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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FUN EVENTS!

Sunday, June 5th: "Spreading HOPE" Celebration

Join us on Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate God's generosity lived out through YOU!
Welcoming of new members, food trucks, games, and fun following worship!

Tuesday, August 2nd: National Night Out @ HOPE
Stay tuned for all the ways you can help as we host our 3rd annual NNO for our neighborhood!

Pastor Annie's Vacation

Pastor Annie will be on vacation from May 9th– 16th. If you have need of emergency pastoral care during her vacation please contact Pastor Kim Suhr at Trinity Lutheran in Hammond. 715-796-2788

Coffee & Faithful Conversation

There will be no Coffee & Faithful Conversation on Tuesday, May 10th.

Please join us again on Tuesday, May 17th

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Wednesdays @ HOPE End of Year Schedule!
Upcoming Calendar for Faith Adventures/Confirmation

May 4	All About Holy Communion Lesson 2	Learning geared for both age groups
May 11	MOVIE NIGHT: All ages viewing of *Encanto*	Wear your jammies, bring blankets/stuffies!
May 18	End of Year Celebration!	Art & mission projects, pizza, Sundae bar, & more fun!

SUMMER YOUTH & FAMILY FUN!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

- June 15: Kayaking on the Kinni (all ages)
- July 13: Kayaking on the Kinni (all ages)
- July 25-27: REBOUND (high school event)
- July 30: HOPE Family Swim Party @ Glen Park Pool (for everyone)
- August 10: Outdoor Movie Night (for everyone)
- August 24: Kayaking on the Kinni (all ages)

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EASTER SEASON DEVOTIONAL LISTENING

If you enjoyed the listening options for Lent and Holy week, you will likely appreciate this Easter season playlist curated by Sacred Ordinary Days as well:
https://open.spotify.com/playlist/721qgkwmVLSzjxz4SsYvDU?si=778d0e1ded1847d8

CALLING ALL BREAD BAKERS!

Since we have resumed using bread for Holy Communion, we are in need of people we can schedule to bake bread throughout the year! We are still in need of a May bread baker!
Please contact Pastor Annie if you are able to bake!

Every year the Northwest Synod of WI hosts 2 spectacular events! E.P.I.C. (Effective Practices in Church Councils) serves as a leadership training event for members of congregational councils in our synod. “Walking Together” is typically a daylong event of worship, fellowship, and engaging workshops designed to help us be the church in our current contexts, share ideas, and celebrate what God is doing in our synod!

Unfortunately, the pandemic has complicated both of these events in recent years. The 2022 EPIC & Walking Together resources were all released on March 26 and are available online to view at ANY time. These are some FABULOUS resources that help us see what our “next most faithful step” as Lutheran Christians in 2022 might be! Here is a sampling of some of the titles to this year’s video workshops: “Life of Faith,” “Design Thinking for a Healing Church,” “Doing Less But Going Deeper” and “What We Learned During the Pandemic.” I encourage you to check all of this year’s offerings out at your leisure! Simply click **HERE**

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Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine on February 24, millions of people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts will support people impacted by this crisis. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected.

CALLING ALL AT-HOME READERS, GREETERS, & PEACE SHARERS!

As we continue to celebrate our new reality of a hybrid faith community we are hoping to engage more of our at-home family! **We are looking for those willing to record the Sunday readings, good morning/welcome greetings, and messages of sharing the peace!** These recordings will be shared in our livestream service! Video recordings are preferred, but audio recordings will also be accepted! Participants can record themselves using their own device or set-up a time to be recorded at HOPE. This is a GREAT way for families with children to participate as well! We'd love to see more of our at-home faith family!
You can **SIGN UP HERE** if you are interested! You will be contacted with further instructions!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with parts of worship **AT ANY TIME!!!**
Use **THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK** to sign-up to assist with our in-person worship!
Greeters, readers, communion set-up & servers, acolytes, ushers, Assisting Ministers & coffee fellowship hosts are all needed!
We pray you seriously consider serving your faith family in this way!

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Fay Perkins
Jerome Rodewald (Jeff Rodewald's father)
Thomas & Dawn Wirth (Tessa Van Overbeke's parents)
Sherry Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt)
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)
Chuck Eaton
Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Ruth Sylte (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Kathy Granquist (Karen Brohaugh's niece)
Barbara McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's mother)
Linda & Jesse Annoye Family (Relatives of Debra James)
Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)
Gordon Hendrickson (Mary Thompson's brother)
Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Tom Roycraft (Grant Klacan's Father-in-Law)
Katie Drablos (cousin of Linda Jacobson)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Jerry Brandt
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Fred Schmidt and family (Relatives of the Boocks)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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May Baptisms

John Peter Eaton
Lee Getschel
Grant Klacan
Melissa Kolb
Jean Loudon
Bill Montgomery
Rosemary Nelson
Faye Perkins
Eric Rydland
Mason Shea
Zoe Tokheim
Carly Wunrow

May Birthdays

Melissa Kolb	2-May
Lillian Brill	12-May
Stacia Johnson	13-May
Hunter Rodewald	14-May
Cecelia Bernard	15-May
Tanner Heinselman	15-May
Camden Roquette	15-May
David Hendrickson	19-May
Shane Bondhus	20-May
Brady Sailer	22-May
Spencer Ziebarth	23-May
James Malaney	23-May
Kay Montgomery	25-May

May Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Bruce & Susan Schuettpelz	8-May	40
Leonard & Connie Juaire	23-May	35
Michael & Michelle Hansen	28-May	
Bill Warner & Linda Jacobson	30-May	29

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All **CURRENT 8-12TH GRADE YOUTH & FRIENDS** are invited to this fantastic event in lieu of the ELCA Youth Gathering (which was canceled due to Covid complications). A $100 deposit and medical release form are due to Pastor Annie by **Sunday, MAY 22!** Youth who DID NOT initially sign-up for the Gathering now have the opportunity to attend this event! Youth families should check email for further details!
Individual HOPE member cost will not exceed $175 (hopefully less)
All youth previously signed up for the ELCA Youth Gathering have already made their deposit, but must verify that you plan to still attend!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Luther Point Bible Camp, located in Grantsburg, WI has opened their registration! WONDERFUL camp experiences for children, youth, and entire families are available this summer! Day camp options for our youngest friends, half-week overnights, full-week overnights, and some awesome FAMILY/Grandparent Camps too! Jr. High and High School camps also exist and for our 10-12 grade youth, the opportunity to be a camp B.U.D.D.I.E for 2 weeks is also an option! I highly encourage families to check this out!

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UPDATE TO HOPE'S COVID GUIDELINES

3.16.22 Update

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. -Psalm 118: 1,23-24

On Tuesday, March 15, the HOPE ministry council met and discussed our next most faithful steps in responding to Covid-19. Early in the pandemic, we committed to following the advice put forth by our local health department professionals, specifically that of the St. Croix County Health Department. So, today we are excited to announce an update to our Covd protocols, in alignment with the St.Croix County Health Department's update effective on March 7, 2022!
You can find the SCCHD most recent information at the following links:

Current Covid-19 Guidance
Current Coivd-19 County Level to determine current guidance

HOPE will follow the county's active recommendations based on this chart:

Level	Stay up to date on vaccines	Get tested if you have symptoms	Wear a mask
Low (Green)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Optional
Medium (Yellow)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Encouraged. Those at high-risk should talk to healthcare provider.
High (Orange)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended

We are currently in a LOW (Green) level in our county, so **HOPE is currently making masks optional inside our building.**

As we move forward, we definitely enter a "new normal." We trust God to offer new ministry possibilities as we continue faithfully navigating this unique season! As we make this next faithful step, we encourage you to keep the following in mind:

1. While masks are optional as of TODAY, our masking policy WILL LIKELY CHANGE BASED ON RISK LEVEL. Please be prepared to be flexible as needed.
2. Please be respectful of the individual/family choice to wear or not wear a mask. There is no need for additional commentary about someone's choice. Trust that every person is making the best choice for themselves.

Please still be respectful of people's personal space. This is a big adjustment for some people, and a simple, "is it ok if I hug you?" or "Is it ok for me to sit by you?" goes a long way. It is ok to tell someone you are not yet comfortable with close contact.

A few other notes:

1. **Holy Communion:** We began processing forward for the celebration of Holy Communion. Pastor will once again distribute the elements to you, with some offered for you to pick up if you prefer. As always, the pastor can come to you as needed! For those worshiping from home, please remember the Eucharist is intended to be celebrated in Christian community, within the context of worship, and at-home communion is being practiced only until we can all safely return together. Pastor is always available for homebound communion visits.
2. **Offering:**We will resume passing the offering plate for in-person worship as soon as we have ushers to assist. Online giving opportunities remain in perpetuity and you are encouraged to sign up!

Fellowship Time: We have been able to have fellowship for many weeks now, but have not had people willing to serve it. We would LOVE to resume this practice. You can sign up to host this time on our **HOPE Worship Volunteer Sign-Up**

1. **Hand Hygiene**: In light of updates for Holy Communion and Offering, please continue to practice good hand hygiene, taking advantage of the hand sanitizers placed around the sanctuary.

Pastor Annie strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to do so, to receive a vaccine.