

FROM OUR PASTOR

Well, it's June and I'm still here. We sure do miss being with you all. We know you are with us in spirit. Constantin is doing well. By the time you read this, he will still have tubes coming out of him. It will be another week or so before those are taken out. Then he will have a few more weeks learning how to live with his new set up. We have been blessed to have a local congregation that we normally attend while in Baltimore come and pick us up for service and bring us back. The fellowship of all the saints is a great thing. You all are in my prayers though I am not with you physically.

Paul writes: Eph 4:1-6 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, (2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, (3) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (4) There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

So we all act together for the benefit of each other in the body of Christ. I cannot be with you as I need to be with my son and wife. Yet the LORD Jesus provided pastors to minister to you in my absence. I do not have you near me here, yet the LORD provides his body here, far away, to minister to my family and myself. It is my prayer that in my absence you continue in all love towards one another, working together as Paul describes above to ministry to one another and to our community at large with the grace, mercy and peace of our LORD Jesus Christ. The LORD be with you all.

God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature is enclosed in a thin, hand-drawn oval.

Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS

The Bible by far is the greatest and best selling book ever written. In 2015 The Guinness Book of World Records stated that the Bible is the best selling book of all time with over 5 billion copies sold and distributed worldwide. The British and Foreign Bible Society in 2021 suggests that the total number probably lies between 5 and 7 billion copies. Unfortunately, the second most published book in the world is the Quran with over 800 million copies printed. Paling in comparison is the Book of Mormon. As of 2020 there were more than 192 million copies of the Book of Mormon printed. The good news is far more people are purchasing the Holy Bible than the Quran and the Book of Mormon combined. However that doesn't necessarily equate to people actually reading the Bible much less fully understanding what they have read. Sadly, far too many Bibles are setting on coffee tables, night stands, or hidden out of sight gathering dust instead of being opened and read. I am baffled as to why so many people refuse to open the Bible much less read the Bible. You would think everyone would want to read the greatest book ever written, especially Christians.

In this wicked and sinful world that we live in, there are many people who are being manipulated and led astray by false prophets. Jesus warned us about such people. There are dozens of such warnings in various Scripture passages. I will quote a few of those passages.

Matthew 7:15 - "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves".

Matthew 24:11 - "And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray".

1 Timothy 6:5 - "And constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain".

2 Timothy 4:3-4 - "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths".

Acts 20:29 - "I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock."

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

It is crystal clear that the numerous Scripture passages about false prophets are warning us to be aware of them and not to let yourself fall prey to their false teachings. It is much easier for someone to fall prey when they are not always sure what the Word of God says.

So what can we do that will help us to distinguish between Biblical truths and non-biblical teachings (falsehoods). God's Holy Word is our one and only source of truth when it comes to His teachings. He has told us everything we need to know. His Holy Word requires no detours and no additional instructions. The road map that He laid out for us is perfect and truthful in every way. It is 100 percent complete and 100 percent factual. As Christians we should make God the number one priority in our life and thus we should spend time praying and reading His Holy Word each day. We should let God's Word strengthen us and renew us not just on Sunday morning but everyday of the week. We should not only read it, but we should live by it and obey it in all that we do. The more we understand His Word the better equipped we are in recognizing the non-biblical teachings of false prophets. But even our daily Bible reading at home is not enough. We need to hear the Word of God preached by Pastor Williams and to dive deeper into the Word by attending Pastor Williams Bible Study. The more we read the Word of God, the more we hear the Word of God, the more we study the Word of God, the more we will understand the Word of God, and the more that we understand the Word of God the better equipped we will be at identifying and rebuking false prophets and their non-biblical teachings. Let us gather together not only in church but also in Bible Study after church. You will not only enjoy the fellowship but you will be amazed at how much you learn as we dive deeper into God's Holy Word with Pastor Williams at the helm.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Merchant
Chairman

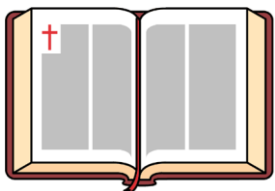
Your Board of Elders:

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:



June 5 th	<i>"We Are Not Alone"</i>
June 12 th	<i>"Church, Family, and the World"</i>
June 22 nd	<i>TBD</i>

June 29th

TBD

Come and join us! We meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

Cards for Constantin

If you would like to send a card or letter to Constantin while he recuperates, you can send them to:

Constantin Williams
c/o The Children's House
1915 McElderry St
Baltimore, MD 21205

Love Kids?

Hope Lutheran Chapel is looking for three (3) persons to staff "Lambs of Hope Preschool/Daycare" **These are paid positions for a** license-exempt child care facility in the State of Missouri, certified for 49 children. Hours will be determined and will require some flexibility and are Monday – Friday between 6 am to 6 pm. Must be great with children and pass a background check, TB test and get first aid and CPR certified. Pay TBD depending on experience. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact Debbie Thompson (573) 317-0126 or (573) 745-0952, or the church office, 348-2108.

Looking for a Director and 2 staff. If you or someone you know loves kids and might be interested, please let them know. We need to fill these positions as soon as possible.

2022 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office or Kathy Wiese know and we will put it on the calendar.

PRAYER CHAIN

*PRAY for one
another
James 5:16*

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

Ladies Guild News

All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our Summer Outing on Tuesday, June 7th, at 11 am. We will be meeting at Yankee Peddler Tea Room at 11 am or at the church at 10:30 am. We will be ordering off the menu.

At our last meeting, those in attendance voted to disband from the LWML at this time. ***We are still a guild and still have responsibilities around the church***, but we no longer have the LWML guidelines and requirements to worry about. *We will continue to collect mites* but a portion will no longer be sent onto Zone, District and National. They will stay here at Hope Chapel for the missions we decide on. Right now, our main mission is Christmas is Sharing.

Also there will not be a rummage sale this year. We are going to do Junk in the Trunk instead on Saturday, September 17th.

If you have any questions, call 573-348-2108 or email
office@hopelutheranchapel.org.

Kathy Heinemann
President

GIFT/CARD SHOP

The Card Shop is located off the narthex on the landing at the top of the stairs to the lower level.

Graduation and confirmation cards are in the racks. Also shower, wedding, baby congratulations and the usual get well, sympathy, anniversary, birthday and thinking of you cards for a reasonable price. A Child's garden of bible stories is a classic each story is only 2 short pages. Minutes of devotions and Christian living. We also have different cross items for your selection.



Proceeds benefit Hope Chapel, if you have a special need or request, please let us know.

*Doris Meyer, 346-7681
Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild*

Lutherans for Life

Greetings in the name of Jesus, protected and cared for by His earthly father Joseph,

As we observe Father's Day this month, it is important to *acknowledge and celebrate* the critical role of fathers in the life of the family and especially their children. Unfortunately, some fathers are forgotten as will be seen in the excerpts from the following article by Jean Amundson entitled *Don't Forget the Men!*:

"Don't forget the men!" This is a phrase heard frequently from post-abortive men.

"In many situations, when the birth father is made aware of the abortion, he is devastated. He wonders why he was not made aware of the pregnancy and why the birth mom decided to abort the pregnancy. ...After participating on a panel at a Lutherans For Life conference a few years ago, a man came up to me and said, "Don't forget the men." He shared that his girlfriend had an abortion and didn't tell him about it until quite a while afterward. He was crushed.... Another time a man cried in my arms---it was quite emotional. He said several years ago he had a girlfriend who was pregnant with his child who chose to abort it.... A post-abortive grandfather shared that when his daughter was a teenager, she became pregnant. His wife and daughter chose to abort the baby over his objection. He is still grieving for the loss of the grandchild he never knew.....

"Don't forget the men!" God doesn't and neither should we!" (Jean Amundsen, retired LFL Regional Director of Texas, LifeDate Fall 2019)

God calls fathers to be protectors and defenders of the family. In a "National Review" article some time ago, Pope Francis recognized the importance of fathers by asking what about the man? What are his responsibilities? What should we expect of him? What should he be living up to? Pope Francis suggests Joseph is a model of a guardian who protects mother and child. Also, in answer to those questions, there's a rallying cry letter to men by

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, of Phoenix, called "Into the Breach". Bishop Olmsted calls his letter a "*clarion call and clear charge*". He writes:

"Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real."

"He points to Joseph in emphasizing that fatherhood does nothing short of changing history. In the Gospel according to Matthew, he notes that where "Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers," there were (42) fathers who lead up to Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus. He quotes John Paul II about the essential nature of fatherhood:

"In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God (cf. Eph 3:15), a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family: he will perform this task by exercising generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother, by a more solicitous commitment to education, a task he shares with his wife, by work which is never a cause of division in the family but promotes its unity and stability." (National Review, 2021)

Let's remember and celebrate fathers and encourage them in the roll to which God has called them!

In Christ,
Sylvia Glenn

Lutherans For Life Ministry Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP



What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the

Apostles' Creed in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed's First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship
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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.

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 :)

Lambs of Hope Helpers – Call Jessica Hood or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include but are not limited to: cooking lunch and/or snacks, shopping, reading or crafts with the kids. Jessica could also use someone to sit with the kids while they nap so staff can have a break.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY



Office Secretary Hours for June:

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

ACTION TEAMS!

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial?

Then you have access to \$500 a year to help Hope, Lambs of Hope, the Senior Center and others in the community with Thrivent Action Teams!

Benefit Members can lead 2 Action Teams per calendar year.

Associate Members can lead 1 Action Team per calendar year with a maximum of three.

Need Help, just ask!

We have 4 members knowledgeable about Action Teams:
Jerol Laughlin, Doris Meyer, Gene Scheiter, and Kathy Heinemann

Possible Action Teams that the Hope Chapel office is aware of:

- ♥ 2022 Junk N Trunk - September 17th
- ♥ OBSC Aging with Marge Matinee - July 26th
 - ♥ Swaddling Clothes - any month
- ♥ Lambs of Hope - Staff Shirts and/or Kids shirts for Summer Camp

Medical Missions for Christ is starting The Shepherd's Keep, a central repository where donated medical supplies and equipment are made available. Inventory is on their webpage www.mm4c.org under Shepherd's Keep link or call 346-7777.

Emails and newsletters are still being sent out on Friday's. If you were receiving them and not suddenly, please let the office know. You might also check your Spam and/or Junk folder as they might be diverted to those folders.



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)

"Empty Inkjet Cartridges" – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

"ALUMINUM CANS" – LADIES GUILD MISSIONS

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)

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