April 2024 Letter of Hope

Living out God's grace we seek to be neighbors to all!

House of Hope Lutheran Church

New Hope, MN

Pastor's Letter:

Come worship together with us in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.! Masking is optional inside the building.

Dear House of Hope,

In April, as we begin the seven weeks of the season of Easter, we are reminded of the profound message of renewal that lies at the heart of this sacred season. Easter is a time of transformation, a time when the promise of new life bursts forth from the darkness of the tomb, reminding us of God's enduring love and grace.

The message of Easter is beautifully captured in the words of Revelation 21:5, as God says, "See, I am making all things new!" These words resonate with a profound truth that transcends time and space. They speak to the transformative power of God's love, which has the ability to breathe new life into the darkest corners of our world and our hearts. In the midst of our busy lives and the challenges that surround us, Easter calls us to pause, to reflect, and to witness the miraculous power of resurrection all around us. It is a reminder that no matter the difficulty in the world or in our lives, there is always hope, always the possibility of renewal and rebirth.

I believe we see glimpses of this new way of God's in our growing Wildfire collaboration. Through the season of Lent, it was a gift to be able to preach at Faith Lilac Way, First Lutheran of Crystal, and Holy Nativity and to know that preachers from these communities were worshipping with you all at House of Hope. At the end of January, we gathered with all eight congregations (Cross of Glory, Elim, Faith Lilac Way, First Lutheran, Holy Nativity, House of Hope, St James, and Valley of Peace) for a Wildfire Summit. Dreams were dreamed in that gathering that continue to grow to fruition: summer gatherings for baseball games and a gathering for "Beers and Hymns" at a local brewery. We hope that as we continue to grow in our relationships, we might be better able to respond to God's work in our shared community together.

As we gather to celebrate Easter this year, let us embrace the message of hope, rebirth, and transformation that Easter brings. Let us open our hearts to the possibility of new beginnings, of second chances, of miracles large and small. And let us bear witness to the ways in which God is making all things new, both in our lives and in the world around us.

May we all be filled with gratitude for the gift of new life that God offers us through Jesus Christ. And may we go forth from this Easter season with hearts full of joy, minds full of hope, and spirits renewed by the power of God's love.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter!

Pastor Gretchen

LIVING OUT GOD'S GRACE... IN WORSHIP

A Message from our Music Director

Jesus Is Risen!

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! Jesus is Risen and we shall arise. Give God the Glory! Alleluia! (Herbert F. Brokering; ELW 377)

Easter! Resurrection! What wonder-full exciting words. Also the name of a wonderful season in our church year. We often think of Easter as being one Sunday, but Easter is a season. Just as we have the season of Lent to prepare for Jesus' resurrection, we have the season of Easter to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. But the joy of the resurrection is not limited to just one season. All of our worship services are a celebration of the resurrection! Resurrection — what a wonder to celebrate!

As we revel in the joy of this Easter season our music groups provide music to express our joy. On Sunday, March 31, you heard the Hope Chorale sing *Day of All Days* by Russell Nagy and the Hope Bells rang *Thine Be the Glory!* by Jason W. Krug as we were joined by the string ensemble for our glorious celebration of the Resurrection. As we continue the Easter celebration during April you will hear the Hope Chorale sing *Touch that Soothes and Heals* by Thomas Keesecker on April 7; April 14, the Hope Chorale will sing *Peace Be upon You* by Giulio Caccini; April 21 you will hear *We Shall Walk in the Valley of Peace* by Undine Smith Moore; April 28, the Hope Bells will ring *A Humble Prayer* by Jason W. Krug.

Join us in worship as we all sing with creation to God!!

George

Read Along with the Lectionary

Apr 7: Second Sunday of Easter

Gospel :John 20:19-31

Apr 14: Third Sunday of Easter Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Apr 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 10:11-18 Mar 24: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 15:1-8



Have you been wanting to read the Bible with others?
Have you been missing Bible Study in person?
Have you been wishing you knew more about your faith? Join us at **11:00 a.m. Thursdays,** for an hour as we explore the Bible together. Bring a Bible, or borrow one at church. We start Ecclesiastes in April!

All are welcome!

Pastor Gretchen will be taking time off for Continuing Education and Vacation at the end of the month, so we will welcome guest preachers:

Pastor Laurie Eaton on April 21st and
Pastor Suzi Orlopp from Camp Wapo on April 28th.

LIVING OUT GOD'S GRACE... THROUGH FAITH FORMATION

Stewardship Corner:

Stewardship of Celebration

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or homes sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as they had need.

Acts 4:32-25 (The First Reading for April 7.)

Jesus said that no one can become a disciple without giving up all possessions. See, for example, Matthew 19:21. However, we need to understand what Jesus was saying here as the early church did. Many of the early Christians took vows of poverty, sold everything, and gave all the proceeds to the poor. But many did not. The writer of Luke and Acts (widely believed to be Luke) seems to say that the attitude toward possessions which Jesus demands of his followers means the community's needs are radically more important than private ownership. The Reading above says no one claimed they owned anything, but everything was held in common so that land or a house could be sold to provide for needs when they arose. Most of the disciples didn't believe Jesus was demanding that they renounce all forms of wealth. Instead, Jesus wanted human priorities to be aligned with God's priorities. The disciples didn't view anything as their own, but instead viewed themselves as stewards of the resources that God entrusted to them, and they happily returned them to God when a need arose.

The author of Acts offers another principle of Christian community. Luke's depiction of the new Christian community is one of constant celebration and delight. He stresses that their first gatherings were more like feasts than somber worship services. When they broke bread together, it was a reminder of how the disciples had enjoyed eating and drinking with Jesus and a foretaste of the feast to come.

This description of the early Christians' gatherings reminds me of House of Hope gatherings, whether it's coffee after worship, Oktoberfest, quilting, SJMC, or any time more than one of us get together. There is constant celebration and delight. There is also concern for the needs of each other and our neighbors and generosity to address those needs.

Thank you, God, for providing House of Hope frequent occasions that mirror the disciples' fellowship with Jesus and that give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Amen.

Thank you for keeping House of Hope in your prayers and for remembering your church with your financial support. Your kindness and steadfast love has not gone unnoticed! What an exciting time to be in ministry together!

Checks may be sent to:

House of Hope Lutheran Church 4800 Boone Ave N New Hope MN 55428

Or give online:

https://gp.vancopayments.com/gpo/#/d onateNow/320a5513-a965-406a-b599-7324da2

Or scan this QR Code:

Thank you for your GENEROSITY! od's abundance is clearly visible through you ar

Finance Team Budget Update:

God's abundance is clearly visible through you and your generosity. We continue to be grateful for your support of our shared mission here at House of Hope! Our ministry continues in this time because of you and your support!

February 1 through February 29, 2024

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Receipts	\$29,243	\$61,745	\$32,502
Disb.	\$29,077	23,206	\$5871
R less D	\$165	\$38,538	\$38,372

YTD January 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024

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	Budget	Actual	Difference
Receipts	\$58,487	\$122,104	\$63,617
Disb.	\$58,153	\$52,582	\$5571
R less D	\$334	\$69,522	\$66,188



Audit Update

Each year, in January or February, House of Hope mobilizes our three-person Audit Team to look at the budget and books of the previous year. This year, as in previous years, our Audit Team found financial health in our 2023 records. We thank them for their work and continue to give thanks to God for all the ministry we are able to do with the financial gifts in our care!

Our current Audit Team is Daniel Persaud, Richard Fulmer, and Randy Wangen.

2024 Benefit for Youth Reaching Further

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) invites you to join us at the 2024 Benefit for Youth as we celebrate all the ways that together, we are Reaching Further to support youth and families with the resources they need to live full and abundant lives.

As a trusted statewide leader, LSS is continually reaching out to understand the unique needs of our young neighbors: reaching beyond the status quo to offer innovative services and reaching across communities to help more Minnesotans thrive.

Tuesday, May 7 Quincy Hall
1325 Quincy St. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413
5:30 p.m. – Check-In & Dinner
6:30 p.m. -- Program
RSVP by April 28 - Issnn.org/MetroYouth24

Capital Campaign Update

Thank you for your considerable generosity to our Capital Campaign "Stories of Hope." So far, we have received donations of \$126,001 toward our campaign goal of \$300,000.

As part of our Capital Campaign, as we remember the importance of our connection to our wider community and our mission to be neighbors to all, we have committed \$10,000 of our Capital Campaign money to benevolence giving.

\$5,000 of this will be going to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in honor of House of Hope member, Richard Fulmer. In 2019, Richard was awarded the Ken Moritz Award from Cargill for his foundational work with FMSC. Richard Fulmer's association with Feed My Starving Children dates back to the early days of FMSC when he was enlisted by Feed My Starving Children's founder, Richard Proudfit to convene a team of food scientists to create a nutritious meal that could be shipped to malnourished and starving children around the world. Richard solicited the help of colleagues from Cargill, General Mills and Pillsbury. With Cargill's expertise in soy as an inexpensive proteins source, the team guickly agreed on other important criteria: "The meal would be mix, a bread? We knew it couldn't be a complex formula," recalled Fulmer. "People in developing countries needed to be able to easily mix the ingredients into its edible form." Not only was Richard instrumental in the development of the food formula, he served alongside Board members to explore packaging the food – that included the container it was placed in as well as the manner in which it was packaged. Shall we say, "the rest is history"? Today we utilize volunteers who stand around a U-shaped table to hand package FMSC food into plastic bags. And we do this now in eight permanent sites located in Minnesota, Illinois, Arizona and Texas, aswell as more than 300 MobilePack events in 40 states. We all know Richard as the humble and faithful congregation member who is often making FMSC announcements in worship and encouraging us all to volunteer and participate in this organization that has fed millions of children around the world. We give thanks for Richard's work and the way he inspires us all to serve with FMSC and in our community!

\$5,000 will be going to our local partners at EveryMeal. Every Meal is a nonprofit organization fighting child hunger in Minnesota. In our own state of Minnesota, over 300,000 children live with food insecurity. EveryMeal addresses the food gaps that children and families often face on weekends, breaks, and summers when school meal programs are unavailable. Starting with providing one bag of food to 27 kindergarteners in 2010, Every Meal has expanded to serve over 10,000 children across 400 locations. Facing rising costs and limited fundraising, they've had to freeze launching new programs but continue their Weekend Meal Program. We, at House of Hope, partner with EveryMeal in delivering weekly weekend meals to Lakeview Elemetary and Forrest Elementary schools.



HOH Ministry Teams and Leadership Team Meeting March 12

- Erica Gindele, the daughter of Tom and Becky Broeckel, has volunteered to lead the 60th anniversary celebration for House of Hope in October 2024. She met with the Leadership Team to discuss the celebration, share her ideas, and hear the ideas of others. She will be looking for others to assist her with various aspects of the celebration. Stay tuned!
- Good Samaritan Fund: This is a small fund that's used by the pastor to help our members and neighbors in need. In recent months, we have helped several people meet their immediate needs. The fund has been depleted. Pastor Gretchen will ask the congregation for donations to help replenish this fund.
- The Outreach & Communication Team is working with Mark Jensen to produce a Reader's Theater event for "Letter From a Birmingham Jail", which was written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Look for ways to be involved!
- The Finance Team made a request: If people donate money by selling stock, IRA Contributions, etc., to please ask your financial institution to include your name on the check so we know who made the donation. Or contact Kaela Halupnick, the Financial Secretary, to inform her of your upcoming donation. Kaela Halupnick, khalupnick@gmail.com, cell 763-486-9641.

All church meetings are open to any member. If you wish to reach a member of the Leadership Team, their contact information is shown below:

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The next Leaderrship Team meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse Cafe.

Racial Justice Group



Two Letters From Birmingham Readers Theater Play

"NEW INITIAL READING DATE"

We are excited to announce that playwright, Mark Jensen, has written a readers' theatre play about the 1963 Birmingham Civil Rights Protest featuring the writing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. entitled: Two Letters from Birmingham.

We will hold a first reading and workshopping of the piece on Sunday, April 14th, at 2:00 p.m. at House of Hope Lutheran Church in New Hope.

Our hope is to involve as many Wildfire youth as possible and are also extending an invitation to youth from St Anthony Park Lutheran, a coparticipant with House of Hope Lutheran and Valley of Peace Lutheran in the CIvil Rights Tour of Alabama last summer.

Time and place for the reading: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14th at House of Hope Lutheran Church, 4800 Boone Ave N., New Hope, MN.

After the reading/workshop, we will discuss possibilities of performing at a number of churches. One idea is to use this as a fundraising opportunity for the All Lutheran Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans.

If you (youth or adult) are interested in participating in any way, please contact Ben Allen 763-242-3311 or at bgallen@carleton.edu. Please ask friends too!

Racial Justice Monthly Meeting

The Racial Justice will meet on April 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to view the second half of the documentary "A Time for Burning".

All are welcome!

Hoċokata Ti tour scheduled for April 6

The Racial Justice teams of House of Hope and Valley of Peace have scheduled a field trip to Mdewakanton: Dwellers of Spirit Lake on Saturday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. The 3,805-square-foot exhibit is a historical timeline shared through the eyes of the Mdewakanton Dakota people via storytelling, artifacts, and historical artifacts shared to enhance visitors' knowledge and understanding of Minnesota history and Native American culture.

Cost for the one hour tour is: General 18+ - \$8.00, Child 5 and Under - FREE, Student K-12, post-secondary, or homeschool groups - \$5.00, Seniors Ages 65+ - \$5.00. Admission fee can be paid upon arrival.

Please contact Ben Allen at 763-242-3311 or Bgallen@carleton.edu for more information and to reserve your spot.

Hoċokata Ti is located at 2300 Tiwahe Circle in Shakopee. For more information, visit hocokatati.org.

It Lights the Whole Sky

Caritas Vocal Ensemble - Giving Through Song
Part 2: Sing, my soul
Love in heaven and with the spirit

Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church 4735 Bassett Creek Dr. Golden Valley, MN

Beneficiary: Cherish All Children

SENIOR FITNESS – SPRING ALLERGY PREVENTION



Due to the unseasonably warm winter, the Minneapolis tree pollen count ranged from a three month average 2.0 to 5.3 from February 19th to the present, an 115% increase. If you have been sneezing with a runny nose, itchy eyes or sore throat, you may have fallen victim to seasonal allergies.

Here are some natural remedies to deal with allergies: Exercise, wear a N95 mask outside, use hepa air filtration inside, breath in steam, use nasal sprays or nasal irrigation with a neti pot and shower to wash off the allergens. Consume fresh veggies, fruits, honey, and nuts, drink more water, juice, and chicken noodle soup, consume probiotics (yogurt) to keep your gut flora healthy, and increase vitamin A, C, and D. Source: Cleveland Clinic & Webb MD.

Another alternative would be use over the counter antihistamine medicines/pills taken before bed such as Zyrtec (centirizine), Claritin, or Allegra which block histamine receptors on our cells, reducing our response to allergens.

(Submitted by Tom Wiblishauser, Holy Nativity Lutheran Chruch. Tom will be sharing his "Senior Fitness" articles with us going forward as a part of our shared Wildfire Collaboration. Thanks, Tom!)



HOH Library Corner

It is the beginning of spring and baseball season is here again!! We have an oldie but goodie, *The Only Way I know*, by Cal Ripken Jr. and Mike Byron.

This book narrates Cal Ripken, Jr.'s path to the major leagues, highlighting his early life and the influence of his father. It details his progression through the minor leagues, from the Rookie Leagues to Triple-A, leading to his call-up to Baltimore. Cal shares his thoughts on the game, his approach to batting and fielding, and his experiences during the Orioles' fluctuating success. This memoir reveals Cal's dedication to baseball, his family, his career, and teamwork, showcasing what makes him a revered figure in the sport.



House of Hope Book Club

The newly formed Book Club will read and discuss the book, "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi on Monday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m. "Homegoing" follows the paths of two half sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem.

May 6th the book read will be "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell. The story takes place in England 1580 during the plague and also tells a love story. We don't take attendance, join in when you can!

WE SEEK TO BE NEIGHBORS TO ALL... IN OUR HOUSE OF HOPE COMMUNITY



Apr 2 Rilynn Ellis

Apr 3 Jim Neus

Apr 6 Bunny Zeisel

Apr 11 Kenneth Agar

Apr 15 Annette Hansen

Apr 16 Scott Reger

Apr 17 Brenna Joyce Ebert

Apri 18 Delores Larsen

Apr 18 Graham Remple

Apr 19 Orv Johnson

Apr 20 Diane Ellis

Apr 20 Ellie Van Sistine

Apr 21 Jake Kukachka

Apr 21 Eli Rombalski

Apr 22 Robyn Quam

Apr 24 Linda Brooke

Apr 28 Stanley Haapala

Apr 28 Christina Montgomery

Apr 28 Clarice Sulzbach

Apr 29 Carolyn Larson



April 6 Ben and Kris Allen 50 years!

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? Contact the church office to get added! 763-533-3341 or office@hohlc.org Upcoming Memorial Services at House of Hope Shirley Hahn, Wed. May 1st at 11am Ray Henderson, Sun. June 2nd at 3pm

Thanks to all who serve and volunteer with our funeral ministry!



Thank You! Gerten's Spring Plant Sale

Don't forget...... You can pick up your plants between 5 to 6 pm on Saturday May 11. If you cannot make this time, please contact Karen Brehmer at (612-799-7069) to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your support of our Youth!

Sing Joyfully - Children's Choir Festival Minneapolis, MN

All are invited to register to attend "Sing Joyfully --

Twin Cities Children's Choir Festival" held on Saturday, April 27th at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. This ecumenical children's choir festival, featuring rehearsals, education for musicians, and a hymn festival, is open to children in second through sixth grades from any congregation or community choir, or any child who simply loves to sing.

You can look at a detailed schedule for the day along with information about the presenter and workshops by going to the ALCM website. www.alcm.org. You can find more information and registration on the Festival's EventBright page. Music director registrations for the day are \$20 and include educational sessions about leading children's music. Child participant registrations are \$10 and include participation in rehearsals and the hymn festival as well as music, folders, and t-shirts. All registrations include lunch.

We hope you and your choristers will consider joining us for this fun day of music-making. All are welcome.

April Guild Information

Sunday, April 7 2024

Altar - Chris Brewster

Coffee Server(s)- Tom & Becky Broeckel and

Mandy Scott

Greeter - Cheryl Wallenfelt

LiveStream - Mark Jensen

PowerPoint - Ben Allen

Reader - Maddie Halupnick

Usher - Ryan Montgomery

Worship Asst. - Kaela Halupnick

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Altar - Lynn McGrath

Coffee Server(s) - Pat Kukachka, Sharon Johnson,

and Mandy Scott

Greeter - Jennifer and Celeste Gonzalez

LiveStream - Sam Wangen

PowerPoint - Ryan Halupnick

Reader - Karen Brehmer

Usher - Steve Nightengale

Worship Asst. - Erin Paulsen

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Altar - Chris Bearl

Coffee Server(s)- Theresa Henderson, Marilyn Eggart

and Mandy Scott

Greeter - Jane Griffith

LiveStream - Rose Wangen

PowerPoint - Sophie Wangen

Reader - Shirley Fulmer

Usher - Ryan Halupnick

Worship Asst. Chris Brewster

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Altar - Mary Sundeen

Coffee Server(s)- Lynne McGrath, Nancy Elliot, and

Mandy Scott

Greeter - Chris Bearl

LiveStream - Joe Brehmer

PowerPoint - Christine Beck

Reader - Jane Griffith

Usher - Randy Wangen

Worship Asst. - Chris Bearl



Altar Flowers

There are still some Sundays available to sponsor Altar Flowers. Sign up today, it's easy! Sign up sheet is next to the north sanctuary door.



Join us at 10:00 am for Sunday worship in the Sanctuary April 7, 14, 21, 28



Join us for coffee, cookies, and fellowship Sundays after worship!

Ruth Peterson, our new parish nurse, will be present on the **Third Sunday** of the month to worship with us and to have to meet with people after worship.

Do you have an announcement for the April newsletter?

Email the office at office@hohlc.org or leave your
announcement in office mailbox before April 24 2024.

APRIL 2024 HAPPENINGS AT HOUSE OF HOPE (Note: This calendar is subject to change.)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	-	2	8	4	5	9
**Communion is served every Sunday.	1pm Book Club No Hope Bells	10am Caregiver Support 10am Respite Care	No Hope Chorale	9am SJMC 11am Bible Study		10:30 am <u>Hocokata</u> Ti Racial Justice Tour
	7pm Boy Scouts	/pm Exec. Mtg		/pm kacial Justice Group		
7	8	6	10	11	12 – Meals on Wheels	13
10am Worship** 11am Coffee Hour 11am Sunday School 11am Conf. Mentor Mtg	9:30am Library Day 7pm Hope Bells 7pm Boy Scouts	9am Quilting	7pm Hope Chorale	9am SJMC 11am Bible Study		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Worship	7pm Hope Bells	10am Caregiver Support	7pm Hope Chorale	9am SJMC		
11am Coffee Hour 11am Sunday School	/pm boy scouts	10am Respite Care 7pm Leadership Mtg.		11am Bible Study		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Worship**	7pm Hope Bells	9am Quilting	7pm Hope Chorale	9am SJMC		
11am Coffee Hour 11am Sunday School	7pm Boy Scouts			11am Bible Study 11am Kitchen Krew		
(Intergenerational S.S.) 11am Confirmation			8:30 a.m. Cooper "Wish			
		Cooper Setup @3p.m.	Em Well "breakfast			
28	29	30 – Meals on Wheels	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
10am Worship**	7pm Hope Bells		7pm Hope Chorale	9am SJMC	Meals on Wheels	
11am Coffee Hour 11am Sunday School 11am Confirmation	7pm Boy Scouts			11am Bible Study 7pm Racial Justice Group		



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House of Hope Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Community. All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to participate fully in fellowship, service, and leadership. God loves us unconditionally and we endeavor to be a place where that same hospitality is extended to everyone. Following Christ, we seek racial and social equity with reconciliation among all peoples. We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and mental ability, age or station in life, faith, or creed. Each person is a unique creation of God and through Grace, is a child of God. We invite you to come and worship with us!

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Join us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for worship and stay for fellowship!