

FROM OUR PASTOR

2Co 8:12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.



If you were at our voters' meeting this July and you looked at the balance sheet and the treasurer's report, you would have seen that our offerings are not keeping up with our budget. Some people may be thinking, "That's ok because we have money in savings." Well that may be true, but that brings no benefit or blessing to you. What does it say about someone's spiritual estate if they withhold giving to God because they think someone else is going to be picking up the tab? I begin this with a word from Paul's letter to remind you that our offerings are acceptable according to what a person has and not according to what they don't have. No doubt, Paul is thinking of the Old Testament tithe in which the 10th chicken, steer, goat, sheep, and basket of wheat was given to the Lord in recognition that everything came from the Lord and belongs to the Lord and the Lord used those gifts for his purposes, namely the welfare of the priest, widow, orphan, the poor and the foreigner. But note, if you only had 9 sheep no sheep were given. If you only had 6 baskets of wheat, no wheat was given and so on. They gave according to what they had not according to what they didn't have. But we are not under Old Testament rules and regulations, but the principle stands.

Deu 16:16 ESV "... They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed."

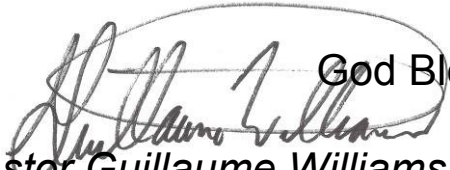
It is good that we have something to give unto the Lord for all his benefits unto us. We have the example of the widow: Mar 12:43-44 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. (44) For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Please remember that whether you are here on Sunday or not, the electricity is on, the insurance is active, the building is being kept up and the Lord is providing a pastor to teach the Word, proclaim the Word, administer the Sacraments, visit the sick and shut-ins throughout the week and visit those members in need of a visit. We should remember Paul's words, 1Co 9:11-14 "If we have sown spiritual things among

you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?... (13) Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? (14) In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.”

2Co 9:6-8 ESV The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (7) Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (8) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work...(11) You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The Lord has made sure in certain promises concerning our giving. He has promised blessing not only in the world to come but even in this world. His promise of blessing should spur us on to give what we can, not only to keep the ministry going, but to show our thankfulness to God for all his benefits to us. Jesus reminds us, Mat 10:40-42 “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. (41) The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. (42) And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

So as you look to all the Lord has done for you and you look at your household budget ask yourself, “How thankful am I for all his benefits to me and what can I give of what I have and give cheerfully.” Then give as your spirit in Christ directs you.

 God Bless!
Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS

We are missing you in Bible Study each Sunday. Please consider attending. Pastor teaches and it is all very comfortable and helps you grow in the Lord. We are in the book of 1st Samuel.

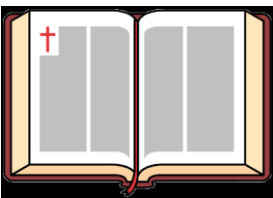
Thank you for contributing to two door offerings we had to help a member of Hope. We are family, and we responded in God's love.

If you need your Elder, please look up his name by yours in the church directory. They will be happy to help you.

*In God's Service,
Chuck Kiel (573-480-5335),
Gene Scheiter (573-480-0251),
Alan Wiese (573-424-4600)*

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday's Bible Study Classes A bible study, led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall. We are currently on 1 Samuel.



Monday's Bible Study Classes are on hiatus until fall.

All are welcome to join any of the classes at anytime.

MISSIONARY MAHLBERG



*In God's Peace,
Rev Steven and Martha Mahlberg
Autumn, Liberty, Skye, Rose and Duncan*

Check out our blog:
<https://MissionSriLanka.wordpress.com/>
Follow us on: [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)
Our missionary page is here:
lcms.org/mahlburg

From Our Seminary Student



Greetings from Lubbock, Texas:

We made it! It has been a crazy few months. For starters, I finished strong. To the last test, I was somehow able to maintain focus, study hard, and retain what was being taught. That's no small feat after Call Day, either. Next, thanks to the members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, California, I was able to spend two weeks in Israel, studying under the tutelage of Dr. Thomas Zelt. What an incredible learning experience. Every pastor should go at least once as part of their continuing education! Dr. Zelt's

firsthand knowledge of the archeological sites, and the skill with which that knowledge is presented is likely not found in any of the "civilian" tours.

On arrival back in St. Louis, we had 10 days to finish packing before the movers showed up. The next week was a blur. And then, here we are, citizens of Lubbock, Texas. Installation service was held on July 1st. And, thanks mainly to Fadia, most of the boxes are actually empty and most of the pictures are on the walls. We can't get too comfy in this rental. But we are already looking forward to finding our permanent home, here in the high plains of west Texas.

Next on the list is preparation for the arrival of the incoming freshman students at Texas Tech next month. I just need to remember that I'm still a student and complete the vicarage assignments on-time. All of this has been made possible with the help of your generosity. Thank you so much for your continued support. It has been a constant source of encouragement for both of us.

In Christ,
Vicar ^{W.}Jeff Jenkins
Lutheran Student Center and
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lubbock, Texas.

SWADDLING CLOTHES



Another month has quickly gone by and Swaddling Clothes had another great month. We had 34 mothers. Mothers-to-be, and families in need for their children up to age 4 come and shop for things. I want to tell you they are so grateful for the help we give them.

Is there some way YOU can help? YES! We are always in need.

Some of the things we need can be purchased at Walmart.

1. Parents Choice Wipes large box for \$13.47
2. Large Parents Choice bottles under \$3 for a package of 3
3. Boys size 2, 3, 4T. Pants jeans
4. Boys shirts in 2, 3, 4T
5. Girls clothes from newborn to 4

These are just a few things. The need is there and they come to our mission. If you feel you'd rather make a cash or check donation please place in an envelope with your member number. It is tax deductible.

We are so thankful for what you do for Swaddling Clothes. I am very thankful for the dedicated people who never leave me stranded on work days.

Thank you to God for this mission and His love we are able to share with others.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

Karen Kiel
Swaddling Clothes Director

BUDGET INFORMATION

2018 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,445.55.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
June 3, 2018	Sunday	\$ 2,355.44	50
June 10, 2018	Sunday	\$ 1,691.06	37
June 17, 2018	Sunday	\$ 1,511.11	43
June 24, 2018	Sunday	\$ 835.67	42

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

August 2018 Newsletter Article

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).



"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we

are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-.40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

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Offering Envelopes

Do you find yourself forgetting yours? Please bring in your box and the secretary will help you find a safe place to keep it in the narthex for when you need it.

It really helps the counters and financial secretary to do their jobs if you use your envelope for offerings. AND if you itemize your taxes it helps our financial secretary to give you an accurate donation report at the end of the year. Otherwise, it might just get put in with loose offerings and you won't get the credit for it.

LWML Ladies Guild News



Junk n Trunk is just around the corner. Do you have enough stuff to rent a space for \$20? We will be participating in the city wide bingo again and selling baked goods and snacks. There will be a sign up sheet on the credenza for those who want to help. Also watch the bulletins as we will be bringing back Sunday mufcups to help raise money for Christmas is Sharing.

We will not meet in August. Have a wonderful summer. Be sure to take Jesus with you on your vacation.

Save the Dates!

September 15, 2018 – Junk n Trunk here at Hope

December 2, 2018 – Ladies Luncheon

*Kathy Heinemann
President*

GIFT/CARD SHOP



The card shop is located in the landing to the steps to the lower level which is off the narthex.

There are cards for most occasions and birthday cards for all ages. They are all reasonably priced at fifty cents each. They are nice cards and each has a bible verse.

We have Arch Books for children at \$2 each and also the classic edition of "A Child's Garden of Bible Stories". It is nice to read to very young children. As they grow older they will read them on their own. The stories are short and illustrated. It starts with creation and goes to when Jesus returns to heaven.

The Lutheran Self-Study Bible is on display and for sale. A new book for adults is Joyfully Aging. It is a Concordia Seminary book. Nice reading.

All proceeds benefit our library at Hope Chapel or a special need at Hope. Thanks for stopping by. If you have a special need or request, please let us know.

*Doris Meyer, 346-7681
Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild*

DRIVE IN SERVICES



DRIVE IN SERVICE is coming up September 2nd. Please consider helping. Some of the jobs are: Set up of carport area, take down of carport area, sound system set up and take down, parking directors, greeters, fellowship hosts, kitchen set up, kitchen clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or let Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Lesson
5	Joseph Forgives His Brothers <i>Genesis 37:12-36; 45:1-15; 50:15-21</i>
12	The Temptation of Jesus <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>
19	Three Men in a Fiery Furnace <i>Daniel 3</i>
26	The Saints in Heaven <i>Revelation 19:1-10</i>

Service Projects 2018

Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour and Thank you for your donations!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
January	Benevolence	\$ 27.00
February	Seminary Student	\$ 12.95
March	Radio Program	\$ 26.96
April	Swaddling Clothes	\$ 37.50
May	Radio Program	\$ 21.56
June	Heifer International	\$ 20.26
July	Heit's Point	TBD
August	Swaddling Clothes	TBD

HELP WANTED!!



Sunday Morning Help:

Greeters – Sign up on the credenza

Fellowship Host(s) – Signup sheet is on the credenza

Communion / Altar setup – Call Lois Grawe

Counters – Call the Church Office or speak to Betty Merli.

Don't know what a Counter is? They are the ones that "collect" the offerings from the collection plate after the last Sunday service and get it ready for depositing in the bank. If you are a communicant member, can count money and make a list, you can help!

Sunday School Teacher Needed!

Our Board of Education is looking for 1-2 volunteers to help share the word of God with our kiddo's. No previous experience necessary, if you can read, you can teach! Lessons and materials are provided just contact Debbie Thompson, Jan Loman, or Tina Cardin if you are interested!

(Psst! SS Teachers are not just women 😊)

REQUIREMENTS: ~ Love of God ~ Love of kids ~ Can read and write

Directory News



Save the Date!

November 9th & 10th

We have a chairman and work has begun on the new pictorial directory. More info will follow as we get closer to time. The photographers will be here on Friday, November 9th from 2 pm till 9 pm and again on Saturday, November 10th from 10 am till 5 pm. Packages ordered at that time will arrive in time for Christmas! Please call Karen Kiel if you are willing to help 302-0438.

OFFICE UPDATE



Recycling – I have a paper box sitting to the left of the copier in the office for bad copies and old bulletins.

Empty Ink jet cartridges are still accepted. A few are used at Staples to offset office supplies and the rest go to Habitat for Humanity. Next time you have an empty cartridge, **PLEASE DON'T THROW IT AWAY!** Just put it in a Ziploc bag or the original cartridge box and bring it to the church office. All proceeds go towards office supplies and to build more homes in the spirit of humanity.

Collections requested:

“infant items” – for Swaddling Clothes mission

“Cancelled stamps, no liberty bell or flag forever stamps” – for missions (LWML)

“Money-off coupons – no expiration date” - for Concordia Seminary Food Bank (LWML)

“Portals of Prayer” – Prison Ministries (LWML)

“Empty Inkjet Cartridges” – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

Office Secretary Hours for August

Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.



New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:

Newsletter Articles – 2nd to last Sunday of the Month

Bulletin Notes – Wednesdays at 9 am

WARNING: *Articles not received by their deadline will not be included.*

Daily Devotions

Our Pastor publishes daily devotions on our website, facebook, twitter, and linkedin.

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Follow us on Twitter - @hopelutheranmo

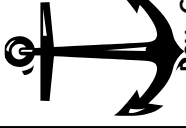
And Facebook - [Hope-Lutheran-Chapel](https://www.facebook.com/Hope-Lutheran-Chapel)



OUR WORSHIP SERVICE can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope marked “Radio Broadcast”. **You can also tune into 89.3 fm at any time to listen to one of our previous services.**

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Service Schedule

8:30 a.m. Fellowship

8:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10 a.m. Communion Worship Service

Special **COME AS YOU ARE** Drive In Worship
Services for Easter, Memorial Day, Independence
Day, and Labor Day

Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.
Cup)

Communion 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

August 2018