



# The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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July 2024

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

An Altar in the World  
Thursdays @1 p.m.



*Hope's Thursday Bible Study is temporarily on hold.*

Pastor Christie is dealing with her 99 year old grandmother, who is in Hospice care and near death. She will send a notice when the study will resume. Please add **Mary Emrick** and Pastor's family to your prayers.

## MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY BETTER!



All occasion cards are available for many different holidays and situations to show the friend or family member you care. **The card assortment was moved to the coatroom above the mailboxes.** And the beautiful prayer shawls in the Narthex/Lobby, so loving made,, are ready to put a warm smile on

someone's face.

**Carmen Hasdorff**

## GET CONNECTED TO HOPE!

Ever want more information about what is happening at Hope? There are many ways to get connected to Hope's activities. Check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hopeonbluerock> - and be sure to like us and check in! Also check Hope's website regularly <https://www.hopeonbluerock.org> for information on events, ways to make donations, a handy up-to-date Google calendar, photo albums, and much more!



**Pastor Christie**

*Hope Lutheran Church has Inspired Worship every Sunday morning at 10 am. - in person and online @ [www.hopeonbluerock.org](http://www.hopeonbluerock.org) Click on Facebook or Youtube at the bottom of the homepage. All persons are invited to attend.*

## HOPE WELCOMES 'GATHER CINCINNATI'

Sunday, July 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Worship



Hope is excited to welcome the group **Gather Cincinnati** for dinner and worship on July 14. **Gather** is a faith community of young adults from around Cincinnati. The group is ELCA affiliated, but welcomes people from all faith traditions. **Gather** is not a church but does have connections to young adults who attend churches throughout Greater Cincinnati.

**Gather** is a space for anyone who identifies as a young adult and...

- Who doesn't have other young adults at their church
- Isn't closely tied to their church
- Who is involved in their church and wants to meet new people and connect their young adult community to other young adults throughout Greater Cincinnati.
- Who might not jive with traditional church
- Who want to ask questions and dive deeper together
- Who may have had a hard time finding a church to connect with.

All Hope members and friends who are young adults are very welcome to attend this dinner & worship on July 14, and any other **Gather** activities.

For more information, visit <https://www.firstlutherancincy.org/gathercincy>  
<https://www.facebook.com/flccincy/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/firstlutherancincy/>

If you are interested in helping to provide or serve the meal on July 14 at 5:30, contact **Karen Schweinfest** [kschweinfest@gmail.com](mailto:kschweinfest@gmail.com)



## JULY THANK YOUS AND NEWS

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, get well cards and get well gifts. I would like to thank the following members who were taking care of my altar duties. The names are **Jerry Ivins, Sue Kelbley, Nan Davis, Eva McMasters, Bea Zimmer, Pat Speeg, Butch Royse, Chuck and Carmen Hasdorff.** Thank you to **Judy Royse** for making the communion bread. **Ruth Oehler**

## IN REMEMBRANCE

It is indeed with heavy hearts that we remember **K.C. Kless**, a young dedicated family man who fought valiantly against a cancerous brain tumor and worked to leave his family in a good straits at his passing. He and his wife **Rachel** are the loving parents of two children, **Sam** (12 years old) and **Miranda** (4 years old). As Latin teachers **K.C.** and **Rachel** were very involved with many related organizations. In addition he trained to become a yoga instructor, and while he was able to sing in our Praise Band, started a yoga class after their practice on Mondays and continued teaching the class online during the Covid pandemic. He served on Hope's council as Outreach Committee Chair and started an online non fiction book club. His vitality for life will certainly be missed at Hope!



## THANK YOU

I am so full of gratitude to all of you who have helped to support my family this past week. For those who do not know, my grandmother, **Mary Emrick** is (as I write this) in the final stages of her life on this earth. She is a beautiful person who has had a strong faith and great love for others throughout her 99 years of life.

This past week, several Hope members and friends rallied together to offer a wonderful time of fellowship and worship, allowing me to spend more time caring for my grandmother and supporting my mother. My mom, **Susie**, and I, are both so grateful to all of you for your support and prayers. We are so blessed by our Hope Family. Thank you all. –

**Pastor Christie**

## OUR INDOOR/OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

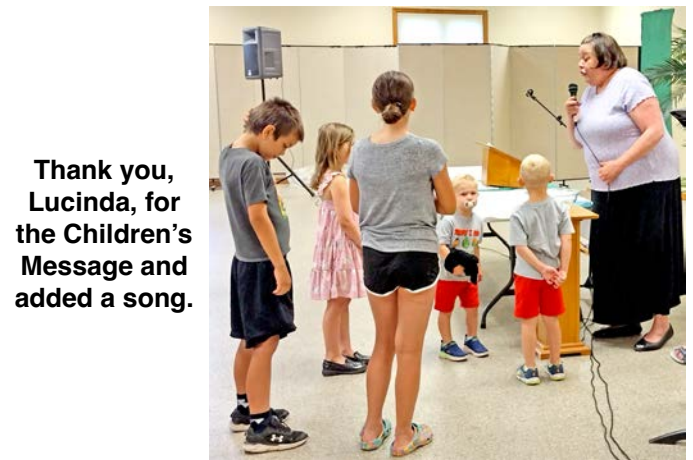
On Sunday June 23 due to the heat wave that hit our area during the week prior to our annual Outdoor Worship Service in the Meditation Garden, it was moved indoors to the Fellowship Hall.

**Pastor Christie** was with her family in Indiana as her 99 year old grandmother was nearing the end of her life here on earth. With her absence, several members assumed the various roles to present a relaxed worship of readings, prayers and songs. Those attending enjoyed cool drinks and cookies as they sang their praises to God for the beautiful world we inhabit

Below are a few pictures from that service.



**The service opening:**



**Thank you, Lucinda, for the Children's Message and added a song.**

**The Indoor service was well attended.**



**Thank you to Judy Royse for the pictures.**



## WOMEN HELPING OTHERS AND OURSELVES

The women's group gathered at Kreimer's Bier Haus on June 27 to share a meal and had a delightful time enjoying really great food and conversation.



**Debbie Schrader** has invited the women to a pool party at her house (5675 River Road, Fairfield, OH 45014) on July 17th at 6 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage. We always have a great time talking with one another.

**Kathy Mushaben**

## JOYOUS JULY BIRTHDAYS

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Dale Renner    | 25 Crystal Beneker      |
| Nan Davis        | Erin Krieg              |
| Ron Thatcher     | Boaz Williams           |
| 5 Brian Byrne    | 26. Karen Eichelbrenner |
| 7 Susan Cowan    | 29 Julia Beagle         |
| 8 Kathy Mushaben | Katie Gundrum           |
| 9 Miles Chaney   | 30 Jeanne Fuller        |
| 15 Cathy Klayer  |                         |
| 18 Kathi Boland  |                         |
| 19 Joe Millard   |                         |
| Dylan Vogelsang  |                         |
| 21 Ben Millard   |                         |
| 23 Trinny Toth   |                         |



## SON MINISTRIES

During March SON distributed food to 185 households which represents 436 adults and 234 children for a grand total of 670 persons.



**Make note the "Simply Giving" program for SON at Meijer's in Stone Creek will return during July and into August. Purchasing the Simply Giving card there to donate money will benefit SON all year long.**

*In the Narthex bins at Hope marked SON, we collect food and personal care items plus paper grocery and plastic bags for distribution.*



**Judy Royse** has been busy once again making sure our church entrance reflects the season. **Bea Zimmer** helps to keep the flowers watered. **Thank you ladies!**

Also we appreciate that **Gretchen Dille** runs our bulletin copies with **Sue Kelbley** as her back up.

**Hope is so fortunate so many are willing to work together to make our church run smoothly.**

## NEW NURSERY ATTENDANT



Meet **Becky Sparks**, our new nursery attendant. She has worked for Yellow Brick Road Child Care in our church building for the last 3 years and loves children. She is mother to 9 children at her home (including 2 year old twins) and yet still is excited to watch our young ones during the worship service.

## NEED FISHING ADVICE? SEE SAM!

**Sam Kless** (age 12), has become quite the fisherman. See his recent catch !

If asked he would love to share his experience and tell you all about it.

It is a certainly good his family likes to eat fish!



## HELLO NEIGHBORS,

SON Ministries appreciates your responses to our requests. Our clients and staff are grateful for your food. In May we served 670 people with 10,050 meals!

If you wish to donate in July, we could use saltines. These are given with our soups. :)

Thank you for your giving spirit!

Happy 4th of July! 🕶️

**Jo Dossenback**, SON Ministries, President  
513-385-1793

*“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.”*

C.S.Lewis

Contributed by **Jeanne Fuller**

## HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

May 2024



### General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,888.68	\$ 3,462.44
Revenues	\$ 8,932.00	\$ 113,124.15
Expenses	\$ 16,271.11	\$ 105,628.52
Transfers In	\$ 262.50	\$ 11,237.52
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,383.52
Ending Balance	\$ 812.07	\$ 812.07

### Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$17,784.94	\$ 6,033.78
Transfers In	\$ .....0.00	\$ 16,775.00
Interest Income	\$ .16	\$ .32
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,024.00
Ending Balance	\$17,785.10	\$ 17,785.10

### Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,628.92	\$ 2,006.93
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 3.57	\$ 17.04
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 391.48
Ending Balance	\$ 1,632.49	\$ 1,632.49

### Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,043.81	\$ 4,400.43
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,608.52
Interest Income	\$ 19.85	\$ 54.71
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,063.66	\$ 9,063.66

### Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 55,643.93	\$ 54,772.24
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 216.44	\$ 1,088.13
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 55,860.37	\$ 55,860.37

Chris Arany, Treasurer

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 13, 2024



### ◆Ron Long, Financial Secretary:

Total receipts for May were \$8,392.00. Yellow Brick Road Child Care is paying an additional \$300 a month for use of another room.

◆Chris Arany, Treasurer: Total expenses for May were \$16,271.11. Our utilities are costing way above the budget.

◆Lana Albright, Spiritual Life: The WHOO Baby Shower for Katie's Cupboard was canceled for June.

◆Joy Ivins, Worship/Music: Just a reminder to come to the Summer Outdoor Worship Service on June 23 and to bring lawn chairs.

◆Bonnie Long, Generosity: Ron Long stated the orientation for "Stewardship for All Seasons" is

June 17 at 7 pm by zoom with the consultant.

◆Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry: There is no update on church sign.

◆Pastor Christie: She conducted the funeral for K.C. Kless on May 31st.

◆She blessed the Hope graduates during worship on May 19.

◆Pastor will be on vacation July 12-20. Pr. Jen Rue will lead the service.

◆Sue Millard, President: The review of Hope's constitution is now complete with only a few amendments which will be taken to the congregation for a vote.

◆The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

•There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 8th at 7 pm by Zoom.

**From the minutes of Alita Simpson, Council Secretary**

**ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, JULY 21ST**

**ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO**

[joyceivins@icloud.com](mailto:joyceivins@icloud.com) or anytime before that date.

## SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

### Jesus' Dad's Name

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



A physician told this story about her then-four-year-old daughter. On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. 'Be still, my heart,' thought my friend,' my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!' Then the child spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

[u.arizona.edu](http://u.arizona.edu)

## HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE Directions are on the church counter or check for Instant Church Directory.



*\*Changes are continuously made. New pictures are requested. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.*

**Please contact Jerry Ivins for any changes.**

## KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

1. Visit [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com)



2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account.

3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."

Hope's 5 digit number is 80286.

Please join today!

## HOPE'S CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

**To donate to Hope:** Checks may be mailed to 4695 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 or brought to church.

Digital donations may be submitted at [www.hopeonbluerock.org](http://www.hopeonbluerock.org) Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish to donate - either by ChurchTrac or PayPal. For questions email Ron Long at

[finance@hopeonbluerock.org](mailto:finance@hopeonbluerock.org)

## YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE



**We are proud of Kayla Willey's 2 Star award rating for her child care facility!**

Need childcare? Call 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below:

[yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com)

## PRAYER CHAIN INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form <https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/>, or send an email to [prayer@hopeonbluerock.org](mailto:prayer@hopeonbluerock.org),

or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949 (cell)

513-923-3370 (church office)



Interested in receiving prayer chain emails?

Email [prayer@hopeonbluerock.org](mailto:prayer@hopeonbluerock.org) with your contact information, and we will get you added to the list.

## DON'T FORGET OUR NARTHEX BINS!

-Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers for UC Dental



**Recycling**

-Food and personal care donations for SON Ministries

-Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House

-Religious materials for Love Packages

-Pill bottles that are **cleaned and without labels**

-Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club

-New or gently used Books for Side-by-Side Ministry

-Men's & Women's Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of th

## DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR "BOOK NOOK"

### FOR ALL ADULTS

The Book Nook now has a **second bookcase for the growing number of books.**

There are numerous categories of books available



for loan in the "Book Nook" located inside the left door of the Fellowship Hall. There are also books that men might find interesting. Be sure to check them out for a little relaxing quiet time!

## FOLLOWING CHRIST

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you. —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*





You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

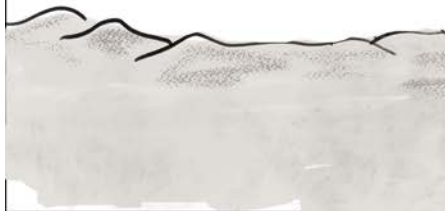
**What you need:**

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



**What you do:**

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



# Puzzle!

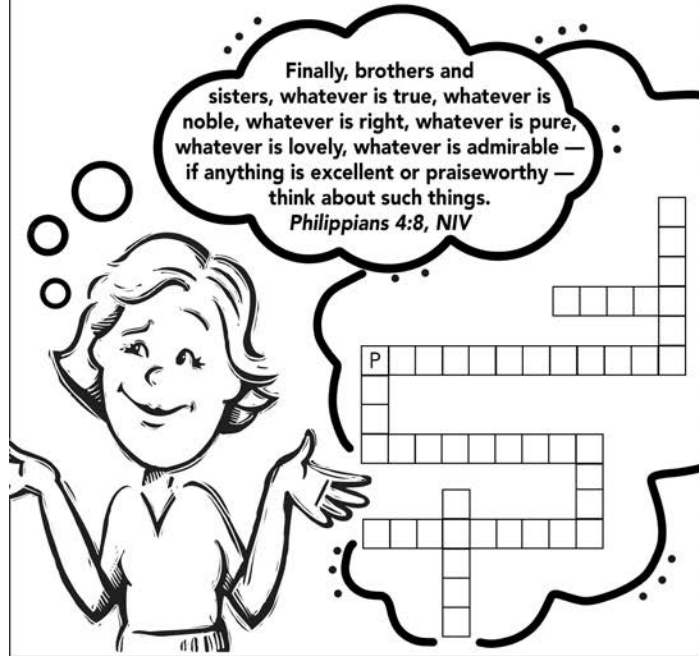
Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2. Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

**COLUMN 1**

- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

**COLUMN 2**

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right



Match answers: correct - right, commendable - praiseworthy, extremely good - excellent, having high moral principles - noble, deserving respect - admirable, pleasant - lovely, real - true, wholesome - pure; Horizontal Answers (top to bottom): noble, praiseworthy, excellent, admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure, noble, right, true, lovely



# July 2024

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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	1 10:00AM SON @ GMC 4:00PM Generosity committee 6:00PM Praise Band	2 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	3 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GMC 4:30PM SON @ GMC	4 Happy July 4th! 1:00PM No Bible Study Today	5 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	6
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### OUR MISSION

We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.



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Organist:	Dale Renner
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