving at YOU!



Thank you to **Judy Royse** for her camerawork!

## AWESOME AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

## SON MINISTRIES REPORT

SON Miniseries is very busy with our increasing number of families who get food, meats, cleaning supplies, diapers, and feminine or incontinence products monthly. Personal care products are offered every other month.



During July SON distributed food and personal care items to 169 families that included 208 children and 375 adults for a grand total of 583 persons.

**For August SON is requesting chicken noodle, tomato, or vegetable soup and feminine pads.**

**Thanks to all who donate to this much needed community effort!**

**BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR "BOOK NOOK" EVERYONE!** Look over the books available for loan



in the "Book Nook" located in the Fellowship Hall. More books are added to the shelves frequently. There are also some books that men might find interesting. Be sure to check them out for a little relaxing escape time!

## HELLO COMMUNITY CHURCHES,

The 3rd Annual Groesbeck Garage Car Show is happening Saturday, August 5 in Groesbeck Church parking lot, 8871 Colerain Avenue from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm. This will benefit SON Ministries. Anyone is welcome to enter a car or come that day to enjoy the car show, food trucks, raffle baskets and bounce house for children 12 and under. 😊

We have had a few new people come forward that would like to learn more about SON and volunteer with our food pantry. Thank you!! The door is always open to learn about our pantry for anyone that would like to possibly volunteer. Contact Jo at 513-385-1793.

God Bless all of your congregations!!

Carole Klein

## WOMEN HELPING OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Thank you to **Becky Lister** for the yummy layered dessert served at the July 27 meeting where many ideas were discussed for fund raisers to provide money for our future projects.



**ALL WOMEN**, add **August 24th** to your calendars for the pool party with hot tub at Debbie Schrader's home, 5675 River Road, Fairfield, OH 45014. Just bring a snack to share and your drink. Join in the conversation even if you are not wanting to swim!

On Saturday, **September 9th**, the women will be providing a lunch for the Little Brother's of the Elderly at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods. See **Becky Lister** to sign up for food items to donate. Men are also invited to attend the event.

## HOPE'S 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. It is a safe place with toys and activity.



**It will be closed on August 25.**

## JUST AS LITTLE HUMOR

"The yardstick manufacturer announced today they would make them no longer."



**Contributed by Mary Bryant**





### 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](http://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!  
Hope received \$75.39 this quarter.

### 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](http://www.hopeonbluerock.org) Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish to donate - either by ChurchTrac or PayPal. For questions email Ron Long at [finance@hopeonbluerock.org](mailto:finance@hopeonbluerock.org)



### YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

We are proud of Kayla Willey's 2 Star award rating



for her child care facility!

Need childcare? Call 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below:  
[yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@hopeonbluerock.org) with your contact information and we will get you added to the list.

### 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

-Pill bottles that are **Cleaned and without labels**

-Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club

-Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor



### HOPE NO LONGER COLLECTS LIDS PLEASE MAKE NOTE

Hope is no longer collecting lids at this time. Our source is no longer accepting them. However, Rumpke continues to accept them attached to the bottles.

### 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=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09>

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

### ANOTHER FUNNY

😊 I told my suitcase no more vacations this year. So I am dealing with emotional baggage.



# Red Bull Flugtag

Join us when we take flight: Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

Located at: Sawyer Point Park & Yeatman's Cove, Cincinnati – Ohio



Chris Arany



Todd Ritchie



Kezia Berryman



Charles Lee

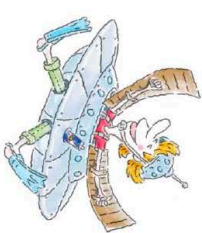
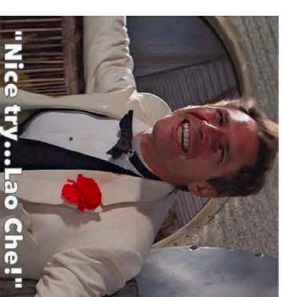
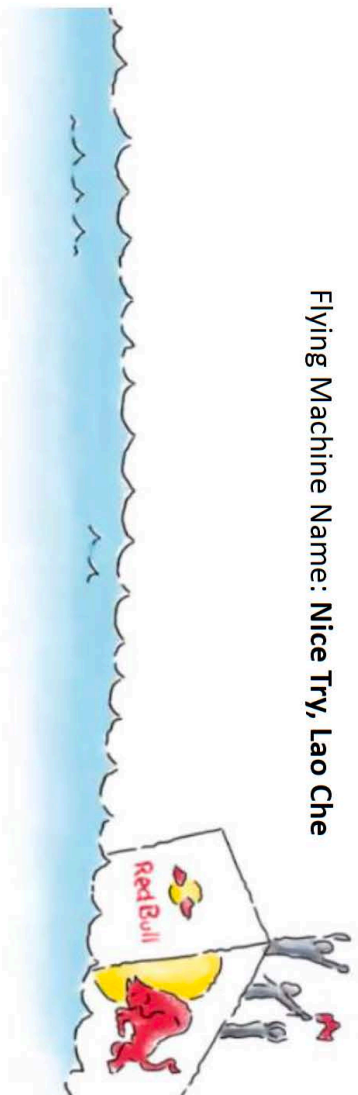


Scott Perfetti

Team Name: **Temple of Red Bull**

(We got the name from Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom)

Flying Machine Name: **Nice Try, Lao Che**





# SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

### What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.



# A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.*



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1:3-4, NIV

Answers: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philipians 1:3-4, NIV





# August 2023

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023						
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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Pastor on Vacation 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	31 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band	1	2 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	3 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Hold - rental
6 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	7 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band	8	9 9:00 AM Northwest Local School District Health & Safety Fair 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC 6:30 PM Generosity Committee	10 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person) 7:00 PM Council Meeting Zoom	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 11:00 AM Rental - Hasdorff	14 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band	15	16 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	17 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	18 Pastor's Day Off 8:00 AM Lifeline in Fellowship Hall	19
20 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 11:00 AM Confirmation Class	21 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band	22	23 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	24 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person) 2:30 PM Spiritual Life Mtg 6:00 PM WHOO @Debbie Schader's	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 10:00 AM Bridal Shower
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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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Choir Director:	Karen Schweinfest
Organist:	Dale Renner
Altar Care:	Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain:	Carmen Hasdorff
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