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The Voice

of Hope Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nov. 1* All Saints Day – 10
am Worship online and at
Hope with Holy Communion

Nov. 8 *Mite Box Sunday –
10 am Worship online and at
Hope

Nov. 15 – 10 am Worship
online and at Hope
with Holy Communion

Nov. 22 - 10 am Worship
online and at Hope

Nov. 25 – 7 pm Thanksgiving
Eve online and at Hope

Nov. 29 – 1st Sunday in
Advent. 10 am Worship
online and at Hope

Sunday Morning Worship Service

With Pastor Oddi

KNIM 1580 AM or 95.9 FM
10:00 am

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“Give Thanks”

We are entering the time in the Church Year where we celebrate. We are leaving the Pentecost or Green Season and will soon be in a season where we should be focused on giving thanks. Certainly we are called to always give thanks and praise to God, our loving heavenly Father. But, this time of year we are truly focused. We just celebrated Reformation Sunday, we remember, we celebrate God’s actions of working through His servant Martin Luther to once again put the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its proper place of prominence, instead of being focused on the works of man by which we are not saved. We give thanks for this gift of grace.

As you receive this newsletter we are celebrating All Saints Day, where we remember God’s gift of grace and faith, forgiveness and life that He gave to His servants; the faithful departed. We give thanks to God for His grace and gifts to these men and women over the course of their lives in the Church Militant and we give thanks to God for His fulfilled promises in Christ and gathering them into eternal bliss in the Church Triumphant. We also give thanks and praise in anticipation that by God’s grace through His gift of faith we will join them one day in eternal joy with our Lord.

Also this month, we pause from our hectic lives to celebrate with family, friends, and the Church God’s many and varied temporal gifts to us. Thanksgiving Day we give thanks for God’s gifts of a plentiful harvest, for the food that fills our tables, and for all that God gifts to us that support us in this body and life. As Luther writes in the Small Catechism, “All this He does only out of Fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this is it my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.”

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Our Faithful Servants



November 1 – Nancy Jenkins
November 8 – Nancy Jenkins
November 15 – Nancy Jenkins
November 22 – Pam Shannon
November 25 – Nancy Jenkins
November 29 – Pam Shannon



Church Cleaning Sponsors
for the month of November
are:
Marilyn Bettis – Nov. 22nd
Cynthia Carmichael-Nov. 29th



Every Sunday morning at
8 am, Pastor Oddi leads
a “Live” Bible Study-you
can view it on the church
Facebook page

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Then, we will be entering the season of Advent as we prepare the way of the Lord. We give thanks for God’s fulfilled promise of a Savior who will, and who did, make atonement for the sins of the world.

Certainly, we don’t remain blind to what’s going on around us these days. Yes, we have the pandemic. Yes, we have a terribly divided nation. Yes, we have extremes in weather. Yes, we have great wildfires, and earthquakes. Yes, there is much suffering. All these things are consequences of sin in the world. We give thanks that our heavenly Father has given to us the cure. Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We give thanks because He has blessed us with forgiveness and life for Jesus sake. He has given to us great and innumerable gifts of love, care, and grace. There are troubles in our world, yes. But, there is also much to be thankful for. Give thanks!

Hymn #806 “Give Tanks with a Grateful Heart”
in The Lutheran Service Book,
Text and Tune by Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks -----Give thanks
Amen and Amen

God's blessings - Pastor Dave





- Nov. 3- Roland Tullberg
- Nov. 10 -Todd Roush
- Nov. 11 – Diana Richards
- Nov. 17 – Alana Mandrick
- Nov. 22 – Bob Henry
- Nov. 27 – Liz Mandrick
- Nov. 28 – David Winter



November 4th – Todd & Karla Roush



Newsletter deadline for December newsletter is November 22nd.

Lutheran Campus Center News

Our pro-life events were both successful.... even have a new student because of it! Anna a freshman from Tarkio came up to our table and said, “I’ve been looking for Lutherans!” She joined Vanessa and me at the Life Chain that weekend. We are up to 8 students who come to different activities. Because of the increase in students, and the meals being so popular, we received permission from Church Council to ask the church to provide meals on Sunday nights again. There are three Sundays available yet this semester. If you are concerned about COV-ID, you can just leave it on the kitchen counter at the LCC and I will take care of the rest. Or you call me, and I can pick it up. Just call me and pick between November 1, 8 and 15th. Karla and Todd have volunteered to adopt one of our students! **THANK YOU!** .

We had two alumni drop by the LCC 16th. They were Hannah (White) and Kyle Smith from when I was director last time. We enjoyed catching up. The LCC also donated towels from car washes to the Humane Society. **THEY WERE THRILLED!**

We are going to continue the prayer theme for Bible study, also one on Temptation, and additional Lutherans on the Public Square topics.

Thank you for your continued prayers!

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Pastor D helping with the LCC Pro-Life table





The LWML met on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the church.

Happy Birthday greetings were wished to Virginia McNair and Gladys Strauch – October 17.

Devotion – Virginia McNair led us in a devotion entitled “A Modern Reformation” written by Steven B Borst for The Lutheran Witness. Luther's reformation was challenging the idea that one could buy their way to heaven through purchasing indulgences. Today, “perhaps Luther would take aim at the lack of vigilance our modern Church has in protecting and proclaiming the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. Remembering the Reformation should make us a little bit uncomfortable because the Church in every generation is in need of self-reflection and correction.” **Scripture Alone** – With patience and instruction we should correct, rebuke and encourage the preaching of God's Word. **Grace Alone** – God loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins. Through God's mercy and grace through faith we are saved. **Faith Alone** – The Gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to all who believe. **Christ Alone** – The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ reconciled us to God. **“To God alone be the glory.”**

We finalized distribution of garage sale monies from Roland Tullbergs and the LWML rummage sale. These are the missions we supported this year:

Fellowship of Christian Athletics, The Lutheran Hour Ministries, The Senior Center, Seminarian, Tim Evans, Hope Lutheran Vacation Bible school, Community Services Energy Fund, Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Gran Train, Missionary Family – Cimas, Mission Central, North Star Advocacy.

We signed up for LWML Sunday greeters, ushers and readers. LWML Sunday will be October 11.

We looked at examples of Christmas ornaments for our Sunday school children and selected one to order.

We discussed the recycling of pill bottle ministry. We collect these for the Petty House in St. Joseph. We need to come up with a plan to get these taken to St. Joseph periodically as they have been piling up in the basement storage area.

Pam Myers and Marie Walsh are again chairing the Christmas poinsettia project. More information will be forthcoming next month.

Hope Lutheran will not be having our Soup and Chili supper this year due to the covid pandemic. We will reach out to Joyce Cronin concerning the Thanksgiving meal that we usually provide for the university students.

Pam Myers brought up that because of moving the altar, the flowers are too tall when Pastor is standing behind the altar. She will talk to Pastor about options.

MITE BOX DEVOTION – Cynthia Carmichael led us in the October focus devotion – Pre- and Post – Seminary Training for Local Church Workers Mission Training Center, Africa - \$62,650. In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists or seminary trained, and ordained pastors. Both the pre-seminary and post-seminary men are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community which will enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those whom the church has called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provides continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course may be taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God has given him. This grant will provide basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who serve under a pastor responsible for between five and 15 congregations. The training material allows the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gather with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provides limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

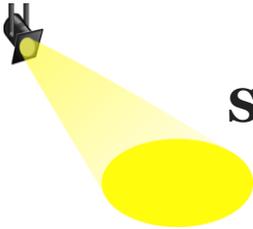
Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Devotion – Marcis Droegemueller
Ingathering – Lutheran Campus Center

November 2020 Mission Grant
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Grant #16 — Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow
LCMS School Ministry — \$80,000

A large number of Lutheran school administrators are projected to retire from service in the next few years, causing a tremendous void in critical leadership. The LCMS School Leadership Development (SLED) Program has been initiated to help resolve this situation. Its purpose includes identification and recruitment of leadership participants who serve in Lutheran schools and train them through events conducted by LCMS School Ministry. It is our prayer that through this mission grant God’s children will be well served so His kingdom can expand. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-16.



Our confirmation education program has two new students, Allison Riley and Asher Brunnert, pictured here with Karla Roush, chairperson of the Board of Education and Pastor Oddi. In memory of his wife, Grayce, Richard Oltamn has set up a memorial fund that provides new confirmation students their own Lutheran Self Study Bibles (ESV). The bibles for Allison and Asher were presented to them on September 27, 2020.



Shinning some light on student achievements.

Platte Valley has three students that are excelling in their sports competition. Jaclyn Pappert with the High School softball team have advanced through Quarter-finals this past Saturday October 24th and are now advancing to State.

Andrea Riley runs for the Platte Valley Cross Country team and finished 10th on Saturday October 24th at Missouri Western State University. Districts will be held at West Platte on October 31st.

Allison Riley is starting her first year on the Junior High basketball team and has already played in two games. Go Allison as you join the ranks of your upper classman.

Congratulations to all of the Platte Valley athletes.

SOME CONCERNS TO PRAY ABOUT

The Constitution and Bylaws of Hope Lutheran Church state that we should have 6 Elders to assist the Pastor, help us all follow the doctrine that we believe, teach, and confess, and for all of you, our members, to go to with your concerns or needs.

At the present time we only have 3 Elders, Dean Biermann, Richard Oltman and Matt Strauch. In this time of uncertainty about everyone's health, now more than ever are the Elders called upon to make contact with the members who are not coming to church (for whatever the reason). In normal conditions this is a "doable" task; but now the list for each Elder has increased due to:

A- we only have half the Elders we really need. We only have half the Elders to assist Pastor.

B- with the Covid concerns the number of members to be called has increased from 7 to 27.

C- with Covid concerns it is harder for the Elders to ask members to help our church by being ushers and greeters.

Different ways of helping the Elders that have been started are:

Lesley has taken over setting up communion.

We have tried to do sign-up sheets for ushers and greeters – this idea worked very well in October, but for November there are currently only two members who have volunteered to usher at two services. The sign-up sheet worked well for the November greeters. We need your help!

Liz Mandrick and Lesley Oddi are working on putting together the "Hope filled Cards" outreach. We will soon be asking members to take a cards (that are addressed & stamped); and write a few words in the cards and mail the cards.

