

Our Family

Hope Lutheran Monthly Newsletter

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From the Pastor

The worship service on Pentecost Sunday was a bit of a milestone for me; it was the first time I had held a confirmation service since my ordination nearly three years ago. There have been a few adults whom I have confirmed, but they have thus far forgone a formal induction service. The Russell triplets, therefore, are the first confirmands I have had the privilege of both instructing and inducting in a worship service.

It also felt like a milestone for the whole congregation, not just me. Quite a few people in the pews remember the triplets as newborns and most of the congregation have watched them grow up. But confirmation is not the end for the Russell girls; nor is confirmation simply a “graduation” for any believer. Confirmation is meant to prepare you for a life of faith and service as a participant in God’s Church on Earth.

Moving forward in the faith, the Russell girls and the Novakovics boys recently formed a youth group at Hope Lutheran Church. Emily Russell’s debriefing of what the five of them have thus far decided appears below in this newsletter. Essentially, these youth enjoyed coming together in fellowship following confirmation classes and decided to keep the camaraderie going. I am proud of them for taking this step and I will be supporting the group as an advisor... and once we assemble

the foosball table together, I will be the resident foosball champ. (Just try and stop me, kids!)

Our youth are moving forward and making plans for the future, and it does the heart good knowing there is a future for our congregation, by the grace of God. It is God who abides with us in good and bad. We depend on Him and He is faithful to us. Come what may, the Lord will supply us with His grace and love. This is what He has promised through Christ. Joined to Christ in the holy fellowship of faith, we will always have our Lord by our side guiding us in eternal life. And we need this blessed news as Hope Lutheran faces some hard decisions ahead.

Like the youth, our congregation also must move forward in the faith. There are practical concerns to consider, such as the fact we are a smaller congregation than we used to be pre-pandemic and the fact our finances are projected to fall significantly short of our expenses. However, this is not new news. These things were discussed in the last couple of Congregation Meetings, and they will be major discussion points during our upcoming meeting on June 11. Putting together a comprehensive plan to address the issues we face will take a long time and should have input from everyone within the congregation, but, at the June meeting, we can at least focus on choosing which direction we want to take.

Let us continue looking forward to our hope in Christ by building on our congregation of Hope.

We know our Lord will guard and protect us, so we trust that He will guide us as we do our best to extend His ministry in Victoria. Thusly we may deal with the practical matters of the congregation regarding finances, property, and outreach.

The Parish Planning Council has run through a few different possibilities for the congregation to consider and has gathered some preliminary information on some options for us. Some options presented thus far have included: selling our building and moving elsewhere, selling the parking lot to developers, and having our property redeveloped into an apartment complex with our church on the ground floor (similar to Redeemer Lutheran in Langford).

Making a decision on what to do will take some time to digest and much discussion. Therefore, please come to the Congregation Meeting on June 11 and also look for upcoming announcements with more information to discuss our future as a congregation.

God Bless,
Pastor Adam Chandler

With the Joy of His Salvation

On reading a devotion from Daily Bread, it was a reminder that each day is a gift from God, and we are to be satisfied with the gifts of each day. In other words, we are like the flowers in the meadow, here for only a short time, as part of God's plan to do His will and proclaim the salvation given to us through Jesus to people around us. The difference being that even though we are on earth for a short time, Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection promise us eternal life.

God has given us all we need to share the joyful message in the Gospel. He lays out work before us, each day, that we are to do. And we are to do this work with joy.

As parents and caregivers, we are given children to raise in the Word and to teach about God's daily care for us.

As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are to support others, using the gifts that we are given to spread the joy of His love.

The theme of the concert on June 10th is "Love" and the donations gathered from this musical offering, together with other donations, will help us care for our youth by supporting their trip to the summer Youth Gathering.

John 3:16 is an important verse to remember as it tells us about God's love for His children. "I am with you always", is the depth of commitment of Jesus's love for us, without end. Jesus's New Testament commandment is to "love one another". The Scripture verse, "of faith, hope and charity, the greatest of these is love", continues this powerful message.

One of Hope's congregational joys is having a shepherding Pastor who is solid in his knowledge and sharing of God's Word. And we are thankful and keep him in our prayers. We are also joyful in having members continuing the work of our Lord here and beyond our own community.

God's love is not to be hidden away, "like a lamp under a bushel," but to be set in the open for all to see. We are to use His ways to care for those who need it. God's love is designed to bring joy to His people.

Dear God , thank you for your love; thank you for Jesus Christ. Thank you for your gift of Joy spoken through your Word!

Your sister in Christ,
Louise

Musical Notes



On Saturday, June 10th at 2 pm, the Belle Voci choir and our Chime choir will be providing a musical programme, in conjunction with the Youth of our congregation who are hosting a Tea.

Please come out, one and all to celebrate music, song, community, our youth, and our musicians!

Both the Belle Voci choir and the Chime choir will break for July and August, and we all look forward to a new season of music when we reconvene. New members are always welcome!

Blessings,
Barbara G

New Youth Group at Hope!

We have formed a Youth Group! It consists of Fisher Novakovics (President), Rachel Russell (Vice-President/Secretary), Emily Russell (Youth Liaison), and Jade Russell and Milo Novakovics (Treasurers).

Anybody age 12-19 is welcome to join!

We plan to have a few events over the summer. Dates for these events will be announced in the near future.

Emily Russell

Christ Be My Leader (LSB 861)

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

(Timothy Dudley Smith ©1964)

Congratulations To Our Confirmands!

After two years of classes led by Pastor Chandler, Hope Lutheran celebrated the confirmation of Jade, Emily, and Rachel Russell on Confirmation Sunday—May 28—which was also Pentecost Sunday.

It was a marvelous blessing to witness these three lovely girls confess their faith and receive the body and blood of Christ in communion with fellow church members. The nerves and excitement on the occasion made for a joyful celebration, especially after the service as cake and coffee were served and photos were taken. What a great gift to us all!

Congratulations on your confirmation, Jade, Emily, and Rachel; we pray that this experience will serve as a foundation for an ever-growing faith throughout your lives.





LWMLC Seminar



*” They may be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”
Isaiah 61:3*

Members of the Congregation, Friends, and Community are invited to the Oaks of Righteousness Seminar to be held on Saturday, June 10th.

In this seminar we will dig into Isaiah 61:1-3, discovering how God uses everything in our lives to make us into His people and to fulfill His plan and purpose for us. Come and learn of God’s wonderful exchange, how creation depicts the glory of God, and how the Bible exemplifies the strength of an oak.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 1924 Carrick St., Victoria, BC

When: June 10, 9:00- 9:30 (fellowship),
10:30 am (seminar starts)

Cheesecake Café

Members and friends are invited to an afternoon of great live music and tasty treats on Saturday, June 10th.

Come and meet our youths who will be serving cheesecake and a cup of coffee or tea. Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting their upcoming trip to Grand Forks to attend the Impact Youth Gathering.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 1924 Carrick St., Victoria, BC

When: 2:00 pm

Donuts with Dad

Come celebrate Father’s Day with us on Sunday, June 18th. After worship, have a donut and coffee or tea with Dad (in person or in spirit)!

Lunch and Learn

Women of the church and the community are invited to the Lunch and Learn on June 22nd. This will be our last meeting until September. Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 1924 Carrick St., Victoria, BC

When: Thursday, June 22nd

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Devotion

The devotion topic will be part 2 of “Fundraising and the Church” led by Pastor Chandler.

Did you know...

Thirty years ago, on June 20, 1993, in Edmonton, Alberta, we were declared Lutheran Women’s Missionary League – Canada! The Lord has certainly blessed us and worked through us to fulfill our motto: “Called to Serve” (Deuteronomy 10:12).

In celebration, LWML-C has launched a booklet: 30/30/30 – 30 Promises, 30 Minutes, 30 Days. You can use it to spend 30 minutes a day on 30 promises of God (one per day) over 30 days. This booklet is available online from the website (https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/30-30-30-promises-booklet_230513.pdf)

*God’s Blessing to everyone
with June birthdays!*

Children's Corner and for those Young at Heart

Another great big word of love

In the Bible we hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus and all He has done for us. We hear about how He has saved us from our sins through His perfect life, death and resurrection. What you may not know is how the Holy Spirit fits into the picture. "Sanctification" (pronounced sank-ti-fi-KAY-shun) is the word used by the Church to describe this.



What does "sanctification" mean?

"Sanctification" comes from the root word "sanctify" which means "to make holy." The Holy Spirit sanctifies, or makes us to do good works. All of this He does for us through the wonderful Gospel, and the Gospel can be found all wrapped up in the Word and Sacraments. Wow! The Holy Spirit is really at work in our lives!



Our Savior paid the price, and the Holy Spirit delivers the gifts! What a great combination and promise. Before or after the service, visit the baptismal font with your children and remind them that this is where the work of sanctification began. In Baptism we are washed clean and made holy before God

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Father's Day Word Scramble








*"The righteous who walks in his integrity—
blessed are his children after him."*

Proverbs 20:7 (ESV)

- ADD _____
- RNIGAC _____
- LOER DOLEM _____
- NUYFN _____
- OILGVN _____
- TOPTOCRER _____
- HAFTRE _____
- APPA _____
- ROEH _____
- PYRTOS _____
- POTSVERUPI _____
- NIISPIRNG _____

DAD	CARING	INSPIRING	FUNNY
FATHER	PROTECTOR	SUPPORTIVE	SPORTY
LOVING	PAPA	ROLE MODEL	HERO



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
28 Pentecost Sunday Worship 10:30am	29 12:30pm Devotion	30 10:00am Bible Study	31	1 1:00pm Sewing Group 3:00pm Belle Voci	2	3  Barbara
4 Holy Trinity Sunday Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am  Bruce	5 12:30pm Devotion	6 10:00am Bible Study  Trish Christian Noah	7	8 1:00pm Sewing Group 3:00pm Belle Voci	9	10 9:30 am Oaks of Righteousness Seminar 2:00pm Cheesecake Café & Music
11 2 nd Sunday a Pentecost Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am <i>Congregation Meeting</i>	12 12:30pm Devotion	13 10:00am Bible Study  Jessica Gardiner	14	15 1:00pm Sewing Group 3:00pm Belle Voci	16	17 3:00pm Chimes Rehearsal
18 3 rd Sunday a Pentecost Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am 	19 12:30pm Devotion	20 10:00am Bible Study  Paul S Mario	21	22 12:00 pm LWML Lunch & Learn 3:00pm Belle Voci	23	24 3:00pm Chimes Rehearsal
25 4 th Sunday a Pentecost Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am	26 12:30pm Devotion	27 10:00am Bible Study  Louise	28  Susan	29 3:00pm Belle Voci	30 Youths off to Impact Youth Gathering  Connor Damian	1 
	Notes	ELDERS: Michael Rumsch (250-588-0776) Bert Weiss (250-382-2612) Fred Smale (250-652-9396) Elder of the Month: Fred Smale		Altar Guild: Deborah Gruben Theodora Henry Eleanor Murdoch Louise Rushton		

Prayer Calendar



June 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1 Lord, thank you for the LWMLC. Read our Theme Verse Deuteronomy 10:12.</p>	<p>2 Holy Spirit, be with our society members.</p>	<p>3 Dear God, thank you for the opportunities to gather around your Word.</p>
<p>4 Thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Pastors who have served and do serve as councilors.</p>	<p>5 Lord, bless the mission grants recipients with strength and peace to stay focused on You.</p>	<p>6 Gracious Lord, bless the leadership in our society and zone.</p>	<p>7 Lord, thank you for zone fellowship. Give \$1 for each zone you can name in LWML-C.</p>	<p>8 Gracious God, thank you for the enthusiasm of committee members who willingly serve.</p>	<p>9 Dear Lord, help me to show Your love today.</p>	<p>10 Lord bless the ABC and Laurentian District seminars Oaks of Righteousness as they meet.</p>
<p>11 Lord may any who are affected by the mission grants, recognize Your Love for them.</p>	<p>12 Giving Lord, grant us strength to stay the course and share your loving Gospel.</p>	<p>13 Dearest Lord, thank you for the opportunity to gather mites.</p>	<p>14 Lord thanks we can reach around the world. Give \$2 for each language you can say hello.</p>	<p>15 Thank you for all willing to serve on National Board of Directors, zones, and societies.</p>	<p>16 Dearest Holy Spirit, grant openings for us to share Jesus' story.</p>	<p>17 We approach our next triennium, Holy Spirit. May leaders accept the call to serve.</p>
<p>18 Holy Spirit, lead us to see the opportunities to share the <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> love of the Lord.</p>	<p>19 Gracious Saviour, we thank and praise You for Your faithfulness.</p>	<p>20 Dear Loving Lord, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of LWMLC, continue to be with us.</p>	<p>21 Lord, thanks for LWMLC Presidents. Give \$1 for each (any level) you name (past or present).</p>	<p>22 Holy Spirit, grant Your loving support to our VP of District Administration.</p>	<p>23 Lord Jesus, thanks for the willingness of members of the Christian Growth Committee.</p>	<p>24 Holy Lord, thanks, and praise for those who work on the Mission Grants committee.</p>
<p>25 Dear God, thank you for the sisters who are on the Member Development committee.</p>	<p>26 Thank you, Lord, for those who serve on the Communication committee.</p>	<p>27 Thanks, Lord, for all who serve on administration and financial committees of LWMLC.</p>	<p>28 Lord, thank you for the joy of music. Give \$2 for each Hymn you know with "Praise" in the title.</p>	<p>29 Triune God, may we grow in faith, serve God's people, and share God's Son.</p>	<p>30 Praise, blessing and honour for we are "Called to Serve." Deuteronomy 10:12</p>	
						

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