

FROM OUR PASTOR



Well it's been a year since we came back into Church. We started with indoor communion and by June we were inside full time again. Most of the congregation that wants to be vaccinated against covid-19 has been by this writing. We have a few who are unable to get vaccinated because of other health concerns. We would like to start getting back to normal within the worship service. I have shared my thoughts with the elders and we have come up with some ideas starting on Memorial Day weekend. Nothing is set in stone and things are still fluid.

What we have come up with so far is having communion as normal. We will go back to using the hymnals. Hymnals aren't used all week and so by the following Sunday, any virus on them from the previous Sunday should be dead. Most members sit in the same place every Sunday so you'll probably just be getting the same hymnal you used last week. We will probably have half of the church pews with no distance between pews and the other half still having every other pew for those who wish to continue social distancing. I'm not sure if we will do left and right side or front and back, but I am leaning front and back for communion flow purposes.

I would encourage everyone to continue using good sanitary practices i.e. washing hands, using hand sanitizer after shaking hands etc.. Do what you have to do to feel safe and comfortable and to make others feel safe and comfortable.

If you want to share your thoughts on any of this please give me a call. Nothing is set in stone and if cases in Missouri and especially in our county start going up we may have to change things again for the sake of those who cannot get a vaccine but would if they could.

Love is the order of the day. We are called to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others and to think more of others than of ourselves. Paul reminds us, Php 2:3-5 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁽⁴⁾Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁽⁵⁾Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."

God Bless!

ELDERS

Greetings from your Board of Elders:

Should reading the Bible be a part of our daily routine? I certainly think so. There are many references in the Bible as to why we should study the word of God. There are different methods that we can use to study and learn from God's Word.

1. Listening to the Word of God. We all benefit by listening to the preached Word of God. We can learn a lot about God's Word and grow in our faith and love for Christ by attending church service and listening to the pastors sermons. Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. Reading God's Word. One of the ways God reveals himself is through the written word. Psalms 119:18 - Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

3. Study God's Word. If you really want to fully understand God's Word you need to be an explorer not a tourist. Take the time to understand what you are reading and if necessary ask the pastor questions about those passages that need further clarification. Sunday morning Bible Study offers an excellent opportunity to study God's Word under the leadership of Pastor Williams. If you are not currently attending you are really missing out on a golden opportunity to expand your Biblical knowledge. 2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

4. Memorize God's Word. All of us face various challenges and temptations in life. If we have memorized key scripture we can call on His Word to give us strength in our time of need. Psalm 119:11 - Your word I have treasured in my heart that I might not sin against you.

5. Meditate on God's Word. If we meditate and think about God's word we can follow it even more closely. Psalm 1:2 - But his delight is in the law

of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Joshua 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.

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, HALLELUJA!

May is here and it is time to think about getting outdoors. What a great feeling this is. It is a greater feeling knowing that our Lord gave his life for us, so we can enjoy our freedom. Let's not forget what we have been given.

At the Elders meeting and council/voter's meeting's it was decided that on Memorial weekend, we will go back to our normal church services. We will set aside some rows in the back of church for those who still want to have social distancing and mask wearing will continue to be optional. More details will follow in the weeks to come

We are still looking for more people at Sundays bible class after church. Come and learn about God's Word. You do not have to speak if you don't want to. Looking forward to seeing more of you there.

May the Lord be with you and yours, and give you peace,
Don Hunkeler

LATEST SERVICE/PROCEDURE CHANGES

We will continue to avoid using the hymnals and social distancing until May 24th .

Starting Memorial Day weekend we are tentatively planning to open all but a handful of pews and using the hymnals again. If you wish to continue social distancing, you will be able to do so and the large print bulletins will have the entire service printed but without the melody lines for the hymns and other parts of the service. Communion changes are: no longer spraying rail down between tables with sanitizer and the Elder will be passing out the wine. We will also have a usher to help guide us up to the rail.

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 an issue that we can help with. Thank you for your help in this!

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thanks to all the members of this committee. We appreciate Gene Scheiter stepping up to learn and do the duties of the financial secretary, a position held by Lois Grawe who passed away December 30, 2020. She was faithful in those duties and now we appreciate Gene keeping up with that position. Karen Kiel has helped with training and does a great job with keeping up with all the finances. There is a lot to do. Also we appreciate the faithful help of all the counters and all the contributions of our members and friends of Hope.

We have many missions at Hope and each one is special. Besides our Sunday Service and Sunday School, we have Swaddling Clothes, Preschool, daycare and afterschool care, Ladies Guild, Sokoll building upkeep (Home of the OB Senior Center), District, State, and National Lutheran organizations, schools, colleges and world missions. Any and all contributions are a blessing and the need is great. The Lord has given His Mercy and Forgiveness to us so we remember him.

“Take My Life and Let It Be, consecrated Lord to Thee” LSB 783. Amen.

Doris Meyer
Finance Committee Chairman

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.

MISSOURI'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Come to the Sokoll Building for a Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to celebrate our great state's 200th Anniversary!

The MO State celebration committee is asking everyone to celebrate on the official date of August 10, 2021, by having homemade ice cream socials.

We won't have the homemade variety but we will have great ice cream! It will be served after the entertainment of a one hour fast moving concert. The concert is free, however we do pass the hat for a voluntary donation which is given to the orchestra. They are all volunteers but they do have expenses. It is always an enjoyable evening. So ya'all COME!

Missouri 200th Celebration

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Sokoll Building

7 pm

Entertainment provided by Lake Area Community Orchestra

Free Ice Cream and cake after concert.

GIFT/CARD SHOP

Mother's Day cards are on display on the wood racks on the table. Graduation cards have arrived and are in the display racks. We have also received a new supply of anniversary, sympathy, birthday and get-well cards.

I was so happy that the Child's Garden of Bible stories and Arch books have been discovered. Blessings and happy reading.



Our proceeds benefit a need at Hope. Thanks for stopping by and if you have a special need or request, please let meus know. We are here to help and to have Christian message cards to send to your family and friends, and they also have a bible verse.

“Now, may the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace” Romans 15:13. And may the beautiful flowering trees of April bring us a warmer May.

God's Blessings to you!

Doris Meyer, 346-7681

Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild

STEWARDSHIP



St. Paul teaches us: “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 6:6). And again, he says: “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:13–14). In other words, ministers of the Gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them.

And this is how the church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not just *that* we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deut. 14:22–23). The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?” If it does, ask yourself: Is the church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then, there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. In Matthew 28, Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations, and there are churches and ministries all around the world! How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, and the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the

flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism. He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of His Son – our Lord Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way – and in response to His fatherly divine goodness and mercy – we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.” For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

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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>
March 7, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,917.00	41
March 14, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,678.00	38
March 21, 2021	Sunday	\$ 3,333.45	48
March 28, 2021	Sunday	\$ 2,144.00	37
March 7, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,917.00	41

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>
May	Radio Program	TBD
June	Radio Program	TBD
July	Heit’s Point	TBD

High School Graduation 2021



Dylan Allen (Beeman) Jackson will be graduating high school on May 20th. He is the son of Julie Beeman and Ronald Jackson (deceased). He is the grandson of Ron and Donna Beeman and great grandson of Doris Meyer. His Camdenon High School

Achievements:

Full scholarship to Missouri Welding Institute in Nevada, MO.

Two Good Student Awards.

During his Senior year, Dylan has been volunteering at Share the Harvest and Sav A Lot market. He was appreciated at both places. Congratulations and God's Blessings!

YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to join Pastor and his family for a hot lunch and cake as they celebrate Maximilienne's confirmation.

When: Sunday May 23rd - after service

Where: Large Fellowship Hall



*HOPE CHAPEL BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND*

LAMBS OF HOPE PRESCHOOL

*Proudly INVITE YOU to GRADUATION 2021 Thursday, May 20th
at 6:30 pm* Refreshments will be served following graduation
downstairs in the large fellowship hall

LWML Ladies Guild News



All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 11 am in the meeting room.

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.

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 :)

THRIVENT

It is a new year – so new chances to use your 2 - \$250 Action Teams!! Not sure what is needed to do one? Just ask Gene Scheiter, Jerol Laughlin or Kathy Heinemann and they can point you in the right direction. Kathy has been keeping a list of possible projects. Just ask!

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY



Office Secretary Hours for May

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

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)

May 2021