

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of April 15-16, 2017

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

Lord of life, you defeated death and demonstrated a love that is beyond our understanding. On this glorious Easter day, we praise you with loud alleluias! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! May this declaration resound not only in these walls but touch the lives of all we meet. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives. Amen.

Happy Easter!

It's a special day. The worship space is filled with flowers, brightly colored banners, and people. Musicians support triumphant songs. Happy Christians greet each other with ancient proclamations of good news: "Christ is risen!" Peter pointed to the empty tomb and proclaimed, "Here's where you find your hope! Here's where you discover your reason for joy!"

How can we hang on to Easter joy beyond the special worship services today? By spending time in God's Word! Listen as Jesus says to you, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Remember your baptism! "We were therefore buried with Jesus, through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

(Romans 6:4) Receive Jesus' body and blood in the Holy Supper for the forgiveness of your sins and assurance of God's love for you. Be encouraged by your brothers and sisters in Christ as you celebrate Easter joy every week in public worship.

The Easter flowers wither and the special music dies away, but the message of Easter continues to bring joy to forgiven sinners each new day. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The reading above contains excerpts taken from the April 2015 Forward in Christ article, "Hang on to Easter Joy," by contributing editor, Michael Woldt, pastor at David's Star, Jackson, Wisconsin.

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, April 16 – *Easter Sunday*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship at BLC
 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship at LH
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at BLC
 9:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast at LH
 10:00 a.m. Worship at LH
 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship at BLC

Monday, April 17

6:00 p.m. Mercy Ministries Comm. Meeting at LH
 7:00 p.m. Elder Council Meeting at BLC
 7:00 p.m. MOPS and MOMSnext at LH

Tuesday, April 18

~~7:00 p.m.~~ No R.I.N.G. Handbell Practice at BLC

Wednesday, April 19

5:30-6:45 p.m. 7th-8th Gr. Confirmation Class at LH
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~~7:00 p.m.~~ No Voices in Praise Choir Practice at BLC

Thursday, April 20

2:15 & 7:00 p.m. 5th-8th Grade Play at BLS

Friday, April 21

5:30-9:00 p.m. 8th Gr. Confirmation Retreat at LH

Saturday, April 22

10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. 8th Gr. Confirm. Retreat at LH

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
Easter Sunday	Mark	Galatians
Next Sunday	Proverbs	Psalms

UPCOMING MESSAGES

New Theme: Spoiler Alert!

April 23	Suffering Looks Different when You Know the End of the Story ~ Philippians 2:1-18
April 30	Romance Looks Different when You Know the End of the Story ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-12
May 7	Parenting Looks Different when You Know the End of the Story ~ Proverbs 29:15-18
May 14	Politics Looks Different when You Know the End of the Story ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8
May 21	Stewardship Looks Different when You Know the End of the Story ~ Isaiah 40:6-31
May 28	Friendship Looks Different when You Know the End of the Story ~ 1 John 4:7-21

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House on Palm Sunday weekend	864
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of April 9, 2017	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$30,045	\$24,504	(\$5,542)
Year-to-Date	\$1,030,386	\$1,174,569	(\$144,183)

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Weekends Change During April

Due to Easter falling on the third Sunday in April, communion is offered on the first and fourth weekends in April. Typically, communion is offered on the first and third weekends of each month.

Door Collection for Costa Maya Ministries



Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church seeks to support the variety of ways that Costa Maya Ministries in Mahahual, Mexico carries out its mission. One of the key ways you can be supportive is by remembering the mission, and the people they serve, in your prayers. Another way our congregation supports them is through updates and door collections five times throughout each year. **The next weekend for a Costa Maya update and door collection is April 23.** Stay familiar with the mission by picking up the Costa Maya Ministries monthly newsletter in the church entry.

2016 Contribution Statements are available for pick up in the church entry. If you have questions, please call the church office at 952-888-2475.



Graduating from High School?

If so, plan to participate in the **baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 7** at Living Hope during the 10:00 a.m. service. A portion of the service is dedicated to thanking and praising God for the high school graduates and their God-given abilities used to obtain an education. The graduates will be reminded of their confirmation and of God's love and commitment to them as they move on in their lives. **Please sign up at bllh.org/baccservice.**

High School and College Grads Bulletin Board

Each May, a bulletin board of graduates is posted at Living Hope and BLC. We hope everyone who is graduating will participate! Parents or grads, please complete the Graduate Info Form and submit it with two wallet-size photos. (College grad photos can be from graduation day.) The Grad Info Forms are available in the church entry and at bllh.org/gradform. Please note that the church office is not able to print off color photos.

OWLS – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors, 50+ Our upcoming schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.** – OWLS Spring Rally at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Please look over the information on the OWLS bulletin board at BLC.
- **Tuesday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.** – Regular monthly meeting at BLC. Our speaker will be Werner Lemke. After retirement from the WELS, in which he taught and was a principal, he made numerous mission trips to Asia and Africa. He will speak about one of his recent trips.

Package Meals at Feed My Starving Children

On **Saturday, May 6** from **2:00-3:30 p.m.**, help package specially formulated, dehydrated meals that feed hungry people all over the world. It is fun, easy, and rewarding. Sign-up fmsc.org:

**PACK
MEALS**

- Click on the "Volunteer Info" tab
- Click on "Volunteer Registration"
- Click on "Join a Group"
- Enter the **Join Code #1054161**

We will meet at the facility Egan facility located at 990 Lone Oak Road #136. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Build More, Do More, Serve More Campaign Update

The second anniversary of our three year Build More, Do More, Serve More campaign is quickly approaching. The campaign continuation committee is now working hard on reaching out via letters and phone calls to various member groups to invite members to participate in the campaign for the first time as well as to confirm member's intentions who are currently giving without a commitment. As of the end of February, the Lord has moved more than 3 of every 4 contributing member households to participate in some way to this campaign. What a blessing and we thank God for this. After celebrating the second anniversary of the campaign with an event in May of this year, commitments and in-kind gifts will be totaled and compared with the final construction costs currently being worked on by the building committee to determine the additional amount needed to be raised. Once the additional amount is known, a plan, which could include a second campaign, will be brought before the congregation for consideration. May the Lord continue to bless our congregation as we seek to do His will to know Christ and to make Him known!

Camp Croix Work Day – April 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Help ready the grounds and buildings for all guests and campers. Lunch is provided. Camp is located at 1945 Goldstar Rd, Danbury, WI. Please join us!

Upcoming Events at St. Croix Lutheran School

Sunday, April 23 – Ric Gibson 40th Anniversary Celebration at SCL

April 28-29 – Spring Play – *Pride and Prejudice* at SCL

May 29 – Gym floor replacement wrapping up

May 30 – Grade 8 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.–SCL Chapel

June 4 – High School Graduation Service at 2:30 p.m.

More info at StCroixLutheran.org.

Two BLH School Plays and Grandparent's Day

- **Thursday, April 20 – Grandparent's Day & 5th–8th Grade Student Play at 2:15 & 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome at Bloomington Lutheran School to enjoy, "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark." It is a musical journey down the Oregon Trail. Grandparents will visit Living Hope in the morning and BLS in the afternoon.



- **Thursday, May 4 – 1st–4th Grade Student Play 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Living Hope**



Students are preparing a Wild West retelling of Jonah and the Whale in this upbeat musical, "Jonah's Druthers." Grab your cowboy hat boots and come for a toe tapping good time!

FOR OUR YOUTH



Jr. High EMPOWER (Grades 6-8)

Join us each Sunday for Bible study during Education Hour at both of our church sites, Bloomington Lutheran Church (9:15 a.m.) and Living Hope Lutheran Church (9:00 a.m.).

LOOKING AHEAD:

8th Grade Confirmation Capstone Retreat

April 21-22 at Living Hope

Friday, 5:30-9:00 p.m. and

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The confirmands will spend a weekend getting ready for the transition to adult membership in the church, and the transition to high school. The cost is \$25.

This is required for Confirmation.



Retreat

End of Year Bon Fire at Living Hope

Friday, May 19 • 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy some campfire fun and delicious pudgy pies.



Sr. High Vertical Encounters (Grades 9-12)



On Sunday nights, we look forward to gathering together with other Christian teens. It is a great time to connect through snacks and games, and to discuss issues that are looming large in our lives. We do our best to blend in solid Biblical study with real-life applications on the topics in front of us each week. We meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Living Hope. **We meet again on April 23 and May 7.**

Follow @blhyouth on Twitter!

If you do not use Twitter, you can still follow by texting **Follow blhyouth** to the number 40404, and you'll receive youth ministry tweets as text messages.

Receive the Weekly BLH Lutheran Church Email



Make sure the church office has your email address by signing up at blh.org/email. The BLH email will come from "Network Admin."

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Excitement is growing as we are getting close to presenting the final design and budget for the new dedicated sanctuary and other needed space. In the near future we will be having a congregational meeting to approve building of the sanctuary. Before that we will have information out to you our members so you can pray on this important decision to expand and continue to grow the Kingdom of God at our Shakopee campus.

We have been working hard with the builder and architect to reduce the budget without losing space or needed elements. The building committee and others have been very busy working out details and attending meetings with all of the involved parties. Meetings have gone on with the City of Shakopee, Fire Marshal, City Utilities and the Watershed. On April 6th we received our conditional use permit from the city which allows us to build.

Recently we found out that city sewer and maybe city water are coming to our property. While this is exciting news, it will also mean extra cost to our congregation. It is not clear exactly what the final cost may be, but we have been told sewer hookup will be over \$150,000, and water, if it does come, will be an additional \$180,000+. While this is not a direct cost of this building project, we will have to plan for at least the sewer in this project. The city of Shakopee has told us that we will be required to connect to city sewer within 3 years of the service being offered. If we stay with our current system, we are now being told that we would need to expand our current drain field and provide a secondary/backup drain field as well. It will be cheaper in the long run to connect to city sewer and to do it when we have the contractors already on-site.

As the bids have come in for items such as the sound system, video equipment and the loop for the hearing impaired, we are finding that without additional funds outside of our current budget, some of these items will have to be delayed until a later date. While we are still working on the budget for the project, it is unlikely we will be able to do everything without additional funds. We want to serve the needs of our congregation and pray that we will be able to raise the additional money needed to complete everything. **I encourage anyone that has a construction business or may know of someone in the trades that might be able to help us reduce the cost to please let us know.**

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Building Committee Chair
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Yolk of Boldness

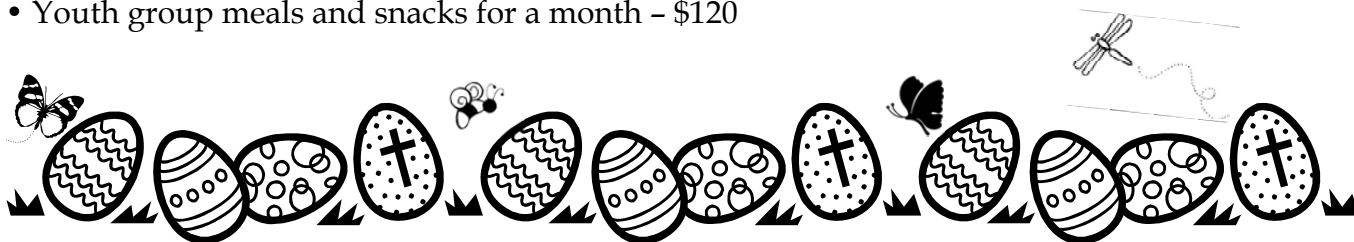
Look for an opportunity in the church entry to boldly give a special Easter gift!



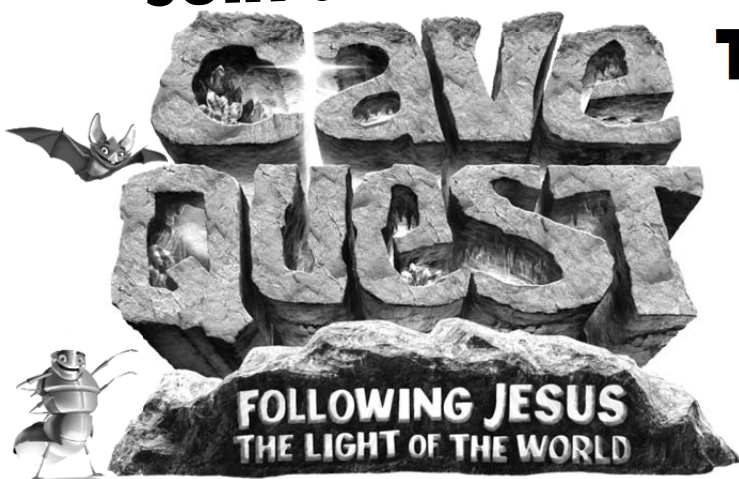
Find the large Easter egg that is posted on an entry wall!
Take an envelope from the egg, fill it, return it to church
and just drop it in the offering basket!

Look for these necessary gifts that will help sustain our current ministries:

- Rechargeable batteries - \$50
- A week of signing for the deaf - \$125
- Organist or keyboardist for one service - \$51
- Children's bulletins for church services - \$530
- Bible class materials for six months - \$1,250
- Confirmation retreat scholarships - \$50
- Youth ministry supplies for a month - \$50
- Youth group meals and snacks for a month - \$120
- Keep the lights on for a month - \$30
- Choir music - \$60
- Youth mission trips - \$150
- Praise band mics - \$400
- Youth service projects - \$450
- New desktop computer - \$450
- A student's textbooks for a year - \$50



Join us for VBS!



The Brightest Days of the Summer!

June 19-22, 2017

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Living Hope

Registration is now open for children Age 2 – 3rd grade.

Register your child or sign-up to volunteer at www.blh.org/vbs.

Older children and adults can join the fun and volunteer for the week!
If you have questions, please contact Brooke at Bkapphahn.blh@gmail.com.