WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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"Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ"

Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
4th Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

HYMNS 482 – 709 – 740 – 845, 710, 711, 735 – 770

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 151 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 152

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 23; ♫ *tone C*

The Lord is my | shepherd;
I | shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green | pastures.
He leads me beside still | waters.
He re- | stores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for- | ever.

Reader – Nichol Tieman. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Field Worker –*** Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Acolyte*** — Isaac Beatty. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 68; offrg, $2,233.

***Greetings to our Guests*.** We are glad you have joined us in worship. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word. It is truly our intent to welcome you and make you feel comfortable here in God's house. Since communion implies unity of faith *we do not practice open communion* but invite those not fully united with us to enter full membership in the Lutheran community **first before receiving** the Sacrament. Sit-down communion, front left.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays – (children, teens, adults); 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.; Junior Confirmation following the Church Service; **Tuesdays** - 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bible Study; and Third **Saturday** – Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bible study and Christian growth opportunities are for everyone all year.

PLEASE KNOW that private communion is always available. Please contact Pastor and appropriate arrangements will be made for this.

OTHER WAYS WE ARE STAYING IN TOUCH. Facebook is our main method of communicating but there are other ways also. We continue to keep our website current: **www.hopelutherangc.org** with manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins.

BABY SHOWER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES will be May 9 beginning at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today following the service is **Junior Confirmation. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study**, at 11:30 a.m. is **Social Ministry Committee meeting,** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. **Thursday** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pastor will be participating in Granite City **National Day of Prayer** and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. he will be in **Prison Ministry.** Pastor will be continuing to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: BUNKO is May 8. Baby shower for local charities and Board of Elders meeting is May 9. Work Day is May 13. We've Been There Group is May 17. May 18 is the Deaconess Call Service at Concordia, Fort Wayne, IN. Voters' Assembly is May 23. Junior Confirmation is May 28. Vacation Bible School is July 24-28.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING is Tuesday beginning at 11:30 a.m. Always many activities and projects going on. Ladies, please make plans to join them.

BUNKO IS MAY 8 beginning at 11:30 a.m. with lunch. Always good food, fun, and fellowship. Please make plans to join them. A sign-up is on the hallway bulletin board.

OUR NEXT WE'VE BEEN THERE OUTING will be May 17. We will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. and drive to Casey, IL (about a 2 hour drive). We will visit the shops until noon, have lunch (order from menu at own cost) and then return home. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION IS MAY 28. Following the service there will be a reception and luncheon in the fellowship hall for our confirmands (Isaac Beatty and Abby Loehr). The entire congregation is invited to this. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

HOPE SPRING WORK DAY. We have set aside Saturday, May 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a church cleaning day. Many jobs are needed to be done. Join us/help out as you are able. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board for specific tasks you would like to take on. Also, you can sign-up for any job and do it at another time as you are able versus May 13. Working together, your help in getting our church property ready for spring and summer can be fun and is appreciated.

THURSDAY IS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. There will be a public gathering on the steps of the Granite City city hall at 10:00 a.m. for this. Six clergy will be speaking, each for about 10 minutes; including Pastor Beuster on "Hopelessness and Restoration." The public is invited to this as clergy, civic leaders, and business owners gather to seek God's guidance, provision, and protection for our nation and our community.

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT FOR SEMINARIAN SHEPPARD. At the assignment service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis on Wednesday Sean received his assignment to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville Beach, FL. We continue to keep the Sheppard's in our prayers as God leads and guides them in the ministry He would have them to do.

TRY THIS AGAIN! As we continue to move forward with our new vision statement we will again be using it as we start and end our service. Pastor's opening greeting will be revised to be, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all AS WE SHARE HOPE IN THE JOY OF CHRIST." At the close of the service Pastor will continue with "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." And the response will be "Thanks be to God. SHARING HOPE IN THE JOY OF CHRIST." In time, we will be more familiar and comfortable with this.

BASEMENT WORK COMPLETED. For some time now we have had a water leak in the southeast corner of the basement. This week we had a contractor in, who guarantees his work, to correct this. Things are happening at Hope!

THEME FOR THE DAY: The fourth Sunday of Easter is designated Good Shepherd Sunday. The metaphor of Jesus as the Shepherd and we as the sheep is used often. As we look at the characteristics and actions of sheep, it fits us well. Today, using the new vision we have for our church, we will reflect on Jesus as our Good Shepherd and what that means for us in a message entitled, "Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ."