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

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Well, I wrote this whole newsletter article last night in my sleep. I woke up to writing it. Then I fell back to sleep and lost it. It started out something like this.

We are the church. The body of Christ. We were established in the first century and our little group here in North Lima, Ohio was established in 1806. We started in a log cabin which we shared with the reformed church. We were lay led and had a circuit rider Pastor who came through and supported us.

We are the church in North Lima, Ohio. We outgrew our little log cabin and separated from the reformed church to build a church on South Avenue. Now with a Pastor leading with lay support the church grew and grew. The Pastor took care of his flock and the flock took care of their Pastor. We learned English and started to speak the language of the people in this new world. Our worship services switched from German to English.

We are the church in North Lima, Ohio. We sold our church building and property to the local school and we met in a school auditorium. We were Pastor led with a strong lay ministry working to serve the people of Good Hope. We built a church on the corner of route 165 and route 7. We later built a parsonage for the Pastor to live in. We were Pastor led with lay support, and we had a lot of people to lead and to teach.

We are the church in North Lima, Ohio. We helped neighboring churches by sharing the Pastor who led them and us with lay support. We were almost a 3-point parish but then each church got their own Pastor to serve them.

We are the church, the body of Christ. We built a bell tower and the bell is centered in a diamond. The top of the diamond points to the cross, reminding people of God's presence and sacrifice for us, through His Son Jesus Christ. The bottom of the diamond points down reminding us that God's people are to be served. The compass points symbolize God's Word for all people everywhere. As a diamond has many facets, so does the Church, and each contributes to the good of the whole.

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We are the church in North Lima, Ohio. We are the body of Christ. We are losing numbers and we call a Pastor with the desire for him to grow the church and serve us as in so many years before. With instruction and preaching, with teaching and reaching, we learn that we are the body of Christ and we are to be of service to the community, and not just the church or membership. We still struggle with that notion but we Love God with all our heart all our soul and all our mind. We are learning that as we serve our neighbor, we help ourselves. We have always known this and had a heart for it. We helped establish the 3C's which is a community food pantry. We had groups like the Levites and Hannah's Circle and Dorcas Circle who collected monies to help the church as well as those in need in our community and the world. We were in a time of growth it was awesome. Then we started to age. We lost members to death and as the grandparents died, so did the membership of the children and grandchildren. We held our own. It was hard to lose such great supporters. We grew with a younger group of people who have wonderful hearts but don't have the time to volunteer. We have a huge shortage of Pastors and we need to go back to a time of lay led ministry but hold on to the new servant mode like our leader Christ was a servant-King. Modeling ourselves as our savior modeled to us. We are the body of Christ to the world.

We are the church, the body of Christ, right here in North Lima, Ohio. We are lay led with the support of a Pastor to develop a training ground for disciples and leaders. We learn that we don't have to always have the right answers but we must always love our Lord. We must practice our faith to build it and make it stronger. We must help each other as iron sharpens iron. We must live a life that Christ desires in us. We are the church. We are the priesthood of believers. Luther says we are the little Christs to the community in which we live and the world. We are the church, developing small groups of lay accountability partners. When two or more people knowing that where two or three are gathered Christ is in our midst. WE must be in the Word, knowing we are in the world, but not of the world. Paul beseeches us by the mercies of God, that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God which is your reasonable service. Paul further asks us to not be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Good Hope Lutheran Church! I ask us in this new age of the church. After the pruning of 2020, can we start fresh becoming the body of Christ and each of us learning and discerning what it means to be disciples of Christ. We die to ourselves and rise in Christ. Where everything we do here in church and every job we do outside of church, is gift to God. Let us learn the scriptures and share with our children and anyone who is interested. The walk of the way of Christ. Let us build a training ground for followers of Christ. Disciples!

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
October 6th	20th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Genesis 2: 18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?
October 13th	21st Sunday after Pentecost	green	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90: 12-17 Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10: 17-31	The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.
October 20th	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah 53: 4-12 Psalm 91: 9-16 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.
October 27th	Reformation Sunday	red	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 10: 46-52	Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

OCTOBER

Serving in God's house	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Lector 8:00 and liturgy Lector 10:30 and liturgy	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer
Altar Guild		Andy Tesyk		Andy Tesyk
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

NOVEMBER

Serving in God's house	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Lector 8:00 and liturgy Lector 10:30 and liturgy	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Altar Guild	Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

LASAGNA DINNER

Saturday October 19

4p.m. - 7p.m.

Good Hope Lutheran Church

**Homemade lasagna served with
tossed salad, bread, and dessert.**

Take-out only. \$10

**Tickets are available from council
members and in the office.**



CAMP FREDERICK

Fall

FESTIVAL

FUN FOR THE FAMILY

**13 OCTOBER, 2024
2-5PM**

Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson
 Maria Neopolitan
 Ava Viviano
 Debbie Haines
 Jeffrey Scheffert

Linda Lude
 Gary Elliot
 Owen Unkeffer
 Michael Smith
 Kerry Gumbs

Tiffany Joy
 Jeff Waldele
 Janet Chittock

In the military:
 Alyssa
 Bryce Liberty
 Jakeb Fry
 Lyndsey Miller
 Daniel McMurray



Our weekly intercessory
 prayer for the people of our
 congregation :

October 6

Linda Blosser
 Gerri Bregar
 Norma Burbick
 Janet Chittock

October 13

John Chuey
 Tammy Chuey
 Pat Cohol
 Susan Conaway

October 20

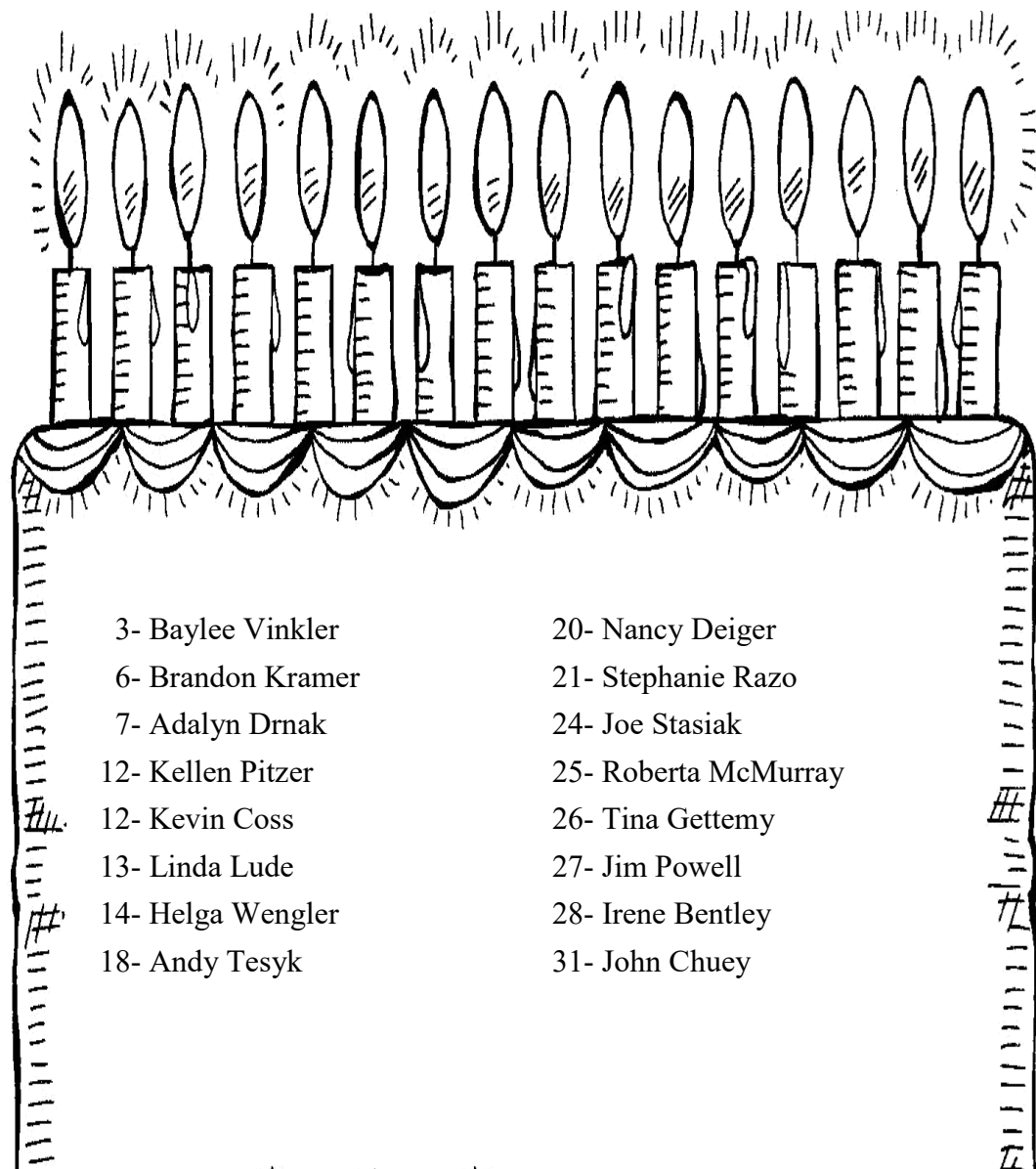
Annemarie Conklin
 Berkley Corey
 Glenn Corey
 Whitney Corey

October 27

Fred Coss
 Karalynn Coss
 Kathryn Coss
 Kayden Coss



1- Hank & Leah Schlueter
 5- Jordan & Chelsea Razo
 15- Ryan & Sarah Dunnigan
 19- Bryan & Rachel Hum
 22- Joe & Jen Stasiak



FALL PICNIC 2024



Games were played!

Fellowship was enjoyed!

Delicious food was eaten!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2024

Ken opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Carl, Kim, Mike, Leslie, Ken, Pastor Ralph, Wendy, and Greg

Pastor's Report –September– 2024

Areas of Focus Last Month:

- ◇ I had 25 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ◇ 1 funeral service- Betty Ross
- ◇ I had 18 contacts by phone for significant help.
- ◇ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- ◇ I presided at 11 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
 - Aug 2 Family Faith Breakfast
 - Aug 3 Covid Pastor
 - Aug 3-4 Lay leaders preached and handled service
 - ~~Aug 3 Pastor out of Town for Charlie Birthday party AM~~
 - Aug 5-9 Day Camp at Calvary UMC
 - Aug 7 Beaver Police Golf Outing
 - Aug 9 Driving for the Day Camp- gone all day
 - Aug 9 & 10 Good Hope Lutheran Church Rummage sale
 - Aug 11 8AM worship at Shaker Woods
 - Aug 17 Men of Faith Breakfast
 - Aug 20 4PM Mahoning County Drug Free Coalition
 - Aug 20 6pm Good Hope Council Meeting
 - Aug 21 QPR Leadership Training (Suicide Counseling)
 - Aug 21 Wendy and Pastor Hosted Music in the Park
 - Aug 22 Springfield Police K-9 Retirement Event
 - Aug 27 Sunday School Dream Team
 - Aug 28 Wendy and Pastor Hosted Music in the Park
 - Aug 30 Fish Fry Shaker Woods
 - Aug 31 Levites
 - Aug 28-Sept 2 Canfield Fair

Secretary's Report:

Volunteered at rummage sale- Friday

Gave Thrivent info to Ken

Restocked supplies in pews

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Emailed reports and meeting minutes to council

Completed office duties

Prepared bulletins and power point services

All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

- a. The church picnic went really well with lots of good fellowship and great food! There were 45 people attending. Council thanks Greg for grilling and also thanks all who brought side dishes and desserts. Council plans to have the 2025 picnic about the same time as this one.
- b. Council will have a slate of nominees at the next meeting. They will be asking congregation members to serve on council for 2025-2026.
- c. Good Hope's parking lot was sealed August 23rd by SealPro. Thank you everyone who gave extra to help pay for this expense.
- d. The leak in the library roof was repaired September 6th at no cost to Good Hope. Thank you to the people who had this work done for us.

New Business:

- a. Pastor Ralph motions to accept Amber Powell to be able to anoint starting in October. Kim seconds. Motion carried.
- b. Pastor Ralph motions to donate 8 choir robes to Pastor Kari Lankford. Carl seconds. Motion carried.

Fundraisers:

- a. A lasagna dinner will be held at Good Hope on Saturday, October 19, from 4-7pm. Tickets will be available soon for pre-sale. A sign-up sheet is available for volunteers.
- b. Krautfest is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, from 4-7pm.

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

Treasurer's Report August 1- August 31, 2024

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual August	Budget August	Actual Jan. 1- Aug. 31	Budget over/under Jan. 1- Aug. 31
Income	\$15,403.96	\$16,159.92	\$114,024.80	(\$15,254.56)
Expense	\$23,284.50	\$17,303.83	\$128,377.87	\$3,684.77
Net Total	(\$7,880.54)	(\$11,569.79)	(\$14,353.07)	(\$11,569.79)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

July	August	September
7- 65	4- 61	1- 51
14- 85	11- 79	8- 64
21- 53	18- 58	15- 65
28- 76	25- 59	22- 66
		29- 76



Kids' Trunk and Treat

ages 12 and under

Saturday, October 26 from 5- 7pm

South Range Parking Lot

Naomi will be providing this year's Good Hope trunk. Please feel free to come and help her pass out candy.

Mark Your Calendar

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- Bible study at 6pm

October 13- Fall Festival at Camp Frederic

October 15- council meeting 6pm

October 19- Lasagna dinner- take out- 4-7pm

October 26- Trunk and Treat

October 26- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

November 9- Krautfest at Good Hope

November 24- Harvest Sunday and Hanging of the Greens

Please join us for
Family
Sunday School
 Every Sunday beginning
 November 17th, 2024
 9:15AM - 10:15AM
 Snacks, crafts and Bible lessons!
 RSVP appreciated but not required! Text
 or call Wendy @ 330-718-6228 to RSVP

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Thank You

Dear Good Hope Family,

Thank you so much for all the gifts for our baby Nolan! We really appreciate the onesies, bibs, socks, laundry basket, etc. They are all so adorable. We can't wait for Nolan to meet and visit Good Hope soon!

♡ Leah, Hank, +
Nolan
Schlueter

To The Good People of
Good Hope Lutheran Church

Thank you so much
for serving refreshments
this year at the
Beaver Township Music
In The Park.

you played a big part
in making this years
concert series great.

Thank you
God Bless
Scott Connor
Beaver Twp. Park

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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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