

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of April 3

ATTENDANCE BOOKS are back in the pews. Please remember to fill out the red books and pass them on to your neighbor. Guests, please fill out the "Guest card" that is inside the attendance book. You may place it in the offering plate when it is passed.

ATTENTION LADIES: The Spring LWML Rally will be held on Thursday, April 21 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Theme is: Thy Strong Word! Speaker: Elliot Derricks family with Lutheran Bible Translators. Deadline for tickets is April 13 at a cost of \$10.00. See Edy or Julie H. if interested.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART: On April 21, at the Spring LWML Rally, the Elliot Derricks family will speak about their ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators in Cameroon. The Derricks are in the process of translating the Bible in the people's "Heart Language," the language they are most comfortable using. In lieu of tangible Gifts from the Heart, monetary contributions for the Derricks' ministry may be given and will be collected at the Rally. Checks should be written to **Lutheran Bible Translators** with "**Subula**" written on the memo line. For security purposes, Subula is a pseudonym for the language used by the people. Please see the letter posted on the LWML/WOEH bulletin board for additional information and the metrics suggested by Lutheran Bible Translators. Your donation may be placed in the big Mite Box or mailed directly to Lutheran Bible Translators, PO Box 789, Concordia, MO 64020-0789. Questions?? See Julie H and/or Edy.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS please take Confirmation Notes! There are new Confirmation note sheets to be filled out during the service. Remember to put your name and date on them and turn them in to either Andy or Pastor on Wednesday! Sheets are on the table by Pastor's office door.

50th ANNIVERSARY – Check out the gold piece of paper in your bulletin as we travel back in time to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND EASTER EGG HUNT returns this Palm Sunday, April 10. The meal will take place after the second service with the egg hunt to take place after the meal. The meal is put on by the Senior Youth, and the Easter Egg Hunt is supported by Thrivent this year. If you would like to donate an item to the meal, there is a sign-up sheet by the Senior Youth bulletin board.

DEAR MEMBERS as we start preparing for **Eternal Hopes 50th anniversary** we would like to ask for your help. If you have any pictures that you may have taken over the years at Church events, baptisms, confirmations, youth events, wedding's, etc. That you would like to share hard copies or digital. Please contact Jean Joslyn

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – Isaiah 6:1-8; 52:7-53:12 – Promising Prophet – *God Calls Isaiah*

COULD YOU HELP CLEAN the week of April 25 IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY, May 1? Contact the church office if you are able to help with the above dates. Help Keep God's House Clean And Tidy. Tasks that need done would be: cleaning the bathrooms and vacuuming.

ADDRESSES NEEDED If you know anyone who would like to be invited to the 50th Anniversary Celebration, please call the church office or send their address to office@eternalhopelutheran.com.

BUTTER BRAID PICK-UP will be Wednesday, April 13. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more details regarding the pick-up time. Thank you to everyone who supported the youth by purchasing Butter Braids!

VBS REGISTRATION for students and volunteers is open [on-line](#). Our VBS them is God's Wonder Lab, "Jesus Does the Impossible!" VBS will take place Sunday, August 7 to Thursday, August 11.

HIGHSCHOOLERS – TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

Vocatio is a free, faith-filled and fun opportunity for high school students to explore God's calling and direction for them. This weeklong retreat encourages high schoolers to find God's calling for their lives through experiencing many aspects of Seminary life including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and some fun and recreation! Participants will learn about the Lutheran faith and various church work vocations, participate in a servant event and attend a virtual Concordia University System college fair. The deadline to register is May 27. Interested participants can learn more at: <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio/>

CEAP "STUFF THE TRUCK" WRAP-UP – Thank you to all who donated towards CEAP as Eternal Hope hosted a "Stuff the Truck" event. In total, we donated 1803 pounds and \$1255 towards CEAP's March Foodshare event. CEAP called it a strong showing. Thanks to all those who served at the "Stuff the Truck" event on Monday night. It was the CEAP workers first one, and I am sure we made it a memorable night for her. In addition, the Sunday School and Senior Youth raised 1001 items pulling just ahead of their stretch goal of 1000. Be prepared to see their reward on April 10.

IN OUR PRAYERS: - If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor, Andy or the church office know.

- Those affected with COVID

Happy Birthday To: APRIL 1st Floyd Knudson, 4th Joyce Kliever, 8th Danika Holscher, Lebron Oian, 10th Melissa Dramstad, Mea Hurley, 11th Dan Bye, 12th Jesi Amundson, 13th Karen Lundeen, 15th Jeannie Bodin, 16th Sydney Amundson, 19th Jeri Shaffer, Brady Hanson, 22nd Amelia Pelton, 23rd Nikki Sherry, 25th Chelsea Holscher, 27th Kari Falnes, 28th Kathleen Estrada, 29th Julia Hooker

Anniversary Wishes To:

Flowers: Are placed today by Norene Houser.

This Week at Eternal Hope

This Sunday (4/3)

7:25 Hand Chime Warm Up
8:00 Worship & Communion
9:15 **CANCELED** Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 Worship & Communion
6:00 Girl Scouts (Paula)
Elder: 8:00 Tim Meer
10:30 Howard Holliday
Ushers: 8:00 Scott & Julie Montgomery
10:30 Joel & Kathy Shaffer
Counters: Troy Bierbaum
Altar Guild Kathy Shaffer
Video: Amundson
Coffee Servers: Jordan Meer
Acolyte: 8:00 Open, 10:30 Carly K

Mon, April 4 9:45 Moms Bible Study
7:00 Crafts

Wed, April 6 6:00 Confirmation
7:00 Lent Worship
8:00 Choir Practice

Thur, April 7 9-2 Pastoral Circuit Meeting at EH
6:00 Hand Chime Practice

Next Sunday (4/10)

PALM Sunday

8:00 Worship
9:15 Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 Worship & **Sunday School Sings**
11:30 Easter Egg Hunt / Spaghetti Dinner
6:30 Girl Scouts (Becki)
Elder: 8:00 Tim Meer
10:30 Howard Holliday
Ushers: 8:00 Andrew Hunerberg
10:30 LaVeta Payette
Counters Ken Grimm
Altar Guild: Kathy Shaffer
Video: Hunerberg
Coffee Servers:
Acolyte: 8:00 Open, 10:30 Alexis A.

Worshipping Together – March 27

8:00 AM: 22 10:30 AM:366
Sunday School: 16 Senior Youth: 2
Adult Bible Study: 10

STEWARDSHIP IS THE WAY WE LIVE OUT OUR CALLING AS DISCIPLES.

When Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment, He responded by saying, "You shall love the Lord your God...And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-38). When we grow in love toward God and in love toward our neighbors, we live the Christian life. This growth in the Christian life is called sanctification. As Christians, we are temples of the Holy Spirit Who enables us to love God and our neighbors. Our sanctification in this life is never perfect. It is a process.

God's love for us is constant and unconditional. In the beginning, God created a beautiful world for us to enjoy. Through the atoning blood of His Son, He has forgiven us of our evil and sinful ways. In spite of our rebellion, He sent Jesus to suffer and die for us. His Word promises that He will never forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) nor stop loving us (Psalm 103:17). It is the essence of God's nature to love. We don't need to question His love for us; however, we do need to ask, "How am I responding to His love?" "Does my life reflect His love for me?" "Does my giving and serving demonstrate my love for Him?"

Offerings and spending for 2022

*Members' offerings for General Fund - \$29,114
Spending in General Fund - \$36,297
General Fund Deficit - \$7,183*

Spending is \$482 more than budgeted

Detailed financial information is available on the bulletin board in the hallway near members' mailboxes

Turn Back the Clock - Remembering God's Blessings to Us

Exodus Over - House Church Completed

The question of calling a full-time pastor to Eternal Hope dominated the conversation of many meetings during 1976. Below are some of the highlights of this conversation...

Highlights of April 22, 1976, Quarterly Meeting

Pastoral Committee Report: The committee is studying the possibilities of calling a full-time pastor at Eternal Hope. A motion by Mike Harrington to pursue all avenues open, including Eternal Hope, Mt. Olive and District for financial help if a pastor is called. Seconded by Lowell Shaffer – carried.

Highlights from May 23, 1976, Council Meeting

Pastoral Committee Report: Dave Carson was Eternal Hope's representative at a meeting at Mt. Olive. Dave told them what we are doing and what we plan to do in regard to calling a pastor for 1977. It was requested that Eternal Hope be put in their budget for 1977 in case we are not financially sound to meet the payroll.

A motion by Lowell Shaffer the council give approval for a letter be drafted by the Pastoral Committee, and sent to families of Eternal Hope Congregation, stating the plans and financial situation that would have to be met. Seconded by Mike Harrington.

Highlights from September 9, 1976, Council Meeting

Pastoral Committee Report: The committee met the District Circuit Counselors and Pastor Pullman about recommended salary for a called pastor. They came up with a \$16,000 to \$18,000 full salary range.

Highlights of October 7, 1976, Special Congregation Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Len Kliever at 7:30 pm. Guests from Mt. Olive introduced.

A report from Marlowe Lundquist, chairman of the Pastoral Committee. Reported on Pastor Shaffer from Minnesota South District.

Pastor Pullman reported on various alternatives for pulpit supply

Meeting open for discussion: Discussion was heard as why to and why not to accept help from the district.

Question raised as to where Eternal Hope stands in regard to budget and keeping our obligations of debts paid.

88 communicant members and 153 souls

Approximately \$15,000 to \$16,000 salary which includes the Concordia Plan (retirement, health plan and compensation)

After discussion ended a secret ballot was taken whether to call or not call a pastor at this time. The ballot count was 9 voted to call and 6 votes not to call.

Motion made by Lowell Shaffer to table this commitment until a further date. Second by Dick Bodem – carried.

A motion by Dick Bodem – first call being placed six months from now. Seconded by Jim P. – motion defeated.

A motion made by Dave Carson a call for a pastor be made by third week in January – second by Jim P. Motion carried.

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few months ago the voters assembly of Eternal Hope directed our committee to gather information regarding the feasibility of calling a full time pastor to serve our parish. We would like at this time to make each of you aware of our findings and to seek your input and support in the matter.

We've found from District officials that the average salary for a pastor with two or three years of experience in the field (including housing and car allowance, plus pension) is around \$17,000.00. To take this step will require an increase of approximately \$13,000.00 in our annual budget.

Tentatively, it is suggested that a call be issued in the fall of 1976, so that a pastor could be installed here by the first of next year.

Since God has blessed us so very richly in this place, both spiritually and materially, we first wanted to let each member of Eternal Hope know of the proposed direction, as well as the increased financial needs, if it should be the Lord's will that we go ahead with these plans. Please be encouraged to view the supporting of a pastor as an opportunity to glorify God by making fuller use of the great potential He has given us. We have also approached the District office and our mother church, Mt. Olive, as to the possibility of receiving subsidy from them. This type of support however, we would recommend only as a last resort.

It is the feeling of this committee that if our Lord desires to have a full time shepherd serving in this place, He can and will provide for that need. In that common faith we ask that each of you beseech Him as to His will for this flock and for you individually as one of His beloved sheep.

We will welcome any comments or questions that any of you may have in this regard.

In Christ,
Pastoral Committee

Marloe Lundquist, Chairman
Leonard Eliever
Dave Carson