

# Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of September 1-2, 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**

Working Lord, whose rough hands knew the lathe and the saw, we gather to worship you with thanks and praise. Open our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit to today's message this Labor Day weekend. Help all of us to treasure the high calling you have given to be co-workers with you in bringing blessings to others through the labor of our hands, minds, and lives. We ask this in your name, you who finished your labors on Calvary's tree to build for us an eternal home. Amen.

## **Focus for the Weekend: *Let's Get to Work!***

Beginning in the year 1894, on the first Monday in September, our country has celebrated Labor Day. It honors the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country through meaningful labor.

Today in our worship, we thank God for our own means of employment, but we also recognize the greater work that God calls us to do. As Christ's followers, we labor daily in the name of Jesus by making his love known in our words and actions. Though sometimes a burden, God has promised that our labor for Jesus will always produce a blessed result. As we encourage, teach, and forgive one another, we join our Savior in the greatest work possible – calling souls out of darkness into his wonderful light!

God bless your rest this weekend, and your work in Jesus' name.

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.

## **Bloomington Lutheran Church**

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Our church is a member of the  
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## **Connect with us online:**

**bllh.org**

bllhschool.org

facebook.com/bloomingtonlivinghope

## THIS WEEK

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

### Monday, September 3

*Church and School Closed for Labor Day*

### Tuesday, September 4 – First Day of School at BLH

9:30 a.m. Opening Service at LH

10:30 am Opening Service at BLS

### Wednesday, September 5

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

### Thursday, September 6

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University Class at LH

### Fall Worship Schedule begins September 9

#### Weekend Schedule at Living Hope

- Saturday at 6:00 p.m. ~ Worship
- Sunday at 8:00 a.m. ~ Worship for Young Families
- Sunday at 9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School, God's Little Lambs, Jr. High Empower Bible Study, and Adult Bible Class
- Sunday at 10:00 a.m. ~ Worship

#### Weekend Schedule at BLC

- Saturday at 6:00 p.m. ~ Worship
- Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship
- Sunday at 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School, God's Little Lambs, Jr. High Empower Bible Study, and Adult Bible Class
- Monday at 7:00 p.m. ~ Worship

### LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
<b>This Weekend</b>	Samuel	Galatians
<b>Next Weekend</b>	Jonah	Psalms

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

New Series: <i>Character Under Construction</i>	
September 9	<i>Controlling Our Thoughts</i> Romans 12:1-2 and Philippians 4:8
September 16	<i>Guarding Our Hearts</i> ~ Proverbs 4:23
September 23	<i>Keeping Good Company</i> ~ Proverbs 1:8-19
September 30	Mission Weekend <i>Pastor Martin Valleskey from Cruz de Cristo Mission in Mahahual, Mexico</i>

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House Last Weekend	563
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### OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

#### Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of <b>Aug. 26, 2018</b>	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$16,378	\$26,013	(\$9,635)
Year-to-Date	\$181,014	\$229,632	(\$48,618)

## ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Funeral** for Richard Hegdahl was held on Tuesday, August 28 at Bloomington Lutheran Church. *Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!* Matthew 25:21



### Worship Begins in New Sanctuary!

The weekend of September 9 will be the first services in our new sanctuary at Living Hope. We begin a new chapter in our congregation's mission – *To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.*

Dedication of our new building is planned for Sunday, October 7 at 2:30 p.m. Mark that date on your calendar. In all this – to God be the glory!

**Thank You** Working with my doctors and antibiotics to eradicate the staph infection has made for a long summer. Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards. Your kindness and support has meant a lot to me in my recovery. ~ *Karen Odegaard*

### OWLS Kickoff – Everyone is Welcome!

The OWLS will be kicking off their new year on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**, with a meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington Lutheran Church. Membership in OWLS is open to anyone 55 or older, or who is retired. OWLS stands for Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors. We normally meet on the first Tuesday of each month at BLC. We always welcome anyone who is interested to attend our meetings or other events. Besides our meetings, we help with Bingo parties and with Christmas decorating and undecorating at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine; we distribute large print Meditations to various nursing homes in the vicinity of BLC; we hold a catered Christmas luncheon; we attend the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Cross Lutheran Church in Rockford; we hold a Polka and Brat Fest in June each year; and we conduct a craft sale at our Bloomington and Shakopee sites each year. Our speaker for the September meeting will be Dave Sauer who will give a presentation on his work and visit to China. We will be setting up for our craft sales on Tuesday, October 2. If anyone has any items they would like to donate for the sales, please leave them in the church office marked for the OWLS. We hope to see you soon!

### Be in the Choir – Dedication Service at LH Sanctuary

The dedication service for the new sanctuary at Living Hope will be held on Sunday, October 7. We would like to gather members to sing in a choir during the 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 on Sunday, September 9** after 10:00 a.m. service at Living Hope.

## Handbell Choir Practice Begins September 11



Handbells are a novel instrument to play; offering a unique musical (and visual) experience that people of all ages and experience levels can enjoy. If you would like to learn how to play handbells, please join us on Tuesdays when we meet at 7:00 p.m. at Bloomington Lutheran Church. The choir members will help you learn and enjoy this instrument. Everyone is welcome!

## Jesus Cares Ministry

This special ministry reaches out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by having Bible classes and fellowship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Our time together includes Bible stories, crafts, prayer requests, and music. **The next class is September 13** at Bloomington Lutheran Church. See you there!

## 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](mailto:mike.butzow@mybllh.org).

## Prayer and Care Ministry

Whatever your need might be, our prayer ministry stands ready to pray. Contact Diane Walters at [blhpray@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



## Sign Language Class is Now Online!

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

## Men's Retreat at Camp Croix, Danbury, WI

Salem Lutheran Church is hosting their annual Men's Retreat on **September 14-16, 2018** at Camp Croix in Danbury, WI, which is a new location. During the weekend, Professor Allen Quist of Bethany Lutheran College will take participants through an introduction of apologetics, the art and science of defending the reasonableness of the Christian faith. To register or for more information, visit [mensretreat.org](http://mensretreat.org).

## Camp Croix Anniversary Celebration

Everyone is welcome on **Saturday, September 29** when 50 years of Camp Croix is celebrated at St. Croix Lutheran Academy (1200 Oakdale Ave, West St Paul, MN). There will be a social hour, meal, and presentations.

## FOR OUR YOUTH

### Jr. High Empower (Grades 6-8)

**Bible Study begins Sunday, September 9**  
**BLC at 9:15 a.m. and Living Hope at 9:00 a.m.**

This is a chance for 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders to connect, talk about relevant issues, and learn how to live out their faith. Register at [bllh.org/ssconfreg](http://bllh.org/ssconfreg).

**Empower Kickoff Bash – Friday, September 14**  
**5:30-9:00 p.m. at Living Hope**

Once a month, during the school year, we hold an Empower Bash. These monthly events include a meal, an opening devotion and songs, large group and small group games, free time, small group reflections and more. You are invited to send \$5 along with your child when they attend to help cover the costs of food and supplies or hand in a larger donation at the beginning of the year, so you don't have to think about it again. (Make checks out to BLH Youth.) These are great events for students to bring a friend to!



### Confirmation Retreat at Camp Phillip in WI

Friday September 21 – Leave Living Hope by 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 23 – Return by 4:00 p.m.  
All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are hoping to be confirmed at our church are expected to attend this retreat. A Camp Phillip Program Registration Form is due **by September 12**. If need the form or more info about this retreat, email [joel.hansen@mybllh.org](mailto:joel.hansen@mybllh.org).

### Sr. High Youth (Grades 9-12)

**Kickoff Bash – September 9**  
**6:00 p.m. at Living Hope**  
**Parents invited!**

A new schedule for our High School Ministry's Bible Study and other events will be available soon.

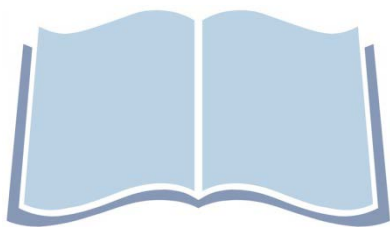
If you have questions regarding youth church events, please email [joel.hansen@mybllh.org](mailto:joel.hansen@mybllh.org).

### MOPS and MOMSnext Meeting at Living Hope



All moms of children who are newborn-elementary school age are welcome on **Monday, September 17** from 7:00-

9:00 p.m. when we meet to have an evening of rest, rejuvenation, food, fellowship, and support. While you are attending the meeting, your children are also enriched. We provide a fun and nurturing environment for kids to play and learn in the MOPS KIDS program. MOPS stands for Moms of Preschoolers. Our MOPS and MOMSnext group meets twice each month (September-May) and we would love to have you join us! Please email questions to [bllhMOPS@hotmail.com](mailto:bllhMOPS@hotmail.com).



# New Bible Classes Begin in September

*There is a class for you!*

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## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

**Begins September 9 at 9:15 AM at BLC and 9:00 AM at Living Hope**

This class will look carefully at the book of Philippians, which is a Prison Epistle (letter written while in prison). Paul sent this letter to show his appreciation and love to the Philippians for their continued help and support, and also to encourage their growth. It is a very personal letter that expresses Paul's joy in Christ. Through discussion and the power of the Holy Spirit please join us as we too grow in the eternal joy that only God can give!

## Jr. High Empower Bible Study

**Begins September 9 at 9:15 AM at BLC and 9:00 AM at Living Hope**

This is a chance for 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders to connect, talk about relevant issues, and learn how to live out their faith. We have an informal Bible study, discussions on current topics, and a focus on service. Register at [bllh.org/ssconfreg](http://bllh.org/ssconfreg).

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## Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Class

**Begins September 11 at 6:30 AM at Bloomington Lutheran School**

Do you think today's culture is going to heck in a hand basket? Has our culture's moral bank account fallen into the red? As the wise Solomon said, there is nothing new under the sun. Join us on Tuesday mornings as we study the moral decay of the people of Israel after the time of Joshua in the book of Judges. Come to get to know the God who can deliver us daily, just as he delivered the morally bankrupt people of Israel (again and again). Email Mark Edlund at [medlund@thesfc.com](mailto:medlund@thesfc.com) if you would like to be added to the email list. (Pickleball follows at 7:30 AM)

## Tuesday Evening Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Bible Class

**Begins September 11 at 6:30 PM at Living Hope Lutheran Church**

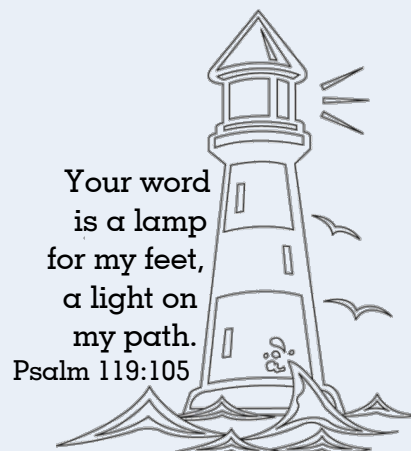
Since our summer hiatus is ending, it is time to continue our weekly study and discussion of the book of Revelation. This book provides believers with the beautiful assurance of Christ's final victory. The seven visions that the apostle John records describe the ongoing struggle between Christ and Satan. In these visions, God assures believers that they will have eternal victory in heaven and that Satan will finally be defeated. New members are always welcome. Interpreter provided.

## Adulting Bible Study (18 – 34-year-olds)

**Begins September 11 at 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Living Hope Lutheran Church**

Our young adult Bible study that launched in summer will continue this fall. We will begin a new series and continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Our upcoming series is called, *The Anatomy of a Disciple*, and it walks through what being a Christ-follower looks like in all aspects of our lives. Bring your Bible, bring a friend, and come ready to build relationships with other young adults. Email [joel.hansen@mybllh.org](mailto:joel.hansen@mybllh.org) if you are interested.



Your word  
is a lamp  
for my feet,  
a light on  
my path.  
Psalm 119:105

**More classes listed on next page.**

**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class**

**Begins September 5 at 10:00 AM at Bloomington Lutheran School**

St. Paul's letter to the Romans is the first epistle in the New Testament. It summarizes so well the essential emphasis of the apostle's evangelical theology. Martin Luther had an especially exalted view of Romans: "This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest Gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes." Join us as we study the book of Romans.

**Wednesday Bible Classes for Women**

**Begins September 12 at Living Hope Lutheran Church**

We hope you can join us for studying, *Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break* by Kelly Minter. Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. Nehemiah is a seven week study that includes seven video sessions and real-life ways to put feet to your faith.



**• 9:15-10:45 AM**

Women of Hope Bible class meets weekly in the new Living Hope addition (This is a new location for us). Each person needs to purchase a study guide online or at Lifeway. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at tabirkholz@gmail.com. Childcare will be in the conference room at Living Hope for a small cost.

**• 7:00-8:30 PM**

We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Email nicole.dub@myblh.org if you are planning to attend. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

**Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Class**

**Begins September 12 at 7:00 PM at Bloomington Lutheran Church**

The kingdom of God is one of the most beautiful truths of Scripture and nearly every chapter in the Bible teaches something about it. This weekly Bible study helps us to understand God's kingdom and to consider its meaning for our lives.

**Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Class**

**Bloomington Lutheran Church**

**Begins September 13 at 9:30–11:00 AM**

All ladies are invited to join us each week. We will be studying the Book of Romans using the People's Bible as our guideline along with questions provided by the WELS. Copies will be provided in class.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.



Isaiah 40:8

**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>.**

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!



*You are welcome in a class even if you have not been attending since the beginning!*



# FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY



**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
- Save for the future
- Create a budget
- Make wise spending decisions

**Begins  
Thursday, September 6  
6:30 PM**

**Living Hope Lutheran Church & School**

- **Classes will meet every Thursday for nine weeks**
- **Free child care provided**
- **Cost is \$109/family**
- **Class Link: [fpu.com/1066373](http://fpu.com/1066373)**

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

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

IMAGINE YOURSELF  
**DEBT FREE**

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

## Sunday School Teachers & Helpers Needed

We are looking for new Sunday School teachers and helpers for our teams at both sites.



**A variety of roles to fill:**

- **Helpers** who support a teacher by helping the students stay engaged and complete the weekly activities
- **Teachers and team-teachers** who prepare lessons and teach Bible stories
- A **coordinator for the BLC** location who supports the teachers and makes sure they have clear communication and necessary supplies
- We are especially in need of individuals who want to help **teach 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Empower Bible Study**

Email [joel.hansen@myblh.org](mailto:joel.hansen@myblh.org) with questions or if you are interested in learning more.



**Sunday School Teacher Meetings at BLC & LH**

- Sunday, August 19 at 10:30 AM at BLC
- Sunday, August 26 at 11:00 AM at LH

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

- **Sunday School (PreK-4<sup>th</sup> gr)**
- **God's Little Lambs (Birth-3yo)**
- **Empower Bible Study (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr)**
- **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr)**

**Go to  
[blh.org/ssconfreg](http://blh.org/ssconfreg)**

## Fall Worship Schedule

### Begins September 9

#### Weekend Schedule at Living Hope

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## Epilepsy Donation Drive

Fundraiser for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to D.C.

The 8th Grade class is partnering with the Epilepsy Foundation of MN in collecting bags of used clothing, accessories, handbags, shoes, jewelry, and linens/towels.

#### Bring your items to our Donation Drive event:

- Friday, Sept. 28 – 3:45-5:30 PM at LH
- Saturday, Sept. 29 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at LH
- Sunday, Sept. 30 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at LH
- Sunday, Sept. 30 – 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at BLC

If you would prefer to arrange a curbside donation pick-up prior to the event, please contact an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student or Nicole.Dub@myblh.org.



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 an individual to serve in the following leadership role:

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

Our leadership team will be made up of 13 members.

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



**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](http://blh.org/rp).**

**If you have any interest in serving in some way, please contact Carrie at [carrie.orvik@yahoo.com](mailto:carrie.orvik@yahoo.com).**