

# The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" April 28, 2024

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## This Week at Hope Lutheran

### SUNDAY

**April 28, 2024**

- 8AM Holy Communion
- 9:30AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:30AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:45AM Holy Communion
- 10:45AM Confirmation Sunday

### TUESDAY

- 11AM Ladies Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

- 6PM Worship & Holy Communion
- 7PM Board of Evangelism & Assimilation Meeting

### THURSDAY

- 10AM Men's Bible Study

### SUNDAY

**May 5, 2024**

- 8AM Holy Communion
- 9:30AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:30AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:45AM Holy Communion

### Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: April 21, 2024

Gifts to do His Work - General Fund: \$4,828.23

Worshipped: 165

### Birthdays

- April 28th Craig Benson
- April 28th Lee Strande
- April 29th Virginia Heitzenroeder
- April 29th Garrett Hoskins
- April 30th Benjamin Menke

### Anniversaries

- April 30th Dixon & Christiana Gbeanquoi
- April 30th Mike & Sheri Welge

### Altar Flowers

**Todays Altar pieces are given by  
The Congregation  
in Celebration of  
Our Confirmands**



## Confirmation

TODAY, two of our young people will be Confirming their trust in the faith that they were baptized into. As they complete their work and confess their faith, please remember our two Confirmands in prayer:

Lucas Henry Philip Labbee — John 8:12  
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Hudson Josephine McFarland — Matthew 28:20  
"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of age."

The Confirmation service will be at the 10:45a.m. service today.



This last Tuesday, April 23rd, was Call Day at Concordia Seminary. This year we have a graduating student we lift up in prayer, Case Farney, his wife Jozie, and their baby to be born later this year, as they receive their first call. The Farney Family will be going to the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana. God's richest blessings to the Farneys!

God's richest blessings to all the graduates and future Vicars!



## Adult Information CLASS

Pastor Jason will be leading two Adult Information Classes, one began **Wednesday, April 10th at 9 a.m., and the other began Sunday, April 14th, at 9:30 a.m.** The class is perfect for you if you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith OR if you are interested in joining Hope Lutheran OR perhaps you are a long-time member who would like a refresher in the Basics of the Christian faith. In this study, we will look at God's answers on subjects like: Who God is, Baptism, Communion, the Holy Spirit, Marriage, Prayer, Heaven, and much more.

If you are interested in joining the group, please sign up on the church bulletin board in the Friendship Room or reply to the Weekly Update email. (Even if you have a few possible conflicts, please sign up anyway.)



**Grass cutting season is here!**

**The Lawn and Landscaping Guild is looking for helpers** to cut/trim weeds. With sufficient help, every one would only need to cut/trim a handful of times throughout the mowing season.

If you are **interested**, please call **Steve Thomas: (314) 365-1026** or email **steve1887@yahoo.com**

### Life Thought in the Church Year

It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.



## Update on Our Ongoing Food Collection

Donations for the Peace Pantry can be dropped off at any time and help over 250 local families. All food donations are appreciated, but a *few specific needs include:*

Hamburger Helper  
Cake Mixes  
Canned Fruit  
Paper Products

Thank you for your amazing support, of those in need in our community-by supporting the Peace Pantry.

**During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, May 5, 2024:**

**Acts 10:34–48**  
**1 John 5:1–8**  
**John 15:9–17**

### **The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel**

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “are witnesses of all that he did.” He was anointed by God “with the Holy Spirit and with power,” and “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,” and so He was with those whom He sent “to preach to the people” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “go and bear fruit” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).