

APRIL 2020

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## From the Pastor:

Today, March 20 is spring. The birds seem happy singing their songs, and the squirrels are hopping around being squirrelly. People have to enjoy watching from the house. Life goes on for nature while our lives are put on hold. Every day brings new information and new restrictions. But churches and people also seek ways to help others and not just focus on themselves. Service to others and worship is what the church is about. We must keep checking on one another but not in person. We can still worship, just not the way we want. We know that God makes all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

The crisis too can be used for us to learn to be creative and use these lessons once we can gather again together. Until then we must stay safe. Cling to your faith Your faith is the one thing the Covid-19 virus cannot destroy.

## Church Seasons:

The Church Season of Lent continues until April 11. The season of Easter begins April 12.

*This is the Resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the resurrection in our lives until the Day of Pentecost May 30.*

## Festival Days:

April 5	Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion
April 5 - 11	Holy Week
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 25	St. Mark, Evangelist

## Jewish Holiday:

April 8 Passover Begins

## U.S. Holidays:

April 12	Easter
April 15	Tax Day
April 22	Administrative Day

## Options to Worship With Hope & Grace

### Option 1: Facebook

Sunday worship and midweek Lenten services are available on Facebook, which also has a wealth of content for Hope & Grace. Find services at the web address:

[fb.me/HopeGraceELCA](https://fb.me/HopeGraceELCA)

*You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the information or to watch the video services.*

### Option 2: Hope & Grace Web Page

You can view worship services, find newsletters access, links to Facebook & YouTube, look up contact information. Find our web page at this web address:

[HopeGraceELCA.org](https://HopeGraceELCA.org)

### Option 3: YouTube

You can view Sunday worship and midweek Lenten services videos, but YouTube does not contain other content that is found on Facebook and the website.. Find services this the web address:

[bit.ly/hopegrace](https://bit.ly/hopegrace)

## HOPE & GRACE: TWO CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Even though we cannot worship together in person during this time, we will still stay connected in other ways, especially online. In order to more easily share Pastor Helgren's message with both congregations, Hope and Grace will share a Facebook page and website on which news, worship services, and other information pertaining to our congregations will be posted. Jane Antholz from our congregation and Erin Ebeler from Grace will both be administrators for this page, so please reach out to either of them with information to post.

## STATISTICS

### Average Attendance:

Feb 2020: 41  
Feb 2019: 23

### February:

Offering: \$ 8,174.87  
Expenses: \$ 9,303.14  
Net: (\$ 1,128.27)

More than 600 people watched at least some portion of Pastor's March 22nd sermon

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REJOICE IN THE LORD



## JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK:

Services by Pastor Helgren will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and our web page.

**Palm Sunday**, April 5th, will be posted by 8:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday**, April 9th, will be posted by 7 p.m.

**Good Friday**, April 10th, will be posted by 7 p.m.

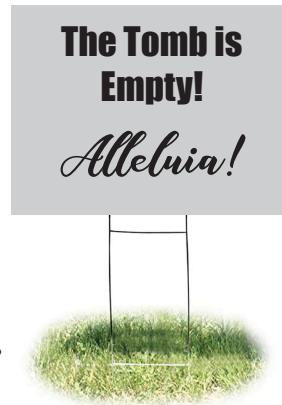
**Easter**, April 12th, will be posted by 6:00 a.m.



## SIGNS FOR EASTER: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

For those interested, the Antholz crew would love to come place a 14"x18" Easter sign in your yard Saturday, so when the dawn breaks Sunday morning you'll see a proclamation of the good news that He is Risen! We will setup the sign, without personal contact, in any interested congregation members yard.

To have a sign placed in your yard, contact Jane Antholz by Friday, April 10 at 402.432.4085 (call or text) or [jantholz@gmail.com](mailto:jantholz@gmail.com)



## OFFERING

*Offering* can be dropped off at any Countryside Bank  
*or* mailed to Hope Lutheran

### Countryside Bank:

- 1) Please place your check or cash in an envelope. Be sure to designate if it is for the General Fund or Lent (Oaks Indian Mission).
- 2) on the outside of the envelope write HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
- 3) go to any Countryside Bank drive-thru or drop box and deposit your offering

### Mail:

- 1) Please place your offering in an envelope. Be sure to designate if it is for the General Fund or Lent (Oaks Indian Mission).
- 2) Mail to: Hope Lutheran Church  
PO Box 8  
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**GOD ISN'T CALLING  
US TO GO TO CHURCH  
HE'S CALL US TO BE  
HIS CHURCH**