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Connecting to the Vine

This week's Gospel text is John 15:1-8. In my own sermon preparation for the week, I came across this beautiful poem based on this text. For the past week or so I have been pleasantly surprised by these devotional materials written by retired United Methodist pastor, Steve Garnaas-Holmes. I commend the website and Facebook page to you: Unfolding Light. Here's a bit more about Pastor Steve from his website:

About Steve Garnaas-Holmes

I'm a retired United Methodist pastor. My wife Beth and I live in Maine. We have three grown sons whom I love dearly. I served churches for 40 years in Montana and New England. I've also lived in South Dakota, California, Washington and Minnesota. I often lead retreats on prayer, poetry and renewing our language about God. I used to write and perform with the Montana Logging & Ballet Company, a quartet that did music and comedy around the country, but people laughed us off the stage so after 37 years we quit. I write a lot of church music. I am trying to be here now.

Vine and Branches

I am the vine, you are the branches.
—John 15.5

O Christ, Holy Vine,
we live in you.
Your blood flows through us.
Your fruit ripens in us.
All your beloved the world over
are one with us in you.
We belong to them,
for we belong to you,
and your infinite life.
May we never sever ourselves
but by the sap of your love in us
flourish and blossom and bear fruit.
Amen.

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RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

A wonderful and committed team of volunteers has been hard at work to develop guidelines and procedures for resuming in-person worship and events here at HOPE. Please see the attached “Covid Worship Matrix” for the rubric for our decision-making.

With BOTH of our local counties still currently at either High or Very High infection rates (above 25/100K 7 day average) it is not safe for us to begin meeting at this time. As soon as these numbers decrease, we will be able to meet in person outdoors! **Please keep an eye on HOPE information each week to see our most up-to-date plan!**

AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP FOR MAY 2!

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in this time.

Special Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

HOPE's Council is calling for a Special Congregational Meeting on Wednesday May 12th at 6:30 pm CT. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on spending additional funds, beyond our current budget, specifically for wind screens for the Winds Of The Spirit structure. The meeting will be hosted via Zoom, much like our previous Annual Meeting. Additional information will be shared ahead of time and during the meeting. If you have questions before this Special Congregational Meeting, please contact anyone on the Property Ministry team or me.
Keith Getschel

We need your feedback please!

Our Communications Ministry has been considering a new logo for HOPE Lutheran. We would like your feedback by way of a survey. Please click the Survey Monkey link below.

Please take two minutes to answer this one-question survey. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCC5BVN

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St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity®

Please let us know if you would like to sign up to join for this Summer's Habitat for Humanity project in New Richmond. We are looking for five more people in June and July, and seven more in August (see dates below). You can sign up for one, two, or all three Saturdays.

Construction experience not necessary! From their site, "Don't worry, construction experience is NOT necessary. We have a great team who will help you learn!" Age, 18+. Volunteers 16 & 17 years old are welcomed with an adult guardian.

When:

Saturday June 26 (5 spots left)

Saturday July 24 (5 spots left)

Saturday August 21 (7 spots left)

You can sign up on this Google Doc (or email dalebohnert@gmail.com)

https://docs.google.com/.../1-yLcF9dnruR3URj66sn9p0v.../edit

Let me know if you have any questions! In addition to "construction" workers (might be painting) we will also have additional ways for you to serve, e.g., serving meals, donations. Stay tuned!

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in helping to make our Sunday LIVESTREAM worship possible, we'd love to incorporate your gifts! Pastor Annie is still looking for readers/prayer leaders for the next 4 weeks and we are always open to others willing to learn the A/V technology! Check out THIS GOOGLE DOC to sign-up to help!

Coffee & Faithful Conversation

Join Pastor Annie and others every Tuesday morning at 11AM for "Coffee & Faithful Conversation." This time has proved to be incredibly fruitful as many of us remain socially distanced from others. We spend time each week checking in on one another and engaging a series of faith-based questions/topics as we grow in faith together!

So brew your own cup and join us via Zoom meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424556345?pwd=TllRQTlKY1dDdkkvK3RHdnl6a0Jjdz09

Meeting ID: 884 1915 5061

Passcode:593674

Jim Pratt was thrilled and very appreciative of the many birthday cards he received from so many HOPE friends. Comforts Of Home is now welcoming visitors who have received both Covid vaccines and Jim would love to have you stop by. The best time to visit is between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
Just call ahead and notify the office, 715-802-2336.
Comforts of Home, The Gardens - 2328 Aurora Circle, Apt. 20A

Jesus reminds us to care for one another.

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Julian Grev (Friend of Betty Lou Oppegard)
MaryKay Mahler (Friend of Olive Olson)
Bill Smith (Friend of Bill & Olive Olson)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Roger Hammer's Family (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Candy Simpson (Cameron Shea's aunt)
Barb Grubba (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Duane Hall (friend of the Brohaughs)
Judy Karshbaum
Susan Traynor (Friend of Kathy Scott)
Carol Moenke
Gary Siebold
Oak Reile (Nancy Sailer's Cousin)
David Hendrickson
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Jerry Brandt
Lisa Sigfrids (relative of the Boocks)
James Glaubitz
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Marilyn & Fred Schmidt (Darcy Boock's sister-in-law)
Steve & Beth Pugh (friends of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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April Baptisms

Margaret Anderson
Louis Bernard
Charles Eaton
Kenna Frisch
Hazel Ladnier
Erik Oppegard
Sharon Paulson
Paul Perkins-Mcintosh
Jack Stang
Erik Warner
John Warner
Kaija Warner
Ben Wunrow
Amanda Ziebarth

April Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Will Bohnert	2-Apr
John Hamilton	2-Apr
Sawyer Filarsky	4-Apr
Michael Stang	5-Apr
Waylon Bailey	7-Apr
Jean Loudon	11-Apr
Traci Wolfe	11-Apr
Cathy Wunrow	11-Apr
Doug Thompson	13-Apr
Faye Perkins	14-Apr
Cole Frisch	17-Apr
Erik Eaton	25-Apr
Rougan Roquette	26-Apr
Jerry Brandt	27-Apr
Lori Leitch	29-Apr

		Celebrating
Brian & Crystal Roquette	02-Apr	19 Years
Gary & Vicki Siebold	21-Apr	20 Years
Eric & Lisa Rydland	30-Apr	16 Years