

FROM OUR PASTOR

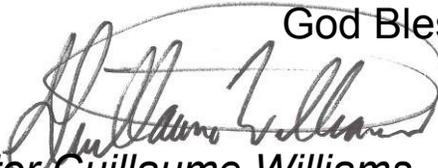


May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:11-14)

Moving out of the darkness of December winter nights, we will begin now to start having earlier mornings and a little longer days. But there is a darkness which is not seen always but it is there trying to darken our minds and our lives. It is the darkness of sin, separation from God, and Satan. These things try to get us to call light darkness and darkness light. They try to convince us that good is bad and bad is good. They try to get us to justify our misdeeds by good intentions and convince us that to actually do the good would be worse. But the Father has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. When we feel the grips of darkness around us, we need to remember whose we are. In Jesus, we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We have been purchased with the blood of Christ. We have been freed from slavery of sin to fear, love and trust in God above all things. The Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light by giving us faith in Christ through baptism, absolution, the preached word and the Supper of the Lamb. It is this faith that is given us through the means of grace that makes us worthy to be in the light and which transfers us out of the ever present darkness that surrounds us. But living surrounded by darkness, we dare not think we can conquer it by our own power, reason, plans or devices. We will fall back into the darkness if we rely upon ourselves. But our God has all power. As our Father He desires to use that power for our benefit. He can and He will strengthen you with all his power. He shall do this according to his glorious might. In strengthening you, you will have all endurance and patience in this tribulation with joy. That's right, joy. We have this joy knowing who is fighting all our battles. We have it knowing he gives us the resources to battle against the darkness in our life. Now having the means—the Word and Sacraments—to battle the darkness which calls us, we can continually give thanks to God our Father for this victory in our lives. We give Him thanks for all things, good and bad, knowing He is working in, with, and

through them to accomplish the salvation of our souls and the receiving the inheritance prepared for us, eternal life, salvation, the resurrection, the new heavens and new earth and God himself. Amen

God Bless!


Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS

As we start the new church year with the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we hope that all of our members will have increased faith and renewed enthusiasm for the coming year.

Following our annual church election, our Board of Elders assignments have changed. Alan Weise is now the Chairman, Chuck Kiel is Secretary, and we welcome Mike Merchant as a new Elder, replacing Gene Scheiter. Gene wishes to express his thanks to the Lord and to the Pastors and members of Hope for the opportunity he had to serve the Lord and His church as an officer of the congregation for 39 years.

The church has issues with membership and finances which we will continue to address in the coming year. We pray for your active involvement as we serve the Lord as a congregation. We encourage you to contact your assigned Elder if you have any ideas or issues you would like to address.

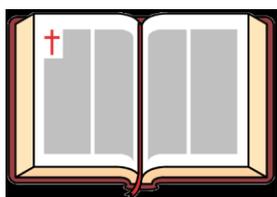
In His holy name,

Alan Wiese, Chairman (573-424-4600)

Chuck Kiel (480-5335)

Mike Merchant (573-345-3098)

BIBLE STUDIES



Sunday's Bible Study Classes - The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on Ephesians. Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

Wednesday's Bible Study Classes – are on Wednesdays at 10 am in the church meeting room. We are currently using the Living Way Bible Study series Luke. It has recently been updated and reformatted so take a look. Lessons will be on the credenza.



Worried about the expense? *Weekly Bible study materials are provided at no cost to you.* A donation is welcome though. Just place in a separate envelope with your giving no. and marked “Bible Study” and put in the offering plate on Sunday.

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

We will not meet if the Camdenton RIII classes are cancelled for the day.

From Our Seminary Student

Matthew Gerzevske
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Saint Louis, MO 63105

12/1/19

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Chapel:

Greetings again from Concordia Seminary! As we enter the Advent Season, my first semester at Concordia Seminary is coming to a close. I have learned a great deal these few months. I have learned the Lutheran way of approaching and interpreting the bible. In my systematics course, we have dealt with a wide range of theological topics including the Theology of the Cross, Two Kinds of Righteousness, Law and Gospel, the Lutheran understanding of the Word of God, and others. In Pastoral Ministry class, we have learned about the history of the Office of Pastoral Ministry. We have also practiced writing and leading bible studies and children's messages.

At my field work congregation, Timothy Lutheran Church, I have been able to practice these things. I have lead worship, lead bible study, and delivered a children's message. I continue to be encouraged and challenge to grow for ministry when I serve at Timothy.

I have particularly benefited from the discussions in Pastoral Ministry class regarding the areas of health needed for a healthy life in ministry. I am challenged

to make goals and develop a lifestyle that focuses on health in various areas, the greatest of which is in my faith and devotional life.

Thank you so much again for all your wonderful generosity and support. I pray that the Holy Spirit brings you a Christ filled Advent as we, all His saints, remember His humble birth and look forward to His glorious return. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

Sincerely,



Matthew Gerzevske

***O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.***

FROM OUR TREASURER

ALL bills for this year 2019 should be in my box by January 5th so I can close out the year.

*Thank you!
Karen Kiel*

2020 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office know and we will put it on the calendar.

We still need someone to chair this committee. This committee is in charge of helping organize all fellowship activities and potluck's at Hope Chapel. They also help get volunteers to pick up donuts and make coffee for Sunday Fellowship. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please let Pastor, Don Hunkeler, or Kathy Heinemann know.

MUSICAL NOTES



Choir is on break till the first Wednesday in February.

Questions???

Call Debbie Thompson at 317-0126

BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2019 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,442.87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
November 3, 2019	Sunday	\$ 2,288.48	61
November 10, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,466.75	53
November 17, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,579.75	50
November 24, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,525.60	45

PRAYER CHAIN

*PRAY for one
another
James 5:16*

To place a prayer request on the prayer chain, please call the coordinator, Doris Meyer at 346-7681 or 434-6633. If you cannot reach Doris, call the church office at 348-2108 or Pastor Williams. All the participants are appreciated and more are certainly welcome to join. Just sign the sheet in the narthex or call Doris or the Church office. Prayer changes things. Thanks be to God!

In His Name we pray,
Doris Meyer , 346-7681

If you CAN NOT reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108.

STEWARDSHIP



Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

“I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God

provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ],” St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His “yes” to you, but others will find it, too, through you. “But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Cor. 8:7).

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THANK YOU!

The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone who helped our table at the OBSC Bazaar last week! We do have a following on our baked goods. Several people asked about Debbie’s cinnamon rolls, and Doris’s pumpkin bread :)

Thank You – You’ve been a great big help . . . Lambs of Hope and Ladies of Hope Chapel. You deserve a great big thank you! We so appreciate the blankets that you brought in for the ER patients.

~ Lake Regional Hospital Auxiliary

Thank you for your kindness – Thank you all for the support. God has been good to me through the years. I am so thankful that my daughter and grandkids have found such a great church family to be a part of. Same with my granddaughter Sara and great granddaughter Ava. It was really nice to talk to Jerol about the History of our home. God bless you all for your kindness. *~ Carla Fisher Family*

LWML Ladies Guild News



All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 7th at 11 am in the meeting room. We will be discussing the 2020 activities, the gift card and can program.

If you have any questions, call 573-348-2108 or email

office@hopelutheranchapel.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Service Projects

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>
November	Christmas is Sharing	TBD
December	Benevolence Fund	TBD
January	Benevolence	TBD
February	Seminary Student	TBD
March	Radio Program	TBD
April	Swaddling Clothes	TBD
May	Radio Program	TBD
June	Radio Program	TBD
July	Heit's Point	TBD
August	Swaddling Clothes	TBD
September	Christmas is Sharing	TBD
October	Lambs of Hope	TBD
November	Christmas is Sharing	TBD
December	Benevolence	TBD

SCRIP CARDS

HOW DO YOU ORDER YOUR SCRIP CARDS?

Get Started Today to Raise Funds for Missions! We have a few on hand to purchase today from Amazon, Bath and Body and Shell and more can be ordered soon! There is a basket on the credenza with order forms. Just find the one you want, fill it out, and give the form and payment to a Ladies Guild member and you will be part of the next order. **Checks need to be made payable to Hope Chapel Ladies Guild.**

Also available are reloadable and ecards! Goto <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> to check out the details. You will need to register as a family account. You can click on the SHOP link to browse categories and gift card availability. Contact Kathy Heinemann for additional information on when and how to order your SCRIP cards

today. You can email me at office@hopelutheranchapel.com, or send me a message on Facebook. Our enrollment code is: B2931L9366372.

Scrip Coordinator: Kathy Heinemann 573-280-6126

HELP WANTED!!

Sound Technician – Talk to a Trustee or call the church office. Training is available! We could use 2-3 volunteers to familiarize themselves with the sound system and do sound checks before services.

Greeters – Sign up on the credenza Stand in foyer and greet people as they enter the building one Sunday

Fellowship Host(s) – Signup sheet is on the credenza. Pick up donuts for fellowship time and make sure coffee is made and cleaned up (AND POT TURNED OFF) afterwards.

Communion / Altar setup – Call Lois Grawe

Fellowship Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include: help recruit volunteers to take care of Sunday morning fellowship (donuts and coffee) and help develop a series of events to provide opportunities for us to get to know each other better. Work with secretary on pulling together flyer's and event information in bulletin.

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

Public Relations Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include: Work with Pastor and secretary on pulling together flyer's and event information and arranging for them to be put on social media or in a paper. You don't need to know social media to do this. Just be able to remind Pastor or the church secretary to post something :)

FROM OUR DECEMBER VOTER'S MEETING:

Officers of the Congregation - 2020

President..... Don Hunkeler
Vice-President Roger Trost
Secretary Kathy Heinemann
Treasurer Karen Kiel and Bob Mantyck
Financial Secretary Lois Grawe
Board of Finance Tina Cardin, Pete Hill, Doris Meyer
Board of Education Tina Cardin, Jan Loman, Debbie Thompson
Board of Trustees Len Grawe, Bob Mantyck, John Ross
Board of Elders Chuck Kiel, Mike Merchant, Alan Wiese

Adopted 2020 Budget Total \$180,405

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Compassionate Friends grief support group is looking for some books on grief for their library. The local chapter is headed up by our own Donna Beeman. There is a flyer on the credenza and if you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to give Donna a call.

Christmas cards – we have received a few Christmas cards – they are on display on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Collections requested:

“infant items” – for Swaddling Clothes mission

“Cancelled 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

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Office Secretary Hours for January

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.*

Articles for the church newsletter, “The Anchor,” or notices for the bulletins, may be put in the in-box on the church secretary’s desk or sent by e-mail to:

office@hopelutheranchapel.org

Daily Devotions

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

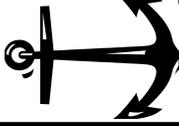
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OUR WORSHIP SERVICE can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope





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Service Schedule

11 a.m. Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10 a.m. Communion Worship Service
Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.
Cup)
Communion 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

January 2020