

The Voice of Hope

Where Christ is Proclaimed and Souls are Nourished
November 2023



Welcome Pastor Brenda

Greetings!

I am Pastor Brenda Wicklund and am thrilled to be your support Pastor at Hope in Moose Lake. A little bit about me before we get to know one another seems appropriate. I have been serving in the Ministry of Jesus Christ since I was a little girl. As I grew up in life and in faith, being in service was just the natural thing to do. I am what you call a second career Pastor. I worked for 35 years as a server and then manager at Tobies restaurant in Hinckley MN. As my kids began to grow, I went back to get my undergraduate at Northwestern College and then my Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 2007 and ordained in 2008. I have served at Grace Lutheran Church in Mora MN and at First Lutheran Church, Hinckley MN where the first of the year I retired. I have been filling in and doing pulpit supply when I am able. My husband, Kent Wicklund and I have been married for 47 years and live in Hinckley, MN. We have four adult daughters, three son-in-laws, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. I love to hang out with my family, gardening and canning, walking, reading and just enjoying life. We are truly blessed. I look forward to getting to know you in ministry as we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ together.

See you at Hope!



Wendy's Words

Hello Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and enjoying some of the nice weather.

When we returned home from Israel a month ago, I couldn't imagine that we would be watching this devastating war happening in the Holy Land. War is nothing new to the Holy Land, but that doesn't make it right. There are so many unnecessary deaths, there are no winners in a war. The trauma it causes lasts the rest of their lives. What can we do? We can pray. If you would like to give to Lutheran World Relief that supports everyone affected by the war. The address will be in the VoH.

The Fall Theological Conference at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkley California with Pr. Brenda was great. I went with an open mind, hoping to learn something new, meet new people and see San Francisco. The seminary paid for our airfare and hotel, so off we went. The weather was wonderful, the view from our room looking over the bay toward the San Francisco bridge gave us beautiful sunsets. Our day was filled with interesting presentations from staff members of the ELCA and the College/Seminary staff about how to live in a post pandemic world, with a Covid hangover. It was on how Churchwide, Seminary and Churches look forward to the future and walk alongside our members. Pr. Brenda and I both resonated with what the speakers shared. I enjoyed meeting my classmates and their mentors. The diversity of the group was wonderful, and I feel we bonded during our time together throughout the day, during meals and sharing an Uber ride.

There is great energy on Wednesday Ministries. A huge thank you to all who make this day happen.

Lisa and Paul Riihilouma, Al Overland and I met to begin plans for our ~?~?~? Check it out in the VOH on page 6.

Gerene Johnson, Joanna Engstrom and I were able to share our hope and ideas on getting more people included in our Friends in Faith ministry. A friend in faith visits with a person from our congregation who needs a faithful friend to talk with or visit with. If you would like to be a Friend in Faith, please let us know in the office.

Please help us be the ears of the church. Let the office know if someone is sick or has died, so we can reach out and pray for them.

I will be at the seminary from Oct 22-Oct 28 for a full week of classes. The two classes that I am taking are: Paul, The Letters and His Legacy and Lutheran Theology- A Grammer of Faith. I had to write my own Personal Lutheran Handbook on three topics from The Large Catechism for the Lutheran Theology class. It is in this issue of the VoH on pages 3-4.

November is the month for celebrating Thankfulness, and **I am thankful for all of you.** Please hold your loved ones close, tell them you love them and be kind.

Peace,

Deacon Wendy



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WORLD RELIEF**

Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD
21297-1061

“Wendy’s Personal Lutheran Handbook”

Here is some of what Wendy has been working on in her classes.

Deacon Wendy Hjelmberg
TEEM Year 2

For the class Lutheran Theology A Grammar of Faith, I wrote my own Lutheran Handbook.

My Personal Lutheran Handbook

I chose these Baptism, Communion, and the Lord’s Prayer for my handbook as they have been central to all our teaching for the past 24 years. They also represent the core of my soul. I have been honored and humbled to walk alongside families in teaching the Sacraments and Lord’s Prayer.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Baptism of Jesus -Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved,^[a] with whom I am well pleased.’

The scripture above from Matthew is Jesus’ experience of his own personal baptism and therefore give us the scripture from Matthew 28:19¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Baptism is one of God’s commandments for us. Baptism is a divine origin not invented by men. (The Book of Concord, The Catechism pg 437-446)

First, we teach adults, parents, and children about Baptism, so they have knowledge of what it means to be a Christian and being a part of a Christian community. So how does this work? The water and the word, water is the physical element, and the word is the spiritual element. Water alone does not constitute any thing holy, but by adding the spiritual element the words transform the into water in God’s Commandment a holy experience.

We receive in the of baptism the gift of entering the kingdom of Christ and to live with him forever.

(The Book of Concord, The Catechism pg 439)

Our baptism brings us into a faith relationship with our Triune God. It moves us into the joy of serving our neighbors, learning more about scripture, sacraments, serving in our church and beyond. Our joy in serving and helping others is not about works, but a gift we receive in our baptism, that we get to give away in sharing the love of Christ every day.

For Martin Luther, this sacrament was included in the

Small Catechism so that it could be taught to everyone in their daily life during the 16 century and until the present.

This beautiful sacrament is daily baptism, daily renewal, forgiveness of sins, we are made new every day. This commandment is at the core of my being. As the youth director and now Pastor, it is our responsibilities to walk alongside these families to give them the tools to share faith at home and in our daily lives.

The Sacrament of The Altar-Communion

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper- Matthew 26: 26-29

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the ^[d] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’

As we hear in scripture, the Lords Supper is a commandment Jesus gives to his disciples during the last supper days before he dies.

Again, we need to educate those in the instruction of Communion. This is a commandment given by God as it was with Baptism. Again, the physical element is bread and wine, the spiritual element is the words. One without the other is null and void, but once the spiritual blessing is added to the wine and bread, it becomes the greatest gift to all Christians in their daily life. This is a divine gift from Christ, it was not invented by man for men. It was Christ who instituted Communion as a Commandment to all people. (The Book of Concord, The Catechism 447)

In the spiritual blessing of the words the emphasis is on “YOU” Christ emphasis take and eat, given for you. The body of Christ given for “YOU” and the blood of Christ poured out for “YOU”, The gift of Communion is food for your soul, it nourishes and strengthens us for the days ahead.

The same as in baptism, Communion gives us a daily renewal each day, it brings us together with our community of faith and sharing this meal together to be sent out in the world be a light for Christ. This sacrament is not about works; it is a gift of grace each time we receive the precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are saved through our faith.

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The Lord's Prayer

In Luke 11:1-4, Jesus tells his apostle's how to pray the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is referenced in the Second Command, "You shall not take the name of God in vain." It is important for us to be reverent and honorable in our prayers (Book of Concord, Large Catechism 371, 373)

First Petition: "Hallowed be they name", means to be honorable when saying this petition, being in the right mind when saying hallowed by they name and giving glory to God in an honoring way. "To praise, extol, and honor in word and deed. prayers (Book of Concord, Large Catechism 326)

Second Petition: "Thy kingdom come." Here we ask that his kingdom will come. In the Creed that God sent his son to redeem and deliver us from the power of the devil and to bring us to himself and rule us as a king of righteousness, life and salvation against sin, death, and evil conscience. (Book of Concord, Large Catechism 426,427)

Third Petition: "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." In a world of trouble, we can rest assured the Lord is protecting us here on earth, as he has in heaven. Through our faith in God, we put our trust that we are

his and he will be with us no matter what happens in our lives.

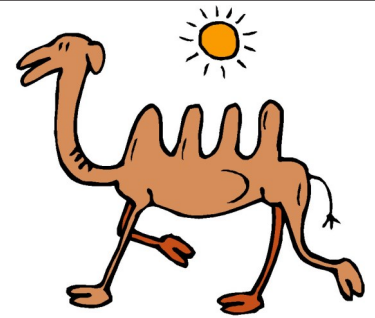
Fourth Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread."

When we ask for daily bread, it means beyond food, into the fields. God provides for us. This petition keeps the devil out of our life, so he can't interfere in what God has given us.

Fifth Petition: "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." With God present in our lives, we will always have sin. We are not perfect, and we need forgiveness in thought, word, and deed. We live with joy knowing God we are forgiven. (Book of Concord, Large Catechism 433)

Sixth Petition: "And lead us not into temptation" Asking God for guidance against temptation of the flesh, the world, and the devil. The flesh is from Adam-all kinds of unhealthy behaviors and habits. The world has its grip on us as we want to be better than our neighbors, whether is money, homes, car, etc. The devil likes to tear us away from our spiritual life in Christ.

Seventh Petition: "Deliver us from evil." When we keep our eyes on God and not on evil. We should stay in prayer for God steadfast love and guidance, keeping our hearts filled with thanksgiving and joy, in a difficult world.



Women of Hope

Alfa Guild

November 2023

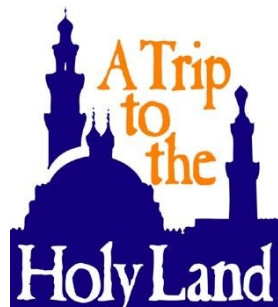
Gail Lundgren
Mary Carlson

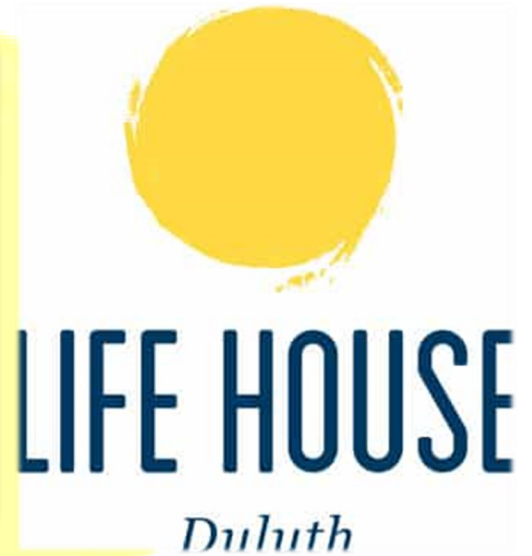
Communion Bread

Mary Carlson

*Please set out Communion Sunday morning—
Thank you!

**THE CREW THAT
WENT TO ISRAEL.
WHAT A TRIP!**





On October 22, 2023 the Endowment Committee presented a check of \$2500 to Life House-Duluth which works with homeless youth in the Duluth area. Pictured above is Pastor Brenda Wicklund, Sophie Hollmeyer, Life House Representative, and Sharen Peterson, a member of our Endowment Committee.



What Steph walked into on Monday.
(She loved it!)

What it evolved into by the end of the week.

- We all added to it
- Notice:
 - Water for the ducks
 - Tall grass for the alligators
 - Mud for the pigs and.....
 - WENDY ON A CAMEL!!

Plus Wendy submitted 6 papers, met with many groups, went visiting, the bulletin got done, building cleaned, door fixed, sound system working, the Voice of Hope submitted and so much more!

We Got this!!




If you cannot find peace within yourself, you will never find it anywhere else.
Marvin Gaye

Grateful Giving

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Grateful giving means to give of your time, talents and treasures out of gratefulness for all God has provided for you. The act of giving helps us grow in faith and helps us trust that God will provide what we need. **There are many opportunities at Hope to give gratefully and one of them is to participate in Hope Lutheran’s annual pledge drive which happens each fall.** This particular grateful giving opportunity provides the foundation for Hope’s yearly budget planning. Hope always strives to operate as efficiently as possible. This being said, in order to carry out our mission, funding is necessary. We have staff to pay, a building to care for and programs to run. Helping sustain Hope’s ability to carry out our mission is vital to our congregation and to our community.

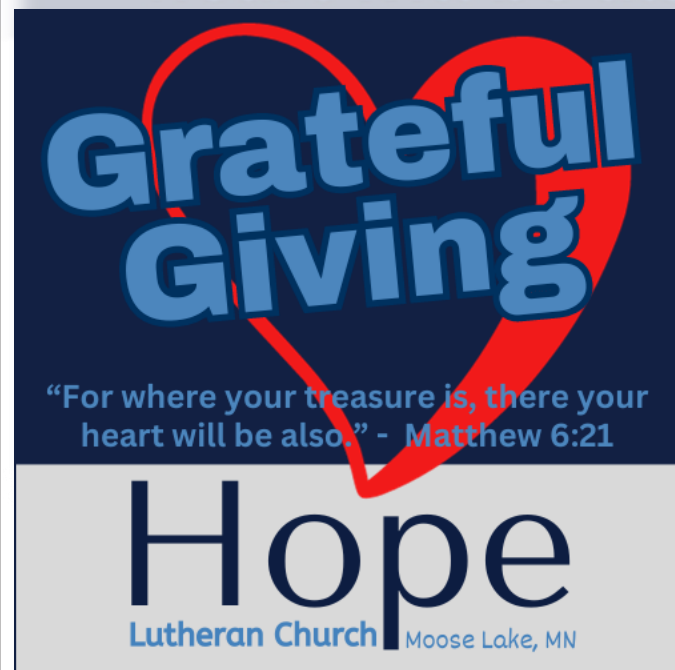
As you consider participation in this grateful giving opportunity, **what can you do to become or continue to be a grateful and cheerful giver?**

- Watch and listen for personal stories about grateful giving and how it impacts lives.
- Read the following Bible verses: Luke 6:38, Luke 21:1-4, John 3:16, Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 6:24-34, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 2 Corinthians 9:11-12, Proverbs 3:9, Proverbs 11:24-25, Proverbs 11:28, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 1 Timothy 6:17, Hebrews 13:5, Malachi 3:10, Romans 12:6-8
- Take time to look at your budget to figure out what you can gratefully give to Hope.
- Pray for guidance.

Pledge Drive Kick-Off: Wednesday, Nov. 15, and Sunday, Nov. 19

Pledge Cards Mailed: Week of Nov. 19

Pledge cards will be mailed out to members the week of November 19. If you don’t receive a pledge card in the mail and would like to make a Grateful Giving pledge, please contact the church office at 218-485-4673.



Pledge Cards Collected: During worship on Sundays, Dec. 3 & 10, and Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13.

Also in the **church office** Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm, or by **mail** at Hope Lutheran Church, 204 Elm Ave., PO Box 422, Moose Lake, MN 55767.

Thank you for sharing in the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and for being a grateful giver.



God's work. Our hands.

Mark your calendars for another
- Serving Service -
celebrating God's Work, Our Hands!

Sunday, November 12th

Projects such as t-shirt diapers,
Prayer shawls, cards, and sandwiches will
happen during worship again.



WELCOME



HADLEE LUCILLE

BAPTISM

Community MOMS Group

Are you a MOM of a Baby, Toddler, Pre-Schooler,
Grade Schooler, or an Expectant MOM?

You are invited to join us during the school year on the

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month,

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Moose Lake Covenant Church
700 5th St., Moose Lake

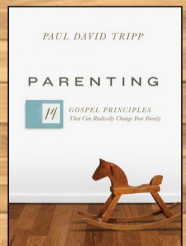
Child Care provided!

Questions? Call 218-485-4800
or Email:

mlcommunitymoms@gmail.com

Invite a Friend!!

2023-24 Calendar	
September	12 & 26
October	10 & 24
November	14 & 28
December	12
January	9 & 23
February	13 & 27
March	12 & 26
April	9 & 23
May	14



Hope Calendar of Events

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM Worship in Church 10:30 AM The Chosen	6 9:00-11:30 AM Busy Bees 1:00 PM The Chosen Season 3	7 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	1 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 5:45 PM The Chosen 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Peer Ministry/ Affirmation & Senior High	2 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	3 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	4
12 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Youth led Worship 10:30 AM The Chosen	13 9:00-11:30 AM Busy Bees 1:00 PM The Chosen Season 3	14 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM AA Meeting Voice of Hope Deadline	8 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 5:45 PM The Chosen 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Peer Ministry/ Affirmation & Senior High	9 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	10 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	11
19 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship in Church 10:30 AM The Chosen ← ALL YOUTH GATHERING	20 9:00-11:30 AM Busy Bees 1:00 PM The Chosen Season 3	21 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	15 9:00 AM Priscilla Circle 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 5:45 PM The Chosen 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Peer Ministry/ Affirmation & Senior High	16 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	17 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	18 ALL YOUTH GATHERING →→→→→
26 Christ the King 9:00 AM Worship in Church 10:30 AM The Chosen	27 9:00-11:30 AM Busy Bees 1:00 PM The Chosen Season 3	28 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	22 No Programming Thanksgiving Week	23 HAPPY Thanksgiving	24 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	25
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Prayer Concerns

Jeremy Grimm
Bob Grimm
Ray Graftaas
Joe Cisar
Dawn Marie Schatz
Karla Studebaker
Darren and Cheryl Juntunen
Barb Hanson
Shirley Graftaas
Frank Skaff
Norma Holmstrom
Braxton Battaglia
Audrey Springer
Marvin and Verna Schuerman
Imy Johnson
Gary Benjamin
 (Kara Burn's Dad)
Pat Anderson
Marlys Schmidt
Jerry Langworthy
Leslie & Andy Dee
 (Son and Daughter-in-Law of Dick and Pauline
 Dee)
Carol Liupakka
Karen Anderson (Patti Almquist's -sister)

Happy Birthday!

Dana Olson	1	Eleanor Eskuri	12
Nickolas Peterson	2	Jaxson Halverson	12
Robin Peterson	2	Emily Waseen	12
Ryleigh Sickler	2	Karley Lund	14
Char Francoeur	3	Lindsay Braman	15
Chad Burginger Jr.	4	Ronnie Thompson	15
Bruce Lang	4	Ethan Meyer	16
Spencer Lower	4	Lucas Probst	16
Rick Nelson	4	Greta Barrett	17
Maya McDowell	5	Jennifer Collier	17
Doris Schienbein	5	Audrey Cyrus	17
Pam Vargas	5	Brennan Olson	17
Janice Brudevold	6	Kim Davidson	18
Sheenagh Caroline	6	Ronald Goetzinger	19
Weston Davidson	6	Olaf Larson	19
Caleb Jeffers	6	Bruce Manty	19
Zoey Karulak	6	Lee Mogen	20
Julie Agurkis	7	Patti Almquist	22
Steve Blondo	7	Hannah Erwin	23
Shawn Bode	7	Gunnar Rhoades	23
Dale Heaton	7	Khloey Schmidt	24
Becky Olson	7	John Engstrom	25
Tracy Belanger	8	Carter Johnson	25
Shanette Juszczak	8	Amanda Goetzinger	26
Barb Lang	8	Rodney Grimm	26
Erika Kosloski	9	Carol Liupakka	26
Robin Young	9	Justin Olson	26
Gary Benoit	11	Johnathan Rhodes	27
Jonathan Grimm	11	Aila Oswald	27
Jackie Kirk	11	Amber Lenz	28
Treyton Rudebeck	11	Randy Skog	28
Scott Benoit	12	David Holm	30

Remember those from our church family in assisted living or nursing homes, though not listed above unless health conditions deteriorate.

They are:

**Patti Almquist, Bill Carlson, Bob Paulson, Imy and
 Rollie Johnson, Rene Svenstad, Eunice Olson, Annette
 Dahlmeier, Andi Carlson, Mary Lu Carlson, and Bette
 Weske.**

Additionally, there are many who prefer not to be listed but have requested private prayers. We hold them in our hearts.

Military Service

Joey Whited
Scott Eckman
Alexis Babcock
Danny Whited
Kelsee Stevens



Ken & Carleen Halverson	4
Gene & Bonnie Muenchow	20
Michael & Lisa Rose	23
Randy & Debbie Skog	25

Smart men walked on the moon, daring men walked on the ocean floor, but wise men walk with God. -Leonard Ravenhill

2023/2024 Ministry Calendar — Updated 9/20

20th: Summer Splashdown 4-6pm
Register, games, fun!
(Adult must be present with child)

- September -						
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- October -						
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1st: Youth Worship
7th: Camp Workday
Intergenerational
11th: Signups:
All Youth Gathering

YOUTH CALENDAR

Annimation
(7th Grade)
Peer Ministry Meeting: 9th Grade
30th-1st: Overnight
4th-6th Grade

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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MEA Week
25th: Agape
At First Lu, Hinckley
No Worship

1st: Costume Day
18th-19th: All Youth Gathering
6th-12th Grade
Cragun's, Brainerd
22nd: No Programming
Thanksgiving Week

- November -						
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- December -						
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6th: Retreat Signup
13th: Christmas Program
(PreK-6th:)
5:30pm
Christmas Party
(7th-12th)
6:30pm
No Worship
20th-27th: OFF
Christmas Break

3rd: Pajama Day
5th-7th: Youth Retreat
7th-12th Grade
TBD: Camp Overnight
1st-4th Grade

- January -						
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3rd-4th: Overnight
4th-6th Grade
14th: Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes
21st: Lent 1
Mentoring Begins

6th: OFF Spring Break
No Mentoring
27th: OFF
Holy Week
28th: Worship
Maundy Thursday
First Communion
29th: Worship
Good Friday
Youth Lead Worship
31st: Easter Sunday!
Worship, Egg Hunt

- March -						
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- April -						
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28	29	30				

31st: Easter Sunday!
9am & 10:30am
Youth Sing in Worship
24th: Final Week
Party and Fun!
No Worship

- Regular Programming:
- 3:30-5:30 Faith for the Future—PreK-6th Grade
- 5:30-6:15 Dinner—Congregational (Open to all)
- 5:45-6:30 No Exclusions (Open Bible Study)
- 6:30-7:15 Worship—Congregational
- 7:15-8:30 Affirmation—7th-8th
- Peer Ministry—9th
- YOHLO—7th-12th
- No Programming
- ★ Special Event
- Special Program
- Altered Programming
- ♥ Special Worship
- ◆ Lenten Evening
- ✓ Registration Deadline

Calendar is Fluid
Subject to Changes,
Additions, and
Cancellations

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 9:00 am at Hope

Wednesdays 6:30 pm contemporary service

In person, online, & access channel 7

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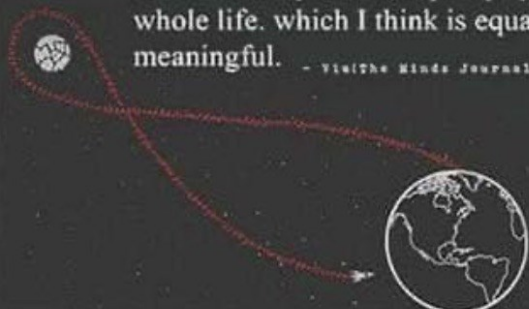


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Did you know?

Every day, the heart creates enough energy to drive a truck 20 miles. In a lifetime, that is equivalent to driving to the moon and back.

So, when you tell someone you love them "to the moon and back" you're essentially saying you will love them with all the blood your heart pumps your whole life. which I think is equally as meaningful. - via (The Minds Journal)



Thy

If you see
someone
falling behind,
walk beside them.
If you see
someone
being ignored,
find a way to
include them.
Always remind
people
of their worth.
One small act
could mean the
world to
them.