From the Desk of Dan Basinger...

Dear Friends in Christ, as we march into October, we find ourselves halfway through a busy and blessed autumn. It is easy to let the rush of school schedules, work deadlines, and community events overwhelm us, but scripture reminds us that we are called to faithful, grounded living rather than hurried perfection. Part of our grounded living is taking time to connect and devote our fellowship and discernment with other church members at our cottage meetings. As these meetings appear in our rearview mirror, we must prayerfully set our sights on looking forward and guiding Good Hope into our next chapter of Christian life and service to our community. The membership of Good Hope has long provided a church-based platform for meeting needs out in our community while also meeting the needs within these brick walls. So many hands, voices, minds, and talents have combined to keep Good Hope moving forward. Today, 125 years after our start, Good Hope is still relevant and noticing the needs of Arlington by feeding, supporting, and welcoming families into our church with programs and ministries suited for providing a pathway to God grounded living. These ministries draw others to our church and ultimately to Christ. This is the service our congregation must continue to pour our efforts into as Good Hope moves forward. Our next few years may see a combination of Pastors, assistant Pastors, S.A.M.s, lay ministers, and leaders amongst the congregation combine to lead and guide our church. All of these efforts are to continue offering the service Good Hope provides for our membership and community. I hope that our cottage meetings cause a spark of discernment within our members to step forward in a leadership role and to actively steward new or existing ministries to continue our journey toward a scripture-led call to faithful, grounded living for the future needs of our church and our community.



Confirmation



Because of pastor Steve's unexpected trip to Kansas, to attend the funeral of his brother, confirmation class did not actually begin in September, but will pick up on the evening of Sunday, October 4. We meet each week at 6, to discuss The Ten Commandments, and on the second and fourth Sundays will move directly from confirmation to Pizza and Jesus at 7.

Thank you to parents and students for your understanding, and we'll see you this month in class!

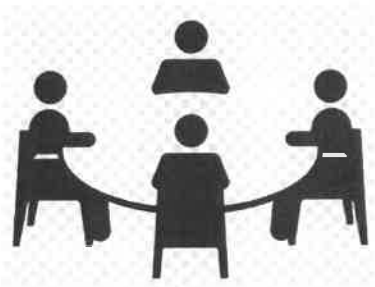
FIRST COMMUNION



First communion classes are being scheduled in October for our 5th graders, with the aim of actually offering them the sacrament for the first time on All Saints Sunday, November 1.

By the time you receive this newsletter, those classes should have been scheduled; if you do not know the dates and times by then, or simply need a reminder, call the church office.

Cottage Meetings



Our cottage meetings are underway, with a huge, huge thank you to our hosts especially, but also to everyone who is making the effort and taking the time to attend.

God is good! The best days of our congregation are ahead of us, and not behind.

We hope to make a partial report on the meetings on Sunday, October 25—**when your council is planning a fellowship meal for after the 10 am worship!** Please plan to attend the meal; the main course will be provided, and we'll have a sign up sheet up for sides and desserts.

A more complete report will be made at the fall annual meeting on Sunday, November 15.

Fall Congregational Meeting

The Fall annual meeting of Good Hope Lutheran Church will take place after the 10:00am service on Sunday, November 15th. We will be electing new leadership for our congregation and listed below are the positions that need to be filled and long the term is.

President – 2yr	Council Secretary – 1yr	Financial Secretary – 2yr
Board of Women – 1yr	Board of Youth – 1yr	Board of Elders – 2yr
2 for Board of Trustee -2yr	3 for Boad of Deacons – 2yr	Parish Ed. Secretary – 1yr
Parish Ed. Board Assistant Supt. – 1yr (followed by 1yr as Superintendent)		Parish Ed. Treasurer – 1yr
2 for Parish Ed. Board member – 2yr	3 for Preschool Board member – 2 yr	



Outreach Ministries Coordinator

Pizza & Jesus



This month we are meeting at 7pm on **October 11th** & **October 25th**

This year we are inviting 6th graders to join. We will be discussing "Jesus in our Generation." We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Teen Breakfast



Teen Breakfast has started back up! Gather for a hot breakfast, fellowship, and to hear from a speaker every Thursday morning during the school year. **We are inviting 6th graders to join this year!**

If you ever feel called to speak at Teen Breakfast on Thursday mornings during the school year, please reach out to Lizzy.

5th Quarter

The last 5th Quarter will be on Friday, October 23rd. The church will provide food, drinks, and games. A sign up sheet for adult chaperones is posted in the narthex.

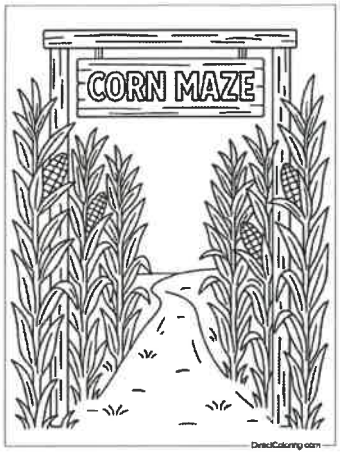


LYO 4th-5th Grade

We will not be having a youth group for our 4th and 5th graders this year. There was not enough interest to hold steady monthly meetings.

Suter's Trip

This fall we are tentatively planning a trip to Suter's Corn Maze. We are looking at either Sunday, October 18th or Saturday October 24th. More information to follow as the date is confirmed.





Fall Family Fun Day

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd from 1-3pm for a free, family event. Pumpkin decorating, make your own trail mix, games, and a movie. This is open to all children and families in the community, so invite your friends and come enjoy a fun afternoon.

Live Nativity Journey

Good Hope is looking for leadership to set the wheels in motion for the Live Nativity. It can be an individual or a group. In the past, those involved in previous years were eager to help again. We just need someone to get the asking started. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping with this wonderfully fun and important outreach.



Board of Parish Education

Lesson Plans

Date	Grades 1-3	Grades 4-6
October 4th	Samuel The Leader 1 Samuel 7	Solomon's Reign 1 Kings 3-11
October 11th	Israel Asks for a King 1 Samuel 8	Solomon Builds the Temple 1 Kings 6-8
October 18th	Saul Anointed as King 1 Samuel 9-10	The Fall of Solomon 1 Kings 9
October 25th	Saul Disobeys God 1 Samuel 13	Elijah's Faith 1 Kings 18

Rally Day Recap



Parish Ed hosted Rally Day on September 13th to kick off another year of Sunday School. Intergenerational games were played in the Fellowship Hall including "Name that Hymn," Building churches with given supplies, Bible Scattergories, and building an idol out of Aluminum Foil. Fellowship and fun were had by all who attended. Awards given from 2025-2026 Sunday School year are as follows:

1-3rd Grade Memory Verse Winners – 1st Oliver Hagemeyer, 2nd Grady Goodwin, and 3rd Carter Goodwin

4-6th Memory Verse Winners – 1st Charlotte Hagemeyer, 2nd Arden Inbody, 3rd Harper Ramsey

6-12th Attendance Awards – 1st Eli Hurt, 2nd Peter Bateson, 3rd Victoria Wolford

Thank you to all who attended this event, may this year of Sunday School be full of blessings.

*Parents of new PreK students – Please know we have Children's Bibles available to you in case you would like to do more learning at home.

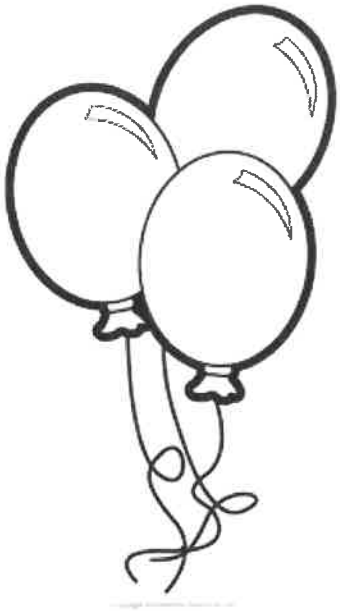


Teachers Needed

We are in need of Sunday School teachers from pre-K to 6th grade. If you are interested in teaching or being a classroom helper, please sign up on our board in the fellowship hall. If you sign up to teach, please take the correlating lesson from the hanging file to the left of our board. If you have any questions, please reach out to Abby Windau or Taryn Hartman.

Birthdays in Oct. - 80+
Ann Bell 10/25

Birthdays in Nov. - 80+
Joanne Rankey 11/10
Bob Marquart 11/13
Lou Ann Cousino 11/20



Anniversary in Oct. - 40+
Rick & Krista Williams 10/19
Greg & Kathy Garman 10/22
Mike & Michelle Palmer 10/22
Gregg & Dawn Feller 10/31

Anniversary in Nov. - 40+
Jim & Judy Krout 11/3
Greg & Vickie Snyder 11/18
Roger & Carol Beagle 11/24



Flowers for the Altar in Oct.

10/4 – Kisseberth **10/11** – Open **10/18** – K. Richard **10/25** – Green

Hospital & Health in September

Dan Basinger, Katie Crossmon, Rachel Stevens, Eric Gillespie's grandmother, Mary Lou and Cyndy Beach.

Sympathy – *Andrew & Lizzy Rone* and family on the passing of his grandfather, Randall.
Pastor Steve & Mary and family on the passing of his brother, Craig.
Also, friends of Connie Strouse.



Fall Cottage Meetings – If you have missed getting to a cottage meeting, here are the ones still available to attend.



Dave & Jill Seitz	Sunday, Oct. 4 at 4:00 pm
Dustin & Abby Windau	Sunday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm
Lou Ann Nagy	Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4:00 pm
Brian & Amy Hurt	Sunday, Oct. 11 at 7:00 pm

Trunk or Treat at Good Hope – will be on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6-8p.m.! We will of course be collecting candy to distribute at the church that evening. Watch for the tote outside of Beth's office. Should we start a decoration contest for the best trunk?? What should the prize be? Whose the Judges? Contact Beth in the office if you have ideas for this.



Note from Ryan and Brittany Robinson & family:

Good Hope Lutheran Church & congregational members:

We feel honored and blessed to have received the gift of money from your church. There truly are no words to express how grateful we are for the love, generosity, prayers and support that have surrounded our family.

Small town living may have its disadvantages at times, but when tragedy strikes, you quickly realize just how special a small community can be. Since our house fire, the outpouring of love from our friends, family, community and church congregations has been overwhelming in the very best way. We feel blessed to call this community home, to be part of such a caring & generous community.

Experiencing this kind of devastation has taught our family many things. It has taught us patience, strengthened our faith, and reminded us to trust in the Lord and His timing, even when we don't understand the path in front of us. We are learning to find smiles, moments of happiness and tiny blessings even in the midst of tragedy.

Knowing that the fire was caused by lightning has been a powerful reminder to us that so much in life is beyond our control. Above all, we are incredibly thankful that our family was not home that morning. Through everything we have lost, we continue to see the ways God has watched over us and kept us safe.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude. Thank you for blessing our family, praying for us, supporting us and reminding us that we are never walking through this season alone. Thank you again for the generous gift. . .

Ryan & Brittany Robinson & family

THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS ARE GOING TO BE OUR GUESTS

HEAR THEIR STORY AND SEE THEIR BEAUTIFUL OLIVEWOOD CRAFTS

On November 7,8, 2026 ,during all services, we will hear about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting at the church narthex a nice display of olive wood religious handicrafts from Bethlehem available for donations. The olivewood carvings include Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and others. They make nice gifts for a wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter or Christmas. They are carved by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on their crafts for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income . Tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars , the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem , the COVID-19 pandemic , and recently the catastrophic war in Gaza for the past three years. Due to this tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land . This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income . The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, but today it is less than 1%. If this continues, soon we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites ,

A Christians family from Bethlehem will tell us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and present these carvings after the services.

Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town of Bethlehem where Christ was born by making donations for their carvings.

All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem .

Parish Board of Education Meeting Agenda

August 5, 2026

Attendees: Taryn Hartman, April Beach, Terri Metzger, Alishia Beagle, Amy Glick, Amy Hurt, Pastor Steve Ramsey, and Jacob Brannan via Phone Call

Devotion—, Next meeting is Alishia

Approve Treasurers Minutes – Terri moved, Alishia Second M/C

Charity— Gas Card will be sent to the family of Lilly Bergbacher to help with transportation to and from hospital for treatment. Pastor Steve will deliver gift card.

Pastor's report

- Pastor Steve present to discuss upcoming school year plans for youth in the church and Parish Education Responsibilities.
    - Confirmation - The sixth grade students will be joining the confirmation class for year 2026-2028. Pastor will finish this confirmation group before retiring. A new teacher is needed for confirmation. Parish Ed encouraged to look into curriculum for this position. 6th graders will be invited to stay for youth group and attend Teen Breakfast. 6th grade students will remain in 4-6 classroom for Sunday School. Will revisit in January.
        - Amy Hurt moved, Terri Metzger second M/C
    - Children's Sermon – Need someone to cover Children's message on Sunday (once a month) during service and in each Preschool Class (once a month)

New Business:

- Rally Day September 13th – Each Board member to bring 2 dozen cookies. Will play a game in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday School list update – Pastor handed out printout of Sunday School Students. Members to renew and update as needed.
- Sunday School teachers needed for Pre-K-6 – Sunday School Sign up sheet to now include weeks Katie is unable to teach.
- Roku for 4-6th Grade classroom – Roku needs purchased for 4-6 classroom – Amy Glick Moved, Amy Hurt Second. M/C
- Council Meeting – August 10th at 7PM Alishia will attend Council meeting

Next Meeting: September 9th at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned – Amy Glick Moved, Alishia Second M/C

Finished with the Lord's Prayer



Fall
FAMILY FUN

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 3 / 1-3 PM

PUMPKIN DECORATING,
MAKE YOUR OWN TRAIL MIX,
GAMES, TREATS, & MORE!

