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The R E A C H O U T

Matthew 24:29-31

²⁹Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. ³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:36

³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1 Thessalonian 4:16-18

¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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August 25

We know there are different views out there about Pre-tribulation, Tribulation, and Post-Tribulation. We don't need to dig down and have all this knowledge because we focus on the one truth, that Christ is the Beloved son of God. We have been saved not because we were smart and figured out the key or the secret message but because Christ has made us children of God. It is not a secret. It has been declared to every generation. You either live that or you don't. Are you producing fruit or are you just being? I really don't want to be declared a great preacher or a wise scholar by men. I just want to be fruitful and shine the light of Christ in the darkest times. I once had a professor who asked me if I wanted to be a scholar or to get my doctorate in theology. I said I just want to be a pastor who bears fruit. (Here we go Loetta) I just want to feed the sheep. He said you will do well then. I am humbled by every sermon that moves the people of God to know Christ and to trust Christ. We should have a Bible Study of the book of Revelation, Pastor. I say why? Why do you want to learn all that symbolism or study about all that history of the 1st century? Why, when I can tell you this, Christ wins!!! Nothing added, nothing taken away, Jesus Christ wins and saves the people not in this life but in the everlasting life. We are saved by Christ through faith!! That is not going to be easy. It will be hard in this life. You will work hard and be persecuted. You will suffer and die. You will be hurt by the very people who are to love you.

It is like we want a get out of jail free card. You have cancer, no oh no, I have this card that says I am a Christian. I don't have to go through that pain. I get a bonafide miracle. Where do you read that? I get it in Revelation. I know the secret number, and I have the secret hand shake. You see Revelation says you will not be alone; Christ will be with you. His church will care for you and love you. They will bear fruit and you will know Christ is there through the working of the church. There are some churches that will fail you, and some leaders that will promise you they are Him, but they will not love. Christ promises you that through all that He will remain with you and will one day take you with Him. Leaders will fail you, governments will fail you, and the Church will fail you, but God will not fail you.

I have always tried to explain that the scriptures were written for the people of the time. We look over their shoulders to glean truths of what we are to be doing to bear fruit. We get to learn by their mistakes. To do that we need to know the context and what they heard, not what we hear, and what can we learn from it.

Let's take Revelation about Tribulation: "The life of Christians is lived in the midst of the pressures from a hostile world, which John calls "tribulation". This tribulation is not some spectacular future event but has already begun in John's own time. For John and all the churches, tribulation is the constant context within which the Christian is called to be a faithful witness. (page 91, Revelation by M. Eugene Boring)

Folks don't be afraid. God is with you. You are not suffering because God has left you. You are suffering because the world is full of sin and death. God will walk with you and meet you, guided by the gift of the Holy Spirit and guaranteed by the Son, Jesus the Christ.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
August 2nd	9th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21	In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.
August 9th	10th Sunday after Pentecost	green	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Psalm 85: 8-13 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.
August 16th	11th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-28	In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.
August 23rd	12th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah 51: 1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20	In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.
August 30th	13th Sunday After Pentecost	Green	Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Psalm 26: 1-8 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28	The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

Please continue to save tin foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle. The price of aluminum is down at the recycling centers, so we need your help now more than ever as this is our only fundraiser.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be August 11th at 7pm. We will be planning the God's Work our Hands day for September. We will also be preparing giving pledge cards for 2021.

DINNER TEAM

A new monthly dinner team schedule will be available soon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

On Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm a group has been getting together on Zoom for devotions and fellowship. Everyone agrees that it's great to see each other and stay connected! If you would like to join us please let Wendy or Pastor Ralph know.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

St. Pauly has temporarily closed our clothing donation shed. With international borders closed down, they are unable to redistribute clothing and their warehouses are full.

The rummage sale has been postponed until probably October. Date and time coming soon.

The Octoberfest at Good Hope is being planned. Date and time coming soon. This was an awesome day last year! This is an outside event.

Council has decided to not have the Church Picnic this Fall.

Our parking lot is scheduled to be paved in mid August. The new cement pad for the dumpster will be poured soon. We will also be receiving a new dumpster since the lid is broken.

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.



Coy Cope
Noel Melho
Joe Kreidler
Eda Jane Spivey
Sarah Corey
Dave Sweeney
Constance Fabek
Karen Corey
Brennan Toy

Scott MacDonald
Jerry Hoefert
Elkton Prison
Ken & Pat Goff
Doug Hoffman
Jan & Steve Stiffer

serving in the military:
Morgan Rhinehart
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Liberty

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

August 2

Bart Felger
Baylee Felger
Penny Felger
Carl Frost

August 9

Jack Frost
Alaina Fuller
Glenn Fuller
LaDonna Fuller

August 16

Karen Galgan
Lee Galgan
Hannah Gettemy
Tina Gettemy

August 23

Arthur Gray
Barbara Gray
Anna Greenberg
Don Greenberg

August 30

Sharon Greenberg
Kathy Gossen
Debbie Haines
Nick Haines



6– Anna & Chad Anderson
8– Diana & Sam Allen
12– Kim & Ed Smith
16– Charlene & Bill Varga
20– Joyce & Chris Herubin
26– Nancy & Kevin Barret



MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2020

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Sarah, Jeff W., Jeff H., Pastor Ralph, Wendy, Sue, Peggy, Andy, Kelly

excused: Stephanie and Greg

Treasurer: Kelly reports good news of a positive checking account balance for June. She also states that our Thrivent account has gone back up \$5,700 for this quarter.

Pastor's report –July– 2020

Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 11 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

12 contacts by phone for significant help.

Daily Reaching out to Members by phone.

1 Funeral Jerry Hostetter

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

Over the past month, I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

June 3 Family of Gerald Hostetter

June 3 Opioid Survey

June 5 Gerald Hostetter Funeral

June 6 Bought Lawn Mower for Sober House

June 10 Zoom meeting Devotions. 13

June 11 Alaina Shehan Baptismal Instruction

June 16 Make Deposit from Sunday's offering

June 15 Prevention First Webinar

June 15 Clayton Heating and Cooling Church and Parsonage

June 16 Opioid Round table & Coalition for a Drug free Mahoning County

June 16 Council Meeting in-person and zoom

June 17 Video Meeting with the Bishop

June 17 Zoom Devotions 12

June 18 Mahoning Valley Area Churches zoom Meeting

June 21 Baptism Valerie Barbara Hum

June 24 Zoom Devotions 10

June 24 Dinner with Jeremy Roberts with Terri and Faith. Ministry Partner

June 26 New member meeting with Dee and Jim Duncan

June 26 Screen Door for Sober house

June 29 Zoom Meeting with Eastern Conference ELCA Pastors

Secretary's June 2020 Report:

Maintained clothing donation shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Counted offering 4 weeks

Prepared 4 bulletins and 4 power point services

Prepared 1 baptism bulletin

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Changed outside sign

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

Changed paraments twice

Recorded online attendance for Synod

(council cont.)**Old Business:**

- a. Sarah will evaluate Heidi soon.
- b. Jeff H. will contact Greg and RT Vernal to set a paving date.
- c. The parsonage lawn will be seeded late August or early September.
- d. P. Ralph motions to cancel the church picnic for 2020. Jeff seconds. Motion carried.

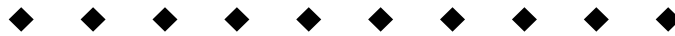
New Business:

- a. P. Ralph motions to accept James and Denise Duncan as members of Good Hope as of July 21, 2020. Sue seconds. Motion carried.

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

July Attendance

	<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>	<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
Saturday 5pm	5	12	5	3
Sunday 8am	10	16	17	14
Sunday 10:30am	11	21	13	17
Drive-thru communion	<u>N/A</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
Total	26	65	57	57

**July Offering Report**

	<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>	<u>July 19</u>
Operating income:	\$2,176.00	\$4,330.00	\$2,799.94
Capital improvements:	-0-	\$50.00	\$15.00

**Treasurer's Report Ending June 30, 2020**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$17,362.99	\$105,150.85	\$86,774.15
Expense	\$16,256.08	\$98,235.83	\$93,689.17
Net Total	\$1,106.91	\$6,915.02	(\$6,915.02)

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$34,962.49

Thank you for your donations!

APPRECIATION

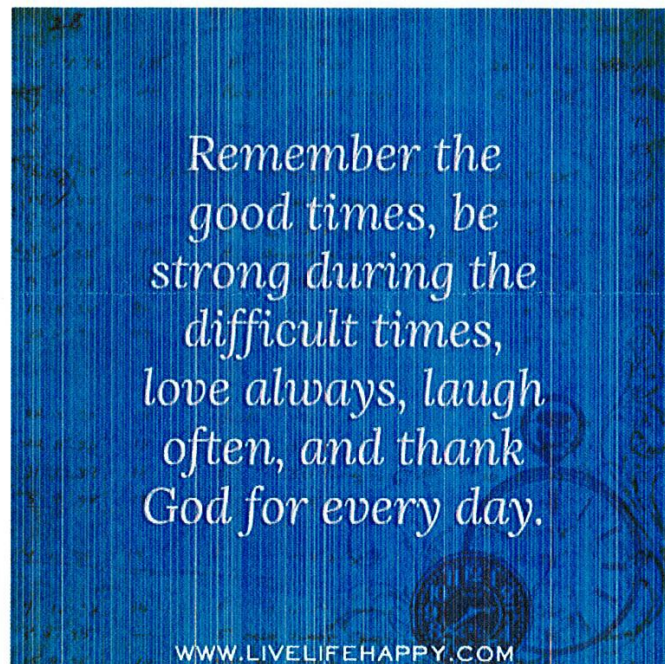
Thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies to donate to SRCCC. The backpacks will be distributed August 12th to 29 area children in need.

On Wednesday evening when Joe read the devotional, we realized that we had "Jesus Calling" published in 2004. We thought the devotional for June 17 was very appropriate for right now.

Learn to laugh at yourself more freely. Don't take yourself or your circumstances so seriously. Relax and know that I am *God with you*. When you desire My will above all else, life becomes much less threatening. Stop trying to monitor My responsibilities -- things that are beyond your control. Find freedom by accepting the boundaries of your domain.

Laughter lightens your load and lifts your heart into heavenly places. Your laughter rises to heaven and blends with angelic melodies of praise. Just as parents delight in the laughter of their children, so I delight in hearing My children laugh. I rejoice when you trust Me enough to enjoy your life lightheartedly.

Do not miss the Joy of My Presence by carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders. Rather, *take My yoke upon you and learn from Me. My yoke is comfortable and pleasant; My burden is light and easily borne.*



Thank you Alice Ann, Donna Jean, and Loetta Haller for the letters, pictures, and jokes you continue to send in to be shared. Your message of love and hope is much appreciated!



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Quarter Auction Update

Dear Good Hope Lutheran Church,

We sent you a letter back in March asking for your support with Camp Frederick's spring fundraiser which was scheduled for April 4th. We heard back from some of you who donated baskets and gift cards for the event. Thank you for those! Of course with COVID-19 turning everything upside down, we had to postpone that April event. We held on to those gifts you gave us in hope of rescheduling our Quarter Auction fundraiser.

Since then, Camp Frederick had to make the painstaking decision to cancel summer camp which has created a huge impact on our financial health. We were able to secure a Payroll Protection Program loan which is helping to bridge us through these summer months. But we do need a successful fundraiser to get us through this financial void we are up against.

The **Quarter Auction** has been rescheduled for Saturday, **August 29th**. Because we are now hosting this on a warm summer evening, we have moved the event outdoors to the Shrine Club's covered pavilion. It's a huge pavilion that can seat 400 people. **Social distancing** will not be a problem as we will limit our ticket sales to 200 or less. Guests will bring their own food and beverages reducing risks concerning food service. Camp Frederick needs this fund raiser to be a success to help supplement our income loss from facility rental cancellations and summer camp being cancelled. We ask that you would please include the attached flyer in your bulletins and on your webpage. If you haven't already provided a gift basket or gift card for the auction and would still wish to do so, please let us know by emailing us at info@campfrederickohio.com. Your prayers for Camp Frederick would be most appreciated.

There is plenty of good news to share as well. We have seen progress in our facility upgrades and building projects these past few months. Our new bath house up on the hill will be completed within weeks. Several cabins by the bathhouse have been renovated and now include electricity, A/C and heat. These cabins provide a great opportunity for families to rent for a safe get away for a few days. RV camping and tent camping are available as well. The staff has created some family camp activities and programs that you can participate in all designed with social distancing as a priority. You can reserve the swimming pool by the hour. We have craft packets, scavenger hunts, marshmallow roasts, evening outdoor movies, and more. Please contact the Camp office at 330.227.3633 for more information.

Thank you again for all your support to Camp Frederick.

Camp Frederick's Quarter Auction Committee

Quarter Auction flyer attached.

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Amusing Quips about These Times

I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. The popular baby names will be Charmin and Scott.

Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree? I have run out of things to do.

I am done with my 90-day trial of 2020. How do I cancel my membership?

Things are getting weird. It's like being 16 again, gas is cheap and I'm grounded.

Just wait a second— so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others?

So let me get this straight— there is no cure for a virus that can be killed by hand soap and sanitizer?

Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than me.

Day 27 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See, this is why I chew the furniture."

I am so excited to take the garbage out! I wonder what I should wear?

Remember when you were little and your underwear had the days of the week on them? Those would be helpful now.

Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

Anyone else getting a tan from the light in the fridge?

Thank you Marlene Vavrus for the chuckles!!



Tee Up For a Good Time

Saturday September 12th, 9AM

Come and join the fun as Camp Frederick holds it's 27th annual golf outing. This year promises to be just as exciting as previous years. All proceeds go towards enhancing children's camp experiences through new and improved programming, providing financial assistance to those in need, and much more.

We look forward to seeing all of our old friends and making new ones on Saturday, September 14th at Beaver Creek Meadows Golf Course.

For more information please call the camp office at 330-227-3633.

BBQ- TO- GO provided by
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AT GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The outdoor BBQ will be held August 9th and 23rd
starting at noon.*

*Cherrywood smoked chicken, slab ribs, kielbasa, and
chicken kabobs were served in June.*

They sell out quickly!

*Each meal comes with 2 homemade side dishes such as
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*You may call the church office or Michael to get the
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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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