

# Stronger Together

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**LIVING HOPE**  
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## Pastor's Column

### *Easter is the Answer*



Throughout the season of Lent, we've been exploring the theme "Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith." Lent is a season for wandering through wilderness, exploring, wondering, and questioning. At the end of our Lenten journey is the Good Friday story of the cross, the place where we see God's love most fully revealed as Jesus lays down his life for our sake.

And then comes Easter. Easter is the ultimate answer to all the questions we've asked. Easter is the climax of the story, the moment when we see the proof that Jesus is who he says he is. It's the proof of death's defeat. The empty tomb declares that the cross was God's moment of triumph, rather than the defeat it appeared to be. We gather together to sing in celebration, joyfully proclaiming, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

**And yet, Easter brings up another question: So what?** What do we do with the news that Jesus is alive? Where do we go from here? How do we respond to the promise that death has been defeated, the promise that God's kingdom has broken into our world?

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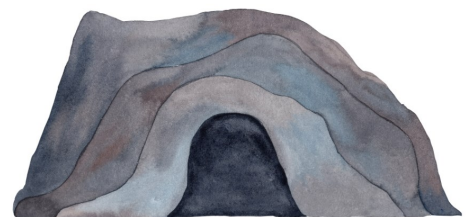
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Siblings in Christ, this is our question to answer. As individual believers and as a community of faith, how will we react to Easter? Will we allow the good news of the resurrection to shape the way we live? Will we respond to the grace God has given us by inviting others to know the hope we have, sharing the gospel, and loving our neighbors in Jesus' name?

May the Holy Spirit move us to action as we live out our faith. See you in church!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Daniel*



# FROM THE COUNCILS

**Council members from both churches were asked  
"Finish this sentence... 'One thing I love about my church is:'"**

*and here are their responses:*



**from Jen Eason:**

*"belonging to a community of faith, rooted in the love of Jesus."*



**from Mark Dybdahl:**

*"the people I work and worship with."*



**from Paul Hoffmann:**

*"its ability to strengthen my living through Christ in mission and the ministry of music."*



**from Patti Luedtke:**

*"the feeling that I am worshipping with family."*



**from Ellen Smith:**

*"our people: We are very supportive of each other and generous with our time (great volunteers) and donations (LWR, etc.) when someone asks for help with a project."*



**from Deb Bruns:**

*"how welcoming and friendly everyone is!"*



**from Gary Myrah:**

*"our resiliency. Throughout our growth from the very first service, the message is 'the church' is not a building, it is the people that gather to hear the message and develop traditions, and through all of our ups and downs, the spirit of resiliency has endured."*



**from Joe Georgeson:**

*"the culture of the church. It includes the people but it is more than that. It is the feeling while being at church sharing fellowship or a common mission of the church."*



**from Fred Walls:**

*"how dedicated its members are. There are always helping hands when things need to be done."*



**from Chris Lear:**

*"our many faith practices. Our worship is meaningful and touches my heart. We have many, sincere fellow members who contribute for worship."*



**from Brad LeDuc:**

*"the many people here willing to be involved and help out and the young families that extend the age ranges of our church family to reflect all of life from birth and on."*

# Summer Camp Opportunities

Refresh your faith while playing in God's amazing creation! Did you know our congregation is located near four ELCA camps? Both Lutherdale and the three sites of Crossways Camps offer fun and faith-filled programs for elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as adult retreats, quilting and crafting weekends, and family camps. Crossways even offers a four-day "Grandkid Camp" August 6-9 at Pine Lake Camp for grandparents and kids!



Summer camp is an awesome experience of playing games, going swimming, doing crafts, strengthening relationships, and best of all, learning more about Jesus. For older students, a variety of specialty camps like backpacking, STEAM, and Leadership Training are available. Visit [www.crosswayscamps.org](http://www.crosswayscamps.org) or [www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org) for more information.

**ADVENTURE**  
*awaits*



## Updates from



The past few months have been full of winter fun for the Lighthouse youth!

We kicked off the new year with a game night and assembled birthday kits for the local food pantries. In February, a group of 7 students (6 of whom are members at Living Hope and Christ the King) and 3 adults attended the Quake youth retreat in the WI Dells. This was an awesome weekend of worship, workshops, a meal-packing service project, and of course, some waterpark fun! A group of 15 also spent a February afternoon skiing and tubing at Sunburst. In March, we enjoyed a movie night at Lighthouse and have been busy preparing for 2 big Easter projects - the Easter baskets for Family Promise and our "Egg My Yard" fundraiser.



We continue to be so grateful to all of our congregations and members who support Lighthouse through prayer as well as financial contributions! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect supplies for more than 150 birthday kits to donate to our local food pantries, as well as create some awesome Easter baskets for 25 kids in Ozaukee County through Family Promise. In addition to these special service projects, the ongoing congregational support makes it possible to offer all our fun events to serve our church and community youth. So far this school year, 30 different students have participated in at least one Lighthouse event!

THANK YOU for supporting Lighthouse, and we ask for your continued prayers as we work to offer a safe place where all youth are welcomed, empowered, and equipped to serve!



*"Find out how much God has given you  
and from it take what you need;  
the remainder is needed by others."  
—St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*



**COME HELP US** *PAMPER*  
*BABY FLUCKE* **WITH A DIAPER SHOWER**  
FOR  
*CHRISTIN & PASTOR DANIEL*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 2 11:30AM-1:30PM**  
**AT LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**851 W DEKORA ST, SAUKVILLE**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**HOSTED BY ALEX PIEPER**  
**BRING A PACK OF DIAPERS**  
**(A VARIETY OF SIZES IS APPRECIATED, PAMPERS PREFERRED)**  
**PLEASE RSVP TO ALEX BY TEXT OR EMAIL**  
**414-350-2994 OR ALEXPIEPER@GMAIL.COM**

## *Podcasts*

Did you know we have a sermon podcast? It's a great new way to stay connected with our congregation if you can't make it to worship or want to hear the sermon again! Listen to an audio recording of each Sunday's Scripture reading and sermon. Search for "Sermons | Living Hope and Christ the King Lutheran ELCA Churches" on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts to listen and subscribe.



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*"We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? —1 John 3:16-17*





## Equipping the Saints Mission Appeal Thank You

During the season of Lent, our congregation stepped up to support both our future ministry here at Living Hope and the ministries of the wider church. THANK YOU to everyone who committed to supporting these efforts through our Equipping the Saints mission appeal!

Thanks to your generosity, and to the significant gift Jerry Baganz contributed last year before his death, one of the projects funded by this campaign has already been completed. The new, accessible front doors to the church building were installed mid-March, and will serve to welcome people to our congregation for many years to come.



Other projects, such as the new outdoor storage building and additional concrete work outside the front doors, will be happening in the near future. With the new parking lot entrance and repaving happening soon, there's a lot happening to our property.

In addition, 20% of our funds raised are being shared with our synod to support innovation and collaboration in ministry in our changing world. Again, thank you for your faithful generosity through this campaign!

# Here We Grow

– Preschool and Childcare Center –

April 3-6, 2023

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

### Music Monday

Wear tie dye or rainbow colors

Sing A Long with Ms Beki

### Tasty Taco Tuesday-Let's be Healthy

Wear sports or exercise outfit

Fun classroom exercising & yoga

Tacos for lunch

### Work Together Wacky Wednesday

Wear a wacky, mismatched outfit

Children work together to make nature display

### Thankful Thursday

We are thankful for HWG families & teachers

Wear your school colors-yellow & blue

Parents/families/siblings join us for breakfast

in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8am

*Here We Grow will be closed Friday, April 7 & Monday, April 10*

## SAVE THE DATE

for Here We Grow

### Family Night with David Stokes

[www.dwstokes.com](http://www.dwstokes.com)

Thursday, May 25, 2023

5:00pm Supper in Fellowship Hall

5:30pm David Stokes

Frog Chorus Nature Education

Family Wildlife Night of Fun

Including Live Animals and Things to Touch

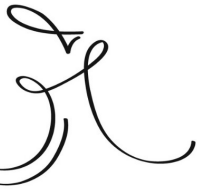
Puppets, Artifacts, Riddles & Sign Language



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## WORSHIP WITH US

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US  
SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM  
FOLLOWED BY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15AM

# JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH US.



Palm Sunday—April 2nd

8:30am Worship Service at Christ the King

10:30am Worship Service at Living Hope

Maundy Thursday—April 6th

7:00pm Joint Worship Service at Christ the King

Good Friday—April 7th

7:00pm Joint Worship Service at Living Hope

Easter Sunday—April 9th

8:30am Worship Service at Christ the King,  
followed by Easter breakfast

10:30am Worship Service at Living Hope,  
preceded by Easter breakfast at 9:00am

JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK AND THEN CELEBRATE  
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION ON EASTER.