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First and foremost I would like to start out with a new Bible study, May 8, 2019 to June 12, 2019 at 7PM. <u>A Passionate Pursuit of God</u>. *Drawing Nearer to Him*.

So, you all know me by now. This July it will be 19 years as the pastor of Good Hope Lutheran Church. It has been my pleasure to serve, and be served by you, the people of Good Hope. I am often overcome with the feeling of love and endurance as I sit down and meditate on our relationship. So, I was at Joan Mayberry's funeral dinner. I asked her daughter Nancy Barret (Karen) what should I write for this front page. As she was thinking, Joan grandson's wife said very boldly and confidently, Spring is new birth and renewal. Wow! That was just out of the blue and I got excited that she would think the church is a place where we should have no problem talking about rest and renewal. I thank God she was here. So, here it goes my thoughts about rest and renewal.

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Romans 12:2: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. Isaiah 40:31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. 2 Corinthians 4:16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

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I sit back and think of Lent and the suffering that Christ endured during Holy Week. To having a grand entrance into the city of Jerusalem, to that wonderful night of Maundy Thursday where we receive the final meal, eating with Christ this night and receiving the final commands to love one another and to serve one another. To being ripped apart by the soldiers and then Christ was beaten and hung on the cross to die for my sins. But during this whole stressful Lenten season and the heightened stress of this Holy Week I find my mind always singing and humming in the joy of Easter morning where all is made new, all is refreshed.

I think of Psalm 30:5 For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. No matter how harsh winter might be or how long winter might seem spring is around the corner. Spring always comes with its light, warmth, and renewal of grass's green and flowers bloom and trees budding. Easter comes and we see the pastel colors and the yellow and whites. Beautiful spring dresses and little girls with their wonderful white hats. Little boys with suits and ties. Easter comes and we see a world refreshed by the creator once again. Life is refreshed with birds chirping and rabbits hopping, baby animals peeking their head out from the dens, burrows, and nests. They come to greet this fresh new world of spring. I get excited when I smell the pre-storm air, as well as the smell of the air after a storm has blown through fresh, crisp, and ionized. You know refreshed! Renewed!

We have bad days. We have loved ones die. We have people around us who are not saying love words but words that hurt. Yet in all of the stuff, in all of the hurt and doubt, God provides a way!! God provides rest!! We just have to renew our minds and trust Christ. We have to lay our burdens on Christ, come to him and find the rest. We are to be transformed and renew our minds discerning the will of God, discerning what is good and acceptable and perfect! We need to think about these things and the joy comes to us. We need to have faith that weeping may linger for the night, but Joy, but JOY, you heard me, JOY comes with the morning! We are to be lifting and supporting each other. We don't always say things the right way, sometimes we just need to see what has been done already through Christ and his resurrection. He saved us not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit!!

Oh God, my precious God, winter has been long and it feels like it has been cold with darkness. It has zapped my energy. I have watched as good people suffer. I have watched as your good people have fallen into sin. I have watched as your people have gotten sick and wounded. God, I lay this on the cross and I look with anticipation for spring to come with rebirth, renewal, and rest. God it is night and I am excited as I anticipate the JOY that comes with the morning!

Pastor Ralph

May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 7pm	2	3 Office open 9am-2pm	4 Worship 5:00pm
5 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	6 Office open 9am-2pm Directory photos 2-9pm	7	8 Office open 9am-2pm Discipleship training 6pm Directory photos 2-9pm	9	10 Office open 9am-2pm	11 Worship 5:00pm
Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Mother's Day	Office open 9am-2pm	14 Stewardship meeting 7pm	Office open 9am-2pm	16	Office open 9am-2pm Rummage sale 9am-5pm	Worship 5:00 pm Rummage sale 9am-5pm Bbq dinner 11-4pm
19 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Youth Sunday	20 Office open 9am-2pm	21 Council Meeting 7pm	22 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 7pm	23	24 Office open 9am-2pm	25 Worship 5:00pm
26 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	27 Office open 9am-2pm Memorial Day	28	29 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 7pm	30	31	

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Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
May 5th	Third Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 9: 1-20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19	The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.
May 12th	Fourth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 9: 36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30	The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
May 19th	Fifth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 11: 1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35	Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.
May 26th	Sixth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 16: 9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21: 10, 22—22:5 John 14: 23-29	Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	May 5 Third Sunday of Easter	May 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter	May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Altar Guild	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Alice Haller	Art & Barb Gray	Donna Haller
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Nick Haines	Lauren Coss Barry Pitzer	Stephen Coss Kara Haskin	Lauren Coss Grace Pavkovich	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Penny Felger Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Nick Haines	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 10:30	Stephen Coss Sarah Deiger	Peggy Manchester Andy Tesyk	Nancy Crouse Stephen Coss	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Stephen Coss Don Manning
Liturgy	Loetta Haller	Sandy Kuntz	Grace Pavkovich Lauren Coss	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer
Ushers 10:30 am	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Jean Sauerwein	Andy Tesyk	Stephanie Razo	Sandy Kuntz	Leslie Warren
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	10:30 am Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico Loetta Haller	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Debbie Dulovich
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle members met April 9th with 6 members present. After taking our picture for the directory, we went visiting. After visiting, we had lunch at Belleria in Boardman where Loetta asked the blessing. Our next meeting will be May 14th with Barbie Gray leading the discussion for Bible Study #5. We will meet at the church at 10:00am. Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans as this is our only fundraiser.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

We met April 10th and opened the meeting with prayer. Our Bible study was the difference between kindness and loving kindness. Bible research was presented by Annemarie Conklin—3 trees of biblical times. What a tiel tree, a linden tree, and a pistachio tree meant. The meeting closed with prayer.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The stewardship team met on April 9th. Our current project is to help with the Camp Frederick wish list. If you are able to donate any of the items, or if you want to donate money to help purchase bigger items, please let Camp Frederick know. The phone number is 330-227-3633. The wish list is on page 11. The May meeting will focus on God's work, Our hands. Our next meeting will be May 14th at 7pm.

DINNER TEAM

Many delicious soups were offered and the sandwiches were excellent! The team earned \$741.00. Thank you to all volunteers. Thank you to all who donated desserts. Thank you dinner team for all of your hard work and hospitality!

The next dinner is May 18th from 11am—4pm. A chicken bbq dinner for only \$12.00; pre-sale tickets are available. The meal includes 1/2 cherrywood smoked chicken with either pulled pork or kielbasa. Sides are rice pilaf and coleslaw. Cookies for dessert. Take out is also available. Join us for great food and fun fellowship!

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Pastor Kirk Jared Razo

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty, Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry, Jodie Brimmer

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation:

<u>May 5</u>

Debbie Haines Nick Haines Alice Haller Chuck Haller

May 12

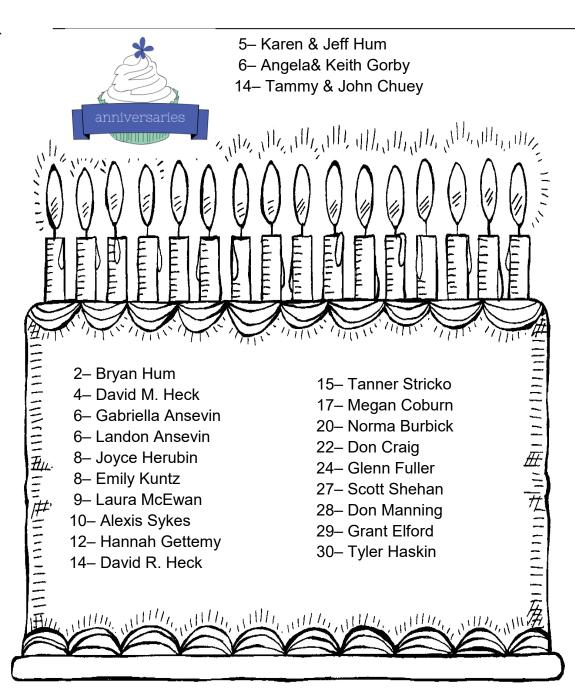
Donna Haller Loetta Haller Barbara Hartsock Marilyn Havrilla

May 19

Cindi Heck Kara Haskin Tyler Haskin Phyllis Hawkins

May 26

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MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for April 16

All reports were emailed before the meeting and approved.

present: P. Ralph, Sarah, Peggy, Kelly, Stephanie, Jeff H., Wendy, and Greg.

excused: Andy, Jeff W., Kelsie.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Sarah.

Treasurer's report: Kelly is concerned that our checking account balance is down to \$3,000 for the second month in a row. A discussion was held to investigate where to pull money from to pay bills if she needs to.

Pastor's report -April-2019

Area of Focus Last Month

I had 9 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

Funerals 2- Alice Cowden, Eugene Toy

We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 15 worship services and prepared 9 sermons.

Feb 15 Living Free Training

March 1-2 Confirmation overnighter and 1st Communion Retreat

March 6 Emotional Intelligence Training

March 6 Imposition of Ashes 11am to 1pm and at Worship

March 6 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm

March 9 Pasta Bake Dinner

March 13 Discipleship Training

March 13 & 20 Lenten Worship 7pm

March 15, 16, 17 Boardman Mercy Hospital

March 18, 19 Youngstown Mercy Hospital

March 18 Had stent put in

March 21 MVAC Board Meeting

March 25 Trauma-Informed Care

March 27 Bible Study

March 27 Lenten Concert

March 30 Grief Camp Meeting here but I did not attend

April 2 SBIRT and Motivational Interviewing

April 3 & 4 Youngstown Mercy Hospital

April10 Lenten Worship 7pm

April 6 Dinner Dance for Camp Frederick

April 9 We hosted the Action Clergy Breakfast

April 10 Discipleship

Up and Coming Areas of Focus

April 13 Soup and Sandwich Dinner

April 16 Blessing of oil and Renew of Vows Worship

April 17 Discipleship Training

April 18 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

April 19 Good Friday Worship 7pm

April 20 Vigil of Easter Worship 5pm

April 21 Resurrection of Our Lord 8am and 10:30am

April 21 to April 28 Pastor on VACATION Loetta Haller Preaching Apr 27 & 28

April 21 to April 28 Pastor Kari Lankford will cover all emergencies 330-831-0919

May 8 Discipleship Training

May 11 Pulled pork Sandwiches dinner

May 13 Taste OF Faiths (MVAC)

May 14 -17 EMDR Training

May 18 Rummage Sale

May 19 Youth Sunday

May 28 I teach a Leadership Class at Teen Challenge

June 11 I preach at Teen Challenge Worship 5PM

June 12 Discipleship Training

Secretary and Youth Report:

Attended council and stewardship meetings

Cleaned up and organized office -Handled incoming calls and answering machine messages

Cleaned up email and handled correspondence- Helped with 3 c's phone calls

Updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar- Distributed mail

Prepared 10 regular bulletins- Prepared and distributed the March Reachout

Prepared 5 Sunday school lessons and made Easter eggs

Prepared Ash Wednesday bulletin- Prepared 3 Lent bulletins

Attended Ash Wednesday and 3 Lent worship services.

Updated Red book- Updated Onrealm- Changed outdoor sign

Ordered office supplies- Prepared packet for council meeting

Attended Camp Frederick dinner meeting- Attended Grief camp meeting

Old Business:

- a. bell tower: The bell tower was grounded per our insurance company's instructions April 12th.
- b. capital improvements:
- aa. parking lot- Jeff H. will try to schedule for June to have our paving done. He will also ask if the church needs to hire someone for painting the parking lines.
 - bb. parsonage wall repair- The wall is finished and Greg will waterproof it and fix the drain by the May meeting.
 - cc. landscaping- Jeff H. will pick up the new plants April 17th and he and Greg will tear out the old bushes.
- dd. sign and lighting- The electric lines will be run when the concrete pad is poured and the drainage is fixed.
- c. social media rules and permissions: Stephanie will call Mennonite Mutual. She and Sarah will contact Synod and create a wi-fi release form.

New Business:

- a. church picnic: The picnic will be August 4th. Council will set up and clean up that day. Stephanie will provide drinks. Greg will purchase hamburgers and hotdogs and buns and will grill for the picnic.
- b. fire plan: Peggy will develop a fire emergency evacuation plan for the church.
- c. surge arrester: A surge arrester is needed for the bell tower. Pastor Ralph will contact Mark Gentile for the hook up.
- d. Synod letter: Our church received a letter from Synod to set up a meeting with churches in our area to share resources. Pastor Ralph will let Pastor Julianne know that council is willing to attend.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

Treasurer's Report Ending March 31, 2018

5.22			
Negative shown in	Actual	Actual	Annual budget
parentheses	this period	this year to date	remaining
Income	\$12, 367.36	\$34,033.53	\$159,466.47
Expense	\$15,191.85	\$49,486.05	\$143,569.23
Total	(\$2,824.49)	(\$15,452.52)	\$15,897.24

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$31, 138.00 Thank you for your donations!

* Mark Your Calendar *

May 12th: If you missed getting your picture taken for the directory, make-up pictures will be taken Sunday at 9am.

Rummage sale: Our annual sale is May 17 & 18 from 9am–5pm. If you would like to help set up Thursday May 16 or clean up May 18, please let the office know.

Chicken dinner: May 18 from 11am–4pm. Please consider baking cookies for dessert. You may drop them off the 15th or 17th from 10am–3pm.

May 18: Wood cutting and Flower day at Camp Frederick at 9am.

Youth Sunday: Sunday May 19 the confirmation class will lead the worship at the 10:30 service.

Bible study: Bible study will resume May 22. This is week 2 in your packet.

Graduation Sunday: We will celebrate our graduates on June 2nd. Please contact the office with your information.

June 8: Camp Frederick wilderness 5k and 1 mile fun walk fundraiser for campers. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

June 9: Strawberry social at Mount Olivet from 11am-1pm. Proceeds benefit the day camp.

Bishop Abraham Allende and the staff of the Lutheran Center of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA lifted your congregation up in prayer on April 5, 2019.

May God bless your ministry with wisdom, vision, courage, understanding and joy.

John D Smith

Laurie A. Niller

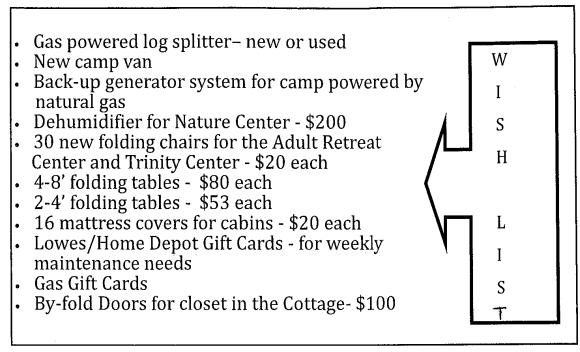
Karen Kaufman

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Camp Frederick

The stewardship team is asking you to prayerfully consider supporting Camp Frederick as they prepare to kick-off a new camping season.



Special Interest

Directory: It's not too late to be in the directory! A page will be dedicated to member's businesses. If you have a business card, please give it to Peggy. Photos will be taken on May 6th and May 8th from 2-9pm. You may schedule your appointment by contacting Peggy at: 330-770-3523.

Our annual rummage sale is May 18th. Cleaning out garages or basements this Spring? Please donate your items to the rummage sale. Contact John Chuey at 330-549-3527 to pick up your donations.

Have a box of Legos lying around??

Donate them to Camp!!

We are looking for Legos for a free play station specifically for Good Grief Camp. If your kids are grown and don't play with Legos any more, we would love to put them to use. Contact the camp office if you're interested. Thank you so much!!

330.227.3633 or email info@campfrederickohio.com

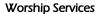
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Saturdays—5:00 pm
Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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