

FROM OUR PASTOR



It's that time of year again. We've made past Halloween, oops, I mean Reformation Day. But already in early October there were already Christmas decorations for sale. It's November. And in November we know what's coming. Turkey Day! Really, that's what some people are calling Thanksgiving.

Perhaps we should really take the whole month to devote ourselves to giving Thanks to God for all His benefits to us. We could meditate on the first article of the Creed and it's meaning from Luther's Small and Large Catechisms. Then we could also meditate on how thankful we should be for what God has done for us in the 2nd and 3rd articles of the Creed. Go ahead. Open your catechism and look it up. Just what should you be thankful for in those parts of the Creed? It's your homework assignment for the month.

There's an old gospel hymn called "Count your blessings." In it we are "count our blessings, count them one by one." One spiritual tradition I'm aware of has a gratitude box. You have a special box with a whole in the top. Every time you remember or it comes to mind that you have something to be thankful for you write it down and place it in the box. Later on, when you decide to have a "pity party" you are to take down the box and open it up. Then read about all the things you are grateful for. It's a good way of getting out of self-pity.

But we are Christians. And while that may be a good practice and I certainly encourage it, even unbelievers can do that and do. We can and will do better than rank unbelievers! How and in what way?

St. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Whatever happens, thank God, because that is what God in Christ Jesus wants you to do." Whatever. Normally these days when this word is by itself, it is a condescending phrase by people who don't want to hear what you have to say. But here it is an all inclusive word. Whatever happens. Nothing excluded. Not losing a job, getting ill, losing a loved one, or simply having a miserable life with Murphy's Law running rampant.


Whatever happens, give thanks to God. You mean thank God for losing my eye sight? Yes. What about the loss of a child? Yes. How about terminal cancer which has a lengthened debilitating painful path to death? Yes. That's what "whatever" means. Whatever happens you are to give thanks nothing withstanding.

How and why? Let's take why first. "That's what God in Christ Jesus wants you to do." It is God you will give thanks for all things, good and bad. That is what makes you different from rank unbelievers. Because you are in Christ Jesus you believe "God works all things for good for those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28) You have been called by the Gospel according to His purpose. Therefore unlike the fate of unbelievers, all things, good and bad, will work out for good for you. Therefore, whatever happens give thanks. It is a moment for God to take evil and make something good about it.

It may even be a principle, a law of nature. I don't know if Napoleon Hill, author of "Think and Grow Rich" was a Christian or not. From what he writes I get the idea that he was not. But in all his books he has this principle: In every loss, suffering or setback there is a seed of equivalent benefit. In one book he quotes a lady who says this, "Before my husband was killed I belonged to a church! After meeting with adversities without going down under them I have become a Christian and I now live my religion, instead of merely accepting it as something to believe." Our "Book of Concord" also states that real faith is not mere tacit approvals of theological statements. It lives as if what it says it believes is true.

So if we believe: "God works all things for good for those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose." If we believe: "You haven't been tempted more than you could expect. And you can trust God. He will not let you be tested more than you can stand. But when you are tested, He will also make a way out so that you can bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13) If we believe: Eph. 1:3 Let us praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven. ⁴He has done what in His kindness He planned to do: Before He made the world, He Who loved us ⁵appointed us to be made His sons by Jesus Christ. In Him He chose us to be holy and blameless before Him ⁶in order to praise the glory of the love He gave us in His dear Son, ⁷Who bought us with His blood to forgive our sins and set us free. . . . Finally if live as if 1 Thess. 5:23 "The God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your spirit and soul and body sound and without a fault when our Lord Jesus Christ comes. ²⁴You can depend on Him Who calls you--He will do it" is true, then we cannot but give thanks to God whatever happens because we know and believe that God loves us and if He loves us, nothing else really matters anyway.

God Bless!



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

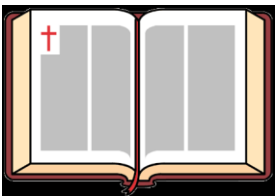
ELDERS

We thank God He has been encouraging some new people, as well as visitors, to attend our worship services lately. We are also happy to see more people at the Sunday morning Bible class following the Service, but there's certainly room for many more and we encourage all who can to attend. Bible class offers the opportunity for two-way discussions and explanations of what God's word says to us.

We have many members who have physical and age problems, so keep them in mind in your daily prayers. And don't hesitate to contact your assigned Elder if you have any questions or concerns.

In His name,
Gene Scheiter (470-0251)
Chuck Kiel (480-5335)
Alan Wiese (573-424-4600)

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.

Wednesday's Bible Study Classes – are on Wednesdays at 10 am in the church meeting room. We are currently using the Living Way Bible Study series Luke. It has recently been updated and reformatted so take a look. Lessons will be on the credenza.



Worried about the expense? *Weekly Bible study materials are provided at no cost to you.* A donation is welcome though. Just place in a separate envelope with your giving no. and marked "Bible Study" and put in the offering plate on Sunday.

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

We will not meet if the Camdenton RIII classes are cancelled for the day.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we are coming up on the time when you might be asked by a member of the Nominating Committee to consider taking an elected position here at Hope, I have a couple of things I would like you to think about.

My message today is for you to get involved. Get involved in your church, your church family and your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Most of you are old enough to remember the Abbot and Costello comedy skit, **“Who’s on First”**. I know we have all laughed at that skit at one time or another. Here is a story, comical, we are unfortunately not in a comical situation.

*Once upon a time there were four men named: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was asked to do it. But **Everybody** was sure **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about it, because it was **Everybody’s** job. **Everybody** thought that **Anybody** could do it, and **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn’t do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** and **Nobody** did the job that **Anybody** could have done in the first place. At last report, these four men were still arguing and the job they were supposed to do, still wasn’t done.*

There are three issues! First keeping the current members active and not burned out. Second, finding new members and finally, helping them find their Lord and Savior.

Perhaps the following story will also help to drive home the point.

*The church was shocked this week to learn that one of our most faithful members, **Someone Else**, had passed away. This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **Someone Else** had been with us for many years. During all those years, he did far more than a normal person’s share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this person was looked to for inspiration, as well as results.*

*Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach or a meeting to attend...one name was on everyone’s list, **“let Someone Else do it”**.*

Someone Else was also among the biggest givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed that **Someone Else** would make up the difference. This beloved church member was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman, but one person can only do so much. Everybody expected too much of **Someone Else**.

So where is this leading me? When you are on a nominating committee, or a trustee or other committee chairman, looking for help, what you hear is: "I'm too busy", "I can't spare the time", "I have other commitments", "I don't know how I can help", "it isn't convenient right now"! It is sort of like when my doctor asks me if I am watching what I eat, and getting regular exercise. It is far too easy to say yes, or give excuses, when in fact my diet watching is shoveling food into my mouth, and my regular exercise is getting from the couch to the refrigerator and back to the couch and TV.

Now Someone Else is gone. Who will pitch in to do the things that Someone Else had always done?

When you meet a new neighbor, I hope you will invite them to come to church. When you are asked to accept an elected position at the church, at least pray on it before you make your decision. When you are asked to help with a project, surely you can spare a few hours to help out.

When you are asked, I hope you won't reply (or think), "let Someone Else do it. We all need to be ready to pick up where Someone Else left off.

God's Blessing to you all!
Don Hunkeler
Congregational President

MUSICAL NOTES



Choir practice will be on Wednesdays at 6 pm.

You do not have to read music to join! Come and raise a joyful sound to the Lord!



Questions???
Call Debbie Thompson at 317-0126

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>
December <i>TBD</i>	Caroling	Debbie Thompson

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.

Swaddling Clothes



Just a quick note to let you know Swaddling Clothes is doing great! However, we are in need of gifts of money to keep it going. We are low on our funds and have enough for 2 more months.

Anything you can do would be so appreciated. Remember this is tax deductible and will be on your end of year statement. Please put in the offering plate in a separate envelope marked "Swaddling Clothes" and your giving number. Thank you so much.

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>
September 1, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,895.00	59
September 8, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,945.26	57
September 15, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,555.40	44
September 22, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,329.25	35
September 29, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,565.75	46

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



St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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>
January 2019	Benevolence	\$58.33
February	Seminary Student	\$ 19.90
March	Radio Program	\$37.25
April	Swaddling Clothes	\$23.00
May	Radio Program	\$13.00
June	Heifer International	\$41.00
July	Heit's Point	\$6.36
August	Swaddling Clothes	\$33.26
September	Mon Ami, Jesus Bibles for Children	\$40.30
October	Lambs of Hope	TBD
November	Christmas is Sharing	TBD

LWML Ladies Guild News



We will have a table at the OBSC Bazaar on November 24th. This is our only fundraiser this year for the Christmas Is Sharing mission. If you would like to help, we will welcome white elephant items, baked goods and crafts to sell on our table. The items

need priced before bringing them into the drive in kitchen by Friday, November 22nd.

All ladies are welcome to join us at any of our meetings or activities. Hope to see you there! Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 5th at 11 am in the meeting room.

*Kathy Heinemann
President*

From the Zone:

The LWML Fall Rally is being held at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Schubert on November 2nd. Registration is 8:30 am - 9:00 am, followed by Opening Worship Service, meeting, guest speakers and ending with lunch and Bible Study. Cost of registration and lunch is \$4.00.

Our Key Note Speaker is Miguel Barcelos, Terceira Island, Azores in Portugal, who arrived in August 2015, to begin his seminary training at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. He is currently enrolled at Trinity International University Deerfield Illinois, in a graduate program, preparing him to return to Lisbon. Also attending is Missouri District LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach, and Missouri District LWML YWR. In-gathering will be a food item for the Seminary Food Bank or a donation for a vestment for Miguel in his ministry.

All ladies in the congregation are invited to join us. To make a reservation please contact your LWML Society President in our congregation ASAP.

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

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

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 :)

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 know until we have our nominating committee in place.

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

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.

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

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Office Secretary Hours for November

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

Cans for Charity Program



Instead of harming the environment by just trashing your used aluminum cans, such as soda and beer cans, why not keep the world cleaner and at the same time, provide assistance to needy people throughout the world?

Hope Ladies Guild is introducing a program called CANS FOR CHARITY which will recycle used aluminum cans and donate 100% of the net proceeds for charities, both locally and world wide.

If you will collect your used aluminum cans in plastic bags (30 gallon size suggested, but not necessary), there are two ways to contribute. One, you may deposit them yourself in our CANS FOR CHARITY collection bin(s) (location will be announced soon). Or, when you accumulate enough to fill a small pick-up truck, you may call the church office and we will pick them up. We are confident God will appreciate your concern for a cleaner environment and helping needy people.

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.

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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 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

November 2019