



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF HOPE

HOPE HAPPENINGS

MAY 2024

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Pentecost

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From Pastor Liz

There is a time to sow; there is a time to reap...and there is a time to weed.

As many of you know, we have a team of members who have been in a learning process with other ELCA congregations on creating and experimenting in ministry. The primary goals of this process are to listen to possible needs in our congregation and community, whether and how we are able to meet those needs, and then to create opportunities to address those needs. We spoke to several different people, including congregation members, and determined where we felt energized to pursue a ministry idea. Thank you to Josh, Erin, Janeice, and Todd for being a part of this team.

Our Harvest of Hope garden has been a major ministry of our congregation and a labor of love for our primary volunteer, Don. Since its beginning, the garden has grown in space and pounds of produce that is shared with our community. As we have listened and learned, we have identified that the primary need of this ministry is volunteers to weed. Building up this foundation will enable us to pursue new ideas for this ministry! At the same time, we have heard from our congregation a desire to further connect with one another and with our community. So, why not combine them both? This summer we invite you to join us for fellowship, fun and yes, weeding, all throughout the summer. We encourage you to invite friends and community members as well.

We will have a Garden Blessing & BBQ on May 19 following our Pentecost Worship Service. We invite you to bring sides, salads or desserts for our fellowship time. This will kick-off our summer garden season. Starting June 5th, we will gather weekly on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00pm to weed and hang out - come if you would like to weed or come if you would just like to enjoy sunshine and chat! There may be other garden projects besides weeding on these days. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Then, on Thursday, June 20th, join us for a Summer Solstice Weed & Feed with food, games, and more.

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Church Clean up Day

May 18 at 10 AM



HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

ABOUT OUR BISHOP ELECT



The Rev. Timothy R. Oslovich was elected April 27 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Alaska Synod. The bishop-elect has served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon since 2003. From 1997 to 2003, he was pastor of Shishmaref Lutheran Church in Shishmaref, Alaska, and from 2009 until this year he was an adjunct professor at Bay Path University, Longmeadow, Mass.

Oslovich earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., in 1991; a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., in 1993; and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 1997. In 2008,

Oslovich earned a graduate certificate in nonprofit management from Bay Path.

He will take office July 1 and be installed Aug. 24 in Anchorage.

Synod Assembly 2024



The Bishop Election Team with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton



Three Bishops!
Bishop Shelley Wee,
Bishop Shelley Wickstrom,
and Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton



Having fun at assembly
hosted by Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church

Harvest of Hope



Garden Update

April has been an amazing month. All that snow that was stacked up over the winter is nearly gone. I checked the garden yesterday, April 30, and there was just a small patch left. Hopefully it will remain dry the next few days so I can get in and get to work. Get the tilling and layout accomplished next week and start planting the following week. Will get emails out when I can about planting. As of right now I'm looking at putting the plants in the narthex in the ground on May 18 at 10 AM. Might be earlier but we will see. Potatoes the week before if I can get everything ready to go. Again watch your email. I will try to make announcements at church.

We have at least one box to repair as well. The bottom fell out over the winter. Still have to check the irrigation system and inspect the fences. Seems like a lot to do. May is a very busy garden month as you all know. The rhubarb has been coming up through the snow and the horseradish is up. It's definitely springtime.

Look forward to seeing you all in the garden this month.
May the Lord be with you,

Don Bladow



Lutheran Church of Hope has several groups of volunteers who prepare communion, provide fellowship, usher, and provide technical support every Sunday.

Are you interested in joining one of these groups?

Sign up in the narthex or contact Heather in the church office. A mentor will help you!

Not sure what any of these involve but still want to help?
That's okay, just ask!



Our May prayer partner is Teller Lutheran Church in Teller, AK

WORSHIP



We welcome you into the sanctuary for worship with communion at 10am!
Unable to join us in the sanctuary? We are also streaming live on Facebook. It is good to gather as the people of God each week!

Drawn together by God, celebrating grace, serving all.

Prayer Team



During communion on the first Sunday of the month

LEARN



Sunday morning Bible study meets at 8:30 am in person.



Keep an eye out for the next Wednesday evening series!



The Other 4H Group meets monthly to discuss books chosen by the group. The next discussion book is Finding Phoebe: What New Testament Women Were Really Like by Susan E. Hylen. We will be discussing this book on Wednesday, May 22 at 7 PM on Zoom.



Confirmation

Confirmation Class ends on Sunday May 5 at 4:30 PM at Central Lutheran Church.



Thank you for continuing your financial support of our church.
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Happy Birthday!

Todd Bryant, Donna York, Jan Dodds,
Megan Bladow Addis, Chris Terry, Josh
Addis, David Haugen

Happy Anniversary!

Cheryl & Tom Lubeck, Greg & Jo Hobbs, Bob Hancock & Chris Terry

SERVE



LSSA Mobile Food Pantry is every Tuesday at 4:30 pm. Line up starts at 3:30 pm. You do not need an appointment to receive food. If you would like to volunteer, contact 272-0643 option 14. Distribution is drive-thru.



Worship Team The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm. They meet regularly to plan and discuss ideas for Sunday morning worship and special services. Interested in helping us? Talk to Pastor Liz.

Property Team helps us take care of the building and the grounds by discerning what needs to be done and how best to do it. Please talk with Don Bladow or Todd Bryant if interested in helping.

Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM** to discern and make decisions on behalf of the congregation regarding ministry, mission and stewardship of our resources. Please pray for our council leaders.

Art Team: Notice different signs on the fence? Art on the windows? Art around the garden? These were brought together by the art team! Would you like to help or have an idea? Contact Chris Terry.



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