

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)

May 2018

FROM OUR PASTOR



The Importance of Where You Get Your Assurance for Your Salvation

So I was on Facebook the other day and I ran across this post. I thought it would be helpful to show the Lutheran and therefore Biblical reasoning behind our certainty of our salvation and where it lies. Every single Christian Faith and denomination of those faiths teaches we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, yes even Roman Catholics. But what do we mean by those words and what are the implications behind those understandings. So we have this fellow:

“I am a Baptist turned Presbyterian and now moving toward Lutheran, and my Baptist family and friends are deeply concerned for me. Yesterday two of my pastors (Baptist) and my wife sat down with me for an ongoing bible study we are having as a result of my theological change.

The study was on justification by faith and my wife brought up at one point that she struggles with assurance and asked straight up how she can know she is saved.

The response of these Reformed Baptist pastors appalled me. They continually turned her into herself for assurance-- her fruit, her sincerity, her faith. My wife kept saying "but other people claim all of these fruits and they fall away. So how can I know?"

At this climax the pastors began assuring her that they indeed see much fruit in her life so they are certain she's saved. Her response was insightful: she said their assuring her even led her to feel a sense of pride. How is she to find assurance by what's in her heart? There's so much sin there.

At this point I spoke up and told her, "You will never find anything for assurance in your heart. You are a sinner and looking into your heart for assurance is like looking into blackness for light. As long as you do that you will never know you are saved."

I then pointed her to the objective promise of baptism in Titus 3.”

Now where do you look for the assurance of your faith? Do you look at your faith and your life? As we can see, that can lead us to either pride or despair. How can we be certain that we are saved? Where do we look for the assurance of our faith? It should solely be on the work and promises of Christ.

So where do we look for the certainty of our salvation, the assurance of our faith? Christ Universal Salvation

John 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.

John 12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Romans 5:18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Romans 11:32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ⁽¹⁹⁾ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

As we can see if you are part of this world, this creation Jesus saved you, has taken away your sin, has had mercy on you, justified you and reconciled you to God the Father. This is all his doing.

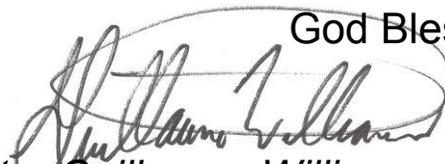
Second, having been chosen by God in time through baptism and from eternity by God in Christ you have this seal and token of baptism that the above promises apply to you. You also have this assurance from Christ:

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly

places, ⁽⁴⁾ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁽⁵⁾ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁽⁶⁾ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Jesus also promises to complete the work he began in you when you heard the word of faith: Colossians 1:22 “he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,” and again, 1Thessalonians 5:23-24 “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁽²⁴⁾ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” All of God’s promises are yes in Christ Jesus. Jesus is faithful. He does not lie and he is no slacker. So if you are doubting your salvation, a. examine yourself and confess your sin b. look to Jesus’ work of salvation c. read these assurances from Christ about your salvation and his work in you and d. praise God from whom all blessings flow.

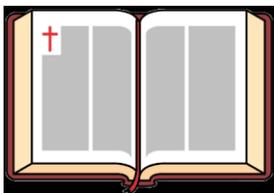
God Bless!



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday’s Bible Study Classes A topical study, led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall.



Monday’s Bible Study Classes are at 10 am in the meeting room. *May 14th will be the last one* for “Lutheran Confessions: *The Formula of Concord* study guide”.

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

ELDERS

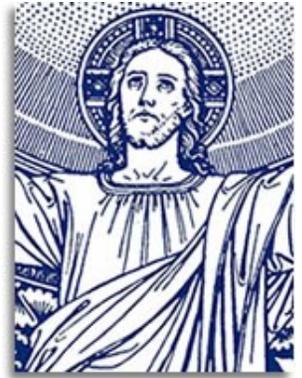
Excerpt from:

The Forgotten Holiday

by *Dr. Albert B. Collver*

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2010/the-forgotten-holiday-5-2010>

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“When you think of the most important days of the year, what comes to mind? For most Christians, the most important days of the year are Christmas and Easter. Yet, in times past, Christians would not have answered only with Christmas and Easter, but also with Christ’s ascension into heaven. In fact, the Ascension is an ecumenical feast that is celebrated throughout the Christian Church. While some church bodies may have special days, saints’ days, or commemorations on their calendar that are not found in others, the Ascension is celebrated throughout the Church on earth along with the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost. Christ’s resurrection from the dead, descent into hell, and ascension into heaven are His exaltation, His glorious triumph over sin, death, and the devil.”

We will have on Thursday, May 10th at 6 pm an Ascension Day service. This day is important to Christians as it is when Jesus ascended in to His heavenly home.

Please mark your Calendar to remind you of this service.

In His Service,
Chuck Kiel (302-0438),
Gene Scheiter (346-2442),
Alan Wiese (817-3355)

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>
March 4, 2018	Sunday	\$ 1,862.75	42
March 11, 2018	Sunday	\$ 1,254.55	37
March 18, 2018	Sunday	\$ 1,815.11	41
March 25, 2018	Sunday	\$ 2,750.00	55

STEWARDSHIP MAY 2018



St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “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” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not just that we are to give but also what we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested. Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matthew 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new

Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

SWADDLING CLOTHES



Thank you to all the dedicated men and women who help with Swaddling Clothes. You serve our Lord by serving our neighbors. You have been a blessing.

People who have helped with giving items, making beautiful blankets, or giving us gifts of money we are very thankful.

I personally am grateful for the help of my workers. It helps us to be able to give to mothers or families. Please continue to pray for this mission.

There is much need out there.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

Karen Kiel
Swaddling Clothes Director

LWML Ladies Guild News



Ladies of Hope's Congregation are warmly invited to join the Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild on their summer outing. We are going back to Seven Springs Winery located off of Y Road.. If you plan to car pool meet at church at 10:45 am on Tuesday, May 8th. If you plan to go directly to the Winery, meet there at 11:00 am. There is a sign up sheet on the credenza. If you have any questions, call Sonja Howard at 573-434-1458. We hope to see you there.



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

Save the Dates!

June 8 – 10, 2018 – District Convention at Lodge of the Four Seasons
September 15, 2018 – Junk n Trunk here at Hope

*Kathy Heinemann
President*

LWML MO DIST. CONVENTION

The LWML MO District convention is June 8 – 10, 2018 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. The invitation video is now on the Missouri District web site.

<http://www.missourilwml.org> under 2018 convention.

Check it out and try to make it. Worship services are open to everyone on Friday evening and Sunday morning!

DRIVE IN SERVICES



VICES are here! Our drive in services were started in 1958. *Help us keep this amazing ministry going.* A lot of work goes into them and the more workers we have - the easier it is for everyone. 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 will be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

GIFT/CARD SHOP

Christian Greeting Cards, Bibles, Books and Gifts are available in our Card Shop located at the top of the stairs next to the coat room.

We are self-service, if you would like to pay by check, please make it out to Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild. Just mark your purchase on the log and place your payment in the pitcher next to the log. If you are looking for something in particular, just ask Doris or the church secretary and we will be able to find it for you. All items are sold at cost or just a little above as all proceeds benefit our library or a special need here at Hope Chapel.



Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Lesson
6	Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–40)
13	Jacob's Dream (Genesis 27:41–28:22)
20	Jacob's Family (Genesis 29:1–30:24)
27	Esau Forgives Jacob (Genesis 31:3; 32–33)

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	TBD
May	Radio Program	TBD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*May 29th – June 1st
3 pm 'til 5 pm*

Many different tasks and skills are needed from prayers and donations, to working with the kids and setting up/taking down. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Christina Williams or sign up on the sign up sheet on the credenza.



Decorating Wish List

(items will be returned if you put your name on it)

Theme is: River Camping

artificial greenery

wicker baskets

Canoe / River Raft / Kayak

Life Jackets

Camping Gear

5 gallon buckets – clean and empty

Small fire pit

A wish list board will be put up in the narthex within the next couple of weeks.

*** All items donated are requested to be at the church by 5/25/18 ***



We will be getting together to make some of the background decorations a week before VBS. If you are interested in helping, please let Christina or the Church Secretary know.

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

NEW SECURITY UPDATE



A couple of our members attended a seminar put on by the Highway Patrol on Church Safety. We are looking into implementing some of their suggestions so keep an eye on the bulletins and newsletters for updates on this project.

First update is that outside doors will be locked if just one person or no one is in that room. When in doubt, lock the door.



If you do not have a key to the building, are a member and would like one, please check with the church office. A doorbell is available outside the main doors upstairs. Downstairs, there are doorbells outside the doors for the daycare (at the bottom of outside steps).

ALTAR FLOWERS



Are you celebrating an anniversary, a birthday, or our thankful for all the blessings from God?

Perhaps you'd like to sign up to sponsor them? If so, please be sure to sign up, name the occasion, and the color flowers you would like.

- Flowers can be paid the Sunday before you signed up or the Sunday you have signed for.
- Put your money in an envelope with your name and giving number.
- Place in the offering plate.
- Flowers are \$26 for two bouquets.

If you have any questions please call the church office.

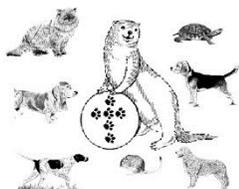
*HOPE CHAPEL BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND*

LAMBS OF HOPE PRESCHOOL



*Proudly INVITE YOU to GRADUATION 2017 Monday, May 7th at
6:30 pm* Refreshments will be served following graduation
downstairs in the large fellowship hall

NEEDED: PET SHOW VOLUNTEERS



Hope's Pet Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd at 10 am. Registration starts at 9:30 am.

Looking for:

Emcee ~ Judges (3) ~ Refreshment table help ~ Prize
table help ~ Registration help
Setup help ~ Take down help

If you would like to volunteer, please give Kathy a call at 280-6126.
Thanks!

MISSIONARY MAHLBERG

Dear Saints at Hope Lutheran Chapel,
The peace and joy of Christ fill your hearts. Your continued partnership in God's mission work means a great deal to us. Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$25.00. Please keep us and the people of Sri Lanka in your prayers.

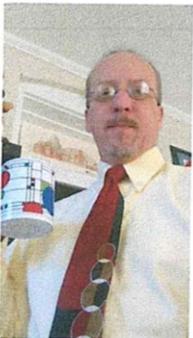
In Jesus Peace,
*Rev Steven and Martha Mahlberg
Autumn, Liberty, Skye, Rose and Duncan*

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 St. Louis:

There are only 27 days left until Call Day here at Concordia Seminary. That's when vicars will learn where they will be serving for the next year and concluding students will receive their first call. Although I will be a concluding student, I will actually participate in the Vicarage Placement service at 3:00 PM that afternoon. And next year, God willing, I hope to receive a call from the same congregation. Both services will be live-streamed at <https://callday.csl.edu/>

Term 1 of the spring semester is over, as are two of my classes. The Civic Affairs class will be another one of those classes that I foresee having a lasting influence on what and how I teach about the scriptural role of the church in society. When we get what Luther was trying to say about the temporal and spiritual realms and how they should interact, and then correctly translate that into the contemporary American setting, it is a very liberating concept. And it helps in navigating some of the perceived paradoxical passages of Scripture.

Now my mind is turning to the community where I will begin serving this summer. It's time to start looking at the Lectionary and start praying about

that first season of sermons and Bible-studies. Learning about the congregation will have to wait till April 24th though. Then comes the task of finding a job for my wife, finding a place to live, scheduling the move. As with much of life, if you concentrate on everything, you will soon be overwhelmed. Pray about it all, focus on the "next" thing, and trust God.

As always, your generosity continues to humble us. Thank you for everything that you are doing to support the future of Word and Sacrament ministry in the church. God's blessings to everyone at Hope Chapel and thank you for remembering us in your prayers.

In Christ,
W. Jeff & Fadia Jenkins
Concordia Seminary Student

Name Tags for members and regular visitors are now in the narthex. There are a few blank ones for visitors.

You are welcome to return them to the rack for next time

OFFICE UPDATE

Our new office copier is up and running. It is similar to our old one as it is the same manufacturer and type, just a newer model, so you should be able to operate it just fine. We have also kept the same user codes as with the old one. If you don't feel confident about it, contact the church office and the secretary will be happy to give you a crash course.



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 May
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



6th Annual Hope's Pet Show

Pavilion of Hope Chapel

5709 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Registration 9:30 am Judging starts promptly at 10am

Oldest/Youngest, Largest/Smallest
and More!

Bring your favorite pet and lawn chair,
and a bag of dog or cat food.

(Food will be donated to Dogwood Animal Shelter)



Prizes • Special Guest • FREE Admission

Acknowledgments

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FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE ~ 2018

June 2 nd	Pet Show
	Host: Kathy Heinemann
July 17 th 7 pm	Lake Area Community Orchestra and Ice Cream Social
	Hosts: Hope Chapel/OBSC
September 15 th	Junk N the Trunk
	Hosts: Ladies Guild



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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