

# Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of October 27-29, 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.

## **Current 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

Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
Psalm 46:10

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

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Shakopee, MN 55379  
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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 28

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

### Tuesday, October 30

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

### Wednesday, October 31

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.~~ No Voices in Praise Choir at BLC

### Thursday, November 1

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

7:00 p.m. Voices in Praise (VIP) Choir at BLC

### Friday, November 2

5:30-9:00 p.m. Jr. High Empower Costume Bash at LH

### Saturday, November 3

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

### LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
<b>This Weekend</b>	Jonah	Jude
<b>Next Weekend</b>	Acts	Hebrews

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

Current Series: <i>Spent</i>	
<del>October 21</del>	<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> Genesis 45:1-15
Thanksgiving Services 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	610
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### OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

#### Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
<b>Oct. 21, 2018</b>			
Plate & Envelope	\$19,449	\$26,609	(\$7,160)
Year-to-Date	\$338,029	\$424,697	(\$86,668)

## ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Collecting Old Keys

This is a chance to purge your drawers of old keys. Your unused keys can aid an autistic child from our congregation. Please drop your donations in the specially marked container in the church entry. They will bring joy and contentment to a young boy. Thanks!

### Change in Office Staff

It has been an honor and privilege to serve Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church and School in various capacities for the past 23 years. This all began with school bus driving and eventually to the church office. I have been blessed to work alongside dedicated called workers and volunteers who have created a community that I treasure. After 17 years of working in the church office, I have decided to step down from my current position as of November 9. I am grateful to you for your support throughout the years and look forward to serving Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church and School in other ways. In His service, *Diane Hallgren*

### Opening for Office Manager Position at BLC

If you are interested in finding out more about the Office Manager position at our Bloomington Lutheran Church location, please contact Lyle at 952-888-2475 or [lstrehler@bllh.org](mailto:lstrehler@bllh.org).

### Planned Giving

The fall season has traditionally been a time for us to take account of our blessings. It is a good time to take notice of the blessings we have received and to consider how we should manage these gifts from God. Carefully considering how you make gifts can assure the recipient and yourself the greatest benefits from them. Gifts of cash and appreciated asset gifts are just two ways that not only help the church's mission but also benefits you in tax deductions. For more information on the many wonderful ways to make wise gifts to help with the Lord's work, please contact Lyle Strehler at 952-888-2475 or [lstrehler@blh.org](mailto:lstrehler@blh.org). Please pick up an Endowment/Planned Giving brochure found in the information kiosk.

### 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.



## 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.

## 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!

**OWLS** – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors, 55+ Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington Lutheran Church. Aaron Wakeman of Friends of China – USA will be our speaker. Plan to attend the Thanksgiving dinner at noon on Thursday, November 15 at Christ Lutheran Church in Rockford. There is a sign-up sheet on the OWLS bulletin board at Bloomington Lutheran Church or call the Bloomington church office (952-888-2475) if you are interested in attending. Our catered Christmas lunch will be held at Bloomington Lutheran Church on Tuesday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events.

## Prayer and Care Ministry

Whatever your need might be, our prayer ministry stands ready to pray. Contact Diane Walters (952-233-5427 or 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.

## Attend St. Croix Lutheran Academy Events

- **Open House and Tours – Sunday, October 28**  
2:00-4:30 p.m. Meet teachers, tour the campus, and learn more about your Christian high school!
- **Chili & Pie Fundraiser and Fall Concert** 🎵  
**Sunday, October 28** – Band, Choirs, and Croixaliers  
Dinner at 4:30 p.m., Concert at 6:30 p.m.
- **Veterans Day Tribute – Thursday, November 8**  
Free and open to the public. Registration at 10:00 a.m., Chapel at 10:30 a.m., Ceremony in Gym at 11:00 a.m. Register online at [StCroixLutheran.org/Veterans](http://StCroixLutheran.org/Veterans).
- **Festival of Seasons Boutique Craft and Bake Sale**  
Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. About 75 vendors, bake sale, concessions, and music! Find out more at [www.StCroixLutheran.org/fos](http://www.StCroixLutheran.org/fos).

All events held at 1200 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul. You are welcome to call 651-451-1521 for more info.

## FOR OUR YOUTH

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



### 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](http://bllh.org/empower).



**Schedule of Jr. High events at [bllh.org/Empower](http://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: October 28, November 4, 11, 18  
More info at [bllh.org/horizon](http://bllh.org/horizon).

#### Shoebox Packing Day – Family Event

**November 11, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Living Hope**

We will pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as a group and share some Christmas themed fun! Bring items to pack or just join us for some family fun!

**Bring your friends – everyone is welcome!**

There are lots of fun shoebox gift ideas listed at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). Please note that candy or any kind of food cannot be sent.

#### Start Planning! Teen Winter Retreat

**January 4-6, 2019 at Camp Phillip, Wautoma, WI**

A group of students will spend the weekend drinking hot chocolate, playing indoor and outdoor games, snow tubing, growing friendships, studying Scripture, worshipping our Savior, and having a blast.



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

# Ruby's PANTRY

DATE  
CHANGE

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.



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.

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).

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



## 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).

**FAMILY  
EVENT!**

## SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY!

**Sunday, November 11  
3-5 PM at Living Hope**



We will pack as a group and share some Christmas themed fun!

Bring items to pack or just join us for some family fun!

### Suggested Items:

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

### Do Not Bring:

- Candy or food
- Toothpaste
- Used items
- Knives or toy guns
- Military figures
- Liquids or lotions
- Breakable items
- Aerosol cans

**Bring friends and neighbors!**

Email questions to [joel.hansen@myblh.org](mailto:joel.hansen@myblh.org).

# 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**  
21673 S. Cedar Ave, Lakeville, MN

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.

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



**One night only!**

# DAVE RAMSEY'S Smart MONEY

**LIVE** STREAM

Like many of us, are your finances out of control? Is the paycheck-to-paycheck life leaving you feeling panicked and insecure? Is debt keeping you from achieving your financial dreams?

*Join us*

**Thursday, November 15 • 6:45-9:45 PM**  
at both Bloomington Lutheran Church  
& Living Hope Lutheran Church

**FREE**

Dave Ramsey will be joined by best-selling author and retirement expert, Chris Hogan, to teach you the seven-step plan that has helped nearly 5 million people get out of debt, build wealth, and retire with dignity.

**Taking control of your money is easier than you think, and they will show you how!**

Sign up for Living Hope at [fpu.com/1077058](http://fpu.com/1077058)

Sign up for BLC at [fpu.com/1077183](http://fpu.com/1077183)

## Lefse Sale

**Saturday, November 11 &  
Sunday, November 12**

Bloomington Lutheran Church  
Before and after services

Fresh lefse sold in  
packages of 10 for \$9!

*Uff da,  
that's good!*



Our OWLS group is raising money to support the WELS European Chaplaincy Fund.

Lefse is a soft, thin Norwegian flatbread made out of potatoes, cream, butter, and flour.