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

# The R E A C H O U T

Where do we begin? Have you heard people say “in the beginning”? I say start now. Where you are at, right here, right now. So, let’s get started. I am not asking you how much you did before in the church. I am asking what now? Is your relationship with the church a weekly visit to hear the sermon, receive the sacraments, and go? If that is your relationship, I ask if you would consider a little more. Work on getting to know God. Maybe just getting to know Jesus a little better. Maybe you just want a little bit of the Holy Spirit as an interpreter as you walk this world. But please look for more in your relationship with God and the church. We the leadership of the church have found a new energy for the “Body of Christ” that is you. We have started with the building but we are working toward helping you reach your potential as a child of God. We are going to be trying different ways of working with each other to get to better know one another and to do ministry together reaching out to our community.

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The beginning!

Fellowship starts this week and will be the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. We will have fellowship Saturday at 4:30 before worship begins and Sunday morning at 9:00 in between the services. The goal is to have fellowship and get to know one another.

The last Saturday of the month starting May 25<sup>th</sup> Carl Frost and I are starting a breakfast for men of the church to get together. After breakfast, those who are able will meet at the church and change filters or light bulbs, etc. and spend an hour getting things done at the building.

Naomi plans to continue to gather the women together for fun, refreshment, and fellowship.

Just a note that the chapel has been reinstated. A place where you can just go and gather thoughts, pray, or just be still.

Be on the look out for all the things the council want to re-ignite or start new!

The new carpet and paint and new council and new year has got us all excited for the renewing of the "Body of Christ". Good Hope and the people of Good Hope have a fresh start of new and fun things to do together. Please pray about renewing your zeal for God's presence and your presence at all these exciting events that feed the Body and Soul!!

Look for information about Sunday School for the youth starting this Fall. We are looking for ways to encourage Sunday school for adults.

IF you have not been to church lately, we have reestablished the sharing of the peace at the end of the services. Come hear Gods Word, receive the sacrament, and share in the peace.

Sisters and brothers REJOICE!! Mend your ways, encourage one another! Agree with one another! Live in PEACE!! The PEACE of the LORD be with you always! Please share the Peace with one another!!

*Pastor Ralph*

ALL IN Women's Seminar

# Does Jesus Understand My Brokenness?



**Coria Brock**



**Amanda Crews**



**Brittany Ross**



**FREE EVENT  
In Salem, OH**

**Saturday  
April 13th, 2024  
9AM - 12PM**

Scan the QR Code or go to  
[LifeWithChristMinistries.org](http://LifeWithChristMinistries.org)  
for full details!



## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MARCH

Serving in God's house	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards	Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk	Wendy Edwards Nancy Barret

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### APRIL

Serving in God's house	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Lector 8:00	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
March 3rd	3rd Sunday in Lent	purple	Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.
March 10th	4th Sunday in Lent	purple	Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 107: 1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2: 1-10 John 3: 14-21	The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.
March 17th	5th Sunday in Lent	purple	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm 51: 1-12 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.
March 24th	Palm Sunday	purple	Mark 11: 1-11 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 14: 1--15:47	This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.
March 31st	Resurrection Of Our Lord: Easter Day	white	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 John 20: 1-18	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!



Good Hope Lutheran Church  
Presents  
**The Furry Friends Fundraiser**

For the next few weeks the Church will be collecting a various array of supplies and necessities needed for local animal rescues and charities in our area!

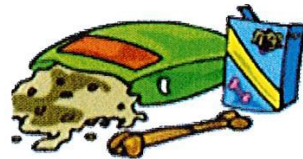
Supplies for Dogs & Cats

- Dry or wet pet food and dishes
- Used or new towels
- Used or new blankets and pet beds
- Toys, bones, treats, etc.
- Used or new leashes, collars and harnesses
- Cat litter and pans
- Pet shampoos & soaps



Cleaning Supplies:

- Buckets
- Cleaning towels and rags
- Gloves
- Clorox
- Spray cleaners and disinfectants
- Soaps and detergents



Please consider making any type of donation big or small, every bit can help! These agencies rely strictly donations and would greatly appreciate our help! If you have any questions please contact Penny Felger (330) 503-7690.



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# Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Carol Jean Horst	Lindsey Hospodar	Vicki Porcase
Patty Dickey	Floyd Welker	Stan Huddleston	Cheryl Lyda
Alison Dobro	Donald Stoffer	Emerson Grace	Ruth McMurray
Savannah Popio	Joey Biroschak	Norm Deckant	Anthony Shapiro
Janet Chittock	Ernie Gayge	Greg Razo	In the military:
Dennis Grant	David Pollo	Samir & Kristen	Alyssa
Terry Ward	James	Joe & Debbie Wrenn	Bryce Liberty
Checker Ward	Oliver Coldiron	John & Pam Nock	Jakeb Fry
Jamie	Erin Shoemaker	Bobbi McMurray	Lyndsey Miller
			Daniel McMurray

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



4- Gus & Theresa Nemenz

## March 3

Jen Razo  
Jordan Razo  
Ouni Razo  
Stephanie Razo

## March 10

Brandy Renforth  
Jordan Renforth  
Mackenna Renforth  
Morgan Renforth

## March 17

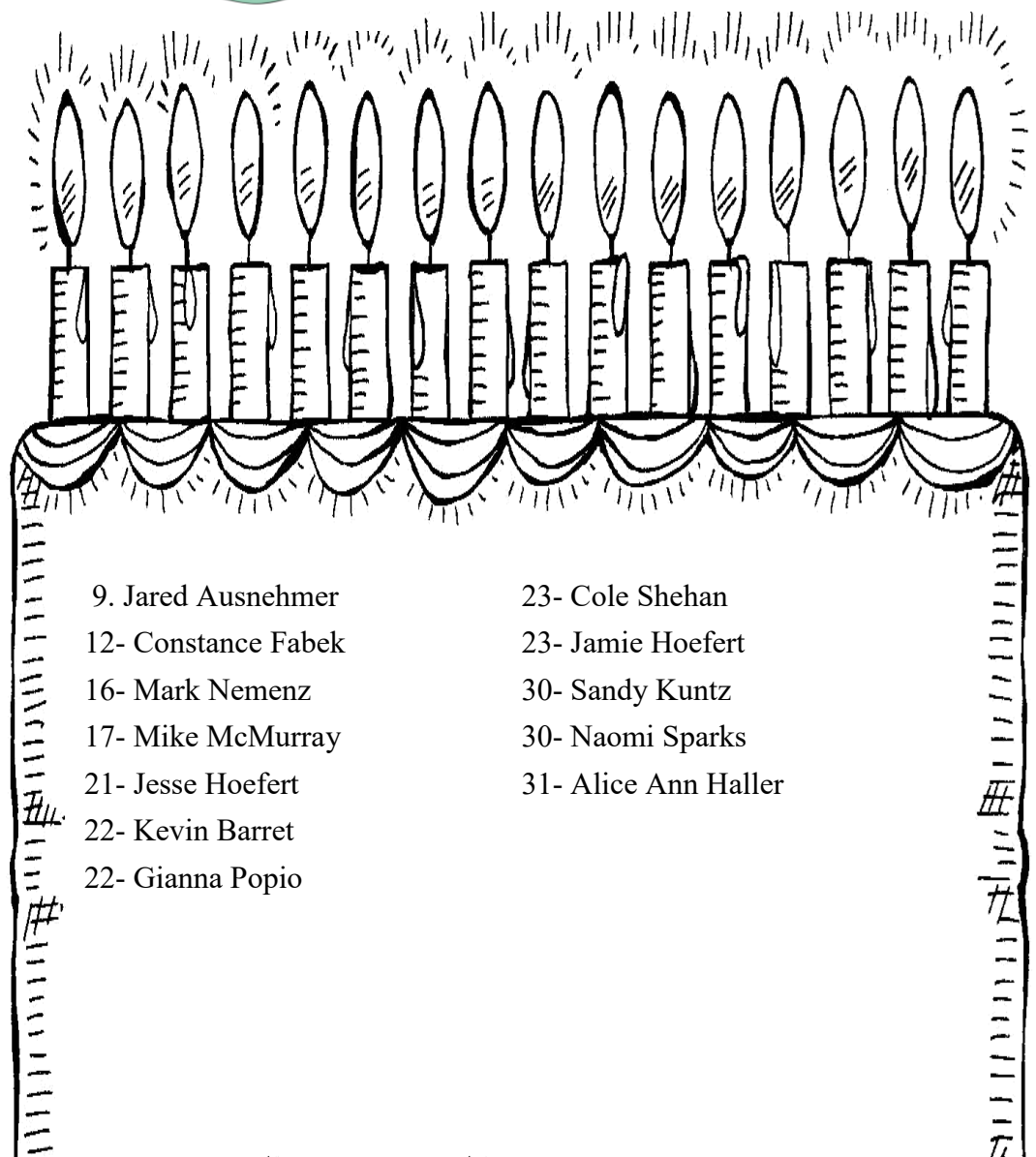
Ralph Renforth  
Caitlin Rettenmaier  
Morgan Rhinehart  
Jeff Robinson

## March 24

Amanda Rogenski  
Cammy Rogenski  
Chad Rogenski  
Michael Rogenski, Sr.

## March 31

Michael Rogenski, Jr.  
Regen Rogenski  
Tammy Rogenski  
Katherine Roman



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2024

present: Chris, Lauren, Natalie, Mike, Carl, Kim, Jean, Mark, P. Ralph, and Wendy  
Pastor Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

### Pastor's Report –February– 2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- I had 15 contacts by phone for significant help.
- We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- Over the past month I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.
- \* Jan 3 or 4 Wendy and Pastor back from vacation
- \* Jan 23-25 All Ohio Rostered Ministers Gathering

### Secretary's Report:

Completed annual report

Helped at fish fry

Attended confirmation classes

Changed paraments

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

### Old Business:

- a. Lauren has been adding members to the directory in Realm. Once everyone is opted in, we will find a way to add pictures.

### New Business:

- a. The crown molding in the Chapel will be painted soon. This will wrap up the painting and flooring remodel.



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b. Repair projects include the library wall, missing shingles, missing fascia, and cleaning out the gutters. These will be paid for from the capital improvement fund.

c. P. Ralph motions to accept Charlene, Clare, and Codie Scheffert, and Wayne and Marion Meyer into Good Hope's membership as of February 13, 2024. Chris seconds. Motion carried.

**Church growth ideas:**

a. Council has decided to have an open house to show off the renovations and to provide hospitality to the community. The tentative date is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

b. Core Values were established as follows:

1. We feed the body and soul.
2. community involvement/ outreach programs
3. strong commitment to family and children
4. Christian education
5. Inviting and welcoming all people into our fellowship with the Lord
6. Responsible stewards of our resources.

Lauren led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



**Treasurer's Report January 1- January 31, 2024**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual	Budget	Budget remaining
Income	\$12,901.24	\$16,159.92	\$3,258.68
Expense	\$16,585.76	\$16,965.67	\$379.91
Net Total	(\$3,684.52)	(\$805.75)	\$2,878.77

## **\*Mark Your Calendar\***

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29-** Lenten Dinner drive through. Dinners \$15. Desserts \$4.

**March 1- 31-** Furry Friends collection

**March 2 & 3-** Fellowship at 4:30pm and 9- 10am

**March 6-** Free community dinner at Calvary 5:30- 6:30

**March 24-** Palm Sunday

**March 24-** Pancake breakfast at Camp Frederick 11am- 2pm

**March 28-** Maundy Thursday worship 7pm

**March 29-** Good Friday worship 7pm

**March 31-** Easter Sunday

**April 6 & 7-** Fellowship at 4:30pm and 9- 10am

**April 13-** Open House at Good Hope 4pm

## **\*\*Office Notes\*\***

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Bible study is being held every Wednesday at 6pm in the Chapel. Joel and Amos are the readings for next week.

# GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Open House

# 13 April 4:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR TO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL RENOVATIONS. WE WILL ALSO ENJOY COOKIES, COFFEE, AND TEA. WE INVITE YOU TO STAY WITH US FOR OUR "COME AS YOU ARE" CHURCH SERVICE FOLLOWING THE OPEN HOUSE.

WE ARE EXCITED FOR YOU TO  
BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US!

## FELLOWSHIP AT GOOD HOPE

Council is hosting fellowship the first weekend of every month. Saturdays at 4:30 and Sundays from 9-10am.

Come and enjoy coffee, tea, and cookies.

Come and meet your council members.

Come and join the conversation to plan the future  
of Good Hope!

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The New Levites Breakfast

The Last Saturday Every Month

**9am to 10am**

**Start Date May 25, 2024**

Location: Five Branches Smokehouse

10826 Market Street, North Lima

**Text your R.S.V.P. to: Carl Frost 330-540-1427 or Pastor Ralph 330-360-1372**

The priests of Aaron clearly acquired sole right to the Jewish priesthood. Those who performed subordinate services associated with public worship were known as Levites. In this capacity, the Levites were musicians, gate keepers, guardians, Temple officials, judges, and craftsmen.

**Here is the plan!!**

**We meet and have breakfast. At 10am we break and those who can, meet at the church, and change light bulbs and heating filters or any odd jobs that need done at the church. We head our separate ways between 11 and noon.**

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Return Services Requested

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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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