

FROM OUR PASTOR



Mat 10:26-33 “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known... ⁽²⁸⁾ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ⁽²⁹⁾ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father ⁽³⁰⁾ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ⁽³¹⁾ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ⁽³²⁾ So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ⁽³³⁾ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Well it's been quite a year and the new year doesn't seem to be all that much better so far. We've had civil unrest and a heck of an election season. We've been dealing with the covid-19 pandemic for a year now. Initially there was a lot of fear generated by it because it was new and we didn't know what to expect. You might remember at first some 'modelers' were saying 2.6 million US citizen were going to die from it and in short order. I remember deciding to drive back to Missouri before my dad passed away because I was afraid they were going to stop all interstate traffic and I would not be able to return to my wife and kids. I think my hands got sore from all the washing I did at every gas stop for fear of someone else touching the gas pump who had it and still fearing I might get stuck in another state if they closed interstate traffic. It was quite harrowing.

We are not living in quite as much fear now. We seem to know more about the virus and how it works. We've been told to follow the science and then have the science politicized and we don't which science to follow, or rather whose scientific advice to follow. Even when they all agree and have changed their minds about how it works, we may be fearful they really don't know what they are talking about. We think, "Better safe than sorry."

While I do believe the LORD Jesus Christ and our Father want us to be prudent (what did Jesus say when tempted, "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.") I also know he doesn't want us living in fear either. The

words of our LORD Jesus here in Matthew give us a good reason not to live fearfully. Your Father in heaven has counted all the hairs of your head (and knows where the ones you lost are) because he cares that much for you. He knows when a sparrow passes away and cares about that. You are worth more to him than many sparrows. So fear not. Your Father in heaven knows what you are going through. He also knows what is best for you. You need not fear your circumstances. You don't need to fear any virus. You don't have to fear living or fear dying. You don't need to fear the politics of the day or civil unrest.

One hymn says:

LSB 758 The Will of God Is Always Best verse 2

God is my comfort and my trust,
My hope and life abiding;
And to His counsel, wise and just,
I yield, in Him confiding.
The very hairs,
His Word declares,
Upon my head He numbers.
By night and day
God is my stay;
He never sleeps nor slumbers.

Another hymn recalls:

LSB 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good verses 5 & 6

5 What God ordains is always good:

Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.

For after grief

God gives relief,

My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:

This truth remains unshaken.

Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,

I shall not be forsaken.

I fear no harm,

For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

And finally, I leave you with the verses from this hymn:

LSB 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me verses 1 & 5

1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near
With His cheer;
Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son
For me won
When His life was given?

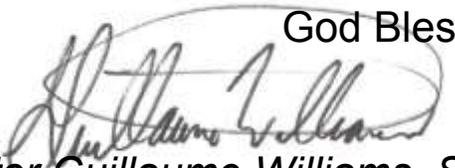
5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,

Though it might,
Day and night,
Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife
Of this life
To His joy immortal!

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God Bless!



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS

Greetings from your Board of Elders:

The 40 days of Lent begin this year on February 17th (Ash Wednesday) and will end on Saturday, April 3rd. Traditionally, this time is devoted to preparing our heart for Easter and growing our relationship with Christ. This is a time to practice self-discipline, spend more time in prayer and commit to Bible study. There are so many things that each of us can do that will promote our spiritual growth. A big one for me all year long is my almost daily Bible reading (study) and my daily morning and evening prayer time. I enjoy these quiet times where I can forget the troubles of the world and concentrate on drawing nearer to my Lord. I am not always able to pronounce all the Biblical names or even fully comprehend the depth of what is being said. There is only so much I can learn on my own. Gives me even more reason to attend church service and Bible study. We have a gifted pastor whose Sermons and Bible study classes help us to understand God's Word and to grow in our faith. When we spend our time and energy focused on God's plan for us we spend less time worrying about the things of this world that we have no control over. As we begin Lent each of us should ask ourselves what faith practice we can begin that will promote our spiritual growth.

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.

MISSIONARY MAHLBURG

Serving the Lord in Sri Lanka

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Greetings in the Name of Jesus , who has chosen you,

Each year Lutherans For Life sponsors an essay contest for grades 6 through 12. The winner of each state contest competes in the National contest. The Missouri winner receives a cash prize, a plaque and a Bible and is asked to read their essay at the Missouri Annual meeting. The winner of the National contest also receives a cash prize and receives a trip to the National Conference where they also read their essay.

The theme for this year's contest is **God Chose You** based on the Bible verse John 15:16: ***You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.*** Any Lutheran student is eligible to enter. Guidelines for the contest can be found at [lflofmo.org](#). or contact this editor. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to lflofmo@gmail.com by **March 15, 2021**.

The following is one of the winners from 2020. Be encouraged and encourage a young person you know to enter.

LFL of MO's 1st Place Elementary Essay Winner: Sam Arroyo

LFL National's 2nd Place Elementary Essay Winner: Sam Arroyo

A Burning Flame

There is a flame in every person; that flame is meant to burn. This flame is not meant to be put out by one's own self. God designed each and every one of us in His own image. He planned out our lives before we were born. Suicide was not God's perfect plan for our lives.

Everyone has a purpose; God planned that purpose before our lives began. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (*Faith Alive Student Bible*). Suicide crushes God's Plan for us. Suicide rates have increased substantially since the year 2000. Suicide is now the 10th leading cause of death in the United States ("Suicide Statistics"). 1Corinthians 12:22 says, "On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." God mapped out the human body so perfectly; it is amazing how every part of the human body matters. When our mind is feeling weak, we should turn to God. Isaiah 41:10 says, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." God only wants the best for us. God is always by our side, so hope



should come from Him when we feel down or depressed. John 8:12 says, "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" Even in the darkest time in our lives, Jesus is our hope and way to the light.

Committing suicide is destroying God's perfect creation. God gave everyone unique and different gifts. Each one of us has a purpose in this world. The journey we take may have many ups and downs, but knowing that Jesus is our rock and our salvation can get us through our difficult moments. Life is a burning flame; it only lasts for so long. God made us to share His love and spread that flame, not to put it out before it is time.

In Christ,
Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For confidential post-abortion **referral, counsel, and reconciliation** call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.

SWADDLING CLOTHES



Our community is very grateful for Swaddling Clothes and tell us they are so thankful to get our help.

There are a lot of people who come with children who have no socks or shoes and shirts and hats and coats. We make sure each month to have what they need.

Volunteers are sparse and just three people help us. If you would like to do the Lords work for two hours please call me and we'll be happy to have you.

As always I am asking for gifts of money to help purchase some of the items we need to give to these people in need. If you are able, please put your gift in one of your designated envelopes as it is tax deductible. I always appreciate your help and this mission is part of our community. God has really blessed this mission, praise be to God!

Thank you in advance for whatever you can share with Swaddling Clothes.

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

Karen Kiel, Director
573-302-0438

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 March.

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>
January 3, 2021	Sunday	\$ 965.00	30
January 10, 2021	Sunday	\$ 2,304.00	32
January 17, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,368.00	35
January 24, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,183.00	30
January 31, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,055.00	35

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



Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late

in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

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COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are friends who bring a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help in times of need.

1 John 4:19 - "We love because he first loved us." Boaz is a trained LCC K-9 Comfort Dog at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Lake Ozark, Missouri. He serves every day in the community in which he is placed and is deployed in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them. Boaz is a friend who brings a calming influence and allows people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them. Comfort Dogs are available to visit your church or group.



On Facebook:
[@BoazComfortDog](https://www.facebook.com/BoazComfortDog)

THANK YOU!

CHILD ADVOCACY COUNCIL



Standing Strong for Children since 1979

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January 7, 2021

Dear Friends of the "Christmas Is Sharing" Program,

The Child Advocacy Council would like to thank you for adopting families participating in the "Christmas Is Sharing" Program.

The program was a great success in 2020 with 220 families containing 623 children assisted by "Christmas Is Sharing" and an additional 17 foster children making a total of 640 children receiving help.

We are grateful to have so many Friends that we can call upon every year. If you need a printed tax receipt please contact us at either the above address or call us at our Thrift Store at 346-0003. (For donation purposes our Tax Number is #43-1270978.)

Our sincere thanks to all of you who assisted in helping with our goal to make Christmas meaningful for children and their families.

Sincerely,

Members of the Child Advocacy Council

Inez Killam, Project Chairman

*Dear Hope Lutheran Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of \$1,100⁰⁰
to our Christmas Is Sharing program. We
continue this program in memory of Mar-
gret Scheiter. — Inez*

** At their last board meeting, the Camden County Child Advocacy council has setup a yearly \$1,000 scholarship in Margaret's name for a Camdenton RIII student.*

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 meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd 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

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.

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 THE CHURCH SECRETARY

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.



Acknowledgments

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Office Secretary Hours for March

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

Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.
Church is hard for the sinners.
Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, When I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

~ Jacob Waldron ~

MASKED WORSHIP SERVICES - Due to the pandemic lingering on, we are adding another service to our schedule. Masked 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. *If you would like to help prepare the altar (and communion) for these services, please let secretary or Debbie Thompson know.*



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

Follow us on Twitter - @hopelutheranmo / And Facebook -

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 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

March 2021