



April 2016

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Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Study - 8:45 a.m.





Pastor Barnes and his family will be moving to Arizona leaving May 1st. Pastor will be conducting his last service at Hope, April 24th. We wish he and his family well and God's blessings.



The greatest surprise about Easter is not that Jesus is alive, risen from the dead, out of the grave, that He conquered death and hell, and comes to meet you as He promised. The greatest surprise is that He did all that and is not angry. There is no fear for us in His return because He is not angry. He bears no grudge. He seeks no vengeance. He comes to give peace, with mercy and forgiveness and salvation.

Jesus lives and is not angry. Imagine that. He is not angry. He doesn't blame those who killed Him. He doesn't blame you. For no one takes His life from Him. He lays it down of His own accord. He gives Himself into death to win us back from sin, death, and hell. He does it willingly without coercion. He does it sacrificially, Him for us. He gave what was His to give. Thus His petition to the Father from the cross, "Forgive them" is granted to you in His resurrection. He comes alive out of death to forgive and to give His life to you.

There is nothing to be afraid of because Jesus is raised from the dead and is not angry. Thus we are free—free from worrying about how to make it up to Him, and free to give as He has given to us. He gave Himself as a gift, His life in exchange for our death, willingly and sacrificially. And so it is that we are now free to give in like manner: willingly, sacrificially, with what we have been given.

We give to the church because it is in the church where our eyes have seen and our ears have heard that Jesus lives and is not angry. It is here where we learn of God's mercy and forgiveness in Christ. It is here where we continually receive that message of life, where He visits us to give peace, with mercy and forgiveness and salvation.

So do not be afraid. Jesus lives, and He is not angry. The sacrifice has been made. The debt is canceled and forgotten. Righteousness is declared. Jesus lives. He lives, and He is not angry. You are restored. You are reconciled to the Father in the Son. Your future is assured: Jesus lives. It is not just death and Hell, the devil and his demons, that are undone. Your sins, your fear are undone. They are gone, forgotten, destroyed. Jesus lives. Hallelujah! Jesus lives. And because He lives, you are just. You are right with God, pleasing and delightful to Him. You are forgiven, clean, pure, holy, and filled with His good works and with His Name. He is not angry. He is glad to have you. He wants you. He loves you. He gave everything that is His to and for you, willingly and sacrificially. In faith and trust in Him, let us do likewise.

Resource: LCMS website



APRIL SUNDAY READINGS

Season	Elder	Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
EASTER	Jim O.	Apr. 3	Second S. of Easter	Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)	Psalm 148	Rev. 1:4–18	John 20:19–31
	Philip P.	Apr. 10	Third S. of Easter	Acts 9:1–22	Psalm 30	Rev. 5:(1–7) 8–14	John 21:1–14 (15–19)
	Gene S.	Apr. 17	Fourth S. of Easter	Acts 20:17–35	Psalm 23	Rev. 7:9–17	John 10:22–30
	Bill A.	Apr. 24	Fifth S. of Easter	Acts 11:1–18	Psalm 148	Rev. 21:1–7	John 16:12–22 <i>or</i> John 13:31–35

SERVING IN APRIL

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte
April 3	Brady G./Daniel O.	Ellie P	Hylton R.
April 10	Charlie & Sandy B.	Judy H	Kenadie G.
April 17	Mike R. / Madeline L.	Connie C.	Hannah R.
April 24	Brandon & Naysha F.	Vivan G.	Lydia O.

Volunteers are needed as Ushers and Greeters, see the sign up poster in the fellowship area.



Celebrating April Birthdays :

April 1 – Brad H.
April 5 – Nolan M.
April 8 - Dennis K.
April 10 – Jan B.
April 11 – Pierrette Mc.
April 16 - Don B./Macy C.

April 17 – Dan M.
April 20 – Jessica B.
April 26 – Megan P.
April 28 – Susan C./Jane H.
April 30 – Bill A./Lizzie F.

April Anniversary

April 14 - James & Leanne S.

Board of Directors Notes:

You, as a member of Hope, always have the opportunity to read the minutes from the monthly Board of Directors meetings. They are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the school. If you would like to have these minutes emailed to you, please send your request to jherbst@allabouthope.org.

In His Service,

Judy H., Secretary, Board of Director



Let's go Bowling.....



When: April 22nd

Where: Skyline Lanes Bowling, 1770 W. Broadway, Idaho Falls

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Please RSVP to Sarah B by April 21st.



In Christ Alone LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering – July 16-20, New Orleans, LA

In Christ Alone

Held every 3 years, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by [LCMS Youth Ministry](#) in Saint Louis, MO.



EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A HIGH SUCCESS - **Thank you to all who took time to prepare for this event.**



April 9 – Bethesda Auxiliary Spring Event in Twin Falls. See the LWML bulleting board for more information or contact Charlotte S. if interested in attending.

April 19 – regular LWML meeting, Host Beth M. and topic by Betty O. Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and Bible study at 7:30 p.m. All ladies welcome.



LWML District Convention

Saved to Serve

April 29 - May 1, 2016

Ogden Comfort Inn Suites

Why would you want to consider coming and bringing a friend?



- Worship - like you've never done before
- Next Biennium Grants - decided during this event
- Bible Study - become refilled with His love, wisdom and grace
- Inspiration - love is all around, starts from God and shares through us
- Fun - to be a part of His plan while enjoying the company of friends
- Christian Book Exchange - who doesn't love to read?
- Sisterhood - a much needed re-bonding together

***AND SO MUCH [MORE](#).

Betty O. is the delegate and Jamie G is the (YWR). More information is on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship area. Please pray that God's work for us will be done.



Plan to attend then LWML Retreat, July 15-17, 2016. Guest speaker: Jan Brunette. More information will be coming.

**Ladies Lunch Gatherings: 11:30 a.m.
April 13th at Perkins**



Food Bank

Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti Noodles



Join Us
this Summer

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is less than six months away and we are well into the planning process already. This summer, during the week of July 25th-31st we will send kids deep underground on a **CAVE QUEST – Following Jesus, the Light of the World.** Kids will come from all over town to experience the gospel of Jesus in exciting ways that are geared just for them.

VBS is one of Hope's biggest hands-on mission projects every year (second only to our day school) and we need all hands on deck to make it happen. In addition to gifted teachers and energetic group leaders, we will need a host of other volunteers to make this program run smoothly. Those positions include:

- Registration Coordinator
- Registration Volunteers
- Event Photographer
- Prayer Warriors
- Childcare (for children of volunteers who are under 3 and too young to participate)
- Supply Coordinator
- Tech Support
- First Aid Administrator
- Snack Coordinator
- Decorators
- Staff Encourager (Volunteer Support Team)
- Skit Characters for Opening and Closing Sessions
- Publicity

In addition to personnel, there is a significant list of supplies we need to make this event everything we hope it will be. This month we are asking people to bring three things we will likely need in the largest quantities:

- Rolls of craft or postal paper (40 rolls is not too many)
- Plastic soft drink bottles (any size)
- Battery operated tea lights (at least 300)

As the weeks draw closer, there will be more that we need and will try to keep you informed of those needs. Please continue to watch the newsletter. Each month we will highlight additional needs and let you know a little more about what we have planned. If you are interested in one of the volunteer



positions listed above (or know someone who might be) and would like more information before you commit, please let me know and I will do my best to describe the responsibilities in greater detail.

Most importantly, we need your prayers. Please pray that we are able to reach kids for the Lord; that they will be excited to bring their friends and share this experience with others. Pray that our volunteers are blessed so that everyone around can see God's light shining through them. And please pray that the Lord's hand work through each of us individually and all of us collectively so that it is truly His will that is done, all for His glory.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to working with you as we go on our **CAVE QUEST**

Enthusiastically in His Service,

Keri Barnes, VBS Director



Annual Lasagna Dinner and Dessert Auction

April 15th, 6:00 p.m.

There is a sign up sheet near the nursery to donate food for the dinner. Proceeds for the evening will go to the family of Rev. Phil Meyer.



HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COLOR RUN

JOIN THE FUN!

APRIL 30TH @ 9 A.M.



A **COLOR RUN** for all!

There is no time limit and you can run, jog, or walk at your own pace. Bring the whole family.

Register Online!

HLSColorRun.eventbrite.com



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Calendar of events plus the Sunday announcements can be found at
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*Submit newsletter items, pictures and information to newsletterathope@gmail.com, by
the third Thursday of each month.*