

# The Gospel Gazette

April 2018

## St. John Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

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David Bush,  
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Board of Elders

### Worship

**9:30am - Sunday**

*Communion every  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*

10:30am - Fellowship

**10:45am -**

**Sunday School  
& Bible Study**

### Wednesday Bible Study

**9:30am**



**Holy Week**

*(at St. John)*

### Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7:00pm

### Good Friday

March 30, 7:00pm

### Easter, April 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30am

Followed by  
Easter Breakfast  
*Please join us!*

## Something New: First Sunday Food Offering



### Starting Easter Sunday

St. John Lutheran church invites you to bring in items to share with the greater community. A list of needed items is included with this newsletter. These gifts will be collected the first Sunday of every month. We are calling this special giving:

### ***First Sunday Food Offering.***

You will find a grocery cart in the church entryway by the coat rack. There, too, is a list of needed items that will be shared with the Idaho Falls Food Basket and with the Regional Council of Christian Ministries through our partnership with the RCCM.

— Old Testament —

“But if there are any poor Israelites in your towns when you arrive in the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward them. Instead, be generous and lend them whatever they need.

*Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NLT)*

— & New Testament —

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

*James 1:27 (NLT)*

### **Have Some Fun and Share the Meaning**

- Consider using coupons to extend your purchasing power.
- Look for store specials and closeouts.
- Find buy-one-get-one offers on items you use regularly and donate one.
- Let your children share in the experience of shopping for the sole purpose of blessing others you may never meet.
- Before dropping them off at church, pray over these items that God would bless those who receive the gifts. Pray that those who receive would give Him thanks for the care and experience even more of His gifts. Share this with others while giving God thanks for the daily provision He provides you.

Experience God's love even as  
He loves through you!

~Pastor Stephen

Join us Easter morning for worship, then stay for fellowship & breakfast!



Our monthly potluck luncheon is at noon on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. If possible, we ask that you bring a dish to share. If you are coming from work, and it is difficult to bring a dish, just come share in fellowship with us! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite friends and family.

Game night is Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. All ages are welcome.

If you would like to serve in the community, please help at the soup kitchen on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:30am-2:00pm. Any help during that time is greatly appreciated in preparing, setting up, serving and clean up.

*Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD! ~ Psalm 31:24*

God Bless, Sheila K. :)

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## Board of Directors Minutes - February 2018

(in order to allow time for minutes to be reviewed for accuracy, the minutes are published with a one-month delay.)

Call to order/Opening Prayer; Devotional-Pastor Stephen:

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Elizabeth B. – Camp Perkins How does Crown of Life send so many youths to Camp each year?

Gave many ideas, encouraged to start small (adopt a camper, garage sale, garage sale with the community sell table space, collect coins, etc.

Committee Reports (Brief) Adult Education; Primary Education; Human Care

Properties - Lights were fixed in the church parking lot: Energy efficient light bulbs were installed in the sanctuary; Hand railing was installed on either side of the parking lot entrance doors.

Public Relations; Social Ministry; Youth & Family Life; Stewardship; Outreach and Assimilation

Church Security - Medical response team- handle medical emergency; Armed Response team- people willing to take matters in their own hands to handle the weapon situation; Unarmed Response team – deal with an unarmed situation; Things to note insurance issues, need fire and earthquake plans, keep things Biblically based, how do we select people for the teams, do we need to make a line item in the budget for training.

Pastor's Report - Bible Class – The Present Future: Six tough Questions for the Church

Continues; New Members Classes – n/a; Sermon Series- back to the Readings of the Day

Baptisms- n/a; Circuit Pastors/Deacons- great group of leaders; Missionary – Sponsorship papers received by LCMS for Nichelle Dykema; Midweek Advent Services start February 21 at Hope

Jr. High leadership meeting activities were planned through out the remaining school year. Last Saturday **16** Jr. High youth showed up! Confirmation looking to start this fall; Office is going well

LWML – Pastor is their official Pastoral Counselor

Elders Report (see next page)

Treasure's Report - Special Donation was received for properties for the maintaining and improving St. John; New Budget planning cycle will begin in March

Old Business - Peeling paint in the sanctuary

New Business -

Closing Prayer/Adjournment

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## VBS will be held June 25-29, 2018.

St. John will once again partner with Camp Perkins to provide Vacation Bible School.

**Please prayerfully consider helping with this vital ministry.** Perhaps consider using a day of vacation to help share the good news of the Gospel. For many of the children who attend VBS this is their **only** exposure to God's word and the love of Jesus!

## Board of Elders Minutes - February 2018

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Present: Pastor Stephen, Todd M., Jeff P., Dave V.

Pastor led an opening devotion and prayer

Pastor's Report

Worship Services and Spiritual Life

- Lenten services continue at Hope Lutheran Church
- We discussed congregational prayers

We discussed contacts with members, including shut-ins and the homebound, and with non-attenders.

We reviewed those who may be interested in the New Member class.

We discussed elder nominations for the coming year:

Next regular meeting: Monday, April 2, 2018, 7:00 pm.

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The financial report is not available this month.

*Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



# CAMP PERKINS

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

## 2018 Camp Sessions

3-4 grade*	July 15-20
3-6 grade*	July 1-6
3-6 grade*	August 5-10
5-8 grade*	July 8-13
5-8 grade*	July 22-27
6-9 grade*	July 29-August 3
9-12 grade*	July 15-20

\*Please note: **Grade is based on grade entering next fall.** Youth campers will be grouped in cabins according to grades (grades 3 & 4 together, 5 & 6 together, etc.)

*Please plan your Cabin Mate requests accordingly.*

### Cost:

Pricing by registration date

*the earlier you register the more you save!*

*Received online by midnight or postmarked on or before:*

- ◆ March 16-April 15: \$325.00
- ◆ April 16-May 31: \$335.00
- ◆ June 1 & after: \$345.00



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

**DINNER & AUCTION**

**21 APRIL**

BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
3910 S. YELLOWSTONE HWY, IDAHO FALLS, ID 83402

<b>6 P.M.</b> RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION	<b>7 P.M.</b> DINNER	<b>8 P.M.</b> LIVE AUCTION
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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.ALLABOUTHOPE.ORG](http://WWW.ALLABOUTHOPE.ORG)

**Buy Your Tickets Now!**

Hope Lutheran's Annual Auction is always a fun way to support our sister congregation.

*When:* April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6 p.m.

*Where:* Boy Scout Headquarters (3910 S. Yellowstone Hwy, Idaho Falls, Idaho)

Dinner tickets are \$45/person.

Dinner choices are prime rib or grilled salmon.

**Special raffle items are:**

- an Echo Plus (with Philips Hue bulb included) **AND** an Amazon gift card
- a Yeti cooler
- \$250 in Scrip (gift) cards

**Tickets available online or at Hope Lutheran Church & School!**