

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of September 29-October 1, 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.

Mission Festival Weekend

This weekend we are blessed to have Pastor Martin Valleskey share his message, "The How-to's of Mission Work" during all of our services. He is the mission pastor at Cruz de Cristo Mission in Mahahual, Mexico, which is part of Costa Maya Ministries. This ministry is completely sustained by the prayers, time, and financial gifts of Christians like you. Our congregation is committed to supporting Costa Maya Ministries and the important work the dedicated staff and volunteers provide. Throughout each year, Bloomington Living Hope encourages you to support Costa Maya Ministries by learning more about the mission, praying for the staff and the people they serve, and making donations of any amount. In addition, there are mission trips for adults and students. If you would like to know more about the mission and Costa Maya Ministries, please visit their website at costamayaministries.org.

In His Service,
Pastor Rod Pudell

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Matthew 28:19

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 three weeks.

Sunday, September 30

6:30 p.m. Horizon High School Ministry at LH

Monday, October 1

7:00 p.m. MOPS & MOMSnext Meeting at LH

Tuesday, October 2

5:00-6:30 pm Ruby's Pantry Distribution at BLC

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

Wednesday, October 3

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 & the Dedication Choir Practice at LH

Thursday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Joyful Hands Crafters Meet at BLC

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Weekend	Ezekiel	Hebrews
Next Weekend	Ezra	Galatians

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Current 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>
October 7	<i>Character Under Construction</i> continues <i>Cultivating Courage</i> – Joshua 1:1-9
October 14	Focus: <i>Generous Living</i> ~ <i>The Gift of Giving</i> 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House Last Weekend	609
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of Sept. 23, 2018	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$37,268	\$25,758	\$11,510
Year-to-Date	\$290,611	\$326,395	(\$35,784)

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Pastor Martin Valleskey, who is our guest preacher this weekend at both locations. Many of you know of Pastor Valleskey through updates about Costa Maya Ministries and Cruz de Cristo Mission in Mahahual, Mexico. After the 10:30 a.m. service at BLC, everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and a presentation by Pastor Valleskey. He has inspiring stories and information to share.

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 we are having an update from Pastor Valleskey of Cruz de Cristo Mission and a door collection for the mission. More information about the missions is on their website at costamayaministries.com.



Mission Trips to Mexico in February 2019

Our missions trip to Mahahual, Mexico support the Costa Maya Ministries mission church, Cruz de Cristo. Two more mission trips have been scheduled for 2019. They are **February 6-13 and 13-19**. For more information, please speak with or email Pastor Krueger at pastorkrueger@hotmail.com or Deb Perry at deborah@costamayaministries.com.

MOPS and MOMSnext Meeting at Living Hope

All moms of children who are newborn-elementary school age are welcome on **Monday, October 1** 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.

OWLS – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors, 55+ The OWLS will meet at Bloomington Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, for a regular meeting. Millie Dauman will bring some of her rock collection and share some information. The November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings!

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 location. Please let us know how God answers our prayers so we can thank Him.



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.

Craft Fair in Belle Plaine

You are invited to enjoy the KingsPath Senior Living Craft Fair on **October 6**, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Featuring local vendors, crafts, a bake sale, and more! Proceeds will benefit The Lutheran Home Association's chaplaincy program. KingsPath is located at 125 Commerce Dr. W., Belle Plaine. If you need more info, call 952-873-5812.

Love in Action Teams at Bloomington Living Hope

Love in Action (LIA) is our small group ministry within Bloomington Living Hope. The use of small groups to achieve various aspects of growth and unity has proven to be successful and popular in many congregations. It is not a new concept; it is not a new approach. It is one that is encouraged by Jesus Christ. His Word tells us to help and encourage one another and to achieve this by meeting together. The direction is not limited to total congregational meetings on Sunday mornings, but it extends into our everyday life and personal relationships with fellow Christians. Years ago, each of our members were assigned to a Love in Action team. They meet together for social occasions, to serve His church, to nurture each other, and to pray and study His word. Love in Action teams also serve donuts, greet, and pass out bulletins on Sundays.

Are you a newer member looking to join a Love in Action team? Or, do you want to re-connect with your LIA team?

For more info about this ministry, please email Discipleship Elder, John Dvorak, at dvorakj@vikings.nfl.net or call the church office at 952-888-2475. We can get you in touch with a Love in Action team coordinator and get you more involved in various forms of church fellowship and ways to serve.

Men of His Word Conference in Rochester, MN

The 4th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 27**, 2018 in Rochester, MN. Please go online at menofhisword.org to register. Hope to see you there!

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.



**Costume Bash – Friday, November 2
5:30-9:00 p.m. at Living Hope**

This event will include an opening devotion and songs, a meal, large group and small group games, free time, small group reflections, and more!
Bring your gym shoes.

**Sandwich Bash – Sunday, November 18
11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Living Hope**

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and games. We will be making 1,000 sandwiches for local people in need of food. Sign up to bring some loaves of bread at bllh.org/empower.



Schedule of Jr. High events at bllh.org/Empower.

Sr. High Youth (Grades 9-12)

**Horizon High School Ministry
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Living Hope**

This is a great time to connect with other Christian teens. There will be snacks, games, and discussion of issues 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.



Upcoming Dates: September 30, October 7, 14, & 28
More info at bllh.org/horizon.

**Teen Retreat – October 19-21
Camp Phillip, Wautoma, WI**

Register online at bllh.org/horizon. We will be taking a group of students to spend a weekend getting outside, playing great games, experiencing the ropes course, growing friendships, studying Scripture, worshipping our Savior and having a blast.



Email questions to joel.hansen@mybllh.org

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

*Dedication Service
New Building at Living Hope*

*Sunday, October 7 | 2:30 PM
Followed by a cake reception*



Dedication Message from Pastor Mark Liesener

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!*

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.

A sign-up sheet

with specific areas and times to serve will be provided to all registered volunteers. Register to volunteer at bllh.org/rp.

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.



More Supplies are Needed!

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

If you can help in any way,

go to bllh.org/rp and complete the volunteer registration form, which MUST be completed before you can volunteer.

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.

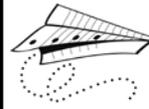
Everyone is welcome at

Joyful Hands Crafters

Saturday, October 6 at 10 AM
Bloomington Lutheran Church



All ages of crafters are welcome at any time and different types of crafts are encouraged. Your creations may be donated for various purposes. We meet on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year.



Everyone is invited!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Bloomington Lutheran School Library

Monday, October 1 • 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Tuesday, October 2 • 9:00 AM -7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 3 • 9:00 AM -4:00 PM
Thursday, October 4 • 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Shop for yourself, kids, grandkids, and more!

Help develop a child's love of reading while supporting the BLS and LH school and classroom libraries. Many titles available for adults.



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.



MOPS meets again on Monday, October 1

DONATE TO BLH SCHOOL without spending extra money!

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



ShopWithScrip



You will have significant opportunities to provide much-needed funding relief to our School.

Instantly use SCRIP from your phone!

More details available in the church entry and at blhschool.org/SCRIP.

Email questions to Lisa at blhSCRIP@myblh.org.

Support the
Ministry of
Martin Luther College
& Support our
Future WELS Leaders

MLC Auxiliary Annual Meeting

October 6, 2018 at Martin Luther College, New Ulm
Registration at 8:00 AM • Meeting at 9:00 AM

Presentations and workshops will expand your understanding and appreciation of Martin Luther College's (MLC) ministry.

Food donations for the MLC Food Shelf will be collected at registration. Morning treats and lunch can be purchased for \$8. MLC is located at 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm.

