



You may see me holding my hands like this when blessing you and you have wondered what is the significance of this. It goes back to the ancient Greek Church. The index finger stands for the first letter in Jesus' name in Greek I and the middle finger is curved for the last letter C (pronounced like an s). Then the thumb and ring finger are crossed to may a Chi (X) for Christ and the pinkie is curved like a C for the same reason as in Jesus. So what I am doing when my hand is held like this is I am placing Jesus' name on you.



It is written in Num 6:24-27 The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>(25)</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>(26)</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>(27)</sup> So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them. • And so, in visible form, I am placing Jesus' name on you when my hand is like this. It is written of us, Rev 22:4 "They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads."

It is in the name of Jesus that we are saved. Faith in his name give us eternal life. So now that you know what I am doing when I hold my hands like this, I hope you remember I am invoking the name of Jesus Christ in blessing you. He promised to be when two or three are gathered in his name. His name is invoked to bless us with his forgiveness, life and salvation. We can therefore bless the name of Jesus and give him thanks and praise as fitting his great work for us. This name is placed upon us and we become his temples, the place where his name dwells even as it was placed once in the temple in Jerusalem. So at the name of Jesus let us bow in holy reverence and remember what great things he has done for us.

God Bless!

Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

## FROM OUR ELDERS

Hello, from your Board of Elders.

This month we celebrate the Reformation. Martin Luther was troubled by the practices of indulgences in the Catholic church at that time. Rightly so, Luther believed that ones salvation could not be bought or earned but must come through faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation is a gift from God. Our good works are our response to God's love for us. Reformation Sunday this year is October 25, 2020. I look forward to seeing each of you there as we celebrate our church history.

Pastor's study of the Book of Ephesians continues on Sunday mornings following worship service. I ask that you consider joining myself and your elder as we take an in depth look at this book. We meet downstairs in the fellowship hall where there is ample space for social distancing.

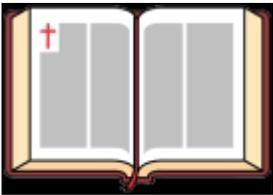
Yours in Christ,  
*Alan Wiese*

Chairman, Board of Elders

### Board of Elders

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## 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.

**Weekday Bible Study Classes** – *on break till Fall.*

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

October is here and that means it is time to look for new officers. Pastors sermon hit on this problem very well Sunday (9/20). We do need everyone to make the church run and to do Gods work. Yes, it takes some of your time,

but the Lord want us to use our time and talents for his glory. When you are asked by the committee, don't run and hide. If the church is going to survive, we need everyone's help.

We are practicing safe distancing during church service, and communion also. Come, don't be afraid. If you do, the devil is winning and that is always the losing side to be on.

May the lord grant you and your family peace and contentment.

*Don Hunkeler*

## 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.*

## PRAYER CHAIN

PRAY *for one*  
another  
*James 5:16*

Thank you to all the prayer chain members! Please continue to pray for our pastors, shepherds, & leaders during these difficult times. If you have a prayer request or would like to join 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. We can always use more links in the chain.

God's Blessings,

*Doris Meyer, 346-7681*

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

*Always be happy, Never stop praying. Whatever happens, thank God,  
because that is what God in Christ Jesus wants you to do.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (AAT-Beck Bible)*

## **GIFT and CARD SHOP**

We are located off the Narthex in the landing area to the lower level.

The racks have a nice selection of Christian greeting cards for all occasions.

We have two bible story books for children. The most primary one is the classic "A Child's Garden of Bible Stories." It is used by our missionaries around the world. They use the same colorful cover and also illustrations throughout the book. They translate the stories into the language of the country they are serving. The other bible story book is written more like a devotion book. The title is "The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook". They are both on display.



Christmas cards are in and will be on display soon. Send Christian cards to your friends and relatives.

We have some cross items, also the Luther Rose. We are self service, so please record your purchase on the log. All proceeds benefit our library and projects at Hope.

Thanks for stopping by and let me know if I can be of help.

Enjoy the Fabulous Fall.

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

## **LWML Ladies Guild News**



All ladies are welcome to join us at any of our meetings or activities. Hope to see you there!

Our Next meeting is Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the meeting room. We need to discuss upcoming events and see about new officers for next year.

*Kathy Heinemann  
President*

# STEWARDSHIP



We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

- "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)
- "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7)
- "The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in

order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: ‘Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages’; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): ‘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? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.’ It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office.” (LW 27:125–126)

*Reprinted from [lcms.org/stewardshipministryresources](http://lcms.org/stewardshipministryresources)*

## 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>
August 30 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,308.00	36
September 6 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,840.00	33
September 13 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,710.00	40
September 20 2020	Sunday	\$ 2,781.00	38

## LATEST SERVICE/PROCEDURE CHANGES

We will continue to avoid using the hymnals and social distancing until the federal government decides masks are no longer useful.

Pews will continue to be blocked off and modified communion through October.

**Please remember to sign the fellowship book at the end of the pew if you are taking communion.** There is one on each end so you don't have to pass to the person on the other end of your pew. This helps us in many ways. Mainly so we can all worship and not worry about who is or isn't present at worship and why. If you are worried about being "tracked", we do not provide your attendance to anyone. It is strictly for statistics and to help the Elders determine if there is an issue that we can help with. Thank you for your help in this!

## 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.

**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 : )

**SURVIVING COVID-19**

More places are opening up but that doesn't mean that CoVID-19 is gone. It's just that more information about this virus is available and our healthcare system is now equipped to test and handle the complications from it. Both the CDC and Camden County Health Department encourage continued social distancing when possible and wearing a mask when it isn't. Frequent hand washing and use of sanitizer when hand washing isn't available. Also being mindful of coughs and sneezes. Just like you would for a normal flu season.

***Officer Elections are coming up!***  
***If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider.***

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will be seeking individuals willing to serve the congregation. All offices have openings and the duties are listed below. Please prayerfully review them and if you would be interested in serving in one of the positions please let one of the Elder's or one of the nominating committee know. The 2020 Nominating Committee is Don Hunkeler, Mike Merchant and Kathy Heinemann.

**From our Constitution:**

**ARTICLE IV - Boards, Officers and Committees**

**B. Board of Education**

3. Duties

- a. To be charged with the supervision of all educational agencies of the congregation.
- b. To appoint the Sunday School Superintendent annually.
- c. To assist the Superintendent in supervision of the Sunday School, providing materials, and maintaining adequate teaching staff.
- d. To be responsible for the Vacation Bible School program.
- e. To encourage the development of the complete Christian Education program.
- f. To be responsible for the Christian Youth program, including the enlistment of counselors.
- g. To elect a chairman and secretary from their group in their first meeting of the year.

**C. Board of Elders**

3. Duties

- a. To exercise general supervision over the spiritual activities of the congregation and particularly over the public worship to the end that all things may be conducted in accordance with the Word of God.
- b. Whenever so requested, it shall consider, and make recommendations on such matter which could be placed before the Voters' Assembly, but which Christian love and prudence indicate such matters to be considered preferable by the smaller circle of participants.
- c. To contact annually all members of the congregations.

- d. To assist the pastor in visiting the sick, the infirm, and spiritually indifferent and delinquent members; and to seek the un-churched in order that they may be brought into the fold of Christ.
- e. To annually appoint the chief usher.
- f. All calls to pastors and teachers shall be signed by the Board of Elders.
- g. To elect from their group in the first meeting of the year a chairman and a secretary.
- h. To serve as the Benevolence Committee.  
(Hope Lutheran Chapel, in the exercise of its religious and charitable purposes, has established a Benevolence Fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements is subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the Board of Elders. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible by the donors who do not designate a recipient or beneficiary of their contributions. However, donors may suggest to the Board of Elders to whom and amount might be disbursed.)

## D. Board of Finance

### 2. Duties

- a. To exercise general supervision over the financial affairs of the congregation and to promote the spirit of Christian Stewardship.
- b. To prepare and submit a budget annually at the December meeting.
- c. To see that all communicant members are annually supplied with envelopes for contributions, and that new members are provided with envelopes as they are accepted into the congregation.
- d. To have individual contribution statements available, upon request.
- e. To distribute a report of contribution to each contributing member after the end of the calendar year, showing their total contributions for the year.
- f. Two or more Board members shall be present for counting of collections, and shall institute procedures to safeguard church collections.
- g. To deposit all monies weekly in a bank prescribed by the congregation, and to furnish the Treasurer and Financial Secretary with a summary sheet showing proper allocation.
- h. To elect from their group in their first meeting of the year a chairman and a secretary.

## E. Board of Trustees

### 3. Duties

- a. To have charge of the property of the congregation and to supervise the repair and maintenance of such property.
- b. To procure all supplies and equipment necessary for the use and maintenance of the buildings.
- c. To oversee the custodial care of church property.
- d. To elect a chairman and a secretary from their group in the first meeting of the year.
- e. The Board shall be represented in all projects undertaken by any organization if such projects affect the property of the congregation.
- f. To keep the congregation property protected against loss with fire and extended coverage, owners contingent and employees liability, and workman's compensation insurance for such amounts as the congregation may direct.
- g. Three competitive bids should ordinarily be obtained for purchases over two hundred dollars, and the award must have the approval of the legal representative of the congregation. These procedures may be waived in case of an emergency.

## F. President

## 2. Duties

- a. It shall be the President's duty to expedite the performance required of such an office.
- b. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees and Boards and shall see that they function.
- c. The President shall preside at all Voters' Assemblies and Council meetings, unless delegated to the vice-president.
- d. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and supervise the proper function of such committees.
- e. The President shall, with Treasurer of the congregation, be legal representative of the congregation.
- f. The President shall see to it that all resolutions of the congregation are carried out.

## G. Vice-President

### 2. Duties

The vice-president shall preside at meetings and shall perform the duties of the president in his absence, disability or at his request.

## H. Secretary *(this is separate from Church Secretary)*

### 2. Duties

- a. The Secretary shall maintain the records of the Voters' Assemblies and record of the Church Council.
- b. The Secretary shall keep a master copy of this Constitution and By-Laws, recording all current amendments thereon.
- c. The Secretary shall maintain a registry of communicant and voting members.
- d. The Secretary shall provide copies of minutes of all Voters' and Special Voters' meetings within two weeks following and mail or present them to each congregational unit. In addition, a copy of minutes is to be posted in a convenient place for easy reference.

## I. Treasurer

### 2. Duties

- a. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate records and accounts of all funds received and account for all collections. The treasurer shall make payments only when authorized by the congregation, or when provided for in the annual budget.
- b. The Treasurer shall be bonded and/or insured in an amount determined by the Council.
- c. The Treasurer shall, with the President of the congregation, be legal representative of the congregation.

## J. Financial Secretary

### 2. Duties

- a. The Financial Secretary shall keep accurate records of all individual contributions.
- b. The Financial Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Finance.

## ***Amazon Smile***

Do you shop on Amazon? You can now help raise money for Hope Chapel missions by using the Amazon Smile program when you make regular purchases. Just use this address to get started:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2902165>

For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

## FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

### **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 October**

*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

We hope that you will consider helping the environment and the needy by contributing your empty drink cans (soda, juice or beer, but NOT fruit, vegetable or soup cans) to our program. All you have to do is save them in plastic bags and deposit them in the container on the church parking lot. Or, if you accumulate a lot of cans, after you get several bags, we will come by your location and pick them up. Just call Kathy at church, or collection coordinator Gene Scheiter at 573-346-2442. We thank the Lord for the success of the program thus far, which reduces waste in the environment and assists people who need help around the world.



## Daily Devotions

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

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

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#### Service Schedule

10 a.m. Service with Individual Cup Communion  
(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Communion Cup Communion only)

11 a.m. Fellowship  
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

**October 2020**