

Our Hope Lutheran Church & School

The Anchor



Thoughts from Pastor

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“And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3



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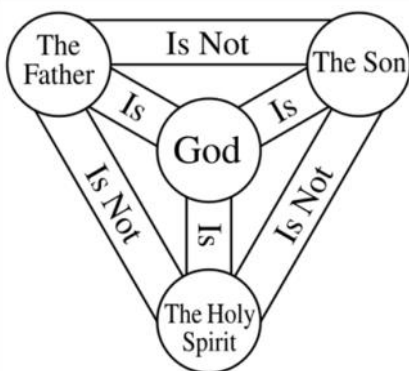
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Have you ever noticed what the Athanasian Creed *doesn't* do? It does not try to explain the Trinity like so many analogies badly do. For example, “God is like three states of water,” an analogy which falls into the error of modalism, where God is acting like a person wearing different masks or having three modes of existence. The “three-leaf clover” or “egg” analogies fall in the error of partialism, saying there are parts to God. The Creed simply aims to *describe* the Trinity by giving us the proper vocabulary to use.

It merely tells us what we can or cannot say when talking about God. Try picturing the shield of the Trinity to the left as a platform that you are walking on: Anything outside of it is out of bounds, and if you step off, you will fall into the slimy vat of heresy.

The early church with this creed was not trying to be novel. They weren't trying to be more creative than Scripture. They described what they recognized in Scripture as truth, and were content to leave it at that. We would be wise to follow in their footsteps. So the next time you or someone else wants to give an analogy for the Trinity, consider using the language that the church has used for centuries. “We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confusing the persons, nor dividing the substance.” Yes, there is mystery and wonder we can't explain. Let's have comfort such in a magnificent God who loves us.

Jesus Christ is the Anchor of Our Hope!

Elder's Report

Planting

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:3

Early April is one of my favorite times, it is when I take my shovel and trees and go out for a day of planting. I search for a place that has water, good soil and plenty of room to grow. We grow when we are planted in the right place. We have been planted into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our sins are forgiven so we can bear good fruit and works.

Being who we are, we have attitudes. We like to uproot ourselves from the living nutrients of Word and Sacrament and go off and plant ourselves in the world and sin. Thinking we are powerful because we planted ourselves where we wanted, but we will die.

Jesus comes after us and finds us dead and withered and brings us back to life. He will replant us again in the same spot we started, in our Baptism. He will feed and nourish us so that we can bear good fruit and works.

God be with you,
Dave Byerley

Evangelism & Outreach

Acts 8: 26-31, 35-40

Now an Angel of the Lord said to Philip, who was in the midst of a thriving evangelistic ministry, and said, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that runs between Jerusalem and Gaza." Upon arriving, Philip came upon an Ethiopian Eunuch. Riding in a chariot. The Spirit of the Lord said, "Go and join the chariot." Running alongside the chariot, Philip found that the Ethiopian man was reading a scroll from the Prophet Isaiah.

Finding the man a little confused, Philip asked the man, "Do you understand what you are reading?" and he said, "How can I unless someone guides me?" and he invited Philip to come and sit with him. Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture, he began to tell him the Good News about Jesus. Finding water along the way, Philip baptized the Ethiopian in the name of Jesus.

Just look at the amount of trouble God went through to save a single human being. Here is this man from Ethiopia, a Queen's Treasurer no less, traveling on his way home. As far as God is concerned, 'One Person' is enough for him to move mountains so that he/she might hear the Good News of the Gospel.

Lord help me reach out to that 'One Person' who is in need of hearing the Good News of the Gospel and share the Love of Jesus with him/her.

Pastor Phil Schamehorn

Christian Education

Proverbs 4:11-12. "I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in the upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."

Happy Father's Day! Please join us in learning the paths that our Heavenly Father wishes us to follow at these Bible Studies.

Dr. Maiers class meets every Sunday morning at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join him for a discussion of the book of Lamentations.

On Wednesdays at 9:30am Pastor Terkula leads an interactive study and discussion in the Fellowship Hall. His class is focusing on compassion in action.. There will be NO study on June 16.

Men's Bible Breakfast meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30am NOW IN PERSON @ The Sunrise Café.

The Sip and Savor Ladies Bible Study is studying "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust". They meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. Deaconess Carole Terkula is the study leader.

Our field worker Kevin McGladdery will be teaching a 4-5 week course on marriage and family from the Lutheran point of view. Classes begin on June 13 at 9:45am in Pastor's office. Topics like marriage as part of creation, faith and love within marriage, and views concerning marriage from both Luther and the early church will be discussed. Each class will be relatively independent from the others, so feel free to come to any of them, even if you can't make them all. Children will be cared for during class time. See you there!

Confirmation classes and family Sunday school will resume in September.

The middle and high school youth are looking for interested students to join for fellowship, fun and Bible study. Contact Caleb Pippenger (260.750.2048) if you would like to meet this summer for some fun and field trips.

Gina Pippenger

Stewardship

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Dear Church Family,

Part of my job as chair of stewardship is to write this article for the newsletter every month. The point of said letter is to encourage you to give joyfully of your time, treasure, and talent to Our Hope Lutheran Church and School.

I am writing this letter the morning after Jackson Feters Confirmation Service, because I was so moved by the service. I don't know if our services are recorded. If they are, anyone who didn't hear it, should get a copy and listen.

I am sure that his knees were knocking and his hands were shaking as Jack stood in front of the whole church body and proclaimed his faith. As Jack spoke to us, I prayed that he would always remember this day and remain as faithful as he is today.

I will never forget Pastor's message. We all know we can't give him all the credit. God inspired him with just the right words to say. Besides, pastor said in his message that no pastor can give you eternal life, only God's grace can do that. At one point Pastor Michael Terkula looked Jackson Feters in the eye man to man and said "Jack if you were the only person on earth, Jesus would have still died on the cross for you." Think about that. Yes Jesus took away the sins of a whole world of believers, but if each of you were the only human on earth He would still have died that horrible death on the cross. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jesus has given you the greatest love ever known. All He asks of you as true believers is to give just a little of the time, talent, and treasure that He has already bestowed upon you. Come on folks ante up, don't be afraid, God will give you inspiration. Remember NO GREATER LOVE.

God's Blessings to all,
Becky Clem



Ladies Guild News & Events

The Ladies Guild group will be taking the summer off and resume meetings in October 2021. If you have any ideas for activities please contact Cindy Fortman or Arlene Georgi.

Sip & Savor Ladies Evening Bible Study

All ladies are welcome to join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month as we continue our Bible study with the book "Waiting, A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. The cost of the book is \$16. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend! Please contact Carole Terkula for more information: 1-502-541-0435.



Congratulations



A big congratulations goes out to Josh Damman, who graduated from Purdue University with a Master in Biomedical Engineering. He will be moving and working in Houston, TX.

Thank You

Property would like to thank Dave and Sharon Byerley, Ginny Simmerman, Tim Hall, Scott Link, Jim and Cindy Fortman for all the work on removing all the old landscape material and installing all the new landscape material.

2. If you are interested in helping mowing the yard with the push mower please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

3. If you would like to donate your aluminum cans to the Mens Club please put them outside the garage and we will put them inside and take them to recycle. We use the money raised to pay for new American and Christian Flags for the outside flag pole as they wear out.

Any questions please call
Jim Fortman 260-437-9106.

Our Hope Preschool News



*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth."
3 John 4*

What a challenging and amazing school year this has been! We are blessed to have such an amazing and dedicated teaching team that made this year doable and successful. It's had its ups and downs but we ended strong. Sadly, the weather messed with our final picnic plans. Unfortunately, we were unable to bring our families together this school year in any large group settings. We are looking forward to a different but a little more normal school year this fall.

We have a great looking group of kids for Summer Camp! We're hoping to start having field trips again in July. We have all kinds of fun planned and our registration numbers are good!

We are also having VBS this summer. We will be participating in The Rocky Railway the week of June 14-18 from 9-11:45am. We could use some more volunteers to take groups of kids to their activities. We also have tags hanging on the church windows with supplies we need for VBS. If you can help please contact us at the office (260.338.1121) if you want to volunteer that week or take some tags and bring in the items by Friday, June 11. Unfortunately, we will only be able to offer VBS to school and church families due to lack of help at this time. Look for registration forms if you would like your kids or grandkids to attend. Thanks for all the support!

Happy Father's Day!

Gina Pippenger, Director

Youth & Family Activities

Sunday School has been great this year! Looking forward to and making plans for next fall. Watch your email for start up date & times.

Plans are also being made to get together this summer, so watch your emails, the newsletters and Sunday bulletins.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 14th-18th

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Our Hope Members age 3 - 5th grade & School/Summer Camp kids

(All children MUST be potty trained)

Our Hope Lutheran Church & School

1826 Trinity Dr., PO Box 36, Huntertown, IN

260.637.3625

Register me for Rocky Railway Adventure! (One form per child)

Child's Name _____

Gender: Male Female Birthdate ____/____/____ Grade completed _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact _____

Relationship to child _____ Phone _____

Name of home church _____

Food allergies: Y___ N___ List: _____

Medical concerns: Y___ N___ Explain _____

I would like to help with VBS, please call me (Name) _____ # _____

People who may pick up your child _____

Siblings attending VBS (names & ages) _____

Days they will attend: (circle all that apply) M T W Th F

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the child listed above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with VBS. YES NO

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Prayer Connections +

We all know how important it is to pray for our family, friends, life situations etc.
Please take a moment to say a prayer for those who are listed here:

- Gary Carpenter having health issues and undergoing tests.
- Nakita Campbell recuperating from injuries from an auto accident.
- Roselyn Schoditsch recovering from a broken arm.
- Beth Alexander and family at the death of her brother.
- Tim Hall recuperating from blood clots.
- Caleb & Gina Pippenger & family at the death of Brian.
- All our children that have wandered from the Lord.
- All caregivers who are taking care of those in need.
- Those grieving or struggling from loneliness, isolation or awaiting health procedures.
- David Krueger, John Satterthwaite, Joe Roth, Dick Bultemeyer, Joan Hartwig, Patty Hartman, Rick Frick, Fred Toenges, Sharon Jennings, Madison Schoditsch, Drake Conrad, Tom Stucky, Sally Ide, Cindy Molargik, and all those dealing with health issues.
- * Erna Schwartz, Pete Glass, Julie Walker, Deanna Chambers, Joy Conrad's nephew Alan, Jerry Smith, Sue and all those dealing with cancer.

If you have a prayer request please send it to: ourhopeinfo@gmail.com or give the church office a call at 260-338-1121. You can also have it passed around the prayer chain by calling Janet Hamman at 260-443-6156. Prayer does work, as God does hear his children.

Bits 'n Pieces

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES – All newsletter articles are due on the third Sunday of each month. You can fax them to: 637-4673 or email to: Ourhopeinfo@gmail.com or you can place them in the "South" mailbox.

WORSHIP ANEW an award winning television ministry program can be seen at the following times: Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on NBC-21.2, 8:00 a.m. on MyTV 21.3, 11:30 a.m. TCT 38; & at 4:00 p.m. on Access Ft. Wayne and on Mondays at 4 p.m. View anytime online at: worshipanew.org.

PRAYER NEEDED?? Call Janet Hamman at 443-6156 and we will pass it around our prayer chain. Prayer is very important and does make a difference as God does hear His children.

NOW IN PERSON

MENS BIBLE BREAKFAST
Our group meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month @ The Sunrise Café on Coldwater Rd. at 6:30 a.m. The leader is Pastor Terkula. All men are invite to join them.

GRADUATE NAMES NEEDED!

If you have a high school or college graduate please call the church office so we can feature them in the July newsletter.

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OURHOPELUTHERAN

"Like" us on Facebook and stay informed of current happenings from the church & school. You can also visit our website: www.ourhopelutheran.com

FT. WAYNE LUTHERAN NEWSPAPER is available monthly for you to pick up from the table in the lobby. It highlights events happening at churches in the area as well as at Our Hope. If you'd like to submit an article for the next paper, the deadline is the 7th of each month.

Time for Fun & Fellowship!
Cross Connections
12th Annual Golf Outing

Brookwood Golf Course

June 11th

**Sign in begins at 7 a.m.
and tee off @ 8 a.m.**

Lunch served at 12 noon!

(Awards at different holes, plus a
putting contest and raffle!)

GO to:

www.crossconnectionsounseling.com

For more info and registration forms!

Happy
Fathers
Day! ★

Special
Voter's Meeting

Join us on Sunday, June 6 @ 12 noon
for our next Special Voter's Meetings.

We will vote on the different ways to
distribute the 5% of the Endowment
Fund and money for projects from the
General Fund. Join us!!

DeCamp Gardens



Beginning June

3rd you will find DeCamp Gardens in
the Our Hope Lutheran Church park-
ing lot from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and
every Thursday morning after that
through September. They offer
many fresh organic vegetables as
well as honey, eggs, fresh breads and
much, much more. This is actually a
"drop location". Which means you
can preorder your items and they will
deliver on Thursday mornings. They
always have a table full of goodies to
sell while there. Come and check
them out and find out how you can
get fresh veggies delivered every
week.

Tammy Time

Just a couple FYIs:

- A new cleaning service has been put in
place and we ask that if you notice any
issues that you contact Tammy
Trauner @ 615-1549.
- Also our preschool will be running at
full capacity so please be patient and
if you have any questions please
contact Tammy, Gina or Lisa.

Those Who Serve — June 2021

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	
ELDERS ON DUTY					
8:30 AM	Jack Springer	Dave Byerley	Jack Springer	Dave Byerley	
11:00 AM	Chuck Damman & Rod Bourassa	Chuck Damman & Rod Bourassa	Chuck Damman & Rod Bourassa	Chuck Damman & Rod Bourassa	
6:30 PM	Dave Garrison	Dave Garrison	Dave Garrison	Dave Garrison	
GREETERS					
8:30 AM	Sue Eames	Ginny Simerman	Forrest & Darlene Hoover	Rev. Bob & Kris Smith	
11:00 AM	Tom Reinking	Cliff Glasper Robert & Ethan	Richard & Carol Thonert	Carole Terkula	
READERS					
8:30 AM	Jack Springer	Ginny Simerman	Forrest Hoover	Rev. Bob Smith	
11:00 AM	Rod Bourassa	Cliff Glasper	Richard Thonert	Carole Terkula	
USHERS					
	Ryan Bell (Co-Capt.) Jack Springer (Co-Capt.) Jeff Alexander	Chuck Damman Josh Hitzeman Joe Roth	Glenn South Eric Trauner		
ALTAR FLOWERS					
	Dan & Linda Stewart in honor of their 45th anniversary on May 28th.	Tim & Jo Hall in honor of their anniversary	Forrest & Darlene Hoover in honor of their anniversary	Joy Conrad	



1 William Demerly	16 Pastor Joe Fichtner
2 Karter Chappell	17 C.D. Carnahan
2 Alexander Fетters	17 Marlene Carpenter
2 Daniel South	18 Caleb Pippenger
5 Amanda Brown	20 Bill Anderson
8 Darlene Hoover	21 Guadalupe Pugh
8 Mitchell Roller	24 Dawson Minick
10 Gary Houser	26 Cindi Link
10 Fred Toenges	27 Ryan Bell
12 Tim Hall	30 Abel Gehring
15 Kanon McClurg	

1 Philip & Emily Schamehorn
3 Jerry & Roselyn Schoditsch
4 Ryan & Jennifer Bell
5 David & Sharon Byerley
7 Scott & Jenevra Conrad
11 Bill & Patty Anderson
11 Tim & Jo Hall
17 Justin & Jessica Bady
19 David & Shelly Garrison
24 Forrest & Darlene Hoover
26 Jim & Cindy Fortman

2021 LEADERSHIP

CHURCH COUNCIL

President — Richard Thonert
President-Elect— Dan Braun
Secretary—Cindy Fortman
Treasurer—Michelle Braun
Head Elder— Jack Springer & Dave Byerley
Financial Secretary—Bev Oehler
Evangelism/Outreach— Pastor Phil Schamehorn
Stewardship—Becky Clem
Christian Education—Gina Pippenger
School Board Chairman—Melissa Satterthwaite
Youth & Family—Ashley Armentrout
Property— Jim Fortman
Ex-Officio—Pastor Michael Terkula
Ex-Officio—Tammy Trauner

ELDERS - Rod Bourassa, David Byerley,
Chuck Damman, Dave Garrison, Jack Springer

SCHOOL BOARD—Melissa Satterthwaite,
Tammy Trauner, Dale Ehlerding, Martha
Moehle, Mindy Marchesano, Jeff Alexander

PROPERTY

Scott Link, Jim Fortman, Tim Hall

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Ashley Armentrout

OTHER POSITIONS

Pastor—Rev. Michael Terkula
Pastor Emeritus- Rev. Phil Schamehorn
Pastoral Assistants—Dr. Walter Maier III
Rev. Bob Smith
Business Manager — Tammy Trauner
Church & School Secretary—Lisa South
School Director—Gina Pippenger
Praise Team Leader—Joyce Ehlerding
Organist—Substitute Organists
Handbell Director—Cindy Fortman
Custodian—Matt Carpenter & Chad Pippenger
Thrivent for Lutherans—Martha Moehle
Seniors Enjoying Life— Karna Krull
Dartball—Jim Fortman
Ladies Guild—Arlene Georgi
Prayer Chain Leader—Janet Hamman
Altar Flower Chairperson—Becky Clem
Men's Club—Jim Fortman

Financial Reports



TREASURERS REPORT

PROFIT & LOSS — April 2021

INCOME

General Fund	\$	19,745.75
School Programs		42,002.92

TOTAL INCOME		61,748.67
Gross Profit		61,748.67

EXPENSES

Salaries		51,598.75
Ministry/Administration		1,621.84
Property Expenses		6,179.38
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,342.43

TOTAL EXPENSES		60,742.40
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Net Operating Income		1,006.27
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CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP

April Sunday Attendance	477
Avg. Attendance per Sunday	119
Potential	395

Offerings	\$78,868.48
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DESIGNATED FUNDS

As of April 30, 2021

Capital Improvements/Roof	\$ 7,319.51
Carpeting—School	2,666.68
Catastrophe Fund	0.00
Environmental	8,528.11
Evangelism	4,000.00
Memorials	3,626.67
Organ Fund	2,400.22
School	5,550.00
Transportation	13,389.15
Vicar	8,204.00
TOTAL Designated Funds	\$55,684.34

ENDOWMENT REPORT

April 31, 2021

Restricted Funds

Building Expansion	\$	930.00
Steiss Endowment		20.00
Edyvean Endowment		1,091.25
Fryer		75.00
Handbell Fund		341.30
Lepper Endowment		100.00
Colone Endowment		20.00
Harmening Endowment		108.40
Parking Lot		1,532.00
Property Special Projects		431.25
Roof		0.00
Roof Fund - Rubber		0.00
Tables & Chairs		670.67
Teach/Pastor Reimb.		127.13
Tuition Assistance		60.00
Vacation Bible School		690.93
Van		32.84
TOTAL	\$	6,230.77

Unrestricted Funds

Interest		525.66
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Grants

3 Youth Groups		225.00
Worship Service		45.50
TOTAL		269.50

Checking Balance	\$	7,025.93
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FIDELITY ACCOUNT

Edyvean Inherited IRA		\$1,899,520.67
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Online Giving with TITHELY.com

Don't forget that you can make church giving easy by signing up to use Tithely.com

If you need any help setting it up please call:

Tammy Trauner @ 260-615-1549



June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 AM Men's Bible Breakfast 4:30 Long Term Property Planning Mtg. 6:30 PM Sip & Savor Bible Study 6:30 PM Council Mtg.	2 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study	3	4	5 8 AM Elder's Mtg.
6 8:30 AM Worship/C 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Worship/C 12 PM Voter's Mtg.	7 OHLS Summer Camp Begins 6:30 PM Worship/C	8	9 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study	10	11	12
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