

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of April 14-16, 2018
Church services canceled due to snow storm.

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

Living Lord, where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are in the midst of them. May we recognize your presence among us in the sharing of your Holy Word in worship. Open our minds to the mysteries you reveal. Restore our faith in your divine plan for our salvation, through your life, death, and resurrection. And grant us your peace, which is present even in our most uncertain times. Amen.

New Sermon Series – *Who Do You Think You Are?*

If you are as old as I am, you can probably remember the 1971 song by Jean Knight: *Mr. Big Stuff...Who Do You Think You Are?* It portrayed a person who was pretty full of himself. Sometimes, the problem we have in our day and age is the opposite – people who do NOT have a positive image of themselves. All too often, they are encouraged to look inside at their own gifts and abilities to discover this positive self-image and feel good about themselves. But, Christians are constantly encouraged to look outside of themselves. What allows us to feel great is a reminder of our God-image – who we really are by grace through faith.

In His Service,
Rev. Rod Pudell

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,
brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving
each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:31-32

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, April 15 – *Services canceled*

- ~~9:00 a.m.~~ Planned Giving Presentation at LH
- ~~3:00 p.m.~~ Amazing Race – Family Edition at LH
- ~~6:00 p.m.~~ Sr. High Encounter at Caribou in Shakopee

Monday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

- 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, April 19

- 6:30 p.m. BLC Outreach Committee at BLC

Friday, April 20

- 5:30-9:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at LH

Saturday, April 21

- 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 8th Gr. Confirm. Retreat at LH
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome Neighbor Bag Delivery at LH

LOVE IN ACTION SERVERS

	Living Hope	Bloomington
This Weekend	Ezra	Galatians
Next Weekend	Mark	Psalms

UPCOMING MESSAGES

New Series Begins: <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i>	
April 8	<i>You Are Free...AND a Slave</i> Romans 6:15-23
April 15	<i>You are Forgiven</i> ~ Micah 7:18-19
April 22	<i>You are a Child of God</i> ~ 1 John 3:1-10
April 29	Confirmation Sunday <i>You are a Saint</i> ~ Ephesians 2:18-20
May 6	Baccalaureate Sunday <i>You are a Priest</i> ~ Isaiah 61:1-7
May 13	<i>You are a Witness</i> ~ Acts 1:1-8

We Celebrate the Number of Worshipers in God's House for last weekend	691
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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church

Weekend of	Received Amount	Budgeted Amount	over/ (under)
April 8, 2018	\$20,822	\$50,310	(\$29,488)
Year-to-Date	\$1,059,821	\$1,282,758	(\$222,937)

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting – April 22 at Living Hope
 Congregational Vote – Funding Source for BLH Campus Repair and Maintenance Expense.



The meeting purpose is to review several repair and maintenance items that have been required over the last few months. We will vote on a funding source for these expenses – specifically, requesting that they be paid out of the funds from Build the Dream earmarked for long-term debt reduction. Please prayerfully consider attending this voting meeting at 11:00 a.m. on April 22 at Living Hope.

Planned Giving Presentation this Sunday at LH

Please join us on **Sunday, April 15 at Living Hope** for a planned giving presentation. The presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will focus on the importance of estate planning, health care directives, and legal guardian decisions. Jenny Nohelty will be our guest speaker. We hope to see you there!

Divine Calls Issued for Teachers at BLH

Through the guidance of the Spirit, BLH has issued divine calls to Mr. Daniel D. Schultz and to Mrs. Monica Schultz to serve as 7th and 5th grade teachers at our Bloomington campus. Mr. Schultz is currently serving as administrator of Huron Valley Lutheran High School and Mrs. Schultz is teaching middle grades at St. John's Lutheran School, both in Westland, Michigan. Please include Mr. and Mrs. Schultz in your prayers as they deliberate on their calls. We remain confident that the Lord provides workers for his kingdom!

Communion Weekends Change During April



Due to Easter falling on the first Sunday in April, communion weekends changed in April the second and fourth. Typically, communion is offered on the first and third weekends of each month.

New Topic for Wednesday Evening Bible Class

Even though this class started up last week, it is not too late to join the group. Everyone is welcome at any time throughout the class. Join us at 7:00 p.m. at Bloomington Lutheran Church. We will continue with, *Hard Sayings of Jesus*. The study will clear up the confusion around difficult and controversial statements of Jesus.

A few of the titles included in this study:

- Does Jesus Contradict Himself?
- Unless You Hate Your Father and Mother...
- Be Like Snakes!
- Pearls Before Swine and Bread to Dogs

2017 Contribution Statements are available for pick up in the church entry. If you have questions, please call the church office at 952-888-2475.

Banner and Altar Cloth Volunteer Needed at BLC

Each season during the church year, the altar cloths and banners need to be switched out. If you would be interested in helping make those changes happen, please email blc@bllh.org or call the Bloomington church office at 952-888-2475.

MOPS and MOMSnext Meeting at Living Hope

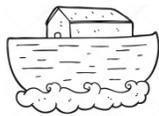
All moms of young children are welcome on **Monday, April 16** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. when we meet to encourage each other through motherhood. Please email questions to bllhMOPS@hotmail.com.

Help Deliver Welcome Bags in the Shakopee Area

Please join the Outreach Committee on the third Saturday of each month when they deliver welcome bags to the new neighbors around Living Hope. Inside each welcome bag is an invitation to worship with us and to check out our school. **On the next delivery day, Saturday, April 21**, please meet at Living Hope at 10:00 a.m. We will divvy up the list and then drive to the homes. It would be typical for each driver to deliver about 8-10 welcome bags. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Susie at 952-445-2728.

Play Presented by Grades 1-4 at Living Hope

Please join us on **Thursday, May 3** for an entertaining musical about the Bible story of Noah. The students will be presenting, *Rainbow Review*, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



Theatre Camp at Mt. Olive in Shakopee

Camp is **Monday, July 23–Thursday, July 26** and for kids ages 7-16. A final performance will be on Thursday evening. This camp consists of Bible-based skits and/or a short play, devotion time, set construction time, and a whole lot of fun! Daily schedules are as follows:

- Monday, July 23 – 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, July 24 and 25
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Bring a sack lunch)
- Thursday, July 26 – 1:00-8:00 p.m. (Dinner included)
Final Performance is at 7:00 p.m.

There is a \$30 fee per attendee. Register at mountolive.lutheran.com by July 1 to ensure a spot.

Attend Events at St. Croix Lutheran Academy

The school is at 1200 Oakdale Ave in West St Paul.

• Croixaliers Upcoming Services

April 29 – St. John's Lutheran, Stillwater, MN
May 6 – Heritage Lutheran, Apple Valley, MN
More details at stcroixlutheran.org/croixaliers.

• Golf Classic – Monday, June 11

Held at Troy Burne Golf Course in Hudson, WI. The \$125 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf (scramble) with cart, dinner at Troy Burne, games, prizes, and more! Register now at stcroixlutheran.org/golfclassic.

FOR OUR YOUTH

Amazing Race --Family Edition 
Sunday, April 15 – 3:00 p.m. at Living Hope

There is still time to register
for this exciting event!

Participants are formed into teams (families will stay together) and will complete in a series of challenges in a race to the prize.

After that, we will facilitate family discussions about using our God-given talents. This event will have a healthy blend of cooperation and competition.



• Jr. High EMPOWER (Grades 6-8)

Confirmation Retreat for 2018 Confirmands
Friday, April 20 – 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The confirmands will spend a weekend getting ready for the transition to adult membership in the church and the transition to high school. This is required for confirmation and the cost is \$25.

If you have questions regarding youth events, please email joel.hansen@mybllh.org. The Empower schedule is available at bllh.org/empower.

• Sr. High Vertical Encounters (Grades 9-12)

Bible Study at Shakopee Caribou

We are studying the book of Romans.

We meet again April 15 and 22 from

6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Southbridge Caribou at 8360 Hansen Ave in Shakopee.



Walmart Gift Card Macy's Donate to BLH School without Spending Extra Money

Through Scrip, you can generate charitable rebates by making common purchases from your favorite stores, restaurants, and service providers. You will have significant opportunities to provide much-needed funding relief to our school. More details are available in the church entry and at bllhschool.org/SCRIP. Email questions to Lisa at bllhSCRIP@mybllh.org.

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



Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1:17.

AMAZING RACE FAMILY EDITION

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

3:00-5:00 PM AT LIVING HOPE

Participants are formed into teams (and they will stay together) and will complete a series of challenges in a race to the prize.

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Exciting event for all ages!

A healthy blend of
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Register at blh.org/family.

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Congregation Meeting

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JOIN US FOR VBS!



Fun & Adventure
are coming
this Summer!



June 18-21, 2018

9:00AM-12:00PM

Living Hope

Registration is now open for children Age 2 – 3rd grade.



Register your child or sign-up
to volunteer at www.bllh.org/vbs.



Older children and adults can join the fun and volunteer for the week!

If you have questions, please contact the Bloomington church office at blc@bllh.org.

The 5th-8th grade students of
Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran School
invite you to their play!



Thursday, April 26

2:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Bloomington Lutheran School

Our students are working hard on the
songs, dances, and lines.

Many are involved with
backstage crew, lighting,
and set design.

It is sure to be a hit!



Join us for

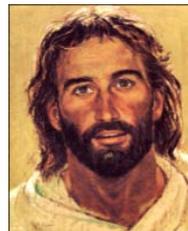
Jesus Cares Ministry

Thursday, April 26

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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This special ministry
reaches out to people
with developmental
disabilities. The group
has Bible stories, crafts,
and prayer requests.



Classes meet the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays of each month.

Everyone is welcome to
join us at any time.