WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
13th Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022

HYMNS 707 – 709 – 692 – 425, 350, 762, 556 – 791

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

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

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
but his delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates | day and night.
In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked | are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.
For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Altar Flowers — Millie Schubert — to the glory of God. ***Reader*** — Janette Barry. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 58; offrg, $1,605.

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. We are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in Word and Sacrament, and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we live the Christian life by faith.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays − 8:30 − 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; **Tuesdays** −10:00 − 11:00 a.m. Bible Study; and Third **Saturday** – Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 8:00 − 9:30 a.m.

OTHER WAYS WE ARE STAYING IN TOUCH. You can view live or any time later our church services by going to: **HopeLutheranChurchGraniteCity,IL–Posts/Facebook.** CD audio recordings of each of our services are also available.

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

BUNKO RETURNS. September 12, at 11:30 a.m., will be lunch and BUNKO. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Please join us for good food, fun and fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will lead the service at **Eden Retirement Village**. **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** meeting here at Hope. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: BUNKO returns September 12. September 15 will be the showing of the movie "Unplanned". Luncheon / wedding shower for the Sheppard's is September 18. We've Been There Group is September 19. The Fall Sale is September 24. Voters' Assembly is September 27. October 2 Social Ministry Committee will be having a soup luncheon to raise money towards an ultrasound machine for Mosaic. The Lutheran Churches of Granite City day for 40 Days for Life will be October 27.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR SEMINARIAN SEAN AND FIONA SHEPPARD. Earlier this summer Sean and Fiona were married in upper Michigan. Given the distance we here at Hope were not able to honor them. We thought it best that we wait until they return this fall when we could more properly congratulate both of them. The time has now come. A wedding shower/luncheon will be held following the Service on September 18. In lieu of other items, cash gifts was thought best for them. Please plan to join us, give your congratulations to the couple and provide them with a cash gift as desired. Sandwiches and dessert will be provided. We are asking for donations of salads. A sign-up sheet for both is on the hallway bulletin board.

WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP will be September 19 beginning at 11:30 a.m. here at church. We will have a BBQ with your choice of indoor or outdoor games. Please make plans to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

FALL SALE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24. Rental will be $20 per table to sell your items. It is planned once again to have tables both inside and outside as well as a hot dog stand and sale of baked items. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board for those interested in selling. For all of us, please mark your calendar for this date to stop by for lunch, fellowship, and support to our members selling items.

WHAT IS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE? It is a peaceful presence at abortion facilities from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day from September 28 through November 6. It is as simple as standing or sitting in a chair on the sidewalk with a partner to give a witness to the sanctity of life our God has created. October 27 at the Granite City clinic has been assigned to "The Lutheran Churches of Granite City." A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

SHOWING OF THE MOVIE "UNPLANNED" on September 15, here at Hope, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will be a host site for the showing of this movie prior to the next 40 Days for Life campaign. While we will be joined by others, certainly all members of Hope (even if not involved in 40 Days for Life) are invited to view the movie. "Unplanned" is a true story about the director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility who always just wanted to help women. She had a passion for a woman's right to choose until one day, she viewed an abortion procedure. That day, she walked out of the clinic and joined Coalition for Life. Abby Johnson went from being the director of an abortion facility to one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. Please plan to join us.

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION TO START SOON. We are beginning planning and preparation towards another year of Confirmation (mid-September). Do you know someone entering the 7th grade or older that may be interested in our Confirmation program? Please let Pastor know so he can follow up as appropriate.

THEME FOR THE DAY: In our Old Testament reading for the day, Moses is giving his farewell speech to the children of Israel before they cross into the Promised Land. He tells them, "Choose life, that you and your offspring may live." Seems like an easy choice. But, of course, we know that the children of Israel many times failed at this; and the truth be known, we do also. What are we to do? Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Life or Death Lies Before You."