

FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Hope Lutheran Chapel,

I just want to thank you for your love, care, generosity and prayers for myself and my family especially over the next two months. As you know Christiana, Constantin and I will be in Baltimore almost all of May and June as Constantin has his surgery and recovers from it. Because of the nature of his surgery he cannot be more than an hour from the hospital during this time while he is healing from his surgery and learning how to live with his corrective surgery and all that goes with it.

I think of St. Paul and how he begins many of his letters with thanksgiving to God for the congregations he ministered to for their faith in Christ and their love for him. I truly feel the same way for all of you.

There will be two retired pastors who will be preaching and teaching bible study on Sunday mornings. Please come on these Sundays and show them the same love and respect you show for me. You still need to hear God's Word and receive Christ's Sacrament for the perseverance of your faith, for the growth of your faith and the adding knowledge to you faith. I'm sure they will do things in their own way which you may not be used to but will be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ's teaching. They will use for Bible Study the Lutheran Spirituality Series which we used earlier. This time we will be covering community and how it relates to our spirituality as Lutherans. I hope you will be edified by it. You probably will not finish each lesson every Sunday so finish up at home what wasn't covered in class.

We will be praying for all of you while we are gone. We pray you will be praying for us, for Constantin's surgery, his doctors and staff, for our safety in Baltimore, and for the kids at home who will be taken care of by Christina's parents and Gui Jr..

God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature is enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. Below the signature, the name "Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr." is printed in a serif font.

Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS

We sure could use a little good news today! In 1983 Anne Murray released her hit song "A Little Good News". The lyrics in the first stanza are:

I rolled out this morning
Kids had the morning' news show on
Bryant Gumbel was talkin' 'bout the fighting in Lebanon
Some senator was squawkin' 'bout the bad economy
It's gonna get worse you see, we need a change in policy

Sadly the bad news being song about in this song such as crime, drugs, murders, economy, etc. are still occurring not only in our country but in countries around the world. There are very few good news stories to report. It appears that not much has changed today. Around the world wars are still being fought, innocent men, women, and children are still being savagely killed, drugs are more dangerous and widespread than ever before, and more and more people around the world have turned their back on God.

Where do you get your good news from? If you are listening to a commentator on television, radio, or reading your favorite publication then you are looking in all the wrong places. If you are looking for good news you don't have to look hard when you look in the right place.

I heard a preacher once say that you don't have to worry about tomorrow because the God we serve is the God who holds tomorrow. God doesn't want us to let the troubles of the world discourage and depress us; rather he wants us to draw encouragement, strength, and peace through His Holy Word. In these times of trials and tribulations we must continue to focus on the one true source of good news and that is the Word of God. We must hold fast to His many promises and not let the sinfulness and evil that is all around us frighten and discourage us. As Christians we know what our future holds and no one can take that from us.

Philippians 4:6-7 tells us "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

Philippians 4:8 tells us "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things".

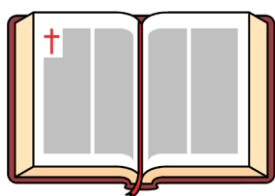
In these trying times it is more important than ever for us to attend church. God wants us to draw encouragement, strength, and peace through His Holy Word that is being preached by Pastor Williams every Sunday morning, and to be further encouraged and strengthened even more by attending Pastors Bible Study classes. The more time we spend in Church spending time with our Lord the less time we will have to worry about the troubles of the world.

Come let us attend church and Bible Study so we can rejoice together in the Lord and let Him fill our hearts with joy, peace, and tranquility so that no matter what troubles today or tomorrow may bring we will be better equipped to deal with them.

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:

May 1 st	<i>Jude</i>
May 8 th	<i>"Where Christ Is, There Is the Church"</i>
May 15 th	<i>"The Lord's Giving – Our Receiving"</i>
May 22 nd	<i>"Fellowship as Partaking"</i>
May 29 th	<i>"The Gift and Service of the Pastor"</i>
June 5 th	<i>"We Are Not Alone"</i>
June 12 th	<i>"Church, Family, and the World"</i>

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

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

Welcome to Joyce Trost for joining the prayer chain team. We appreciate her commitment to the Prayer Chain. And Thanks to all of you faithful prayer chain members! You are truly appreciated. Many are so thankful that we have a prayer chain to offer requests and thanksgivings to the Lord. 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

LWML Ladies Guild News



All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 11 am in the meeting room. We will be discussing the 2022 activities.

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

Lutherans for Life

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Risen Savior!

From [Focus on the Family President Jim Daly](#):

"As we eagerly await the Supreme Court's decision in the Mississippi 15-week heartbeat case, activists around the country have been working feverishly with

liberal state legislatures to enshrine unfettered access to abortion rights in their states.

I believe it's a harbinger of the fight to come – and compared to what we've seen the last half-century, it'll be a battle unlike any in the last fifty years.

Activists in my own state of Colorado have just pulled off a devastating legislative victory by passing the most radical abortion bill in the country. The new law allows for abortion at any point of a pregnancy – right up to delivery. No questions asked. The draconian legislation even went so far as to strip pre-born babies of any and all human rights. Colorado's legislation puts our state's disregard for preborn life on par with North Korea and China.

It's wicked. It's evil. And it's now law in the Rocky Mountain state.

Focus on the Family joined other pro-life groups in lobbying vociferously against the legislation. The liberal state legislature forced us to wait until the wee hours of the morning to testify. Abortion-friendly lawmakers sat stone-cold silent as we warned about the bill's dangers and its inherent inhumanity.

C.S. Lewis said good and evil both increase at compound interest. Indeed, this wickedness has come slowly and over time – but now it's also coming all at once. You cannot discount life without reaping horrific consequences.

Lewis also presciently observed back in the early part of the twentieth century that “The greatest evils in the world will not be carried out by men with guns, but by men in suits sitting behind desks.”

That's precisely what happened up in Denver, and is happening anywhere state legislatures, fearing the coming Dobbs' ruling, are doing.

No matter how the Court rules in the coming weeks or months, convictional Christians must be ready to respond because the outcome of the decision will stoke deep emotions. Our neighbors, friends, and even family members may be angry, confused, and worried, especially if Dobbs is upheld and Roe is overturned. In contrast, we need to be calm, courageous, and equipped.

This is a kairos moment for Christian families (along with their pastors and churches) to step up efforts in showing compassionate pro-life care for women facing unexpected pregnancies and advocating for the protection of preborn babies. It is not enough to vote for pro-life candidates or hold personal pro-life values. The Body of Christ must take action, come alongside women in unplanned pregnancies and support pregnancy resource centers as a better alternative to abortion providers.

As a ministry, Focus on the Family is leading the way in speaking out in favor of life and in opposition to pro-abortion legislation. Through our work with pregnancy resource centers, we're showing how compassionate pro-life care spares women from the pain and regret of abortion and saves the lives of innocent preborn babies. It also presents us with the opportunity to educate the public that pro-life care extends to helping children in the foster care and adoption system.

Our ultimate goal is to make abortion unthinkable and life so attractive that women will make the right choice and affirm and embrace God's beautiful gift of life."

Lutherans For Life joins Mr. Jim Daly and many other life-affirming Christians in calling for prayer and action at this crucial time. Won't you join us? NOW is the time!

In Christ,
Sylvia Glenn

Lutherans For Life Ministry Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP



Living Sacrifices

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area then we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game that we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way.

This is why our Lord warns: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." (Matthew 23:23) We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have.

And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this

world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1–2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that and think that we have done what God has required. Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us. Not one for the other but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God. And, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9–13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection. Through this, we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

– 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.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? You can now help raise money for Hope Chapel missions by using the Amazon Smile program when you make regular purchases. Just use this address to get started:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2902165>

For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

STAMP COLLECTING – Part of our collections is cancelled stamps. The LWML collects these for missions. There is a container on top of the coat racks off the narthex to drop these off in. Our collection will be taken to the LWML Rally's and our Zone President will deliver them for us.



The guidelines are:

- **Cut** the stamps from the envelopes with a margin of no less than 1/4 inch around the stamp.
- **Do** save all foreign stamps.
- **Do** save all commemorative stamps that are larger than the standard size.
- **Do** save all stamps with a value of \$1 or more.
- **Do** save entire postcards.
- **Do not** save small forever, common, air mail, postage due presort or other small size stamps *unless they are \$1 or more, or have a plate number.*



They basically need to be special or unique in some way – not your everyday little postage stamp.



Office Secretary Hours for May:

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



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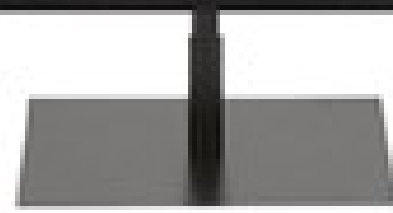
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PATIENCE

Kindness
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Gentleness
SELF-CONTROL



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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