

1 Ki 8:57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us,



Deu 31:8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Isa 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Heb 13:5-6 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>(6)</sup>So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

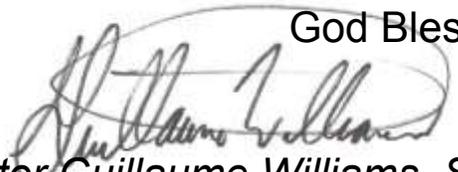
So things are a little crazy as of late. We haven't gathered together as the family of God to receive the Lord's Supper. We're only doing drive-in services when we're planning on doing away with it because the lack of visitors attending the service (whom it was intended for). We're staying at home or if we are out we are keeping our distance so we don't catch or give away the corona virus and so we lack interpersonal, up close contact with people we are used to being with. Businesses are closing and people are being laid off in droves. Those who may normally complain they are on a fixed income have the only incomes coming in right now. Many Christians are wondering if this is the end of days.

In all this the above scripture passages should give us hope for today and hope for the future. Whatever we are enduring the Lord is with us. Jesus never leaves or forsakes us. He gives us the strength and is our strength in these disheartening times. Whatever we are going through is only temporary.

This too shall pass. We have been in the last days since Pentecost as Peter's sermon in Acts 2 clearly proclaims. Though we are most certainly closer today than Peter was in his day. It is not something Christians should fear. It is the day of our redemption, salvation, transformation and resurrection into a world that does not have the current problems we are experiencing.

Watching the news and the politics of things we are well advised in the Psalms, Psa 146:3-7 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>(4)</sup>When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>(5)</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>(6)</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>(7)</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord Jesus Christ alone is our hope, stay, anchor and trust. Listen to his voice in the words above. He goes before us. He is with us. He is our strength. He is our help. His right hand sustains us. Remind yourself of these promises when the world and the devil try to get you down and doubt. Speak to those who fear around you these promises and give them a rock to stand upon in uncertain times. You belong to Jesus. He is your God. He is your fortress. He is your strength.

God Bless!



*Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.*

## FROM OUR ELDERS

The Board of Elders would like to thank the Williams family and Debbie Thompson for their contributions to the Sunday morning drive in services. During this difficult and unusual time, many churches in the area have had to rely on digital worship services. We had the capabilities, through the drive in setting, to have live worship services since April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank You to everyone who have participated, as these services have been well attended. Services can also be viewed, on a delay basis, on our website – [www.hopelutheranchapel.org](http://www.hopelutheranchapel.org). We currently have drive in services scheduled through the month of May. Services are at 10:00 am.

Pastor is also leading a Thursday morning Bible study on the Seven Keys to Understanding the Book of Revelations. This study is at 10:00 am. This is a very informative as we are studying the meanings of the Seven Seals, the Seven Trumpets, and the Seven Bowls, and their connections to

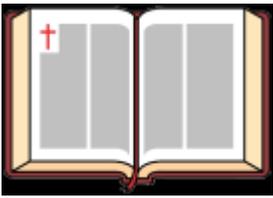
the last days. Visit the church's website, [www.hopelutheranchapel.org](http://www.hopelutheranchapel.org), for more information on how to download Zoom to your computer or iphone to join in on the Bible study.

Your elders encourage you to attend the Sunday morning drive in worship, and to participate in the Thursday morning Bible class. We look forward to being able to worship and commune together again soon.

Yours in Christ,  
Alan Wiese  
Chairman, Board of Elders

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## BIBLE STUDIES



**Sunday's Bible Study Classes** – Pastor is working on a possible online option, but until we can get that worked out, they are cancelled till indoor services resume.

**Weekday Bible Study Classes** – Join us online on Zoom Thursday mornings at 10 am for a 40 minute bible study on the keys to understanding the Book of Revelation. You will need to download Zoom onto your computer or smartphone. Just click on the link that Pastor sent out in an email, or type into your address bar:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3490154421>

You will then need to download and install the small program needed to join in on the class. It usually deletes itself after you close the window. And just in case the webpage asks for it, the meeting ID is: 349 015 4421

## DRIVE IN SERVICES FOR MAY

We do care about your health! Physical and Spiritual so we have added to the emergency service options a modified drive in service. The Elders and Pastor are in constant contact and discuss various options but there are a

few strict rules that will need to be followed in order to keep everyone safe. If the Elders choose to return to indoor services before the end of May, they will be giving you a call if you are in our member directory.

When: Sundays 10 am

Where: Hope Chapel upper parking lot



**No one is to get out of their cars.** Sorry - no bathroom breaks please.

**Park with at least one car space in between you and the next vehicle.**

This is so you can safely roll down your windows for fresh air and to hear better.

**No communion** – if you feel you need communion, please contact Pastor and schedule an appointment or come by the office during his office hours. He is happy to do this for you.

**No fellowship** – well, not of the food and drink kind since we cannot get out of our vehicles, but you are welcome to nod, or wave to your neighbor.

**Please enter & exit** via the upper driveway. Camden County Health Department says we cannot pass out bulletins. You will either need to print one and bring with you, or have your phone or tablet loaded with it to follow along. We will have a container to collect any offerings.

And this would be a good time to bring that pet that really needs to hear God's Word!

## FROM OUR SEMINARY STUDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings! I am writing again to express my heartfelt thanks for your abounding generosity and support. Your love and support for the mission of the church walks in the steps of Paul's brothers and sisters in Philippi. You are indeed partners in the gospel.

Your support during this most challenging time is a sure witness of the faith and love you have for Jesus Christ. The Covid 19 pandemic has brought challenges to our personal lives and the corporate life of the church, challenges which none could have predicted. Christians everywhere are navigating how to continue to be the Body of Christ. We may be physically

apart longing for community. However, God is faithful to His church and continues to provide the comfort and assurance of our forgiveness of sins.

In the same way, Concordia Seminary continues its mission to equip future pastors. Our classes have been totally online for approximately a month and I am nearing the end of my first year. Though this time brings challenges, I am still encouraged because learning continues undaunted.

In this season of Easter, despite present circumstances, the tomb remains empty. Therefore, as Paul says we are "more than conquerors." Nothing can separate us from the love of God we have in Christ Jesus. For Christ lives and reigns, even over pandemic, social isolation, and recession. We have the sure promise that we will experience His glory in the new creation. Your support shows that you stand firm in this hope. Again, thank you so much! I pray that you remain safe, healthy, and hopeful in this time.

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

In Him,



Matthew Gerzevske

## **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.*

## BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2020 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,430.87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
March 29 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,770.00	Online
April 5 2020	Sunday	\$ 2,690.00	27
April 12 2020	Sunday	\$ 2,251.00	71
April 19 2020	Sunday	\$ 2,100.00	40

## 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 Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job’s already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus’ example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It’s also our Lord’s command. “The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity.” (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave

His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. “Each as he purposes in his heart,” as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God’s gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. We should support the Lord’s work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

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## LWML Ladies Guild News



available for sale.

of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the meeting room. And don't forget – Gift Cards are still

If you have any questions, call 573-348-2108 or email [office@hopelutheranchapel.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.org)

**The Missouri District LWML Convention** has been modified to be online only. Voting will still be accomplished via a website platform.

**Spring Rummage Sale** will be announced – more information to follow as soon as we have it. Sonja Howard and Joyce Trost will host it, please let one of them know if you have items you wish to donate. Clothes are ok, but they really do not sell as well as other items.

## HELP WANTED!!

*Want to share your gifts? Have a chat with your Elder, Don Hunkeler, Pastor, or church secretary! Many roles/opportunities are available.*

## THRIVENT

Since the Thrivent Choice program was started in July of 2010, Hope Chapel has received \$24,206 from this program. Last year we received \$2,236 Thrivent Choice dollars from our members. Thank you!! They do make a difference!

It is also a new year – so new chances to use your 2 - \$250 Action Teams!! Not sure what is needed to do one? Just ask Gene Scheiter, Jerol Laughlin or Kathy Heinemann and they can point you in the right direction. Kathy has been keeping a list of possible projects. Just ask!

## ***SURVIVING COVID-19***

In addition to the common warnings: hand washing, distancing, and so on, here are a few helpful items.

The governor is allowing businesses to reopen on May 4<sup>th</sup> but “social distancing” will still be required. When in doubt - give the place you are going a call first.

Cloth face masks do help, but they are not anywhere near 100% effective. If you are in need of one, please let the church secretary know and she will find one for you.

The CDC says: Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Tired of your cooking? Call your favorite restaurant and see if they are still offering curbside pickup and sometimes delivery.

Camden and Miller County Coronavirus Community Hotlines are still in place to help senior citizens and those with underlying health concerns obtain groceries and medicine.

***Camden County – 573-346-6145 ~ Miller County – 573-692-0426***

Monday through Friday 8:30 am till 4:30 pm

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.usa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) are great resources for facts about the pandemic. There are so many rumors about the virus so please be careful who you are listening to.

## **FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY**

### ***PORTALS OF PRAYER!***

If you would like a Portals of Prayer mailed to you, please contact the church office. They are also available online from [cph.org](http://cph.org)

## **FLOWER CHART!**



Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar while the selection is good. Sign up early and often. The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday and you just need to put the money in the offering plate marked “Altar Flowers”.

## **MISC WOOD PROJECTS**

We have a few small woodworking projects that we are looking for 1 – 2 volunteers to help with.

Contact the church office for more measurements.

1. Shelf above TV in Large Fellowship hall so VCR & DVD player are not sitting right on top.
  - a. Preferably a  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  shelf so the cords can be free and air can circulate.
2. Shelf in counter’s cabinet above the current top shelf.
  - a. Approximately 5” from top – just low enough to hold the basket with the book.
  - b. Can be a  $\frac{3}{4}$  deep shelf.
3. Stand for the CD player and sound board in overflow. Would like a couple of shelves below for storage. See secretary for exact dimensions needed.

### **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

### **Office Secretary Hours for May**

*Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.*

### **New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:**

*Newsletter Articles – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.org)

## ***CANS FOR CHARITY PROGRAM***

Just drop your aluminum (soda) cans in the small dumpster that is located at the top of the upper driveway and we will turn them in for \$\$ that will be used to help those in need locally and world wide.



We also still have the smaller trash can in the drive in kitchen available to deposit your cans. And we have raised over \$63 so far - Thank you!!

## ***MAY WORSHIP SERVICE OPTIONS***

**Radio** – you can listen to an abbreviated service on your radio on Sundays from 8:30 – 9:00 am on KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio (If you tune in at 8 am you will hear Christ the King - Lake Ozark service). It will be a week behind the live service so if you tune in on April 5<sup>th</sup>, you will hear March 29<sup>th</sup>'s service.

**Website** – Our website: [www.hopelutheranchapel.org](http://www.hopelutheranchapel.org) will have previous sermon's and a recording of the last couple of services. Sunday's service won't be posted until that afternoon or evening. The video is actually on YouTube, but it is much easier to access it through our website.

**Facebook** - If you haven't already saved our page to your favorites, just search for #HopeChapelOBMO and you will find us. Pastor will be live streaming the service on Sunday at 10 am and it will be saved so you can view it later.

**Drive In** –We have brought back the drive in service in a modified format for the month of May and we will be following strict rules so we do not violate the social distancing ordinance that is in place.

## ***Daily Devotions***

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

Visit our website: [www.hopelutheranchapel.org](http://www.hopelutheranchapel.org)

Follow us on Twitter - @hopelutheranmo

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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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Common Cup only)

**May 2020**