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## WE VALUE

Bible-centered  
Preaching &  
Teaching

Dynamic Praise &  
Worship

The Sacraments

Prayer

Evangelism

Christian Education  
for All Ages

Loving Relationships

Strong Christian  
Families

## OUR VISION

By the love of Christ,  
our vision is to work together,  
reaching out to all people,  
through the Gospel,  
in our various activities and events.  
As we encourage each other to worship  
and grow in God's Word,  
we will be a Christian influence  
in our community.

## OUR MISSION

BUILDING TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY  
FOLLOWING THE TRIUNE GOD

## OUR PURPOSE

- Glorifying** God through *WORSHIP*
- Reaching** out to all with the Good News of  
salvation in Christ through *EVANGELISM*
- Actively** caring for God's people in Christ  
through *FELLOWSHIP*
- Creating** a family of God by Word and Sacrament  
through *MINISTRY*
- Equipping** people of all ages for life in Christ  
through *DISCIPLESHIP*

## Notes and Announcements

**DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE** On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

**PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY:** Just as we took pictures on March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will continue with pictures on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder: Noisy offering will be taken on second Sundays! Noisy Offering for April through June will be going to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

Thank you for your donations.



LWML is looking for used sheets to use as middles in quilts. If you are cleaning out & find any, please donate them for quilts.

Thank you!

Anyone need name tags? Have you lost, misplaced, or maybe never received name tags? Please contact Mary Heinlein at 989.348.4350 or MtHopeBookkeeper@gmail.com



## Family Fare Receipts

The Family Receipts are no longer being collected due to the program being cancelled.

**Thank you** for all of your prayers, cards, calls and emails during the past month. I am feeling good and doing well. Surgery went well, so now, we wait to see what is next in God's plan. Again, thank you. Dave and Chris Lauria

### SERVING THIS WEEK

#### Altar

2nd-Martha Pregler  
6th-Martha Pregler  
7th-Martha Pregler  
9th-Dee Musselman  
16th-Kay Vedder  
23rd-Susie Moore  
30th-Louise Lazzarino

#### Elders

2nd-Jeff Pregler  
6th-Jason Hartman  
7th-Dave Jansen  
9th-Jack Owens  
16th-Dave Jansen  
23rd-Jack Owens  
30th-Jason Hartman

### MT. HOPE'S WEBSITE

Did you know that Mt. Hope has a website? If you go to <http://www.mthopelcmsgrayling.org/> our website will come up. It is a multi page site with much information about our church, our congregation, our Pastor, what programs we are involved with and much more! Although there is a "member log-in" area, this is just for those who work on the site. Nancy Hatfield is our webmaster who keeps our website updated and makes any necessary changes. Anyone who goes to our site can access all pages. So...check it out!



Mary Heinlein, Bookkeeper		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>FEB 2023</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Income	8,283.35	69,063.84
Expense	-4,333.12	<u>-52,647.48</u>
Net	3,950.23	16,416.36
<b>TOTAL ALL EARMARKED FUNDS</b>	<b>82,538.27</b>	
	<b>FEB 2023</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Together in Missions	220.00	1,281.80
Christian Help Center	45.00	1,195.00
Noisy Offering	57.27	633.48
	<b>FEB 2023</b>	<b>Total to date</b>
<b>Church Extension Fund (CEF) Mortgage</b>		<b>470,000.00</b>
Mortgage Principal Payment	1,338.30	32,946.80
Earmarked Principal Payment	795.00	<u>95,901.64</u>
Mortgage Interest Payment	1,046.70	
<b>CURRENT MORTGAGE BALANCE</b>		<b>341,151.56</b>

**Attendance**

February	5	54
	12	52
	19	52
	22	11
	26	46



Attention: People need to sign up to host coffee hour or there will not be one.

"Thank You" to Abbi Drews for volunteering to upload our Sunday morning services to the web!!



**Upcoming Food Trucks (all Saturdays)**

May 6th  
 June 10th  
 July 22nd  
 September 23rd  
 October 7th

**TO PLACE SOMEONE ON PRAYER CHAIN:**

Call Lynn Richmond at  
 989-390-8632 or  
[lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com)

Jamie Wohn will be handling the **sign changes**. Please email him with any necessary info for the sign at [jackwohn3@gmail.com](mailto:jackwohn3@gmail.com) or [jackwohn3@aol.com](mailto:jackwohn3@aol.com). If urgent, text him at **(810) 965-1891**

**Council Approved Minutes  
Council Meeting February 21, 2023  
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church-LCMS**

Meeting Called to Order by Jeff Pregler at 3:00 pm.

Opening Devotion was given by Jeff Pregler.

Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Paul Schneider.

Attendance:

Pastor: Paul Schneider P

Vice Chairman: Salena Laskowski P

Treasurer: Dave Jansen P

Elders: Jack Owens A

Education: Paul Mesack P

Stewardship: Elaine Jansen P

CADC: Salena Laskowski P

Chairman: Jeff Pregler P

Secretary: Sharon Hopkins A

CADC Liaison: Caroline Belt A

Evangelism: Terry Tody A

Trustees: Charlie Belt P

Youth: Salena Laskowski P

Guest: None

Dave Jansen moved the approval of the January 24, 2023 Minutes, seconded by Paul Mesack , approved.

Reports: Council and Boards:

Treasurer Dave Jansen: Mary Heinlein emailed the reports before the meeting

January 2023 **Income: \$7,320.50**      **Expenses: \$7,918.46**

**Net loss \$597.96**

2022-2023 YTD      **Income: \$60,780.49**      **Expenses: \$48,314.36**

**Net gain \$12,466.13**

Budget requests are needed.

Schedule review categories.

Council Secretary Sharon Hopkins: No report.

Chairman Jeff Pregler: No report.

Vice Chairman Salena Laskowski: No report.

Board of Elders Jack Owens: Jeff Pregler gave the report in Jack's absence.

Jeff and Pastor Paul met with Nicole to discuss her duties.

Mid-week Lenten services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were discussed.

Abbi Drews is publishing the Sunday worship services.

Business cards have been printed for the Elders and Pastor Paul.

Signage for front of church was discussed.

Approved salary increases for paid services.

Elder assignments for Lenten services were completed.

Board of Education Paul Mesack: No report.

Board of Evangelism Terry Tody: No report.

Board of Stewardship Shirley Koch: Elaine Jansen gave the report in Shirley's absence.

The Chewing Stewardship message was placed in the Anchor and bulletins each month upon receiving the information.

Now is the time to update the TTT forms.

It's time to "refresh" the membership information for a new church directory.

Board of Trustee Mike Shields: Charlie Belt gave the report.

Charlie is working with Marty on streamlining the cleaning/duty list for Marty.

Board of Youth Jason Hartman/Salena Laskowski/Sharon Hopkins:

No February meeting due to Jason's work schedule and Sharon's surgery.

Sunday school children are hearing **The Story Bible** pertaining to that day's sermon.

Family night: March 13<sup>th</sup> will be movie night. Beginning at 5pm with pizza. The movie will be the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 episodes of "**The Chosen!**" There are 8 episodes for the first season. Pastor Paul has taken care of the licensing for Mt. Hope. No royalties are needed to pay for showing of the movie. Please pass the word to friends, family, and other churches.

Mt. Hope/Crawford Au Sable Day Care Liaison Salena Laskowski/Caroline Belt:

License has expired.

In need of 2 part time and 1 full time employees.

An unannounced inspection was performed.

No timetable to renew – not a problem as Day Care is not at fault.

Next board meeting is in March.

LFL Life Team Sharon Hopkins: No report.

Paul Mesack moved to accept all reports, seconded by Dave Jansen, accepted.

Unfinished Business:

Update Mt. Hope Church authorization bank account signers

Minutes were approved therefore Mary Heinlein can submit the signed bank forms.

Mt. Hope Electronic sign & message board – repair update

Scheduled training – volunteers

Charlie Belt to get a quote for a new sign in February.

There will an extra \$100.00 charge to get a new receiver.

\$2,000.00 should cover the cost of repairing the existing sign.

Dave Jansen moved to approve up to \$2,000.00 to repair the current sign, seconded by Paul Mesack, approved.

Allocation of "Noisy Offering" 2023 Donations for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Terry Tody gave the list to Mary Heinlein.

Open Board Position – Crawford Community Christian Help Center

Terry Tody explained that with the new administrator the original vision is gone.

Tabled till next month.

Comtronics Electronic Security System Proposal – Expand Services

Phase 1: Implement video system at a cost of \$1, 834.00.

Dave Jansen moved to immediately install the video monitoring of the door with opening capabilities within the office, seconded by Paul Mesack, approved.

Phase 2: surveillance cost is \$5,727.00

This additional cost needs to go before the church membership.

Call Update Jeff Pregler:

Jeff gave an update.

LCMS 68<sup>th</sup> regular Convention of the LCMS Church

Pastor Paul explained we are 2 congregations, but 1 parish for voting. One lay person could represent both churches for voting.

Ken Mertz from Trinity has volunteered.

We need 2 attesting officers to attest that Ken is OK to vote for us.

Salena Laskowski moved that Jeff Pregler will serve as our attesting officer, seconded by Dave Jansen, approved.

Dual Congregation Board Meeting Update: Jeff Pregler

A scheduled quarter meeting will be around April 20ish.

#### New Business:

Joint Trinity & Mt. Hope Printer/copy machine leasing proposal

Charlie Belt mentioned we pay \$333.00 a month service fee now

A leased one would be \$30.00-\$60.00 a month cheaper.

Charlie is working with Pastor Paul to lease our own. It would be a new machine with more capabilities at a lower leasing cost.

District 10 Board of Health Well/Water Inspection report:

No PFAS detected.

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan – 2023 Schedule

All on Saturdays this year.

CEF Grants Worker Wellness Grant, \$2,500.00 – 2023

Jeff Pregler and Pastor Paul to check it out.

Fellowship Hall Kitchen Renovation Discussion

Jeff to find out who and what needs/should be done

Discussion on how this will be funded – there is already \$11,000.00 here to start with the project.

Miscellaneous Outreach Requests

Salena suggested that the church assist the Band Boosters through the Noisy Offering. Terry Tody to take care of the Band Boosters. No decision was made at this time.

The next meeting will be on March 21, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

We closed with a prayer prepared by Jeff Pregler.

Elaine Jansen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Mesack, adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectively submitted by,

Elaine Jansen and Salena Laskowski, Secretaries Pro Tem

## A *Lectio Divina* of Psalm 41

by Pastor Michael Salemink

*Lectio divina* means “divine or heavenly reading.” This devotional practice has a long history among Christians. It involves not just scanning and understanding the words on Scripture’s pages but also contemplating and praying them. *Lectio divina* recalls the familiar petition that our Lord grant us to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” His Word. This draws us into a sacred conversation with our God who both speaks and listens. Martin Luther offered a unique adaptation of *lectio divina* to a dear friend when instructing how to “pray” the *Small Catechism*. He suggested taking each portion as a teaching, then as a thanksgiving, then as a confession, and then as a request. Our 2022 national conference and 2023 Life Sunday theme—**Blessed For Life**, from Psalm 41—offers an opportunity for us to engage the benefits of *lectio divina*.

Psalm 41:1a: **Blessed is the one who considers the poor!**

*O Lord, Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You teach us that You remember, visit, and relieve us and our neighbors in our needs and sufferings. You draw near in Jesus Christ and invite us to receive others as gifts and privileges by sharing in their circumstances. For Jesus’ sake, accept our humble and hearty thanks that You involve us in community with Yourself and with each other, giving us occasion to belong to and serve persons other than ourselves. We confess that we have despised our poverties as opportunities for Your blessings and have disregarded those whose differences cause us discomfort. Pardon our iniquities and open our eyes to behold You encountering us through the least of these, especially in their hours of crisis and moments of vulnerability; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Psalm 41:1b-3: **In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.**

*Mighty Deliverer, You teach us that Your relentless grace and gentle mercy protect and provide for even the weakest among us in every danger and adversity from fertilization to forever. Let us thank and praise Your name for so honoring us in the sight of all the forces and agents of evil, especially as You have granted healing from every injury and illness. Forgive us for doubting and despairing of Your power to save and sustain and for reckoning disease or affliction as indication of displeasure on Your part. Lead us to seek health and not death, caring and not killing, for our neighbors’ ailments and our own, with sure trust in Your authority over all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Psalm 41:4: **As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”**

*Holy Father, You teach us that our common human condition of sinfulness causes all pain and dying, and if not for Your patience and grace, we would perish entirely and eternally. Thank You for Your Son’s atoning sacrifice that imparts Your forgiveness to not only rescue us from everlasting damnation but also to spare us every temporal calamity that we deserve. We acknowledge our transgression in not reflecting and extending the same grace and compassion to the precious lives around us, even though our Savior has reconciled every member of our race. Grant Your Son’s resurrection and redemption to restore wholeness and dignity to us and all whom sin has deprived; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Psalm 41:5-8: **My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die, and his name perish?” And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”**

*Gracious God, You teach us that death represents the enemy of life, survival, identity, and immortality, and it operates as instrument of the evil one in hardening hearts against Your Gospel. We gratefully celebrate how You continue to befriend and defend those considered disposable by the culture. We also admit our guilt in seeing and treating neighbors of differing ideologies as enemies and wishing or working evil toward them. Inspire us to advocate on behalf of the hearts and lives endangered by abortion, embryocidal experimentation, assisted suicide, and other mindsets and measures that threaten Your dear ones; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Psalm 41:9-10: **Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

*Dear Jesus, You teach us that Your incarnation as an embryo among us has made our sorrows, sicknesses, and other sufferings Your own. Thanks to You undergoing betrayal, abandonment, crucifixion, punishment, and persecution, we never face these anxieties hopeless or alone. Forgive us for having turned our backs on Your Gospel promises and underserved persons because we fear the difficulties they come with. Preserve us during the agony of interpersonal conflicts that arise from speaking Your truth and*

*showing Your love, that we remember and rely on Your comforting presence and keep reaching neighbors whom the world isolates, for Your name's sake.*

**Psalm 41:11-12: By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.**

*Almighty Maker, You create, redeem, and call us and each human life for Your own delight and to dwell in Your presence forever. Thank You for the everlasting assurance that You have subdued our enemies for us and will not permit sin and death to have authority over us. We confess that our integrity and faithfulness wavers because of our selfish hearts and the weakness of our nature, and we regularly give in to and even ally ourselves with pursuits that we ought to avoid. Let us know Your great delight in snatching lives from the jaws of death and upholding them by Your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**Psalm 41:13: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and amen.**

*Blessed Lord God, You teach us that the days and destinies of every living thing come and go at Your good pleasure and under Your watchful eye. Thank You for establishing Your Word and Your will as never-ending, effective, and trustworthy. We confess that we have sought stability in the things of men and the ways of this world rather than assenting to Your voice. Bid us rejoice and delight with those around us as brothers and sisters in all the blessings You promise and provide to those who trust the grace and name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **The Sacrifice**

by Marie MacPherson

**“To [love God] and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices” (Mark 12:33).**

Remember the good old Golden Rule: **“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”**? It’s a rule that we like to think we keep as Christians, and keep well. However, when we carefully examine our own thoughts, words, and deeds toward our neighbors—from little neighbors in our homes who keep us from our own agendas to big neighbors in our communities whom we scorn, rather than pity and grieve—we might quickly conclude that a burnt offering and a sacrificial system would be much easier than perfection on this matter of the Golden Rule!

The passage above was asserted by a scribe in response to Jesus summarizing the most important commandment, quoting from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18. Essentially, Jesus condensed all of the Old Testament into a single phrase, “Love God and love your neighbor.” While a goodly bulk of the Old Testament prescribes a sacrificial system we no longer follow in modern times, that system was instituted by God to point believers to Christ, who was to come, and was, in fact, now in their midst. This side of Heaven, we will never perfectly love our neighbors, yet our good God has provided for us, His children. Hebrews 9:13-14 declares, **“For if the blood of goats and bulls ... sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”** In joy for that purification, may God make us all into sacrificial lovers of our neighbors, small and great, beginning in our homes and overflowing into our communities.

*My heart must Thou have solely, My Savior and my God! Come, Jesus, take it wholly, And make it Thine abode! Mold it to Thy control, That I, Thy Word receiving, May find, in Thee believing, Salvation for my soul.*

(ELH 259:7; T.H. Kingo, translated by C. Doving)

*For Further Reading: Deuteronomy 6, Mark 12, Hebrews 8-9.*

## **Even in Darkness**

by Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life

It’s dark as I write this article, and it will likely be darker still when you read it. The coming of winter means the absence of light, and winter is definitely coming. In southern Indiana, we’ve felt a chill that’s often reserved for weeks, if not months, from now. Winter is at our doorstep; the days are getting shorter and colder as we lean away from the sun.

Despite my love of daylight, I readily admit that darkness and the close of day resonate with good gifts—gifts like the comforts of home and family, freshly bathed children snuggling in for a story, evening devotions and bedtime prayers. Darkness is a gift that gives us the opportunity to rest and reset, a gift that prepares us for a new day and the work to come.



Yet, darkness reminds us of other realities too, of moments that are much less comforting. Perhaps it brings to mind nights spent in fervent prayer over a sick child or elderly loved one. Perhaps it harkens back to restless hours filled with worries and fears, loneliness and nightmares that kept us from the peace we had hoped for.

Darkness often carries with it a negative connotation. This was true in biblical times, and it is still true today. From the idioms and allusions we use in daily conversation to the eerie music playing in the background of movie scenes filmed at night, we know darkness has the potential to bring disorder, destruction, and even death.

And if we've read our Bible, we know that dark days and dark nights are coming. **“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars,’ Jesus declares. ‘See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake’”** (Matthew 24:6-9).

Jesus speaks of dark times to be certain, end times. And we are living in them. Yet, God’s Word to us brings comfort and life: **“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”** (John 16:33).

*Even more reassuring? Romans 8:39 reminds us that nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

But what about our own lives? Like the transition into winter, we have dark seasons in our lives too—seasons full of sickness and suffering, periods of difficulty, loss, and grief. Sometimes those seasons befall us through no fault of our own; they are simply the result of sin and suffering in the world. And sometimes these seasons come because we, like the earth itself, are leaning away from the Son.

The Psalmist in Psalm 41 is clearly experiencing a dark season of sickness and suffering. Gravely ill, the Psalmist records the reactions of others: **“My enemies say of me in malice, ‘When will he die, and his name perish?’ ... All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, ‘A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies’”** (41:5,7-8).

To make dark matters even worse, it seems his close friend has also betrayed him. (41:9) Yet, despite these dark times, God’s Word speaks life and truth. The Psalmist declares his hope as he clings to the light of Christ. **“In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive”** (41:1b-2a).

How can he declare this truth so boldly? Because he knows that even in darkness, we are blessed For Life.

The devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh are at work to turn us toward the darkness, but we were made for light and life. God’s Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation. May we, like the Psalmist, cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope. **“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen”** (Psalm 41:13).

**Reminder about inclement weather and church functions:** Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT!**

**PIZZA DINNER!**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS!**

**ON APRIL 10, 2023!**

**THE DINNER BEGINS AT 5:00PM.**

You don't need to bring anything, unless you have a favorite game you want to share! Otherwise just yourselves!

This way, you can come from work  
and have dinner served!

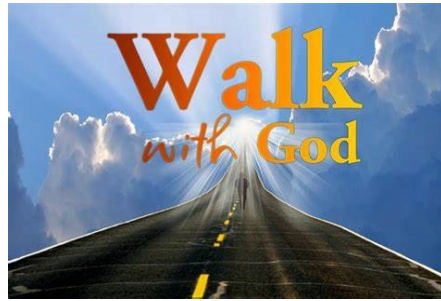
The best part our little ones can come,  
Have dinner, enjoy themselves  
and get home in time for bed for the  
next day's school and be fully alert!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

calendar

**WHEN WE HAVE GOD'S WISDOM,  
WE WILL SHOW IT IN HOW WE  
LIVE.**

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom” (James 3:13).



**SEEKING THE LORD'S GUIDANCE  
WITH OUR MONEY CAN HELP US  
SET A PROPER COURSE FOR OUR  
SEEKING THE LORD'S GUIDANCE**

**WITH OUR MONEY CAN HELP US  
SET A PROPER COURSE FOR OUR  
SPENDING, SAVING, AND GIVING.**



**AS CHRISTIANS, WE TRUST IN THE  
WISDOM OF GOD, NOT IN OUR OWN  
WISDOM.**

“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left” (Isaiah 30:21).



**WE LIVE BY FAITH IN JESUS, WHO  
GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US AND CAME  
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE A FULL  
LIFE.**

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10b).



## Stewardship Corner

We live in a world that is ever changing, chaotic, sinful, and evil. All people who live outside of a relationship with Jesus follow the wisdom of the world, which *"is folly with God"* (1 Corinthians 3:19). Through the in-dwelling work of the Holy Spirit, we seek to follow God's wisdom. God's wisdom is from God, and it honors Him. As God's people, we view life from His perspective, and we strive to please Him rather than ourselves. When we walk in the fear of the Lord and live accordingly, we will rely on God's wisdom in the matters of everyday living and make whatever changes need to be made in light of God's Word. We are still sinful people, but, as forgiven people, we know that God is always with us, grants us His wisdom, guidance, and protection.

*A Christian steward does not dedicate his time, talent, and treasure that they may become God's, but because they are God's.*



**DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE** On the Sundays of March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

**PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY:** Just as we took pictures on March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will continue with pictures on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** will reconvene Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will continue the following Tuesdays of April (4/18 and 4/25).

**YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** for April will be held on Sunday's, 4/16 and 4/30 at 9:30 a.m.

**POTLUCK:** will be held April 16th, right after services. Always lots of food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

**FAMILY NIGHT:** for April will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the 10th. Bring a friend(s) for games, fun and pizza!

**FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS:** The Family Receipts are no longer being collected due to the program being cancelled.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!:** Adopt-A-Highway starts again for 2023. The first pick up will be Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the church. In case of rain, we will meet right after church service on the following day, the 30th.



Jim Hatfield~1st  
Mike Shields~1st  
Alyssa Wohn~2nd  
Joyce Kalicki~3rd  
Kristie Wilkens~4th  
Egon Lund~10th  
Caroline Belt~14th  
Ruby Hartman~19th  
Nicholas Wilkens~19th  
Elaine Jansen~28th

### Anniversaries

Mike & Joyce Kalicki~12th  
Ken & Sharon Hopkins~22nd

**Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: Members: Friends:** Ethel Stevenson, Evelyn Albright, Bill Burrick, Dave Sabin

**Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: Members: Friends:** Chris Flores


**Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members:** Dave Lauria, Pete Albright, Bill Woodman, Sharon Hopkins **Friends:**

**Those with health concerns: Members:** Terry Tody, Alyssa Wohn, Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker **Friends:** Reggie Riske, Kim Mendoza, Karen Sperry

**Those diagnose with Cancer: Members:** Dave Lauria, Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, **Friends:** Don Kernstock

### In Military Service

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	<b>Dollie Adolph Jean Wittig</b>
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### PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer request forms are available either in the Narthex on the podium by the guest book or in the office on the secretary's desk. If you need a prayer by

Pastor that day, you can give your completed prayer request form to one of the elders or ushers and ask that it be given to Pastor before worship. If your prayer request isn't needed until later in the week, you can place it in the offering plate or place it on the secretary's desk in the office.

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#### Michigan Veterans Homes - Grand Rapids

Kenneth Hopkins

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