

Voice of Hope

Hope Lutheran Church
Milton, WI
April, 2022



*Serving All Through Jesus Christ In Thought, Word and Deed
Use whatever gift you've received for the good of one another so that you
can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties.
1 Peter 4:10*

April 3rd Special Worship Time

On **April 3rd** we will worship together with one service that morning at 10:00 am, after gathering at 9:00 am for a Town Hall Meeting to review our Ministry Site Profile with Marie Leafblad, our synod contact through the call process. Sunday School children will be shown a movie so parents can attend. The Transition Team members will be thanked and the Call Committee Installed at 10:00 am worship. Following the service, Marie will give an overview to the Call Process to the Call Committee.



Palm Sunday, April 10

With Palms and

The Passion of Our Lord According to Luke

8:00 Worship with Facebook Live

10:30 Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14

6:30 Worship with Facebook Live

Good Friday, April 15

12:00 noon Worship with Facebook Live

6:30 Worship

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:00 Worship with Facebook Live

10:30 Worship



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Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, with Facebook Live at 8:00 am
Education Hour (PreK-6th gr) 9:15 am

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Dear people of Hope,

We're midway through the season of Lent. I hope you have been appreciating and learning from the ELCA 40 Days of Giving World Hunger Lenten preaching series we've been using. If you're interested in looking at the weekly study questions, you will find the guide here: <https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA-WH-LentStudy-2022.pdf>? I'm grateful that as people of faith, we are connected to people all around the world, working to eradicate hunger. It is a fitting discipline for Lent!

With the coming of spring (did you know the word Lent means 'spring'?), we look forward to the season of Easter and the new life that comes from resurrection. We are celebrating new life to be discovered amidst living with COVID-19 virus with a return to singing in worship last month AND in moving away from using individually wrapped communion sets beginning Easter Sunday, April 17. You will also notice we will slowly add-back sung portions of our liturgy, dropped during the height of COVID-19, during the season of Easter.

Please follow your usher's instructions as we make this change in the distribution of communion. You will come forward to the altar to receive a common wafer (gluten free options will be available) and a small chalice of wine or grape juice. For the time being, individual communion sets will still be available for those who prefer not to receive communion in this way.

Call Process Reminder: It's your last chance to participate in the call process in naming who we are as a congregation. Please plan to attend the Town Hall Meeting, 9:00 am, April 3, featuring the Ministry Site Profile the Transition Team has worked diligently to prepare. Marie Leafblad (Associate to our Bishop for Leadership Support) will lead us through a discussion and join us for ONE worship service that morning at 10:00 am, when we'll give thanks to our Transition Team and Install our Call Committee.

Transitioning from Lent to Easter: Blessings to you as we gather these last Sundays in Lent, come together for Palm/Passion Sunday (April 10) and Holy Week services, Maundy Thursday (April 14) and Good Friday (April 15) and return to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Sunday, April 17. Please see service times on the monthly calendar page.

Spring Rummage Sale

We once again are planning a rummage sale during Milton's rummage days. The date is June 4th. Please start thinking about cleaning basements, garages, cupboards or whatever and donating to make this a super sale. (No clothing please). We also need help in pricing early and helping the day of the sale. Proceeds to update media for the education area. Questions contact Marilyn Krause 608-751-2264. Thank you.

Education News

Remember to return filled eggs by April 3 for the egg hunt on Palm Sunday. We'd appreciate help from anyone to hide eggs around the church at 7 am on April 10. Let Janet Arndt know if you can help.

The Sunday morning education classes helped with the Brown Bag Brigade as their project for March. In April they will be collecting personal care products for the Milton Schools Closet. Also, the weekly offerings are being donated to these projects.

Planning for an evening VBS this summer is in progress. More details will be forthcoming.

Euchre

Anyone interested in an evening of fellowship, good food and eight games of Euchre, please join us at church on Friday, April 8 at 6:00pm. After a pot luck meal, we play cards. For details or to reserve your place, contact David and Marie Benson at (608) 868-7384.

Easter Flowers

Donations are being taken for **Easter Flowers**. If you would like to donate in honor or memory of a friend or loved one, the cost is \$14.00. Donations are needed by April 10th.

Bell Maintenance Fundraiser

We have an opportunity to have our handbells and hand chimes serviced by a traveling technician from The Bellman, a handbell service provider from Texas. The MoBell Shop will be in our area during the month of May. We are looking to raise \$4,376 to have this maintenance work completed.

Our bells were purchased in 1995 and have had limited maintenance until now. Each of our 53 bells will be taken apart, repaired as needed, put back together and adjusted for a uniform playing response among the bells. They will also be individually voiced for an evenly blended sound when you ring them together...kind of like tuning a piano. Finally, the castings will all be professionally machine cleaned and polished. We hope to have our hand chimes serviced while The MoBell Shop is here as well.

Please consider donating to our goal of \$4,376. A donation of \$73 will cover maintenance/cleaning of one bell, and a donation of \$125 will cover maintenance on a whole octave of hand chimes. Donations of any amount will help the Bells of Hope and the Youth Bell Choir joyfully ring for years to come. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Lay Communion Distribution 9:00 am Town Hall Meeting 10:00 am Worship w/ Livestream 11:00 am Call Committee Mtg	4	5 9:00 am Volunteer Work Day 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting	6 5:30 pm Youth Bells 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Bells 7:10 pm Choir	7	8 6:00 pm Euchre	9
10 Palm Sunday 8:00 am Worship w/Livestream 9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Executive Committee	11 1:00 pm Prayer/ Baptism Shawl 6:30 pm Board of Ed	12 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting	13	14 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	15 12:00 pm Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship	16 10:00 am Beifrienders
17 Easter Sunday 8:00 am Worship w/Livestream 10:30 am Worship	18 6:00 Building Committee	19 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Council	20 5:30 pm Youth Bells 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Bells 7:10 pm Choir	21 Office Closes at 11:00 am 6:00 pm Grange Meeting	22	23
24 8:00 am Worship w/Livestream 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship	25 1:00 pm Prayer/ Baptism Shawl	26 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting	27 5:30 pm Youth Bells 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Bells 7:10 pm Choir	28	29	30
1 Annual Meeting						

BeFriender Ministry

The BeFriender Brown Bag Brigade has had a very successful start. Numerous decorated brown bags full of nonperishable canned goods, paper items, toiletries, even Piggly Wiggly gift cards fill areas in the narthex. This charitable event will benefit the Milton Food Pantry and is an example of our congregation's generosity in reaching out to those in need.



Needs for pantry:
 Cooking Oil, Kids Cereals, Spaghetti Sauce, Sugar/Flour,
 Instant Potatoes, Crackers, Juice, Coffee, Individual pudding/jello cups



Originally, the event was to end the first Sunday in April, but has been extended to Easter.

The BeFriender Ministry Team meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to noon. Please stop in for a visit or call the church office for further information. Prayerfully consider being part of this ministry team. All are welcome!!

Prayer Shawl & Baptismal Ministry

We will plan on meeting April 11th and 25th. Please note change in dates due to appointments and Easter Monday. We would love to see some new faces for a social gathering and a little hand work. We still have many lovely yarns and shawls to show off. Any questions call Marilyn Krause 608-751-2264.

Hope Treasurer's Report	
February General Mission Income	\$13,644.00
February General Mission Expenses	\$17,394.17
Difference	(\$3,750.17)
Year to Date General Mission Income	\$25,787.00
Year to Date General Mission Expenses	\$30,842.29
Difference	(\$5,055.29)
Benevolences paid	\$1,489.24

Open Council Positions

It is that time of the year when we need to begin to think about replacing people on the Council whose terms are expiring. This spring, we have four positions that need to be replaced. The following positions are open for election:

President:

This president presides over the Council meetings which occur once a month and any congregational meetings that are held during the year. The president keeps the pulse on the Council and is the liaison between the Council and the congregation. The term is for three years.

Secretary:

The Council secretary is the keeper of the minutes for the monthly Council meetings and for the two semi-annual meetings that occur at Hope. He/she is responsible for sending out the monthly agendas and any other documents that the Council needs for the monthly meetings. Any of the Council business is kept and archived by the Secretary. The term is for three years.

Chair of the Education Committee:

This person chairs the monthly education meetings and provides leadership and supervision of the educational program of the congregation. The term is for three years.

Chair of Board of Evangelism:

The purpose of this board is to encourage individual members and the activities of the congregation to bear witness to the saving love of God in Jesus Christ. This includes spreading the word about the congregation to new residents, worship visitors, the unchurched, and other churches.

The Nomination committee is:

Marie Benson taughtm121@charter.net

Jane Johns jane.johns517@gmail.com

Randy Lebakken rlebakken@mhemail.org

Jerry Arneson (608) 208-2763

Any one of these four individuals may be contacting you and having conversations about your talents and fit for any of these positions.

Please pray for the Nominating committee as we continue to complete our work and have a full slate of candidates for our May 1, 2022 Annual meeting.

Official Notice

The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 335 Dairyland Drive at 9:00 am. Items on the agenda will be the election of Council Members, representatives to Synod Assembly, Skaalen Home and Lutherdale Annual Meetings and 2023 Nominating Committee.

Thrivent Members

There are two fund opportunities for Thrivent members that can benefit Hope Lutheran.

Choice Dollars:

Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars throughout the year based on the policies or other investments that they have through Thrivent. These dollars can be designated to any charity that you choose. Thrivent notifies the members when they have Choice Dollars available to designate to a charity. Hope is a charity that qualifies for these dollars. You can also designate that your Choice dollars be given to any other charity that you are passionate about.

Thrivent Action Visa Cards:

In the past, Thrivent matched monies that we raised and donated from our fundraisers that were given to charity. They no longer do that, but instead, they will grant every Thrivent member a \$250 Visa card twice a year to be used for any event that includes outreach to community members.

Thrivent members must apply for these cards which can be done on-line or through your Thrivent insurance agent. Once approved, a Visa card is sent to the member to be used for the event that was applied for.

Many of our members have applied for and received these Thrivent Action Cards. Some examples of how these funds were used include:

The Small Food Pantry, the church picnic, our fall soup luncheon, and the Pig Roast.

If you are a Thrivent member and are interested in applying for a Visa Action Card, contact your Thrivent agent.

Volunteer Work Group

March 1st was a “spruce-up” work day as the “social distancing decals” were lifted from the sanctuary aisles. Carpets were shampooed in the sanctuary, narthex, nursery and several office suites. Amazing how bright and cheerful those areas now look. The nursery pews and windows were cleaned and now ready for little ones. Windows were washed in the upper solarium, as well as the library window. The library and Benjamin Hall doors were stained and look like brand new once again. Also, a beautiful 42” narrow cross, constructed by Steve Johnson, now hangs on one of the library walls adding peacefulness to the room. One of the chair racks in the lower solarium needed some welding so the folding chairs would slide off and on easier. Joe Thompson graciously took on the project adding new wheels for easy moving. A two-door cupboard was hung on the wall in the education room off the stairway making the counter space more user-friendly.

The volunteers meet the first Tuesday of each month with the next gathering April 5, 2022 at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

Outreach

My name is Rob Malewicky and I have been a member at Hope Lutheran for about 12 years. Over this time, I've been amazed and inspired by the types of outreach programs supported by the Hope Lutheran congregation. We impact not only our local community but also the larger world with our gifts and volunteering. Serving on the Council for 6 years as the Outreach coordinator, I saw first-hand how our missions for Meals on Wheels, GIFTS, the Food Pantry, Skaalen Home, and various Lutheran World Relief projects make a significant difference in the lives of all of God's people.

I recently got involved with the Hope BeFriends Ministry Team. Additionally, I am involved with our Synod's Lutherans United Assisting after Disasters (LUAD) organization, which offers help to survivors of disasters in our region. In the future I am looking to organize another Adult Mission trip to the inner city of Milwaukee or Chicago.

By giving of our time in supporting any of these missions, we get back in return a multiplying effect of joy in our own hearts. We are doing God's work with our hands. Please consider giving some of your time to helping with the Outreach missions at Hope Lutheran. You will be glad you did!

LWR Quilt Ministry

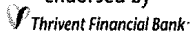
National Quilt Day was Saturday, March 19, 2022. To celebrate the event, the volunteer Hope quilters draped the sanctuary pews for Sunday, March 20th worship service with quilts completed since January 1, 2022 for Lutheran World Relief.

LWR quilts are used for warm bedding, simple tents, floor coverings, to shield against cold and rain, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In 2021, 122,400 quilts reached 19 countries. The number of finished quilts last year was impacted by Covid-19 as less churches were open. Some world areas where quilts were received: Dominican Republic, Republic of Georgia, Ukraine, Bosnia, Serbia, Peru, Bolivia, Lebanon, Iraq, Tanzania, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Jordan and Guatemala. Quilting for Lutheran World Relief is a micro commitment when you think of all the people that touched just one quilt to help others.

The volunteer quilters meet on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. You do not need to know how to sew to volunteer. All are welcome to join in the “simple combination of fabric and thread, in order to reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of Hope—you are not alone.”



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