

**FROM OUR PASTOR**



We're coming up upon the New Year and we're all probably wondering if 2021 is going to be better or was 2020 just the dress rehearsal. Well either way, the Lord is with us. He neither abandons or forsakes us. So in the end, we'll all be good.

When the New Year comes around people often make New Year's resolutions to get rid of bad habits and start some new good ones. Well that is not a bad idea. But it is always surprising for me to see Lutherans buy into this idea. It's like they never heard or read Luther's 95 theses. Now these aren't the Bible and you may even disagree with some of them (he did write them for the purpose of debate). But the very first one which is so correct and one of the things that guides our faith is the first theses, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ``Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

If we lived this, there would be no need of New Year's Resolutions. We simply, when we noticed there was need for repentance in our lives, would turn to God, confess our sins, ask for forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to turn from those sins and to start living our life in Christ according to his life and will.

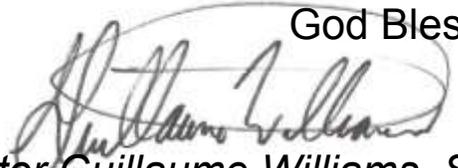
Perhaps if you want to make a New Year's Resolution it will be to be better Lutherans and therefore better Christians. Let us daily examine ourselves according to God's will, namely the Ten Commandments and what God means by these in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and clarified perhaps a bit more in the Small Catechism. Go to confession to the pastor so you may be freed from those sins with absolution Christ has given him to give. Read Luther's 20 questions before communion maybe even before going to Church, maybe even on Saturday and ask yourself are you prepared to receive the LORD's Supper and make amends where you need to and to forgive others where you need to do so.

To better learn the will of God and be equipped by it, perhaps you may want to start going to Bible Study. There's only so much a pastor can teach in a 20 minute sermon and even then, during the sermon, you can't ask questions. At least in Bible Study you can ask questions. Are you making it to church as often as you can or are you off doing other stuff that you could still

do after church? How thankful are you to God for all his benefits to you? That is demonstrated by your giving.

Well in any case, let us this year be more resolute to trust in Jesus Christ and his promise to be with us so we need not worry about a thing. He holds us in the palm of his hand and works all things for good for those who love him who have been called according to his purpose. With such faith active in our lives we will be able to deal better with whatever 2021 throws at us. The Lord be with you.

God Bless!



*Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.*

## **ELDERS**

Greetings from your Board of Elders:

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Wiese is no longer on the Board of Elders. He is now on the Board of Trustees. Mike Merchant replaced Alan as the Chairman of the Board of Elders and Church Kiel will continue as Secretary of the Board of Elders. Unfortunately, no one volunteered to replace Alan on the Board of Elders. Those members who previously had Alan as their elder will be notified as to who their new elder is.

Pastor Williams completed his Sunday morning Bible study on the Book of Ephesians. He will begin a new Bible study on the Book of Micah on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The book of Micah provides one of the most significant prophecies of Jesus Christ's birth in all the Old Testament. The book consists of a collection of speeches, proclamations of punishment and of salvation attributed to the prophet Micah. I personally can't wait to get started and to learn more about what the prophet Micah had to say.

Like many of you my wife and I didn't attend Bible Study when we first joined the church. We started about a year after we joined. We are so happy that we finally did. Under the pastor's leadership we have grown in our faith and have fun learning and participating in the discussions each week. We are truly blessed to be a part of the weekly Bible study. The only thing that will make Bible study more fun and rewarding is to see your smiling face there. You will not be disappointed. In fact you will be blessed and thankful that you made the commitment to attend.

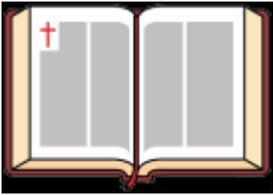
As a reminder Bible Study and Sunday School starts at 11:20AM.

The Lord's blessings to everyone.

Yours in Christ,  
*Mike Merchant*  
Chairman

Your Board of Elders:  
Chuck Kiel (480-5335)  
Mike Merchant (573-345-3098)

## BIBLE STUDIES



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

## From Our Congregational President

Since my last newsletter, things at Hope have not gotten any better. As you already know, Lois Grawe passed away. She headed up our Altar Guild. We need to fill that position. We also need help setting up and taking down communion, men and/or women. We desperately need help. We need your help.

Also, Lois was the financial secretary. I would like to thank Gene Scheiter for volunteering to fill this position. It is greatly appreciated.

For Lent we will have Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services only. For more info see the elders newsletter

*Don Hunkeler*

## From Our Seminary Student

Matthew Gerzevske  
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11/30/2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Christ! It is certainly an interesting time for the church! Allow me to again extend my sincere thanks for your wonderful ongoing generosity and support of my education and formation for pastoral ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Even in this challenging time, your support of the mission of the church is edifying and encouraging. Your partnership is integral to the church's ministry.

As we enter into the Advent Season of the Church Year, we are all keenly aware of the current circumstances of life in the world. The Covid-19 pandemic continues to pose a serious threat to the health and lives of the most vulnerable in our midst. We are forced into a new way of living in all areas of life, including as the Body of Christ. So many in our communities are suffering from economic hardship. And we exist in a society that is increasingly polarized and vitriolic. It is certainly a time to look to the only source of hope and life in this world, the gracious and loving reign of Jesus Christ.

Christ came as the light into this world in order to bear all sin and suffering upon His shoulders as He went to the Cross. God raised Him and placed all things under His feet. I pray that this season you are filled with a sense of hopeful expectation with the knowledge that Jesus is present for you in His gifts and promises. In Advent, we look forward to the day when He will come again and wipe away every tear.

For Bri and I, Second Year seems to be moving at breakneck pace! We will shortly have our interview for vicarage placement. With both excitement and trepidation, we look forward to where God will lead us and in what ways He will continue to form us for a lifetime of service to the church! It is by your loving support that we continue to be strengthened for service to God's people. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. I pray that God would grant you a Christ-filled Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the Holy Spirit.

The Peace of Christ be with you,



Matthew Gerzevske

***O King of the nations, and their desire,  
the cornerstone making both one:  
Come and save the human race,  
which you fashioned from clay.***

# MISSIONARY MAHLBURG



*Merry Christmas and Blessed  
New Year*

THE  
MAHLBURG  
FAMILY

*Serving the Lord in Sri Lanka*

Facebook-[Mahlburg Missionaries In Sri Lanka](#)

Twitter-[Steven Mahlburg@MahlburgMission](#)

## SWADDLING CLOTHES



Our sixth year with our swaddling mission started off super. We helped 27 families in our community! We are so thankful for the opportunity to help those in need.

We are very short on help. This mission belongs to Hope Chapel not just two or three people and we need someone to help us on Saturdays from 10 to noon once a month. If you are interested please call me Karen Kiel, 302-0438.

Also, we are need in monetary gifts to be able to purchase items like diaper, wipes, and miscellaneous items. If you are able to help please place in a designated envelope from your offering box, they are in the back of box and blue, Mark the envelope Swaddling Clothes and place in offering plate. Thank you in advance for your gift. It is tax deductible.

May God bless you!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

## 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 February.

***Please remember to sign the fellowship book at the end of the pew if you are taking communion.*** 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!

## 2021 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.*

## BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2021 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,558.71.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
November 29 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,975.00	30
December 6 2020	Sunday	\$ 3,167.00	37
December 13 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,793.63	43
December 20 2020	Sunday	\$ 3,623.30	0
December 27 2020	Sunday	\$ 680.00	14

## 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 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



"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

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

## **THANK YOU!**

I am grateful for my church family and want to thank everyone for the get-well cards and prayers during my recent illness. I’ve recovered and thank God daily that I don’t get that sick often anymore.

*~ Kathy Heinemann*

I have been a member of Hope Chapel over 43 years. I feel very Blessed to be a member here.

I am especially happy we have the Swaddling Clothes Ministry. Karen Kiel does a great job starting and directing this program and all the helpers are great.

I am so lucky I can make blankets for this program. It helps me so much.

I appreciate the ladies who tell me how the children and parents feel when they receive a blanket. I like to hear that and it encourages one to make more.

If you can make any type of blanket we need more. There are several blanket types that you don't need to sew. Everything is appreciated and it doesn't need to be a fancy or perfect item as children love to have their own blanket.

Again, Thanks to all who work on this ministry.

*God's Blessings  
Betty Merli*

## **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	Benevolence	TBD
February	Seminary Student	TBD
March	Radio Program	TBD
April	Swaddling Clothes	TBD
May	Radio Program	TBD
June	Radio Program	TBD
July	Heit's Point	TBD
August	Swaddling Clothes	TBD
September	Christmas is Sharing	TBD
October	Lambs of Hope	TBD
November	Christmas is Sharing	TBD
December	Benevolence	TBD

# LWML Ladies Guild News



All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am in the meeting room. We will be discussing the 2021 activities, the gift card and can program.

If you have any questions, call 573-348-2108 or email [office@hopelutheranchapel.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.org)

## SCRIP CARDS

### HOW DO YOU ORDER YOUR SCRIP CARDS?

Get Started Today to Raise Funds for Missions! We have a few on hand to purchase today from Amazon, Bath and Body and Shell and more can be ordered soon! There is a basket on the credenza with order forms. Just find the one you want, fill it out, and give the form and payment to a Ladies Guild member and you will be part of the next order. ***Checks need to be made payable to Hope Chapel Ladies Guild.***

*Also available are reloadable and ecards!* Goto <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> to check out the details. You will need to register as a family account. You can click on the SHOP link to browse categories and gift card availability. Contact Kathy Heinemann for additional information on when and how to order your SCRIP cards today. You can email me at [office@hopelutheranchapel.com](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.com), or send me a message on Facebook. Our enrollment code is: B2931L9366372.

Scrip Coordinator: Kathy Heinemann 573-280-6126

## CANS FOR CHARITY

Our first year of the Cans For Charity program, ending in December, 2020 resulted in \$688 for Hope Ladies Guild to donate to LWML Mites and to local charities such as Christmas is Sharing. The \$600 came from approximately 57,600 recycled aluminum cans, while \$88 came from other recycled aluminum and one cash donation.

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the program. Your donations not only helped the needy, both locally and worldwide, but also helped keep the environment clean. If anyone would like to get involved or has questions, they can contact Kathy Heinemann at Hope Chapel (573) 348-2108 or collection coordinator Gene Scheiter (573-346-2442). Thanks again for your help.

## 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.

To date Hope Chapel has received \$25.56 from approximately 5 people due to this program. Thank you!!

### **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 Kathy at the church office or Debbie Thompson

*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.

*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 : )

***FROM OUR DECEMBER VOTER'S MEETING:***

**Officers of the Congregation - 2021**

President..... Don Hunkeler  
Vice-President ..... Roger Trost  
Secretary ..... Kathy Heinemann  
Treasurer .....Karen Kiel  
Financial Secretary ..... Lois Grawe (*now Gene Scheiter 01/31/2021*)  
Board of Finance ..... Tina Cardin, Pete Hill, Doris Meyer  
Board of Education ..... Tina Cardin, Jan Loman, Debbie Thompson  
Board of Trustees ..... Len Grawe, Bob Mantyck, Alan Wiese  
Board of Elders .....Chuck Kiel, Mike Merchant

**Adopted 2021 Budget Total \$185,053**

# COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

Christ the King has received their comfort dog and his name is Boaz. More information will be in future newsletters. We did receive this Christmas Card from his team.



Christmas Greetings from Team Boaz  
at Christ the King!

We hopefully will be able to visit you  
all soon and share our ministry with  
your congregation!

# FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY



**Updated Member Directory** - Our office secretary is working on updating the member directory. There is a draft on the credenza till February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please take a look and make sure all your contact information is correct. Thank you!

**New 2021 Flower chart** is up in the narthex. Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar. Sign up early and often.

The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday. Please be sure to put your payment in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and your number.



**FROM OUR TREASURER** - This year all bills will be picked up from my box on Wednesday of each week. Bills will be paid on the next day Thursday. All chairmen take note and it must have a purchase paper with it and your signature. All the month's bills should be in by the 1st Wednesday of the next month. Thank you. ????'s call Karen 302-0438.

**Christmas cards** – we have received a few Christmas cards – they are on display on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## Acknowledgments

Some clipart used is from [www.christart.com](http://www.christart.com) others from Microsoft and other royalty free sites.



## Office Secretary Hours for February

*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)

**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

*“2 liter Soda Bottles”* – Pastor is working on a planting project and could use a few.



**MASKED WORSHIP SERVICES** - Due to the pandemic lingering on, we are adding another service to our schedule. Starting January 27<sup>th</sup> we will have Worship service on Wednesday's at 10 am. Everyone will wear masks at all times during this service. If

you would like to attend and partake in communion, you must let Pastor know ahead of time as he will not be preparing extra. Also there will not be communion for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> service. Music will be the canned music.

If you would like to help prepare the altar (and communion) for these services, please let secretary or Debbie Thompson know.

***Daily Devotions***

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

Visit our website: [www.hopelutheranchapel.org](http://www.hopelutheranchapel.org)

Follow us on Twitter - @hopelutheranmo / And Facebook -

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

**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  
Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.  
-Cup)  
Communion 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Common Cup only)

**January/February  
2021**