



Good Hope Lutheran Church

Offering **HOSPITALITY** to all

Seeking **OPPORTUNITIES** to serve others

Teaching & **PREACHING** the Gospel of Christ

Encouraging **EVERYONE** to use their spiritual gifts

STEEPLE NOTES

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Worship Opportunities

- In-person* with strict adherence to all safety guidelines at 10:45 A. M.
- Live Radio broadcast at 10:45 A.M. on WBCO Radio 1540 AM and 107.5 FM.
- Live broadcast on Facebook at 10:45 A.M.
- Recording of the service will be posted later on the Good Hope website and on YouTube on Facebook

***PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** Good Hope has experienced positive COVID cases, We tell you this, because we want you to make the best decision for your own health. When we gather in-person, we do take a risk even with all safety guidelines being followed. We also offer worship through radio broadcast, Good Hope website, YouTube on Facebook and (usually) Facebook Live.

A New Year and a New Hope

The year 2020 is past, and now we look to the hope of a new year. For even in darkness, Jesus's light will shine brightly in our lives. AND we need to reflect that light in all we do and say!

- 🕯 Rejoice always
- 🕯 Pray without ceasing
- 🕯 Give thanks in all circumstances
- 🕯 Follow the word of God
- 🕯 Know that God's promises are always kept!

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

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TEMPLE TALK WITH PASTOR TANYCE

A Time for Everything Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 New International Version

- 3 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

HAPPY 2021... Turn to God

Happy 2021! Many are thankful the year 2020 is over. The verses from Ecclesiastes seem to have a perfect fit in describing our time in 2020. Hopefully, this gives confidence to all believers that God is always at work, always doing something new, and is always teaching us to value the time we are living. God has put us here during this time. Let us not get lost in the darkness and the challenges we face. God's Christmas gift of Immanuel – (God with us)- assures us we are never alone facing grief, sorrow, loss of employment, fear of failure. Turn to God. Seek, ask and knock. God will answer.

Are You a Member or a Disciple?

My very brilliant mentor, Pastor Adam Sornchai, reminded me of a statement by Rev. Dr. Michael Adam Beck, "When this pandemic is over, we are going to find out if we made members or disciples."

Let us recharge, renew and restore ourselves in Christ. Let us approach this new year, filled with the hope of God's promises. Our unchanging God, mighty and powerful, redeeming and forgiving, comes to us in this season of Epiphany shining His everlasting light! Let us absorb and embrace this great gift of grace that God has given to each and everyone of us.



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TEMPLE TALK WITH PASTOR TANYCE (continued)

New Year's Resolution...Know Jesus Better

The internet is filled with ideas for New Year's Resolutions. If you are looking for a way to change your life, you will find it in Jesus. Don't spend money on self help books, new trending diets, or 50 ways to become a millionaire. Get to know Jesus better. Every morning before you get out of bed, pray this prayer: "Lord, may today I know and love you more. Use me. Amen."

Set aside time in your day that is purposely meant to talk with God, to listen to God, to see God. Putting God first, loving your neighbor as you love yourself will change your life forever!

How do we do this? The "buddy system" is important. That is the purpose for the church. We are here to encourage you, to help you identify the gifts God has given to you to share with the world.

The Good Hope Lutheran Church Family worships every week whether it be by the internet, in-person, Facebook live, radio, or where 2 or 3 are gathered. Our message is this:

God loves you. God wants you to live a meaningful life remembering how precious you are in His sight. God created you, uniquely and perfectly. The invitation is for all, especially you.

Share the Good News...Shine God's Light

Share the good news. Shine God's light. Be more than a member of a congregational list. Be a disciple. Let good come from this pandemic. Let go of whatever troubles you, interrupts you, discourages you, and shames you. Let go and Let God!

I look forward to God's plan for 2021.



Note received from Jasmine, our companion child we support:

Dear Sponsor friends,

First of all a blessed day to you. Hope that you are in good condition as you hand my letter. I received your birthday gift that you sent to me worth two thousand three hundred pesos. I was so happy because even in this time of pandemic, still you did not forget to make me happy on my birthday. We bought groceries and spaghetti for my birthday. Thank you so much for the blessings that you gave to me. It was a big help for my family especially in this hard time because of COVID-19. I always pray for you to our Father God and also your whole family to be safe from Corona Virus.

How is your situation there in this pandemic? Is there more died in your place? Always keep safe. I love you. God bless you always.

Love, Jasmine

John 1: 18: "No one has ever seen God the only God."

WELCA NEWS

- **The Wednesday, January 6 Bible Study** has been canceled. We'll put a notice in the February "Steeplenotes" as to whether the February 3 meeting will go on as scheduled or will need to be canceled.
- **Emmaus Circle** will meet on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 in the auditorium unless someone contacts you to inform you otherwise.



To all Good Hope Members and Friends: We wish you to have a Happy and Merry Christmas even though you may not be able to celebrate as usual. God promises and blessings remain; sing your praises to our loving God. May your 2020 soon be stored in dim memory and your 2021 be a happier and safer time to once again return to "normal" life. As always, we are thankful for the support Good Hope members continue to give to our women's organization and its projects. God bless you and keep you in His care.

WELCA Board

Highlights of Special Congregational Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020

(Full copy of minutes are available in the church office)

- A motion was passed to 'hold only one service, at 10:45AM, on Sundays from December 13 onward, with no Sunday School, due to circumstances of COVID.
- As of now, Confirmation classes will continue with a decision by Pr. Tanyce, Dave and Maggy as to where and at what time they will be held.
- Elections – The slate of nominees was presented. The following have agreed to run for Council: Gary Auck; Linda Bean; Melinda Crall-Cauley; Maggy Everett; Randy Fischer (incumbent) and Nancy Heiby.
- Will Good Hope Christian Preschool be open or closed if the building itself is closed? The feeling is if the building is closed the Preschool is closed.
- Pr. Tanyce went over the updated Pandemic Policy referencing certain items about pay/sick leave time during quarantine time. Much discussion ensued and this discussion will continue at next week's full Council meeting.

Closing: The meeting closed at 6:10 PM with the Lord's Prayer. Larry reminded members of next Thursday's (December 17th) full council meeting.



RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS...Larry Shutler, Jim Metcalf, and Kristi Weber

We give thanks for the leadership you have provided the past 6 years on Good Hope's council. We ask that the Lord continue to bless you and encourage you to continue to share your talents with our congregation. Again, thank you for your many years of furthering the work of the Lord.

Good Hope Lutheran Church Congregational Council
(Full minutes available in office)
November 19, 2020

Members Present: Larry Shutler, Randy Fischer, Doug Foght, Doug Rossman, Joyce Schifer, Lydia Sullivan, Kristi Weber, David Wolfe, Pastor Tanyce Addison, Council Representatives present were Gary Auck, Bettie Luidhardt.

Reports of Pastor Tanyce Addison and David Wolf (Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator):
As submitted and available in office

Committee Reports:

Treasurer and Finance:

- Stained Glass Window Fund payoff is due in March;
- new offering envelopes have been ordered for next year.
- Preschool is doing well with total of four new grants; and the end of month payroll is covered.
- Payroll protection money is “forgiven” and the \$21,000.00 can be used elsewhere.
- Service fees for Mizick-Miller will be going up in 2021
- We are not meeting our goal of \$8,000.00 per week needs and are pulling \$120,000.00 from endowment again. We must think about/discuss this!

Preschool: Another grant was received from the Synod for \$334.00. This money will be used for classroom and educational supplies, plus the books Charla gifts to the children moving on to kindergarten at the end of the school year. The preschool is in need of indoor storage for the outside toys, and will be in need of a new shade structure for next year as the old one is ‘gone with the wind’.

Property Care: Randy noted we will need Zarcone’s to spray before the Thanksgiving service on November 22 in addition to between services. It was noted that Brian is also utilizing the spray unit that PC purchased for Good Hope use.

Stewardship: The committee replaced the Stewardship Temple Talks with letters from committee members describing what stewardship means to them. This is now completed through the bulletins. A celebration with Mark’s Ice Cream will be held in the spring!

Youth: LOMO will reopen next season as of now and it is hoped the Confirmation camp will be held. Dave reported that QUAKE will be February 12-14 in the Wisconsin Dells. He will be discussing with the kids and their parents about attending in person or virtually.

Worship/Music:

- The organ received a full tune and a bill of \$1500.00 is pending.
- The sound system needs updated for YouTube use. Council moved to purchase from “Sound Solutions” the upgrade to our sound system for a total of \$1084.00
- Times were set for Christmas Eve services

New Business

Council discussed the need to be safe and follow guidelines set and set an example in the community of following God’s example. Discussion concerned meeting in-person and the handling of communion.

Meeting closed by praying the Lord’s Prayer.



TO ALL SERVING ON CHURCH COUNCIL

To serve on church council is a faithful commitment. All who have ever served know that running a church requires patience, understanding, stretching your comfort zones, and time. I have always believed that serving on church council leads to a greater understanding of The Old Testament stories. God is always doing something new. Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

God certainly has challenged the church council of 2020. Decisions had to be made concerning so many different issues. We have never lived through a pandemic. I want to thank all who have served this past year.

THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS FOR THEIR 6 YEARS OF SERVICE

I want to express my deep gratitude to president, **Larry Shutler** for his leadership. Being president when there is no pastor is a challenge and to add a global pandemic was a tremendous undertaking. I am grateful for his commitment to Good Hope. I am grateful for his guidance to me as I came into Good Hope in July when the church was not open. Every step in this journey has required God's presence. Larry and Sheila opened their home to me for conversation and rest. I am very thankful for the door God opened to me to serve here at this beautiful church. Larry was the first person I met. Thank you.

I am grateful for **Jim Metcalf**, for his experience and wisdom that he offered so generously to Good Hope. What a gift during this time of pandemic to have a connection to public service policies that have been ever changing.

Kristi Weber brightened up the room with her contagious laugh and bright shoes! She certainly brings sunshine in outreach opportunities for Good Hope. Thank you for your giving personality!

To the council of 2021 – God has given us this time for us to dream, to grow, to share and to experience within ourselves the great gifts God has planted in us. May the soil be fertile and may God shine His light on us.

Vicar Tanyce



The CARES ACT was adopted this year in response to the pandemic we are facing and the impact it has on non-profit organizations, as well as individuals and businesses. It added an "above the line" deduction for those of you who do not itemize to deduct up to \$300 of cash contributions to a qualified charity. Good Hope qualifies as a charitable organization eligible to receive funds, and as such, we thought this might be helpful information. For those of you who itemize, you may donate up to 100% of your AGI (adjusted gross income). Please consult your tax professional regarding your specific tax situation.

As always, we thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

Good Hope Lutheran Church Finance Committee

Good Hope Christian Preschool

2021-2022 Preschool Classes

3 yr.-old class: 4 days a week

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-11:00am

Tuition: \$990.00 for the year or \$110.00 a month

Registration Fee: \$50.00

4 yr.-old class: 4 days a week

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-11:00am

Tuition: \$990.00 for the year or \$110.00 a month

Registration Fee: \$50.00

3 & 4 yr.-old combined class: 4 days a week

Monday-Thursday 12:30pm-3:00pm

Tuition: \$990.00 for the year or \$110.00 a month

Registration Fee: \$50.00

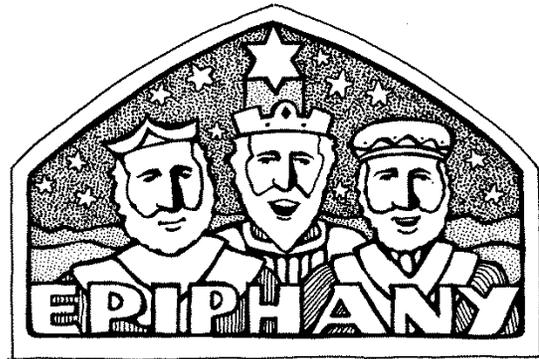
Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on Monday, February 8 -Saturday, February 20 for current preschool families and Good Hope members. On Monday, January 27, registration forms will be available in the church office and www.goodhopelutheran.com.

The registration form and a non-refundable registration fee must be turned in to secure a spot.

Important Dates

- Monday, Jan. 4-Preschool Resumes
- Monday, Jan. 4- Preschool Board Meeting at 4:15pm
- Tuesday, Jan. 5-Goodwill Fundraiser Resumes
- Monday, Jan. 18- No Preschool-MLK Jr. Day



Age Requirements

- Students must be three years-old no later than August 1, 2021 to enter the three year-old & three/four year-old combination class.
- Students must be four years-old no later than August 1, 2021 to enter the four year-old & three/four year-old combination class.
- They must also be potty trained and not wear pull-ups.

Goodwill & Kroger Fundraiser

Thank you so much for your donations for our Fall Preschool Goodwill Fundraiser. As soon as we know the total amount of funds raised, we will let all of you know!

On January 5, the Goodwill bins will return. We will collect clothing, bedding and towels through March 30. (soft clothing only- no shoes, purses or belts)

Thank you to all those who helped support the preschool through Kroger Community Rewards. Our quarterly amount raised was \$131.65. This amount was raised by 31 households from August 1 through October 31.

Please Remember ...

those who are homebound or in a nursing home

At Home

- Charles Dierksheide (Oct 29)
- Genevieve Evans – (July 25)

Carlisle Place, 1721 Whetstone Street, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Don Heiby – Apt 125 (July 17)

Maplecrest Assisted Living, 717 Rogers Street, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Carol Miers – Room 8 (Feb 4)
- Bob Redman (June 23)

Kingston Residence of Marion, 464 James Way, Marion OH 43302

- Maxine Ekleberry – Room 120 (April 1)
- John Green – Room 233 B (Oct 19)

The Inn @ Winchester Trail – (Room 502), 6401 Winchester Blvd, Canal Winchester OH 43110

- Pastor Harold “Hap” Hasenauer – Room 502 (May 30)

Mildred House (January 30)

1163 Township Road 2156, Ashland OH 44805

Heartland of Bucyrus, 1170 W. Mansfield St, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Earl Uther – Room 36 (February 13)

Kettle Run, 1780 Whetstone Street, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Juanita Young – Room 308 (Nov. 10)

Magnolia Terrace, 1110 N. Market St., Galion OH 44833

- Bill Ross – Room 57 (Mar 8)

Dewolfe Place, 1140 Wilson Ave., Marion OH 43302

- Betty Snavely – Apt 115 (Oct 25)

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Graveside Service

† Jane Hatcher

November 24, 2020 with burial at Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus OH

Office Hours:

- Monday – Thursday - 8:30–4:30
- Friday – 8:30 AM – Noon

Office will be closed all day:

- January 1, 2021

Devotionals and Living Lutheran

- Available in the office.



Newsletter Deadline:

- The 15th of each month to the office or Bettie Luidhardt at bettieluidhardt@gmail.com

Announcements for Sunday

- Due to the office no later than Thursday at noon

Prayer of Hope

Let your light shine in the coming year in my heart. Help me to never lose the hope that one day I will dwell in the house of the Lord. For all you have provided, thank you. In Jesus's name we pray.
AMEN

Legacy Poinsettias

The poinsettia, the Christmas plant, has its origins in the Mexican legend that tells of Little Lucida. She did not have a gift for the Baby Jesus. All she could find was a handful of weeds. But because she gave from her heart, the weeds turned into beautiful red flowers, the poinsettia, the Christmas plant.

We honor and/or remember these family and friends, who have left a legacy of love in our life.

Name	In Memory/Honor
Tadd and Cathy Cook	In honor and celebration of the miracle of our Savior's birth In memory of loved ones we lost this year: Christine Cook and Charlie Bowers In honor of Pastor Tanyce-a genuine blessing and an answered prayer
Tim and Lynn Cook	In memory of loved ones in the George Fischer, Sr. and Lena Fischer Stump family
Genevieve Evans	To the glory of God and in honor of her family
Maggy Everett	In memory of John and Marilyn Everett With all honor and glory to God, our Savior and Lord In honor of David and Bonnie Wolfe "GLYASDI"
Dietmar and Penny Greilich	Hans and Helen Greilich
Dorie Gubernath	In loving memory of Dick Gubernath
Norma Hoover	In memory of Ronald Hoover
Regieg and Kay Kimerline	To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones
Gene and Bettie Luidhardt	In memory of Robert and Marge Meister In memory of Walter and Dorothy Luidhardt
Peggy Miller	In memory of grandson, Paul Volk In memory of husband, Harold Miller
Bob and Diane Norris	In honor of Joanna and Sherri In memory of Dwight Norris, WWII Army Vet In memory of Gale Norris, Korean Army Vet In memory of Donna Norris
Loretta Oberschlake	In memory of Wendy Oberschlake In memory of Noah and Lola Cox In memory of Hugh and Ruth Oberschlake
Brad and Melissa Pope	In honor of Seth, Drew, Kyle and Aubrey Pope In honor of Bob and Diane Kapp, Larry and Laura Pope In honor of Larry Guttenberg In memory of Gale and MaryAnn Ruth In memory of Margie Guttenberg, Wade and Audrey Wolf
Julia Scheffler family	In memory of Milton Scheffler
Charles and Mary Scott	In honor of grandson, Cody Scott; In honor of son, Mark Scott In memory of our parents-Erby Scott, Helen LeCain, Sherman and Ruth Oberlander
Rod and Sue Streib	In memory of our parents, Robert and Lois Streib, Arthur and Cathy Houk; In honor of our children, David, Chris and Cynde In honor of our grandchildren, Holly, Taylor, Nichole, Ashley, Emeline, Caleb and Lola Kate In honor of Dorie Gubernath and our music directors In honor of all those who keep our church in operation
Larry and Deb Tackett	In honor of Larry and Sheila Shutler In memory of Helen and Franklin Tackett
Judith Watts	In memory of Keith Watts
David and Bonnie Wolfe	In honor of the baptisms of Autumn Wolfe and Devin White
Mike and Sharon Zahn	In memory of Chaya Zahn, Paul and Jean Kauffman, Dick and Jean Zahn