

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of April 28-30, 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

Father, we come before you in Jesus' name, we worship you with gladness that fills our hearts and with songs of joy before the Lord. Father, we declare today that the Lord is God and that we are yours; we give you praise because we know that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. Father, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise, we give thanks to you God and we praise your name. Father, we your people declare today that the Lord is good and his love endures forever. We praise you because your faithfulness continues through all generations. Amen.
(Psalm 100)

Sermon Series – Who Do You Think You Are?

If you are as old as I am, you can probably remember the 1971 song by Jean Knight: *Mr. Big Stuff...Who Do You Think You Are?* It portrayed a person who was pretty full of himself. Sometimes, the problem we have in our day and age is the opposite – people who do NOT have a positive image of themselves. All too often, they are encouraged to look inside at their own gifts and abilities to discover this positive self-image and feel good about themselves. But, Christians are constantly encouraged to look outside of themselves. What allows us to feel great is a reminder of our God-image – who we really are by grace through faith.

In His Service,
Rev. Rod Pudell

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 three weeks.

Sunday, April 29

No Education Hour at BLC
 Revised Education Hour at LH – Only Adult Bible Class is Meeting
~~6:00 p.m.~~ No Sr. High Encounter at Caribou

Tuesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 3

2:00 & 7:00 p.m. 1st–4th Grade Play at LH

Saturday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Basic Sign Language Class at BLC
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Hands Crafters at BLC

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Weekend	Samuel	John
Next Weekend	Acts	Jude

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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Current Series: <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i>	
April 9	<i>You Are Free...AND a Slave</i> Romans 6:15-23
April 15	<i>You are Forgiven</i> ~ Micah 7:18-19
April 22	<i>You are a Child of God</i> ~ 1 John 3:1-10
April 29	Confirmation Sunday <i>You are a Saint</i> ~ Ephesians 2:18-20
May 6	Baccalaureate Sunday <i>You are a Priest</i> ~ Isaiah 61:1-7
May 13	<i>You are a Witness</i> ~ Acts 1:1-8

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House last weekend.	801
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

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Weekend of	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
April 22, 2018	\$29,251	\$23,915	\$5,336
Year-to-Date	\$1,094,072	\$1,371,524	(\$277,453)

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

Results from Congregational Meeting

Thank you to all who carved out time (from an absolutely beautiful day) for the April 22 congregational meeting. Along with overviews of Living Hope construction work and the capital campaigns, the group discussed repairs recently completed and those anticipated in the near future. These repairs are not directly related to the sanctuary project. Following a question and answer on specifics of recent and anticipated repairs, there was a motion to set aside \$60,000 from the BMDMSM/Build the Dream campaigns for this work. This amount, to cover these repairs will be added to the "Other Projects" portion of the capital project spending.



Special Service for High School Grads

If so, plan to participate in the **baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 6** 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 blh.org/baccservice.**

Honoring Our High School and College Grads

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 by Wednesday, May 16. (College grad photos can be from graduation day.) The Grad Info Forms are available in the church entry and at blh.org/gradform. A picture is needed for both church locations. We are unable to print a color photo.

Attend the Play by Grades 1-4 at Living Hope

Please join us on **Thursday, May 3** for an entertaining musical about the Bible story of Noah. The students will be presenting, *Rainbow Review*, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Spring Cleaning? Donate Items to Church!

If you are purging while cleaning this spring and find yarn and other crafting items you would like to donate, please give them to our **Joyful Hands crafting group**. They make prayer shawls, mittens, hats, greeting cards, and more items that are donated to help others. Leave your donations in the church office labeled for Joyful Hands. Also, save your new or gently used treasures for the **annual Church Garage Sale!** Drop off dates will be after VBS in June. Exact dates and times will be announced. Proceeds from the garage sale go to support school projects and mission programs.

Package Meals at *Feed My Starving Children*



On **Thursday, May 17** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.**, help package specially formulated, dehydrated meals that feed hungry people all over the world. It is fun, easy, and rewarding. Sign-up online by using Join Code #1220768. We will meet at the facility located at 18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen.

MOPS and MOMSnext Meeting at Living Hope

All moms of young children are welcome on **Monday, May 7** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. when we meet to encourage each other through motherhood. Please email questions to blhMOPS@hotmail.com.

Campaign Update

Next month, our congregation will conclude one campaign (Build More, Do More, Serve More) and continue with another (Build the Dream). Please see the updated numbers below through the end of March for each campaign. Our members took advantage of over \$274,000 of matching funds. While the Lord has blessed these campaigns, we need more of our members to participate. For those wishing to continue their direct withdrawal giving to the Build the Dream campaign, please keep an eye out for instructions to change over your giving. The Lord has given each of us gifts. May we use these gifts in response to what He has done for us in Christ.

BUILD MORE, DO MORE, SERVE MORE -

Commitments (including Deferred): \$2,723,024

Gifts Received: \$2,183,926

BUILD THE DREAM -

Commitments: \$1,050,357

Gifts Received: \$228,701



Banner and Altar Cloth Volunteer Needed at BLC

Each season during the church year, the altar cloths and banners need to be switched out. If you would be interested in helping make those changes happen, please email blc@blh.org or call the Bloomington church office at 952-888-2475.

Bible Studies Galore at Your Fingertips!

Looking to add a quick devotion as part of your daily routine? Bloomington Living Hope members have FREE access through RightNow Media to a huge online library of over 10,000 video Bible studies, leadership videos, and kids' shows. It is like the Netflix of Bible study videos! This free access to thousands of video resources can help you with parenting, marriage, discipleship, and more. **Sign up at**

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/blh> (or, if you already use the site and have questions, please contact BLH member John Dvorak at dvorakj@vikings.nfl.net). Once you sign up, download the free app for your iPhone or Android and use it anywhere, anytime!



FOR OUR YOUTH

• Jr. High EMPOWER (Grades 6-8)

LOOKING AHEAD:

End of Year Bonfire Bash

Friday, May 18

5:30-9:00 p.m. at Living Hope

Come and enjoy some campfire fun and delicious pudgie pies. We will wrap up the school year with a memorable night.



If you have questions regarding youth events, please email joel.hansen@myblh.org. The Empower schedule is available at blh.org/empower.

• Sr. High Vertical Encounters (Grades 9-12)



Bible Study at Shakopee Caribou

We meet again May 6 and 13 from

6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Southbridge

Caribou at 8360 Hansen Ave in Shakopee.

Volunteer at VBS – We Need You!

Sign up at blh.org/vbs for one morning or all four! We can plan around your schedule!

Contact a friend and sign-up together!

Join us for VBS!

Fun and adventure are coming this summer!



June 18-21, 2018

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 the Bloomington church office at blc@blh.org.



Donations Needed

- Used tennis balls
 - Empty toilet paper rolls
 - Empty coffee cans with lids
- Drop off the items in a tub located in the church entry.

More requests will be posted soon.

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

