



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship at Home
4:00PM—Spanish Worship at Home

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”

We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God’s blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the Prayer Cards located in the pews. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other worshippers, and for that reason there is a cry room located in the back of the church for your use. Children’s worship bags are available in the narthex for your use during the service (see an usher or elder). Please return the bag following the service to the “Worship Bag Tree.” We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!

IMPORTANT NOTES: *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God’s House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God’s house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

Hope: Anchored in Christ



Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 8/15	9:15	Worship at Home
	4:00	Spanish Worship at Home
Wednesday 8/18	8:30	Construction Meeting
	7:15	Spanish Kids ZOOM
	8:00	Spanish ZOOM Prayer & Bible Study
Sunday 8/15	9:15	Worship at Home
	4:00	Spanish Worship at Home

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Worship: 9:15: 19

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 40

Total Offerings (General & BHFTF): \$2,161.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Ephesians 5:6-7 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them.” The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word.” We are the Lord’s servants, therefore we cling to His Word.



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



August 15, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

“Hanover”

set’g: Paul Soulek

The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.

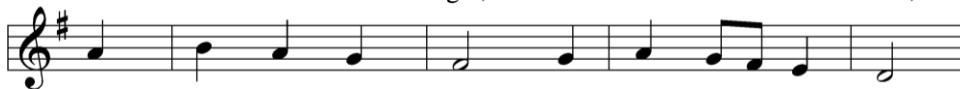
OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

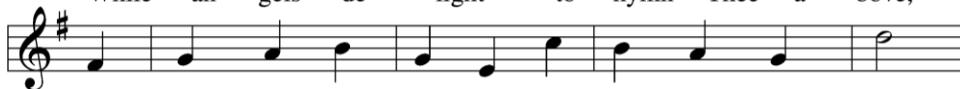
LSB 804; vs. 1-2, 6



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"

LSB 154



P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C: Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



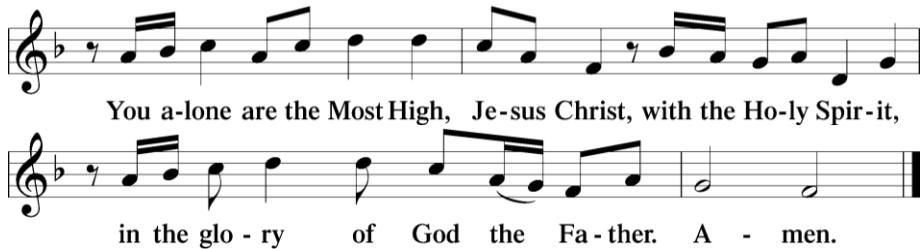
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life,

C: that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen.



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18

(God's way of wisdom)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:6-21

(Walking in the way of wisdom and love)

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

(Jesus is the living bread from heaven.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord!**

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so

whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!
 C: (Sung) **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY “What Is This Bread” LSB 629; vs. 1, 3, 5

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 3 So who am I, That I should
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has do not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who hunger for the true bread of life, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe He is the true bread of God come from heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For true unity in place of disunity, harmony in place of disharmony, and peace in place of violence, that the spread of the Gospel may continue unhindered and the spirit of love abound, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For God's people, that He would protect us from the impurities of this world; and that He would save us from violence outside ourselves and from hardness of heart within, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the leaders of our nation, that by our Father's righteous governance they may be preserved and guided to execute justice in our land; and for all hardened hearts,

that by the Gospel the Holy Spirit would work faith, that true peace may be established, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick, especially *Cindy Kemp, Lee Kimbrell, Vivian Stahl, Rayetta Stare, Dennis Walkenhorst, John Walsh, and all those who are suffering from COVID-19, either at home or in the hospital*, that in accordance with His will, they would give thanks to God; and for the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones, that God would strengthen their faith and assure them of His presence in all circumstances, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For gratitude and to turn away all grumbling, that our Lord, who continually feeds us in both body and soul, would bless us not with what we want but with what we need, especially the very body and blood of our Savior, the true manna from heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We entrust these petitions to the tender care of our heavenly Father, asking that He would hear us, teach us His Word and feed us with the bread of life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, reignite the hearts of us all to have a passion for the Gospel. Teach our church to share the Gospel with others. Teach us to live as those who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. In Jesus name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

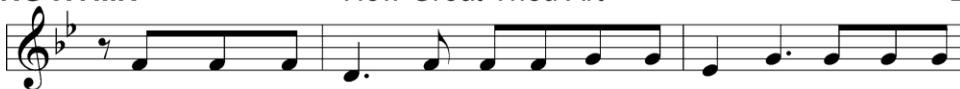
P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: Here am I! Send me!

CLOSING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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POSTLUDE

“O Store Gud”

sett'g: Robert Lind

Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue the Sundays after Pentecost, also referred to as the “long green season.” This season of the church year will take us all the way to Advent, with few festivals in-between. The emphasis of this half of the church year will be to take the ministry and message of our Lord into our hearts and lives and put it into action in our daily lives. The color of the day is *green*~the color of growth and life. A constant reminder that we are to daily grow in the Word and in our faith.



DONOR NEEDED: Hope member *John Walsh* is in need of a bone marrow donor in his fight against leukemia. To see if you might qualify as a match go to: bethematch.org. All donors must be 18-44 years of age.



FLOWERS NEEDED: There are some openings for YOU to place flowers on our Lord's altar for the **following Sundays: September 5 & 12**. Please call the church office (813-752-4622) to sign up.



REMINDER: ALL announcements for our worship bulletins **MUST** be received by **NOON, TUESDAYS** to be included. Verbal announcements must be requested by **Wednesday, Noon**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: For those teens interested in attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, **July 9-13, 2022**, there will be a meeting on **Sunday, August 22**. The Gatherings are phenomenal, life-changing experiences that you don't want to miss!



MOVING HOPE: Our next food distribution is **Monday, August 23rd**. We hope to see even more Hope members lending a hand!

ATTENTION QUILTERS: Quilting has been **CANCELED** for the month of **August**. We plan to resume in **September**.

BELLS & CHOIR: have been **CANCELED** for the month of **August**.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING IS BACK!: Yes, there will be an in-person MSYG **this year (November 5-7)** at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. Middle school youth that are interested in attending, please contact the church office ASAP for more information.



Join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region this month for our upcoming events. We help Christians find financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude.

August
11

Living in Financial Victory with Tony Evans

On Demand Event | Learn to be a good steward of what God has entrusted to you. Watch anytime during the 24 hour period.

RSVP Get your virtual ticket at <https://bit.ly/Tonyflyer>

August 11, 2021
12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

August
12/17

Paychecks & Playchecks with Tom Hegna

Online Webinar | Learn a proven approach to retirement that is tailored to your priorities.

RSVP Register at <https://bit.ly/Playchecks>

August 12 at 7:30 p.m.
August 17 at 12:30 p.m.

August
14

Create Money Habits that Stick

Online Webinar | Learn about Money Canvas, visual learning tools to help you build savings habits and set achievable goals.

RSVP Register at <https://bit.ly/Moneycanvas>

August 14, 2021
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August
18

Faith & Finances with Ron Blue

Online Webinar | Biblical principles of finance, simplify money management, and take the confusion out of managing your money.

RSVP Register at <https://bit.ly/RonBlueLink>

August 18, 2021
12 & 7 p.m.

August
25

BINGO: A Celebration of Membership

Virtual Event | Celebrate with other Thrivent clients and guests in a friendly virtual BINGO game challenge and hear Thrivent updates.

RSVP Register to play at <https://bit.ly/thriventbingo>

August 25, 2021
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Stay Connected

We want to hear from you! Contact us at SoutheastTMN@thrivent.com or see what's happening at www.thrivent.com/southeast or at [Facebook.com/SoutheastTMN](https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastTMN).

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BUILDING NEWS

To give online to *Building Hope for the Future*, simply go to Hope's website (hopeplantcity.com) and click "GIVE HERE."



STILL NEEDED: for the opening of our new sanctuary are new flower vases. We are in need of 2 new brass vases, each costing \$581.00. If you are willing to assist with this purchase, please see *Pastor Pfeffer*. Thanks to donors who have already purchased new altar candles, the hanging sanctuary candle, new offering plates, and various portions of the furniture needed for the building.

Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase July 2021



June contributions have increased our total to \$595,753 which is 88% of our goal. We thank God that He continues to bless us with Immeasurably More, and we thank you who have heard His call to support Building Hope for The Future. At this writing, we are covering the floor of the new sanctuary with Scripture so that we may "stand on the inerrant Word of God" in just a few short weeks. Praise Him! We know that God loves a cheerful giver, so let's spread some cheer this month! Please keep Building Hope for The Future in your prayers and plans.

Jeremiah 29:11—"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin	Putt & Sue Crouse
Diane Bates	Bonnie Genrich
Winnifred Brookman	Ray & Rita Gonzalez
Howard Brown	Liz Miller
Betty Christiansen	Chuck Wigand

LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeffer	Pres. Joseph Biden
LCMS Synod & District	Our Nation & World
Hope Staff & Ministries	Our Armed Forces
	Our 1 st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Carlos & Michele Floyd & family	mourning death of Carlos' father mother of Carlos Floyd—health concerns
Barabara French	health concerns
Michael Greatens	health concerns
Jim Kinhead	health concerns
Dodie Walker	health concerns

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Judy Adkins	mourning death of her sister, Lynnie Green
Albano family	mourning death of Corrine
Bryan & Dana Bullington	missionaries in Namibia, Africa—ministering to families during COVID losses
Kayra Cannell	niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus
Carolyn	sister of Marion Engel—pancreatic cancer
Claude	brother of Carol Walkenhorst—hospitalized; health concerns cousin Julie Gates & Christine Mansell—broken rib cousin's grandson of Julie Gates & Christine Mansell—recovery
Larry	friend of Carlos & Michele Floyd—cancer
Helen McCue	friend of Sandy Booher—Parkinson's Disease
Art Saitta	friend of Pastor & Li Pfeffer—health concerns
Vivian Stahl	health concerns
Rayetta Stare	health concerns; recovering
John Walsh	leukemia

BATTLING CANCER:

Austin Dobbs	Jim	Faye Mueller	
Dave Cannell	Jerry Gross	Marie Kopp	Betty Snaper
Carolyn	GZ	Larry	Virginia
Mary Clapp	Burt Hermann	Pat Mason	Millie Wetz
Derek	Joy Huang	Jennifer McCourt	Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Alex Almaguer	Stephanie Enloe—R	Tyler Newkirk	
Jacob Bertsch	Brandon Hastings	Stephen Olliff—R	Derek Quackenbush
Stephen Daniell—R	Brad Landis	Blake Paton—R	Justin Rappa
Lorrie Daniell—R	Bobby Martin	Donnie Pittman	Ryan Sonnenberg
	Aaron Morley	Hank Poirier	Mike Szostkiewicz—R

Please email your prayer requests to hopePCprays@gmail.com.