

Jer. 23, 6: This is His name whereby He shall be called, THB LORD, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.



Going into Advent as we anticipate the incarnation of our LORD Jesus Christ I bring this meditation from "Proof Text of the Catechism" by Graebner and Dau for your consideration.

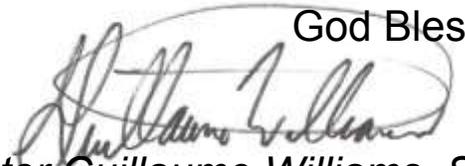
Lord, i. e., Jehovah, is the exalted name here attributed to Christ. To see the full force of this name as applied to Christ, we must inquire into the meaning of the term Jehovah.—God, appearing to Moses in the burning bush, commissioned him to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt, to deliver them from the hands of Pharaoh, Ex. 3, 10.11. Tim idly Moses asks: "Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say unto me, What is His name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM, (ehyeh asher ehyeh) ; and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM (ehyeh) hath sent me unto you."—From the same root of which Ehyeh is formed, the proper names of the Deity Jahve or Jehovah are etymologically derived. Hence, in the very next verse God says to Moses: "Thou hath shalt say unto unto the children of Israel, Jehovah (the LORD)...has sent me unto you." Thus this revelation of Himself, we learn the authentic interpretation of the name Jehovah to be: "I Am That I Am," or briefly, "I Am."

Jehovah is the eternal I Am; Jehovah is He that is and is and always is, He that is absolutely unchangeable, remaining through all eternity one and the same. Whilst Elohim, another name of God (derived from El, strength, power), is found principally in such passages where God is manifested in the plenitude of His power and strength as the Creator, the Preserver, and the Governor of the world, Jehovah is generally used to exhibit His relation to His people as their faithful God, their covenant God, as the God of their salvation, Ex. 3, 15. The use of this exalted name, Jehovah, God has expressly reserved unto Himself. Ex. 3, 15 He says: "Jehovah this is my name for ever." Is. 42, 8. "I am Jehovah (the Lord) : that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another." Is. 45, 5.21. "I am Jehovah (the Lord), and there is none

else, there is no God beside me." Ps. 83, 18. "Thou, whose name is alone Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth."

But why multiply instances? The name Jehovah, as is evident from the passages quoted, is applicable to the one true God only, beside whom there is no other God ; it is a name that God has strictly forbidden another to assume. Now, this exalted name, applicable to "the Most High" only, is ascribed in our text to Christ; Christ is Jehovah. "This is His name whereby He shall be called, Jehovah." Christ is Jehovah, is God, in the fullest sense of the word, without any limitation or restriction. Not even the faintest trace of a "delicate line of separation between Him and the Father" is discernible. Christ Himself says: "I and my Father are one"—hen, John, 10, 30. "Before Abraham was, I am, John 8, 58, Christ is the "I Am"—ego eimi.—And because Christ Himself is Jehovah, He is also our Righteousness. The righteousness we have in Him is perfect, one that availeth before God. Because this Lord Jehovah takes the place of sinners, "Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely," v. 6. Ps. 2, 7.

God Bless!



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

FROM OUR ELDERS

Greetings from your Board of Elders:

As we close the calendar year we begin a new church year. The past calendar year has been challenging to say the least. Intertwined in chaos, I am sure that we can all find blessings we have received. Let's all focus on these blessings, and the promises that God has given us so we can maintain a positive and cheerful attitude.

The new church year points us to the future. Our salvation and the promise of eternal life started with the virgin birth of Jesus. A miracle to be sure, but also, the promise that God has the power to do everything. Let us all take comfort in God's power, and gladly sing "Oh, come, Oh come Emmanuel"

Yours in Christ,

Alan Wiese

Chairman, Board of Elders

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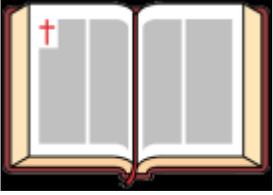
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BIBLE STUDIES



Sunday's Bible Study Classes – The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on Ephesians. Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This country is in a mess, the pandemic is running wild. What do I have to be happy about? First of all, look around you. What do you see? You see the gift of life. If you have faith, then you believe in your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving was here and hopefully, you were able to spend it with family and friends. Another gift we take for granted.

Christmas is fast approaching, and again we get to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. What greater gift is there than that? We all have far more blessings than we can count or deserve. Thanks be to God.

The nominating committee is still looking for people to fill a couple of positions. If asked, prayerfully consider serving.

May the Lord continue to bless you, and/or family in the coming year.

May his peace be with all of you.

Don Hunkeler

SWADDLING CLOTHES

Thank you to all those who donated food and money to make up 27 baskets to give to area families this Thanksgiving! We were also able to give those 27 families Children's Bibles. They were so thankful for the gift baskets.

We also will do baskets for Christmas. We have been doing baskets for 4 years. This year they will contain food and gifts for the children and the parents.

Your help is always appreciated and you are a blessing to these families. Some come in with the children needing shoes, socks, hats, clothes and

especially diapers and wipes. None of this is possible without your donations. If you would like to give, please put your gift in an envelope and be sure your giving number is on it so you get credit and put in the offering plate.

We always need your help with helping these families on our free shopping day. It is only 2 hours the third Tuesday and 2 hours on the following Saturday a month.

As the end of the year is near, I need to thank the members who have helped, they are Irene Merchant, Jackie Onstott, Kathy Wiese, Christina Williams and her wonderful kids, Marie, Adele, Constantin, and Max. Betty Merli, the quilting lady, who make beautiful quilts, the ladies of the Sr. Center who knit and crochet blankets and hats! Chuck Kiel, Mike Merchant and Alan Wiese and of course Pastor Williams who welcome our families when they arrive. All these members work so hard and I appreciate them.

There are no age boundaries in Swaddling Clothes. When doing God's work there is no age limit! We would love you to join us! Some of these members are snowbirds and when they are gone I need your help. Can you give some time to helping in 2021.

May God bless you and keep you safe during this most difficult time in our country.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Karen Kiel, Swaddling Clothes Director

2020 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office know and we will put it on the calendar.

We still need someone to chair this committee. This committee is in charge of helping organize all fellowship activities and potluck's at Hope Chapel. They also help get volunteers to pick up donuts and make coffee for Sunday Fellowship. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please let Pastor, Don Hunkeler, or Kathy Heinemann know.

PRAYER CHAIN

*PRAY for one
another
James 5:16*

Thanks to all of you faithful prayer chain members! You are truly appreciated. Many are so thankful that we have a prayer chain to make requests and thanksgivings to the Lord. Margaret Scheiter was a faithful member and is surely missed.

If you have a prayer request, call coordinator, Doris Meyer, 346-7681 or 434-6633 (cell) or call Kathy at the church office 348-2108 or Pastor Williams.

If you would like to offer your prayer support, call Doris Meyer, 346-7681 or 434-6633 (cell) or call Kathy at the church office 348-2108. We would be most happy to have you. It is a blessing to pray for one another.

Stay healthy. Have safe christmas gatherings. God cares for you.

In Jesus Name,

Doris Meyer, 346-7681

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

GIFT and CARD SHOP

Christmas cards are on display and available for your selection. Christmas cards with a Christian message are available at a reasonable price.

We are self service so please note your purchase on the log. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild.

We have books for children and adults. Check them out. Arch books are a single bible story, brightly illustrated for only \$2.00 each. Then there is the classic "Child's Garden of Bible Stories" which is a collection of short bible stories from creation to Resurrection all in colorful illustrations. It is also used by our missionaries in many different languages.

The Lutheran Self Study Bible is not on display, but you can certainly order one. If you have any questions or want information about availability of any item, please call me. I am glad to help.

Proceeds benefit Hope Library or special needs at Hope. We are giving to Christmas is Sharing for December.

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

LWML Ladies Guild News



All ladies are welcome to join us at our Ladies Luncheon at Lil' Rizzo's next to the outlet mall on Sunday December 6th at noon. We will be ordering off the menu and won't be having a gift exchange this year.

Our Next meeting is in January 2021 at 11 am in the meeting room. We need to discuss upcoming events.

*Kathy Heinemann
President*

BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2020 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,430.87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
October 25 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,880.71	47
November 1 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,538.00	35
November 8 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,582.00	28
November 15 2020	Sunday	\$ 3,102.00	36
November 22 2020	Sunday	\$ 2,158.00	27

LATEST SERVICE/PROCEDURE CHANGES

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

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

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

HELP WANTED!!

Sound Technician – Talk to a Trustee or call the church office.

Training is available! We could use 2-3 volunteers to familiarize themselves with the sound system and do sound checks before services.

Communion / Altar setup – Call Lois Grawe

Fellowship Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include: help recruit volunteers to take care of Sunday morning fellowship (donuts and coffee) and help develop a series of events to provide opportunities for us to get to know each other better. Work with secretary on pulling together flyer's and event information in bulletin.

Public Relations Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include: Work with Pastor and secretary on pulling together flyer's and event information and arranging for them to be put on social media or in a paper. You don't need to know social media to do this. Just be able to remind Pastor or the church secretary to post something :)

SURVIVING COVID-19

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

Posted in Facebook:



Weekly update 11/19. Total cases reported since March 23, 2365. 487 people are active cases. We have lost 44 dear friends and family members to this

horrible virus, and our deepest sympathy is extended to those who mourn. We do not have current numbers from the hospitals.

Today, Governor Parson released the State of Missouri Public Health Warning. Please go to Governor's Finalized Health Guidance at the link below to read the document. <https://health.mo.gov/.../novel.../pdf/advisory-20201119.pdf>

Please wear a mask, keep your distance, wash and sanitize your hands, and stay home if you are ill or are asked to quarantine unless seeking medical attention.

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

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

From our Constitution:

ARTICLE IV - Boards, Officers and Committees

B. Board of Education

3. Duties

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

C. Board of Elders

3. Duties

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

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

D. Board of Finance

2. Duties

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

E. Board of Trustees

3. Duties

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

F. President

2. Duties

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

G. Vice-President

2. Duties

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

H. Secretary (this is separate from Church Secretary)

2. Duties

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

i. Treasurer

2. Duties

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

J. Financial Secretary

2. Duties

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

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CANS FOR CHARITY PROGRAM

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



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Daily Devotions

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Service Schedule

10 a.m. Service with Individual Cup Communion
(5th Sunday Communion Cup Communion only)

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

December 2020