

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of April 22-24, 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

Dear Lord and Savior, you call us together as a congregation to worship you. Thank you for the incredible privilege we have each week of gathering as one family in your holy presence. Thank you for calling us into dialogue with you: You speak words of life to us, and we respond in praise, gratitude, and obedience. Let us be renewed in Christ every time we worship you, that we may live lives that please you in every way, and that the light of Christ may shine ever more brightly in our homes, workplaces, community, and anywhere in the world you may send us. Amen.

From the Pastor

Theme: *Spoiler Alert*

You are watching a thriller movie with all kinds of twists and turns. The person watching the movie with you says, "I've seen this movie before. Do you want me to tell you how it ends?" "No!" you say. "I don't want you to spoil the movie for me!"

That may be how we feel when watching a movie. Life, though, is different. As believers in Jesus we know how the "story" ends for us – eternal life in heaven! Knowing the end has a huge influence on how we view life, how we live it and how we react to what life may bring. Knowing the end of our story doesn't "spoil" anything for us. Rather, it is a huge blessing.

With that in mind, let's grow through this sermon series called "Spoiler Alert."

In His Service,

Rev. Scott Spaulding

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 23

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Vertical Encounter at LH

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Play Practice for Gr. 1-4 at LH

7:00 p.m. R.I.N.G. Handbell Practice at BLC

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 p.m. Parent and Confirmand Meeting at LH

7:00 p.m. Voices in Praise Choir Practice at BLC

Thursday, April 27

6:30 p.m. Jesus Cares Ministry at BLC

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Sunday	Proverbs	Psalms
Next Sunday	Jeremiah	Hebrews

UPCOMING MESSAGES

New Theme: Spoiler Alert!

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

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Weekend	2,219
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
April 16, 2017	\$55,198	\$65,724	(\$10,526)
Year-to-Date	\$1,085,584	\$1,240,293	(\$154,709)

Prayer and Care Ministry

Whatever your need might be, our prayer ministry stands ready to pray. Contact Diane Walters at 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.

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. **This weekend there is a Costa Maya Ministries update and door collection.** Stay familiar with the mission by picking up the Costa Maya Ministries monthly newsletter in the church entry.



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.



Jesus Cares Ministries at BLC

This special ministry reaches out to people with 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 on **April 27**.

MOPS and MOMSnext Meeting at Living Hope

All moms of young children are welcome on **Mondays, May 1 and 15** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. when we meet to encourage each other through motherhood. Please email questions to Michelle at m_wallin1@hotmail.com.

OWLS – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors, 50+
Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m. for our 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.

Attend the BLH School Play on Thursday, May 4



The students in 1st-4th grade are preparing a Wild West retelling of Jonah and the Whale in this upbeat musical, "Jonah's Druthers." Join us on Thursday, May 4 at 2:00 or 7:00 p.m. at Living Hope. Grab your cowboy hat and boots and come for a toe tapping good time!

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:

- 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 Eagan facility located at 990 Lone Oak Road #136. Everyone is welcome!

Joyful Hands Crafters Meet on May 6

Join this group of crafters on the first Saturday of each month when they meet at Bloomington Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m. All types of crafters are welcome and creations are donated in various ways.

Basic Sign Language Class on May 6

Basic sign language class is taught at Bloomington Lutheran Church on the first Saturday of each month. The next class is **Saturday, November 5** at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend, even without any experience using sign language. 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 2 – High School Spring Concert at SCL

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

June 12-August 11 – Youth Summer Camps at SCL

Register online at stcroixlutheran.org/camps

More info at StCroixLutheran.org.

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."

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:

End of Year Bonfire at Living Hope Friday, May 19 • 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy some campfire fun and delicious pudgie 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.

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!



God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ~Romans 5:8

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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Yolk of Boldness

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



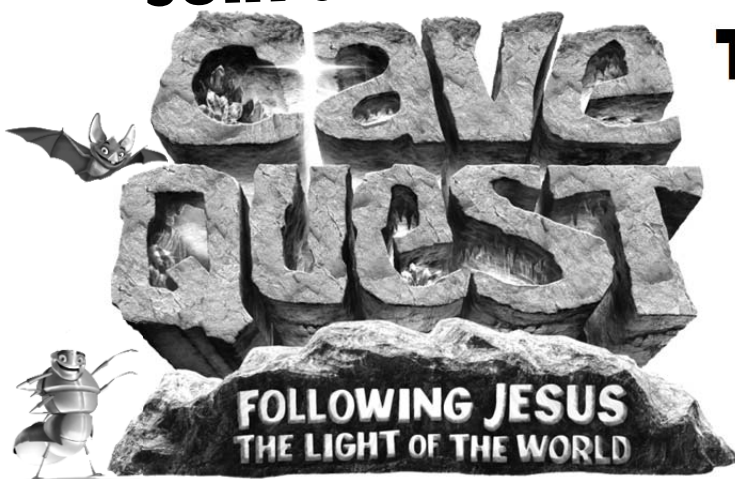
Find the large Easter egg that is posted on an entry wall!
Take an envelope from the egg, fill it, return it to church
and just drop it in the offering basket!

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.