



Our Family

Hope Lutheran Monthly Newsletter

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Pastor's Message

Summer is coming and it is time to spread the Word of God. Of course, it is always time for us to share the Word with one another. We are encouraged to do so in the scriptures, especially coming together in worship to stir one another up toward love and good works (Heb 10:24-25). The point I am trying to make is: we can take the opportunity of more people being out and about during summer to spread God's Word to those outside our congregation.

Sometimes we get discouraged when we are confronted about sharing our Lord with others. A number of people have told me that they do not feel confident in what they should say in faith-based conversations, even after I encourage them that the Holy Spirit will guide them in the talking (Matt 10:20). But this is why I think moving people to take a relatively indirect approach can help them do their God-given duty of spreading the Word.

For the past few years, I have taken advantage of the little libraries all over the place in our communities to place "Simple Explanation" booklets that people might pick up and read in order to learn more about the Christian faith. During May, I then encouraged members to grab Bibles available in the narthex at church to distribute to the little libraries around them. This spreads the Word of God, and contributes to your exercise regimen.

You can help inform people about Christ by placing Bibles where they need to be. However, the reason why Christ tells us to speak to others is so the people may have a real person sharing what Christ means to them. That is lost in the indirect approach. To

regain the personal touch, you can always place your personally penned messages in the Bibles you distribute. These can be testimonies of the importance of Christ in your life, a prayer for the person finding the Bible, or a reflection on a scriptural passage that means a lot to you. God calls human beings to spread His Word for a reason. We are meant to be involved in some way in other people's lives.

This is also why I have sat out on the church's lawn and at a couple parks around Victoria with signs the past few summers. I am there in the midst of people to talk with them about Christ. If you are curious or inspired to do this for yourself, you can either join me this summer or go out on your own to have a visible sign of Christ to invite people to talk with you.

Our goal is to have as many people enlivened by Christ as possible. We want as much company in heaven as we can. Whether directly or indirectly, we should spread the Word of God that all might be saved and come into Christ.

God bless,
Pastor Adam Chandler



Music Notes



Hope Lutheran Church presents.....

Repose... 

30 minutes of relaxing song All welcome!!!

“Songs of Summer!”

Saturday June 21st, 3 pm

1924 Carrick Street

Featuring Belle Voci Community Choir and Hope Lutheran Chimers !!!



All are welcome to come and enjoy “Songs of Summer” presented by the Belle Voci and the Chimers.

Blessings to all,
Barb

As Our Father in Heaven

A wise man builds his house upon the rock; the storms cannot bring it down.

When we build our home, our life, on Jesus Christ, our Saviour, we are building our life on the rock, the solid Rock of Christ.

It is when we build our home (our lives) on sand, that is, rely only on our own resources, eventually, it falls because we have not put our trust in God.

Jesus was born as man (and Son of God), into a home whom the head of the household, His earthly father, was Joseph, a carpenter. Joseph was a successful carpenter who was able to support his wife and his sons and daughters, including Jesus, providing a home for them in Nazareth. Joseph would have taught his sons about building, be it furniture or a home, by showing them the right supplies and methods to use.

Likewise, God, Our Father, through His Son, Jesus, teaches us to build our lives with the right materials, such as using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He provides a manual for living, the Bible. Most importantly, He gives us clear instructions to follow His Son, Jesus.

When we follow Him, He will lead us. He will show us how to build our lives on solid ground, on Him, our Rock.

Even when we build our homes on the sand, because of our sinfulness, as baptized children of God, Jesus will show us a better way. He will show us The Way. For, He is our Rock. He is our foundation. He is our shelter in the storms of life. And, He, through His sacrifice and forgiveness, will lead us to our final home, with Him.

Blessed Father's Day to all who exemplify and encourage the Way to follow, to our children.

In Christ,
Louise



The family of Petra Hrasky (nee Wabersky). May the Lord grant you strength and peace during this difficult time.

Some Thoughts on Lifestyle

In capitalist North-America your success in life seems to be measured by how much money you make or have stashed away in various investments.

According to the December 2024 issue of Maclean's, we now have forty billionaires in Canada who are worth between 3 and 90 billions each, and probably quite a few more who "only" have one or two billions each.

While being or getting rich is not necessarily sinful in itself, the lust for money and flouting a luxurious lifestyle are. Jesus warns "how difficult it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom" (Mark 10:23) – it depends on what the rich do with their wealth. Among the forty cited above, there are two extremes: While one offers a glimpse of his deluxe lifestyle on Instagram, another (Jim Patterson, 96) gives "a tenth of his income to charity" ...The others are not saying what they do.

Just think IF the above billionaires somehow contribute just one percent of their wealth to attack Canada's social problems by, for instance, helping out indebted municipalities and school boards, not to mention health care and neglected infrastructure. Rather than spending millions on flying into space, our problems on earth could be fixed or at least attacked much sooner and more effectively. However, short of imposing and enforcing stiffer taxation, that won't happen in this culture of "more is better".

Looking at lifestyles in general – you and I and millions of ordinary Canadians – all we want and need is enough to lead a peaceful life with sufficient income to house and feed the family

and put something aside for a rainy day. Beyond that as Christians we are not to worry (Phil 4:6).

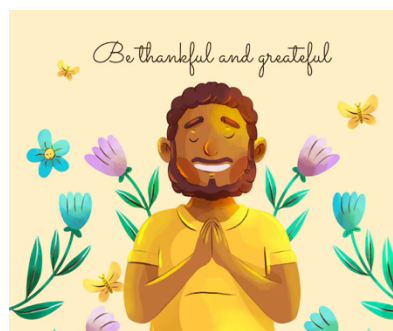
While wealth is usually expressed in money terms, lifestyle is demonstrated here by possessions: having a yacht, personal helicopter, fancy cars, and of course a flashy residence several beds and bathrooms, a swimming pool, and all the latest appliances and security measures. Few actually have these things, but many aspire to having them or something similar on a lower scale. Compare that to the belongings of the average Third World resident: a tent or shack with the bare basics for the family that fits into a shoulder bag each – and even that may be stolen...

That sure brings up the philosophical question: Is bigger/more really better? Depends on whom you ask...Christians are expected to be "content with what you have" (Hebrews 13:5).

We are so fortunate to live in a large, rich and peaceful land – just 40 million in almost ten million square kilometres – compared to for instance India, with barely one third the area but 1.4 billion people! Such population densities are hard to govern and provide for, as witnessed in their lowly lifestyle. Even our homeless are often better off, with many services provided.

Let us give thanks to the Lord every day and try to help those in need.

Paul



Picture Board

Steven Ingstrup has kindly volunteered to update the picture board. He will have a camera ready to snap your picture for the board on Sundays during the next month or two. So bring on your best smiles!



PPC Email

Yeah! Your PPC now have an email address. Please send your comments and questions to the new PPC email address: helc.ppc@shaw.ca Of course you can also speak directly to any of the PPC members any time. The email will be monitored by Theo Henry and redirected to the appropriate person or Board.

Space Rentals

Living Hope, who has been renting the basement hall, on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, have agreed to sign the new rental agreement. It has been sent to their head office to be signed by the proper church authorities. Our new renter, Park Lane Preschool, has signed a rental agreement to rent the hall on weekdays.

It is vital that anyone planning to use the Church Hall checks with the PPC for availability and to ensure that the renters are notified, as needed. The Church Hall will continue to be available to us at any time, for the occasional special event like a funeral, as well as on Saturdays and after 4 pm on weekdays. The preschool will generally stay set up Monday-Friday, but they are required to put everything away to accommodate any

event we may inform them of. This also means that we will need to put everything away after our events.

With the preschool starting in September, we will have some changes in the usage of the basement hall. For example, the west meeting room where bible studies, sewing and LWML lunch and learn are held, regular access will be via the outside door or through the sanctuary and down the front stairwell. Please note that when the basement door is opened, while the preschool is in session, a “chime” will sound. This is expected; we can ignore it. The sound simply notifies the staff that the door has been opened so that they can check that it is not a child opening the door. The kitchen will be a shared space. We will have access to it however, during the week when the children are in the building, anyone regularly accessing the kitchen will require a criminal record check. Kristin, owner of Park Lane Preschool, will provide a letter for anyone requiring a record check. The letter can be taken to the Police Department to have a free record check done.

A fenced-in play area has been put up on the front lawn. The fencing is temporary for now, until the preschool is well established. The play area will still be accessible for lawn cutting.

Living Hope will, as per the rental agreement, be responsible for setting up and taking down their equipment as well as the tables and chairs they use on Sundays. They are responsible for putting everything away in the designated storage areas each Sunday.

With these two renters, we will have some period of adjustment to figure out logistics and where things will be stored and how. The PPC

asks you all to be patient as we work things out. If you have any comments or questions, please direct them to the PPC either in person or by email to the PPC email (helc.ppc@shaw.ca)



Recognition Potluck Lunch

Pastor Adam Chandler is reaching his 5 years of service here at Hope. We are planning a Recognition Potluck Lunch for him on Sunday, September 7, 2025. We are truly blessed and thankful with his presence and pastoral services. Please mark it in your calendar and join us in the celebration.

Looking for a place to serve?

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Volunteers are a vital part of our church community. God has given each of us unique gifts and abilities, and there are many different ways to serve. Here is a short list of areas you may be well suited for (on Sundays):

- Acolyte
- Taking up the offering
- Helping with communion distribution
- Ushering
- Teller
- Sound System
- Projection of slide show
- Reader
- Making coffee for fellowship
- Altar guild (preparing for communion)

If you would like to help out in any of these areas please let Michael Rumsch, Board of Lay Ministry know. Thank you.

Many thanks you to all who are already giving their time and talents!

Peace Lutheran Celebrates



The members of Peace Lutheran Church cordially invites you to join them in celebrating the 65th Anniversary of their church on June 21st and 22nd. On Saturday, June 21st there will be a service at 3:00 pm with Rev. Dr. John Nunes as a guest speaker and at 5:00 pm an Anniversary Dinner Banquet. Banquet price is \$45. RSVP by June 1st to Louise White. Details of the event can be found on the bulletin board.

Vancouver Island Circuit Picnic



Join in the fun and fellowship at the Vancouver Island Circuit Picnic on July 12th at Parksville Community Park, Cornfield St N and Island Hwy East.

Bring your own picnic lunch, chairs, hat and water bottles, etc. There will be games, fellowship, light snack and extra water.

More information can be found on the bulletin board.

Contact Sonja Bland at sonjabland@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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LWML June Prayer Calendar is available at:

<https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/June-2025-Calendar.pdf>

LWML News



What a joyful time we shared at the LWMLC Zone Spring Rally with our sisters in Christ across Vancouver Island on May 3.



At our gathering we learned valuable insights into the lives of the Saints of Hippos an archeological dig in Israel from Rev Stephen Chambers, as well as snapshots into the daily lives of people fleeing domestic abuse, both adults and children from Ellen Flood Executive Director of Sage Haven Society Port Alberni.

Pastor Chandler’s bible study stressed the importance of running life’s marathon with our heads up and eyes focused on Christ. Through Word and Sacrament we will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory; the very backbone message of LWMLC.

At this Rally we learned valuable information about a NEW Seminar for 2026 titled The Lord is my song.

And received prayer request for our American Sisters who will gather in convention June 21, in Omaha, Nebraska with our own ABC District Vice President Shirley Hearty as our Canadian representative. May God bless this convention with safe travel and pleasing discernment.

As we prepare for a time of respite I would like to encourage you to stay the course God has prepared for you and as you do sing to Him a new song with grateful hearts

My favorite thing about LWML is the fellowship and sisterhood in Christ with all the lovely ladies, either in the car rides, over lunch meals or sharing hotel rooms God has blessed us with a unique opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

In His Service
Deborah




Ps Enjoy your summer! Remember the 3 Rs of Vacation Rest Relax and Return. See you all in September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7 th Sunday of Easter Worship 10:30 am Lunch with Pastor 12:30 pm	2	3 Bible Study 10:00 am  Barbara Guidetti	4  Bruce Frandsen	5 Belle Voci 3:00 pm	6  Christian Braeunig Noah Patricia Thompson	7 Chimes Rehearsal 3:00 pm
8 Pentecost Sunday Worship 10:30 am 	9	10 Bible Study 10:00 am	11	12 Belle Voci 3:00 pm	13  Jessica Gardiner	14 Chimes Rehearsal 3:00 pm
15 Holy Trinity Sunday Worship 10:30 am 	16	17 Bible Study 10:00 am	18	18 Sewing Circle – Heart Pillows 1:00 pm	20  Fred Smale Mario Guidetti	21 Amica Prayer Service 2:30 pm Repose Recital 3:00 pm 65 th Anniversary, Peace Lutheran Church
22 2 nd Sunday a. Pentecost Worship 10:30 am	23	24 Bible Study 10:00 am	25	26 Lunch & Learn 12:00 pm	27  Louise Rushton	28 Chimes Rehearsal 3:00pm  Susan Theim
29 3 rd Sunday a. Pentecost Worship 10:30 am	30  Connor Starling	1 	2	3	4 	5 Chimes Rehearsal 3:00 pm
	Notes	ELDER: Michael Rumsch (250-588-0776)		Altar Guild: Deborah Gruben Laura Frandsen Theodora Henry Louise Rushton Jade Russell		

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July 2025

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29 3 rd Sunday a. Pentecost Worship 10:30 am	30	1 	2	3	4	5  Mel Klassen
6 4 th Sunday a. Pentecost Worship 10:30 am	7 Pastor on vacation July 7 to August 6/7	8  Margaret Scherly	9	10	11 \	12 Circuit Picnic, Parksville
13 5 th Sunday a. Pentecost Worship 10:30 am Lay Service	14	15	16  Paul Loofs	17	18	19
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