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Christ in Our Home

A devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. **1 Corinthians 7:35**

This month we think about the importance of love.

Wednesday, October 11 John 11: 45-57

Motivated by love, not fear

Many...had seen what Jesus did {and} believed in him. (v. 45) Many who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from death believed in him. They saw the truth clearly: "If this man is capable of raising a dead man to life, he is certainly of God!" The chief priests and Pharisees, on the other hand, when they heard what Jesus had done, became fearful. Jesus might gather a large following and start a rebellion. The Romans could get angry enough to

NH)²: New Hope Notes & Happenings

We try to include all member submissions received. Please forgive any omissions made. They are accidental, please be assured.

April Showers Bring Easter Flowers Easter is a time of great mourning and exuberant celebration all wrapped into one. We remember that without life and death, there could be no resurrection!

Autumn, winter, and spring combined are the perfect examples of Holy Week. Bear with me here. In the season of autumn, our Indiana world is filled with beautiful colors that beg for artists to paint their memories as forever keepsakes. This reminds me of Palm Sunday: the day we celebrate with shouts of praise Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

And then as the autumn days continue to shorten and the plants die off, those once colorful leaves fall from the trees and the luscious greens are soon replaced with dingy browns, the forest becoming bleak and stark and

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destroy the temple and the nation! Chief priest Caiaphas led them to a decision: figure out a way to put Jesus to death.

Fear can easily distort reality. It can split communities into factions, resulting in each person viewing the other as an enemy. It can magnify our three-in-the-morning worries way out of proportion.

Jesus did die on the cross, as Caiaphas had prophesied and, it seems, planned. But he arose from that death for our salvation! By his love, we need not fear death, for we have eternal life. By God's grace, all of our decisions can be motivated by Christ's love instead of by fear. Jesus, release us from fears that keep us from seeing the world through our compassionate eyes. Amen *Christ in Our Home*, n.d. Published Quarterly, Augsburg Press, CIOH,

\$11.00 year subscription.



"So Christ himself gave... the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service," Ephesians 4:11-12

Sunday Service Schedule: Traditional Service with Pastor— April 7th & 21st Alternative Service with Pastor— April 14th Visiting Minister Service— April 28th

Pastor Plans:

Coffee and Chat April 1 and May 1 -9:15 at USA restaurant, with Pastor.

Please note that the Office hours have changed. We no longer have a set time for Elainna to be in the office. Rather both Elainna and Pastor are available via email, text, or phone call.

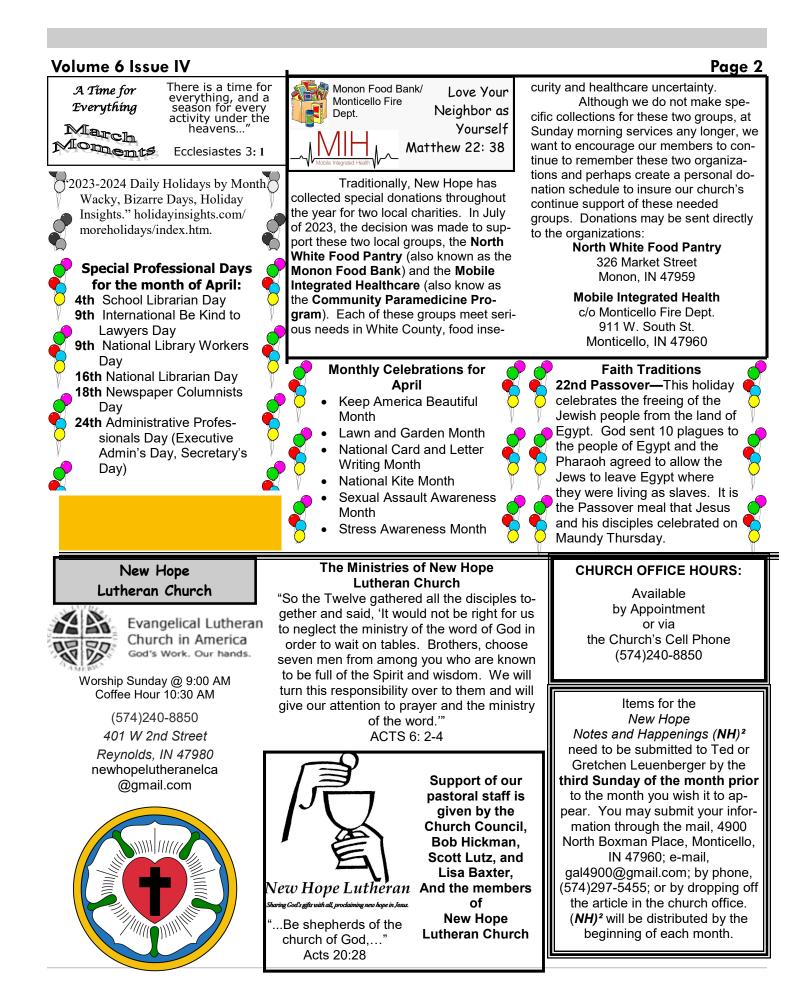
Be aware that SR 24, east of Reynolds, is scheduled to be closed for repairs, on or beginning April1. It may impact your travel to church.

Let's Have a "**HA**" in Hallelujah!

"God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." Genesis 21:6

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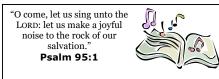


More than Decoration

I love my home church; it's my local family. But I also enjoy visiting other churches during my travels – seeing other sanctuaries, experiencing other worship styles, meeting other congregations within our extended family.

Not too long ago I had the opportunity to visit St. John's Church just outside St. Louis, MO. The people were welcoming and the teaching was great, but the lesson God sent home with me had to do with... are you ready for this? The building.

My first impression was that the building looked more like a con-



Hymns of Martin Luther

Because of the importance of music in our church services, we will spend this year looking at some of Luther's hymns. We hope that you'll learn a bit about our hymnody and a bit more about Martin Luther.

As the founder of our faith, Martin Luther did a wonderful job of creating a clear picture of the Lutheran belief system through his writings. He was a fairly prolific writer and wanted to share his love of God and God's love for us. He wrote a German Bible translation, letters, commentaries, sermons, and music. He, in fact, wrote over 20 hymns.

As this year progresses, we will highlight Luther's hymns and share some information about the selected hymns. vention center than a church. There was nothing overtly church-like about it. The sanctuary itself was expectantly large, but the thing that struck me the most was the giant wooden cross at the front. Even though it was the largest structure in the room, I almost didn't notice it. It was integrated into the framing of the room in such a way that at first glance it looked like nothing more than a supportive cross beam. *It seems like that should be more prominent*, I thought.



Crosses in the window. I should have known right then that God had a lesson for me.

It's easy to think of the cross as an important central feature of a church. After all, the cross is the primary symbol of the sacrifice Jesus

This month we are highlighting two of Luther's hymns written for the church season of Pentecost, The first of these hymns can be found in our hymnal, #395.



Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord (Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott)

Theologically, this chorale is based on the work of the third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit (Ghost), who is expressly celebrated on the Day of Pentecost. Connections to four statements in Luther's meaning of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, <u>enlightened me</u> <u>with His gifts</u>, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

"With all Your graces now outpoured on each believer's mind and heart" (stanza 1) In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies <u>the</u> whole Christian church on earth,

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made for us. It is a tangible representation of our connection back to God. But in its original form, the cross was never just a symbol. The cross was real. Jesus was real.



Sometimes we hold out the cross as something separate and shiny to be given a place of prominence, and to some extent it is. But Jesus does not want to be merely placed on a shelf to be worshipped from afar. He could have stayed in heaven for that. Instead, Jesus came to us, becoming fully human, so that SEE JANET (Continued on page 4)

and <u>keeps it with Jesus Christ</u> in the one true faith.

"Lord, by the brightness of Your light in holy faith Your Church unite" (stanza 1) "Let none but Christ our master be that we in living faith abide, in Him, our Lord, with all our might confide." (stanza 2)

In this Christian church He daily and richly <u>forgives all my sins</u> <u>and the sins of all believers</u>. "From every error keep us

free" (stanza 2)

On the Last Day <u>He will raise me</u> <u>and all the dead, and give eter-</u> <u>nal life</u> to me and all believers in Christ.

"That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend." (stanza 3)

The hymn itself is based on Acts 2: 4 and was published in 1524.

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost (Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist)

This hymn by Luther, appeared in 1524. It is based on

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He could live among us. He took our sins upon Himself and nailed them to the cross so that He could live with us. He sent the Holy Spirit so that He could live within us. Jesus and His cross are more than decoration. They are structurally essential.

There is nothing wrong with shiny crosses; it is good to have Christ's cross before us. But what's more important is that we have Christ's cross within us. When others look at us, do they do a double take, suddenly recognizing the reflection of a cross? Within our own lives, do we merely wear the cross as a decoration, or do we cling to it as our main support?



The cross is the support beam in everything we do. Indeed, the cross is more than a decoration. It is functional, structural, and actionable.

Thank you, St. John's architect, for that lesson.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15)



Beagle, Janet. "Various Writings."TheMustard Patch, mustardpatch. wordpress.com/about/. (Continued from page 1) PASTOR bare. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the darkness sweeps over us, reminding us that we are broken, sinful humans, and we are part of the crowd yelling, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

And when all hope seems lost, and we cannot seem to bear another stark, bleak, dreary, cold winter day, spring arrives with April showers. The plants whose seeds have been lying dormant waiting for conditions to be right and favorable to grow again, begin to sprout. The April showers nourish the soil bringing out the necessary nutrients needed for the seeds to grow. Easter Dav and the seven Sundavs of Easter are the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, instilling in us the knowledge and belief of everlasting life. Christ has defeated death! Hallelujah!

Pray about the direction and abilities of New Hope. What seeds are lying dormant within our community and what seeds are even laying dormant within each of us ready for new arowth?

In what areas is the soil of New Hope depleted? What can we do as a community of believers to nourish and till and add in moisture to help the soil that's already there? Pray that each of our spirits and relationship with God are nourished from the past times of rain and are ready for newness to begin again! Blow Spirit Blow! Amen! **Reverend Hinkle**



in sharing with them and with everyone else." 2 Corinthians 9:13 Our **Members**

It's always neat to share with our church family activities that members are involved in, outside of church.

Val Hinkle has two big events coming up in the next few months and we want to share her excitement with all of us.

Val will be a part of the production of "The Wizard of Oz'" being (Continued from page 3) LUTHER John 16: 13. Luther wanted to emphasize the importance of faith, salvation, and divine guidance and sets this hymn apart from other hymns he wrote that emphasize Christ or God the Father. Each stanza begins with a different description of the Holy Spirit-Light, Love, Comfort, Holy Ghost. The hymn stresses personal faith and salvation. Below is the first verse of each hymn.

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now outpoured On each believer's mind and heart: Thy fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men unite Of every land and every tongue; This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be suna.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

We now implore God the Holy Ghost For the true faith, which we need the most.

That in our last moments He may befriend us

And, as homeward we journey, attend us.

Lord, have mercy!

Citations:

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https://allpoetry.com/Come,-Holy-Ghost,-God-and-Lord

Zion Lutheran Church, atlanta.clclutheran.org/bibleclass/. Accessed 23 Jan. 2024.



presented by Pioneer Jr/Sr High School. April 19 and 20, at 7:00 and the 21st, at 2:30. The performances

take place at the Pioneer High School Auditorium (enter at Door 18), 417 South Chicago Street, Royal Center, IN.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy Festival is a prestigious musical summer camp offered at Valparaiso University. Val will be

attending this camp during the summer of 2024. with the opportunity to



enhance her already impressive musical abilities.

Congratulations to Val for her participation in both of these special events!

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We join the Hinkle family in celebrating the baptism of their newest family member, Atley. His baptism was on February 25, at Faith Lutheran, in Logansport. Our own Pastor Hinkle was invited to be a part of this very special day for Atley and participated in the service. New Hope shares our best wishes and prayers for this important event in this young man's life and the start of his journey in life with Jesus.



"..if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;..." Rom9ans 12:8 From the President of Our Congregation

New Hope has tasked our elected Vice-President, Bob Hickman, with the very difficult task of stepping into the role of Interim President of our congregation. He has taken this step with courage and the belief that God will be with him as we move ahead, in this year. We want to take a moment to thank Bob for going over and beyond his responsibilities as Vice President to keep NH on track and keeping our family alive in faith.

As Interim President, Bob has asked that the following information be shared with the congregation, regarding the administration of New Hope business.

We have entered into an administration agreement with the Indiana / Kentucky Synod. This is to give us both time and assistance in getting back on track after the loss of our friend Jim. There will be no cost to New Hope. The plan is to end this agreement on July 1 and once again be solely responsible for our own operation.

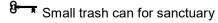
1. Bruce Kercheval has agreed to take New Hope on as a client. He will be responsible for handling payroll and tax documents, perhaps more as needed. This will begin when the Synod Administration Agreement ends.

- 2. I have asked people to take a more active role in the operation of New Hope. I have been very pleased with the response. We now have readers, message givers, people to serve on the Board of Trustees with the Synod Administration agreement, offers to serve on council, cash offers to get Pastor Candice's back pay situation handled, and a sign. Thank you very much for your dedication to New Hope.
- 3. There will be more requests for help as there are certain council positions that we are constitutionally required. We will learn more as we move through this process.
- 4. We are still asking for donations to help pay for the battery and pads for our AED.
- 5. Thanks to Jenelle for doing double duty for both New Hope and First Presbyterian.



Secretary Notes "Keep reminding God's people of these things." 2 Timothy 2:14

The office is in needs of some things:



Someone to create approximately 2-3 kids bags with toys, coloring books, crayons, etc.

 Small soft foam balls and/or basketballs for kids to play in the gym with.

If you would like to donate any of these items please reach out to Elainna or Pastor Candice on how to do so.



Thank you!

Boilermakers and Hoosiers and Buckeyes Oh My!

This year during NCAA March Madness, Purdue Lutheran Ministry (PLM) is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across the country. Did you know that 89% of students who participated in campus ministry planned to continue being active

being active in a faith community? Your support of Campus Ministry allows students to have a



space to explore and grow in their faith and prepare themselves for a deep faith life after they graduate. Help PLM reign supreme or give to your alma mater to support the transformational work happening at our Campuses nationwide! Give today at <u>https://</u> <u>campusministrymadness.org</u>. The challenge officially begins March 18 and runs through April 8.



2024 IN-KY Synod Assembly will be taking place from June 7-9 in Louisville, KY. We need 1 male and 1 female volunteer if anybody is interested, please get in contact with Pastor Candice.

Pastor Note:

R Because you all knew me as a Seminarian, many people have asked what to call me

now. I have decided that Pastor Candice or Reverend Hinkle are both appropriate. People may choose one or the other to use when addressing me or even introducing me to others. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work together toward the success and faithful mission of New Hope! God Bless!

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As we continue to work with Pastor at growing our involvement at New Hope, this article seemed especially useful for all of us.

Beginning this month and throughout the remainder of this year, we will draw from an article by Brittany Ann, and list ways you might be able to serve our congregation. Stewardship allows us to use our time, talents, and treasures to the glory of God.

Citation: <u>https://equippinggodlywomen.com/</u> community/75-ways-you-can-serve-your-church/

From the Blog, "Equipping Godly Women." by Brittany Ann

Are you one of the many people who shows up at church week after week to listen and learn without ever stepping up and helping out? According to an article on <u>Christianity Today</u>, the number one reason why people don't help out at church is because they feel useless, or don't know what they can do to help out.

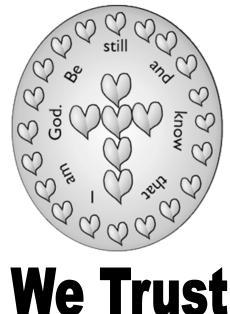
Just because your church seems to be running smoothly from the pew on Sunday mornings doesn't mean that they couldn't use a little additional help behind the scenes. Don't wait for someone to ask youmost people are really bad about asking for help, and besides, they don't know what unique talents you have unless you tell them!

Instead, get proactive and creative. It doesn't matter if you're young, old, busy, poor, or just don't feel very talented—**your church needs YOU!** Just because one role may not be a good fit for you at this stage of your life doesn't mean that you are off the hook for helping at all. Here are 75 ways you can help serve your church. **Editor's Note:** We will begin sharing the list of ways this month and continue for the remainder of the year:

- Visit people in the hospital
- Help set up for special events
- Run a committee







Greater Monticello Community Vern and Kathy Barnett Barb Fawley Harvey and Waneta Garbison Shirley Ziemer Mike Closson Marilyn Timmons

Working with Daily Trials:

Facing Life's Long-Term Challenges:

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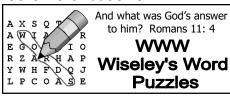
Praying for Those Who Need Courage...

Ty Barnes, Cameron Burgess, Joseph Gregorich, Wesley, Hopkins, Area First Responders

As Partners in God's Mission:

New Hope Lutheran, Pastor Candice Hinkle, Bishop Bill Gafkjen and the Indiana/ Kentucky Synod, Jeff Truscott, missionary in Singapore, Kathleen Lutz, missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, Monticello First Presbyterian Church

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Looking for a different way to read the Bible? This list suggests specific verses for various feelings we experience as we walk through this life. We are often faced with obstacles or celebrations that we might find Bible passages helpful to better understand those feelings. This is a list you might want to store with your Bible study materials as an easy resource for support in different situations.

Where to look in the Bible when you...

need rest and peace
worry
are lonely or fearfulPsalm 23
need peace of mind John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-8
are disappointed by people Psalm 27
grow bitter or critical 1 Corinthians 13
have sinnedPsalm 51, 1 John 1
are discouragedPsalm 34
feel God seems far away Psalm 139
think the world seems bigger than God Psalm 90
are sick Psalm 41
feel sorrowful John 14, Psalm 46
are in danger Psalm 91
want courage Joshua 1:1-9
need assurance Romans 8
forget your blessings Psalm 103
are looking for joy Colossians 3
leave home to travel
think of investments Mark 10:17-31
need guidelines for living Matthew 5-7, Romans 12
need rules of conduct Exodus 20:1-17
need to know God's will for your life Proverbs 3:1-6

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