

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of September 15-17, 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

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

New Series: *Character Under Construction*

Regardless of age or circumstance, none of us is perfect in our Christian living. We are ever a work in progress.

Character development is an important aspect of living as God desires. Our sermon series is called "Character Under Construction." We will look to enrich our character as we, based on God's Word, focus on:

- Controlling our Thoughts
- Guarding our Hearts
- Keeping Good Company
- Cultivating Courage

Let's gather our sanctification tools and continue our character construction.

In His Service,
Pastor Scott Spaulding

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

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 four weeks.

Sunday, September 16

8:15 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting-BLC & LH
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Meet at LH

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

5:30-6:45 p.m. 7th-8th Gr. Confirmation Class at LH
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7:00 p.m. Voices in Praise Choir Practice at BLC

Thursday, September 20

9:45 a.m. Mornings with Mommy at BLC
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University Class at LH

Friday, September 21

5:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Graders leave for Confirmation Retreat at Camp Phillip, Wautoma, WI

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Weekend	Acts	John
Next Weekend	Proverbs	Jude

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	908
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD


Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of Sept. 9, 2018	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$25,336	\$26,391	(\$1,055)
Year-to-Date	\$228,190	\$277,031	(\$48,841)

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS


Weddings On Saturday, September 8, Nathan Haugen and Rebecca Wescott were joined in marriage by Pastor Pudell. Adam Jaspersen and Sara Havran were married on Saturday, September 15 at Living Hope with Pastor Pudell presiding. We pray that God will knit the lives of each couple together in love for Him and each other.

Baptisms Caige Anthony, son of Anthony Lembeck and Tania Heuting, was baptized this past week with his mom at Bloomington Lutheran Church. We welcome Tania and Caige into God's family.




Dedication of New Building!
Dedication of our new building on our Shakopee campus 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!

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 blhMOPS@hotmail.com.

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 2nd and 4th 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!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop Off

Mark your calendar! Collection dates for shoeboxes are November 12-19. Our date for volunteering in the warehouse will be announced in early October.

Prayer and Care Ministry

Whatever your need might be, our prayer ministry stands ready to pray. Contact Diane at blhpray@yahoo.com or write your request and place it in the box at the Bloomington church site. Please let us know how God answers our prayers so we can thank Him.



50 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.

Craft Fair in Belle Plaine

You are invited to enjoy the KingsPath Senior Living Craft Fair on **October 6**. It will feature local vendors, crafts, jewelry, at-home businesses, a bake sale, and more! Proceeds from bake sale will benefit The Lutheran Home Association's chaplaincy program. KingsPath is located at 125 Commerce Drive West, Belle Plaine. If you need more info, call 952-873-5812.

Support Our Future Called Workers

Everyone is welcome to attend the Martin Luther College (MLC) annual Auxiliary meeting on October 6. Presentations and workshops will provide attendees with a greater understanding and appreciation of MLC's ministry. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Luther Student Center with the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. Food donations for the MLC Food Shelf will be collected at the registration site. Donations of quilts or blankets for the Auxiliary Bingo Night can be dropped off as well! Morning treats and lunch can be purchased for \$8.00. MLC is located at 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm.

Show Hospitality to a St. Croix Student

You have a unique opportunity to show Christian hospitality to new St. Croix Lutheran Academy international students one weekend, day, or evening per year. The weekend may be a laid back retreat at home or include outside activities with the student. A \$50 stipend is awarded to all hosts to defray costs. Tips for hosting and a link to sign up are provided online at StCroixLutheran.org/IF. Contact Sue at 651-455-1521.

Help Install New Cabin Doors at Camp Croix

New doors have been donated for the cabins at Camp Croix. Volunteers are needed to help remove the old doors and casings and then install the new ones. The project is scheduled for October 1-14, 2018, including the weekends. During this time, you will be able to stay in the Lodge at Camp Croix and receive your meals, or you may bring a camper. Please consider volunteering for the entire time or part of the time. Contact Herb Mehne at jlmehe@gmail.com.

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 6th-8th graders to connect, talk about relevant issues, and learn how to live out their faith. Register at bllh.org/ssconfreg.

**Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 27
2:30-5:30 p.m. at Living Hope**

Bloomington Living Hope is hosting a community event and you are needed to set up, run games, serve snacks, and clean up. You can have fun playing with the kids, being helpful, and hanging out with each other.



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 7th and 8th 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.

**A schedule for Jr. High events is at
bllh.org/Empower.**

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.

Donate to BLH School through Rebate Program



Using the Scrip program, you can generate charitable rebates through common purchases from your favorite stores, restaurants, and service providers.

**You can INSTANTLY use SCRIP
from your phone**

or tablet once you open an account by emailing bllhSCRIP@mybllh.org. More details are posted in the church entry and at bllhschool.org/SCRIP.

Men of His Word Conference in Rochester, MN

The 4th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2018** at the Kahler Hotel and Conference Center in Rochester, MN. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. Please go online at menofhisword.org to register and to get details about the schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, costs, and more. Hope to see you there!

Mornings with Mommy (Daddys, Grandmas)



- Infants
- Toddlers
- Preschoolers

MUSIC ★ CRAFTS ★ SNACKS
STORIES ★ AND MORE!

Thursday, September 20

9:45-11:15 AM

Bloomington Lutheran Church

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

Everyone is
welcome!

The program is currently
free and includes all
snacks and activities.

If interested in attending or helping, please email
Rachel Zahn at rzahn@blh.org.

Community Celebration Picnic

Sunday, September 23
11:30 AM at Living Hope

We invited our neighbors!

Welcome them to check out
the new addition!



Provided

- Hot Dogs
- Potato Chips
- Baked Beans
- Beverages
- Plates/utensils

Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair.

Bouncy Houses

Games

Fun!



Volunteers are needed!

Email chad.massman@hotmail.com
if you are interested.

Babysitters Needed

During MOPS Meetings at Living Hope

1st & 3rd Mondays 7-9 PM



We are looking for
1-2 adults or teenagers
who are interested in
providing childcare
while moms meet.

Workers will be paid for
providing childcare.

Contact Shelley at
blc@blh.org if interested
or have questions.



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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

Go to
blh.org/ssconfreg



Epilepsy Donation Drive

Fundraiser for 8th 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 8th 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.
(Registration opens at 4 PM)

Volunteers are needed for:

- Unloading and set up from 2-5 PM
- Distributing food from 4:30-6:30 PM
- Clean-up from 6:15-7:30 PM

Volunteers are welcome for any or all shifts.

If you can help in any way,
go to blh.org/rp and complete the volunteer registration form, which **MUST** be completed before you can volunteer.

A sign up sheet with specific areas and times to serve will be provided to all registered volunteers.



More Supplies are Needed!

Please see the bulletin board in the church entry for details or call 952-888-2475.

Volunteer Training
Monday, September 24
6-7 PM at BLC

For everyone who could not attend the first training.

For our first distribution, we ask that **ONLY** volunteers older than 12 sign up to serve. In the future, volunteers 12 and under can serve with an adult.

Everyone is welcome to donate \$20 and receive a share.

(There are no income or residency requirements)

If you have questions, please contact Carrie at carrie.orvik@yahoo.com.