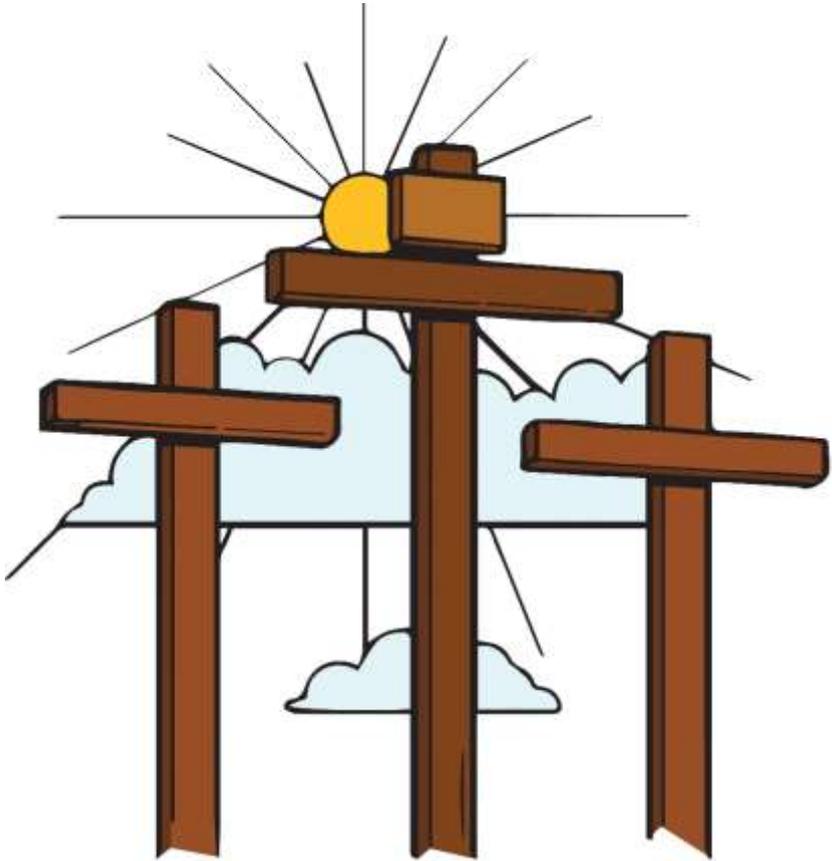


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Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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Information & Inspiration

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The Eighth Day

By Pastor Martin

Ever since Creation, time has been measured in a 7-day week. God went about His work of creation in the first six days, with the seventh day being a day of rest. When we listen to the giving of the third commandment, we read the following:

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commended you to keep the Sabbath day.” (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

Thus, in the Jewish culture, and throughout the world, a week has 7 days: a beginning, a middle, and an end.

As we approach Holy Week, we notice there is something different about that week in Jerusalem. Jesus enters Jerusalem to a King’s welcome on Palm Sunday, the First day of the week. He taught and did other things on Days 2,3, and 4. On Day 5, He spent time with His disciples in the upper room, celebrating the last Passover meal with them, instituted the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, had His last, uninterrupted time to teach His disciples about their lives in Him going forward, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, and was betrayed into the hands of His enemies and was arrested and tried. On Day 6, Jesus’ life comes to an end and before the sun went

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down and the Passover Sabbath began, Jesus' lifeless body was laid in the tomb. On Day 7, the Sabbath day, Jesus rested in the tomb.

As the first day of a new week approached, it was now Day 8 since this all started. The women go out to the tomb, believing that Jesus was dead, and all there was to do now was finish anointing His body for a proper Jewish burial, something there was not time to do the day He died. But they find something they were not expecting. The tomb was empty. Jesus' body was nowhere to be found. The burial cloths were laying there, neatly folded up. Angels declare to the women that Jesus had risen! He was alive! Mary Magdalene even has an encounter with the risen Jesus, and the women return to tell the disciples that Jesus was risen! This was now the 8th Day, the day in which Jesus rose from death to life!

As we think about our lives, they are similar to a 7-day week, in which we're born, we have the things that happen to us in the middle, and then, we die, and eventually, our bodies are laid to rest. But what we often forget is that for the Christian, there is an 8th day. A day of resurrection. A day when death's grip is lost, and we arise with Jesus to new, everlasting life with Him. While we celebrate this during the services of Holy Week, we also celebrate and remember this every time a faithful Christian dies in faith in Jesus. When Jesus met Martha in John 11 upon the death of her brother, Lazarus, Jesus tells her, after her brother had been resting in the tomb for 4 days:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

Likewise, for us, as we get ready to celebrate Easter, perhaps this is a difficult time for you because you are someone who is mourning the death of a loved one. Or perhaps something else has happened in your life that has drastically changed your life. Perhaps you or someone you live is facing that 5th and 6th day soon. For you, Holy Week and Easter are important because they declare this: Jesus has done everything needed to give you that 8th day: to raise you up from death to everlasting life! That is what Christianity is all about! That's why Christians worship on Sunday, the first day of the

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week, because it is the day that Christ rose victoriously from the grave, and became the first fruits of the resurrection, meaning there are more to come!

I hope and pray that each and every one of you take the time this Holy Week and Easter to join us for all of the special services that will be taking place in our church this year. As we take this journey with Jesus, I hope and pray that it will be a time of reflection, confession, and renewal for you in your life of faith. And I also pray that as you live out your daily life, you're able to see with your own eyes opportunities to share Jesus with someone else, and invite them to join you in following Jesus to each of these places, and see our salvation in Him alone!

I look forward to seeing you in Church this month and always!



Worship Schedule for Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Our final midweek Lenten worship service will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30pm. A soup supper will be served from 5:00-6:00pm. The soups for April 6 are stuffed pepper and chicken. A free-will offering will be received with proceeds benefiting youth ministries.

Maundy Thursday, April 14 - First Communion

Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 15

Worship at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Worship with Holy Communion
7:00am and 10:00am

An Easter Breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall from 8:00-9:30am on Easter Sunday. A free-will offering will be received with proceeds benefiting youth ministries.



Hope Lutheran Church Women



Monthly Meeting: The HLCW does NOT meet in April. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 9:30am.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, April 19 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. Quilt squares are also available to be sewn at home. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

Food Pantry

The Hope Lutheran Food Pantry is open Mondays 1:00-3:00pm and Fridays 9:30-11:30am. The pantry will be closed on Good Friday, April 15. Volunteers are needed on April 4 & 18 beginning at 9:00am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and to stock food pantry shelves.

MANNA Meals

The MANNA Meals will resume on Thursday, April 28 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing food and fellowship to those in need. This month's meal is sponsored by St. Francis on the Flambeau.



APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 Jeff & Diane Meuli | 22 Pat & Diane Cumming |
| 8 Craig & Carrie Becker | 27 Brad & Bonnie Billings |
| 11 Becky & Douglas Kiletény | Leonard & Jeanne Hess |
| 19 Shad & Kory Strom | Michelle & Dustin LaBlonde |
| 21 Dan & Danita Everett | |

Adult Education & Fellowship Opportunities

PAPA Prayer: This study, led by Jack Pederson, continues on Sundays, April 3 & 10 at 10:30am. In the Fireside Room.

Lutheran Worship 101: Pastor Martin will wrap up this study on Friday, April 8 at 1:00pm.

Book Discussion: Local author Elmer Wisherd will be our guest on Sunday, April 24 at 10:30am to discuss his book Clear the Prop. We will meet in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome whether they've read the book or simply want to hear Mr. Wisherd speak.

Church Basement Ladies: The 20th anniversary production of this musical comedy will be coming to the Pablo Center in Eau Claire on Sunday, April 3 with performances at 1:30 and 6:30pm. Ticket prices start at \$25. For more information or to discuss carpooling arrangements, please contact Kathy Ducommun.

Lunch of the Month: The Adult Education & Fellowship Committee is organizing opportunities approximately once a month at area restaurants for fellowship and support of our local small businesses. The next opportunity will be held at Cedar Lodge on Thursday, April 21. If you wish to carpool, please meet in the church parking lot at 11:30am.

Men's Breakfast: Men of Hope meet each Thursday at 7:00am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant for breakfast, fellowship, and a study of the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. All men of Hope are welcome!



Holy Week Choir

We will be assembling a choir to sing on Palm Sunday (April 10) and Easter Sunday (April 17). Rehearsals will be held in the balcony immediately following the 9:00am worship service on Sundays, April 3 and 10. All voices are welcome! Please contact Lisa Borman with questions.



Youth Breakfast: Middle and High School youth will be meeting for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, April 24 at 10:30am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant. Youth are encouraged to attend the 9:00am worship service that day and then meet in the multi-purpose room to depart for the restaurant from there. The cost of the meal is covered by the Youth Ministry Committee.

LCMC National Youth Gathering: The LCMC National Youth Gathering will be held at Grandview College in Des Moines, Iowa July 19-22. The theme for this gathering is "The Way + The Truth + The Life". Youth who are interested in attending this event and adults willing to chaperone should contact Nick Sovacool.

OneFest: OneFest Christian Music Festival will take place on Saturday, July 30 in Chippewa Falls. Please watch the Youth Ministry bulletin board for more information and contact Nick Sovacool for more information.

Luther Park Bible Camp

Luther Park Bible Camp will have a spring work day on Saturday, April 23 to help prepare Luther Park for the upcoming season. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Scott Davis at good2bike@gmail.com.

Summer programming at Luther Park begins June 12. There are programs for youth in kindergarten through high school, as well as family camp. Brochures and camp schedules are available in the church office. For more information and online registration, please visit Luther Park's website at www.lutherpark.org.

Sunday School News

The Sunday School year has been flying by! The children have completed their Old Testament lessons and are now working in the New Testament. We recently studied the story about Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-40) and how important it is to set time aside to be with Jesus. All children 3 years old thru 6th grade are welcome to join us each Sunday from 10:15-11:00am!

The children will be singing during the 9:00am worship service on Sunday, May 1. Rehearsals will be during the Sunday School time. If you would like copies of the lyrics to practice at home, please contact Chris Holtebeck (ckholtebeck@gmail.com or 920-277-3979).

The Sunday School schedule for the upcoming weeks is:

- April 3, 2022 – Baking Resurrection Biscuits and Music Rehearsal
- April 10, 2022 - Music Rehearsal in the Sunday School wing
- April 17, 2022 - Happy Easter! No Sunday School.
- April 24, 2022 - Music Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- May 1, 2022 – Children sing during worship

The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave
Green is for the grass He made
Yellow is for the sun so bright
Orange is for the edge of night
Blue is for the sin we made
White is for the grace He gave
Purple is for the hour of sorrow
Pink is for a new tomorrow

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.

Happy Easter!

Summary of Council Meeting March 15, 2022

Council Action: Approved new policy for Scrip sales, changes to signature cards at Security Financial Bank. Eliminated the masking/gloves requirement for Communion servers.

Adult Education & Fellowship: Local author, Elmer Wisherd, will speak to the book group on April 24. Bible studies are continuing. Starting a new "Lunch of the Month" fellowship. Next meeting: April 8 at 11:00am.

Congregational Care & Outreach: Committee will participate in the Farmer's Market again this summer. Grief Share, a 13-week program, will begin in the fall. Next meeting: April 5 at 2:00pm.

Property: Committee has met with Kyle Austad for some maintenance duties. He will be treated as a contractor rather than an employee. Next meeting: April 12 at 6:00pm.

Social Ministries: Discussed Spiritual Orphans Network. Committee is hoping to attend natural disaster training at Calvary Lutheran in Brookfield next fall. Next meeting: April 12 at 3:30pm.

Stewardship & Finance: Created policy for Scrip sales Next meeting: April 12 at 5:30pm.

Worship & Music: Forming a choir to sing on Palm Sunday and Easter. Discussed technology needs for livestreaming. Next meeting: April 5 at 6:00pm

Youth Education: VBS tentatively planned for July 27. Will be purchasing a cake to honor students receiving their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Next meeting: April 3 at 10:15am

Youth Ministries: Soup suppers and Easter breakfast being planned. Next meeting: April 5 at 5:00pm.

Next Council Meeting: April 19 at 6:30pm.



Deadlines...

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. Items for the May newsletter are due in the church office by April 19.

The preferred method of submission is via email (hlcladysmith@gmail.com) or electronic file. Items may also be left in the office mailbox or dropped off at the office during office hours.

Change of Address and/or Phone Number?

If you have had a change in address or phone number, please notify the church office of these changes. Also, in an effort to improve communication we are seeking email addresses for members of the congregation. If you would like to have your email address added to the list, please send it to the church office.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Christopher Martin
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Custodian	Rosemary Warwick
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April Worship Assistants

3	Ushers Lector Comm. Asst.	Charlie Holtebeck, Linda Reissner Aileen Tauchen Chris Holtebeck
6 - Weds.	Usher Lector	Linda Reissner Linda Campbell
10 - Palm Sun	Ushers Lector Comm. Assts.	Kathy Ducommun, Nick Sovacool Irene Titera Linda Reissner
14 - Holy Thurs.	Ushers Lector Comm. Assts.	Dave Borman, George Lawrence George Lawrence Linda Campbell
15 - Good Fri.	Ushers Lector	George Lawrence, Judy Soyring Irene Titera
17 - 7am	Ushers Lector Comm. Assts.	Charlie Holtebeck, Aileen Tauchen Charlie Holtebeck Chris Holtebeck
17 - 10am	Ushers Lector Comm. Assts.	Gordie & Bev Dukerschein Gordie/Bev Dukerschein Linda Campbell
24	Ushers Lector Comm. Asst.	Linda Reissner, Irene Titera Irene Titera Linda Reissner

Mission Statement

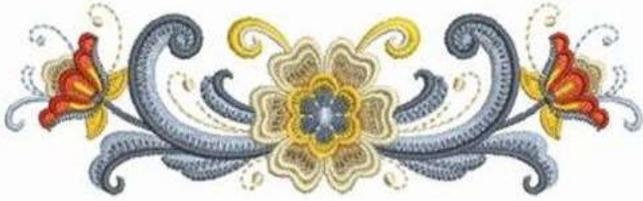
*Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples,
commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.*



APRIL

Birthdays

- 1 Jim Segebrecht
- 2 Evan Effertz
Brad Hon
Brian Johnson
Jennifer Snyder
- 3 Amanda Hills
Josh Lee
- 4 Diane Doke
Jake Peggarr
- 5 Greg Anderson
Lindsay Martin
- 6 Mady Clark
Manuel Moore
Kyle Towberman
- 7 Madeline Bunton
Shelby Moore
Lance Mulholland
Jessica Sands
- 8 Adyara Hanaman
- 9 Doreen Larson
Spencer Mautner
Doug Titera
- 10 Tobey Krisik
Pam Lee
- 11 Mark Berg
Leah Bunton
Cindy Krings
Michelle Stohr
- 12 Cindy Albus
Joe Lawrence
Heather Shineflew
- 13 Megan vanDoorn
- 14 Michael Beckett
- 15 Lindsay Schmidt
Carter Pohlman
- 16 Dan Everett
Dale Lund
- 17 Jackie Buchholz
Nick Sovacool
Payton Wold
- 18 Alli Clark
Eme Clark
Kylie Osterbauer
- 19 Ellen Schueller
Alyssa Read
- 20 Peggy McMahon
Stacey Petrus
Shelly Richardson
- 21 Caitlin McGinnis
Elizabeth Narvaez
Sarah Foss
- 22 Olivia Bunton
Vicki Monnier
Jason Peggarr
- 23 Matthew Hanaman
Patrick Morgan
Linda Wester
- 24 Breena Effertz
Michael Elling
Aileen Tauchen
- 25 Margaret Jennerman
- 26 Katie Anderson
Pat McEathron
Stacy Richardson
- 27 Sarah Billings
Liz Robertson
- 28 Laurie Lemke
Taylor Molstad
Kip Samardzich
Rose Warwick
- 29 Briley Burmeister
Dixsia Dedrickson
Jesse Polak
- 30 Megan Dieckman



The Hope Lutheran Church
Scandinavian Dinner

will take place on
Wednesday, April 27
from
4:30-6:30pm

Cost

\$12.00/adult

\$7.00/students (12 & under)

Preschoolers & younger eat free.

The menu will include baked ham, meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, baked beans, glazed carrots, salads, homemade rolls, lefse, rice pudding, and Scandinavian baked goods.





Easter Garden

We will once again be using flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to donate a plant, please complete the form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, April 10. Plants should be brought to the church no later than noon on Saturday, April 16. Plants can be taken home after the 10:00am worship service on Easter Sunday, April 17

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of plants: _____

In memory of: _____

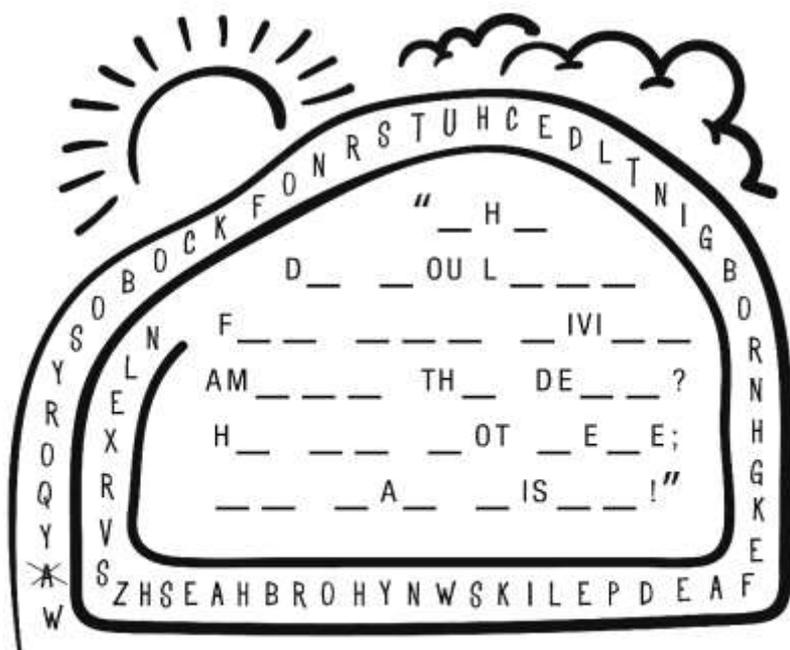
In honor of: _____



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV