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Every Sunday the 10:45 Worship Service can be listened to on

WBCO 1540 AM and 107.5 PM



You are invited to follow Good Hope on Social Media.

Are you following us on Facebook and Instagram?

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Traci Wetterau will be coordinating Good Hopes SteepleNotes ministry starting with the September issue. Communication is an important part of spreading the Good News and **You are all Invited** to participate in that ministry.

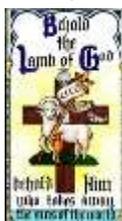
Please remember to get your news to her each month. A thank you, a need, an event . . . Communicate to her in person at worship or by email to twettera@columbus.rr.com by the 15th of each month.

(Thanks and support for her are also invited!)

Dear Friends in Christ, *This is a letter of invitation!*

The Invitation Come and see Jesus

When something out of the ordinary grabs our attention, we have to know, don't we? If we see a crowd of people gathering around something, we want to know what's going on. If we are slowly making our way through traffic and we are getting nearer



to an incident, we crane our necks to try and get a clearer look. John the Baptist had disciples who followed his teaching, but when Jesus passed by, John said: **"Look, the Lamb of God!"** Imagine heads turning, trying to catch a glimpse of who John was referring to. That message was enough for two of John's disciples to begin to follow behind Jesus.

Jesus turned around and asked them "What do you want?" ([John 1:38](#)). This question should make us stop and think. What is our motive in following Jesus? Only Jesus can fill the deepest needs of our heart and promises to be with us to the end of the age ([Matthew 28:20](#)).

The disciples asked Jesus where He was staying. They wanted to know Him and hoped for an opportunity to do just that. Rather than being too busy or important for these eager young men, Jesus invited them by saying **"Come and you will see"** ([John 1:39](#)). What an opportunity!



Jesus promised not to turn those away who are looking for Him. He said "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" ([Matthew 7:7-8](#)). What an amazing promise to those who want to come and see Jesus. Living in the Community of Christ brings many opportunities for invitation to come and join in the celebrations

After graduating from seminary, finishing all my coursework, being approved by Church-wide Region 6 and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary to move on to Approval, then, being recommended for approval by the Candidacy Approval Panel and given the official vote from the Good Hope Lutheran Church to call me, I am excited today to be planning my Ordination and Installation Service for Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Good Hope Lutheran Church Sanctuary. **YOU ARE INVITED!** This is a celebration of a journey where many have walked with me on this path to Ordination. It is a time of joy and thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given. It will be a beautiful worship service with a lite lunch following. I certainly hope you will attend. Throughout this "journey", I have been asked to tell my story of "call" as well as to reflect on the people and the experiences in my life that inspired my decision to pursue Ordination to Word and Sacrament. My heart is filled with the grace and gratitude I have been given by our Lord, Jesus Christ. From my earliest memories of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Junior Choir and more, I was always surrounded by believers who shared their gifts, time and talents so that I could grow in understanding, opportunity and faith. Then Jr. High came along, and the world got bigger. I started becoming more independent in my thinking.

Confirmation kept me close to "the church" and it was the time I started to organize my ideas of God. High School was filled with activities and dreams of the future. It was my family that kept me close to church during this time as well as music opportunities to offer special music for worship. I was being encouraged always to stay close to God. College at The Ohio State University in Columbus kept me away from my home church on weekends, but I searched for Lutheran churches in the area that I could attend, and my home church always welcomed me home for special music and directing the bell choir during those college years. My senior recital at OSU, the bell choir accompanied me in my trombone solo. Church was always a part of my identity and life. Of course, I married a man who valued faith and connection with God. And 42 years later, I am here at Good Hope being called to be your pastor.

Why am I sharing this? It is because I want you to reflect on "your story in Christ." Who, where, when, what, why has walked with you or brought you to your faith today? Do you have any idea of all the people that you may be influencing along their walk of faith? Our words, our actions, our ordinary lives impact others around us. Community in Christ is very important. I am excited for the **"Intergenerational Vacation Bible School"** we are having at Good Hope for this very reason. One statement repeated in seminary was "Someone is always watching." Seeing you at church, in Sunday School, in VBS, in the workplace, grocery store, or the athletic fields may have a great influence on those watching. I would like to call it **God's Neighborhood Watch!**



What are they doing, where are they going, who are they with and how do I see Christ in their lives? **I am inviting you** to come to our Vacation Bible School to find out more about our God's Neighborhood Watch! September brings a new creative worship on Sunday, September 18th. We will have the Blessing of the Animals in the fenced in area. **You are invited** (and responsible for) to bring your pets for God's blessings for this service. We do ask that for the safety of all, your pets are leashed or contained (depending on your pet!) You are welcome to bring a stuffed animal instead for this blessing and I will be happy to be invited to your farms for the blessing of your larger animals. We will be celebrating our blessings of all kinds, harvest, healings, thanksgivings at this service. **Please invite your friends.**

Finally, **I invite you** to a Bible Study on the church doctrines beginning in the fall. Time and place will be announced closer to the beginning of the start time. I invite you to Sunday worship. I invite you to share your stories.

You are invited to the greatest feast to come, the most abundant life to be lived right now, and to be part of the greatest family ever. Love, God.

Thank you for your support, your words, your encouragement, and your faith you share.

Vicar Tanyce Addison



On July 10th, Good Hope held a Special Congregational Meeting at 9:45 AM.



The Congregation voted unanimously to Call Vicar Tanyce Addison to be Good Hope's new Senior Pastor.

Thanks to all who participated either in person or in absentia.

The Call Committee, chaired by Gary Auck, met with Vicar Tanyce twice to discuss our shared vision and expectations. The committee enthusiastically recommended the Call. In their letter to Council, the committee said, "We feel that Vicar Tanyce's vision and the committee's ideas and vision align very well and will be very beneficial to the growth of our congregation. We recommend her to be called to serve as our pastor at Good Hope Lutheran."



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 am when Tanyce will be Ordained and Installed as Good Hope's Senior Pastor.

We praise God for delivering Tanyce to us.

From the Stewardship Committee ...

- ✚ Thank you for your generous donations for our neighbors in need. Especially the Salvation Army Pantry items.
- ✚ Thank you for all the items donated to the BORN Garage Sale this past week, and thank you to all who volunteered their time to work God's work – our hearts and hands!
- ✚ We are not requesting items for BORN at this time (but will always accept them.)
- ✚ Remember our "Living Waters" MicroGrant? In order to help stretch our dollars a little farther, we are asking for donations of 12/24/30 bottle packages of individual water bottles to hand out at First Friday on August 5. You can put them in the BORN or Salvation Army bins in the narthex. Anyone who would be willing to help us out that afternoon/evening for any amount of time would be welcome! Please mark your worship registration card if you can provide water or help out.
- ✚ Money from the "Living Waters" MicroGrant will be used for a special night of our very own VBS on August 7.



**IMAGINING
RENEWAL**
MICROGRANTS
The Year of Vision | 2022

Intergenerational

(that means everyone is invited)



- Registration forms may be turned in to the office or when you attend.
- Good Hope has reserved the Aumiller Park Pool for Sunday, August 7, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. We also have Park Shelters 3, 4, and 5 and will conduct that evening's VBS at the park/pool.
- VBS will begin at 5:30 that day, regular time, 5:30-7:30. We'll serve grilled hot dogs. Everyone is invited even if they're not attending VBS. People in the park can join us too. (Stewardship Committee provided the money from the "Living Waters" MicroGrant for the pool rental and a shelter along with money for food.)
- VBS is inter-generational this year with Parish Ed working with the Youth and Pastor Tanyce having a study for the adults. A light dinner will be provided each evening at 5:30 and everyone is invited to enjoy this time of fellowship and instruction.



Good Hope Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School 2022 Emoji Edition

July 31 & August 1, August 7 & 8, August 14 & 15

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM (supper provided)

We will learn how God wants us to be happy, what to do when we are sad or angry, and so much more!

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Emergency Contact Number(s): _____

Allergies or Special Needs: _____

Grade Completed: _____ May we take pictures of your child? Yes No

Be sure to RSVP by calling the church office by July 22nd @ 419-562-0286

Registrations can be turned into the church office or brought to the first night of VBS.

*You are Invited to
Please Remember...*

those who are homebound or in a nursing home.

At Home

- Charles Dierksheide - (Oct. 29)
- Genevieve Evans - (July 25)
- Mildred House – (January 30)
1163 Township Road 2156, Ashland OH 44805
- Diane Kerr, 131 Monroe St, Apt 405,
Anoka MN 55303

Altercare, 1929 Whetstone St
Bucyrus OH 44820

- Ruth Lady Pollock—Room 102 (Oct. 31)

Carlisle Place, 1721 Whetstone Street,
Bucyrus OH 44820

- Don Heiby – Apt. 125 (July 17)

Promedica (formerly Heartland of Bucyrus)
1170 W. Mansfield St, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Earl Uther – Room 36 (February 13)

Kettle Run, 1780 Whetstone St, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Juanita Young – Room 308 (Nov. 10)

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

- Bill Ross – Room 57 (Mar. 8)

Dewolf Place, 1140 Wilson Ave, Marion OH 43302

- Betty Snavely – Apt. 115 (Oct. 25)

The Inn at Orchard Park, 500 Wedgewood Court
Bucyrus, OH 44820

- Marty Keller – Room 155 (June 7)

Bucyrus Outreach and Restoration Network



Thank you for accepting the invitation to support BORN

Items needed for B.O.R.N.

- Individual Kleenex packets
- Travel-size hand sanitizer
- Small sunscreen lotion
- Travel size Barbasol shaving cream for men
- Rain pouches for an individual person

REMINDER – **you are invited** to bring a non-perishable, boxed or canned item on the first Sunday of each month. Our local Salvation Army will distribute your items. Collection bin will be in the Narthex



WELCA Meetings

No Faith Circle meeting in August.

Gals, You are Invited to join us in the lounge on Wednesday, September 7 at 1:30 as we begin a new study.

Join in on a book discussion with Emmaus Circle at 7:00 on Monday, August 22 in the lounge. You are Invited to come even if you haven't done the reading!

WELCA Board: Remember the August board meeting will be the second Wednesday, August 10, at 1:30.



of the **WELCA** 
Women

WELCA Shawl Ministry

WELCA is reaching out to you, the Good Hope congregation to help us find those who could benefit from a prayer shawl,

The available shawls have been put on display in the narthex. If you know of anyone who might need a prayer shawl, please take one to them and extend our love and concern to them. Thank You!



Kitchen Care Reminder

This kitchen belongs to all the members of Good Hope. While traditionally WELCA is to care for the kitchen, but we are not always around to oversee things. So if you and/or your group use this facility, please see that it is appropriately cleaned up. Recently coffee grounds were left in the utility sink. Coffee grounds can erode; coffee grounds can clog drains. Please clean up and take any towels you use home to launder.

Reminder: Never turn the gas oven off; it should remain on PILOT.

We will also post this in the kitchen as a reminder to all who use our resources.





WELCA sends around 15 cards each month from a list of members and/or friends of Good Hope. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list (or anyone who would like to be removed) You are Invited to call Sarah at 562-9455. The cards are put together by Marilyn Gebhardt; **much thanks to her**. WELCA pays for the postage. This is a way Good Hope can say to shut-ins, ones who are having a difficult time, or ones who can't get to church that they are still with us in spirit. Marilyn and Sarah work tirelessly to keep the list updated, but congregation input is *Always Invited*, welcomed and appreciated.

WELCA BABY SHOWER FOR MARY / JESUS

Twenty-seven gals from St. Paul North Robinson, Martin Luther, and Good Hope had a grand time partying in the Good Hope auditorium on Monday, July 11. Shower gifts were clothing for our littlest ones, bunches of diapers and wipes, items to keep baby safe, and even a pack-and-play. Elwood and Sarah took so many items to Voice of Hope that the car was packed. The remaining items will go to Help Me Grow at the Health Department. WOW! The gals were so generous!

During the party we heard scripture and poems on the Christmas story, sang renditions of kids songs such as “Farmer in the Dell,” and “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” We even sang “Away in a Manger.” Jesus, our Savior, our means of justification, asleep on the hay. WOW! We watched a video of “Son of God” by Paul Cardall sung beautifully by Patrice Tipoki. (Go online and listen to this song.) What’s a shower without games, so we played “Jesus Bingo,” and “How Many Words Can You Make from the Word, Bethlehem” and even had prizes for the winners. We heard from Mary; her thoughts on bearing God’s son. Lori Burkhart played Mary and Nancy Heiby played the part of Gabriel who delivered the great news to Mary.



And of course we ate—tea sandwiches and angel food cake with strawberries and topping. Even mints shaped like booties and pacifiers. We talked and laughed and had a great time being together. Lutheran gals know how to have fun while praising and thanking God while serving others. If you missed the shower, we hope you join us for future gatherings – YOU ARE INVITED!



P.S. Some ladies couldn't come to the shower but dropped off gifts. ***Thank you so much!***

Thanks to all those who contributed to the collection of items for Turning Point. Nancy delivered those items. The ladies at Turning Point are always grateful for any donations to help women and children in need for a temporary home.

Does it seem we are always asking for donations to something? Well, we are. We know these are just a few of the needs out there in this world. With your help, we are able to alleviate some of the needs. We ask you give only according to your means and always, always, joyfully.



*You are Invited to
Celebrate Good Hope members
80 and over birthdays!!*

WELCA does not expect all Good Hope members to send a birthday card to everyone listed. Rather, the hope is that everyone will receive a few birthday wishes, especially those who are homebound or in a nursing facility, those who may not have family to celebrate their birthdays. Addresses can be obtained in the church directory or by calling the church office. Need a new directory? – extra copies are located **on the WELCA cupboard in the narthex.**



August 1st - Elwood Gebhardt

August 6th - Lowell Evarts

August 17th - Robert Norris

August 20th - Miriam Evarts

August 20th - Marion Smith

August 21st - Doris Jones

**You are invited to add your
Committee news and
happenings in this space!**



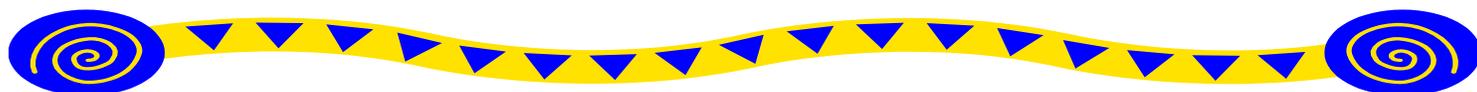
Jevon Andrew Metzger, son of Morgan (Scheffler) and Justin Metzger was baptized on June 26, 2022 by Vicar Tanyce Addison at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Heather Shifley and Ryan Dinkel were united in marriage on June 4, 2022 by Vicar Tanyce Addison at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Haven and Marianne Wensinger transferred their membership to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington, Ohio in June 2022.



Good Hope wants to thank Cindy Clugston for stepping up and sharing her talents so generously when there was a need to be filled. Who could do the newsletter after Bettie Luidhardt retired from it? The answer came after much prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit - Cindy Clugston volunteered for 3 months to help us bridge until a permanent editor was found!

Cindy joined us first in worship, and then visited several of our activities. She has run the projection screen, gave us new perspective of visitors- and shared with me she was once a church secretary!!

I want to personally thank her for her creativity, computer skills and knowledge, but most of all for coming to Good Hope with a giving heart!

In our world today, many approach or shop churches to see what they can "get" from the services. Cindy came in with readiness to be a servant and share her gifts!!

I will leave this next paragraph for Cindy to tell us of her plans. Please take time to email her and tell her thank you for a job well done!! With a grateful heart, we thank you, Cindy, and we feel very blessed to know you and have your imprint on Good Hope! God-speed. Vicar Tanyce

Cindy could you give us a glimpse of you and your future adventure?



Well, not sure how to follow that – as always your words have touched my heart. Retirement has allowed me to pursue genealogy in a much deeper level. This led me to Bucyrus, birthplace of my grandmother. Very few property holdings and Parish Registers are available online, most are only available in person. I have loved my time exploring beautiful Bucyrus and surrounding areas. I plan to continue this journey in person for at least two years tracing my ancestors movements from Ohio to Oregon, California and back to Pennsylvania, Kentucky to Oklahoma.

Yes, I have a history working for Lutheran (ELCA) congregations and several Pastors. My babies helped create many bulletins and newsletters and attended quite a few WELCA meetings. Sometimes however, our faith and spiritual journey can be unsure, painful, cloudy and unwelcoming. COVID shutdowns didn't help that for me. Prayerful consideration led me to Bucyrus and Good Hope. You greeted me with a welcome heart and that signature smile and on my second visit you said "I hope you come back to see us.". I arrived broken and God is sending me onward healed and affirmed. My belongings will remain in a local storage unit so I will be back. Good Hope is a part of my future. I wish I could be here to celebrate your 150 year anniversary. With much affection, Cindy
PS - **You are all invited** to email anytime – cclugston@gmail.com