

# Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of October 20-22, 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 Sermon Series: *Spent***

Ever feel like you are running on empty – both physically and spiritually? Are you feeling spent?

During this sermon series, we will look at what causes you to be spent. It could be work, family, a heavy heart, health problems, or may be your faith is stagnant. God provides promise and hope during these dry and difficult seasons. It is especially at those times that our God wants to give us directions and strength through His Word and comfort us with His precious promises. Perhaps it is possible that your moments of weakness are opportunities for God's strength to be on display.

In His Service,  
Pastor Rod Pudell  
Associate Pastor

How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

2 Samuel 7:22

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**

9350 Portland Ave South  
Bloomington, MN 55420  
952-888-2475

## **Living Hope Lutheran Church and School**

8600 Horizon Drive South  
Shakopee, MN 55379  
952-445-1785

## **Bloomington Lutheran School**

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Bloomington, MN 55438  
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Our church is a member of the  
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

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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 three weeks.

### Sunday, October 21

NO Sunday School, God's Little Lambs, Empower Bible Study, or Horizon High School Ministry

### Monday, October 22

2:00 p.m. OWLS Volunteer at The Lutheran Home  
6:00 p.m. Mercy Ministries Comm. Meeting at BLC

### Tuesday, October 23

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

### Wednesday, October 24

5:30-6:45 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Class at LH  
5:30-6:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Class at BLC  
5:45-6:45 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Class at LH  
7:00 p.m. Voices in Praise Choir at BLC  
7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class at LH

### Thursday, October 25

6:30 p.m. Bloomington Outreach Committee at BLC  
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University Class at LH  
6:30 p.m. Jesus Cares Ministry at BLC

### Saturday, October 27

3:00-5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat at LH

### LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
<b>This Weekend</b>	Samuel	John
<b>Next Weekend</b>	Jonah	Jude

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

New Series Begins: <i>Spent</i>	
October 21	<i>My Body is Broken</i> ~ Mark 5:21-34
October 28	Reformation <i>My Soul is Dry</i> ~ 2 Corinthians 1:3-10
November 4	<i>My Work Wears Me Down</i> ~ Luke 12:22-31
November 11	<i>My Heart is Heavy</i> ~ 1 Kings 19:1-8
November 18	<i>My Family is a Piece of Work</i> 2 Samuel 9:1-8
Thanksgiving November 21-22	Theme: <i>Joy Amidst Hardship</i> Psalm 30:11-12 Worship Services: Wed., November 21, 6:30 p.m. at BLC & LH Thursday, November 22, 9:30 a.m. at BLC

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House Last Weekend	732
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### OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of Oct. 14, 2018	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$20,333	\$24,120	(\$3,787)
Year-to-Date	\$318,580	\$398,088	(\$79,508)

## ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Person Needed for Snow Removal at BLC

Soon the snowflakes will be flying and covering the sidewalks at BLC. We are in need of a person who is willing to clear the walks each time it snows. A snow blower is available onsite. This is a paid position; so if you are interested, please contact Lyle Strehler at 952-888-2475 or [lstrehler@bllh.org](mailto:lstrehler@bllh.org). Thank you.



### Donate a Refrigerator for LH Communion Supplies

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### Be Part of the New Care Team

When our church members and families are in crisis or in need of help, they often reach out to our pastors for support from their church family. They may ask for rides to the doctor or church, babysitting while a parent is at an appointment, meals, financial support – the requests are varied. If you would like to be on the team that helps fellow church members, please contact the BLC church office at 952-888-2475.



### New Member Orientation Class

This class is the final step in becoming a member of Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church. Our next class is **Wednesday, October 24** at 7:00 p.m. at Living Hope Lutheran Church. If you have completed your membership paperwork and have not received an invitation to this class, please contact the Bloomington church office at [blc@bllh.org](mailto:blc@bllh.org) or 952-888-2475.

### 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 October 25** at Bloomington Lutheran Church. See you there!

### Please Support the Annual OWLS Fundraiser


Each year, the OWLS (Organization of WELS Seniors) chapters raise enough money to fund the salary of the Civilian Chaplain who visits our service people and civilians living in Europe. All of the proceeds from the BLH OWLS sale are donated to the European Chaplaincy Fund. A variety of craft items and boxed Christmas cards are displayed on a table in the hallway adjacent to the sanctuary. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser for Schools in Haiti

Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar fundraiser on, Saturday, **November 3** at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (1460 Almond Ave, St. Paul). If you or your group would like to contribute items for the bake sale or the bazaar, please email Linda Petersen at [lkptrsn.lp@icloud.com](mailto:lkptrsn.lp@icloud.com). All proceeds go to our three elementary schools in Haiti.

## 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 [blhSCRIP@myblh.org](mailto:blhSCRIP@myblh.org). More details are posted in the church entry and at [blhschool.org/SCRIP](http://blhschool.org/SCRIP).

## Men of His Word Conference in Rochester, MN

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Men of His Word Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2018** in Rochester, MN. Please go online at [menofhisword.org](http://menofhisword.org) to register.

## FOR OUR YOUTH

There is a one-time sign up for 2018 youth programs. Please complete the form at [blh.org/youthreg](http://blh.org/youthreg).

### 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 [blh.org/ssconfreg](http://blh.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 [blh.org/empower](http://blh.org/empower).



**Schedule of Jr. High events at [blh.org/Empower](http://blh.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: October 14 and 28  
More info at [blh.org/horizon](http://blh.org/horizon).

**Board Game Day – November 11**  
**2:00-5:00 p.m. at Living Hope**

We are going to have a great group of fun board games to play and have people on hand to teach them to you. Come join us. This is a church/community-wide event, so please invite people you think would enjoy an afternoon playing games. Bring a game you would like to share. Bring a favorite beverage or snack to share.



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

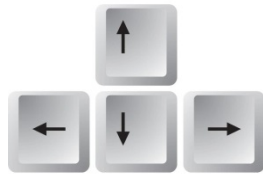


## Be a Clicker!

A clicker sits at a laptop and advances slides on the screens during the worship service.

*C'mon, it's easy!*

If you can push a button, you can do this!

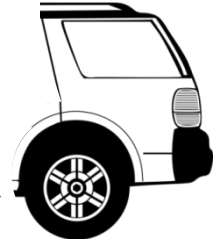


Adults and students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to sign up.

**Sign up at [blh.org/clicker](http://blh.org/clicker) where you can choose the dates that work for you!**

If you have questions, contact Lyle at 952-888-2475 or [lstrehler@blh.org](mailto:lstrehler@blh.org).

## Trunk or Treat



**Saturday, October 27  
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Living Hope Lutheran Church**



Walk with your family from car to car picking up candy and then go inside church for games, snack, and a craft!

If you would like to hand out candy from your trunk or volunteer to help with snacks, crafts, or games, please email

[joel.hansen@myblh.org](mailto:joel.hansen@myblh.org) or go to the Sign Up Genius website and search for this sign up using his email.



**Please wear non-scary costumes.**

## Ruby's PANTRY

**Wednesday, November 7\* | 5-6:30 PM**  
(Registration opens at 4:30 PM)

Everyone is welcome to donate \$20 and receive a share! There are no income or residency requirements.



An online sign up outlining the shifts and volunteer needs will be sent to all registered volunteers later in the month. Email questions to [carrie.orvik@yahoo.com](mailto:carrie.orvik@yahoo.com).

If you are interested in helping in any way, go to [blh.org/rp](http://blh.org/rp) and complete the volunteer registration form, which **MUST** be completed **BEFORE** you can volunteer.

★ Children 12 and under are welcome to serve this month, one-on-one with an adult who brings them. Both the adult and the child **MUST** complete the volunteer registration form in advance.

\*Typically, Ruby's Pantry is held on the first Tuesday of each month. BLC is not available on November 6 due to voting.

**DATE CHANGE**

# Pack a Shoebox for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



**BLH Collection Dates**  
**November 11-20**  
at our three  
BLH locations

Directions, ideas for packing a shoebox, and shoebox tags are available at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) and in the church entry.

## A Few Suggested Items:

- \* Toys
- \* School Supplies
- \* Hygiene Items
- \* Coloring books
- \* T-shirts, socks, hats
- \* Hair accessories



Samaritan's Purse requests a \$9 donation in each shoebox.

## Pray for the child receiving your box.



## Volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse

Tuesday, November 27 • 7-10 PM\*

Before the shoeboxes can be sent, each one has to be carefully inspected and made ready for overseas shipment by volunteers like you.\*\*

If you would like to volunteer at the warehouse, you must sign up on our website at [blh.org/ocwarehouse](http://blh.org/ocwarehouse).



If you have a question, please call the Bloomington church office at 952-888-2475.

\*Location will be announced after it is secured by the Operation Christmas Child organizers in the near future.

\*\*Must be at least 13 years old to volunteer.

Refrigerator  
Needed!

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## BOARD GAME DAY

Sunday, November 11  
2-5 PM at Living Hope

Lots of FUN board games to learn and play!

This is a church and community-wide event so please invite others!



Bring a beverage or snack to share and may be a game you would like to play.