July 2022 VOL. 21 No. 7

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

1Co 12:22-27 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, (23) and on those parts of the



body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, (24) which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, (25) that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. (26) If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. (27) Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Well I hope in my absence in May and June perhaps this passage may have come to have new meaning or emphasis for you all. While I was gone and taking care of Constantin in Baltimore, two pastors came to preach, teach and administer the sacraments so you would not be without a pastor. While we were in Baltimore we were ministered to by a congregation and a pastor there. More than that, the pastor there caught covid one week and needed someone to preach and administer the sacraments for him and his congregation. Due to a large number of deaths of retired pastors over the last couple of years and the vacancies in Baltimore there was really no one he could get to do this. But the LORD provided for me to be there and I was able to step in and help him and the congregation in their moment of need. So the LORD truly does provide for us.

Hopefully some of you took advantage of the bible study led by Reverends Alter and Gallagher on the Church and the part we all play in it together. When one part of Christ body is weak, then those who are strong support it. When those parts of the body of Christ rejoice, we get to rejoice with them also.

But this also goes to individual members. We are a church family. That was a common theme I heard here when I first got here. Each one of us is called to look after the well being of the other. We are called to lift one another up and help provide what is lacking in the other. I know my family and I certainly appreciate the congregation stepping up while we were gone and taking care of us. I hope you know how much this means to us. May the LORD Jesus Christ continually guide us with his Holy Spirit to continue in this vein and have us be a body of believers

who see each other as brothers and sisters in Christ and members of the same body.

God Bless!

Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

# **ELDERS**

As a kid growing up in rural Alabama I have many fond memories of attending church and Sunday School. I especially liked those Sundays where we had Dinner on the Ground. It was a real treat to get to eat so many varieties of food. They were all mouth watering delicious!

I am thankful to my mother Mattie for bringing me up in the church. Like her mother before her she was a Godly woman who loved and served the Lord. My Uncle Thomas (Buddy) was our preacher and my Aunt Inez was my Sunday school teacher. I remember my aunt teaching us Bible stories and having us memorize Bible verses. She would periodically quiz us on what we had learned. Sort of like a spelling bee but a Bible bee. If we spend enough time memorizing Bible passages we will eventually be able to recite them, but that doesn't necessarily equate to fully understanding their meaning. However, it does provide a starting point.

Regardless of what the subject matter is there is always a starting point. I remember when I started college the courses I initially signed up for started with the number 101 which meant they were introductory. As my starting point they helped prepare me for the more advanced level courses. By no means of the imagination was I a subject matter expert upon successfully completing the introductory courses. But rather a mere novice. If I had any aspirations of becoming more than a novice I would have to continue my quest for knowledge by completing the follow-on courses. The same holds true for Biblical teachings. Many churches offer Sunday School classes for various age groups to include adults.

The Biblical teachings and Bible verse memorization that I learned in Sunday School was my starting point and served as my introductory to the Bible, and as such laid the foundation that helped prepare me for more in-depth learning as I aged and matured. Unlike children who outgrow age level Sunday School classes, us adults shouldn't look at Adult Bible Study as something we outgrow or eventually graduate from. But rather we should view it as a lifelong commitment

of studying and learning God's Holy Word. By doing so we can draw closer to Him. We can become more knowledgeable, more equipped, more prepared, and more attuned as to how we should live our lives in accordance with God's will.

There are many references to the importance of Scripture in the Bible. For example:

2 Timothy 3:14-17 - "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

Romans 15:4 - "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Psalm 119:11 - "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

If God thinks the study of His Holy Word is that important for our Spiritual well being then so should we. If we want to be more like Christ then we need to be obedient to His teachings. To be obedient to His teachings we need to understand His teachings. To fully understand His teachings we not only need to hear the Word of God preached by Pastor Williams but we need to study the Word of God as taught by Pastor Williams in Bible Study Class. Bible study provides us with another great opportunity for Spiritual growth.

The more we hear and study the Word of God the more grounded we become in His Word. When faced with trials and tribulations we can draw strength, encouragement, peace, comfort, etc from His Holy Word. Let us draw nearer to our Lord as we study His Holy Word together.

Yours in Christ,

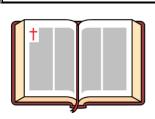
Mike Merchant
Chairman

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.

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

#### 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.

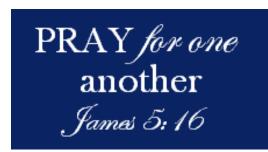
# **2022 FELLOWSHIP**

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.

Hosting Lake Area Community Orchestra - Volunteers are needed for Hope Chapel to host the Lake Area Community Orchestra performance scheduled for Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Walter Sokoll building. We annually host LACO, and need volunteers to set up the building, distribute refreshments to visitors, collect voluntary donations, and help with promotion. A Thrivent Action Team has been approved, which will provide \$250 for promotion, refreshment costs, other costs and contribution to LACO. Hope Chapel has sponsored the LACO for several years now, and it is a popular community event. Volunteers should contact Kathy Heinemann at church (573)348-2108 Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 12:00 or Gene Scheiter at (573)410-729 or genes@usmo.com.

BBQ Picnic! **Join us on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for a BBQ picnic** hosted by the Wiese's. It will be at the pavilion. There will be a sign up sheet on the credenza to sign up to attend and/or bring a dessert or side.

# PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer chain requestion, 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 <u>CAN NOT</u> reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108

#### **Ladies Guild News**

Our next meeting is the first Tuesday in September at 11 am. We will be finalizing the details for Junk n the Trunk. All ladies are invited to join us.

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.

We have in the racks: 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, who brings joys to all the "whatevers" of life,

God loves each person dearly and gives value to each person, not because of that person's ability or lack thereof. Each person has value because God created that person, Jesus died for that person and the Holy Spirit sustains that person. The following article by Sandra Brese Rice illustrates how the Bethesda Lutheran Communities reinforces that value that God bestows on each person:

God's Word for Whatever - Bethesada Lutheran Communities - Lutherans For Life

"Okay, I'll admit it; I'm a Hallmark movie junkie! Any time I watch I can count on a happy ending, and almost every scene in every movie is predictable. As a matter of fact, they are so predictable that my BINGO boards I made and distributed to friends during one Christmas season were a huge hit! I would get texts from them saying "almost kiss!" or "there is a prince!" regularly throughout December. Happy endings. Predictable lives. Not exactly the norm; not even close.

"Now, I realize that bad things happen in this world; sin shows its ugly face often. But why can't we just be nice to each other? Why do we hurt each other? Why do we leave people out? I'm not sure living inside a Hallmark movie would be the best thing for us, but there are times I do wonder how life would be if it were a bit more predictable. It would be nice if, when things don't go our way, our response of "whatever" was a positive response and not said as if we were deflated or discouraged. What if our "whatever" wasn't muttered with disgust but rather spoken with the joy of Jesus?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

"At Bethesda Lutheran Communities, we not only support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full lives in the workplace and community, we also support people in their faith. We work hard to make sure every person supported by Bethesda has a sense of belonging and knows how to praise God in all sorts of "whatevers." A perfect example of this faith journey is Alana.

"Alana first came to Bethesda not even knowing what a church was, and a few years later she was confirmed in Christ. What a story! It is certainly worthy of praise! To view her story, go here: youtu.be/2OAFhhZmz5w.

"Alana reminds us to celebrate life, for we are all fearfully and wonderfully made and we all belong in the Body of Christ.

"For more information about Bethesda, go to BethesdaLC.org. If you have any questions regarding disability awareness or disability ministry, email us at ReligiousLife@BethesdaLC.org." (Sandra Brese Rice, God's Word for Whatever, LifeDate Fall, 2019)

# God gives value to every person He has created, redeemed and sustains. Celebrate life!

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For confidential postabortion *referral, counsel, and reconciliation* call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.

In Christ, Sylvia Glenn Lutherans For Life Ministry Coordinator

# **STEWARDSHIP**



#### **New Testament Standard Giving**

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: "How much should I give?" Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions

vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus' substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God's favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments.

The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God's favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been "breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, "What should I give?" with the question, "What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?"

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

"At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do." (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the "Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him — blessing us with the riches of heaven — so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us — like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame — likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God's giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: <a href="lcms.org/stewardship">lcms.org/stewardship</a>ministryresources

#### **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 July:

Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.

#### **New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:**

Newsletter Articles – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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 <a href="https://www.mm4c.org">www.mm4c.org</a> 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
"Empty Inkjet Cartridges" – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

"ALUMINUM CANS" - LADIES GUILD MISSIONS

#### CANS FOR CHARITY PROGRAM

Hope Ladies Guilds Cans For Charity program has raised \$533 (82% of the total for 2021) in the first 6 months of 2022. While an increase in recycling fund rates is a significant factor, the increase in the amount of funds for Christmas Is Sharing is certainly a plus. We have several sources that

regularly save and donate cans to us, but we could use more volunteer help for the process. If you can help, please contact Kathy Heineman at church or Gene Scheiter at 573-480-0251 or genes@usmo.com.

# **Daily Devotions**

Our Pastor publishes daily devotions on our website, facebook, twitter, and linkedin.

Visit our website: <a href="www.hopelutheranchapel.org">www.hopelutheranchapel.org</a>
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

#### Acknowledgments

Some clipart used is from www.christart.com others from Microsoft and other royalty free sites.

5709 Osage Beach Parkway Osage Beach, MO 65065 Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Hope Lutheran Chapel

Rev. Guillaume J.S. Williams, Sr. ~ 573-286-3427 Church Office ~ 573-348-2108 E-Mail: office@hopelutheranchapel.org Website: www.hopelutheranchapel.org

Service Schedule 11 a.m. Fellowship :20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Communion Worship Service 11:20 a.m.

Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.

Communion 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

# **July 2022**