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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

The R E A C H O U ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ emptied Himself and humbled Himself. Deep down we all want to be something or someone special. We want to be noticed. Sometimes we even do bad things just to be noticed. Why must we be noticed?? What in us doesn't already realize that we are wonderfully made, and powerful enough to do whatever the task is? My mother never graduated high school and always thought she was less than. However, she had this gift to run a family and create and cook. She was amazing how she got things accomplished. She would even pack my Dad's bags when he went out of town. Tissue paper for his ironed shirts, complete with a note. LOLOL She ran a budget for our meals with only one pay day per month. We had three meals and desserts and then the leftovers transformed into a new meal. She would sweep, dust and clean our old farm house.

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She would run the house and run the kitchen during bible school and not blink an eye. If there weren't enough snacks for the next day, she would bake all night so every child would have a snack the next day. She is amazing and yet she never understood or felt worth it. We all have worth and we all have privilege. We need to understand that because if we have no worth what do we have to offer to the world?

Christ became obedient. I was obedient once! Ha ha ha. How many even like the word obedient. We follow rules and we do as we are told. That is obedience, right? Do we give up our way to do what is right for those around us? Do we help those around us get ahead? Have I done my best to help someone step up out of their stuff? What if they don't want help, they keep wanting what is wrong? I mean what if I help them and they choose to turn back to their old ways? What then? I often wonder about how do we forgive them and let them go? The best plan is to have boundaries for ourselves and allow room to help people even if they choose darkness and death. We all have to wrestle with obedience to God. With letting go of our lives and give God the control.

At the name of Jesus all knees shall bow. I have to agree that I too must bow to Jesus. I too must let Jesus run my life, not profit, not personal gain. Everything I have that has worth has come to me through Jesus. I often wonder what is my purpose? From the time of being a police officer to now I have always received the most energy, joy and pleasure from helping or lifting others. From giving directions to people who are lost in my town, to little ones who have lost their mother, to when people have lost their way. It is God who gave me life and Christ who saved my life.

Every tongue confesses Jesus. I have to shout it from every mountain top. I have to pass it on. We want to instruct our children into the way to go. We want to give them our best. So, we need to model a life with belief in Christ. We can't just confess it. We must live it out for all to see. The first step is to confess it with our mouth, Jesus Christ is Lord!

Let the same mind be in you. The most daunting task, yet the easiest task, is to be in the same mind as Christ. It is so much easier to follow or be like Jesus. Think like Jesus, find your joy in what he finds his joy in. You see it is so much simpler to enjoy life when you don't have desires for extravagant things. Do you remember how much easier life was when your choices were chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry? Now you have over 31 flavors. Ugh! How about when you go into a restaurant and they have maybe at most 20 items verses a restaurant that boasts 200 items on the menu? How hard to select from that 200-item menu and how much harder to manage the restaurant? If you think like Christ it is so simple do what is best for all people. Help all people to grow and be their best.

We are free from sin and death! Help yourself and others be free from our very selves. We need to keep the freedom going. It is finished, Christ has already won!

Pastor Ralph

Maundy Thursday April 1st

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday April 2nd

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10: 16-25

John 18: 1—19:42

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
April 4th	Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday	white	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Mark 16: 1-8	Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!
April 11th	Second Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 4: 32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1: 1—2:2 John 20: 19-31	The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.
April 18th	Third Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 3: 12-29 Psalm 4 1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36b-48	The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.
April 25th	Fourth Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18	The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE APRIL

Serving in God's house	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Lector 8:00	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer
Lector 10:30	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	
Communion bread	Do not need	Do not need	Do not need	Do not need
Chrema	Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret	Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret
	Sarah Deiger	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Andy Tesyk

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE MAY

Serving in God's house	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger
Communion bread	None needed	None needed	None needed	None needed	None needed
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	need

Mark Your Calendar

April 2 & 9: Fish Fry at Good Hope from 3:30-7pm. Your choice of fried haddock or baked Boston scrod. Served with coleslaw and two sides of your choice. \$13

April 11: Soup and sandwich from noon–4pm, Many soups to choose from. \$10

April 18: Confirmation classes resume. Please come to the sanctuary at 9:15.

April 21-22: Bible study resumes on zoom and in person.

April 25: Kielbasa kabobs with zucchini, peppers, and onion. Served with potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw. \$13

Special Notes

Easter prelude at 10am:

Andy Tesyk- Low in the Grave He Lay Kathy Kramer- The Power of the Cross Sue Deutschlander- Healing is in Your Hands Andy- On a Hill Faraway Kathy- In Christ Alone Sue- The Wonderful Cross Ralph- Pass it On Sue/Kathy- Thine is the Glory

Thank you performers!

Thank You

The dinner team thanks everyone who provided cookies or another dessert for the Pasta bake Dinner. Proceeds from the dinner were \$960.00!

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Thank you so

much for your generous

do nations to the rescue

all of the items Collected

we care for our dogs

and the amazon gift

card will help out

with future needs. We
appreciate your very kind
and generous gestivel.

Board & Volunteers at EDM

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Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be May 11th at 7pm. Pastor Ralph has asked us to read 'Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity' written by Michael Ward.

DINNER TEAM

Monthly dinners will be take out only.

Proceeds from the pasta bake were \$960. Thank you for your support!

Sunday April 11– Soup quarts to-go for \$8. Many kinds to choose from.

Sunday April 25- Kielbasa kabobs with zucchini, peppers, and onion. Served with potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw. \$13

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The bible study will resume at 7pm, Wednesday, April 21st on zoom and at 6pm, Thursday, April 22nd in person. Pastor Ralph will email the link and assignment beforehand.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The March for Jesus will be held on May 22 in Youngstown. Sarah will be presenting information to us at the 10:30 worship on April 18th. Please let her or the office know if you are interested in attending. If you wish to order a t-shirt or hat, you can find them on the website below.

https://themarchforjesusmv.com

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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.



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation:

Coy Cope
Noel Melho
Joe Kreidler
Dave Sweeney
Constance Fabek
Barbara Gray
David Kuntz
Dan Bongino

Brennen Toy

Eric Barret

Barry Pitzer
Doris VandenBosch
Gavin
Nora Sabella
Tim Takich
Sherman Gumbs

Karen Corey

Scott MacDonald

Ken & Pat Goff

Doug Hoffman

Shannon Styer Holden McMurray

Morgan Rhinehart

Serving in the military:

Alyssa

Bryce Liberty

Jakeb Fry

Lyndsey Miller

<u>April 4</u>

Regan Rogenski Tammy Rogenski Katherine Roman Alyssa Sandfrey

April 11

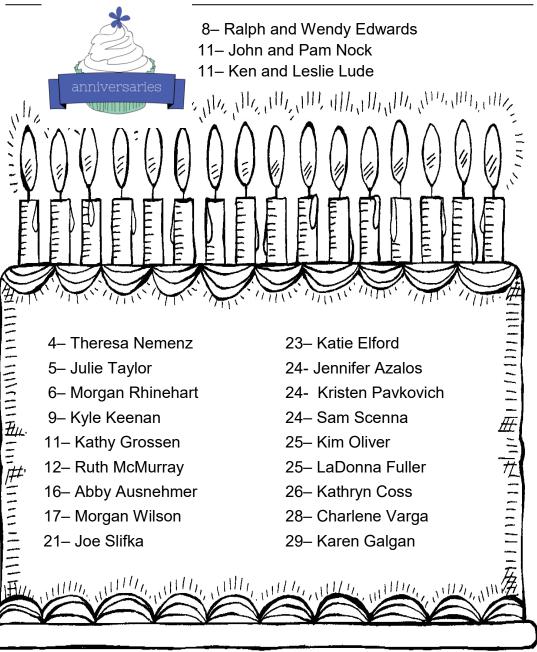
Gene Sandfrey Samantha Sandfrey Sonya Sandfrey Chelsie Sauerwein

April 18

Cindy Sauerwein Jean Sauerwein Spike Sauerwein Patrick Scenna

April 25

Sam Scenna Sarah Scenna Kathy Schneider Sonny Schneider



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MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2021

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Jeff, Nancy, Kevin, Sarah, P. Ralph, Wendy, Peggy, Sue, Stephanie, and Andy

absent: Greg

Treasurer's Report: Kelly states that the checking account is negative about \$3,000 for February due to real estate taxes and less offering coming in.

Pastor's Report –March– 2021

Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- 2 Funeral Walter Kyser and Charles Hoffmaster
- 1 Wedding Chris Smith
- ♦ 5 Drive through Communions
- 15 contacts by phone for significant help.
- Daily Reaching out to Members by phone.
- We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- Over the past month, I have presided at 17 worship services and prepared 8 sermons.
- * Feb 3, 4 & 10, 11 Virtual and IP Bible studies
- * Feb 14 Transfiguration of Our Lord
- * Feb 14 Congregational Meeting
- * Feb 17-April 7 Bibles Studies will not be held. They will resume April 21st and 22nd
- * All services on Lenten Wednesdays will be on zoom and In Person
- * Feb 17 Imposition of Ashes drive-through from 11AM-12PM
- * Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Worship Service w/Imposition of Ashes
- * Feb 19,26, Lenten Fish Fry
- * Feb 20 Chris Smith Wedding
- * Feb 24 March 24 Every Wednesday at 7PM Lenten Services
- * Feb 21 Beef Tips and Noodles Dinner
- Feb 26 Walter Kyser Funeral
- * Feb 27 Charles Hoffmaster Funeral

Secretary's February 2021 Report:

Attended bible study

Assisted with dinners

Assisted with drive through communion

Changed paraments

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council & congregational meeting

Prepared 10 bulletins and 10 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

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Council cont.

Old Business:

- a. Council agrees to have Kevin Barret add his name on the church's debit card along with Good Hope Lutheran Church.
- b. Sarah has attended training for the March for Jesus on May 22nd starting at the Covelli Center and ending at the Amphitheater. They are looking for volunteers and Sarah says there are lots of groups to join. Please let her know if you are interested in attending a zoom or in person meeting. Trainings are Thursday March 18, and Saturday April 10. She and Pastor Ralph also have discussed having a local March for Jesus and will be checking with our area churches to see if they are interested. He will also check with the police department about closing the roads.

New Business:

- a. Stephanie agrees to head up the church picnic planning team She will meet with the stewardship team on May 11 to brainstorm how we can safely have a picnic this year.
- b. Nancy motions to allow Wendy Edwards to be a representative on file for both Thrivent and Mission Investments to allow for ease of mail and email communications. Andy seconds. Pastor Ralph abstains. Motion carried.

Kevin closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.



If you are interested in helping plan the picnic for this year, please let Wendy know. 330-5549-2406 We can use your ideas on how to safely have an outdoor get together.

The rummage sale has not been planned for Spring this year. Having it in the Fall is being considered.



Treasurer's Report Ending February 28, 2021

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$14,278.05	\$27,745.42	\$166,314.58
Expense	\$17,076.19	\$33,760.20	\$160,299.80
Net Total	(\$2,798.14)	(\$6,014.78)	\$6,014.78





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Quarter Auction Gift Basket Request

Dear Good Hope Lutheran Church,

We want you to know how much we appreciate the support you have provided to Camp Frederick in 2020. It was a challenging year but with your prayers and support we have come out stronger and more prepared than ever for this coming summer camp season. We have been blessed with some incredible volunteers that have taken advantage of this down time due to COVID to beautify Camp Frederick. We have completed our new bathroom facilities up on the hill, we have added two brand new cabins and renovated the existing ones. These cabins provide a great opportunity for families to rent for a safe get away for a few days. Plus, can you imagine how fun summer camp will be for the kids who get to stay up on the hill this summer? If you haven't been down to Camp Frederick lately, please come down and take a look around. Again, we thank you for all your support in making this happen.

We do however still have financial obligations to fulfill. We have obtained a second PPP loan to help us cover our payroll. However, we anticipate that we will have many families needing assistance to send their children to summer camp this year. We want every child to have an opportunity to experience a week of summer camp by offering camperships. Our spring fundraiser this year will be a Quarter Auction like we had in August of 2020. Last year's auction was an incredible success with us raising \$14,000. And you helped us achieve that success as we had ten baskets/gift cards donated from our corporate churches! There was plenty of conversation from our guests asking why these churches were providing baskets. What a great testimony for us to explain to the community the importance that our Lutheran churches place on the Camp Frederick summer camp experience.

We would like to ask you again to donate a gift basket for this upcoming event on May 22, 2021. We ask that your gift basket be valued at a minimum of \$25. We need the baskets no later than May 15, 2021. Our committee is willing to pick up your basket upon request. Gift cards may be an easier option to give in place of a basket. These can be easily auctioned off as well. If you have a member who would be interested in having their business advertised in our program, please contact the email address below for more information.

We also encourage you to post the enclosed flyer at your church, in your newsletter and include a paragraph in your bulletin encouraging members to attend the upcoming Quarter Auction. This fun and worthwhile event will be held at The Youngstown Shrine Club in North Lima on May 22, 2021 with doors opening at 5:00 pm and the auction starting at 6:00 pm.

Any questions, sponsor information or pick up requests can be sent to <u>bbonner</u> <u>it zoominternet.net</u>. Thank you again for all your support in making Camp Frederick a success.

Camp Frederick's Quarter Auction Committee

Phone: 330-227-3633 • Fax: 330-227-9005 • Email: info@campfrederickohio.com www.campfrederickohio.com

If you wish to donate a basket or gift card to the Quarter Auction, you may drop it off at Good Hope. If you want your donation picked up at your house, please send a request to bbonner@zoominternet.net. Thank you in advance!

SOUP - TO - GO

WHERE: GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 11th

TIME: 12-4pm or until sold out

COST: \$8.00 PER QUART

SOUPS OFFERED:

Twice Baked Potato

Pasta Fagioli French Onion Beef Vegetable Mexi Chili Broccoli Cheddar Stuffed Cabbage



Drive through only.

Please remain in your vehicle to be served.

Sunday April 25th 12 - 4pm Good Hope Lutheran Church 12030 Market Street, North Lima provided by Barber Drive Barbeque

Kielbasa Dinner

Lightly cherry wood smoked kielbasa kabobs skewered with zucchini, onion, and bell peppers. Served with garlic parsley whole potatoes, Texas baked beans, and coleslaw. Cost is \$13



Drive through only. We will serve you at your car.

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT MICHAEL TO PRE-ORDER AT 330-727-0437.

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Worship Services

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

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