



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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September 2024

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH?

If so, please consider joining for two sessions in September:

o **We are Called - Sunday, 9/15**
11 a.m. – 12 p.m. after worship, light refreshments served



Why is Hope Lutheran Church special? How have we all experienced God's call in our lives? Session leaders will share our stories, and we want to hear YOURS as well!

o **We Believe - Sunday, 9/22**
11 a.m. – 12 p.m. after worship, light refreshments served
What exactly does Hope Lutheran Church believe, and how do we live into our beliefs as a faith community? We will listen and share together.

Both sessions are designed to help you:

- Learn more about the outreach, ministries, & beliefs of Hope
- Meet others who are also learning about Hope
- Ask questions
- Listen to others' faith experiences
- Share & discuss in an informal, fun atmosphere
- Get more involved
- Learn how to become a member of Hope

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Mary Bryant mabryant@cinci.rr.com. Pastor Christie

ALL-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, 8/25 After Worship



We will have a special and important congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, August 25. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and vote on a proposed memorial gift for renovations and ministry initiatives in the fellowship hall.

Please consider attending this meeting to learn more about this exciting ministry opportunity! Pastor Christie

WE ARE SENT – ALL-CHURCH EVENT

Sunday, September. 29
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.



This special day will begin at 10 a.m. with worship and a pitch-in brunch 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 there will also be an opportunity to have a new church directory photo taken.

Sign up to bring a brunch item! Signup sheet will be in Hope's lobby/narthex soon, or you can contact Karen Schweinfest kschweinfest@gmail.com to let her know what you would like to bring.

HOPE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

A new event is forming from HOPE Lutheran. This is a Casual Lunch gathering for men held monthly to foster fellowship, conversation and good food. The first occasion with just a few men was already held at 12:00 noon on the final Monday of July (7/29/2024) at the Red Squirrel restaurant, 8227 Colerain Avenue. For now, future dates and location will follow this schedule which is subject to change if folks wish to do so. If this sounds interesting to you, please email or text me so I can gather an estimate for planning and answer your questions.



The next gathering will be at the Red Squirrel restaurant on Monday, August 26 (8/26/2024) at 12:00 noon.

Dave McBride

DMcincy@outlook.com

513-316-4004



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

This Fall... A Fire is blazing at HOPE!

It may feel warm outside right now, but soon temperatures will begin to drop. Leaves will change color, we will find our sweaters in the back of our closets, and we may start lighting fires in our fireplaces and in our backyards.



This fall is also a time for us to keep our **hearts** on fire for God, and for the exciting ministries coming up at Hope Lutheran Church this fall.

Friends, so much is happening in ministry right now that I can barely keep track of it all! Here is a synopsis:

- **Fellowship Hall Opportunities** – We will meet for an **All-Congregation Meeting Sunday, 8/25** after worship to discuss a generous gift from the **Kless/Ritchie family**. This gift will enable us to make needed repairs and renovations to the fellowship hall, and to expand our community ministries. Attend the meeting for more information and to vote. Also, stay tuned for more information on what these outreach ministries may be, and additional opportunities to donate.

- **Signature Ministry** – Hope's Strategic Plan Committee is close to deciding on **Hope's Signature Ministry** for the future. You may be wondering, "Exactly what is a signature ministry?" This is a focused ministry direction that will give us guidance about where to concentrate our efforts in serving the community. This Signature Ministry will be something that we are already enthusiastic about at Hope, and it will extend the outreach ministries that we are all ready doing. We do not know what it is yet, so keep an eye out for more information coming soon!



- **September Events** – As noted elsewhere in the Herald... In September, we will feature 2 Sundays of after-church activities for those who are interested in learning more about Hope. The final Sunday of the month will be a churchwide celebration day!

- **Stewardship for All Seasons** – As I have learned more about this program that we approved last spring; I am realizing how wonderful it is. **Stewardship for All Seasons** is about learning how to share our stories better, how to be better at asking for what we need as a congregation, and how to be better stewards of all the gifts and blessings we have. Again, look for more info coming soon!

This is an **exciting** and **inspiring** time to be church together. Because of the ministry gifts that ALL of us

bring to the table, we are truly on the verge of a new chapter in our faith journey. We are listening to and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit! As we do this, LOOK OUT! The Holy Spirit is rarely quiet or tame. We are **on fire** with the Spirit here at Hope, and I am blessed to be in ministry with all of you through this wonderful time.
Blessings, Pastor Christie

Bible Study – An Altar in the World

Thursdays 1 p.m.

Hope's Bible Study group continues 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

VOLUNTEER AT TIKKUN FARM

Saturday, October. 19

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join fellow Hope members as we help out at Tikkun Farm (7945 Elizabeth Street, Mt. Healthy). **On Saturday, 10/19**, Hope will be participating in one of **Tikkun's Multifaith Volunteer Days**, which happen regularly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. On these days, Tikkun welcomes people from all spiritual communities to serve together for the greater good. The day begins at 9:30am with a sacred experience in nature, followed by work on service projects. **Tasks are available for all ages and all ability levels.**



A signup sheet will be available in the narthex/lobby soon. For more information on this special volunteer day with Hope, contact Debbie Schrader dk schrader11@gmail.com. For more information on Tikkun Farm and their volunteer opportunities, visit tikkunfarm.com/volunteer-days/

Pastor Christie

SOME DIRECTORY CHANGES

Judi Wendel - a new home number 812-656-6002

Marlyn Ford is back at home at 3392 Alexis Road, Cincinnati OH. 45239

Janet Freland's email - janetfreland8@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER THANK YOUS AND NEWS

Thank you to all who donated boxes of Crayola crayons for the Northwest School's Health and Safety Fair on August 7th at Northwest High School. They will be available for those students whose parents are unable to provide crayons for their school projects.



Our thanks to **Kathy Mushaben and Linda McBride** for distributing the Kleenex packs for WHOO to those families attending the Health and Safety Fair event and to **Pastor Christie** for transporting the packs to Northwest High School for distribution.

SIZZLING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ray Davis	23	Olivia Lundy
3	Aaron Byrne		Danica Tedesco
4	Michelle Kidd	24	Linda Hayden
	Joey Terbruggen	25	Tristan Hermann
	Juanita Hamilton	29	Chrissy Hermann
5	Chuck Hasdorff	30	Mary Fennell
9	Dennis Collins		
14	Chuck Gundrum		
15	Larry Speeg		
17	Amy Monroe		
23	Beulah Kroger		
	John Kroger		
	Skip Lister		



SON MINISTRIES

During June SON distributed food to 185 households which represents 446 adults and 242 children for a grand total of 688 persons.



During September SON is requesting hats and gloves for Carol's Tree or money donated to SON earmarked for the Simply Give Program.

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

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

WHOO

Here are their plans for the coming months:

October 24 - A meeting at church at 6 pm to organize the **November Thankoffering Service on November 10** during worship. **Karen Schneider and Kathy Mushaben** are planning a special sharing for the sermon time, and women volunteers will assume the assisting ministers duties for the service. Please remember to bring your Thankoffering Boxes for collection on that day. (Boxes are available on the counter in the Narthex.)

Mark your calendars for the **annual Christmas Dinner on December 6 at 6 pm.**

And watch the bulletins for a fall fundraising project coming soon!

ALL WOMEN are always welcome to attend these gatherings!

Hi Friends,

Our Meijer "Simply Give Program" is coming to an end. If you send monetary donations to SON Ministries to be received by September 9 earmarked for the Simply Give Program, SON will make the donation on September 14 to get a triple credit for your donation and in this case it will be tax deductible. Thank you for your help!



GMC, **Megan Hurley**, has helped SON Ministries update our website. Please visit it @ groesbeckchurch.org/son-ministries. Thank you so much Megan!

SON Ministries is getting ready for our Thanksgiving 11/16 and Xmas 12/14 holiday events. These key events require lots of planning and help - so we are starting early! SON's mission is to make 900 food boxes for our clients and provide a \$15 Kroger gift card for meat. We already have enough socks and underwear for the kids for Xmas this year.

We will welcome any Infant, Toddler and Kid hats and gloves for **Carol's Tree**. Any donation is appreciated ♥



Enjoy this cooler weather :)

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

SMILE! SUNSHINE IS GOOD FOR YOUR TEETH!

A saying from Don Schneider's Boy Scouting Days

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!

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.

Seed of Encouragement

When we are trying to do it on our own, God will sit back and let us try everything we think we need to try in order to fix our own issues. He will let us spend all of our money, waste all of our time, get frustrated and become worn out. He allows this because often it is not until we have come to the end of ourselves and our own ideas that we finally look to our only source of true and lasting help.



Contributed by Jeanne Fuller

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

July 2024



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,332.90	\$ 3,462.44
Revenues	\$ 11,736.27	\$ 139,533.08
Expenses	\$ 16,863.44	\$ 142,763.79
Transfers In	\$ 56,353.04	\$ 74,710.56
Transfers Out	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 28,383.52
Ending Balance	\$ 46,558.77	\$ 46,558.77

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$10,785.20	\$ 6,033.78
Transfers In	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 23,775.00
Interest Income	\$.10	\$.52
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,024.00
Ending Balance	\$17,785.30	\$ 17,785.30

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,635.96	\$ 2,006.93
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 3.60	\$ 24.11
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 391.48
Ending Balance	\$ 1,639.56	\$ 1,639.56

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,082.95	\$ 4,400.43
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,608.52
Interest Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 94.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,102.95	\$ 9,102.95

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 56,084.89	\$ 54,772.24
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 218.15	\$ 1,530.80
Disbursements	\$ 56,303.04	\$ 56,303.04
Ending Balance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Chris Arany, Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 8, 2024



◆Ron Long, Financial Secretary:

Yellow Brick Road Child Care is up to date with payments. The additional room not needed now.

◆Chris Arany, Treasurer: We have had negative net income during June and July. \$7,000 was borrowed from the Memorial Fund and returned after the Capital One CD was cashed.

◆Lana Albright, Spiritual Life: A few members were visited. Membership rolls are being reviewed.

◆Joy Ivins, Worship/Music: Hope was invited to a combined service at Gloria Dei with 3 other congregations on September 22, but we declined to participate at this time. Hope's choir was also asked to join other churches for St. Paul's Community Church's 150th Anniversary

Celebration.

◆Bonnie Long, Generosity: Ron Long stated the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on August 25. The next "Stewardship for All Seasons" is planned for August 15. The appeal Sunday will be in October.

◆Carmen Hasdorff, Property: The drains and gutters were cleaned.

◆Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry: The committee is organizing a video showing various activities for the church website. We have the new church sign and are waiting for hardware to put it in place.

◆Pastor Christie: She was not present due to a death in her family.

◆The council passed the motion to accept the memorial gift in memory of K.C. Kless from Rachael Kless and Joan Ritchie in the amount of \$30,000 and to use the gift for renovations and community ministries in the Fellowship Hall. The motion will now be taken to the congregation for a vote.

◆Mike Schweinfest, Interim President: He conducted the council meeting and will assemble a Nominating Committee to find volunteers for Treasurer, Outreach, Christian Education and Fellowship positions.

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

From the minutes of Alita Simpson, Council Secretary



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO

joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with **superfoods** that promote a healthy body and mind.



What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

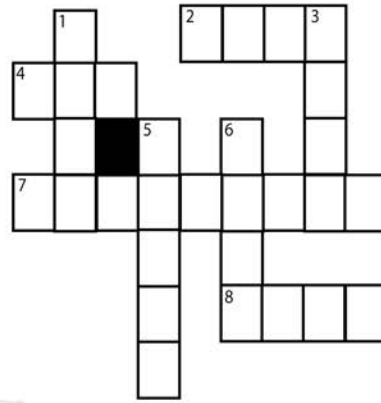
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MADE, THEM,
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LORD, YOUR

ACROSS

- 2. Rhymes with gem.
- 4. Rhymes with cow.
- 7. Rhymes with features.
- 8. Rhymes with cord.

DOWN

- 1. Rhymes with pour.
- 3. Rhymes with fade.
- 5. Rhymes with worth.
- 6. Rhymes with pull.



_____ many are _____ works, _____ !

4 1 8

In wisdom you _____ all;

3 2

the _____ is _____ of your _____ .

5 6 7

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answer: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24, NIV



September 2024

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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	2 SON Ministries closed 6:00PM NO Praise Band	3 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	4 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GMC 4:30PM SON @ GMC	5 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00PM Bible Study	6 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	7 9:00AM God's Work Our Hands Service Project
8 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	9 10:00AM SON @ GMC 6:00PM Praise Band	10 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	11 7:00AM Pastor Out of Office 10:00AM SON @ GMC 4:30PM SON @ GMC	12 10:00AM SAS Committee Zoom Meeting 1:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Council Meeting Zoom	13 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	14
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29 9:00AM Temple talk 10:00AM We Are Sent (All-Church Worship & Info Fair) 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	30 10:00AM SON @ GMC 6:00PM Praise Band	1 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	2 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GMC 4:30PM SON @ GMC	3 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SAS Committee Zoom Meeting 1:00PM Bible Study	4 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	5

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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.



Pastor:	Christie Beckmann
Choir Director:	Karen Schweinfest
Organist:	Dale Renner
Altar Care:	Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain:	Carmen Hasdorff
Web Site:	Pastor Christie Jerry Ivins
Facebook:	Mary Bryant
Kitchen Manager	Karen Schneider

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For [God]
has said,
"I will never
LEAVE YOU nor
FORSAKE YOU."
Hebrews 13:5 ESV