



HOPE Lutheran
CHURCH **SCHOOL**

March 2016

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Mid – Week Lenten Services

6:00 – Soup and Roll served

7:00 p.m. – Worship service at Hope



Lent is a season of repentance. Repentance is turning away from sin, while we turn toward God for the forgiveness of sins. During Lent, we hear the Word of God and consider our lives in light of it. We confess our failures, and receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, and then commit ourselves to do better.

What does God say about giving to the Church? The Bible tells us. Our giving should be first fruits giving (Genesis 4:4; Proverbs 3:9). Our giving should be regular, on the first day of week, which has the Divine Service in mind (1 Corinthians 6:1–2). Our giving should be proportional: according to our income (1 Corinthians 16:1–2), according to what we have been given (2 Corinthians 8:12; Luke 12:48), our giving should be given with a spirit of eagerness and enthusiasm (2 Corinthians 9:2), generosity and liberality (2 Corinthians 8:20), cheerfully without compulsion (2 Corinthians 9:7). Our giving should be directed to those who teach us (Galatians 6:6–7) because a laborer is worthy of his hire, and we all know the going rate of such laborers in our communities (Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:18).

Now consider your own giving in light of the Bible's teaching. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? Are you giving with eagerness and enthusiasm? Are you giving to your local congregation, sharing all good things with the one who teaches you? If your answer to any of these is "No," then repent. Turn away from your sin and toward God for forgiveness. Confess your failure. Receive absolution. And commit to do better. We know that the Spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. We believe, and we pray that God, through Word and Sacrament, would help our unbelief, our lack of trust in His ability to provide.

And this is precisely what God promises. This is what St. Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:6–15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. Everyone benefits. We will be blessed in our giving, and it will produce thanksgiving to God in those who receive it. Resource: LCMS Website



MARCH SUNDAY READINGS

Season	Elder	Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
LENT	Jim Oloff	Mar. 6	Fourth S. in Lent	Is. 12:1-6	Psalms 32	2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
	Philip Phelan	Mar. 13	Fifth S. in Lent	Is. 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14	Luke 20:9-20
HOLY WEEK	Gene Schroeder	Mar. 20	Palm Sunday <i>Sunday of the Passion</i>	Deut. 32:36-39	Psalms 118: 19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16	Phil. 2:5-11	Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 23:1-56 or John 12:20-43
MAUNDAY THURSDAY	Bill Ash	Mar. 24	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Jer. 31:31-34 or Ex. 12:1-14	Psalms 116: 12-19	Heb. 10:15-25 or 1 Cor. 11:23-32	Luke 22:7-20 or John 13:1-17, 31b-35
GOOD FRIDAY	Bill Ash	Mar. 25	Good Friday	Is. 52:13-53:12	Psalms 22 or Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30
EASTER	Rich Hentzen	Mar. 27	The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunrise	Job 19:23-27	Psalms 118: 15-29	1 Cor. 15:51-57	John 20:1-18

Altar Duties For March 2016

DATE	DUTIES	MEMBER	FLOWERS
March 6	Communion Purple Paraments	Madeline L/Vivan G.	Lolly & Bill M. In honor of Bill's Mothers Birthday
March 9	Midweek Service		
March 13	Fifth Sunday in Lent Check the alter cloth	Marlene S.	
March 16	Midweek Service		
March 20	Palm Sunday Choir Cantata Red Paraments /Banner #8 (left)	Charlotte S/Sarah B.	Brady & Judy H. Palm Branches
March 24	Maundy Thursday Communion White Paraments/Banner #6 Strip Alter	Charlyss L./Cora G.	Palm Branches
March 25	Good Friday Banner #7/ Drape Black Cloth	Judy H.	
March 27	Easter Sunday White Paraments Candelabras Banners #9 (left) & #8	Lolly M./ Marlene S. Dixie T.	Lillies

SERVING IN MARCH

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte
March 6	Brady G./Daniel O. Comm. Ed R.	Nyla P.	Lydia O./Maria S.
March 13	Charlie & Sandy B.	Judy H/	Kenadie G.
March 20	Mike R. / Madeline L.	Connie C.	Hannah R.
March 27	Brandon & Naysha F.	Vivan G.	Johnney/Elle P.



Celebrating March Birthdays :

March 2 – Sandra B./Grace R.

March 9 – Rose B.

March 13 - Jackson H.

March 15 – Charlyss L.

March 16 – Keri B.

March 22 - Ellie P.

March 23 – John T.

March 28 – Mariah S .

March 29 – Jack B.

March 31 – Irene M.

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

Gifts of Hope has Easter cards and gift ideas - drop in before or after service

- great selection of **Easter cards**
- numerous designs and prices for **cross necklaces**
- **stuffed animals**
- **Easter activity books**
- **Easter cake mold and cookie cutters**
- **Wall crosses**
- a variety of **journals**
- many other items



EASTER BREAKFAST



Come join us for the annual

Easter Morning Breakfast

8:15 am April 5, 2015

All proceeds will go towards

2016 National Youth gathering



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

When: Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m., Free to the public.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church and School (soccer field)

Who: All invited ages Birth to 12 years.

If you have questions, please contact the church office (208)529-8080).

Contact Cora G. or the church office for candy and egg donations or helping on Saturday. It's a great community outreach, we get to show off our school and invite them to our Easter morning service.



LWML News and Upcoming Events:

You Are Invited to Our Women's Bible Brunch "Live Like There's No Tomorrow"

Presented by Pastor Jim Von Busch (Grace Lutheran, Pocatello)

Pastor Von Busch, the presenter, will help us discover ways to deal with stress and "Live Like There's No Tomorrow". His thoughts: "At any point in our personal time line we can look back at times and events and experience regret. We can also look to times and events in our future and experience worry. Being preoccupied with these worries and regrets causes stress and steals life. But God's desire is for us to be fully present in the moment. For this reason God grants us grace so that we can trust Him and love others; living each moment by faith in Christ."

When: March 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m., Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 2071 12th St., Idaho Falls 83404

Brunch will be served mid-morning

Cost is \$3.

All women are invited to this
inspirational Saturday event!



²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ...³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6: 27,34

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2016 Hope LWML Mission Grants

Funds we'll raise at next fall's Holiday Fair will go to

- Michael and Beth Ritzman, LCMS missionaries in Papua New Guinea
- Scholarship for a Deaconess in Training
- King's Kids at Trinity, Eden, ID, a children's ministry that runs during the school year. Children of all ages gather for pizza, games, song and Bible study.

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](#).



Food Bank

**Corn Flakes,
Oatmeal (canister)
Peanut Butter**

Ladies Lunch Gatherings: 11:30 a.m.
March 9 – Olive Garden
April 13 – Perkins
May 11 - Sizzler



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



*Easter Cantata - Palm Sunday, March 20
at 10:00 a.m. Come and celebrate the story of Easter with song.*

**Calendar of events plus the Sunday announcements can be found at
www.allabouthope.org**

***Submit newsletter items, pictures and information to newsletterathope@gmail.com, by
the third Thursday of each month.***