

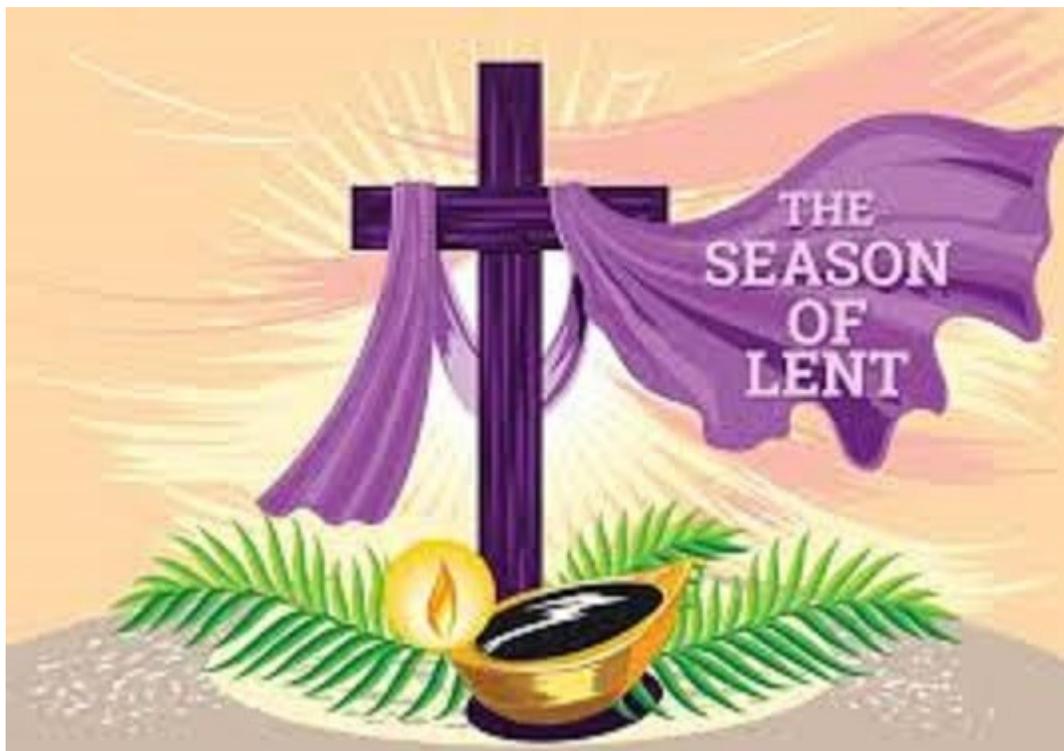
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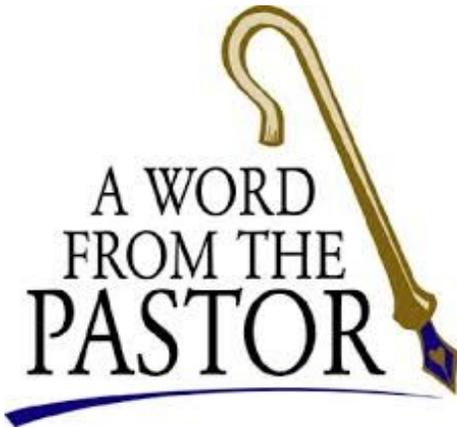


HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Joel 2:12-13 - "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

16 February 2026



Dear church,

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. | Ephesians 1:16

It is with a mix of joy and sadness that I share with you that my time as your Interim Minister is coming to an end. I have received and accepted a call to serve as the next Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Rosedale, Maryland. That call will begin on Monday, March 9; my final day as your interim minister will be Sunday, March 8th.

More than anything else, I want to say thank you. You have warmly welcomed me and Miriam into your congregational family. You have been gracious, kind, and forgiving with me. It has been a joy to visit you, to serve our neighbors together, and to learn with you at Confirmation and Bible Study. What a privilege it has been, as well, to baptize Mason, Aviana, Roger, Ryland, and Christopher. You have taught me so much about pastoral ministry, and more importantly, about what it looks like to live by the grace of God.

I have been and remain in conversation with our synod Bishop Bill Gohl and Pr. Robin Simpson-Litton, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, about this pastoral transition. Bishop Gohl and Pastor Robin will be with you through this time, and Pr. Robin will continue her work to accompany you in calling the next pastor of Hope Lutheran Church.

Hope Lutheran Church will always have a special place in my heart. I will always remember and give thanks for you. I will pray for you, as well, that God would continue to guide you and that God would give you hope in all that God promises to do for and with you in Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

With my prayers and love,

Vicar Adam Fairchild

"I will receive the church's gift of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, March 7, at 11:00 am at **Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, MD.** **Whether in-person or online, I'd love to celebrate with you!" - Vicar Adam**

BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND
THE CALL OF THE CHURCH

ADAM MICHAEL FAIRCHILD

WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE
MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
IN THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

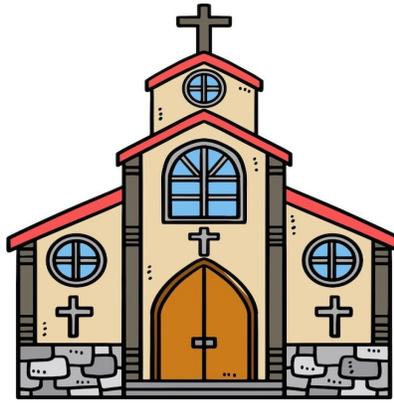
SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2026
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

BISHOP WILLIAM J. GOHL, JR., PREACHING AND PRESIDING
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

ROSTERED MINISTERS ARE INVITED TO VEST AND PROCESS
THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS RED

ADAM HAS BEEN CALLED TO SERVE AS THE PASTOR OF
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ROSEDALE, MD



Hi! I am Eileen Kelley-Warner - a hometown girl who was born and raised in Baltimore. I have lived and worked in other places, but I always seem to end up back “home.” I think it’s the combination of the people and the best crabcakes in the world that keep bringing me back.

I am looking forward to working and worshipping with the congregation at Hope during this interim period. I am especially excited about the deep investment the congregation has in prayer, Bible study, and children’s ministries. These are all areas of great passion for me!

I graduated from United Lutheran Seminary (when it was Gettysburg Seminary). I am also a pastoral counseling graduate of Loyola University in Maryland and have a PhD in Counselor Education and Psychology from Neumann University in Aston, Pennsylvania. Some of my greatest gifts are a compassionate heart and a deep desire to provide a safe place for people to share their hopes, dreams, needs, and frustrations. I have been serving in ministry for almost 30 years - in the parish, as a chaplain in elder care settings, and as a counselor, chaplain, and teacher in two parochial schools. I also have extensive training and experience in shepherding congregations during times of pastoral transition. I am excited about helping Hope to find renewed hope and the deep trust in the Spirit’s guidance that’s needed to clarify a vision for the future and determine important needs so that, when the time comes, you can identify a pastor who can help Hope walk into the future to which Christ is calling you.

In a way, I am returning to Hope, as I served among you several years ago during Pastor Charlie Marshall’s summer sabbatical. During Hurricane Isabel, I was the pastor at St. John’s in Edgemere, and Hope was a helpful partner in our efforts to offer hurricane relief to people in Fort Howard and Miller’s Island who lost so much in the storm. I have always cherished both of those times of collaboration.

My husband Mark and I live in Essex. He is a plant manager for a local food distributor and retired from the Army after 27 years of service. He loves to participate in worship, lay leadership, and Bible Study. We have a spoiled two-year-old cocker spaniel named Bella, and in our free time we enjoy watching Food Network, sampling the food and wine at various local restaurants, and live-streaming mysteries and dramatic series on TV.



**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at
10:00 am. for worship.**

We are currently offering one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sundays. We are alternating between our Traditional and Family Worship Service format each Sunday, with a children's message and Children's Church./KBZone.

Please join us for in-person Worship Service and Holy Communion in our sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 AM or

Mission Statement

“Why are we here as a people of God? We are here to celebrate our faith, grow in faith and in God’s Word, and reach out in service to our community.

Go in peace to celebrate, grow and serve”!



Gail Anuszewski
 Howard Altenburg
 Bob Baker
 Connie Baker
 Susan Baucom
 Barbara Becker
 Carolyn Bell
 Bob Bellach
 Gail Berry
 Jessica Berry
 Pat Berry
 Kathy Binas
 John Boblitz
 Don Boyce
 Ken Brazerol
 Debbie Bryant
 Andres Buitrago
 Wilford Buitrago
 Tony Bunk
 Ethel Burke
 Rick Calo
 The Family
 of Eric Carl
 David Clagget
 Chris Coffey
 Mary Jane Conrad
 Julie Cook
 Tom Cox

Chuck DeWitt
 Kimberly Dixon
 Jami Edgar
 Alice Edinger
 David Eicher
 Belinda Emge
 Susan Enclade
 Evan
 Jane Fabrizio
 John Fabrizio
 Darlene Fisher
 Tim Flaherty
 Al Fleischmann
 Florence
 Derrick Fowler
 Sam Freels
 Mike Gerald
 Fred Getz
 Russ Getz
 Trudy Grauer
 Cowyn Gustave
 Nicole Harden
 J & K
 Lillian Jones
 David Kerner
 Joan Kincaid
 Michelle Kincaid
 Matt Kretzschmar

Christina Lacko
 Diane Lacko
 Lynne Lake
 Patty Baldwin
 Linsolata
 Margaret Linz
 Harriet Lloyd
 Phil Malpas
 Mary-Kathryn
 Ruth Massaroni
 John Micklos
 Matilda Miller
 Michelle Moore
 Terry Novak
 Charmaine Ordak
 Rebecca Orr
 Beth Patterson
 Judy Crockett
 Peddiford
 Krista Pellegrini
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 Evelyn Porter
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 Lonnie Smith
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 Deni Starr
 John Steiner
 Peggy Talbott
 Thom
 Vernon Wallace
 Frank Walls
 Trish White
 Elvelta Williams
 Karen Williams
 Elner Wilson
 Gail Wilson
 Cass Wohlleben



*Our Congregation and ministries, All First Responders, Medical Personnel, and all active and reserve members of our armed forces.



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday beginning at 9:30-9:40 AM there will be an opportunity to shout, pray, sing, and give testimony & honor to God. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Colin Eversley, Music Minister

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CHOIR REHEARSAL: Rehearsal will be *after our 10:00 AM church service every Sunday.* The choir is asking all interested persons to please join the choir and sing, praising God each week,

Hope celebrated a Baptism on January 11th,
“Baptism of Our Lord Sunday”!

Christopher, let your light so shine before others that
they may see your Father in heaven.

What a joy it is to celebrate your baptism and Christ’s baptism
on this day! We welcome you into the mission and Community
we share as the church.

Thanks be to God!





LENTEN MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICE!!

Mark your calendars!! On Wednesdays during Lent (March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th), we will have our **MID-WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICES** with a 30-45 minute contemplative worship time and some singing in the Christian Education Building Lower Level/All Stars Learning Center at **6:30 pm**. Please join us!



We need volunteers to make soup for our Soup Supper each Wednesday during Lent!

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Let Thea Melton know if you will be able to make soup. Email text, or call Thea—410-585-5670, baylady57@gmail.com. Come join us!

COME JOIN US ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY!

On Sundays at 10 am

and

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper & Service on
Wednesdays during Lent.



LENTEN CALENDAR

March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULES

March 29th **PALM SUNDAY** Service at 10:00 AM

April 2nd **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Service at 7:00 PM

April 3rd **GOOD FRIDAY** Service at 7:00 PM

April 4th **EASTER VIGIL** Service *Online only* at 7:00 PM

April 5th **EASTER SUNDAY** at

**8:30 AM Traditional Service with Holy Communion &
10:30 AM Contemporary/Family Service with Holy
Communion.**

***CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** Please join us for a continental; breakfast between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services on Easter Sunday.



Bible Study and Small Groups

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study. Please join us!

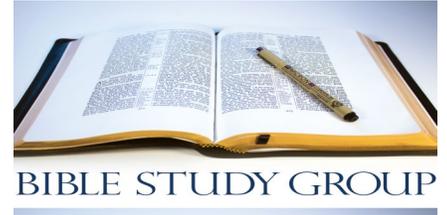
To register, call 410-686-7587 or email hopelsecretary@outlook.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

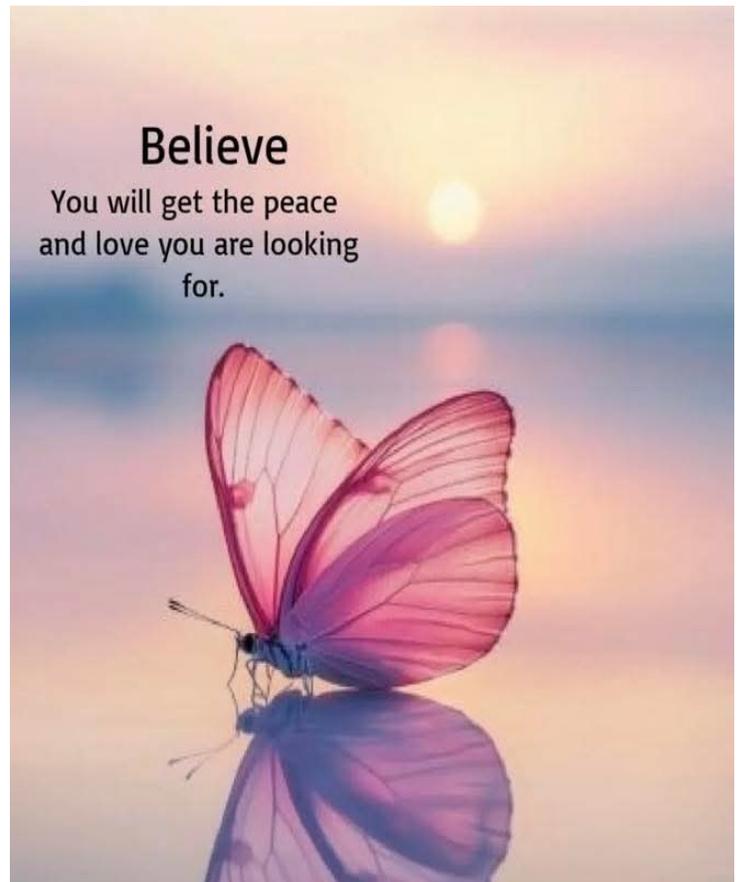
There will be Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM during Lent in the Choir Room.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

There will be **no** Evening Zoom or in-person Bible Study on Wednesday evenings during Lent.



*Holy God, write your Word on our hearts so that we might move with gracefulness through the world, balanced and whole.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*



“Christmas at Sea Program”

On January 6th Lynne Lake and Vicar Adam got to deliver the cookies that our youth group made after church on Sunday to the Seafarers’ Center at the Port of Baltimore!

The cookies are a part of the Christmas at Sea program, which helps to care for sailors who spend months at sea at a time by giving them gifts and treats—like home made cookies!

Just from our congregation, we had more that 540 cookies to deliver! Wow!

Special thanks to all of our youth and their parents/guardians who came out to help bake them on Sunday, to all who donated to help us with ingredients, and to Fr. Josh Messick, Port Chaplain and Seafarers’ Center Director, for giving Lynne and Vicar Adam a tour of the port!



All Stars Christian Learning Center



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Essex, MD 21221
410-686-6060
allstarscenter@yahoo.com



Do you want your child to have an action packed and fun filled Summer?

We invite your child to experience our
"Countries Around the World" Summer Program!

Learn fun facts about N. and S. America, Africa, Asia, and so much more!

Other fun activities will include: STEM, water play, biking obstacles, arts and crafts, spirit week, and special visitors!

Outdoor Activities

- Organized Sports
 - Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
- Sprinkler / Water Balloon Days
- Obstacle Courses

Special Events

- Cook-Out
- Ice Cream Social
- Crazy Olympics

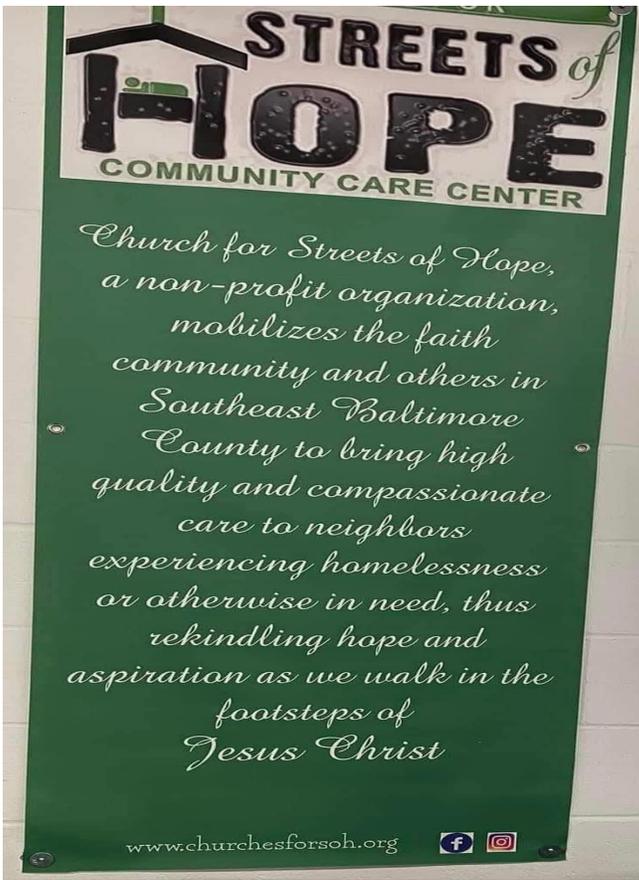
Arts/Crafts

- Make Americana Jewelry
- Decorate a Sun Visor
- Tie-Dye T-Shirts
- Make an Olympic Medal
- Make Cultural Art, Jewelry, and Masks
- Taste Cultural Foods

**Our Summer Program covers ten weeks¹ of care, beginning June 17, 2024, and ending August 23, 2024. We offer full time care and part-time care. Tuition ranges from \$70.00-\$240.00 per week, with an additional activities fee of \$10.00 per week. Our Center provides breakfast, morning snack, and afternoon snack. Lunch must be provided by parents. For more information and to register your child for our Summer Program, please contact Nicole at 410-686-6060. **

¹ You do not have to sign up for all 10 weeks, but registration is 1st come, 1st served.

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The **Streets of Hope** Men's Shelter is now open for the cold weather thru April. Our church will be providing dinner on **the 4th of every month**. Our next time to serve is **Wednesday, March 4th**.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering, please contact

Sandy
Cincinnati
at 443-324-8355



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Saturday morning sessions take place in the Choir Room at **10 AM**. The new **Zoom sessions** are **Mondays at 7 PM**.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Cindy Schmidt-Presnell 443-519-7174 or Laurie Koontz at 443-632-5220.

Thank you

February 8th

**No heat (in our sanctuary), no problem!
Thanks to all for being flexible and gracious, that day, as we moved worship to our All-Stars Christian Learning Center!
And thanks, to Mickey, Bob, Chuck and Colan for helping clear so much snow and ice from around our building so that we**



*God Bless Judy and her wonderful talent for making
the beautiful center pieces for our Fellowship Hour*

January 11th



January 18th



February 1st





In Our Thoughts and Prayers

In deep sadness and in sure certain hope of the Resurrection, we share the news of Eric Carl's death January 27th. Eric was a beloved member of our congregation whose faith, teaching, and leadership modeled Christian faith and service for so many of us.

Eric's Memorial Service was at Hope Lutheran Church on
February 7th in the sanctuary

May Eric rest in peace and rise in glory.

Through baptism, we are united with Christ not only in death, but also in resurrection. That is our promise; that is our hope. Please remember his family's grief in your prayers.



Eric Ramon Carl

Born: October 30, 1936

Died: January 27, 2026

Eric Ramon Carl was born in Coaldale, Pennsylvania, in 1936 and moved to Baltimore with his parents at the age of four. He graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1955 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Johns Hopkins University in 1962.

Eric enjoyed a diverse career path, including work as an engineer in the defense industry. From 1962 to 1989, he was a small business owner of Middle River Marine Electronics Company (MIRELCO) in Essex, where he also designed a page reader. In retirement, he taught for 10 years as a part-time adjunct professor at a community college.

Over the years, Eric pursued various hobbies, including boating, fishing, and flying small single-engine planes and seaplanes. He briefly towed banners and was a leader in Boy Scouts of America Troop 372. Blacksmithing at Jerusalem Mill in Gunpowder Falls State Park and participating in historical reenactment events brought him great joy.

Eric's passion for sharing his faith was evident in his teaching of children and adults for over 70 years at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was involved in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study, and weekly Chapel time at All Stars Learning Center, along with occasional fill-in sermons. He also served the congregation in various leadership roles throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Lee Carl; his oldest son, Eric Carl Jr.; and his brother-in-law, Bud Saunders. He is lovingly remembered by his sister, Judith Saunders, and her family; his present wife, Marjorie Hemmerly Carl; sons, Mark Norman Carl (wife Sandra) and Thomas Harry Carl (wife Kimberly); and the widow of Eric Carl Jr., Julie, as well as nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

A Note From Deacon Robin Palmer, OSSD

Please see the note below from Deacon Robin Palmer, OSSD.

“Dear members of Hope Lutheran Church,

I am writing to let you know I have transferred my membership and am now Deacon at Epiphany Lutheran on Raspe Ave., God is love church. I felt for a long time God calling me there since I was attending on Wednesday nights and asked to assist once or twice a month for a very long [time] now. As you all know I work the marine terminal on Sundays this all seemed to fall into place. I want to thank you all for being patient with me and giving me the chance to serve you. I was just a novice new Deacon when I joined and almost scared to get up and read the prayers . I was right out of being set apart under Bishop Bill Gohl. You trained me well. I will not forget you. Thank you again and may God bless you all and May Hope church continue to grow.

Deacon Robin Palmer, OSSD”

Please join me in giving thanks for Deacon Robin's ministry among us, and in prayer for her continued service among God's beloved through the community of Epiphany Lutheran Church. We wish Deacon Robin well, and will be eager to see the fruits of her ministry! - Vicar Adam



EASTER LILIES & MUMS It is time again to order flowers to help beautify our altar for Easter. The cost is **\$14.00 for Mums** and **\$13.00 for Lilies**. **The ordering deadline is March 15th. Please remember that we need at least 50 Mums for the cross.** Please fill in the information requested below and place in the offering plate or contact Shirley Edmonston. Please submit your payment with the order. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church. You may pick up your flowers after the late Easter service, around noon.

Name & Phone#: _____

No. of Lilies _____ No. of Mums _____

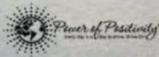
Qty _____ x \$13.00/\$14.00 = \$ _____

Cash: _____ Check No. _____

IN MEMORY OF **IN HONOR OF** **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

Please indicate dedication Use back of form if necessary. Thank you.

**Life is like an
elevator:**
on your way up,
sometimes,
you have to stop
and let some
people off.



Grief never ends...But
it changes. It's a passage,
not a place to stay. Grief is
not a sign of weakness, nor
a lack of faith... It is the
price of love.

-Elizabeth I



**Always remember
that your present
situation is not your final
destination. The best
is yet to come.**

- Zig Ziglar



Speak positive words into
your life every single morning.
Think big. Think healing.
Think success. Think peace.
Think happiness. Think growth
mindset. Always start the day
with positive energy.
You deserve it.





March Birthdays



Birthday Blessings

01	Cass Wohlleben
01	Anya Moses
07	Kayla Watson Eck
08	Amelia Caruthers
08	Frederick Neewary
13	Jeanne Faust
13	Brian Frueh
17	Lynne Lake
18	Mary Lee Porter
24	Jeff Patten
30	Ron Hershey



Worship Themes for March 2026

Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
March 1 Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	The blessing of God upon Abram I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. The promise to those who share Abraham's faith The mission of Christ: to save the world
March 8 Lent 3	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Water from the rock in the wilderness Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Reconciled to God by Christ's death Baptismal image: the woman at the well
March 15 Lent 4	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	David is chosen and anointed You anoint my head with oil. Awake from sleep, live as children of light Baptismal image: the man born blind
March 22 Lent 5	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	The dry bones of Israel brought to life I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope. Life in the Spirit Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus
March 29 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66	The servant of the Lord submits to suffering Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Humbled to the point of death on a cross The passion of the Lord

Listen for
God's Voice
In everything you do

Duty Schedule for: March 2026

10:00	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Assist	John Kelly	Joan Schweitzer	Colan Kahl	Thea Melton	Bob Schweitzer
Lector	The Youth	Marge Carl	Jess Kahl	Thea Coker	Passion Readers
Serve if needed	Bob Schweitzer	None	None	None	None
Ushers	Carolee Calo The Youth	Linda Moler Eric Eszes	Carol Ogle Laurie Koontz	Denise McLaughlin Jackie Eversley	Donna Jacob Sue Alexander
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Denise McLaughlin	Joan Schweitzer Linda Moler	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Linda Moler Thea Melton	Donna Jacob Steve Kahl
Flowers	Sign-up Available Sign-up Available	Sign-up Available Sign-up Available	Steve & Sharyn Kahl Sign-up Available	Bob & Joan Schweitzer Jeff & Kate Patten	Chuck & Michelle Kroner Rick & Carolee Calo
Sunday School	Denise McLaughlin	Rachel Morgan	Carolee Calo	Ruth Kraeger	Denise McLaughlin



Love. Grow. Serve.



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00 AM Quilters 	3 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in the sanctuary	4 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers 7:00 PM Service 6:00 PM Streets of Hope	5	6	7
8 10:00 AM Worship in person 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Daylight Savings Time	9 10:00 AM Quilters 	10 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in the sanctuary	11 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Service	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 AM Quilters 	17 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in the sanctuary	18 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Service	19	20	21
22 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00 AM Quilters  7:00 PM Council Meeting 	24 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in the sanctuary	25 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Service	26	27	28
29 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00 AM Quilters 	31 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in the sanctuary				





Spring Forward

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

**Daylight Savings begins on Sunday March 8th!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on
Saturday night or you will be late for church!**



God of healing and wholeness,

you make all things
new and bring us to
new life. Restore
broken relationships
in the church. Heal
divisions. Unite the
body of Christ. Help
us show your love to
all people.

Bread for the Day



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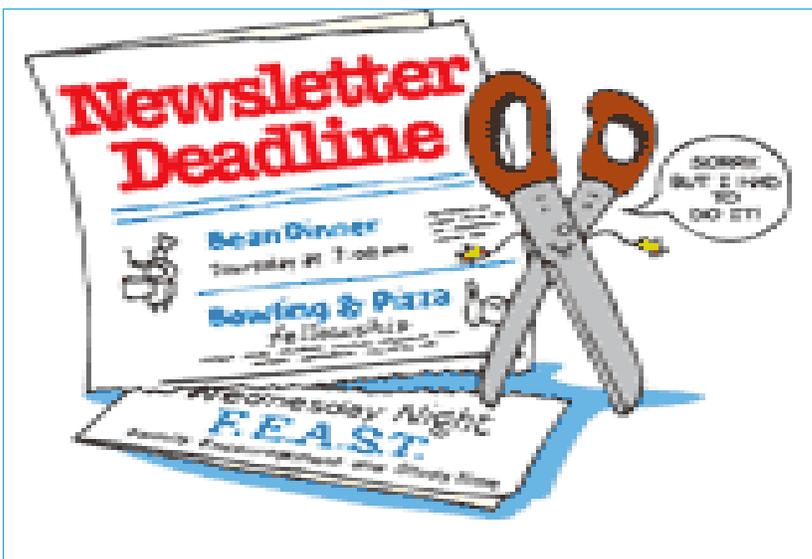
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**Articles for the April
Messenger are due by
Thursday
March 19, 2026**