

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of August 4-6, 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

O God from whom every gift derives, we gather as a community to worship you today. You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of your vast love. We have come to you in thanksgiving and praise, to know that you are God and to place our lives anew into your perspective. Enlarge our vision this hour with your Word. Instill in us, again, your hope in place of our despair, your peace where our hatred threatens, your joy amidst our depression, your love overwhelming our apathy. May your Holy Spirit surround and dwell in this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

New Series: *Life Together*

It is my hope that this sermon series will offer a fresh means to engage the classic book, *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bohoeffler. The ideas in this book encourage us to participate in the simple habits of Christian discipleship.

Each of us is always learning more about how to live a life devoted to following Christ, in prayer, in service, in worship, and in Bible study.

Who we are as individuals shapes our community, and how we live as a community shapes how we relate to God as individuals. May we answer the call from God to a life dedicated to him and to each other!

In His Service,
Joel Hansen
Director of Youth Ministry

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.

Bloomington Lutheran Church

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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 five weeks.

Monday, August 6

7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting at BLS

Tuesday, August 7

6:30 p.m. Adult Info/New Member Class at LH

Thursday, August 9

6:30 p.m. Jesus Cares Ministry at BLC
3:00-5:00 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm School Registration/
Payment of Fees Day at LH

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Weekend	Proverbs	Psalms
Next Weekend	Ezekiel	John

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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New Series: <i>Life Together</i>	
August 5	<i>Life Together – Celebrate Community</i> Ephesians 4:11-16
August 12	<i>Life Together – Church Together</i> Romans 15:1-6
August 19	<i>Life Together – Alone Together</i> Psalm 119:145-152
August 26	<i>Life Together – Attitudes of Christ</i> Philippians 2:3-11

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House Last Weekend	585
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of July 29, 2018	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$21,604	\$27,005	(\$5,401)
Year-to-Date	\$107,172	\$131,424	(\$24,252)

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.



And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. 2 John 6

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation Meeting Summary

On Tuesday, July 24, members gathered at the Bloomington church location for our annual congregational meeting. Thank you to all who made time to attend the meeting and especially to those who faithfully participate in all informational and voting meetings. It is one more way to express thanks for our many blessings.

As outlined in various components of the Annual Report, there are many exciting things happening at Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church. The list is long and I would sum up the reason for my excitement in one word – growth. Growth in membership, in school enrollment, in VBS attendance, in volunteerism, in worship space, etc. We do face a challenge in meeting our ongoing operating expenses. It's true that member giving is at or near an all-time high. And, we are on the verge of opening a beautiful new sanctuary as a result. At the same time, one goal in the coming months and years is to increase awareness of our ongoing expenses, which are typically not as exciting to think about as facility expansions and updates.

At Tuesday's meeting, ministry, campaign, facility, and financial reports were presented and discussed. And, there were three congregational votes: 1) a bylaw change was approved, adding an Elder of Youth in place of the Elder of Worship (a position no longer needed), 2) new council member selections were affirmed and 3) the operating budget for July 2018 to June 2019 was approved. Printed details of the annual report and these now-approved actions can be found at each church location.

There are so many things for which we are thankful: our Called Workers and Employees whose lives are dedicated to the Lord's work, countless Volunteers – those on the front lines and those in the back office, talented musicians who beautify our services each and every week. I would like to call out special thanks to the Elder Council members for their leadership and support and for the many Committee Members who are represented by the Elders. This ministry could not function without the many hands and feet of Christ.

Keith Anderson, Outgoing President

Thank You Current, Outgoing, and Incoming Elders:

- Keith Anderson (Outgoing) •Norm Lentz
- Josh Birkholz (Outgoing) •Rob Marold (Incoming)
- Jake Duppong (Incoming) •Chad Massman
- John Dvorak •John McCrea
- Chris Gustafson •Andy Meelberg (Incoming)
- Allen Henry (Outgoing) •Pete Moeller (Incoming)
- Ryan Jacobs (Outgoing) •Mark Perry (Incoming)
- Brian Kunz •Matt Schroeder
- Nate Van Heuvelen (Incoming)

Goal Met for Costa Maya Ministries Van

Many thanks to all of you who supported our VBS collection, our garage sale, and the door collections, which raised the \$7,000 goal for helping Costa Maya Ministries purchase a replacement van. The mission church, Cruz de Cristo in Mahahual, Mexico now has reliable transportation. They are very appreciative!

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 second Thursday of June, July, and August from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **The next class is August 9** at Bloomington Lutheran Church. Our time together includes Bible stories, crafts, prayer requests, and music. See you there! (September-May meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month)

BLH School Registration & Payment of Fees Day

**Registration
Coming Soon**

It is already time to plan for the next school year. If you are sending your child(ren) to our Christian day school, please plan

to be at Living Hope on **Thursday, August 9**. You may come between 3:00-5:00 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m. to register and pay the fees required for school. At least one BLS and LH Kindergarten through 8th grade parent **MUST** attend. Allow about 30 minutes to complete all stations and bring along your checkbook. If you have questions, please contact Sue Dietsche at sue.dietsche@mybllh.org or 952-941-9047.

Be in the Choir – Dedication Service at LH Sanctuary

We are in the midst of planning for the opening worship service in the new sanctuary at Living Hope. An exact date has not yet been determined. However, we would like to gather members to sing in a choir during the opening service. Please contact Rachel Zahn at rachelz1983@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the choir. You do not need to be at every practice to join this choir. Plan to **practice for about 20 minutes each time we meet:**

Sunday, August 12 – after the 9:30 a.m. service at BLC
Sunday, August 26 – after the 10:00 a.m. service at LH

Sunday Night Hoops – July 29 and August 19

Grade 8 to adult will play basketball at Living Hope from 7:30-9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, email Mark.Zoellner@mybllh.org.



Joyful Hands Crafters Meets Again in October

Joyful Hands is a group that meets on the first Saturday of each month. **Due to Labor Day weekend, we will not meet on September 1.** Please join us when we meet again on Saturday, October 6 at Bloomington Lutheran Church. All types of crafters are welcome and creations are donated in various ways.

FOR OUR YOUTH



Eagles Soccer Skills Training Camp

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to participate in the Eagles Soccer Skills Training Camp where they will have fun, improve their soccer skills, and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Monday, August 27 – Thursday, August 30

12:30-3:00 p.m. at Sunrise Park in Bloomington

The camp costs \$40, which includes excellent training, a sweet shirt, and treats each day. Pick up a brochure (Includes consent form) in the church entry.

If your child needs a ride from Living Hope Lutheran Church and School after volleyball camp in the morning, a bus or carpool will be available to take them to soccer camp in Bloomington.

Email questions to Mark.Zoellner@mybllh.org.

Sr. High Vertical Encounters (Grades 9-12)

Our High School Ministry's Bible Study is back to Living Hope for the summer.

It is also switching to Wednesdays.

We will meet again on

August 1 and 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Jr. High Empower is taking a break over the summer.

If you have questions regarding youth church events, please email joel.hansen@mybllh.org.

Donate Towards Carpeting in the New Sanctuary

You can help supply the 850 square yards of carpeting needed in the new sanctuary at Living Hope by donating a square yard of carpeting for \$40. Donate online at bllh.org/giveback (Click on DONATE ONLINE) or by picking up a donation envelope in the church entry.



After School Care Position

Bloomington Lutheran School is seeking to hire an after school care supervisor. The position is paid hourly (\$12) and requires a criminal history check (at BLS expense). Applicants must be 18 or older. The hours are Monday-Friday from 4:00-5:45 p.m. To apply or for more information, contact Mike Butzow at 952-941-9047 or mike.butzow@mybllh.org.

Help Deliver Welcome Bags in the Shakopee Area

Please join the Outreach Committee on **Saturday, August 18** for the monthly delivery of welcome bags to the new neighbors around Living Hope. Meet at Living Hope at 10:00 a.m. We will divvy up the list and then drive to the homes. It would be typical for each driver to deliver about 8-10 welcome bags. If you wish to volunteer, please call the church office at 952-888-2475.

Sign Language Class is Now Online!

To accommodate busy schedules, you can now learn sign language online at aslpro.com and startasl.com. Knowing sign language will help you communicate with those in our membership who are deaf or hard of hearing.

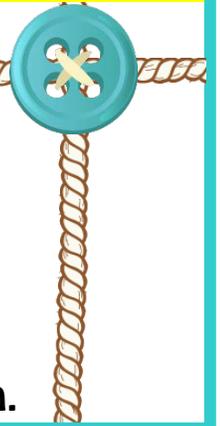
Be on the Craft & Vendor Sale Coordinating Team!

Areas to coordinate include:

- ★ Registration
- ★ Advertisement
- ★ Decorations
- ★ Set up
- ★ Tear down

Sale is
Saturday
November 3

Find out more by contacting Colleen at blmhous4@gmail.com.



Ruby's

PANTRY

Ruby's Pantry is a non-profit organization which partners with churches to distribute donated food from businesses to frugal families. Not only can we serve our local community by providing food but we have a chance to welcome them into our church and share the love of Jesus with them.

coming soon!

Starting on October 2 at 5:-6:30 PM,
BLC will serve as a distribution site on the first Tuesday of each month.

We are currently looking for individuals to serve in the following leadership roles:

- Truck Coordinator (Unloading and Loading)
- Parking Coordinator
- Finance Coordinator
- Carryout Coordinator
- Promotions Coordinator
- Cleanup Coordinator
- Security Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, August 28
6-8 PM
Volunteer Training



Our leadership team will be made up of 13 members.

Volunteers of all ages and ability are welcome to serve!

To do this well, we will also need 40 volunteers each month to help with unloading food, attending the parking lot, registration, distributing the food, loading the food for the guests, and cleaning up.

More info at blh.org/rp.

If you have any interest in serving in some way, please contact Carrie at carrie.orvik@yahoo.com or 612-998-1471.



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

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

Attendees in the class held last fall at Living Hope paid off a total of \$287,424 during class and saved \$20,050!

Begins Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 PM

Living Hope Lutheran Church & School

- Classes will meet every Thursday for nine weeks
- Free child care will be provided
- Cost is \$109/family
- Class Link: fpu.com/1066373

IMAGINE YOURSELF
DEBT FREE

In the first 90 days, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700.

If you are interested in learning more about the class, or wish to enroll, please email Jake at jake.duppong@gmail.com.

This class is brought to you by the Stewardship Committee to help you manage God's blessings God's way for God's glory.