

Throughout Lent we have explored how Christ is revealed to us through his many “I AM” statements about himself. Now that Easter is upon us, we will be exploring how Christ is revealed to us through the Gospel accounts of the empty tomb. Here are some words from the Daily Reform devotional series from Sola Publishing that do well, I think, to encapsulate the significance of scripture’s revelation of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen:

On Mount Calvary, God has made for all peoples a great and living feast. Come and dine on the Bread of Life, the Living Water, and the wine of the Lamb. He has destroyed in that mountainside tomb the surface of its covering that barred all peoples, the veil that kept out all nations. He has swallowed up death forever! The Lord would wipe away the tears from your eyes and off the faces of history. He takes away the disgrace of his creation throughout all the earth, for Yahweh has made it so by his own decree. “Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess”: Behold, this is our God! He alone can save us! This is Yahweh! We have waited for him. There will be what seem to be setbacks in our joy, but we are to live in his joy even in such moments. For he is the greater joy. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!

I encourage you to come together with the body of Christ and rejoice in our great salvation at the following times during Holy Week:

Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00am
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Worship at 7:00pm
Sunday, April 1	Sunrise Easter Worship at 7:00am
	Easter Breakfast at 8:00am
	Easter Worship with Communion at 9:00am

In Christ, *Pastor Dan*

## YOUTH NEWS

This summer, the youth will have the opportunity to go on an Appalachian mission trip where we will be serving the community of Huntington West Virginia and helping with different projects.

In youth group we are just starting a series on apologetics where students will learn how to effectively defend their faith as it says in 1 Peter 3:15: *in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.* Through this series the hope is to equip the youth with tools to help them better share their faith.

Youth group meets every Wednesday at approximately 6:15, where there are two types of meals provided: the first being that which is great for our body and the second, which is far more important, is the feeding of our spirit as we dig into God’s word.

*Chris Baugh*

## A NOTE OF THANKS...

Thank you to the Women of Hope who offered their help with the planning, bringing food, serving, and clean up at Maurine Spangler’s funeral. Thanks also to Pastor Dan for the comforting words.

To the people who visited her during her long stay at the nursing home, and to those who brought her communion, please know she enjoyed your visits, and we say thanks to all of you for everything you did.

*Sincerely, Rod & Janet Thomsen*



**WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m.**

*Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month.*

**EDUCATION: 9:00 am Adult Study**

*9:00 am Sunday School*

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## MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community of Christians, we commit ourselves to worship, grow in faith, to witness and reach out with Christ’s love to promote healing, support and service to one another, society, and the world.”

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday School students will sing during worship on **Sunday, April 8**. They will receive a noisy offering.

Women of Hope Spring gathering will be **April 11**, starting with a brief meeting and then program and fellowship.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Adelynn Doppler | 6 Brook Schueller | 14 Brooklynn Scharnberg | 22 Dave Keene      |
| 1 Karla Saboe     | 6 Jaydi Zenkovich | 17 Rita Goeken          | 23 Leo Behrens     |
| 3 Wayne Bishop    | 7 DeLoy Adolf     | 18 Pat Tesch            | 23 Natalie Haffner |
| 3 Cheri Hoyer     | 8 Connie Goeken   | 18 Denny Zahrt          | 23 Wendy Stein     |
| 3 Tyson Tessum    | 11 Emma Pearson   | 19 Austin Menke         | 25 Pam Miller      |
| 4 Jay Stein       | 12 Jenna Bailey   | 20 Presley Glime        | 29 Chris Kolb      |
| 5 Jeannine Bunge  | 13 Ryan Steuben   | 21 Chris Dose           | 29 Adam Pearson    |
| 6 Clair Moding    | 13 Jason Tesch    | 21 Megan Knapp Smith    |                    |

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 Jon and Niki Berends  | 12 Jim and Jeannine Bunge | 30 John and Nancy Heuck |
| 8 Vern and Vi Ostermann | 16 John and Karen Geerdes |                         |
| 8 Terry and Pat Thomsen | 17 Leo and Kathy Behrens  |                         |

Shout joyful  
praises to God

Womens Spring Gathering  
Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

Music  
Speaker  
Desserts

## FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF APRIL

Each month we feature one needed item for the Hope food pantry. Thank you for your generosity in donating! The item of the month is **pancake mix**.

Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex.



## MAY BASKETS

Looking for donations to go into May Baskets, which are brought to shut-ins or those in need of a day brightener!

Goodies that are great for the bags include:

2 cookies wrapped together, popcorn in baggies, crackers, fruit, cereal bars, wrapped candy, sugar-free candy

Please bring to the kitchen on or before **Sunday, April 29**. Help filling the bags is also appreciated following worship on April 29. Thank you!



## Women of Hope MEETING MINUTES

On **March 7** the WOH board met with 8 members present.

**Secretary's Report** – was read and approved. M/S/C Kara/Holly. A thank you was read for a recent Love Gift.

**Treasurer's Report** – General Fund \$1659.08, Love Fund \$994.44. M/S/C Doris/Tracy to approve the report. The following bills were presented: \$250.42 quilt room lumber (Tom Goeken), \$11.49 kitchen supplies (Arlene Meyer), and \$200 donation for the mission trip chaperone. M/S/C Kara/Holly.

**Mission Action** - 10 ladies made 6 quilts on the last quilt day. The next quilt day will be March 28th. Discussion was held on Fabric Warehouse closing and if any purchases were needed to be made.

**Mission Communities** - Kaden's Kloset donation box is in the narthex along with a list of needed items. (Diapers, children's underwear and socks, Walmart gift cards and used kids clothing, equipment, etc. are some of the needed items.) These items are used to help foster parents out when they receive a foster child and don't have the necessary items to care for the child. Love Baskets will be packed on 4-29-18 after church.

**Mission Growth** – Spring Gathering date is April 11 at 6:30. Our speaker will be Sarah Holmberg about her mission trip. Group 2 will serve. The Baby Bottle Campaign will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day for the Cherish House.

**Other business** - More workers and food are needed for the Father-Daughter Dance. Some discussion was held about a better or bigger bulletin board for the WOH items. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C Tracy/Doris. The board then served the Lenten supper. Menu was potato/taco bar.

The next meeting will be **April 4 at 6 p.m.**

*Secretary, Sherri Steffen*



*Be looking for the April Mission of the Month to be announced soon.*

## MISSION MEMO

### CHURCH OF THE DAMASCUS ROAD

One of the ministries our Mission Outreach funds support is the congregation of inmates inside the correctional facilities at Rockwell City and Fort Dodge. In their newsletters, inmates share poetry, artwork, and other writings. From the March edition - drawing and writing both are by James:

When I look at the world in which I live I see nothing but stone buildings and metal fences with razor wire, lost faces, and hopeless dreams to last a lifetime. But Christ is here with us. All we have to do is look up and see him. For me, it's the tall fences that surround me. For every inch of the fence I see there are crosses and the hands of all the people of the world linked together to form Christianity.

The chain links are what hold Christianity together, and the metal rods that form the cross is Christ keeping us straight and strong.

Even though we sway from side to side and bend to the wind, in which is the bad in prison, there still stands the fence, and if it breaks, it is fixed by helping hands and once again stands tall.

For there might be holes in the fence to look out through, but if you back up and look again, there's the cross and the linked hands willing to support you, to help you, to keep you safe, and with Christ in your heart, you can be saved as well.

Just take a walk around the places in which we live and Christ will show himself to you. All you have to do is look up and see that he is everywhere, from the smallest grain of sand to the great sky above — and somewhere in the middle of all that is Christ.

Faith, hope and love is for all.

—James Rainer FDCF



# APRIL

## Hope Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:00 Easter Worship 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Communion Worship Greeter: Don Dose & family Reader: Tracy Adrian Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Kara Taylor	2	3	4 2-6 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 WOH Board Meeting 6:15 Youth Meal 7:00 Youth Group	5	6	7
8 9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/SS Singing/Noisy Offering Greeter: Denny Harmon & family Reader: Brigitte Addengast Pianist: Connie Goeken Projection: Teresa Hansen	9	10	11 2-6 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Meal 6:30 Women's Spring Gathering 7:00 Youth Group	12	13	14
15 9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion Greeter: Wyatt Gilme & family Reader: Chris Tostenrud Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Kara Taylor	16	17	18 9:30 Naomi Bible Study 2-6 Food Pantry 2:00 Martha Bible Study 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Meal 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Council Meeting	19	20	21
22 9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship Greeter: Tracy Adrian & family Reader: Anna Harmon Pianist: Sue Hartmann Projection: Lori Adrian 11:00 Tidings Material Due	23	24	25 2-6 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Meal 7:00 Youth Group	26	27	28
29 9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship Greeter: Don Dose & family Reader: Dave Hoyer Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Kara Taylor 11:00 Pack May Baskets	30	COMMUNION: Allen Boyles & Lester Tessum ALTAR: Pat Jensen & Pat Adolf USHERS: Don Dose, Denny Harmon, Wyatt Gilme, Tracy Adrian FUNERAL SERVICE: Group #2 Martha Study: At Marlene Schoelerman's, study by Arlene Meyer				