

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of January 6-8, 2018

Welcome! It is a joy to have you with us today and it is our prayer that you are strengthened and uplifted through our worship and fellowship. We especially welcome those visiting. Please pick up information about our church at the kiosk located in the entry. Also, please take time after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. We would like to get to know you better.

A Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes down every good and perfect gift: We give you thanks for all your benefits, temporal and spiritual, given to us in the year past, and we ask that in your goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and show us the fullness of your blessings. We look forward to the opportunity to worship you each week throughout the coming year, strengthening our faith and deepening our love for you. Draw us ever closer to you each day. Amen.

Current Series – *Things I Wish Jesus Never Said*

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23). Perhaps this well-known saying of Jesus is easier to understand than it is to apply to our daily lives. Living as Christ's followers in a changing world is a constant struggle. Christians need to daily find strength in the powerful, living Word of God.

In our current series, *Things I Wish Jesus Never Said*, Jesus shares with us powerful truths that challenge our daily lives as Christ's people. Far from "fortune cookie" wisdom, these specific words of Jesus are spoken for our eternal good. Why would Jesus say that? Why? Because he loves us! Because he knows our weaknesses and desires that we live each day in thankful love to Him.

We pray this series will once again open up the Scriptures to help you grow in your love for God and your love for one another.

In His Service,
Pastor Brian Krueger

We are One Church
with Three Campuses,
Bridged Together
with One Mission:

**to Know Christ and
to Make Him Known!**

Our PASSION is to:

- Gather Regularly** to Know Christ.
- Clarify Truth** from Error to Know Christ.
- Teach Kids** to Know Christ.
- Witness to the Unchurched** that they might Know Christ.
- Benefit People** as an expression of Knowing Christ.

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THIS WEEK

Please check the calendar on the back of this folder for all Bible classes and other events over the next four weeks.

Sunday, January 7

~~6:00 p.m.~~ No Sr. High Encounter at LH

Monday, January 8

9:30 a.m. OWLS Undecorate at the Lutheran Home
7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting at BLS

Tuesday, January 9

10:00 a.m. OWLS Meeting at BLC
7:00 p.m. R.I.N.G. Handbell Practice at BLC

Wednesday, January 10

5:30-6:45 p.m. 7th-8th Gr. Confirmation Class at LH
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7:00 p.m. Voices in Praise Choir Practice at BLC
7:00 p.m. Adult Information Class at LH

Thursday, January 11

9:45-11:15 a.m. Mornings with Mommy at BLC
6:30 p.m. Living Hope Outreach Committee at LH
6:30 p.m. Jesus Cares Ministry at BLC

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Basketball Tournament Begins at LH

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Weekend	Samuel	Galatians
Next Weekend	Acts	Psalms

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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New Series: <i>Things I Wish Jesus Never Said</i>	
January 7	<i>Turn the Other Cheek</i> ~ Luke 6:27-36
January 14	<i>Don't Worry</i> ~ Matthew 6:25-34
January 21	<i>Don't Judge</i> ~ Matthew 7:1-5
January 28	<i>You Cannot Serve Both God and Money</i> Luke 16:10-15
February 4	<i>"It would be better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be tossed into hell."</i> Matthew 5:27-30
February 11	<i>"Take up your cross and follow me."</i> Matthew 6:25-34

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House for Last Weekend	374
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of Dec. 31, 2017	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$33,546	\$28,520	\$5,026
Year-to-Date	\$658,311	\$836,988	(\$178,677)

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Take Down Christmas Decorations

Please help take down the Christmas tree and decorations after the 10:00 (LH) and 10:30 a.m. (BLC) services on Sunday, January 7. Thank you in advance for your help.



Cancellation of Saturday Evening Service at Living Hope on January 13

due to the basketball tournament hosted at the site. If you wish to worship on Saturday, please attend the 6:00 p.m. service held at Bloomington Lutheran Church.

Door Collection for Meditations and Forwards

Please help defray the cost of the Meditations and *Forward in Christ* WELS magazines by contributing the weekend of **January 20**. Everyone is welcome to take and use the meditations each day. The *Forward in Christ* magazine is a wonderful source of information and inspiration.

OWLS – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors, 55+ The OWLS will be meeting at Bloomington Lutheran Church on **Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m.** for our monthly meeting. We will have a business meeting and then Fred Bork will be showing a DVD on the Star of Bethlehem. Please note the time change. From this point forward, our meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. Hope you can all make it for the meeting!

Mornings with Mommy – Thursday, January 11

Everyone is welcome (dads, grandmas, and grandpa's, too!) to bring their infant, toddler, and preschoolers to this group. We spend time together enjoying high-quality learning activities through music, crafts, stories, and more. **Please join us beginning at 9:45 a.m. for an hour and a half at Bloomington Lutheran Church.** We meet the second Thursday of each month (September-May). This program is free and includes all snacks and activities. If you are interested in attending or helping, please email Rachel at rzahn@bllh.org.



Jesus Cares Ministry at BLC

This special ministry reaches out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by having Bible classes and fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **The next class is January 11.** See you there!

New Sign at BLC – New Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone to change the lettering on the new sign at BLC every 1-3 weeks. If you are interested, please contact the Bloomington church office at 952-888-2475 or at blc@bllh.org. Pastor Spaulding will show you how easy it is to do.

Women's Evening Bible Study at Living Hope

You are invited to join us for our next Wednesday evening bible study beginning on January 10. We will be using a 10-week video series called, *A Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George. This award-winning curriculum encourages Christian sisters to develop a heart for their husbands, children, homes, and Lord! We will be meeting every other week at Living Hope from 7:00-8:30 p.m. During Lent, we will meet on Tuesdays. The dates are as follows:

- January 10, 24 • April 4, 18
- February 7, 20 • May 2, 16
- March 6, 20

All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Email nicole.dub@mybllh.org if you are planning to attend or if you have questions.

New Topic for Wednesday Evening Bible Class

The Wednesday evening adult bible class held at Bloomington Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. will start up again on January 10. Everyone is welcome when we study, *Hard Sayings of Jesus*. The study will clear up the confusion around difficult and controversial statements of Jesus. Titles included in this study:

- Does Jesus Contradict Himself?
- Unless You Hate Your Father and Mother...
- Be Like Snakes!
- Pearls before Swine and Bread to Dogs

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available in the church entry.

Even though you may use online giving, we ask that you still pick up your box of contribution envelopes.

The offering boxes contain envelopes for special holidays and more. Examples:

- Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday services during Lent and Advent
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve and Day
- Christmas gifts for the pastors, teachers, and principal
- Monthly campaign envelopes

If your envelopes are not at the correct site, please write your name on the sheet located near the contribution envelopes. Your box of envelopes will be delivered to the correct place by next weekend. Also, please inform the church office of an address update if the one on the contribution envelope box is incorrect.

Prayer and Care Ministry

Whatever your need might be, our prayer ministry stands ready to pray. Contact Diane Walters (952-233-5427 or blhpray@yahoo.com) or write your request and place it in the box at the Bloomington church. Please let us know how God answers our prayers so we can thank Him.

FOR OUR YOUTH

Jr. High EMPOWER (Grades 6-8)

Broomball Bash – Sunday, January 21, 2018

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Living Hope

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and games. Bring your own broom if you want and make sure to come dressed for the weather (hats, gloves, jackets, and boots). Bring your gym shoes just in case we end up inside.

If you have questions about this event or Empower, please email joel.hansen@mybllh.org. The Empower schedule is available at bllh.org/empower.



Sr. High Vertical Encounters (Grades 9-12)

Save the dates –

Two mission trips in summer 2018!

(Registration due by January 15)

Trip 1 – June 23-30 in South Carolina

During this trip, we will join hundreds of other teens in the Reach Mission Trips program to make a big impact repairing homes in a poor neighborhood.

Trip 2 – July 7-14 in Mahahual, Mexico

BLH will take a team to run English as a Second Language classes and Vacation Bible School at our mission partner, Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico.

Go to bllh.org/encounter to download an application form for these trips.

Sr. High Bible Study is moving to Caribou

We are starting the new year with a study on the book of Romans. Our next meeting is January 21 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Southbridge Caribou at 8360 Hansen Ave in Shakopee.



Board Game Day – January 28

2:00–5:00 p.m. at Living Hope

There will be lots of fun board games to play and you can bring a game to show others. Also, bring a beverage or snack to share.



The 30 Hour Famine is coming soon!

Mark your calendars for March 2-3. Registration info will be coming out at a later date.



If you have questions about the Sr. High Youth programming, please email joel.hansen@mybllh.org.

Opening for BEFORE School Care Supervisor

The Bloomington School campus is seeking to hire a before school care supervisor. The hours are 7:15- 8:45 a.m. Care is provided on days school is in session. There is a criminal history check. If interested, contact Mr. Butzow at mike.butzow@mybllh.org or 952-941-9047.

Parenting teenagers can be confusing! Our BLH youth minister is offering a study group to insure all parents are prepared and supported during a chapter of life that can be very challenging.

A group will gather together to read and discuss the book,



"Your Teenager is Not Crazy,"
by Drs. Jeramy and Jerusha Clark.

This book offers a great balance of covering adolescent development scientifically and Biblically.

**Meets every other Tuesday – 6:30-8:00 PM
Bloomington Lutheran School – 9 Sessions**

- January 16, 30
- February 13, 27
- March 13
- April 10, 24
- May 8, 22

Email Joel.Hansen@myBLLH.org if you are interested in the group (or just the book) and want him to order you the \$10 book.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 14, 2018

11 AM

Living Hope Lutheran Church

Sign up at

bllh.org/pancake

*to help cook pancakes and
sausages or to serve them.*



This event helps fund
our family programs.

Attend *Financial Peace University* Classes



**Imagine if
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In nine easy-to-follow lessons, learn how to:

- Get out of debt
- Create a budget
- Save for the future
- Make wise spending decisions
- Communicate with your spouse about money without getting angry

If you'd like to learn more about taking control of your money once and for all, check out the class details below:

- **Begins: Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Where: Bloomington Lutheran Church (9350 Portland Ave S, Bloomington)**
- **Classes will meet every Monday for nine weeks**
- **Free child care will be provided**
- **Cost is \$109/family (1st four registered families receive \$16 discount)**
- **If you are interested in learning more about the class, or wish to enroll, please email Patti at patti.joyal@comcast.net.**

**IMAGINE YOURSELF
DEBT FREE
IN 2018**

This class is brought to you
by the Stewardship Committee
to help you manage the
treasures God has given you.

Day Of Great Commission – *Thoroughly Equipped!*

Saturday, January 20, 2018 • 9:00AM-Noon • Living Hope Lutheran Church

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Those of you who could not attend the 2017 *Day of Great Commission* have another opportunity! We will focus on the theme, *Thoroughly Equipped!* The Apostle Paul reminds us how we have been thoroughly equipped for salvation by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. But as children of God and heirs of heaven, we have also been thoroughly equipped by the Holy Spirit for sharing – for reaching out with the good news of a Savior from sin to our friends, family members, and the people we come into contact with on a daily basis in our many and varied walks of life.

So often individual Christians feel “ill-equipped” for such friendship and relationship evangelism. The workshops in this morning seminar are intended to encourage and equip you with valuable tools, insightful methods, and hands-on practical experience to help you make those spiritually vital “connections that count” with the people in your circle of friends. Through the informative presentations and role playing you will learn:

- Your own personal evangelism style
- The best way to build a relationship and start a spiritual conversation
- How to use “your story”/testimony as a way to connect others to Jesus Christ
- How to tell “God’s story” simply and effectively in two minutes or less
- How to handle objections that the unchurched often cite

Throughout the morning, you will have the opportunity to take part in **TWO** of the **THREE** workshops listed below. All workshops will be presented in both sessions to make it easier for you to attend the workshops you prefer. When registering, you will mark your preferences. The seminar schedule will be as follows:

- 9:00AM – 9:30AM Opening Praise and Devotion
- 9:30AM – 10:30AM Session One
- 10:30AM – 10:40AM Break/Refreshments
- 10:40AM – 11:40AM Session Two
- 11:40AM – 12:00PM Closing Devotion

Register
online at
bllh.org/great
or call the
Bloomington
church office at
952-888-2475

WORKSHOPS

1. Building Relationships/Starting A Spiritual Conversation

How do I break the ice with my non-Christian friends and bring Jesus into the conversation?

This workshop will help you:

- Identify how to initiate relationships
- Identify methods for starting and transitioning into a spiritual conversation
- Obtain valuable practice through video and role-playing sessions
- Discover why sharing YOUR story is important

2. Telling HIS/God’s Story!

How can I tell others what my faith is all about? This workshop will give you several different ways that you can easily and clearly share the main message of the Bible in two minutes or less! And you’ll get the chance to practice on your fellow workshop members!

3. Handling Objections

People often give a variety of reasons why they haven’t or aren’t going to church. Here is a workshop that will identify common objections and practice responding to objections.

We hope to see YOU Saturday, January 20 at 9:00AM at Living Hope Lutheran Church!