



May 2016

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*Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.*

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

Trusting In  
JESUS



May 15, 2016 (after worship service)

Agenda:

- Election of Officers
- The process and progress for calling a new pastor
  - Approval of new 3-4 grade school teacher
  - Report of the four mission focus groups
    - Financial report.



Do we Christians really have to tithe? Are we really under a compulsion to give? Aren't we free? Don't we have a freedom from the law that was purchased for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection?

The problem is that our sinful flesh uses our freedom for selfishness. Christ did not die and rise so that we could give less and do less good work in the world. He died and rose to free us from the compulsion of the Law, to free us from a burden we could not bear.

We are missing the point completely if we use the freedom from the Law that Christ won by His passion, crucifixion, and resurrection to give less, or to do less of any good work. Christ set us free to live in His image of faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. We are free from the Law's condemnation so that we can walk in the good works the Lord has prepared for us.

Our freedom is not given to indulge our sinful and selfish flesh. Our freedom was purchased and won by Christ so that we could serve our neighbors — our family, our society, our church.

As a result, much of your freedom is not a freedom from, but a freedom *to* and *for*. You are not free *from* serving your neighbor. You are free *for* service toward your neighbor—willingly and without compulsion.

You are not free *from* giving to your church; you are freed *to* give to your local congregation in joy, willingly, and without compulsion.

The reason you are free to serve, the reason you are free to give is because of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin He won for you on the cross, which He delivers to you in the Gospel and the sacraments. That is our motivation. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). And since God loves us in this way, by giving us His only-begotten Son so that we do not perish, we also love one another in this way, by giving what we have so that our neighbor does not perish.

If the God who has provided the sacrifice for your eternal salvation, the God who delivers that salvation to you in Holy Baptism, the God who continues to forgive you and show you His faithfulness, if that same God is the one who also promises to give you daily bread and take care of your earthly life, you can trust in Him, even in giving. After all, Jesus Christ is proof that God loves you and will take care of you.

Resource: LCMS website

### MAY SUNDAY READINGS

Season	Elder	Liturgist	Date	Festival	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Easter	Thomas Posio	Bill Ash	May 1	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 16:9–15	Psalms 67	Rev. 21:9–14, 21–27	John 16:23–33 or John 5:1–9
	N/A		May 5	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1–11	Psalms 47	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
	Jim Oloff	Thomas Posio	May 8	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12–26	Psalms 133	Rev. 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20	John 17:20–26
<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>Philip Phelan</b>	<b>Bill Ash</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	<b>Gen. 11:1–9</b>	<b>Psalms 143</b>	<b>Acts 2:1–21</b>	<b>John 14:23–31</b>
	Gene Schroeder	Philip Phelan	May 22	The Holy Trinity	Prov. 8:1–4, 22–31	Psalms 8	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	John 8:48–59
	Thomas Posio	Jim Oloff	May 29 (Prop. 4)	Second S. a. Pentecost	1 Kings 8: 22–24, 27–29, 41–43	Psalms 96: 1–9	Gal. 1:1–12	Luke 7:1–10

### SERVING IN May

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte
May 8	Judy/Brad H.	Vivan G.	Anna St. M.
May 15	Brady G/Daniel O.	Connie C.	Lydia O.
May 22	Brandon & Naysha F.	Sandy B.	Madyson G.
May 29		Ellie P.	Hylton R.

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

### Alter Duties for May

DATE	DUTIES	MEMBER	FLOWERS
May 1	Communion White Paraments Sixth S. of Easter Banners #9 (left) & #8 Check Altar Cloth	Madeline L. Sarah B.	
May 8	Seventh S. of Easter Clean Candle Snuffer	Cora G.	
May 15	Communion The Day of Pentecost Red Paraments Banner #11 (left)	Vivian G. Charlotte S.	
May 22	The Holy Trinity Confirmation Sunday White Paraments Banners #12 (left) & #10	Suzette P. Dixie T.	Confirmation flowers
May 29	Second S. after Pentecost Green Paraments Banners #12 (left) & #13	Lolly M. Ruth T.	Lolly & Bill M. In memory of Todd & In celebration of AJ.'s birthday



**Celebrating May Birthdays :**

**May 1 – Samuel F./ Jordan L./Lindy R.**

**May 2 – Dixie T.**

**May 5 – Sierra F.**

**May 9 - Brandon F.**

**May 12 – Cory P./ Christy P.**

**May 19 – Lydia O.**

**May 21 – Victoria F./Laura R.**

**May 28 – Madyson G.**

***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](mailto:jherbst@allabouthope.org).

In His Service,

Judy H., Secretary, Board of Director

**Note from Parrish Education Director, Betty O.**

Summer is soon here, we will have Sunday School Class for the youth, preschool through sixth grade. We will continue with the Concordia Publishing House lessons through July. There will bible study class for the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, and adult bible classes.

If I am not in the Word regularly, I will not be ready for the bad things that happen and I will not be ready when someone confronts my faith. Remember, Jesus loves us. Let's spend time with the One who wants to bless us so much.

Yours, Betty



When: Saturday, May 7, 2016

Where: Hope Lutheran Church and School Gym

2071 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Time: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Proceeds will go towards our youth attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering this July.



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.



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 13<sup>th</sup> at Perkins**

 <b>Food Bank</b>	<b>Toilet Paper and Bar Soap</b>
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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 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** 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





# Gifts of Hope

*Spring in .....and check it out!*

*Cards - Mother's Day, Birthday, Graduation, Sympathy, Confirmation, Thank You, etc.*

*Home Décor*

*Jewelry*

*Gift Bags and Paper*

*Bibles, Books and Story Books*

*Adult Color Book*

*Ark Puzzle*

*Idaho Playing Cards*

*Journals*

*Stuffed Animals*

**Calendar of events plus the Sunday announcements can be found at  
[www.allabouthope.org](http://www.allabouthope.org)**

***Submit newsletter items, pictures and information to [newsletterathope@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterathope@gmail.com), by  
the third Thursday of each month.***