

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
14th Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2022

HYMNS 711 – 609 - 895 – 571, 710, 744, 506 – 740

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 119; ♪ tone C

Let my cry come before you, | O Lord;
give me understanding according | to your word!

Let my plea come be- | fore you;
deliver me according | to your word.

I long for your salvation, | O Lord,
and your law is | my delight.

Let my soul live and | praise you,
and let your just decrees | help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek your | servant,
for I do not forget your com- | mandments.

Reader — Diane Carpenter. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Sandy Jessee and Lois Swigert. *Field Worker* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – atndd, 42; offrg, \$3,346.

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: **Monday** at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO.** **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** at 6:00 p.m. is **Confirmation Orientation** for parents and students and at 7:00 p.m. is both **Board of Elders** and **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. **Thursday** at 6:30 p.m. is the **movie "Unplanned."** **Saturday** from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. is **Men's Breakfast Fellowship.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: 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 is Social Ministry Committee soup luncheon for Mosaic. Lutheran Church day for 40 Days for Life is October 27.

LUNCH AND BUNKO IS TOMORROW beginning at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Please join us for good food, fun, and fellowship.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR THE SHEPPARD'S IS NEXT SUNDAY. To "Catch up" and honor and celebrate Sean and Fiona's wedding earlier this summer in Michigan, a wedding shower/luncheon will be held following the service next Sunday. 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 at 11:30 a.m. here at church. We will have a BBQ with indoor and outdoor games. Please join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

FALL SALE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24. Rental is \$20 per table to sell items. Tables will be 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. Please mark your calendar for this date to stop by for lunch, fellowship, and support to our members.

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 at an abortion facility with a partner to give a witness to the sanctity of life our God has created. October 27 at the clinic in Granite City 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" IS NEXT THURSDAY here at Hope, beginning at 6:30 p.m. While we will be joined by others, certainly all members of Hope are invited to view the movie. "Unplanned" is a true story about the director of an abortion facility. 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. Encouragement is given to join us for this movie.

PARENT/CONFIRMAND ORIENTATION MEETING will be Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will go over the program and say "start" to the year ahead. If you know of anyone eligible or considering Junior Confirmation, please invite them to come to this. They can learn about the program and then make final decisions about participation.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today in our Gospel reading, Jesus tells us the parable of the lost sheep. This parable raises many questions and gives us much insight about how to deal with lost sheep, or those who have wandered from the flock. What are we to do, how are we to react when we find them, and what is the reception to be when they return? Today we will consider all this in the message entitled, "Lost and Found Sheep."