

Voice of Hope

Hope Lutheran Church
Milton, WI
July, 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*



Hope Family Picnic

Mark your calendar for Hope Lutheran's second annual family picnic to be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

Grilled hot dogs and brats will be offered, along with yard games and BINGO.

Vacation Bible School children will be singing at worship on this family day.

Save August 7th to join with other brothers and sisters for a fun-filled afternoon, rain or shine. More details to follow.

Musician seeking Musician

Me: Friendly music director and church service planner

You: Church member of any age who plays an instrument or sings willing to provide special music at a Summer Sunday morning service.

To connect, call Carleen at 608-247-3555 or email music@hopemilton.org



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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Worship, with Facebook Live

Visit us on Facebook:

Hope Lutheran Church Milton, Wisconsin

Website:

hopemilton.org

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John Schultz, Deb Iatonna

Pastor Carol

Grace and peace to you, Hope Lutheran folk,

I'm repeating a snippet of the article I wrote for last month's newsletter. I had technological difficulties and my email never found its way to Kirsten for publishing.

Summer is upon us, bringing a time of refreshment to many of us who have been volunteering during the program year (Sunday School teachers and leaders, quilters, Befrienders, etc.). At the same time, as we continue to find our 'new normal' with 'in person' church, we are gearing up for more opportunities to serve as worship leaders and Sunday morning fellowship hour hosts. Evelyn Preston does a marvelous job coordinating our worship leaders. This month she will be looking for additional volunteers to set up and clean up for weekly communion on the weeks we worship inside (all except the first Sunday of the month when we're outside under the pavilion/pines). Please consider contacting her to get yourself scheduled as a worship leader (lector-reading lessons, usher, communion set-up/server)!

One Apple Lunch Box food ministry has been resurrected for this summer and renamed the Summer Lunch Program. Our congregation is responsible for putting together and serving lunches for the last two weeks of August. If you'd like to help, please contact Cliff O'Beirne.

All of us enjoy the opportunity to visit with one another during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. While we'd like to be consistent in offering refreshments every Sunday, we haven't quite gotten back into the routine of people volunteering regularly to bring and set up weekly refreshments. I'd like to see us back into full swing of dependable weekly Coffee Hour by the fall, and for now, the summer is a good time to practice! Please consider signing up to host coffee hour on the sign-up sheet displayed by the coffee urns in the Narthex.

Finally, please remember to hold your call committee and pastors who may be interested in interviewing for a new call to Hope (whoever that may be) in your prayers! We also should lift our prayers for our synod bishop and staff as they work to support us and the whole South Central Synod of Wisconsin. They are short staffed and need our support!

Peace,
Your Interim Pastor, Rev. Carol Baumgartner

As the Call Committee continues its work, it has been requested that a special fund be set up for **Interview Travel/Moving expenses** for a new pastor so the General Fund won't be taxed by these expenses. If you would like to give to this special fund, please use a "Gift of Love" envelope and mark it "New Pastor".

BeFriender Ministry



A Listening Presence

There is something about waking up to sunshine, warm air, birds chirping, and seeing the splendor of beautiful garden flowers.

This warm weather makes us want to leave our house and go on new adventures. Summers are too short and winters are long. God wants us to enjoy every minute of every day and summer is the perfect time to relax, be in awe of His beauty of the land, and enjoy peace.

Therefore, BeFriender Ministry Team meeting have been cancelled for June, July and August, and will return to a “listening presence” on Saturday, September 17th, 2022.

The team will continue with monthly Homebound Communion, along with Prayer, Card And Meal Ministries when requested.

Volunteer Work Group

A few members of the Volunteer Work Group met on Tuesday, June 6, 2022. The main task was to pull-up, hoe the flower bed, along with rebuilding the retaining wall blocks located off the patio. Many of the crumbled blocks were removed from the wall and the good blocks repositioned. Take notice of their beautiful work.

As there is summer mowing and trimming, the work group will not meet until September 13th at 9:00 am. Normally, they would meet the second Tuesday of the month, but that is Labor Day weekend.

Volunteers are still needed for trimming. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Consider being a volunteer.

Building Committee

The Building Committee met on June 20, 2022 to discuss high level options of potential floor plans to enhance our current building. Good progress is being made using a conservative approach.

The current Capital Building Fund is at \$164,332.31 and seems to be going up each month by \$2,000.00.

Next month, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm, the committee will begin the process of refining details for Phase I. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Thank you

Thank you to all who contributed to the handbell and hand chime maintenance fundraiser. We surpassed our goal and the service was completed in late May. The bell choir can tell the difference in the way the bells play and sound, and they look shiny and new too. The generosity in giving to this project shows that music is valued by the members of Hope Lutheran. Thank you! --Carleen

I'd like to thank all of the participants of our June 12 concert. It was a wonderful afternoon of music with a good variety of performances. I enjoyed it, and I have heard many good things from those who were there. Thank you for sharing your musical talent! --Carleen

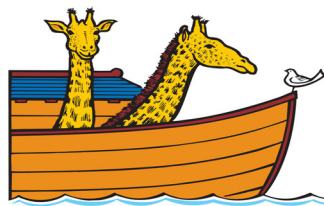
Rummage Sale Update

Thank you to all persons involved in making this event a success. It started with garage clean up and setting up tables including getting ready for the craft sale inside. Anita Day did a great job organizing the craft area and handling all advertising. Thank you for the Thrivent grant for the food sale and Janet Parr for taking on the kitchen. Many hands outside for the rummage sale including a few pick ups, setting up and pricing items Friday and of course all the help the day of the sale, and clean up after.

We could not have done this without all the donations of the congregation. Thank you. We did make \$1,657 to be used for downstairs media including WIFI set up. Once again I must say I love our church and am truly blessed to say I am a member of Hope Lutheran, Milton. Marilyn Krause

Vacation Bible School

Donkeys, and sheep, and whales oh my! Animals of the Bible are coming to Hope Lutheran Church. Calling all children and adults to join us on August 1-4 from 5:30-8:00 for food, fun and fantastic adventures while we learn about the animals of the Bible and their importance. To register, or for more information, contact Hope Lutheran Church at (608)868-3680, or email us at office@hopemilton.org. Hope to see you there.



Youth News

I'm looking for a few families to host some summer activities for our 7th - 12th grade youth. If you are willing to host a pool party at your home in the months of July and/or August, please contact me at pastor@hopemilton.org (or at the church office).

Also,

High school youth are invited to attend a Riverboats trip on the Mississippi River, July 24th-29th! Rachel Mueller (my daughter) has organized a summer camp trip to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for their Riverboats program, July 24th-29th with youth from her church, Grace Lutheran and Preschool in Dodgeville. It's a safe, fun, high school camp week guided by lifeguard certified counselors, and students entering 9th through 12th grade are eligible to attend. Rachael currently has 4 open spots for youth.

Here's a little of what students can expect from the trip: "Join friends (new and old) on a memory-making journey on the Mississippi River! You can explore the dunes, swim, slide, boat, laugh, and play in the beauty of God's amazing creation! Enjoy campfires by the water and Bible study on the sandbars as well as intentional community-building activities." There will also be a community service component with the river-side communities! You can check out their website here: <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/> for more information.

The cost to attend is \$495 per youth; (Grace will cover \$100 of the \$495 total, if needed). To register, please contact Rachel at rmueller.glc@gmail.com.

Pastor Carol

Hope Treasurer's Report

May General Mission Income	\$14,971.50
May General Mission Expenses	\$17,835.43
Difference	(\$2,863.93)
Year to Date General Mission Income	\$81,361.51
Year to Date General Mission Expenses	\$89,977.23
Difference	(\$8,615.72)
Benevolences paid	\$3,435.28

LWR Baby Care Kits

We have once again been awarded Thrivent Action Team dollars to complete baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. It will allow us to purchase a case of cloth diapers (20 dozen). This will be enough to make 60 baby care kits.

At the back of the church there is a bin for collecting donated items. The items needed, which should range in size from 6-24 months, are:

- * Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- * Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) or 2 piece pajamas
- * Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- * Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- * Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- * Pairs of socks
- * Hand towel, dark color recommended
- * Bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- * Diaper pins or large safety pins

Please do not donate any items decorated with religious symbols, a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. All other items (diapers, towel, soap) in the Kit must be new.

We are also in need of cardboard boxes to pack the kits for shipping. Items will be collected in June - August.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Johns, 262-203-1346 or jane.johns517@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this project.

Milton Food Pantry

Needs for pantry: Paper towels, Kleenex, men/women's deodorant, canned fruit, bottled fruit juice, peanuts, spam, Salad dressing, granola bars and snack size candy bars. As always, money donations are welcome. Food or money donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry (36 Hilltop Dr) on Wednesday morning preferably from 9-11 or Wednesday afternoons from 2-4. You may also bring your donations to the church.

Volunteers

We are always looking for a few more lectors, altar guild and ushers for each service. If you are interested in assisting please contact Evelyn Preston at 608-754-2475 or office@hopemilton.org. Training is available for those who may be new to volunteering or who may need a refresher course. Thank you to those whose have been volunteering and helping services run smoothly.

Hope's Little Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep our little food pantry stocked. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please keep the weather and "use by" dates in mind when adding items to the box. We cannot offer medications (pain relievers, cough syrups, etc.) Please do not add them to the box.



Immigration Presentation

You are invited to join us on Sunday, July 17, at 10:00am, as Pastor Mary Pharmer shares a presentation about her experience at Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas. This is open to the community, so bring a friend.

Annunciation House in El Paso, TX, has been accompanying the poor in migration since 1978. Volunteers live in community with the guests, from many different countries. People come to the border, most often on a perilous journey, to seek asylum in the USA. In an attempt to learn more about their stories and to find ways to share with people in Wisconsin, I volunteered for 3 months in 2019, returning for two weeks in 2021, with donations from our area. I developed a PowerPoint then, in an attempt to "Build Bridges not Walls." I am offering this visual now because immigration on the Southern border is once again in the forefront of the news. With the suspension of Title 42, proposed for the end of May, Annunciation House and other support systems, estimate as many as 18,000 people per day will be trying to seek asylum.

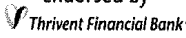
My hope is to give a personal view of my time in this community of immigrants, seek support and encourage others to consider volunteering. This ministry is sustained entirely through the generosity of its supporters. It does not accept government funding. If want to know more check out <http://annunciationhouse.org>.

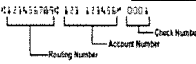
I look forward to our time together this summer,
Pastor Mary

July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Outdoor Worship Lay Communion Distribution 9:00 am Worship w/Livestream	4 Office Closed	5 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship w/Livestream ∪	11 6:30 pm Board of Ed	12 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Worship w/Livestream 10:00 am Immigration Presentation w/Pr. Mary Pharmer	18 6:00 pm Building Committee	19 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Council	20 Synod Luncheon at Hope	21 6:00 pm Grange Meeting	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship w/Livestream	25	26 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 am Worship w/Livestream 10:00 am VBS Set Up	1 5:30-8:00 pm	2 VACATION	3 BIBLE	4 SCHOOL		

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JULY
BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Sandy Berge, Mike Fredrick | 19 Renee Kolloff, Brenna Kraft |
| 3 Nichole Williams | 20 Dane Nelson |
| 4 Meghan Gasser,
Bette Dabson | 21 Barbara Matthews,
Jeremy Woodcock |
| 5 Quinn Vegter, Sharon Hensley | 22 Lisa Heinen |
| 6 Iyla Labansky, Julia Mathesius | 23 Shannon O'Rourke |
| 7 Nancy J. Anderson,
Cody Anderson | 25 Mark Muth |
| 9 Sandra McShane, Kyle Kolloff | 26 Olivia DeRemer, Sydney Watson,
Audree Neal |
| 11 Carol Hulburt | 27 Ava Hagen |
| 12 Katy Ellefson, Ed Nicolaus,
Sherry Woods, Nicole
Fladhammer | 28 Carrie Turk, Karen Gentz,
Lindsay Shefka |
| 13 James Mickelson | 29 Katrina Henry, Abbigail Klenz |
| 14 Steve Mathesius | 30 Chuck Hansing, Michael
Gransee, Laurie Kersten |
| 15 Brandon Benson | 31 Kashton Labansky |
| 17 Phil Johns | |

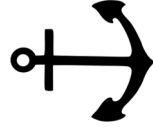


IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Jerry	Suzy	Dawn	Shelley
Joe	Mikkel	Helen	Jeanette
Sonja	Marna	Jen	Marilyn
Caleb	Karen	Ken	Maureen
Rachael	El	Jane	Wendy
Paul			

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