

**D**uring the first weekend in October, HopeFest welcomes to our campus not only friends and neighbors but also the community surrounding our campus, all for the charitable purpose of sharing with local, selected charities and meeting special needs here at Hope. What an opportunity! But maybe just as important as all that is those who are not part of our congregation discovering Hope Lutheran and our practice of hospitality, a Biblical characteristic of the people of God. We get to plant, through that hospitality, the seeds that in the future can sprout and grow as folks return for more. It is my prayer that we not only practice Christian hospitality the day of HopeFest, but also offer the hand of fellowship to those who will visit later. If you meet a stranger, welcome him in the name of Jesus, introduce him to the folks around you and invite him to come and sit with you in worship, especially at the 10:00 a.m. service on HopeFest Sunday! As that act of self-giving welcome happens, the purpose of HopeFest comes into focus and fruition.

**T**he Reformation of AD1517/1530 turned the existing structure of the Roman Catholic Church and the German state upside down. The understanding and declaration of the freedom of justification by faith in Jesus Christ unleashed a new energy in Western civilization. The individual mattered in the here and now because he mattered to an Almighty God who sent his Son to save him. The ripples of that truth changed history beginning with one monk some five hundred years ago. They continue today as we celebrate our Reformation heritage of *sola gratia, sola fide, sola scriptura* (*grace alone, faith alone, Scriptures alone*). The truth has set us free, not just from sin and death, but free to live lives of service as Jesus did. With our eternity secure, we live fearless lives today in the community of the Church and in the world. We will celebrate this historic, Luther inspired turn of events the last Sunday of this month and 501 years after the initial hammer blows. Of course, this celebration will be followed directly by the Feast of All Saints. We will be rejoicing!

**O**ctober seems to be the quiet month around here. Public school has worked through its initial fits and starts to a point of regularization. The weather will provide much needed relief from the heat so outdoor activities are much more pleasant. Preparations are envisioned but not yet started for the festival seasons on the horizon. Quiet is good! Our Father knows how much we each need quiet when he prescribed the Sabbath for schedule weary folks. Slow down, reflect and re-engage the important parts of your faith and life with some quiet. Open and absorb the Word of God to be refreshed for service, filled up with his presence to touch the lives of those around you with his touch!

**I**f you missed the first meeting of the 40 Something folks, you still have a opportunity to join in. We gather again of the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month at our house. Need more information? Let me know and I'll be happy to pass it along.

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



The end of October is the time of the year when Lutherans around the globe pause to remember our history. Last year was the big event – the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. But what shall year 501 be about? The Reformation continues and it is STILL all about Jesus. Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Scripture Alone. Christ Alone. We are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the core of the Gospel – the good news of Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, Dr. Martin Luther helped bring these Gospel treasures back into the light of day.

How do we celebrate this year? Believe it. Confess it. Live it. Spread it. That is the mission of the Church, which means it's your mission. How do we start? Be in the Word - be in worship on a regular basis - ask questions - dust off your Small Catechism – dig into the Lutheran Confessions.

The mission of the Church in your life starts at home. Teach the Gospel to your children. Pray with them and for them. Teach them by example - live the Faith. Teach your children kindness, love, and sacrifice by being kind, loving, and sacrificial.

The mission of the Church starts in your neighborhood and in your place of work. Live the Gospel as you serve others in your God-given vocations (parent, spouse, child, worker, citizen.) Work to the best of your ability. Love and help your neighbor.

The mission field is in your house, at work, and in your neighborhood. Be an evangelist by living the Gospel!

**CONFIRMATION:** Classes are underway. We have a final enrollment of 41 – 6 of which are from families who are not yet members of Hope Lutheran Church. Our service focus for our students in October is Hopefest. Look for the students to be helping out in children's games and many other areas. We are currently working on plans for a fellowship event in November. Stay tuned!

**COMMUNICATION:** There are many ways to stay connected with what's going on at Hope. Have you signed up for Hope's weekly email blast? It's easy to do. Go to our website: [hope-lutheran.org](http://hope-lutheran.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Enter your email address in the bottom right of the homepage in the section labeled "stay connected" and you're all set!

Do you have Hope's phone app? Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Hope Lutheran church FWD." It's free!

**SMALL GROUPS:** Hope's Small Group Ministry is opportunity for you to be a part of a tight-knit group of people who enjoy each other's company. But it's more than that. Small Groups grow to care for one another, share each other's joys and sorrows, and love and serve one another. Each of the small groups at Hope have their own focus or targeted demographic or purpose or location. If you are interested in joining a small group, let me know, and I can help point you toward one that may be a good fit for you and/or your family.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** I want to offer a big "thank you" to all of Hope's Stephen Ministers. You all quietly, yet faithfully serve when called to help someone within a crisis. May our Lord continue to bless each one of you with skill, patience, and compassion.

His Peace Be With You,

Pastor Jon

NOTES FROM PASTOR JON



# Youth Ministry

## What Did You Do??

You did it. There are pictures to prove it, your actions have been documented and reports have been filed. The long term consequences are yet to be determined but the outlook is very, very good. With the help of our Thrivent adventurers we received more than \$1500 in grants to help in our community and you took it and ran! Interact servants put their hands and hearts to the task and together we were able to:

Crafted four wooden benches which were delivered to Camp Lone Star in September.

Cooked and delivered a hearty meal for the homeless through the Mercy Tree Ministry

Baked up some yummy cookies and delivered them to area first responders—some of whom were fighting an active house fire in the area—what a precious thank you!

Wound yards and yards and yards and yards of bandages for Global Health Ministries—they are on their way to Africa!

Lovingly tied quilts for veterans who are recovering at Camp Hope

Passed out quarters, laundry supplies and smiles at the laundromat

Sent loaded care packages to two missionary families in Asia

Prepped a meal for our summer guests with Family Promise, made up the beds and set out toiletries to greet them

Built, painted, decorated and stocked the Free Little Library which made the local paper and is getting rave reviews from our preschool families!

Joined together in an intergenerational Bible study that brought insight, smiles, new relationships and discoveries.

Special thanks to our project leaders and Thrivent members who helped to fund the projects: *The Peterson family, the Petering family, Lynn Hobratschk, Jennifer Freestone, Wendy Hunter, Therese Huning, Corrine Schleider, Saleena Butler, Jerry Pfleeger, John Kueck, Caleb & Jayme Norris, Lorraine Erickson, Ed Jackowski and Earl Powdrell*

**Real. Present. God.**

National LCMS Youth Gathering  
July 11-15, 2019

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Registration is happening NOW! Youth in grades 8-12, check with Robin Groeper to get more information—we'd love to take you with us!





## What is Faith Builders?

The short answer is that Faith Builders is a partnership between Hope Lutheran Church and parents to help you grow your child's faith. Faith Builders was designed in an effort to help parents be more confident in their role as the primary faith nurturers of their children. The plan was for Hope to provide resources, knowledge and support to assist parents in fulfilling the promises they made at their child's baptism.

In addition to helping parents build faith in their homes, the hope was also to encourage relationships with families of similar aged children here at Hope Lutheran. Our Faith Builders events were developed in an effort to provide relationship building time, as well as an opportunity for parents to be presented with information about the particular developmental stage of their child. Each Faith Builders event is closed with a short worship service and the parental blessing of their children.

In the past couple of years, we have started to change the way some of our Faith Builders events are structured. We have incorporated the second grade Bible presentation and the high school graduation Faith Builders events into our worship services. This fall, we are rethinking our Faith Builder events for parents of preschool aged children and kindergarteners.

Our efforts continue to focus on the best ways we can help enable parents in their faith walk with their children, but we are working to improve the relationship building piece of that equation. A relationship with families who have similar aged children is important, but so are relationships throughout age levels in our congregation. I read a blog post late this summer that still sticks in the back of my mind. I shared it on the Children of Hope Lutheran Facebook page when I posted about the presentation of Bibles to our second graders, and I am going to share the link below, because I believe it is an important read for *all* our members.

In addition to some changes in our Faith Builders program, we have encouraged intergenerational Bible studies the last couple of summers, and offered opportunity for fellowship and service during the month of July. There is a purpose to the changes we are trying to make. There is a vision we are striving toward, and this blog post is an excellent explanation of the reasoning behind our efforts.

"There is one verse that we often use to demonstrate the mandate in Scripture for parents/caregivers to disciple their kids: Deuteronomy 6:7 – Impress these commandments on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. I love this verse because it shows the most everyday, most ordinary moments and tells us in those very ordinary times to talk about our extraordinary God.

But often in shining the spotlight on this verse and directing our focus of discipleship exclusively to parents/caregivers, we miss something of great importance, something that changes everything about the command.

This command wasn't given to parents. It was given to the community of faith."

You can find the entire blog post here:

<https://refocusministry.org/2018/08/27/nextgen-and-discipleship-whose-job-is-it/>

If it is easier to use the link from the computer rather than typing it in, the Anchor Chain can be found on the Hope Lutheran Church web site ([www.hope-lutheran.org](http://www.hope-lutheran.org)). Under the News & Events drop down, click on Newsletters. Once you choose to open the newsletter, you can simply click on the link for the blog post from the Children's Ministries newsletter page.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Krista Beken, Director of Children's  
Ministries



## Upcoming Children's Ministry Events:

### **Upward Basketball & Cheerleading:**

Registration is now open for Pre K4 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade children online at: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW67179/add> October 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day for early registration pricing, and October 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register.

More details about Upward can be found on the Hope Lutheran web site in the Children's Ministry area. <http://hope-lutheran.org/ministries/children/upwards-sports>

**Trunk or Treat:** Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4pm



# Trunk or Treat

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Here's how it works. . .at 3:00 p.m. people who are interested in providing treats (candy or small toy items) arrive at the back parking lot behind the Family Life Center (gym) for set-up. You can choose to decorate the back of your car, truck or SUV in holiday fashion! (Nothing too scary, please!)

At 4:00 p.m. our costumed friends will begin to arrive. We will start off in the Sanctuary with spirited songs and a fun-filled message.

At 4:20 p.m. costumed children (big and small) will exit the Sanctuary and go "Trunk or Treating" from car to car.

This is a great way to celebrate this children's holiday in a safe, friendly environment and share the Gospel with them, too. All friends, family and neighbors are invited to attend. We only ask that all costumes and decorations be kid friendly – not too ghoulish!

We need lots of congregation participation to make this outreach event a success. Sign up sheets are available in the Sanctuary Narthex if you plan on providing a car and treats for Trunk or Treat. Donations of **individually wrapped** candy will also be accepted. Look for the box in the Narthex!

If you have any questions, please contact Junelle Petersen at [tinytreasures@hope-lutheran.org](mailto:tinytreasures@hope-lutheran.org) or 713-824-2150.



## Women's Retreat ~ Renew, Refresh, Restore, Reconnect

February 8-10, 2019 is the date of our next Women's Retreat, set at the beautiful Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. Just to drive into the Retreat area is a way to feel the stress start melting away. Women—this is YOUR weekend to be with Christian friends, to spend time with your best friend, Jesus, and to rejuvenate your energy for being a member of the Communion of Saints.

Our theme this year is *Sweet Life Café—Savoring Time with God*. There will be wonderful meals provided, Bible study, relationship building, games and crafts and service, and we will end with a renowned speaker, Becky Baker, who is sure to send us off with a smile on our face and a renewed commitment to serve the Lord. Here is her bio: <https://www.christianspeakersservices.com/bio-beckybaker.html>.

The cost for the weekend is \$240.00. Scholarships are available with request.

Our final deadline for reserving your space is October 22. Please look at your calendar, grab a friend if you wish, make arrangement for the kids, and break away for a SWEET weekend of love and enjoyment. It will be a guaranteed good investment in yourself!

# HOPEFEST 2018

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## Get Ready. . .Get Set. . . Hopefest Volunteers Needed!

The Hopefest Volunteer Sign-up Boards will be in the Grand Hallway of the Center for Faith Development and jobs are for the taking! We are in need of many volunteers to have a successful Hopefest 2018, October 6-7. So many charities and Hope outreach programs benefit from the proceeds from Hopefest. Check out the boards in the Grand Hallway and see how you can help.

If you have questions, contact the chair listed on the boards.

### HopeFest Tickets

Tickets can be purchased in the church office prior to Hopefest or at the door.

#### Hopefest BBQ — Sunday, October 7th

*Prices are:*

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| • BBQ Plate Dinner         | \$8.00 |
| • BBQ Stuffed Baked Potato | \$7.00 |
| • BBQ Sandwich / Chips     | \$6.00 |
| • Baked Potato w/fixings   | \$5.00 |
| • Hotdog / chips           | \$2.00 |



### Tea Room

The Tea Room will be serving tasty and delicious lunches this year. The menu has been updated.

We are in need of workers in the kitchen area and servers. Please sign up in the Narthex to be a part of the Tea Room staff.

Workers will also be needed to help with the prep on Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Give Kay Raymond (832-871-8855) or Sallie Rouse (281-554-4878) a call if you have questions.

# HOPEFEST 2018

## Briskets!! Briskets!! We need Briskets!! (\$20.00)

It's that wonderful time of year when we prepare for our HopeFest celebration. We want to thank everyone that defrayed the cost of briskets in years past and hope you will continue to do so. Look for the sign-up poster in the Grand Hallway of the Center for Faith Development and indicate how many briskets you would like to **donate**.

To some this may sound really confusing – but it's not – **WE** purchase the briskets – **YOU** supply the funds.

Also, we are in need of volunteers to help serve on HopeFest Sunday. If you would be interested in helping, contact Gloria Havard at 281-814-3204 (or sign up on the sign-up boards). Thank you.

## Would you like to make a difference?

You can make a difference in helping those that are fighting cancer!

On Hopefest Sunday, October 7th, the MDA Bloodmobile is coming to Hope from 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, you can sign up in three ways.

- 1) You can sign up online with MD Anderson Blood Drive at <http://tinyurl.com/hope4life1018>. There you will find the tools to schedule your time to donate either blood or platelets.
- 2) Simply show up on Sunday, October 8th and let them know you want to donate. The donor coach will be in the front parking lot.

If you have any questions, contact Rita Henderson at [jimandritah@aol.com](mailto:jimandritah@aol.com). (Sponsored by the Saints in Progress Small Group aka SIP)



## Shrimp Boil

The Shrimp Boil is coming back — Saturday, October 6, 2018. Food will be served from 5:00 PM—6:30 PM. There will be **all you can eat** shrimp, red potatoes, corn, pinto beans and brownies.

A free will offering will be taken. No reservations or tickets need. Come and enjoy. Oh, and BYOB if you wish.



# HOPEFEST 2018

## Saturday, October 6th

- Craft Fair — 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM
- Silent Auction — 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM
- Tea Room — 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM
- Bake Sale — 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
- Chara Christian Dance — 9:30 AM—10:00 AM
- Frappe Bar — 9:00 AM—11:00 AM
- Shrimp Boil — 5:00 PM—6:30 PM

## Sunday, October 7th

- 2 Worship Services — 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
- Craft Fair — 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM
- Bake Sale — 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Children's Games — 11:00 AM—1:30 PM
- Barbecue Lunch — 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM
- Silent Auction — 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM
- Bingo — 12:30 PM — 2:00 PM
- Blood Mobile — 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM
- Smoothies — 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

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	ANNUAL PLAN	Y-T-D PLAN	Y-T-D ACTUAL	% OF PLAN
Operating Receipts	\$1,052,285.00	\$438,452.10	\$369,914.99	84.37%
Early Childhood Tithe	\$45,000.00	\$16,125.00	\$16,125.00	100.00%
Total Receipts	\$1,097,285.00	\$454,577.10	\$386,039.99	84.92%
Outreach	\$74,368.00	\$30,544.67	\$30,109.35	98.57%
Education	\$8,850.00	\$3,272.46	\$2,765.43	84.51%
Children	\$2,300.00	\$418.34	\$0.00	0.00%
Youth	\$13,200.00	\$4,335.49	\$3,781.59	87.22%
Music	\$6,600.00	\$1,023.08	\$107.00	10.46%
Assimilation	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc. Ministries	\$9,950.00	\$1,631.78	\$1,485.86	91.06%
Personnel	\$653,774.00	\$275,311.68	\$250,904.15	91.13%
Finance	\$50,243.00	\$20,934.55	\$20,741.59	99.08%
Facilities	\$227,450.00	\$80,926.44	\$63,418.15	78.37%
Office & Worship	\$40,850.00	\$14,642.32	\$13,120.56	89.61%
Omnibus	\$9,500.00	\$864.39	\$710.23	82.17%
Total Expenditures	\$1,097,285.00	\$433,905.20	\$387,143.91	89.22%
Income Less Expenses		\$20,671.90	(\$1,103.92)	

**Debt: \$1,030,736.75**

**Fiscal Year (04/01/18 - 03/31/19)  
As of August 2018**





Robert Bargas	10/1	Michael Jensen	10/18	John & Katie Kueck	10/2
Andrew Horak	10/1	Steven Scheer	10/18	Paul & Gay Currie	10/3
Emily Watlington	10/1	Larry Davis	10/19	Michael & Patricia Jensen	10/3
Charlotte Aalund	10/2	Dina Connor	10/20	Caleb & Jayme Norris	10/3
Deron Beken	10/2	Sheila Meier	10/20	Terry & Rene Gebhardt	10/4
Christine Birch	10/4	Christine Peterson	10/20	Marvin & Miriam Knighton Sr.	10/4
Vicki Hartzell	10/4	Isabella Reyes	10/20	Kevin & Karen Klein	10/5
Michael Krause	10/4	Evana Wagner	10/20	Kevin & Audra Rhodes	10/7
Justin Delatorre	10/5	Don Schneider	10/21	Joshua & Karen Kerch	10/13
Merlot Wagner	10/5	Abigail Petering	10/22	Mike & Sallie Rouse	10/13
Slater Sauer	10/7	Emma Petering	10/22	Bruce & Wendy Hunter	10/14
Krista Beken	10/8	Daniel Matula	10/23	Paul & Karen Walls	10/15
Melissa Brown	10/8	Ulva Burkhardt	10/24	Frank & Lisa Muniz	10/20
Claire Eaves	10/9	Sarah Chew	10/24	Brian & Dorrie Tomayko	10/20
Brandon Ott	10/9	Kimberly Koch	10/24	Keith & Lindsay Monk	10/29
Donna Price	10/10	Kathy Olson	10/24	Scott & Evangelina White	10/29
Al Reyes	10/10	George Harpole	10/25		
Jonathan Scheer	10/10	Marvin Knighton Jr.	10/25		
Richard Hahn	10/11	Avery Pfleeger	10/25		
Paula Wiley	10/11	Evan Guzman	10/26		
Sherry Fox	10/12	John Loessin	10/26		
James Prince	10/12	Matt Mankowski	10/26		
Mackenzie Beall	10/13	Terry Hamre	10/27		
Juliella Kerch	10/13	Barsa Harclerode	10/27		
Gay Currie	10/14	Will Hibbs	10/27		
Allen Hawkins	10/14	Norma Kaderka	10/27		
Heidi Riggs	10/14	Jennifer Steakley	10/29		
Ed Korth	10/17	Forrest Williams	10/29		
Andrew Lemire	10/17	Alexandra Lake	10/30		
August Lemire	10/17	Kevin Chew	10/31		
Harry Havard	10/18	Jerry Pfleeger	10/31		

# Birthdays and Anniversaries









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