

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of November 25-27, 2017

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

O Lord – our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter – we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Amen.

New Sermon Series: *Let's Clear Things Up*

This time during the church year, we typically focus on End Times. The events leading up to Christ's return are very intriguing to Christians. Unfortunately, some have misunderstood the Bible's teachings on some of the matters. Using proper methods of Bible interpretation, we will *CLEAR THINGS UP* about issues concerning the End Times that are, today, controversial. A clear understanding of these issues will truly help us to properly prepare for Christ's return.

In His Service,
Pastor Scott Spaulding

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58

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, November 26

No Education Hour at BLC and LH
~~6:00 p.m.~~ No Sr. High Vertical Encounters at LH

Tuesday, November 28

6:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse – Meet at the site in Lakeville
 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting at BLC
 7:00 p.m. R.I.N.G. Handbell Choir at BLC

Wednesday, November 29

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, November 30

6:30 p.m. BLC Outreach Committee Meet. at BLC
 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting at LH

Saturday, December 2

~~9:00 a.m.~~ No Basic Sign Language Class at BLC
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Hands Crafters meet at BLC
~~6:00 p.m.~~ **No Worship** at Living Hope due to onsite Basketball Tournament

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Sunday	Samuel	Hebrews
Next Sunday	Acts	Galatians

UPCOMING MESSAGES

New Series: *Have You Seen It?*

December 3	Title: <i>The Charlie Brown Christmas – Right Perspective</i> ~ Isaiah 9:2-7
Advent December 6	Title: <i>Echoes of the Old Testament</i> Noon and 6:30 p.m. at BLC
December 10	Title: <i>It's Christmas, George Bailey – Hardships</i> ~ Isaiah 40:1-5
Advent December 13	<i>Carol Sing Service</i> Noon at BLC and 6:30 p.m. at Living Hope
December 17	Title: <i>Don't Be Such a Scrooge!</i> Matthew 6:19-24

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House Last Weekend	708
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of Nov. 19, 2017	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
Plate & Envelope	\$24,221	\$25,895	(\$1,674)
Year-to-Date	\$485,223	\$602,407	(\$117,184)

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms Avery Mark, daughter of Matthew and Alicia Larson, was baptized privately this past week. On Sunday, Clara Grace, daughter of Rodney and Megan Bronson, will be baptized privately. We welcome Clara and Avery into God's family.

AWESOME CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are well along in reaching our goal! Thank you to those who have made a commitment thus far! When you prayerfully make a commitment it CAN BE FULLY MATCHED from a special fund, DOUBLING your commitment!!! May God move you to participate in Build the Dream and grow God's Kingdom. To HIM be the glory!

Giving God's Goodness Christmas Gift Program



During December, BLH will **anonymously** collect gifts for individuals and families in our church membership who are in need.

Please contact Pastor Pudell

:(612-384-2206 or revpudell@yahoo.com):

**to nominate a family for our
GIVING GOD'S GOODNESS program.**

During the first weekend of December, a board will be posted with gift requests. At that time, people can take one or more request tags from the board, purchase the item, and return the tag and item(s) to one of the church offices.

Cancellation of Saturday Evening Service at Living Hope on December 2

due to the basketball tournament hosted at the site. If you wish to worship on Saturday, please attend the 6:00 p.m. service held at Bloomington Lutheran Church.

Door Collection for Costa Maya Ministries

Our church is in partnership with the mission church Cruz de Cristo, which is part of Costa Maya Ministries and located in Mahahual, Mexico. An important way for us to support this mission is through heartfelt prayers. During 2017, we have had updates on the mission, had Pastor Valleskey (Pastor in Mahahual) visit our church, and taken door collections. For the final 2017 **door collection on December 3**, we would like to note that **each dollar you donate will be matched**. Costa Maya Ministries has a matching fund available to them for raising money to purchase the building they have been renting. Please give as you are able to help this mission church bring more people to Jesus, serve their community, and make a permanent home in Mexico.

Another Option for Mission Work in Mexico

An additional week has been added for a group from BLH to volunteer at Cruz De Cristo Mission in Mahahual, Mexico. If you are interested in attending March 14-19, 2018, please email blc@bllh.org.

Go Christmas Caroling on Thursday, December 7



Family Ministry is organizing an evening of caroling and fellowship at the Presbyterian Home in Bloomington. Residents love to sing along and say hello. More details about the time and where to meet will be announced soon. Join us!

Please Help Decorate Living Hope for Christmas



Everyone is welcome to help when we put up the Christmas tree and decorate at Living Hope on **Wednesday, Dec. 13** after the Advent Carol Sing, which will end around 7:30 p.m. Join us for fellowship and refreshments as we decorate.

New Sunday Morning Bible Class begins Dec. 3

Sometimes, Christians mistakenly feel that the only way they can serve God is by working in some official capacity for their congregation, or they feel that their roles at home or in their career lack honor and importance. This Bible study focuses on several key points regarding our roles in life: our vocations are ALL the roles in which God has called us, and through our many roles as the body of Christ, we offer up thankful service to our Lord and Savior. Join us during the Sunday Education Hour at BLC and Living Hope.

OWLS – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors, 55+
We welcome everyone to attend our events!

- **Monday, December 4** – Decorate for Christmas at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine. Meet at the Lutheran Home for 9:00 a.m. breakfast, followed by decorating.
- **Tuesday, December 5** at 11:30 a.m. – Annual catered Christmas luncheon at Bloomington Lutheran Church. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person, and we ask that you bring some cookies or candies for dessert.

For these events, there are sign-up sheets on the OWLS bulletin board at Bloomington Lutheran Church, or you can call the church office to indicate your attendance.

FREE! There is a 19.7 cubic foot, Montgomery Ward, upright freezer ready for you to pick up at BLC. The freezer works well. If you are interested, please call the church office at 952-888-2475.

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.

Opening for Before/After School Care

Supervisor The Bloomington School campus is seeking to hire a before and after school care supervisor. The hours are 7:15-8:45 a.m. and 4:00-5:30 p.m. This position receives hourly pay. Care is provided only on days school is in session. A candidate must agree to a criminal history check. For an interview, contact Principal Butzow at mike.butzow@mybllh.org or 952-941-9047.

FOR OUR YOUTH

Jr. High EMPOWER (Grades 6-8)

**Christmas Bash – Sunday, December 10
11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Living Hope**



This event will include an opening devotion and songs, a meal, large group and small group games, free time, and more! **Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift.** If you have questions about this event or Empower, please email joel.hansen@mybllh.org. The Empower schedule for 2017-18 is available at bllh.org/empower.

Sr. High Vertical Encounters (Grades 9-12)

**Save the dates –
Two mission trips in summer 2018!**

Trip 1 – June 23-30 in South Carolina

During this trip, we will join hundreds of other teens in the Reach Mission Trips program to make a big impact repairing homes in a poor neighborhood.

Trip 2 – July 7-14 in Mahahual, Mexico

BLH will take a team to run English as a Second Language classes and Vacation Bible School at our mission partner, Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico.

More details about these trips will be coming soon.
For immediate info, email joel.hansen@mybllh.org.

Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Living Hope Lutheran Church



On Sunday nights, we look forward to gathering together with other Christian teens. It is a great time to connect through snacks and games, and to discuss issues that are 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 are December 3, 10, and 17.**

Advent by Candlelight Service at Mt. Olive

All ladies (10 years old and up) are invited for an evening of fellowship, music, and desserts on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. The theme of the service, "Let Your Lights Appear" focuses on the candles of the Advent Wreath – both their traditional meaning and a new, alternative emphasis. Please contact Heidi Groom at hgroom23@gmail.com if you'd like to attend. Let your hearts be lit with the joy of Christ's coming.

Volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse

November 28, 2017 • 6:00-9:00 p.m.

21673 Cedar Ave S, Lakeville, MN 55044

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

like you (Must be at least 13 years old to volunteer). There are 8 spots open. To participate, sign up on our at blh.org/occwarehouse.



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

Mitten Tree

A Christmas tree is set up in the church entry to be covered with donations of

- ◆ New Hats
- ◆ New Scarves,
- ◆ New Mittens & Gloves!



Donations may be purchased or made by hand!

Items donated to Lutheran Family Services.

Order Poinsettias to Decorate the Altar for Christmas



Beautiful Plants

from Bachman's for \$9.50

Order by December 4th



The plants will decorate the altar area during Christmas and may be taken home on Christmas Day.

The sign-up sheet and payment envelopes are located on the flower chart bulletin board at Bloomington Lutheran and in the entry at Living Hope. **Thank you!**

Advent Worship Services

Wednesday, December 6

Join Us for Our Annual Joint Advent Service



Does the very thought of December and the holiday season make you cringe? It shouldn't.

In this Advent service, we will reflect on the theme, *Good Tidings of Comfort and Joy*. Advent is a time of preparing our hearts, not just our homes. We will look at how the use of the traditional Advent wreath can focus our hearts back on the true meaning of Jesus' birth.

- 12:00 p.m. – Worship at BLC
- 5:30-6:15 p.m. – Meal served at BLC
- 6:30 p.m. – Worship at BLC

Wednesday, December 13

Enjoy the Advent Carol Sing

This year, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will take a look at Martin Luther's Christmas hymn, *From Heaven Above To Earth I Come*, as well as some other Christian favorites.



12:00 p.m. – Bloomington Lutheran Church

6:30 p.m. – Living Hope Lutheran Church

Calendars for 2018



BLH Family Ministry is selling the beautiful and popular calendars offered each year. These high-quality calendars feature incredible nature photos with quotations from Scripture.

Calendars are available for purchase in the church entry for only \$7.

Thank you for supporting Family Ministry!

DONATE TO BLH SCHOOL without spending extra money!



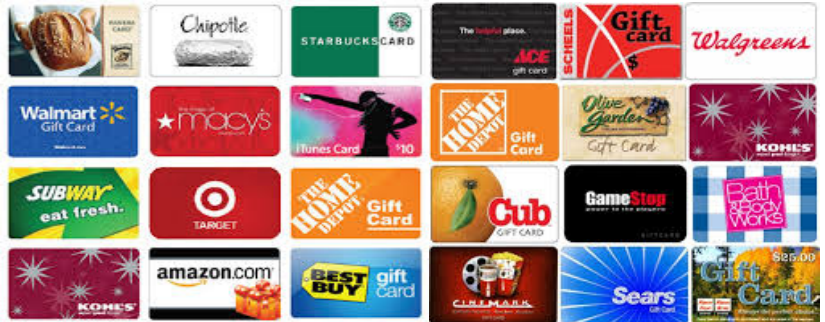
Here's the riddle...you see it every day...you've used it before...it's everywhere you go... and it keeps on giving...what is it?

It's "scrip," the proven method of generating charitable rebates through common purchases from your favorite stores, restaurants and service providers. With scrip, you'll have significant opportunities to provide much-needed funding relief to BLH School.

To get a better idea of what we're talking about, just think of the revenue-generating possibilities arising from your own family's spending habits.

For instance, just in the past three days has anyone in your family:

- Refueled a car with gas
- Stopped to pick up coffee or doughnuts
- Paid bills
- Taken a business trip
- Bought gifts for an upcoming event
- Shopped for groceries
- Dined out with family, co-workers, or friends
- Had their hair cut
- Picked up a prescription
- Planned a vacation



If you answered "yes" to any or all of the above questions, you have experienced a potential opportunity to generate funding for:

- The tuition assistance program which helps families who want to send their kids to BLH but just can't afford it. It also helps families who already attend BLH and need help.
- The miscellaneous account which helps the BLS library, the LH library, or the BLS Science Lab with needs which are not included in our school budget.

Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from BLH at face value, and our coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for BLH School. It's really that simple! **Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more.**

ORDER...

Option 1: Purchase cards using the order form available in the entryway or print a copy of the order form from our school website www.blhhschool.org.

- Use a SCRIP ORDER envelope to choose which account to apply instant rebate.
- Place order form inside envelope along with check or cash and insert in the box labeled SCRIP.
- **Make checks payable to BLH School.**
- We will contact you by email or phone when cards are ready for pick up.

Option 2: Purchase online at ShopwithSCRIP.com (open an account by emailing blhSCRIP@myblh.org)

- SCRIP Now ecards (printable) OR Reloadable gift cards
- PrestoPay (*information available at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/Support/faq/prestopay>*)

Option 3: Use your phone or tablet with MySCRIPWallet.com and use your SCRIP instantly (open an account by emailing blhSCRIP@myblh.org)

- Use your ShopWithSCRIP user name and password to access MySCRIPWallet.com on your mobile device.



For more information, go to www.blhhschool.org/SCRIP or contact Lisa Fincel at blhSCRIP@myblh.org.