

Hope Lutheran Chapel
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Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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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)

December 2016

FROM OUR PASTOR



The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ, And we
must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

When they hung Jesus on the cross, there was the charge placed above him, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Jesus was their king. They rejected him as king here: 1Sa 8:7 "And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them." Now they reject on the cross. Yet during Advent we remember, Rev 1:7 "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen."

Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me. Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty. Oh, love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.

St. John reminds us, 1Jn 4:9-11 "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (10) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." And again, Joh 3:17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." It is God's great love for us that he sent his son to procure for us salvation. We live now in the time of grace where God does not condemn us but rather saves us.

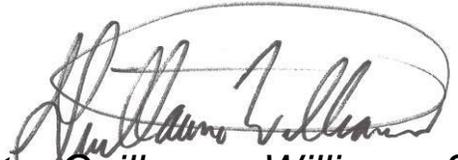
Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending well the triumph of His train: Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Daniel foretold this, Dan 7:13-14 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. (14) And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.” Jesus is coming back. That is what we are preparing for in Advent. Every eye shall see him. He was slain for all people once and now he comes to reign. We shall truly sing his praises on that day. Alleluia!

Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide! O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine. Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won. Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

In the meantime while we wait for his return, Rev 3:20-21 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ⁽²¹⁾ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.” Jesus is knocking on the door of every believers' heart that the Holy Spirit might have reign there until he comes and sits us on the very throne of our Savior Jesus who sits on his and our Father's throne.



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS REPORT

I always love this time of year, not so hot, not yet too cold. I do know that it is warmer here than where I grew up and where most of my family lives (Chicago area). I appreciate the changing seasons and that they are not too dramatic. I also appreciate the comfort and consistency of a church family who I know cares about Mary and I. Thanks to all who have wished us well on our decision to move from the area. Not an easy decision, but one that had to be made.

I am looking forward to a great holiday season to be with friends and family, but mostly to worship our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in a festive way. It's great that I don't have to remind my church family to keep Christ in Christmas first and foremost. Let's all enjoy the blessing Christ has given us this season, keeping in mind that there are members who may be alone.

Reach out to others as you are able. Sometimes just a card or a call or tweet (if that's your thing) will mean a lot to them.

Like always, don't forget about your opportunity to worship at an Advent service and/or Bible study.

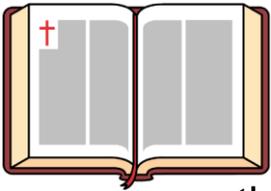
Merry Christmas to all!

Sincerely,

Yours in Christ

*Gary Staerke (Chairman),
Chuck Kiel, and Charles Lashley*

BIBLE STUDIES



Monday's Bible Study Classes meet at 10 am in the church meeting room. Ambassadors of Reconciliation called "Go and Be Reconciled: What does this mean" A \$13.42 per book donation is requested, but not required. When we finish the AoR we will go back to A Longer Look at the Lessons by Ken Behnken.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, we will not meet if the Camdenton RIII classes are cancelled for the day.

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

We should all thank the Lord for the wonderful year He has given us (including the great weather to date). As my term as Congregation President comes to an end, I wish to thank all who have served in church offices and other ways in 2016 for your wonderful service. Also, thanks to those who are willing to serve in the upcoming year. Please don't forget to attend the voters meeting in December.

God's blessings to you all.

Gene Scheiter, Congregation President

THANK YOU!

Dear friends at Hope Lutheran. What a great idea to have a Golf Fundraiser for MMLHM. The funds received from your hard work and fun is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for the \$218.00

In Christian Love,
Joanna Thompson
Sec. MMLHM

LWML NEWS



The ladies met on November 8th and one of the decisions made was to continue as part of the LWML. We do not want any lady to feel excluded – All of our ladies are Welcome to join us in any of our activities. We did make a clarification that individual members of our group do not need to be members of LWML and pay the yearly dues. If you want to be considered as part of LWML and haven't paid your dues yet, please see Debbie Thompson as she has agreed to continue to be our Treasurer. Lois Grawe has also agreed to continue on as Secretary and Kathy Heinemann as our president. An updated Handbook will be available after the 1st of the year.

Our December activity is the Ladies Luncheon. We will meet at Lil' Rizzo's (next to the outletmall in Osage Beach) at 11:30 am on December 4th. ALL LADIES of the congregation are invited to join us. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex as we do have to make reservations. We will be ordering from the menu and completing our 2016 Secret Pal exchange. If you would like to participate at the luncheon, just bring a \$10 wrapped gift with you. See you there!

Lutheran Women in Mission LWML SUNDAY 2016



GIFT/CARD SHOP



Christian Cards are on display in the Card Shop. Send Christian cards to your family and friends. Boxed cards are \$5.00 per box. Single cards are .50 each. The Card Shop is located in the coat room off the narthex at the top of the stairs. We are self-service so please note your purchases on the log.

We have cards for all occasions, children's books including "A Child's Garden of Bible Stories" and the "Children's Prayer Book" which are classic editions. We also have the Beck Bible, An American edition and Concordia Self Study bible, all of which are at cost prices.

A selection of cross necklaces and other items are also on display. There are also Angel Bells made by Mary Ellen. They remind your teen or friend that God is watching over as we drive. Thanks for stopping by.

If you have a special need, or request, please let me know.

*Have a Blessed Christmas Season,
Doris Meyer
346-7681
Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild*

MUSICAL NOTES



Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 5 pm during Advent. All voices (male and female) are needed.

You do not have to read music to lift a joyful noise to the Lord! All are invited to join us, all you need is a desire to sing unto the Lord!

Questions???
Call Debbie Thompson at 317-0126



BUDGET INFORMATION

2016 Budgeted weekly amount is \$2,989.25.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
October 2, 2016	Sunday	\$ 2,552.10	54
October 9, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,943.77	55
October 16, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,599.11	50
October 23, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,294.08	55
October 30, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,142.00	48

We will be voting on the 2017 Budget after Advent Service on December 14th and will have copies available beforehand for your review. If you have a particular question beforehand, you can ask any Finance Committee member, they are listed in the front of our directory.

THRIVENT

There are still many opportunities for Thrivent members to form and lead Thrivent Action Teams for educational events, service activities or fundraising events. The team, when approved, will receive \$250 from Thrivent toward the stated purpose of the event. If you are a Thrivent member (or would like to become one), please contact Thrivent agent Paul (or Linda) Lekar at (573)374-1425) or Congregational Coordinators Jerol & Sandy Laughlin (573-873-3986) or Gene & Margaret Scheiter (573-346-2442).



HELP WANTED!!

Sunday Morning Help:



Sunday School Team Teachers & Subs – Contact Mary Ellen Staerkel

Counters – See Betty Merli or contact the church office

Greeters – Sign up on the credenza

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

Candle Fillers – Call Debbie Thompson

Communion / Altar setup – Call Lois Grawe

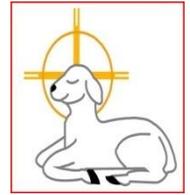
Answer Phones in the mornings on Friday the 16th and 23rd .

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School offerings in December will benefit the Benevolence Fund. Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour.

Our October offerings raised \$73.71 for the Lambs of Hope. Thank you!



Date	Lesson
4	Jesus Clears the Temple (John 2:13–22)
11	Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1–21)
18	Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1–42)
25	No Sunday School

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ALERT!



Our Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18, 2016, at 6 pm. Parents, please make sure your children are in Sunday school so they can start practicing.

PRAYER CHAIN

To place a **Prayer Request** on the Prayer Chain, call the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Doris Meyer at 346-7681. If you CAN NOT reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108.

OSAGE BEACH SENIOR CENTER NEWS



OSAGE BEACH SENIOR CENTER, Inc

OBSC is looking for a couple of volunteers to help the staff better serve the older members of our community. See Lisa at the center or call her at 348-2909. Looking for help in:

Kitchen ~ (mornings – food prep)

Delivery Person ~ (take homebound meals to seniors 1x weekly)

Dining Room ~ (10 am – 1:30 pm to assist people to tables and wipe up tables)

Serving Area ~ (10 am – 1:30 pm to make drinks and keep area stocked and clean)

Group Leader ~ (Have a skill or hobby you would like to share? Help others figure out things like cell phones and tablets? Or even a group to play cards, games, or domino's)

CARD GAMES!

If you are interested in playing some cards, here are a few opportunities at the OBSC (Sokoll Bldg). If you don't know how to play, don't worry, we will teach you!

Pinochle

December 7, 2016 at 12:30 pm

Pitch

December 5, 2016 at 12:30 pm

December 12, 2016 at 12:30 pm



Come out and enjoy some great fellowship and games!

ALTAR FLOWERS



Mary Ellen Staerkel has graciously volunteered to coordinate our Altar Flowers. If you have signed up to sponsor flowers, please be sure she knows what colors you would like and if they are in memory or honor of someone.

There are still open slots on the Flower chart in the narthex. Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar. Sign up early and often. The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday. Please be sure to put your payment in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and your number.

DISASTER RELIEF

LCMS disaster responders continue to facilitate humanitarian aid for hurricane-battered Haiti, while they also assess Hurricane Matthew's impact on the East Coast after the storm made landfall stateside.

"In the midst of such terrible destruction, the Church has the opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet, responding to the needs of the suffering," said LCMS Disaster Response Manager Rev. Michael Meyer. "At the same time, the Church is making the bold confession that Christ is here in the midst of suffering, walking with those who are suffering, weeping with those who are weeping, through the various vocations of the Church and her members."



TO MAKE A GIFT

THAT CAN BE USED FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Go to lcms.org/givenow/disaster.

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Checks may be made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with "Disaster Response" written on the memo line. Donations can be sent to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Or call 888-930-4438.

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SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS - 2017 Calendar

January 6	Epiphany (Communion)	6:00 pm
January 12	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
January 15	Voters' Meeting and Potluck	11:00 am
February 1	Purification of Mary/Presentation of our Lord (C)	6:00 pm
February 26	Transfiguration (Communion)	Sunday Service
March 1	Ash Wednesday	6:00 pm
March 8,15,22,29	Lenten Services	6:00 pm
March 25	Annunciation (Communion)	9:00 am
April 5	Lenten Services	6:00 pm
April 9	Palm Sunday (Communion)	Sunday Service
April 12	Lenten Services	6:00 pm
April 13	Maundy Thursday (Communion)	6:00 pm
April 14	Good Friday	6:00 pm
April 16	Easter Drive In (Communion)	7:00 am
April 16	Easter Breakfast	Following Sunrise Service
April 16	Easter (Communion)	10:00 am
April 20	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
April 23	Voters' Meeting and Potluck	11:00 am
May 25	Ascension (Communion)	6:00 pm
May 28	Drive In Service	7:30 am
May 31	The Visitation (Communion)	6:00 pm
July 2	Drive In Service	7:30 am
July 13	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
July 16	Voters' Meeting and Potluck	11:00 am
August 15	St. Mary Mother of our Lord (Communion)	6:00 pm
September 3	Drive In Service	7:30 am
October 12	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
October 15	Voters' Meeting and Potluck	11:00 am
October 29	Reformation Day (Communion)	Sunday Service
November 1	All Saints Day	6:00 pm
November 23	Thanksgiving (Communion)	9:00 am
November 29	Advent Services	6:00 pm
December 6,13,20	Advent Services	6:00 pm
December 13	Voters' Budget and Election	After 6:00 pm Service
December 17	Installation of Officers	During Sunday Service
December 24	Candlelight Service (Communion)	6:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day (Communion)	9:00 am

2016 Fellowship Schedule

December 4 th 11:30 am.....	Ladies Luncheon Hosts: LWML
December 4 th 3 pm.....	Caroling and Soup Supper Hosts: Thompson
December 6 th 7 pm.....	Lake Area Orchestra and Cookie Social Hosts: Hope Chapel
Jan. 2017	Planning and Pot Luck Dinner Hosts: Grawe's

LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be performing at Hope Chapel on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm at the Sokoll Building. Donations of baked goods or snacks will be appreciated. Sign up is on the credenza



Less Me
Less Pride
Less Anger
Less Drama
Less Gossip
Less Bitterness
Less Complaining
Less Selfishness
More *Jesus*

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office starting on December 15th until December 26th. I plan to have all the bulletin's finished and printed before I leave. I do need help with someone to babysit the office and answer the phones on Friday mornings. If you can help, please let me know.

*Kathy Heinemann
Church Secretary*

SECRETARY'S NOTE - Please, if you put something on the desk in the office or on the credenza – put a note on it! Otherwise it will probably find a home where you did not intend for it to go. I have a bag of cookbooks and stickers on my desk that I need to know what to do with 😊

*Kathy Heinemann
Church Secretary*

NEW DIRECTORIES – Are on the credenza.

Bulletin Errors - If you find something in the bulletin you think is a mistake, please circle it in red, or with a sharpie, and leave on the secretary's desk with your name. You could win a prize for finding it!

*Also, the secretary has developed a spotty memory. If you want something in the bulletin or newsletter, please write it down and email, text, or put it in her box on her desk. **Verbal requests could be lost in translation.** Your help is greatly appreciated!*

Coupon Exchange – We have baskets in the bookshelves across from the secretary's office ready to help. It works like the pennies at the cash register. Have a coupon? Leave a coupon - Need a coupon? Take a coupon or two or three



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, bring it to the church office. All proceeds go towards office supplies and to build more homes in the spirit of humanity.

Collections requested:

“Non-Perishable Food” – for Christmas is Sharing Families

“Paper Goods” – for Christmas is Sharing Families

“Soaps” – for Christmas is Sharing Families

“Personal Care Products” – for Christmas is Sharing Families

“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 December

Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.

EXCEPT 15th – 26th

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:

HopeChapelLCMS@att.net



*If you look for Me
at Christmas*

you won't need a special star -

I'm no longer just in Bethlehem.

I'm right there where you are.

*You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations -*

*You'll have to look beyond
the stores and all the decorations.*

*But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do*

And listen to your heart, you'll find

I'm waiting there for you.

*You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came.*

*And you'll find Me in the stillness
as I'm whispering your name.*

*Love,
Jesus*

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dec 7, 14, & 21, 2016

Advent Services

6 pm



Tuesday 12/6/2016

Lake Area Community Orchestra

7 pm

Sunday 12/4/2016

Ladies Christmas Party

following Service - 11:30 am



Christmas Caroling with Soup Supper

Fellowship Hall ~ 3 pm

Signup sheet in the narthex



Sunday 12/18/2016

Christmas Program 6 pm

Christmas Eve

Candlelit Communion Service 6 pm



Christmas Morning

Communion Service 9 am