



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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August 2024

Bible Study – An Altar in the World

Thursdays 1 p.m. –
Beginning again August 1

After a break for the month of July, Hope’s Bible Study

group is back and will continue a series on the book *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor is a best-selling author, seminary professor, and Episcopal priest. This book explores Taylor’s journey as she shares how she learned to find God beyond church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life. By sharing her stories, she shows us how to discover God everywhere we go and in nearly everything we do, as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in. Bible study meets Thursdays at 1p.m., and is available on zoom as well as in-person.



Contact Pastor Christie if you have any questions, are interested in joining via zoom, or would be interested in a study series that meets at a different time. Join us for fun, fellowship, and sharing God’s word together!

Pastor Christie

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

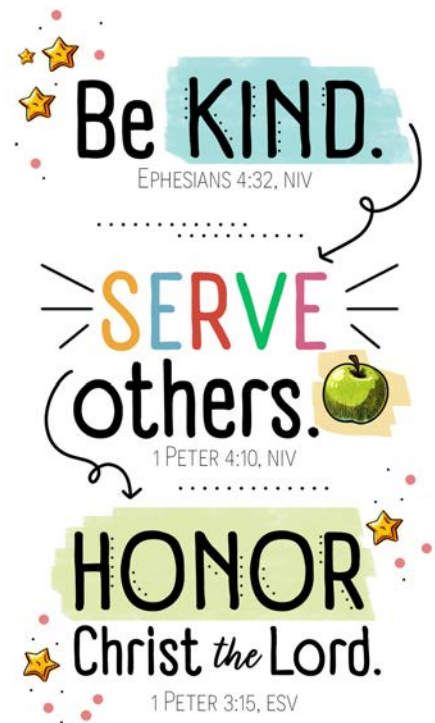
WATCH OUT FOR THOSE YOUTH RETURNING TO SCHOOL!

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 Click on Facebook or Youtube at the bottom of the home page. All persons are invited to attend.

PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

We are Called, We Believe, We are Sent

Mark your calendars for several special events coming to Hope this September!

Saturday September 7

God's Work Our Hands Service
Project, TBA



Sunday September 8, 11 a.m.

Learn More About Hope

Session 1: We are Called

Sunday September 15, 11 a.m.

Learn More About Hope

Session 2: We Believe

Sunday September 29, 10 a.m. - noon

HUGE ALL-Church Event

We are SENT

Learn More about Hope - These sessions are intended for anyone who has recently begun attending Hope and for anyone who wants to learn more about who we are and why we do what we do. Both sessions will take place immediately following worship, will be an hour long or less, with light refreshments and time for discussion and questions. New folks are encouraged to attend both sessions, but everyone is welcome to attend just one, as your schedule allows.

- o **We are Called** (9/8) - In this session, we will talk about why Hope Lutheran Church is special, and how we've all experienced God's call in our lives in different ways. Session leaders will share our stories, but we want to hear YOURS as well!
- o **We Believe** (9/15) - Hope Lutheran Church is proud to be a member of the ELCA, and committed to being God's hands in our community of Colerain Township. But what does that all mean, and how do we live into our beliefs as a faith community? Leaders will share Hope's new purpose statement as well as our mission and values, and will give updates on some future visions for Hope. Again, we hope you will share your thoughts and ask questions.

We Are Sent - ALL-Church Event - This special day will begin at 10 a.m. with worship and a pitch-in breakfast in the fellowship hall. Following worship, we will have an information fair with updates on all of Hope's ministries and ways to get involved. The day will feature fun activities for all ages, and a wonderful time of fellowship! It will be a culmination of the "Learn More about Hope" series, and the kickoff for Hope's "**Stewardship for All Seasons**" Fall Campaign. We hope to have some special guests with us and to offer some additional opportunities.

In the eternal HOPE of Christ,

Pastor Christie

WHOO DAY!

On Wednesday, July 24, several women of Hope gathered at the home of **Debbie Schrader** to enjoy some fun, heart-to-heart conversation, delicious food, and cooling waters. Catch some of the enjoyable time they shared below.



The entire group minus our hostess above.



Our wonderful hostess **Debbie Schrader** on the left.

The water beauties below.

The group will **NOT** meet in August, but will gather again on September 26th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL WOMEN
are always
welcome to
attend these
gatherings!**



AUGUST THANK YOUS AND NEWS

From the laptop of the Property Chair:

We have many members who have many talents. They freely give of their time and talents. And because they do many things in the shadow of darkness (that's a bit dramatic) I don't always know how they contribute to the upkeep of the yard and buildings.

I do know a couple of them:

- **Butch Royse** installed a plug in the sanctuary for Jerry and the digital team.
- **George and Jerry** repaired the water fountains in the lobby/ narthex. So all the kids can baptize themselves with the water.
- **Nan** assisted with removal of several A.C. Mice in the attic. **Chuck and Nan** very nicely gave them a proper burial in the dumpster.

If you know of other people that have assisted with me (without me even knowing it, please let me know. **Thank you, Carmen Hasdorff, Property Chair**

Hello Partners,

Meijer at Stonecreek on Colerain Avenue is featuring the Simply Give program for SON Ministries only from now thru September 28, here are 3 ways to help:

- 1) Now thru September 28 - donate \$10 SON gets \$20 credit
- 2) **AUGUST 17, SATURDAY DOUBLE DAY** at Meijer Stonecreek, donate \$10 and SON gets \$30 credit
- 3) **If you send monetary donations to SON Ministries by August 10 earmarked for the Simply Give Program, SON will make the donation on August 17 to get a triple credit for your donation and in this case will be tax deductible.**

If you would rather donate items for August, we are still needing saltines and could use cake mixes and/or icing for our birthday bags for the little ones.

Thank you so much - stay cool!

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

Dear Hope Family,

We always look to Hope as our home church. Hope is the first church we went to as a family when we moved to Cincinnati and Heather was 3. She wanted to go back to the church with the pretty lady (**Pat Hester**) with the red lips. Franklin was baptized at Hope as was our son Adam, and Heather's baptism was reaffirmed there. We have many great memories from Hope.



Love to all our Friends, Bette Lee and Family
(Bette, is a former member, who bought a new Hope t-shirt and even sent back reimbursement for postage.)

THE GATHER CINCINNATI AT HOPE



On July 14 the Fellowship Committee hosted this ELCA group of young adults from the Cincinnati area for a meal and worship service here at Hope.



About 25 young adults attended the evening festivities.



Thank you, Karen Schweinfest, for sharing pictures.

Dear Hope Friends,

Thank you all for your continued prayers and all of the cards. I really appreciate them. My treatment is going as planned so far. A big thank you to **Mike Schweinfest** for filling in on Council for me. Blessings to you all and prayers for support of the church at this time. Thanks again for all the prayers and support.

Sue Millard

We pray for her to return to good health!

AWESOME AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6 Gary Millard
 8 Eric Kelbley
 9 Doris Heybruch
 11 Cheryl Rospert
 John Simpson
 21 Su York
 25 Adam Williams
 26 Parker Beagle



SON MINISTRIES

During June SON distributed food to 187 households which represents 425 adults and 234 children for a grand total of 664 persons.

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



During August SON is requesting saltines and cake mixes and or icing for the youth birthday bags.

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2024

Pastor Christie opened the meeting with prayer. The first point of business. involved a financial gift from the Kless family to redo the Fellowship Hall. A committee will choose the floor design and other improvements to the hall. Additional donations may be received from the community and memorial funds given in K.C.'s name. The upgrade ideas will be submitted to the congregation for approval.

Next our council president, **Sue Millard**, has asked to be relieved of her duties due to her current health problem. The council approved the motion to appoint **Mike Schweinfest** to serve temporarily as president.

From the minutes of Joy Ivins for Alita Simpson

CAT NEEDS A HOME

My friend **Maryanne Hacker** is looking for a home for her 3 year old cat **Lucky**. He is neutered and current on all shots. If interested please call Maryanne at: 513-675-1098. Thank you in advance.



Bea Zimmer

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

June 2024



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 812.07	\$ 3,462.44
Revenues	\$ 14,672.66	\$ 127,796.81
Expenses	\$ 20,271.83	\$ 125,900.35
Transfers In	\$ 7,120.00	\$ 18,357.52
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,383.52
Ending Balance	\$ 2,332.90	\$ 2,332.90

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$17,785.10	\$ 6,033.78
Transfers In	\$0.00	\$ 16,775.00
Interest Income	\$.10	\$.42
Transfers Out	\$ 7000.00	\$ 12,024.00
Ending Balance	\$10,785.20	\$ 10,785.20

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,632.49	\$ 2,006.93
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 3.47	\$ 20.51
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 391.48
Ending Balance	\$ 1,635.96	\$ 1,635.96

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,063.66	\$ 4,400.43
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,608.52
Interest Income	\$ 19.29	\$ 74.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,082.95	\$ 9,082.95

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 55,860.37	\$ 54,772.24
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 224.52	\$ 1,312.65
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 56,084.89	\$ 56,084.89

Chris Arany, Treasurer

ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO

joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date

SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."



Why was the arithmetic book so sad?

It had too many problems.

What school supply is in change of the classroom?

The ruler.

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



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 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

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

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, or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949 (cell) 513-923-3370 (church office)



Interested in receiving prayer chain emails?

Email 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



-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 the Poor

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!



Look what you might see in a parking lot!

HE IS WATCHING YOU, TOO!

Thank you to Dave McBride for this picture.

Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes bread comes ✕ in whoever
hungry go life me me never to never the the of will
will thirsty whoever

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"I _____

_____"

- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV



AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. wisdom



August 2024

July 2024							August 2024							September 2024						
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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	29 10:00AM SON @ GMC 6:00PM Praise Band	30 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	31 10:00AM SON @ GMC 2:30PM Worship Committee Meeting 4:30PM SON @ GMC	1 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00PM Bible Study	2 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	3
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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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ISAIAH 55:12
