



The Spirit

You are invited to worship with us on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm and Good Friday, April 18 at 7 pm at Hope.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. We also hear the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and remember Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Good Friday is a solemn day of reflection, sorrow, and gratitude as we meditate on Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We will listen to the story of Jesus' passion and sing hymns and listen to the choir sing as well. The hymns we sing play a significant role in evoking deep contemplation and reverence as we remember Jesus' crucifixion.

Then on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the surprise and joy of the resurrection of Jesus, on Sunday, April 20 at 8:30 am and 10:45 am. There is an Easter Breakfast from 9:15 am-10:30 am in the gym.

We hope you will join us for worship! Invite a friend for Easter!

Peace, Pastor Amy





Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School with Friedens UCC @Friedens

Monday, 7/14-7/17 Dinner at 5:30 pm

Songs, Games, Crafts, Science, Bible story, 6 pm-8 pm!

It's Free! And the theme is **Road Trip: On the Go with God!**



Hope Kids & Parents

Prek-5th grade

Lunch & a Service Project

Sunday, April 13 after second service in the gym, @11:45 am.

We will do something to thank Hope staff members.



Youth Group 6th-12th grade

Plan to stay to count for the Oasis Food Pantry Challenge - Sunday, April 6.

Bring a sweet bread or fruit and serve at the Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 20 from 9:15 am-10:30 am.

Inter-generational Sunday School – May 4 at 9:30 am.

Confirmation – May 4 at 10:45 am worship!

Blessing of High School Seniors – May 18 at 10:45 am worship!

Potluck lunch with congregation followed by cat café on May 18.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE

Sunday School has been awesome!

April 6, 13, 27, May 4 and 11 – last dates for the spring session.

Intergenerational Sunday School – learn about Easter on May 4 in gym with Pastor Amy



Semi Annual Meeting and Potluck

The Semi Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 18th after the second service along with a potluck lunch.

This meeting is to elect the new members of council.

Please mark your calendars, and make plans to attend.

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Sue Easley, Administrative Assistant

Becky Ikeda, Preschool Director

Judy Otte, Preschool Bookkeeper

Journee 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

MOORE, Mike & Jan	04/04
GERDING, Edward & Linda	04/15
SATTERTHWAITE, Tom & Gail	04/19
AIELLO, Nicholas & Krista	04/23
HANFORD, Charlie & Chris	04/23
KELT, Ken	04/23
LISARDI, Jim & Christina	04/28
ANTHONY, Shane & Kyna	04/29

Birthdays

HINTON, Lucas	04/01
HANFORD, Archer	04/04
KING, Amelia	04/04
CHRISTENSEN, Bonnie	04/05
MEYERS, Jean	04/05
ROUTH, Forrest	04/05
HANFORD, Spencer	04/06
MONTAIGNE, Zoe	04/11
ROUTH, Connor	04/12
MEYER, Alan	04/17
PATOKA, Carol	04/23
ROUTH, Pat	04/23
JENSEN, Char	04/24
SORENSEN, Angela	04/25
HAYDEN, Abby	04/28
KRANZ, Louise	04/30



Holy Week

Sunday, April 13th - Services at 8:30 & 10:45am

Thursday, April 17th - Service at 7:00pm

Friday, April 18th - Service at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th - Services at 8:30 & 10:45am

No Sunday School

Easter Brunch 9:15 until 10:30am





Easter Flowers

Easter is late this year – April 20. Rather than asking for orders and payment in early February, we have decided to try a new process.

Flowers have been ordered based on numbers from the past two years. The flowers will be available for purchase following Easter Services and the next week or until they are all gone.

The same beautiful, Parkview Gardens plants we have always enjoyed will be available on a first-come, cash-and-carry basis, for \$15.00 each (checks payable to Hope). There will be Geraniums, Hyacinths and Lilies, all with the familiar, gold wrapped pots.

We hope to avoid confusion and waste, while providing the beautiful decorations for our Easter Celebration we are accustomed to having! If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. We appreciate your cooperation and hope this works out great for everyone!

Peace,
Nancy Koupal
314-550-5979

Welcome to Hope's new members!

Linda Clark

I am a CPA and I have worked in Accounting and Finance all of my career. I have worked in not-for-profits since 1991. I have tried retirement twice but became bored very quickly, so I am trying again while also looking for PT or FT work.

I was born in St. Louis and have worked in Missouri, Washington D.C., Providence Rhode Island, Boston and Chicago.

My pets have included several dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, parakeets, fish, turtles and ducks.

I enjoy reading. My sister lives in St. Charles. My son lives in Chicago.

I grew up in the Lutheran Church and believe all should be welcome in the church. Hope Lutheran Church is part of the ELCA organization, and those beliefs are my beliefs.

Ken Kelt

Ken moved to St. Louis in June of 2019. He spent most of his life in Omaha, Nebraska. His two kids live in Omaha. His folks and sister live in Kansas City.

He has found a home at Hope as many signs pointed that direction. He is a strong believer and wants to learn more about his faith and Hope has already helped. He is starting a journey to pray more often with a great assist from Pastor Amy.

His health was an issue in the past few years, but he is feeling better and is working to get physically and spiritually fit for the upcoming years. Reading the Bible, prayer, exercise and diet will have a stronger focus for Ken.





Hope Lutheran Church Preschool Spring 2025 Newsletter

We are eagerly watching for signs of spring! How wonderful it is to see how God's world is refreshed right before our eyes...from the opening of the buds on the trees, to the flower bulbs poking through the soil, the greening of the grass, the singing of the birds, and the hint of warmth in the air...all reminders of the new life we have in Him!

We kicked off this month with a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Our laughter erupts with his whimsical stories and nonsense words, and we are grateful for his creativity and influence in the world of children's literature.

We also celebrated **Pastor Amy's Birthday!** The children made beautiful pictures, and we got to sing and celebrate Pastor on her special day!

In our halls and classrooms, you hear songs and prayers. The children learn them in chapel with Pastor Amy and in the classrooms with their teachers. I have many parents who do not pray at home before meals, they say their child asked to pray and teach the family the prayers and songs. As little as they might seem they love to share in the joy and love of Jesus! Hearing they bring their light into their homes to their families is what it is all about! Many of our families do not attend a church, Hope is their only connection to God. We are so pleased to know that all our work through Christ is reaching families in our community! Thank you all for your continued love and support to our program. We have been able to share our love and light and let them take that light and shine to their families!

We look forward to Easter. A very important time to show our little ones how much God loves us! We share an activity with resurrection eggs. It has little parts to tell the story of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and wonderful glory of what Easter Sunday truly means.

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4:10

Blessings,
Becky HLCP Director



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

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