

WELCOME GUESTS

Please sign the attendance slip at the end of the pew and pass it on.

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Interested in learning more about Hope UMC? Would you like a visit? Would you like to join? Please contact Pastor Russ, Pastor Jan Redman, or the church office.

Hearing Devices: Hearing devices are available in the tech booth at the back of the sanctuary. The tech volunteer will be happy to assist you.

Transportation Ministry: If you need a ride to a Sunday service, please call the church before Friday noon.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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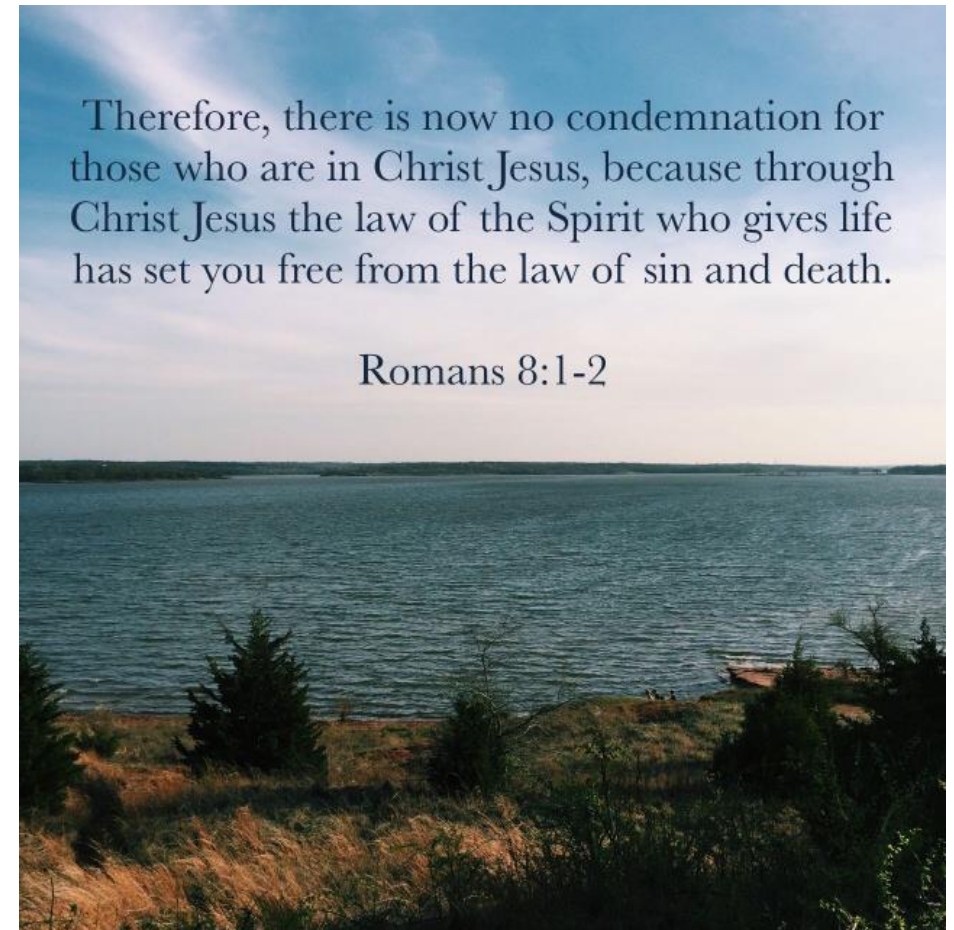
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Bulletin announcements due Wednesday by noon.
Newsletter items due the 17th of the month



Hope United Methodist Church
5th Sunday in Lent

Worship Celebration for April 7th, 2019

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greet One Another

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

Leader: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

People: And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.

Leader: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.

People: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.

For this, we give you thanks and praise.

***Worship in Song** *"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

Choir *"Blest are they"*

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 32*

Worship in Song *"You Are My All in All"*
 "Change My Heart, O God"

Congregational Prayer *Hymnal #893*

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message ***JR Hanson***
 Gathering Song "O How He Loves You and Me" *The Faith We Sing 2108*

New Testament Reading *John 8:2-11*

Message *"Let Go of Shame & Guilt"* ***Pastor Russ Jacobsen***

Song of Preparation *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"* *Hymn #365*

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns *"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"* *Hymn #622*
 "Nothing but the Blood" *Hymn #362*

***Unison Benediction**

**Grace is on our lips
and in our hearts this morning, Lord:
your grace is in our hands.
We take it with us,
spreading thankfulness
wherever we go. Amen.**

Technology: David Sparks
Liturgist: JR Hanson
Accompanist: Gail Keck

Greeters: Lois Ankeny, Shirley Ensrud
Ushers: Kory & Carolyn Kaiser,
Daryl & Judy Murray

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Hellen Allen
 - Muriel Hanna
 - Evelyn Henke
 - Merre Kivlin
 - Peter Ochs
 - Lonny Schmidtke
 - Michael Schuster
 - Gerald Schutrop
 - Newt Toland
 - Jim Whitney
- In the service of our country: Tucker Bottin, Aron Goshorn, Bryce Hanson, David Miller, Cole Steinke, Terry Keithahn, Kenneth Torgerson, Michael Wohlrabe, and Brett Sandum.
- Armed Services personnel and their families.
- Members and Friends in Health Care Centers and those at their homes including: Mary Fenske, Mae Hove, John Karels, June Scheid, Betty Swant, and Caroline Whitney

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 7th: Brody Eckmann, Sarah Murray, John Roper
April 8th: Jane Brooks, Kimberly Fenske
April 9th: Scott Peterson, Jeff Schaefer, Gavin Millmann
April 10th: Courtney Dutton, Pat Richards, Terry Goodwin, Judy Whitney, Addison Dusing
April 11th: Susan Reynolds
- April 9th: Dan & Shellie Poetter, Brandon & Melanie Farnham

FINANCES

March Budget Income: \$ 16,943.13
March Budget Expenses: \$ 29,497.99

YTD (4/1/19) Budget Income: \$ 40,526.66
YTD (4/1/19) Budget Expenses: \$ 66,653.62

APRIL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR Health Kits

During April and May the Mission Committee will be collecting money and the following items for health kits; hand towels, wash cloths, combs, nail clippers, adult toothbrushes, band aids, & bath size soap bars.

The devastating floods and tornadoes in the US are using up the kits available to send to these areas.

There will be a container available in the gathering area of the church to collect the items you bring. There will also be a bulletin board there with the items, so you can see the sizes needed.

Thank you so much. It is great to share with those who, because of disaster, now have nothing.

The sewing ladies will put the kits together at their June meeting and they will be taken to Conference, where they will be taken by truck to MMDC. If you have any question please call Florence Hacklander 526-2720 or e-mail moot@bevcomm.net

LORD'S ACRE

Please circle Sunday, APRIL 7th on your calendars – especially those of you who have signed on the Lord's Acre sheet.

Just as important as your signing up and giving – is your attendance after worship, at our annual designation meeting. Bring those special interest ideas that - we as a congregation normally don't support as mission projects.

The Christmas Cantata music, Riverside Cemetery, BEAM, Habitat for Humanity, Youth for Christ, Interfaith Caregivers and Mujila Falls Ag Center in Zambia are some of the recipients we've given to in the past. Consider this meeting to be the *sharing of our abundance* from the richest agricultural area in the world. Bring your ideas! New ideas are welcome!

If you signed up as a farmer and haven't already given, please do soon, the net income from one acre. It's been a successful way to keep Lord's Acre flourishing when renters each contribute \$70. Share our abundance!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning's Hope Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, is being sponsored by Nancy Steinke in Memory of my Father Herb Reko's Birthday on April 9th.

2019 Radio Sponsorship

There are only a few dates left for the first half of 2019. Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!! Cost is \$35 per date.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on at Hope on April 13th at 9 am sharp to enjoy a community Easter Egg Hunt! We have purchased MANY more eggs so there will be plenty for the kiddos to find, but come on time because the hunt goes very quickly! Following the hunt, there will be a light snack and activities. We look forward to seeing you! Also, if you are interested in volunteering with this event please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or speak to Mary directly.

Men's Easter Breakfast Signup

The men's Easter breakfast signup sheet is in the Narthex! Please check it out and sign up to bring something if you are able to!! If you would like to volunteer to help with the breakfast please contact TJ Lewis at [507-995-2008](tel:507-995-2008) or email at timothy.j.lewis@gmail.com.

Summer Camp

Camp brochures are on the glass tables in the Narthex. Please return as soon as possible if you are interested in going to one of the camps! Contact Mary with questions.

Easter Garden

Hope United Methodist Church will be creating an Easter Garden. If you would like to contribute an Easter Lily or plant, simply sign up on the sheet in the narthex with your name and who is being remembered or honored by each plant. You may also contact the church office with the information by **Wed. April 10th**, which will allow us to have a list in the bulletin. Don't forget, we need the names by **Wed. April 10th**.

The plants need to be at the church by **9:00 AM on Saturday, April 20th**. You can leave them on a table in the fellowship hall. The volunteers will be arranging the garden at that time. (If you would like to help, please contact Nancy Steinke 525-0409).

If you do not wish to be acknowledged in the bulletin that is fine. Please make sure that your **plant has your name on it**. You are welcome to take your plant home, after Easter Sunday services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7th – 13th

Sunday, April 7th

Communion

Choir Sings

9 AM: Worship

10:10 AM: Sunday School

Lord's Acre meeting after Worship

Monday, April 8th

5:30 PM: Education Committee

Tuesday, April 9th

1 PM: UMCOR Work Day

Wednesday, April 10th

2:15 – 4:15 PM: KBC

5:45 PM: Meal

6:30 PM: Worship Service & Confirmation

6:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11th

5 PM: Joy Circle

Friday, April 12th

8:30 – Noon: St. Luke's Auxiliary Annual Spring Bake Sale & Collective Goods Sale @ St. Luke's Chapel

Saturday, April 13th

9 AM: Easter Egg Hunt

1 PM: Church Reserved

Next Week: April 14th – 20th

Holy Week

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday

Children Sing

9 AM: Worship

10:10 AM: Sunday School

Monday, April 15th

5 PM: SPRC

Tuesday, April 16th

12 PM: Interfaith Caregivers Lunch & Learn

2 PM: Interfaith Caregivers Memory Café

Wednesday, April 17th

7 AM: Men's Breakfast @ Mc Donald's

No KBC

5:45 PM: Meal

6:30 PM: Worship Service & Confirmation

6:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday

3 PM: Community Service @ West Delavan Historic Church

April 14th

Liturgist: Maggie Johnson

Greeters: Shirley Ensrud, Lois Ankeny

Ushers: Kory & Carolyn Kaiser,

Daryl & Judy Murray

Accompanists: David Murray