

The Psalmist says, “I will make your name endure from generation to generation, so nations will sing your praise for ever and ever.” This situation does not find fulfillment on its own. The present generation must inform, train, discipline and inspire the generations in line. I believe that Hope has as part of its DNA just such a task of inter-generational connection through our Intersect efforts this past summer and some ongoing encounters ahead. The call to this generation is...faith lived out and passed to the next, works done and passed on to the next, and Scripture read and prayed and passed on to the next. What a high calling! This vocation does not require an M.Div. or other theological training. It requires a practiced faith founded on Word and Sacrament and a willingness to engage. I see that happening all the time here at Hope. Promotion Sunday in August brought it into better focus for me and hopefully for you. Think about FaithBuilders, Confirmation classes, Sunday morning education hour, Small Groups, and all sorts of adult education classes. I pray that you take advantage of your generational vocation. See you Sunday as we celebrate our God’s name enduring from generation to generation through each of us and making inter-generational interaction a priority!

The Thirty-Something initiative has garnered some good results as new relationship form and structure builds. Now it is time to turn attention to the Forty-Something folks and find some common ground to form new connections. If you are Forty-Something, you are invited to our home for food, conversation and formation. Watch the Constant Contact email blast to get the latest information about the gathering. Twenty-Something???

Renewal Study is the gateway to membership at Hope Lutheran. We have our first meeting after second service on 9 September in Center for Faith Development Room 104, just off the Grand Hallway. Come, enjoy the discussion and information. If you know of someone who might be interested, please pass along the particulars so they might be in that initial gathering.

Labor Day signals the “end” of summer for many. It can be an excuse for a three day weekend, but I find it fitting to recall that work and vocation are gifts from our heavenly Father. Even in the Garden, the man and woman were to tend to it. Work brings satisfaction and the wherewithal to share our plenty with the less fortunate. And on another level, our vocation as children of God, followers of Christ, and the labor that is part of that calling, serve our neighbor. Labor hard!

PASTOR'S
PARAGRAPHS





NOTES FROM PASTOR JON

CONFIRMATION: We have just begun another year of instruction in the Faith with our junior high students. Current students have moved up a level and another new class is beginning their journey. We have 41 students in confirmation this year. Praise God!

And a big “thank you” to the instructors for your hard work, dedication, and Christian love for your students. If for some reason we missed you and you would like to have your child in our program, contact me quickly and we can still get your child registered.

Please remember our Confirmation students and their parents in your prayers. Offer them words of encouragement as their Christian Faith is nurtured through the study of the Holy Scriptures and the Small Catechism. And please pray for our Confirmation teachers - that our Lord grant them guidance and wisdom as they teach the Faith.

Earlier this year, I was elected by the other pastors of our Circuit to be circuit visitor. The District Convention ratified the list of new circuit visitors. So, what does this mean? Let's first define “circuit.” A circuit is 6-12 or so LCMS congregations that are clustered together geographically. Hope is part of Circuit 36 and includes seven congregations. The circuit visitor is the principal officer of the circuit and serves under the direction, and is accountable to, the District President. The circuit visitor chairs our monthly meetings and sets the agenda. He assists congregations in calling a new pastor or when needed for disputes or other issues. He serves the pastors of the circuit as a collegial and brotherly advisor. I will be installed at the Circuit Visitor Conference being held at Camp Lonestar September 10-11th. I consider it a great honor to be elected to this position by my colleagues in ministry and will strive to serve humbly and faithfully.

STUDY SERIES GROUP: My study series group will start up again Thursday, August 30th. This year, we will be studying the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Matthew the tax collector-turned-Apostle wrote an account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. He did so to proclaim to the world that the one true God has begun His end-times rule and reign in the person and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth – the Christ – the Son of God. Matthew tells the story of just who this Jesus of Nazareth is: the son of Mary and Joseph and the heir of King David's throne. Matthew's Gospel includes long sections of Jesus' teaching and many parables that He told. We will take our time as we explore this fascinating account of the fulfillment of God's promises to His people. It may take a year, maybe two. But we will journey through it all together.

The class meets most Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 am in the Great Room. If you are available consider joining us!

And later this month, I will be making my annual journey back the Seminary for Symposium. This year's theme is: “The Cross Alone is Our Theology!” The cross has always been the center of the Christian faith, but what does it really mean to have a cross-centered theology, cross-centered pastoral care or a cross-centered life? We will be working toward answers to those questions.

His Peace be With You,
Pastor Jon

Youth Ministry



There's plenty of excitement in the youth room these days as we gather again after the summer months! So good to have faces, familiar and new, gathering again on the lumpy couches and perched on the chairs. "Quit Going to Church," is our current Bible study with lots of interaction to drive home the importance of paying attention to our everyday routines. We will be making the decision on our summer trip 2019 and sharing more about our new initiatives in a **parent/youth meeting on Sunday, September 16 at 12:15 in the Great Room.** *8th graders and parents please join us at the meeting since YOU are a part of our summer 2019 plans!*

SALT

As we continue to develop our intergenerational ministries we want to develop young people as leaders in the church. SALT, the Student Adult Leadership Team, is a new initiative inviting both youth and adults to the table to not only influence the direction of youth ministry but also to explore ways that our emerging young adults can become more engaged in church leadership and take ownership in ministry. Youth currently in grade 9 or above and adults of any age are invited to participate. Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 21 in the youth room. If you are interested in being a part of SALT please talk with Robin or join us in October.

SALT objectives

- define fellowship opportunities
- foster relationships among teens, parents and families
 - create enthusiasm
 - increase publicity and communication
- identify areas for youth growth and leadership

Senior High Lock In—yep, really!

Friday, September 21st we'll open the doors at 7:00! Got a football game? That's okay, come later! Lots more details to come—want to help make the plans? Contact Robin Groeper or Jennifer Dippel.

Benefits of Sunday School – edited from <https://cenational.org/resource/benefits-sunday-school/>

1. Sunday school provides a structure for teaching God's Word. A systematic teaching of the Scriptures needs to occur through all age levels. Children, youth, and adults need opportunities for discovery, review, and interaction as they study God's principles.
2. Sunday school mobilizes and trains laity for leadership. It's difficult to say who benefits more, the teacher or the student. The teacher's Bible knowledge and care grows... his or her life is changed... a stretching occurs as leadership skills are developed. Students learn and are challenged, but how much more is that true in the life of the teacher.
3. The Sunday school is discipleship! Every shepherd/teacher must have a desire to see each student in his/her flock have a spiritual life change. Since discipleship is "teaching to obey all I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20), it's not merely teaching facts, but teaching obedience. While there are many styles of discipleship (one-on-one, small group, etc.) Sunday school is the group discipleship that is entry-level. It's the "next step" after attending morning worship. From Sunday schools can develop small cell groups – discipleship. Since many people who attend church are not in a one-on-one or small group discipleship, an effective Sunday school is a form of "Discipleship 101."
4. Sunday school organizes the church into caring groups. The teacher becomes a shepherd for the class, an extension of the pastor's ministry. Where the pastor finds it impossible to know all the needs of the congregation, Sunday school teachers know when someone is absent or hurting and can express love personally.
5. Sunday school leads the church in prayer and relationships. From the preschool class through all the adult classes, prayer is directed toward the specific needs of the class members. Often the class not only prays, but has an opportunity to respond to specific needs. Fellowship and informal conversations flow easily in small groups where care is expressed and people know your name and your needs.

Children's Music

Children's Choir and Bells begins Wednesday, September 12th in Room 100 at 6:00pm. Children in Pre K 4 - 5th grade are invited to join us for some ringing and singing. No previous music experience needed. You make pick up your children by church offices at 7:00pm.



**SWAT – Students
Worshiping All Together**

Our third through fifth grade students are invited to SWAT, beginning September 12th.

We'll meet each Wednesday night from 7:00-7:45 in the Great Room.

SWAT is a great time for our students to develop and practice attitudes of service to others, study the Word of God in different ways, and get to know and develop friendships with each other outside of church.

Friends are always welcome.

Faith Builders this Fall

*Faith Builders IV, 2nd grade families – Sunday September 9th

*Faith Builders III, Kindergarten families – Sunday, October 14th

*Faith Builders II, Families of 3 year olds – Sunday, October 21st

As we begin a new school year, I pray that you and your children will find a home here at Hope, a place to feed your faith, a starting point for each week, and that you will make Hope a consistent part of your school year routine.

Krista Beken
Director of Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Calling all 40 Somethings

Are you in the 40s decade (or thereabouts)? We'd like to invite you to a gathering with other similar aged people in the hope that we can launch new relationships and potential small groups. How important it is to connect with others to connect, related, support, and pray for each other! It's nice to come to church and find others you know.

You are invited to Pastor Ralph's and Lynn Ann's house to socialize, eat together, and learn what small groups are all about. The dates planned for these events are September 30, October 21, and November 4 - all Sunday evenings. Food will be provided.

Interested? Sign up on the poster in the Grand Hallway. We need your email address so that we can give you more details. If you have children who need babysitting, let us know and we will provide. We hope that you will be able to find time in your schedule to come and join us! New friendships at Hope! That's a good thing!

Membership Class

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Hope Lutheran Church—Renewal Class will begin September 9, 2018 in Room 104 of the Center for Faith Development. You will have the opportunity to attend Renewal Study (10-12 week course) to review Christian doctrine, learn about Hope, and make the acquaintance of other joining members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Ralph at the church office (281-482-7943) or by email at rhobratschk@hope-lutheran.org.

Financial Peace

Learn to never worry about money again! Financial Peace University is a nine-week, money-management class. You will learn the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, and planning for the future. Classes will begin here at Hope on September 16, 2018 from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM. We will meet in Room 103 of the Center for Faith Development. Sign up online at www.fpu.com/1071410. Questions?? Call Tom Hinga at 832-654-8684 or contact Roger Hibbs at rogerhibbs@hotmail.com.



HOPEFEST 2018

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.

2018 HopeFest Garage Sale

The 2018 HopeFest Garage Sale was a Huge Success, bringing in approximately \$10,200!!

To all of our faithful members who have tirelessly worked to make our Hopefest garage sale happen, the committee says 'THANK YOU!'

That does not fully express our appreciation for the many hours each of you have spent to pull together the best, most organized garage sale in our area once again! Your dedication to this event makes it a fun place to volunteer. We also support and appreciate our HEROES in uniform who have volunteered security for our safe shopping days.

Debbie McFadden, Gloria Havard and Debbie Schkade, Hopefest Garage Sale co-chairs



HOPEFEST 2018

HopeFest Tickets

Tickets be on sale Sunday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 30th. We will be set up between services in the Grand Hallway of the Center for Faith Development.

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 |



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.

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

Wanted:

Hope's willing bakers to make the HopeFest Bake Sale a success. So many delicious and creative treats have come from our congregation in past years and everyone with a sweet tooth is hoping that this year will be no exception. . .maybe even tastier!!

It is not too soon to put on the thinking cap and Chef's hat and decide what baked goods you can provide. Thanks for being a part of this charitable event.

Questions? Contact Dolores Jackowski at 281-996-0739.

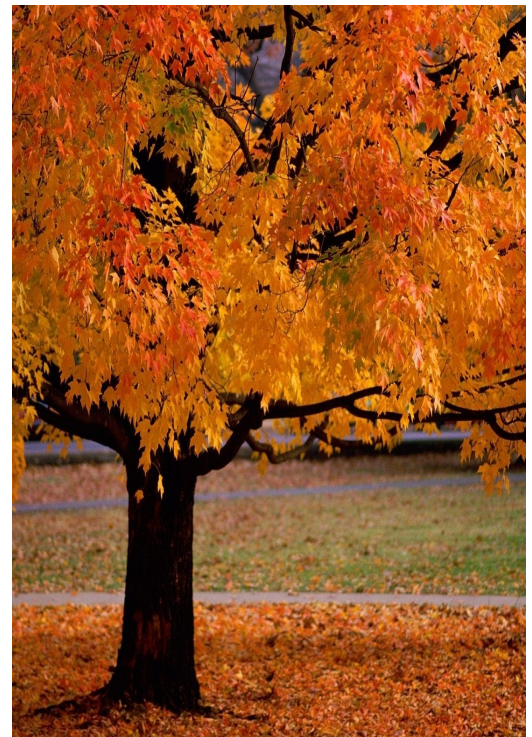
Would you like to make a difference?

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) You can come to the table in the Grand Hallway after services on September 23th or September 30th and we will help you sign up and/or give you any information you may need.
- 3) 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. (Sponsored by the Saints in Progress Small Group aka SIP)

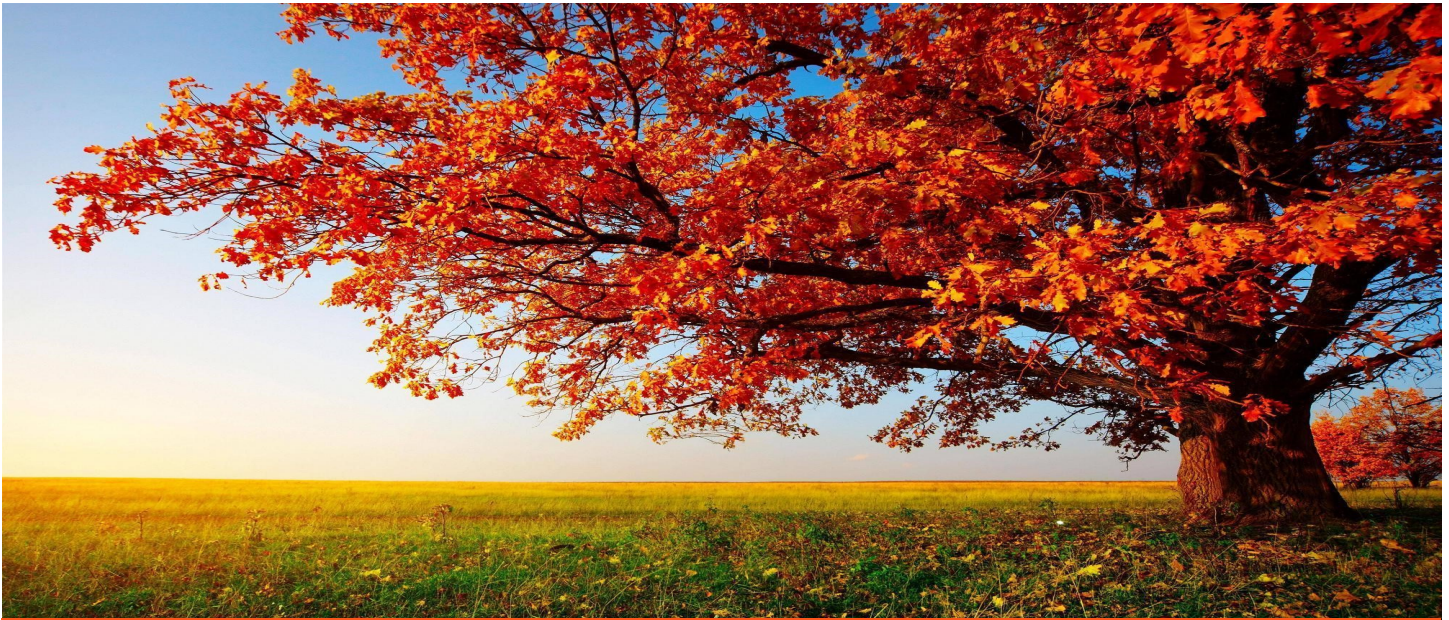


HopeFest Craft Fair

Be sure to check out the wonderful and unique crafts at this year's HopeFest Craft Fair.

Some of the old favorites will again be present. There will also be some new vendors with different and exciting merchandise. Get your Christmas presents early.

The Craft Fair runs from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th and from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7th. You can find all the goodies in the Family Life Center.



	ANNUAL PLAN	Y-T-D PLAN	Y-T-D ACTUAL	% OF PLAN
Operating Receipts	\$1,052,285.00	\$350,761.68	\$292,948.67	83.52%
Early Childhood Tithe	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%
Total Receipts	\$1,097,285.00	\$365,761.68	\$307,948.67	84.19%
Outreach	\$74,368.00	\$23,732.14	\$23,430.35	98.73%
Education	\$8,850.00	\$2,835.98	\$2,553.75	90.05%
Children	\$2,300.00	\$418.34	\$0.00	0.00%
Youth	\$13,200.00	\$3,897.49	\$3,389.23	86.96%
Music	\$6,600.00	\$543.40	\$107.00	19.69%
Assimilation	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc. Ministries	\$9,950.00	\$1,381.78	\$1,235.86	89.44%
Personnel	\$653,774.00	\$203,253.16	\$185,685.45	91.36%
Finance	\$50,243.00	\$16,747.64	\$16,559.94	98.88%
Facilities	\$227,450.00	\$69,628.30	\$54,757.02	78.64%
Office & Worship	\$40,850.00	\$11,479.07	\$9,525.34	82.98%
Omnibus	\$9,500.00	\$402.97	\$241.50	59.93%
Total Expenditures	\$1,097,285.00	\$334,320.27	\$297,485.44	88.98%
Income Less Expenses		\$31441.41	\$10,463.23	

Debt: \$1,033,487.22








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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Aileen Anderson	9/1	David Wilson	9/15	Ed & Lori Grosse	9/5
Norbert Brehm	9/1	Piper Fox	9/17	Steve & Therese Huning	9/11
Ray Buchorn	9/1	Arabella Johnson	9/18	Christopher & Heidi Riggs	9/11
Cindy Jorgenson	9/2	Ray Paulder	9/18	Joe & Brianna Centeno Jr.	9/23
Phu Leimer	9/2	Ivo Dabelic	9/20	Steven & Michelle Scheer	9/23
Robin Groeper	9/3	Eddy Hovorka	9/21	Marvin & Barbara Knighton Jr.	9/24
Haley Beken	9/4	Dollye Scruggs	9/21	Roy & Joyce Weiland	9/24
Holly Gottula	9/4	Dean Wiley	9/21	Ray & Mary Alice Buchorn	9/26
Robin Schulz	9/4	Edwin Benson Jr.	9/22	Chris & Amanda Gonzales	9/27
Laura Wenzel	9/4	Ed Grosse	9/22	Eugene & Laverne Walleck	9/30
Estefana Cantu	9/5	Katherine Kohn	9/22		
Eryn Durling	9/5	John Hobratschk	9/23		
Nelson Jacob	9/7	Ashley Alff	9/24		
Frank Muniz	9/7	Barb Gahring	9/24		
Brian Chew	9/8	James Johnson	9/24		
Mary Gibson	9/9	Corina Wilson	9/24		
Miriam Knighton	9/9	Jonathan Cox	9/25		
Keaton Ott	9/9	Debbie McFadden	9/26		
Grant Blaylock	9/10	Jenna Schnell	9/26		
Adrianna Hasty	9/11	Allie Hinga	9/27		
Eleanor Korth	9/11	Paige Tomayko	9/27		
Hannah Peterson	9/11	Rita Henderson	9/28		
Kelsea Orsak	9/12	Hunter Hovorka	9/28		
Terry Engle	9/13	Karen Walls	9/28		
Susan Hahn	9/13	Faith Birch	9/30		
Channing Castleberry	9/14	Russell Chauvin	9/30		
Chyrl Durling	9/14	Sally Grosnick	9/30		
Jacob Mustain	9/14	Kennedy Hedgecock	9/30		
Dwight Potter	9/15	Karon Johnson	9/30		
Ashlyn Sauer	9/15	Billie Kleiber	9/30		

THIS MONTH AT HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8/22/2018	8/23/2018	8/24/2018	8/25/2018	8/26/2018	8/27/2018	8/28/2018
Eucharist 8:00 AM BUILD 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM Confirmation 9:45 AM High School Study Groups 9:45 AM History of Christianity 9:45 AM Men's Ministry 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Video Discussion Group 9:45 AM Women's Study Group 9:45 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Basketball (Van Chau) 2:30 PM Small Group (Barker) 5:00 PM Basketball (Haverty) 6:30 PM	LABOR DAY - Office Closed 	Preschool / MDO 9:00 AM Volleyball (CHSA) 4:30 PM	Preschool / MDO 9:00 AM Small Group (Erickson) 10:00 AM BASIC 7:00 PM	Preschool / MDO 9:00 AM Study Series Group 9:30 AM Basketball (Libory) 6:00 PM Small Group (Hinga) 7:00 PM	Small Group (Petersen) 6:30 PM	
8/29/2018	8/30/2018	8/31/2018	MEALS ON WHEELS		9/1/2018	9/1/2018
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