

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER, 2024

WELCOME TO PASTOR ESALA



Help us warmly welcome Hope's new pastor, the Rev. Dan Esala as he begins his ministry on September 1st.

Pastor Esala will lead the adult Bible study each Sunday beginning that day. We are excited to continue to spread the Good News under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Esala!

Beginning in September, new text versions of the sermon each week will no longer be posted on Hope's website. Audio recordings of new weekly sermons will be available typically by Monday morning.

Audio recordings of weekly sermons can be found here: [Audio Sermons - Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, OH \(hlcaurora.org\)](https://www.hlcaurora.org/audio-sermons)

An archive of previous text versions of sermons prior to September 1st will remain on the website.

September Memory Challenge Passage

Psalm 116:1&2

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Sunday Services

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



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SEPTEMBER 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	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Communion	Sermon/PP
Sept. 1	Lori	Cheryl		Marge & Glenda	Becky	Becky	Dawn
Sept. 08	Lori	None	Deacon	Ruth & Ruth	Bob	None	Dawn
Sept. 15	Lori	Chris	Drew	Karol	Chris	Becky Beverly	Dan
Sept. 22	Lori	None	Hank	Larry & Chris	Karol	None	Dan
Sept. 29	Lori	None	Beckett	Fred & Sheila	Andy	None	Dan

Join this year's retreat for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) being held on September 28th at Jordan Creek Lake Metro Park in Concord Township from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The retreat this year will focus on God's Gift of Rest and will include a Bible study, guest speaker, walk, singing, craft, games, and more. Cost is \$25 per person.

LWML's Fall Retreat

- September 28th from 8 am to 3 pm
- at Jordon Creek Lake Metro Park.
- \$ 25 a person includes breakfast, snacks and a light lunch.
- More information and Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in church hallway.

Contact Jeanne Schimmelman at 440-943-5497 or jjj3shim@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Coming in October: Hope will be collecting gently used infant and toddler toys for the Babies' Care Cupboard at Redeemer Crisis Center on the near west side of Cleveland. Watch the October newsletter for more information.

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

FAREWELL, PASTOR AND KAREN



- Becky B. 14
- Kayla G. 15
- Jacob C. 24
- Joshua C. 24
- Allan F. 28
- Olivia K. 29

Thank you to all the current and former members and friends of Hope who joined us at a lovely farewell picnic recently to celebrate the upcoming retirement of our beloved Pastor Woods.

Also, a very special thank you to Dawn G. and Chris S. for all of their hard work and efforts putting together such a special celebration. We wish Pastor and Karen many blessings as they begin this wonderful and restful new chapter in life!



The next church council meeting will be on **Thursday, October 10th at 7 p.m.** If you have any agenda items for the council to discuss, please see Dan C. or mail him at 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.

The Third @ 3



Foster Brown, Naturalist

September 15 - 3 PM

Foster has been with Cleveland Metroparks since 1996. He combines the arts with interpretation in presenting award winning music, storytelling and characterizations to folks of northeast Ohio.

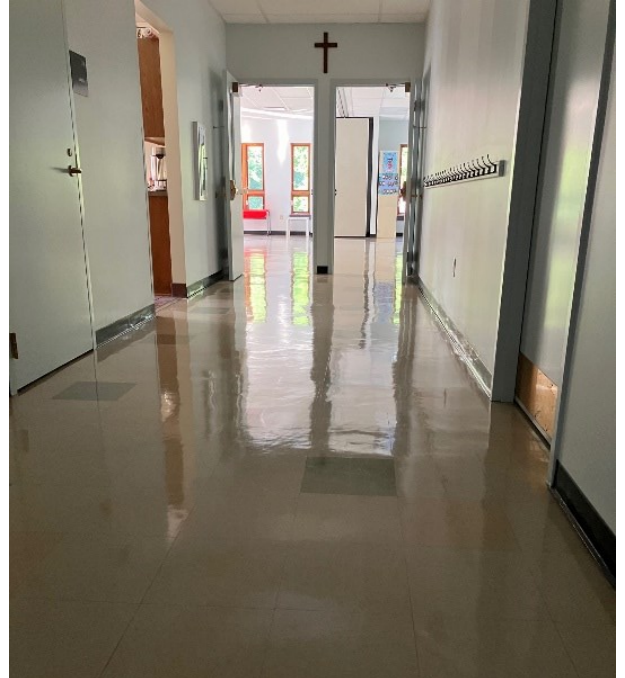


Free
Open to the public



BOARD OF PROPERTY

The board of property has again been busy. The floors in the fellowship hall and hallway have been refinished and the carpeting in the narthex cleaned for the upcoming school year.



In early August we received a donation of 12 cubic yards of wood chips from Larry Heeter owner of Heeter Enterprises of Ravenna. Heeter Enterprises is a tree and landscaping firm and has done work for several members of our Hope congregation. The woodchips have been spread under the pine trees along the edge of the driveway.



The nursery school playground has been on hold waiting for some missing parts that anchor the equipment in place.

The parts are on their way and the project should be completed sometime in September.



CONFIRMATION

Fall Confirmation Class Schedule:

Confirmation class resumes its regular schedule of meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for 45 minutes following worship.

Meeting dates for September are September 8th and September 22nd.



Hope will honor the birthdays of members and friends having September birthdays with a celebration coffee hour after church on September 22nd.

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



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.

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



BIBLE STUDIES

The **In the Word bi-weekly Saturday study** and an examination of the Book of Genesis. Will resume this month. The study takes place at church and new members are welcome at any time.

September meeting dates are 9/14 and 9/28.

9:15 coffee and fellowship; 9:30 small group study; 10:30 Q&A with the pastor.

For more information, please email Karen W. at karenwoods@yahoo.com

The **Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study** is still on break. Check announcements for more info soon.

The **Sunday morning adult Bible Study** meets at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join the study this September as Pastor Esala leads the study on "Discipleship" by Ray Vander Laan.

The study will examine what it means to be a follower of Christ through cultural, historical, and contextual lenses of Scripture.

HCNS

Hope's preschool will welcome students for the new school year beginning September 3rd.

This year a new **Mommy and Me** class will be held for children and their caregivers from ages 12 months to 30 months for 1 hour a week. Please consider keeping all of the students, families, and teachers in your prayers as they transition to new school experiences this year!

For more information about Hope Christian Nurse School contact Preschool Director Jen L. at Jennifer@Lynagh.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes recently discussed how Philip was able to help the Ethiopian understand what the Old Testament scrolls meant and how Jesus fulfilled the prophecy.

Sunday school will be held on September 8th and September 22nd and will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

The Third @ 3 is back starting Sunday, September 15. Come and hear naturalist and singer Foster Brown sing and tell tales about the big outdoors!

We also have local art historian, Felicia Zavarella Stadelman lined up and ready to speak on the art of Dr. Seuss.

Want to pet a snake? See Jungle Terry!

More exciting dates and speakers are coming your way.

Are you following Hope? 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.

Website: hlcaurora.org

Facebook: Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, Ohio

Instagram: [hopelutheranchurchauroraohio](https://www.instagram.com/hopelutheranchurchauroraohio)

Twitter: @HLCAurora

51 LOOKS GOOD!

Congratulations to our very own Andy and Lynn who celebrated 51 years of marriage on August 25.

They were married at the Lutheran church in Twinsburg.



This is Lynn with her mother, Doris Spivey, who was a member of Hope.

