

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY, 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WOODS



Dear Fellow Redeemed,

There is a small fountain outside the kitchen window of our house. Every spring we drain the fountain, fill it with fresh water, put a water lily in it and enjoy watching it produce white blossoms along with large green leaves which frogs like to sit on. In the fall the plant dies and I throw it away and replace it with a new one in the spring.

Last fall I never got around to throwing the water lily out and when I went to do so this spring it had predictably turned into a disgusting bunch of organic mush. As I was putting on gloves to handle the mush, I noticed signs of life in it so I gladly put away the gloves and decided to let nature take its course. Now it has produced a brand new plant with large green leaves and a beautiful blossom. We're looking for new frogs to appear any day.

Our God, who created order out of chaos and life out of inanimate chemical elements also re-creates life out of death. He re-created life in the bloody, dead body of His Son and raised Him up as the firstborn of many brothers. He re-creates new life in us every time we repent of our sins and He purifies us with His forgiveness. And one day after we have all returned to dust he will re-create us as new and perfect beings who will dwell with him eternally.

Blessings,

Pastor Woods

### Sunday Services

9 AM Adult Bible Study  
10 AM Worship Service  
1st & 3rd Sundays—  
communion



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## PLAYGROUND

The pre-school playground project will begin soon. Hope will be paying for the new “ties”, the special playground mulch, and the labor for the base construction which will then be 30’ X 30’ X 12” deep.

The pre-school will have the new playground equipment assembled and also have a fence installed before school begins in September.

God  
Bless  
America

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## JULY SERVER'S LIST

If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a replacement and let Dawn know. Thank you for serving.

Date	Music	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Reader	Sermon/PP
July 07	Pearl	Greg	Marge & Glenda	Greg	Dawn
July 14	Pearl	None	Ruth & Ruth	Lori	Dawn
July 21	Beth	Becky	Karol & Joe	Becky	Dan
July 28	Beth	None	Larry & Chris	Andy	Dan

A FAREWELL SUMMER PICNIC

TO HONOR  
**Pastor & Karen  
Woods**

AUGUST 18  
SUNDAY

AFTER WORSHIP  
SERVICE

PLEASE CHECK HOPE HAPPENINGS WEEKLY  
EMAILS FOR UPDATES

“From what we get, we can make a living. What we give; however, makes a life.” — Arthur Ashe

## SUMMER SNACK THANK YOU



The numbers are in! Hope's generosity once again exceeded expectations to help children in Cleveland who do not have easy access to food in the summer.

Hope's members and friends donated 30 boxes of graham crackers, 15 family sized Goldfish cracker bags, 84 snack sized Goldfish cracker snacks, and 222 granola bars!

Thank you to all who contributed food and money to purchase snacks and make a difference in the lives of children at Redeemer Crisis Center on the west side.



Alyssa G.	4
Dave K.	4
Lynn A.	12
Beckett F.	12
Ruth G.	17
Erica S.	20
Melissa B.	21
Chuck N.	29
Gideon B.	31
Nikki S.	31

## WELCOME TO PASTOR ESALA



It was a joy to welcome our future pastor and his wife, Rev. and Celia Esala, to Hope recently.

Pastor Esala led a wonderfully interesting adult Bible study and led worship, too.

We look forward to seeing a lot more of the Esalas before too long!

### Church Council Meeting

Thursday, August 8 at 7 p.m.

If you have any agenda items for the council to discuss, please see Dan C. or email him at [dcolemansr@windstream.net](mailto:dcolemansr@windstream.net)



Do you have an event you are planning at Hope? Please be sure to

let Dawn know details of your event.

She will add it onto the new master calendar located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

The welcome tablecloth and sign are located on top of the filing cabinets in the office and are available for all church events.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

In June the Sunday School classes learned about Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Students also learned about how Pentecost is known as the beginning of the church.

This spring it has been fun to take a deeper look into the events following the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Please note: there is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JULY.



## ADVENTURE CAMP—HCNS

Hope Christian Nursery School held an adventure camp for two weeks in June for preschool aged children. Students enjoyed activities having to do with camping, nature, lemonade, ice cream, the beach, as well as water play.

HCNS still has a few openings for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Preschool Director, Jen Lynagh, for more info [Jennifer@Lynagh.com](mailto:Jennifer@Lynagh.com)



## BOARD OF PROPERTY

The board of property has a number of projects this summer that have been completed or will be completed by the end of August.

All of the light bulbs in the outside church sign have been replaced as a number were burned out and one of the outside spot light directed toward the church is in the process of being repaired. LED bulbs will replace the old incandescents in both spot lights. We are seeking a younger congregational member who stays up past 10:00 pm, when it is dark, to drive by and tell us how the LED lighting looks on the building.

The church windows will be cleaned in late July and the floors in the fellowship hall refinished and the carpeting cleaned in mid August.

During the kitchen cleanup the collection of glass flower vases and cookie trays that has been accumulating were determined to be redundant (a great word!). If you wish to claim your vase or tray...or just take one...they have been placed on a table in the hallway off the narthex. The items will remain there for a few weeks after which we will donate them to the VOA or Redeemer.



*"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.*

## AND THERE'S MORE . . . BOARD OF PROPERTY

### Interior Painting Project

The painting was completed the week of June 23rd. The fellowship hall and the hallways to the narthex doors were painted a light gray with a contrasting darker gray on the doors and frames. The kitchen received a fresh coat of its present color and a fresh coat of white paint was also applied to the closet area in the narthex. Thank you to Jen and the pre-school staff and to Mary S., representing Hope, for taking the time to select the colors. They look great!



### Sanctuary Roof Repair

Earlier this year we noticed a leak in the sanctuary ceiling and contacted two roofing companies that are installers for the clay tile manufacturer of our present roofing material. Both companies inspected the roof using drones to take photographs (the marvels of technology!) to determine what might need to be done.

The estimates to replace the tile and flashing in the areas that appear to need repair is approximately \$12,500.00. A second option was to lift and replace ALL the tiles and address/repair any problem areas. That cost would be \$83,900.00. A third option would be to remove all the tiles and replace the roof with asphalt shingles. Council members discussed the options and agreed that the third...replacing the old tile with shingles...would be the best as just doing repairs would correct those visible problem areas but may not fix the leak.



Also, more problems could surface in the future with broken or cracked tiles causing additional leaks. We received several quotes for the asphalt shingles and have contracted the project to A & B Roofing out of Twinsburg. The cost of the new roof, complete with ice guard protection to cover the whole roof area, new flashing where required, and soffit repair will be \$30,000.00. The project is scheduled to begin on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

*"If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great." — Tom Hanks*

## BIRTHDAY SUNDAY



Celebration coffee hour after church on July 21st for all July Birthdays!

Join us after worship that day to celebrate the blessings we have in one another!



Thank you to Mary S. for helping select a paint color palette for a freshening up of some of the walls at Hope. The church and nurse school are grateful for your keen eye for color!

Thank you to Cheryl T. for organizing Hope's birthday celebrations each month.

Also, thank you to Nikki S. for setting up and cleaning up these celebrations. These ladies make it easy for all of us to enjoy these get togethers after worship!



The **In the Word** bi-weekly **Saturday** study is on a break for the summer. The study will begin again on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The **Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study** is on a break for the summer and will resume in September.

The **Sunday morning adult Bible Study** meets at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The current topic of study is the Book of Matthew.



Confirmation class is on a break for the summer and will resume in September.



Do you have a prayer request on your mind and heart? Prayer requests can be emailed to Hope's church secretary, Dawn, at [dghlc456@gmail.com](mailto:dghlc456@gmail.com).

A prayer list is distributed to the congregation each Sunday after worship and prayers remain on the list for one month.

Church news, updates, and reminders are posted several times a week on Hope's website as well as on Hope's Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter) accounts. Be sure to check these resources often to stay up to date.

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