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

**April 2021**

**FROM OUR PASTOR**



Lev 23:9-14 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>(10)</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest, <sup>(11)</sup> and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. <sup>(12)</sup> And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>(13)</sup> And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. <sup>(14)</sup> And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

God had appointed several feasts for the Israelites. They were not to be burdens for the people but a time of joy and happiness all that the LORD had provided for them. Here was one of the feasts God had given to the Israelites to celebrate, it was the feast of first fruits. It was part of the feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread. What was required of the Israelites? They were to bring a sheaf of the first fruits of the harvest. They were to offer a year old lamb without blemish. Also a grain offering of flour mixed with oil and wine. They would eat this with the Levite (priest), widow, orphan, poor and foreigner who dwelt with them. These offerings were to be given to recognize it was the LORD who had blessed them with such things.

Ultimately Jesus becomes our first fruit offering or rather the LORD's first fruit offering for us. He is the first to rise from the tomb. He is the year old lamb without blemish offered on the cross for our sins. He is the bread and wine as he gives us his body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is always like God to offer to us all good things first particularly in Christ Jesus.

So how do we respond to God's great blessings to us in Christ and in worldly blessings: health, wealth, job, food, clothing, shelter etc.? There is not prescribed sacrifices or festivals for us in the New Testament. Yet we can

learn something from the festival of First-fruits. When we receive our paycheck, who do we think of first? Do we go, "Woo hoo! Money to blow!"? Do we think about all the bills we have to pay and once we're done, if there is something left over, we give an offering to God through the Church? Should we not rather give thanks to God first? When receiving the due for our labor we should offer a prayer of thanksgiving the LORD has provided us strength and the opportunity to be productive and earn a living. Before paying off all our debts, perhaps we should decide beforehand how much we will give to the LORD in thanksgiving for all his benefits to us. Paul tells us, 2Co 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." As we give to the LORD we are also providing the means by which he will continually bless us with spiritual blessings, the Word and Sacraments and a place to receive them from his hand.

God Bless!



*Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.*

## **ELDERS**

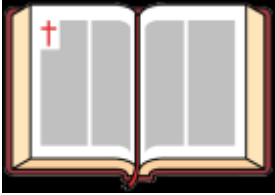
Greetings from your Board of Elders:

Our 40 day Lenten journey will draw to a close with the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. This year Holy week begins on March 28<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) and ends on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday). Pastor Williams will conduct Holy Week services starting at 6 pm March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Easter service at 10 am on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Many Christians across the world attend Easter service but far fewer attend Palm Sunday or other Holy Week services. As Christians we should ask ourselves why? Many major Biblical events in the life of Jesus take place between Palm Sunday and Easter morning. Holy Week services can help us to better understand the major events that took place in Jesus's life that led up to that glorious Resurrection Easter morning. Attending these services can help us to draw closer to our Lord. In addition to the things we do outside of church such as daily Bible reading, daily prayer, etc., I can think of no better way to prepare for Easter than to attend Holy Week services. How will you and your family prepare for Easter?

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 PRESIDENT

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah!

A blessed Easter to all! What a wonderful feeling to have with all of the worldly problems and personal troubles we are creating for ourselves. As a Christian we had someone that took all of our problems upon himself.

We have sold the ball diamond property. Report will be given at the April 18<sup>th</sup> voter's meeting.

It is good to see people returning to worship. Please consider coming and studying God's Word with us at Sundays bible study. We would like to see you in fellowship with us.

May the Lord bless you, and grant you peace.

*Don Hunkeler*

## MISSIONARY MAHLBURG

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## From Our Seminary Student

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Christ from St. Louis! I am writing to thank you for your wonderful generosity. Your support allows me to continue in my seminary education. Without you, this would not be possible. Your generosity is a witness to your faith in Jesus Christ, love for His Bride, the church, and zeal for her mission of proclaiming the gospel to the nations.

The beginning of the Spring Semester of Second Year has been an exciting one. New courses bring new opportunities and challenges to learn and grow. For Bri and I, at the forefront of our minds is April 28, 2021. That is Call Day! We will learn where God is calling us to be placed for our Vicarage year. This brings both excitement and anxiety. We could go anywhere in the country! However, we are faithful in God's provision. Wherever the Holy Spirit leads, we look forward to the great relationships that we will form and all the ways that we will learn to serve God's people.

As we enter into a new Lenten season, I pray for you a Christ filled meditation. Reflecting upon the trials and sufferings of the Cross, it is easy for us to look back upon the last year (It is hard to believe that the church has endured trials of Covid-19 for a whole year!). We reflect upon all the trials that we have endured and the loved ones who we have lost. However, we know that the Lenten road leads to the Empty Tomb. Christ is risen! And the Tomb is still empty! The Lord of the church leads us through these challenges. In Him, we have victory over sin, death, and the devil. I pray that the Holy Spirit continue to fill you with the comfort of the risen Jesus?

Thank you again for all your prayers and support! I cannot put into words the appreciation that I have for you and your support. May Christ richly bless you with all His gifts through the Holy Spirit this Lent as He continues to bless us through you!

*Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us to overcome our sins,  
And close by You to stay.  
Abide with us that, when this life  
Of suffering is past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last!*

Peace in Christ,



Matthew Gerzevske

## 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 April.

***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> |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| February 7, 2021  | Sunday              | \$ 2,503.85            | 11                   |
| February 14, 2021 | Sunday              | \$ -                   | 10                   |
| February 21, 2021 | Sunday              | \$ 3,404.00            | 27                   |
| February 28, 2021 | Sunday              | \$ 1,725.00            | 46                   |

## 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 have a prayer chain request, call Pastor or Doris Meyer at 346-7681 or 434-6633. If you cannot reach Doris, call the church office at 348-

2108. 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  
cell: 434-6633

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, weddings, baby congratulations and baptism cards. Anniversary cards are on order. If you are having a party, there are "God bless this Special Occasion" napkins and others. There is the normal selection of birthday, sympathy, thinking of you, get well, thank you cards. All cards have a bible verse and are 50¢ each or \$5 by the box.



The selection of gift items is limited, but there are some to choose from. If you have a special need or request, please let us know. If you would like a bible with a name and date imprinted, it can be ordered. 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.

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

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

# STEWARDSHIP



Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father, so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood.

As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that, in so doing, you will never lack.

A common counterpoint is: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” Our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents: “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).



And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace and His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. As St. Paul wrote in Rom. 8:32: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all 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      | 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                     |

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When you get to your  
wit's end, you'll find  
God lives there.

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# LWML Ladies Guild News



All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our meeting on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the meeting room.

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

## CANS FOR CHARITY

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.

## 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.

*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 : )

### Acknowledgments

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## Office Secretary Hours for April

*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.

## ***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)

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