

The liturgical calendar continues to turn the pages. From the wonders and promises of Pentecost Day, the third major feast day of the Church and her birthday, we move into the second half of the calendar...the Time of the Church. The first half is designated as the festive half of the Church year. The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the Transfiguration, the Feast of the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost Day highlight this half. Now, moving into the second half, the Church implements what we have celebrated during the first. We focus on making the Incarnation matter. We confess that Jesus is the Son of God. We incorporate the resurrection into our daily living and witness. We rejoice that at the right hand of the Father Jesus intercedes for us. We pray for the guidance and inspiration of God the Holy Spirit as we live from day to day. Welcome to the Time of the Church!

INTERSECT! The wonder of intergenerational integration around the Word of God and service to others can only be experienced in the moment it happens. This summer Hope Lutheran hopes to provide the platform for that wonder to flourish. A single youth/adult Bible class on Sunday mornings during June and August will highlight insight from both the neophyte and mature perspectives. July (with the single 9:30 a.m. worship service) will highlight across the board service to our community...putting the experience of study together into service together. In this age of cocooned, nuclear families, INTERSECT moves us out our comfort zones to connect with all ages and become a more vibrant Body of Christ in this place.

As you read these paragraphs, The Texas District will be in convention in Dallas. This triennial gathering of the congregations of the district from 14 to 16 June will allow elections and the debate of resolutions pertaining to the direction of the District for the next three years. As I see it, the Texas District is the premier district in the LCMS. We do it right with our mission emphasis. I solicit your prayers for this convention. On a personal note, I will conclude my stint of twelve years as Vice President of Area D (read: greater Houston area) and nine years as First Vice President. For me there has been a greater appreciation from being involved in a much broader understanding of the Church, the 400 some congregations of the Texas District. This convention will mark the end of 27 years of continuous service to the District. Soli Deo Gloria!

Memorial Day ushers in the vacation season for most. Remember to relax, refresh, retool, and be ready to return to work in the Kingdom.

JULY-9:30 A.M. SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE

PASTOR'S
PARAGRAPHS





INTERSECT

That's the theme for our summer together at Hope. Similar to last summer, we are going to be intentional as a community to bring together all the generations of the body of Christ for worship, for learning, and for growing. Beginning in June, we will learn from the Scriptures together, and from each other, in our intergenerational Bible class. And similar to last year, we will have a single worship service at 9:30 during the month of July. Immediately following that unified service, we will join together for fellowship or for service. Come and join us this summer as our lives intersect together under the cross of Christ – merging together within His mission to us and to the world.

CONFIRMATION

I want to extend my congratulations to the confirmation class of 2018: Daniel Brown, Emma Butler, Grace Chauvin, Bailey Dippel, Brandon Ellis, EmmaLynne Fontenot, Dylan Henry, Matthew Mankowski, Olivia Mittendorf, Justin Paulder, Justin Sauer, and Nova Wagner. You have publicly confessed the faith in affirmation of your baptism. But remember, confirmation is not a graduation. It's a foundation giving you a jumping off point as you begin taking personal responsibility for your faith development. Continue in the things you have learned and believe!

We praise God for bringing these young people to faith, and growing and strengthening their relationship with Jesus through Word and Sacrament in order to give public confession of that faith in the Rite of Confirmation.

And we as a congregation are charged with helping them, and everyone to grow in faith and knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ. A challenging task, but a blessed responsibility.

SMALL GROUPS

Through thick and thin, Hope's Small Groups continue their working of caring, fellowship, study, and service. Over time, small groups always morph and change – members come and go, some groups grow, and others reach their natural conclusion.

Are you interested in joining a small group? Check out the list on the volunteer opportunities page found at the Welcome Center, or go to Hope's website: (hope-lutheran.org/ministries/small-group-ministries) for more information, or give me a call or email.

Personally, Sheri, the girls and I will be taking some time off this month. We will be heading east to visit my sister in Charlotte, NC, and continue to Washington D.C. in order to have a first-hand history and civics experience in our nation's capital. Immediately afterward, I journey to Dallas for the Texas District Convention to join with the other pastoral and lay delegates in making important decisions for our church body. And we jump right into VBS the next week! June will be a busy and adventurous month!

In closing, have a blessed summer. Take some time out to enjoy God's incredible creation. But remember to stay connected to the vine, Jesus Christ. Stay connected to Him by continuing to hear and do His Word, both in individual and group Bible Study, and Sunday morning worship.

His Peace be With You,
Pastor Jon

Youth Ministry

It's me. I get it. I fall into the trap as easily as anyone else. I get caught up in the busy and priorities that aren't mine and battling a society that's teaching my kids values that don't match where I'm at and shrugging and saying, "What can you do?" Lately it feels like Satan's minions are waging an all out assault on the moral high ground we are pressing our kids to walk and there are days when I think I'm done and one more battle emerges and I think there's just no use. The price of quitting though, in the long run, is just so extremely high—so I shake off the weariness and head back into the battle. Peer pressure, watching the bad guy win, giving your all and it's not enough, they are all topics at our dinner table and I need help in the conversations, in the encouragement, in the struggle.

I can give you the statics about relationships. I can tell you things like, "Six out of seven teens feel unprepared for life after high school." I can cite studies on the difference intergenerational ministry makes and the destruction we have done with our cell phones. Christina Embree, in her recent blog post on the dismal deterioration of church life in America, shares how so many things in our lives are replacing our time in the pew and our time together as the body of Christ concluding, "They require that we accept the truth that something has to change and we begin to try uncomfortable things." She goes on to offer examples of those uncomfortable things, ways to reach out to one another that might press against our comfort zones—but I can see the truth in her words, I know for a fact her suggestions could have wildly positive impact at Hope. I dare you to try one of her ideas or one of your own...

- *It might mean sitting on hard bleachers in the cold just to cheer on that kid from church that sits in the pew in front of you and just can't believe you came to her game.*
- *I could mean that instead of passing the offering plate and dropping in a check and feeling as though we've given enough to the church, we also raise our hand and volunteer for that after-school program or to be a prayer partner for that young person.*
- *It might even mean that on Sunday morning our worship is accentuated with the cries of an infant... the laughter of a fifth grader... the questioning look of a seventeen-year-old and instead of seeing those things as distractions, viewing them as opportunities to face the truth head on; that loneliness and being "unaffiliated" are real things for this generation and if being with a faith community on Sunday morning and hearing one's name spoken each week with love and welcome can combat it, then it's worth whatever discomfort one might face.*

Christina Embree, Refocusministry.org

Watch for summer ministry events being planned by our senior high small groups including a camp out, Moody Gardens zip line/tower, Zombie Nerf wars and more!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Cross Training Summer Teachers Needed

Our Cross Training teachers do a wonderful job of faithfully leading and teaching our children throughout the school year. We would like to give them the chance to relax and refresh during the summer.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering a few hours of your time during Cross Training beginning in June. Even leading a class for just one Sunday would make a big difference. All teaching materials and supplies will be provided for you.

To volunteer, please see the sign up boards in the Narthex, or contact Krista Beken, Director of Children's Ministries at 281-482-7943 ext. 116, kbeken@hope-lutheran.org.

Intersect

Intersect = to meet and cross at one or more points

How often do you cross paths with someone at Hope who you would consider part of a different generation? How many of those "crossing paths with" moments turn into "meeting" moments? How often do you take that moment and give a little bit of time to meet and get to know someone from a different generation?

A good deal of research is available that supports the importance of all age groups worshipping together, and beyond that, fellowship time together across all age groups is just as important. Strong relationships across generations within a church family are almost as important as faith development at home.

This summer, we are working to build on the worship and Bible study model we started last summer. Beginning June 3rd, we will have an intergenerational Bible study in the Great Room for those who have completed 6th grade on up. We encourage families to attend together, but to venture outside your comfort zone a bit to build some new relationships. In the month of July, we will have a single worship service each Sunday at 9:30am followed by several different opportunities for fellowship and service alongside your church family.

We are excited to continue these summer programs in an intentional way to meet and cross paths across generations and to foster an attitude of service in our congregation.

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:1-5 NIV

Shipwrecked ... Rescued by Jesus

June 18th – 22nd 9am
– Noon

We still need some crew leaders and helpers in a few of our stations. Please look over the sign-up boards in the Narthex to find a place you can serve.

Adult crew chiefs are also needed and make a BIG difference in helping VBS to run smoothly. Please see Krista Beken, Director of Children's Ministry, with any questions:

281-482-7943 ext. 116 or
kbeken@hope-lutheran.org

Wednesday, June 13th,
MANDATORY crew leader
training and youth work meeting.
We'll meet from 6:30pm-7:30pm in
the Great Room.

Cross Training

All Sunday school students will stay with their current grade level classes throughout the summer. We will have Promotion Sunday in the fall to jump-start the new school year and promote to new grade level classes.

Krista Beken,
Director of Children's
Ministries



	ANNUAL PLAN	Y-T-D PLAN	Y-T-D ACTUAL	% OF PLAN
Operating Receipts	\$1,052,285.00	\$87,690.42	\$83,192.02	94.87%
Early Childhood Tithe	\$45,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	100.00%
Total Receipts	\$1,097,285.00	\$91,440.42	\$86,942.02	95.08%
Outreach	\$74,368.00	\$5,906.75	\$5,877.35	99.50%
Education	\$8,850.00	\$20.94	\$19.99	95.46%
Children	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Youth	\$13,200.00	\$325.00	\$321.04	98.78%
Music	\$6,600.00	\$68.73	\$60.00	87.30%
Assimilation	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc. Ministries	\$9,950.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100.00%
Personnel	\$653,774.00	\$51,699.22	\$47,637.04	92.14%
Finance	\$50,243.00	\$4,186.91	\$4,135.52	98.77%
Facilities	\$227,450.00	\$19,511.26	\$17,041.69	87.34%
Office & Worship	\$40,850.00	\$3,595.92	\$3,047.71	84.75%
Omnibus	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$1,097,285.00	\$85,564.73	\$78,390.34	91.62%
Income Less Expenses		\$5,875.69	\$8,551.68	

Debt: \$1,091,572.86

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gruener, Barbara	6/1	Schulz, Daryl	6/16	John & Barbara Gruener	6/1
Carver, Ashtyn	6/2	Wilson, Diana	6/16	Calder & Mary Gibson III	6/6
Carver, Caily	6/2	Manis, Alyssa	6/17	Dale & Christine Peterson	6/6
Pampell, Rodney	6/2	Sieraski, Rene	6/17	Allen & Karen Hawkins	6/8
Lobaugh, Shane	6/3	George, Brett	6/18	Russell & Sarah Chauvin	6/9
Matula, Veronica	6/5	Bargas, Rhett	6/20	Henry & Margie Riley	6/10
Centeno, Brianna	6/6	Singh, Rexanne	6/20	David & Michele Wilson	6/10
Pirker, Dana	6/6	Foshee, Hannah	6/22	Reagan & Vicki Breaux	6/12
Walls, Paul	6/6	White, Becky	6/22	Chad & Dawn Leveritt	6/12
Dippel, Kirk	6/7	Hinga, Thomas	6/23	Robert & Julianne Lott Jr.	6/12
Nelson Jr., Roy	6/7	Raymond, Kay	6/23	Robert & Mary Beth Davis	6/13
Petersen, Junelle	6/7	Little, Zachary	6/24	John & Candice Blaylock	6/14
Bacon, David	6/9	Foshee, Charles	6/25	Glenn & Carol MacRill	6/15
Bubendorf, Gilbert	6/9	Ott, Kinsley	6/25	Richard & Susan Hahn	6/17
Korth, Joy	6/10	Bors-Koefoed, Kathy	6/26	Kevin & Carrie Cox	6/18
Warren, Anthony	6/10	Ott, Summer	6/26	Eddy & Melissa Hovorka	6/19
Hinga, Kristen	6/11	Aman, Mason	6/27	Shane & Jennifer Lobaugh	6/20
Gebhardt, Levi	6/12	Foshee, Ann	6/27	Jon & Junelle Petersen	6/24
Rebstock, Jordan	6/13	Petersen, Fred	6/27	Kenneth & Karen Yarborough	6/25
Wenzel, Austin	6/13	Wilson, Krystle	6/27	Dale & Katherine Kohn	6/26
Powdrell III, Earle	6/14	Delatorre, Holly	6/28	Tom & Pat Anderson	6/27
Brown, Bruce	6/15	Harpole, Colton	6/29	Donald & Judith Clark	6/28
Melcher, LaVerne	6/15	Mortensen, Faye	6/29	Ray & Jill Fournier	6/30
Tieman, Marek	6/15	Scheer, Michelle	6/29		
Guzman, Albert	6/16	Birch, Shawn	6/30		
Leveritt, Dawn	6/16	Fisbeck, Dorothy	6/30		



THIS MONTH AT HOPE

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6/3/2018	6/4/2018	6/5/2018	6/6/2018	6/7/2018	6/8/2018	6/9/2018
Eucharist 9:15 AM Intergenerational Bible Study 9:45 AM Costa Rica Trip Meeting 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Eucharist 9:45 AM Basketball (Haverly) 3:30 PM Basketball (Van Chau) 5:00 PM Small Group (Butler) 5:00 PM	Basketball (Van Chau) 9:00 AM Braille 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:00 AM Small Group (Henderson) 10:00 AM	Basketball (Van Chau) 9:00 AM Camp Hope Quilts 9:00 AM Ladies Guild 6:30 PM	Basketball (Van Chau) 9:00 AM Small Group (Ericson) 10:00 AM Basketball (Haverly) 6:30 PM	Basketball (Van Chau) 9:00 AM Small Group (Hinga) 7:00 PM	Small Group (Peterson) 6:30 PM	Small Group (Hersch) 5:30 PM
6/10/2018	6/11/2018	6/12/2018	6/13/2018	6/14/2018	6/15/2018	6/16/2018
Eucharist 8:00 AM Intergenerational Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Men's Ministry Study Series 12:30 PM Basketball (Haverly) 3:30 PM Basketball (Van Chau) 5:00 PM	Staff Meeting 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM	Camp Hope Quilts 9:00 AM Ladies Guild 6:30 PM	Basketball (Haverly) 9:00 AM VBS Training 6:30 PM	Lakeview Quilt Guild 9:00 AM Small Group (Women's) 6:30 PM	RAD Women 6:30 PM	
6/17/2018	6/18/2018	6/19/2018	6/20/2018	6/21/2018	6/22/2018	6/23/2018
R&D Women	Small Group (Henderson) 10:00 AM		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Small Group (Ericson) 10:00 AM	VBS Family Night 6:30 PM Small Group (Hinga) 7:00 PM		
6/24/2018	6/25/2018	6/26/2018	6/27/2018	6/28/2018	6/29/2018	6/30/2018
Worship 8:00 AM Intergenerational Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Basketball (Haverly) 3:30 PM Basketball (Van Chau) 5:00 PM	Quilting 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM	Volleyball (CHSA) 12:00 PM	RAD Kids Basketball (Haverly) 6:30 PM	Volleyball (CHSA) 12:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM Small Group (Women's) 7:00 PM		





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