

Hope Lutheran Church

# Voice of Hope

May, 2018

*Serving All Through Jesus Christ In Thought, Word and Deed.*

### **Handbell Choir Concert at Hope**

Join us Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 pm at Hope for the 4th Annual Milton Handbell Choir Concert featuring the choirs from Milton United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church and Hope Lutheran. All are welcome!!



### **Summer Schedule begins on May 27**



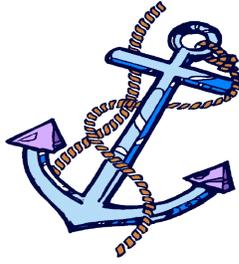
We will be altering our schedule slightly for the summer on Memorial Day weekend as we move up our second Sunday worship service to 9:30 (not 10:30) through Labor Day weekend. The Thursday evening service will be maintained at 6:30 p.m. and the early Sunday morning service at 8 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. service will continue to be a contemporary format during the summer.

### **Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) on May 20**

Two youth will be affirming their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. These youth are Camille DeWilde and Rose Meyer. They completed their second year of confirmation instruction in April and will be completing the necessary ninth grade work before that time. They are being confirmed early because they are moving with each of their families before the normal confirmation date in late October this year.



We pray God's blessings upon Camille and Rose as they prepare for this day.



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### **Worship Schedule**

*Thursday*

6:30 pm

*Sunday*

8:00 am

10:30 am

### **Starting May 27th**

*Sunday*

8:00 am

9:30 am

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Wisconsin

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**Voice of Hope Deadline**

**15th of each month.**

## From the Pastor

Talking about the weather has brought together extroverts and introverts this year. Whether or not you normally have something to say in locker rooms, waiting rooms, and convenience store queues, this year there has been no problem. Maybe we can blame April Fools being on Easter Sunday this spring because since that time it is like a “Groundhog Day movie” reboot into winter. Still, the calendar says it is spring and that on April 22 we will have celebrated the fourth Sunday (the middle Sunday) of Easter and soon we will be celebrating the third great festival of the church, Pentecost.

We will be celebrating Pentecost on Thursday, May 17 and Sunday, May 20 this year. Of course, the biggest liability for celebrating this birthday of the church is that it occurs shortly before or after Memorial Day. In other words, it is like celebrating a Christmas birthday. But Pentecost is a very important day for the church because it commemorates when the Holy Spirit “came down on all flesh” and the followers of Jesus organized a mission to tell the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection to the ends of the earth. The church was born in mission, and has its whole reason for being in mission. When we are what some of my colleagues call “being church,” we are gathered together to support one another, encourage one another, and to motivate one another to invite others into a relationship with Christ and with other Christian people.

We are a “Pentecost people,” which means our identity is found in mission. During an interim I find reclaiming this identity as someone filled by the Holy Spirit in baptism to be calming to each congregation I serve. For one thing it reminds us that the Spirit comes down on every “Tom, Dick, and Sally” at Pentecost. Although pastors are important for organization and order in the church, each person has the Holy Spirit to lead them to carry out the mission and ministry of the church. Secondly, it is important to use a transitional time to remember what drives a congregation to worship and grow in the first place. At Hope that would be to remember back less than fifty years ago when you were a “mission” congregation, growing seeds in Milton and putting out shoots into not only this community, but beyond it into the surrounding area. As I have listened to many of you, the desire was to worship with others who live in this area and have children together in Sunday School and confirmation and youth groups who knew each other from school. What should increasingly become our mission today is to provide that same starting point for new families and individuals who do not have a church.

Third, being a Pentecost people means that we are called to be witnesses to Christ’s death and resurrection, and what that means in our lives. It is to live in obedience to the great commission, which we hear in Acts 1:8 “to be witnesses to the ends of the earth” and in Matthew 28 to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” The interim period is a time to get back to the basics of ministry. One of these basics is that the church exists to be a “brooding house” for disciples. A “brooding house” is what my Dad established to

raise little chicks to be bigger chickens on the farm. In the brooding house was an incubator that kept the chicks warm. In addition, the chicks received nourishment and water, which led them to grow. The church is not just a place where we belong. When the church is seen as a “brooding house,” people grow in discipleship and others are invited into the mission of the church. We can make a difference in people’s lives.

Fourth, being a Pentecost people gives us reason to celebrate the body of Christ, the organization of believers. Time and time again in our church culture we see ordinary baptized people, who have been equipped for ministry, waiting for the “professional class Christian” pastor to tell them what to do. But as Martin Luther pointed out quite well when they called his followers Lutherans, we are Christians, first and foremost. Luther said of himself, “How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?” Our mission begins and ends in Christ. He is our spiritual leader. It is really Christ’s mission that we are called to do, so that we should not take too much credit or blame when things go well or poorly.

Fifth, being a Pentecost people means that each of us is not alone, but is connected to God through the Spirit and to one another through our common baptism. In John 15 Jesus says, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Stay connected to me so that you can grow.” Increasingly, in the church—as well as in society—we value the connections that we make. Recently, we visited a pastor friend in Phoenix, Arizona, who told us that her church, which included ministries to the membership and to regular guests in the parking lot, shared the common mission of being a “connecting place.” Pastor Sarah was not so interested in who were members of her congregation or even whether if everyone knew and followed Lutheran teachings, but how well her congregation nurtured these connections.

I don’t expect we will break Christmas and Easter attendance records on Pentecost this year. It is likely that many people will be already engaged in warmer weather activities like the nearby Syttende Mai weekend in Stoughton. However, if we take seriously what “being church” is we will not only celebrate being a place where the Holy Spirit is working, but we will see ourselves as connecting “Legos” or “tinker toys” that go from Christ to us to our neighbors. What we will celebrate on May 17 and 20 is that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in the church and in the world.

I don’t know the forecast for the third week in May yet. Who knows, it might be snowing. I do know that it will be windy! God’s Spirit will be blowing in our church and, like a personal fan, God will be present outside and within each of us who are children of God in baptism. “Breathe on us, breath of God, fill us with life anew. That we may love all that you love. And do what you would do.”

Rev. Roger Black, Interim Pastor

## Building Committee Update

### THE GRAND VISION

On Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> the Building Committee held a pot luck followed by a Master Plan presentation by A.D.C.I. (Architectural Design Consultants, Inc). This is the architectural firm selected by the building committee and approved by the congregational council to design our Master Plan.

A gracious thank you to those who participated in the pot luck providing many delicious dishes to those in attendance. After the meal of sharing, seventy-plus people adjourned to the sanctuary to learn more about the proposed “Master Plan.”

After a most informative presentation, plenty of time was available for questions and answers. There was a lot of chatter and positive feedback following the presentation. The congregational members in attendance came away with increased energy and excitement as to “what could be” in continuing the process to look at future space needs at Hope Lutheran.

The current “Building Committee” name will transition to the “Master Plan Committee.” Several members will be going off the current Building Committee with new members to be selected at the annual meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

The Master Plan Committee, once selected, will continue to keep the Master Plan current and update the congregational council and congregation of their progress on the plan.

Please keep this committee in your prayers as they proceed with determining the next step for Hope Lutheran.

## Hope Treasurer's Report

**Income & expense from Designated Offering does not pay normal operating expenses.**

March General Operating Income	\$16,689.00
February General Operating Expenses	\$18,523.69
Difference	\$ (1,834.69)

YTD Operating Income	\$51,899.80
YTYD Expense	\$61,847.02
Difference	(\$9,947.22)

## Hope's Happenings

**HFFFFFF** -Friday, May 4th, Lucy's on Hwy N at 5:00 pm. All are welcome for dinner and fellowship. Please sign up in Narthex by May 3. Any questions contact Marilyn Krause 868-7939/608-751-2264

### **Ladies Night Out**

Ladies Night Out continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Jake's Junction Pub, 130 Merchant Row, Milton, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. May 8th. No need to RSVP, just come if you can!! Cocktails, food, and even a good cup of coffee are available for purchase. Come and relax with us!

### **Men's Breakfast Group**

First Tuesday of the month we meet at church for Bible study and coffee. On the third Tuesday we meet at Milton Family Restaurant for breakfast and discussion. May's meeting dates are the 1st & 15th. If you have questions, please contact the church or Ron Parsons.

### **Charity Circle**

Charity Circle will meet at Hope for a Bible study on May 24th at 9:30 am. Please join us. If you have questions, please contact Bernece Rice at 608-868-3265 or Jane Johns at 262-203-1346.

## Thank You

Thank you

David and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful brunch reception on March 18 to honor David and Lester's retirement as custodians.

A heartfelt thank you to the women of the Congregational Life Committee and everyone else who contributed the fabulous food. It was truly a memorable day.

David and Marie Benson

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls Confirmation Group would like to thank everyone that donated to the bake sale on April 15th. Even with the weather, we raised \$320.00 for education in an effort to pay it forward, so future groups of kids may have as great of a Christian Education experience as we have had. The girls and leaders appreciate your support, from purchasing food to baking it. We hope you enjoyed your baked goods.



<b>DATE</b>	<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>Communion Assistant</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Sacristans</u></b>	<b><u>Bread for Both Services</u></b>
<b>06-May</b>	Marie Benson	Jordy Getchel	Les Hartzell Chuck Hansing	Eileen Hansing	Marge Ware	Dave & Nancy Anderson	Jerry Arneson Karl Westlund	Marge Ware
<b>13-May</b>	Patrick Russell	Janet Arndt	Frank Maxwell Al Astin	Pat Parsons	Sherry Barringer	Ron & Pat Parsons	Denise Webb	Pat Parsons
<b>20-May</b>	Stu Bloom	Sonja Pluess	Ken Whitford Karl Westlund	Penni Hoppe	Brian & Penni Hoppe	Gary & Carole Anderson	Larry & Evelyn Preston	Evelyn Preston
<b>27-May</b>	Karl Westlund	Sherry Wille	Ron & Pat Parsons	Linda Blade	Rob Malewicki	Chris & Ryan Lovell	Frank & Mary Maxwell	Jerry Arneson

# May 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		<b>1</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible study @ Hope  11:30 am Staff Lunch	<b>2</b>   6:30 pm 9 Orientation
<b>6</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship With Sunday School Spring Sing  2:00 pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b>  6:00 pm Board of Education	<b>8</b>  1:30 pm Staff Meeting  7:00 pm Ladies Night Out	<b>9</b>
<b>13 Mother's Day</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	<b>14</b>  6:30 pm Building Committee	<b>15</b>  8:00 am Men's Bible Study @MFR  6:30 pm Church Council	<b>16</b>  2:00 pm E
<b>20</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:30 am Friendship Hall in use  3:00 pm Girl Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>27</b>  8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship	<b>28</b>  Office Closed Memorial Day	<b>29</b>  1:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>30</b>

# 2018

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>pm 9th Gr Confirmation ntation</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Synod Assembly</p>
	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Euchre</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p>pm Education Clean Up</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Friendship Hall in use</p>
	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30 am Charily Circle</p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Worship</p>		

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06-May 10:30 AM	Jen Watson	Rebecca Garber	Cliff O'Beirne	Brenda O'Beirne	Rebecca Garber	Jerry Arneson	Jerry Arneson Karl Westlund	Marge Ware
13-May	Paula Yanke	Donna Usher	Kevin Shea	Ann DeWilde	Ken & Karen Holland	Jake & Jeanette Koele	Denise Webb	Pat Parsons
20-May	Donna Usher	Gary Yanke	Brian Benson	Arlene Miland	Carmen Hume	Cliff & Brenda O'Beirne	Larry & Evelyn Preston	Evelyn Preston
27-May	Jen Watson	Julie Lebakken	Randy & Emily Lebakken	Claire Lebakken	Ann DeWilde	Jerry Arneson	Frank & Mary Maxwell	Jerry Arneson

## Lutherdale News

### **Lutherdale Dinners at the Lake**

Meals served 4:30 – 7:00 pm the last Friday of each month April – August. Each week has a new theme and a new menu! Adults \$16 Children 10 and under \$8

### **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 NORWEGIAN BAR**

Baked White Fish w/ Fresh Dill, Authentic Meatballs, Sautéed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Potato Soup, Fresh Bread, Dessert.

### **50 Forward Celebration Day Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 9:30- 4:00**

This event will include presentations from **Rollie Martinson**, Professor Emeritus of Children Youth and Family Ministry. Martinson is a member of the National Council on Family Relations. His works include: *Gearing Up for Youth Ministry in the 21st Century* (1992); *Effective Youth Ministry, A Congregational Approach* (1988); *Bringing Up Your Child and Ministries with Families* (1986); and *A Joyful Call to Ministry* (1982) and **Bob Sitze** retired ELCA staff member, author, church consultant, and grateful old guy. Bob lives and writes in Wheaton Il, where he continues his blog for older adults: [www.fullofyears.org](http://www.fullofyears.org).

- ▶ You are sure to laugh along with our favorite humorist and friend, retired Pastor Larry Kocha.
- ▶ The Lutherdale staff will get you up and moving with music and team building activities.
- ▶ Break out session with the key-note presenters to join in more in-depth conversations
- ▶ Ever considered being a bee keeper? Join Executive Director Jeff Bluhm at the bee hives to learn what bee keeping is all about.
- ▶ Create your own hand-made thinking of you card with Darlene Pieper.
- ▶ Good News and Good Brews! Pastor Andy Fetters will lead a session on home beer brewing!
- ▶ The food is always a hit at Lutherdale. Participate in a hands on learning experience with Chef Mike and get a recipe to take home.

Cost: Only \$20 per person and includes a wonderful lunch prepared by Lutherdale's Chef Mike.

Please call the Lutherdale office at 262.742.2352 to R.S.V.P. or for more information

Join us as we celebrate Elderhood!

## Education News

### **Come to the Sunday School Spring Sing**

It's on May 6, 2018 at the 10:30 am service. The Sunday School children will present their Spring Sing at the beginning of the service. Carleen Courtney and Scott Meyer are teaching songs to the children. All the children are looking forward to sharing their songs with the congregation. After singing, the children will go sit with their families for the worship service. Mark your calendars now for May 6!

### **Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> graders soon to be 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students!**

Orientation for all current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents/guardians will be May 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Roger Black, Marcia Henry and Sue Chwala will give an overview of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation program. Students will write their 1<sup>st</sup> letter to their mentors on this day, so it is important to attend.

This meeting will cover important details of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation program, requirements to be completed, opportunities to grow in your faith as a family, and collection of fees. Confirmation fees will remain at \$95.00. This helps to cover curriculum and materials, the overnight retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp, Rite of Affirmation of Baptism expenses, etc. Scholarships, if needed, are available from the Hope Good Samaritan Fund. Please talk to Pastor Roger or Sue Chwala for Scholarship information.

Important dates to mark on your calendar are the Mentor Gathering on September 9, 2018; Lutherdale Overnight Retreat on Sept. 22 – 23, 2018; and the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism on October 28, 2018 at 10:30 am.

### **Easter Egg Hunt Thank You!**

Our Sunday School and LRE families send many thanks to the members of Hope for their generosity! We received over 1000 filled plastic eggs! Eggs were hidden outside, downstairs and even upstairs for the children to find. Thanks to the members of the Board of Education for organizing the Egg Hunt and to everyone who volunteered to hide the eggs early on Palm Sunday morning. It was a great day!

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School will be July 30 – August 2, 2018. "Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose" is the exciting theme. Jen Watson is the VBS Coordinator.

Volunteers are needed for VBS and can sign up in the narthex or call Jen Watson, VBS Coordinator, 757-8322 or Sue Chwala 868-3680. Areas that need your help are: arts and crafts, snack preparation and kitchen, Bible stories, singing and music, recreation, group guides for each age group, decorating, clean-up, etc. Confirmation students and High school students are encouraged

to volunteer for Vacation Bible School. This will count for Hope service hours and for Silver Cord hours.

### **Notes from your Christian Education Coordinator**

**By Sue Chwala**

Thank you and God's Blessings to everyone who has served as a Sunday School teacher, LRE teacher, Small Group Leader, VBS helper, Mentor, or in any way with the Christian education programs this past year. Hope is so very blessed to have many willing and faithful education volunteers. The Board of Education is showing Hope's appreciation to our Christian Education volunteers by giving them a small gift on the last day of classes. All our volunteers deserve our thanks for giving of their time, talents and faith to our youth.

We are recruiting volunteers for next year's Christian education classes and VBS. Please say yes and sign-up in the narthex or call me for more information. We appreciate the dedication, faith, creativity and enthusiasm of all our volunteers in leading our children on their faith journeys.

### **Christian Education Calendar**

**Sunday School – 9:15 – 10:15 am on Sundays**

April 29 – Wedding at Cana

May 6 – Teacher's Choice and Spring Sing at the 10:30 service

### **8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation**

May 2 – 6:30 pm. For all current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents/guardians. 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation activities run from May to October! Attend to receive calendars, information, Lutherdale Retreat dates, pay fees, etc.

### **Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Space**

July 30 – August 2, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



**Mark Your Calendar for VBS** - Vacation Bible School will be July 30 – August 2. “Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose” is the exciting theme. Jen Watson is the VBS Coordinator. Watch for more information soon!



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| 1 Melinda Maier  | 14 Betty Reed, Morgan Peterson,<br>Marilyn Bittner, Katie Bilz                             |
| 2 Carol Polarski   | 15 Sandy Larson  |
| 3 Coy Kenyon, Scott Meyer  | 16 Bob Wille   |
| 4 Sophia Ellefson  | 17 Margaret Klein, Jane Johns,<br>Bill Arndt, Mason Cresswell,<br>Aria Miller, Tom Johnson |
| 5 Jared Hergert  | 19 Linda Lamont Paula Yanke  |
| 6 John Nelson, Dakota Hall<br>Todd Henry   | 21 Karen O'Rourke, Janet Hughes  |
| 8 Janet Peters, Tonya DeRemer ,<br>Melanie Swanson                                   | 22 David Anderson, Jim Tranter,<br>Maxwell Ellefson  |
| 9 Janet Ellefson, James Watson   | 24 Camryn Jorgensen  |
| 10 Sherry Barrenger  | 25 Chance Nelson   |
| 11 Jacob Stricker, Ryan Gasser,<br>Joey Stivarius                                    | 26 Calvin Kenyon, Matt Maier   |
| 12 Sarah Nelson, Derek Logterman,<br>Samantha Henry, Katy Janisch,<br>Julie Lebakken | 28 Ryan Graff  |
| 13 Lois Mengoni, Martin Hall   | 30 Jaida Hoppe, Karl Hanson<br>Marna Grosenick   |
|  | 31 Becca Albert, Brittany Peterson   |



**Special Birthday Wishes to**

Lois Mengoni	May 13
Margaret Klein	May 17

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