

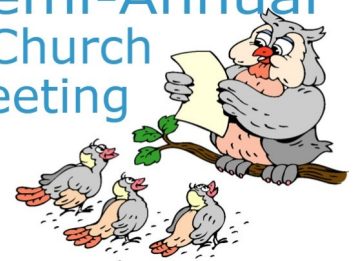
The Spirit

To the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ! He Is Risen Indeed!

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Marilyn Blacksher | In memory of Parents, Spouses, Family and Friends now passed |
| Bill & Nancy Davis | In memory of Bill & Dorothy Davis and Bill Brown |
| Judy Dougherty | In memory of Sister, Lauren Gutleber |
| Mark & Nancy Koupal | In memory of Barb Shuttleworth and Jim Friemark |
| Jeff & Jeri Lange | In honor of our Grandchildren |
| Cindy Langeness | In honor of Family and Friends, past and present |
| Kevin & Barb Nielsen | In memory of our Parents, Merlin, Olivia and Ray |
| Gail Satterthwaite | In memory of Barbara Shuttleworth |
| Bettie Crane | In memory of Helen Rager |
| Bob & Shirley Stenberg | In memory of our Parents |
| Mike & Bev Wraspir | In memory of our Parents |



Semi-Annual Church Meeting



The Semi - Annual meeting has been scheduled for May 19th after 10:45 am worship.

This meeting is to elect council members. Please mark your calendars, and make plans to attend.

I love to read. Books have changed my life in many ways. There have been many formative books along my life's journey. I read every week. I love learning from the Bible about God and God's people. I also enjoy fiction and nonfiction books. Studies show that reading reduces stress, builds our vocabulary, helps us empathize with people, shapes our values, and helps us temporarily escape our world.

There are many genres, categories of books to read. When I was in 3rd grade, I loved biographies and I read all the women biographies from the elementary school library. I was fascinated by Elizabeth Blackwell, first female doctor, Florence Nightingale, trainer of nurses during the Crimean war, and many more. If you like biographies, I found a book on the heroic women of the Bible for youth, called Grit and Grace, which you can borrow this summer.

One genre, I invite you to explore this summer is Christian fiction and Christian living books. There are many fiction and nonfiction books where the faith component is not hidden. Some of these align with our core Lutheran values of grace, God's unconditional love, with inclusive welcome, with love and service of the neighbor, and with the priesthood of all believers. Some are historical fiction, where the writer takes a Bible figure like Mary and adds details, not provided in the Bible, to enhance, enlarge, and imagine Mary's story, which speaks to us in a new way. Others are nonfiction, providing ways for us to go deeper in Christian living or giving us deeper insights into the Bible.

I'll suggest some books each week in worship, and they will be in 4 age groups: preschool, elementary, youth, and adults. I will put them out on the book cart, which will be in the sanctuary for the summer. There is a check-out sheet for you to use. Feel free to borrow my books or books from Hope's library. Or find some books on your own from your public library.

Keep a list of what you read. Kids books are shorter, so the summer challenge for kids is read 5 books and receive a free bookmark. Read 8 books and pick out of the mystery bag! For youth and adults, read three books and receive a free bookmark. Read 5 books and pick out of the mystery bag!

The summer reading challenge starts 6/1/2024 and ends 8/11/2024. Email me or sign up on the kiosk if you are going to participate. You can join at any point during the summer.

Happy Reading!

Peace, Pastor Amy



Worship

Summer Schedule: May 26-July 28 at 9:30 am only
Refreshments after worship, fellowship with one another!

Summer worship schedule gives our volunteers and staff a rest.
Summer worship schedule gives us an opportunity to build community with one another.

July 21 – VBS Highlights, BBQ hotdogs for lunch, games & Balloon guy

August 18 – Blessing of Backpacks and School Children, Youth and Teachers at 10:45 am worship
BBQ hotdogs and Splatter paint outside after worship.



Hope Lutheran ELCA Church

1975 Old Hwy 94 S

St. Charles MO 63303

Phone: 636-946-8922

Office: office@hopelutheranelca.org

Church Website:

www.hopelutheranelca.orgPreschool Website: www.hlcpelca.org**Staff:**

Amy Oehlschlaeger, Pastor

Sue Easley, Administrative Assistant

Becky Ikeda, Preschool Director

Judy Otte, Preschool Bookkeeper

Journey Carter, Music Director

Brad Pipal, Keyboardist

Rich Carlson, Custodian

Worship Times:

In Person at 8:30 and 10:45

Online at 10:45 on YouTube at Hope Video
Ministry or on Facebook**Our Mission:**We care, share, and prepare so that all
experience the love of Jesus Christ.**Our Vision:**To be known as a Spirit-led welcoming
community of diversity and service.**Anniversaries**

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| STENBERG, Bob & Shirley | 05/15 |
| OSTRANDER, Jeff & Rebecca | 05/20 |
| ROHRER, Bill & Cathy | 05/22 |
| PATOKA, Mike & Carol | 05/30 |

Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| BROOKS, Rich | 05/01 |
| GREEN, Anna | 05/02 |
| FILDES, Payton | 05/04 |
| HAWKINS, Justin | 05/06 |
| MOORE, Mike | 05/10 |
| CLINCH, Reese | 05/14 |
| HINTON, Susan | 05/16 |
| NIELSEN, Anna | 05/16 |
| CARNEGIE, Jean | 05/18 |
| SWANSON, Brian | 05/24 |
| TOMPKIN, Steve | 05/26 |
| POPKEY, Mickey | 05/27 |
| GERDING, Linda | 05/28 |
| HANAN, Paula | 05/28 |
| LOHRMANN, Fred | 05/29 |

Youth NewsAll youth, 6th-12th grade are invited to join us!Confirmation for Diana Sanders is 5/19.
Come and celebrate with Diana!The Vacation Bible School team invite you to
come and help shepherd kids at VBS,
the week of July 15-July 18. Let Pastor Amy
know if you can help.**Upcoming Summer Faith
Reading Challenge**Sign up to participate by
6/1/2024. Email or text Pastor
Amy or sign up on the kiosk.
Books suggestions & many
books provided by Pastor Amy

and the library for you to check out.

There will be books for all age groups, preschool,
elementary, youth, and adults. There will be prizes.**Sunday School Schedule**Last Sunday School for spring is May 12.
Sunday School restarts September 8 at 9:30 am.



Vacation Bible School

Operation Restoration: Mending God's World

July 15-July 18

For kids 4 – fifth grade

5:30 pm-8 pm

Supper included. Crafts, games, music, Bible stories, food, and science.

We hope you can join us!

Want to Serve the Neighbor

First Saturdays (6/1, 7/6, 8/3) at Oasis Food Pantry

Let Barb Swanson know if you want to help.



Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Church,
 Thank you for hosting a Fair Trade sale March 17th. It was a joy to worship with you and bring items from the market to your church. Once again, you supported Fair Trade with generous purchases of \$1,195.76! Your purchases make a difference. One of our vendors sent this message in Feb: "Your purchases over the last 14 years have helped 194+ women and 173+men to have sustainable employment in two different countries." That's just one of our vendors, representing all the artisans we support at The Bridge!

How else can you help?

1. Keep The Bridge in your prayers
2. Support The Bridge monthly in your annual budget
3. Volunteer at The Bridge—with Fair Trade, as a delivery driver, barista . .
4. Shop at The Bridge throughout the year
5. Tell others about The Bridge

Check out our new website: www.thebridgecoffee.org

Do Justice . . . Love Mercy . . . Walk Humbly . . .

Johanna Erdman



2024 OASIS Food Challenge

Week 1: 461
Week 2: 630
Week 3: 478
Week 4: 491
Total: 2,060






Tammie Meyer
Real Estate Sales Associate
Cell: 636-578-4399
Tammie.Meyer@cbgundaker.com
Tammie.cbintouch.com




COLDWELL BANKER
REALTY - GUNDAKER

6235 Mid Rivers Mall Dr. St. Charles, MO 63304 636.441.1360

BRODLAND
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
*Handyman Services/ General Carpentry
Remodeling/Room Additions/Custom Homes*

Please call for a free estimate.

Mark Brodland 636-288-1452



**We do things a little differently.
Come see for yourself.**



3773 Elm Street • St. Charles

1771 Zumbahl Road • St. Charles

www.newfb.com

636-940-8740



**Hope Lutheran Church Preschool
Vision**

A Children's Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church

Hope Lutheran Church Preschool provides a solid and spiritual foundation for preschool children to lead an enriched life through diverse educational experiences

Check out Hope's Facebook page:
[Facebook.com/hopelutheranelca](https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranelca)

