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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 9, 2023

✠ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ✠

WELCOME! We are happy that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Here in the Lord's House our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in His Word and Sacrament to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. The Sunday Divine Service is also being live-streamed on Hope's [Facebook page](#) and the service folder (bulletin) may be [accessed here](#). "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

✠ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✠

JESUS MAKES FISHERS OF MEN

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"COME, FOLLOW ME," *THE SAVIOR SPAKE* (LSB 688). Based on Matthew 16:24, Johann Scheffler wrote four stanzas of this hymn (stanzas 1-3, 5). Stanza four was published with the original stanzas in 1704. Scheffler, a physician by training, was raised as a Lutheran and wrote most of his poetry while still a Lutheran. Later in his life he became a follower of a mystic preacher and found his beliefs more in line with the Roman Catholic church.

✠ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ✠

- *PREPARE* to receive the Lord's Supper by reviewing "Christian Questions and Their Answers" beginning on 329 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *REFLECT* on Psalm 16 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 688, "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake."

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at each Sunday morning Divine Service, with both chalice and individual cup offered. Members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may partake of the Sacrament trusting that in this Holy Meal the Lord Jesus Christ is present and gives His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Guests are asked to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Those who have a health concern with the alcohol in the cup are asked to speak with the pastor. If you are taking Communion, please fill out the attendance card by marking an "X" in the box by the names of those communing, and hand the card to an usher as you go to the Lord's Table.

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 16, 2023) –

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| Old Testament: | Exodus 20:1-17 – God gives His Ten Commandments as the pattern of life for all people. |
| Psalm: | Psalm 19 – "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." |
| Epistle: | Romans 6:3-11 – Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. |
| Holy Gospel: | Matthew 5:20-26 – Living in Jesus' perfect righteousness (which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees!). |



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES are available for anyone that would benefit. Please see an usher for assistance.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE - You are invited to an English Country Dance on Saturday, July 15, at Ascension Lutheran Church/Word of Life Lutheran School, 6535 Eichelberger St., 63109. This is a fundraiser for the school athletic department. \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, free for 5 and younger. Some of the dances will have live music—Caroline Maichel playing violin and Gabe Maichel playing keyboard along with someone playing hammer dulcimer. To rsvp or for more information, contact athleticdirector@wordoflifeschool.net or Judy Maichel.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 9: **Luke 5:5 - “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’”** All our toil, all our work, all our efforts mean nothing without the Lord’s guidance. But if we walk in the Word of Jesus ... well, look what happened to Simon Peter! The Lord gives grace, and He promises to bless our efforts and bring forth further blessings that we never expected.

A SPECIAL INVITATION from Jeff and Pam Nielsen: We would be delighted to have our fellow Hope members as our guests at the COALITION LIFE CIRCLE GALA on July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Coalition Life is a local prolife group working to end abortion peacefully and prayerfully with sidewalk counseling outside abortion facilities. This benefit dinner features speaker, Mark Hauck, the father of 7 whose home was raided by the FBI after he stepped in to protect his son from an aggressive Planned Parenthood escort. Our own Caroline Maichel will play her violin and Gabe Maichel has assembled a jazz trio for the dinner. Won’t you join us and other pro-life minded people from the region? It would be wonderful to fill two or three tables of 10 with our friends from Hope! Here’s a link to learn more but please reach out to Pam at 314-440-5151 if you want to register and be part of the Hope tables. CoalitionLife.com/gala.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - St. Lucas Lutheran Church Recycling Event: What do you have sitting around the house with a cord or battery that is getting in your way of clearing out to make room for new stuff? You know you have accumulated items since our last event which was in 2021! Put everything in a pile and bring it to our Recycling Event, **7100 Morganford**, scheduled for **Saturday, August 26 from 9 to 11**. Most items will be taken at no charge. A list of items appears on the church's website (<https://www.stlucascms.org/>) so you can see what kind of things they will accept. Go to the church calendar and click on August 26 to view.

THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP is pleased to announce that we have just donated \$6,500 to Lutheran Senior Services for the use of residents of Breeze Park and Hidden Lake. The **Lutheran Resale Shop** is non-profit and is staffed entirely by volunteers Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. We are located at 6701 W. Florissant, Jennings, MO. Our phone is 314-389-9970. We are currently accepting donations of most household goods including clothing, crafts, kitchen items, jewelry, etc. You can always call to speak to our wonderful volunteers. Visit us soon and you will find that we are a unique Shop.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ June						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 61	FINANCIAL					
	June		Year To Date			
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted		
	Income:	\$41,316	\$29,372	Income:	\$187,933	\$175,599
	Expense:	\$35,358	\$25,856	Expense:	\$157,129	\$159,122

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ July 9, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor:	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY Church Office closed
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Summer Sunday School	WEDNESDAY
	Basement Auditorium:	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
	Romans—Daily Bread for the Soul	FRIDAY
	Rev. Randy Asburry	SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off