



New Members Welcome!

We welcome **Michelle Griffith**, who moved to St. Charles, Missouri from Alabama. Michelle is enjoying Tuesday Bible Study and Hope's worship.

We welcome **Tracey Sherman**. She has 2 kids and 8 grandkids. She works from home doing finance for a company that supports folks with developmental disabilities. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, having meals and playing games. She also enjoys reading, quilting, and many other crafts.

Tracy found Hope when she was looking for a place that was smaller and more aligned with her beliefs about open communion and being open to all folks-not just married ones.



We have a Fall Workday scheduled for
November 14th, 9:00 until noon.
Please join us in making the church ready for the winter.

Hope Lutheran ELCA Church

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Becky Ikeda, Preschool Director
Judy Otte, Preschool Bookkeeper
Journee Carter, Music Director
Brad Pipal, Keyboardist
Open, Custodian

Worship Times:
In Person at 8:30 & 10:45
Online at 10:45 on YouTube at Hope Video Ministry or on Facebook

Education Hour:
Different programs for K through Adult
9:30-10:30

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.



Starting in January, the Spirit will be published every two months. If you want an article in the Jan/Feb. edition, please send your articles to the office by December 12th.



Anniversaries

SWANSON, Kent & Barb	11/04
HINTON, Tim & Susan	11/12
LANGE, Jeri	11/18
KRAFT, Carl	11/19
DOUGHERTY, Judy	11/26
CARR, Lindell & Kathy	11/28

Birthdays

HAYDEN, Lori	11/02
LANGNESS, Cindy	11/14
BRUNSON, Joan	11/15
CARR, Linda	11/15
RACHMIEL, Catherine	11/18
SANDERS, Diana	11/19
AIELLO, Nicholas	11/25
LARSEN, Chris	11/25
ANTHONY, Shane	11/26
MASSIE, William	11/30

See What's Coming Up Next

Bring a pie to share on Sunday, November 22 between services, @9:30 am before Sunday School and Choir. Pumpkin, apple, chocolate, whatever kind of pie you like, we will eat! Hope will supply the paper goods and coffee!

Come and see Hope's children and youth share the Christmas story with us on Sunday, 12/20 at the 10:45 am worship service! All kids and youth are welcome to participate. Let Jennifer Green know if your kiddo is interested.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion is on Thursday, December 24 at 4 pm and 7 pm. Invite a friend, neighbor, acquaintance, and family member to worship with you! We love visitors here at Hope!

One Service Sunday on December 27 at 9:30 am only.

Hope Youth enjoyed a picnic lunch and corn maze at Broemmelsiek park. The youth will gather on November 1 & 8 after worship for lunch & an activity!







We celebrated Pastor Amy's 30th ordination anniversary with cake, flowers, cards, and a lovely cross gift! Thank you!



We celebrated Jean's 95th Birthday with cake, cards, and a lovely mum! Happy Birthday, Jean!









Hope's Fall Festival 2026 on October 10th was a great success – the weather was perfect, generous sponsors allowed us to offer more special events and keep the festival free to the community, additional volunteers helped keep everything flowing smoothly, and the advance publicity worked to get the largest crowd yet attending our community event!

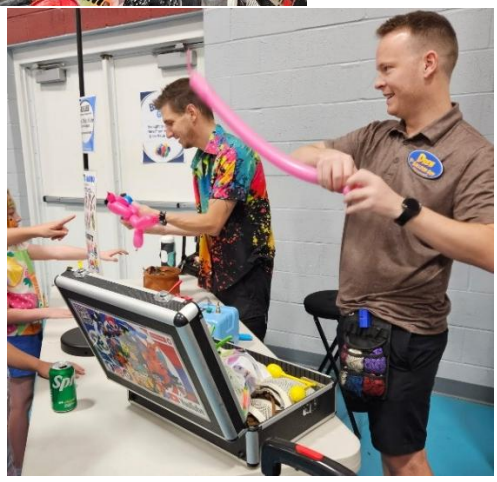
We offered face painting, the Balloon Guy, and the very popular pony rides and petting zoo, spread out over the festival times. The games and crafts were expanded to keep the kids entertained throughout the festival. The congregation responded to our request for cookies, to supplement the hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips offered at no charge to the attendees. We took advantage of the many visitors from our community with manned tables inside the gym. We had handouts and freebies to those interested in hearing more about our church and award-winning Preschool.

Many thanks goes to the planning team of Bob Stenberg, Rick and Beth Fauser, Jeri Lange, and Jan Karibian for coordinating this successful event. The list of volunteers is too long to list, but we couldn't have pulled off this event without everyone's help and contributions!!!

Lastly, please consider supporting the sponsors who allowed us to offer this event to the community at no cost:

- Sazon MICH restaurant at 1970 S Old Highway 94, right across from Hope
- Scrambled Eggs restaurant at 3350 Mid Rivers Mall Dr. (the men's group meet weekly here)
- On the Rocks Premier Liquor and Wine at 1976 S Old Highway 94, also right across from Hope
- New Frontier Bank at 1771 Zumbehl Rd (our bank)
- 1st Choice Construction at first@1stchoicestl.com (our roofing company)
- D&L Heating and Cooling at 314-602-8293 (our HVAC company)
- Thrivent Financial
- Hope members also made donations to the Fall Festival account








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This year's 2026 stewardship theme is "Let's Make Something Beautiful."

To help us reflect on that theme, we created the word cloud included with this article. It is not simply a picture of what Hope Lutheran Church does. It is a picture of what we create together—the gifts, experiences, relationships, and ministries that take shape when God's people share their lives in faith.

At the center is a simple question: What do we make together?

The words surrounding it describe the beauty that grows here at Hope: welcoming, serving, learning, singing, caring, giving, and reaching out. These are action words because beauty is not merely something Hope has. Beauty is something we, as a congregation, make—together.

Over the past two weeks, our choir has sung "How Beautiful." Its chorus reminds us: "How beautiful is the body of Christ." We are called to be Christ's body in the world—to do God's work, share the blessings God has given us, and live out God's love in practical ways.

We see that beauty whenever someone is welcomed and feels at home. We hear it when voices rise together in song. We see it in children discovering the story of God's love, in neighbors caring for one another, and in people putting their faith into action.

This is the beauty of Hope Lutheran: God's love made visible through our life together. We are blessed not only to notice beauty, but to make something beautiful together.

Each year, we take time to examine our hearts and invite God's direction as we consider how we will respond to God's great love and mercy. You may already have received the first two stewardship letters, along with a commitment card and a sign-up sheet describing opportunities to serve through Hope's ministries.

A financial and faith commitment is one way we express both our gratitude for God's grace and our desire to participate in God's work. It also gives our ministry leaders the ability to plan faithfully for the ministries and opportunities before us.

When we focus on God's abundant blessings, we discover there is more possibility than we can imagine. Through regular giving, through serving, and through efforts such as this year's Leap of Faith fund drive, we join in creating a community where God's goodness can be seen and shared. Please prayerfully consider your commitment for 2027, including whether you are able to increase your giving. Being a good steward means using the abundance God's love—doing all we can to bring more goodness and beauty into the world. That is why we are glad to give.





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JACKET
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