

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

*Act 2:46-47 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>(47)</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*



In a recent AP news article, they reported that the Pew research group has found that church membership is down 20% over the last twenty years in the United States. That's a pretty stark figure. There are certainly all sorts of reasons we could give for this decline. Christians are having fewer babies. Society, TV, the movies, college campuses (and all that entails), public schools and the like are certainly working at crossroads with what Christianity teaches and promotes. As such, those who once belonged in churches now have gone on to a larger broader road that leads to destruction. God forbid we try to warn them! We'll only be assaulted with "Don't judge me!"

So what are we to do? Well the Holy Spirit hasn't departed us yet. People even in the United States are still coming to faith. We are not to give up hope. We know and believe Christ's words that the gates of hell will not overcome the church. The faith will continue until the Last Day. But we had, here at Hope Lutheran Chapel, a six week course on witnessing and we had 4 total people from our congregation attend it. We had services every day during Holy Week. It would have been a great time to invite someone you know to Church to see what we're about. But only a quarter of the congregation made it out, even to two of our holiest days, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Forgive me if I'm seeming to rant. I'm not. I was disappointed and still am. If we do not come to hear the Word of God when it is being proclaimed, why would anyone else who doesn't have the Holy Spirit?

Well, people just aren't joiners today. Practically every organization is having trouble to membership. A lot of growth in a number of congregations is just shuffling chairs, though the Lord continues to grow here and elsewhere throughout the world. What the different polls continue to show is that people go to a church and join a church because someone invited them. But we must invite them to something we ourselves are committed to.

In the above Acts passage, the people gathered regularly around the Word and Sacrament with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. So perhaps we may want to examine ourselves and recommit ourselves as we did in our confirmation vows. Let us gather together regularly. Let us encourage one another in love towards one another and to do good works. Let people see and hear us praise God for all the good he has done for us in Christ Jesus. And maybe, just maybe, let us love the people we meet who do not know Jesus, or don't know him rightly to come with us to Church where they will hear about their Lord and Savior and be joined to him through us.

God Bless!

*Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.*

## ELDERS

We are concerned that so few of Hope's members are attending Bible Study classes. Even though many of us pray daily, it is important that we learn or refresh our understanding of God's guidance for our lives and for eternity by frequent study of His Word. We have meetings at 11:20 am on Sunday following worship and at 10 am on Wednesday's.

Please don't hesitate to contact your assigned Elder if you have any questions or concerns.

In God's Service,  
Gene Scheiter (470-0251)  
Chuck Kiel (480-5335)  
Alan Wiese (573-424-4600)

## 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>
March 3, 2019	Sunday	\$ 175.82	15
March 10, 2019	Sunday	\$ 3,669.71	40
March 17, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,127.85	38
March 24, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,651.86	38
March 31, 2019	Sunday	\$ 2,193.85	46

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Sunday's Bible Study Classes** - The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on the teaching of Two Kingdoms. It consists of video and discussion. Wanting to learn more about living as a Christian with one foot in this world and one foot in the Kingdom of God? Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

## MISSIONARY MAHLBURG



Greetings to you from Sri Lanka in the name of our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS ENTIRE EMAIL.

We intended to send this newsletter last week. This is why there is no mention of Easter or the terrorist attacks, except in the prayer requests. Please click the following link read our newsletter: [April Newsletter](#)

Easter Sunday, our family gathered with three congregations at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located in the Sri Lankan mountains. Rev. Nadaraja conducted the service assisted by Evangelist Anton. I had the honor of preaching about the resurrection of our Lord. During this service, we rejoiced three souls were raised to new life in the waters of Holy Baptism, and six baptized children of God confessed their faith in Jesus Christ crucified and risen as they were confirmed.

After the service concluded, we learned of the terrorist attacks directed at three Christian churches and three luxury hotels. Rev. Nadaraja called the worshipers back together to pray for the victims and for the country. We were shocked and saddened by the terrible news.

I made several phone calls. I learned that our fellow missionary family, the Naumanns were unharmed. I learned that all of our partner church congregations, mission stations, pastors, and evangelists were unharmed as well. Praise be to God.

At the advice of several local people, we decided not to return to our home in Colombo on Sunday. Later, a curfew was imposed that would have prevented us from getting back. Monday morning the curfew was lifted and with the police and military present in full force, we decided to return to Colombo. We returned with no problems. We were thankful to find that our apartment complex had implemented extra security measures.

Monday, we were saddened to learn that Duncan and Rose's friend from school was at one of the hotels that was attacked. He was among the fatalities. Lord, have mercy.

It is clear that this attack was mainly directed at Christians at a time that the churches would have been full. Satan is behind these attacks.

During my Easter morning sermon I proclaimed: "The devil and the demons tried to stop Jesus. When Jesus hung on the cross dead, He looked defeated. Looks are deceiving. When Jesus hung on the cross dead, He had defeated Satan and the evil spirits. Jesus rose from the dead."

This terrorist attack may seem like a defeat, but Jesus rose from the dead and has given us the victory. All those Christians who were martyred are with Jesus in heaven and will be raised on the Last Day. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26.

Please pray for the injured and the mourning. Pray for Sri Lanka. Pray for the terrorists. Pray for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns.

If you are still reading, thank you. I hate to bring up the following issue in light of the above, but due to timing, I must.

We will be returning to the US in July for Home Service. This is a time to reconnect with our partners in God's mission. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We will all be in the US July-August. Martha will return to Sri Lanka with Duncan, Rose, and Skye as the school year begins. I will be staying for a couple of weeks into September.

We are looking for a place for our family to rent for our time back in Michigan, mainly August. We would need a place that is fully furnished and reasonably priced. If you have such a place or know of a place, please let me know ASAP.

Peace of our risen Savior be with you,  
Pastor Steven Mahlburg  
Serving the Lord in Sri Lanka  
Facebook-[Mahlburg Missionaries In Sri Lanka](#)  
Twitter-[Steven Mahlburg@MahlburgMission](#)

## From Our Seminary Student

Greetings from Lubbock, Texas:

Our Adopt-A-Student sponsors are doing it again! Thank you so much to everyone at Hope Chapel Lutheran Church for your faithfulness and generosity. When we embarked on this journey, the biggest question mark in my mind was of the financial impact on our family. Could we afford to do this? Thanks to you, and others like you, that question has been answered. There really are no words to express our gratitude for everything that you have done for us during my time in seminary.

That "time," by the way, is fast approaching an end. This week, I am beginning month number 10 of my deferred vicarage year here in Lubbock, Texas. On May 1st, I will be back in St. Louis for Call Day (the service will be live-streamed). Then, in June, the transition from seminary student to pastor will begin in earnest.

Our transitions this year won't be as drastic as last year. We won't be moving across the country. But we hope to be moving into a permanent home here in Lubbock. We won't both be starting new jobs. But my responsibilities at both ministries will increase, as will everyone's expectations.

And the culmination of what has really been a six-year journey for my family will be marked with a service of Ordination and Installation on July 28th. That may sound like a long way away, but I know it will be here in no time at all. I can't wait to see what God has in store next for Lubbock, Texas. What ever He does, know that you will be participants in that work.

So, thank you again to the members of Hope Chapel Lutheran Church for supporting us through the Adopt-A-Student program at Concordia Seminary. Thank you for being a part of preparing future pastors for service in God's

Church and in His mission fields.

In Christ,



Vicar <sup>W.</sup>Jeff Jenkins  
Lutheran Student Center and  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Lubbock, Texas.

## 2019 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Host(s)</u>
July <i>TBD</i>	Ice Cream Social w/ Lake Area Orchestra	<i>Need Volunteer Host</i>
October <i>TBD</i>	Octoberfest	<i>Need Volunteer Host</i>
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Junk 'n the Trunk	Ladies Guild
December <i>TBD</i>	Caroling	Debbie Thompson

**PET SHOW UPDATE** - Sadly, I am cancelling the pet show for this year. I have been so busy with Crossover Music Festival planning that I am not going to be able to give it the attention it deserves.



*Kathy Heinemann*

*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 Fall



## 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.

## YOU ARE INVITED!



You are invited to join Pastor and his family for a hot lunch and cake as they celebrate Gui's High School graduation.

When: Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> - after bible study/Sunday School

Where: Large Fellowship Hall



*HOPE CHAPEL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND*

*LAMBS OF HOPE PRESCHOOL*

*Proudly INVITE YOU to GRADUATION 2019 Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 pm* Refreshments will be served following graduation  
downstairs in the large fellowship hall

# PRAYER CHAIN

PRAY for one  
another  
*James 5: 16*

Thanks to all of you faithful prayer chain members! You are truly appreciated. Many are so thankful that we have a prayer chain to offer requests and thanksgivings to the Lord.

If you would like to offer your prayer support, just call or speak to me or sign the sheet in the Narthex. You can even call Kathy at the church office. We would be most happy to have you.

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

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

# GIFT/CARD SHOP

The Card Shop is located off the narthex on the landing at the top of the stairs to the lower level.

Single purchase Easter cards are on the display rack on the table. It is time for confirmations, graduations, showers (yes, we have wedding shower cards), weddings, baby congratulations and baptism cards. If you are having a party, there are "God bless this Special Occasion" napkins and others. There is the normal selection of birthday, thinking of you, get well, thank you cards. All cards have a bible verse and are 50¢ each or \$5 by the box.



The relation of gift items is limited, but there are some to choose from. If you have a special need or request, please let us know. All proceeds benefit our library or a special need at Hope.

Brighten someone's day! Share your heart and share God's Love.

Thanks for stopping by.

God's best to you! God's Blessings to you! *Philemon 1:3*

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

# THANK YOU!



We have received a thank you letter from Heit's Point. It is posted in the Narthex.

Thanks to All who sent us cards, visits and prayers through Paul's recent illness.

Thanks to Doris Meyer who kept the prayer chain posted and all who prayed for Paul.

Thanks to Pastor for prayers & visits and support he gave us.

*We appreciate all of you!*

*Paul and Betty Merli*

# STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern

what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”  
(Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”  
(Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

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

# DIRECTORY UPDATES

Our new Pictorial is here! If you haven't picked up your copy, there are still some available on the credenza in the narthex.

Remember – Pastor has a new cell phone number: 573-280-3427

Please update in your directories - Alan Wiese's cell no. it is 573-424-4600.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Lesson
5	<b>Jesus Calms a Storm</b> (Mark 4:35-41)
12	<b>Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter</b> (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)
19	<b>Jesus Walks on Water</b> (Matthew 14:22-33)
26	<b>Jesus Heals a Blind Man</b> (John 9)

## 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>
September	Mon Ami, Jesus Bibles for Children	\$43.75
October	Lambs of Hope	\$50.50
November	Christmas is Sharing	\$55.25
December	Benevolence	\$32.97
January 2019	Benevolence	\$58.33
February	Seminary Student	\$ 19.90
March	Radio Program	\$37.25
April	Swaddling Clothes	TBD
May	Radio Program	TBD

## LWML Ladies Guild News



Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm at the OBSC by the pool tables and craft cabinet. It is our Fidget Group and everyone is invited to help with this project.

We also scheduled a Ladies Outing to seven Springs Winery on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will meet at the church at 10:30 am or 11 am at the Winery. All ladies are welcome to join us! We will be ordering from the menu.

*Kathy Heinemann  
President*

## THRIVENT

It is 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!

## HELP WANTED!!

***Sound Engineer*** – 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

**Counters** – Call the Church Office or speak to Kathy Heinemann or Doris Meyer. *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

**Fellowship Chair** – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

**Public Relations Chair** – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

## **2019 ADOPT A BUDGET ITEM PROGRAM**

May 2019 Update – The Adopt A Budget Item Program seems to be having a positive effect on our offerings. Thank you Everyone!!

Members are asked to prayerfully consider that over and above your normal giving, adopt one of the budget items highlighted below. Special Envelopes are provided on this board for those categories that need a little extra help. If you wish additional special envelopes, just let the church secretary know.

- Choose an Item
- Collect the special envelope



- Fill out (and in) special envelope and place in the offering plate.

Commit to the lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3 NIV  
 Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

## FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

**OBSC Country Store** – In case you don't know – there's a country store inside the Senior Center. The ladies make beautiful things and you never know what treasures one can find. It is a good place to find gifts. Paul even donates his bird houses there and all proceeds help the Senior Center.

~ Betty Merli



**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!** We have a new facebook page. Please like, rate and post a good review so we pop up higher in the newsfeeds : )

[fb.me/HopeChapelOBMO](https://fb.me/HopeChapelOBMO)

**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)

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# *Ascension* WITH COMMUNION

## *Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 6 PM*



“When He had said this and while they were watching Him, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him away so they couldn't see Him anymore.” Acts 1:9



## *Drive In Service*

*Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am*

*“Come as you are!”*

*(Memorial Day (May 27<sup>th</sup>), July 7<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day (Sept 1<sup>st</sup>))*

### ***Daily Devotions***

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

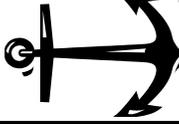
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**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE** can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope



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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

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

**May 2019**