

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST, 2024



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WOODS



Dear Friends,

Well, this is my last month of being your pastor. As retirement looms, I have both positive and negative feelings about it. I suppose I should find it a pleasant thought that I won't have to go to work every day, but since pastoral ministry has been a labor of love for me I fear than I will miss it more than enjoy its absence. I have loved preparing Bible studies and giving sermons and visiting people in hospitals and at their homes. For me, being a part of your lives has been like having many best friends.

People have asked me how I plan to spend my time after I retire. My jocular answer has been that I intend to do absolutely nothing and I can't wait to get to it. The truth is, though, that I'm a little nervous about it. I have always envied people who have a hobby they love: fishing, model railroading, visiting airfields and the like. I have never been able to find one that I have any passion for. I love to read—especially classic novels—but one can only spend so much time in a chair. I imagine I'll have to find some kind of work to do.

So after all is said and done I am going to trust Jesus Christ to reveal to me some way that I can continue to serve Him. He has always done that for me in the past and I am confident He will continue to do so.

I will deeply miss all of you. You are a congregation of people who continually show through your words and actions that you do love the Lord and each other. And I firmly believe that under Pastor Esala's spiritual leadership you will continue to be a blessing to each other and to your community.

In Christ,

Powell

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



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AUGUST 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
	August 04	Lori	Chris	Larry & Chris	Chris	Dan
	August 11	Pearl	None	Fred & Sheila	Karol	Dawn
	August 18	Lori	Paul	Becky	Paul	Dawn
	August 25	Pearl	None	Marge & Glenda	Herb	Dan

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?"

Kyle explained, "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot!"

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Pastor & Karen Woods



AUGUST
18
SUNDAY

AFTER
WORSHIP
SERVICE

**MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE CONFIRM
YOUR ATTENDANCE & SIGN UP FOR DESSERTS
ON THE NARTHEX TABLE**

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday School Update:

Before taking a break for July, the Sunday School classes discussed the many blessings we enjoy in our country.

Children talked about their blessings as well as made a craft in honor of the 4th of July.



Sunday school resumes again on August 11th and will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Thank You

Thank you to Dan C. for faithfully setting up and taking down Hope's welcome table almost every week. Your efforts help keep us all connected are appreciated.

Thank you to Dave B. for trimming the bushes and spreading mulch around Hope's road side sign. The area looks really spruced up!

DATE CHANGE: The next church council meeting will be on Thursday, August 15th 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.



Save the date:

Hope will honor the birthdays of members and friends having August birthdays with a celebration coffee hour after church on August 25th.

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

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Hope has a new roof! Work began on July 24th and was completed by A&B Roofing on the 25th. The roofers were blessed with good weather so there were no holdups. There was some rot in both of the corners of the roof as was suspected so these areas have been repaired since this was the source of the leak.



Thanks to Dan and Dave for digging the trench...or maybe they said they had the trench dug, not sure which.



Additionally, in July, the church windows were cleaned and an outside spotlight was replaced. This spotlight required digging a trench, new wiring, and a post for the light fixture.

You can see the new post and fixture in the second roof picture.

There is a firm date of Thursday August 22nd for the floor refinishing and the carpet cleaning.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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

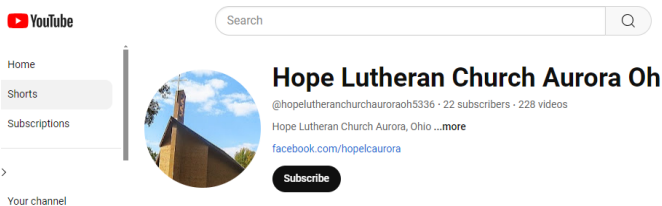
Twitter: @HLCAurora

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



An archive of Hope's recorded audio sermons is available at www.youtube.com/@hopelutheranchurchauroraoh5336.

For easy access, Hope's audio sermons are posted for a month on the website at hlcaurora.org.



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 is on a break for the summer. The study will begin again on Saturday, September 14th. Look for details in upcoming announcements and in the September newsletter.

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. Join in for Pastor Woods' final thought-provoking topic of study: The Reformation and its Relevance for Today's Christian Church.



Fall Confirmation Class Schedule:

Confirmation class is on a break for the summer and will resume its regular schedule of meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after worship beginning September 8th.