



# LIVING HOPE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living Hope Presbyterian Church seeks to inspire and empower through the Gospel.

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### From the Pastor...

January 2023 Newsletter

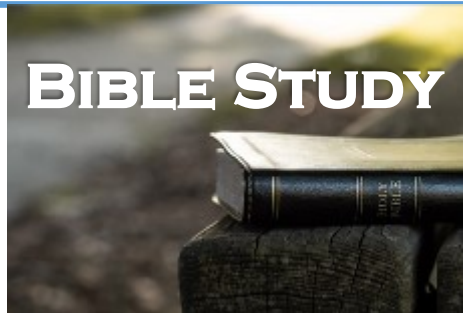
The new year is almost here and with that comes many new year's resolutions. You know, the ones about eating more healthfully, getting more exercise, spending more time with family and friends. We've all made them in an attempt to help us change a little bit of who we are and how we act. Perhaps this year is no different for you, that you already have some goals in mind and are going to work on being a different "you" during 2023.

Whether you do have resolutions for 2023 or not, maybe instead you consider approaching the new year in a different way. So often, our resolutions are focused on "problems" that we have, things that we don't like about ourselves and our lives. What if instead, this coming year you focused on those things that are going well and how to expand them. Psychological research actually suggests that by taking this approach, a strength based approach to change, we are able to make those alterations to our lives more easily. I would also suggest that we are living more faithfully as well. You see, when we focus on all of the things that are wrong with us, we are actually dismissing the fact that we are made in God's image, that God has used our biology and experiences to craft us for a particular role in the world. When we focus on our strengths and what we have right with us, we are actually celebrating the gifts that God has given us to use for the common good.

One thing I want to be clear about, is I am not discounting the sin that always sticks very closely to each one of us. We all fall short of what God has created us to be and each one of us does do harm to our world and God every day. Even so, when we focus too much on how we need to be better, we are missing the point. God can use even our flaws, our weaknesses, for God's purpose. In fact, Paul even claims that God works especially through our weaknesses. *Continued...*

So, as we approach this new year with new possibilities, consider, if you will, how to expand the stuff that you are already doing well, working off of the gifts that you have been given, and looking for the good even in your flaws, because God can and does use all of who you are to continue building Christ's kingdom in our midst.

In Christ, *Will*



## Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966 .

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| Jan 9  | John 1:29-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9      | for Jan 15 |
| Jan 15 | Matthew 4:12-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | for Jan 22 |
| Jan 23 | Matthew 5:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  | for Jan 29 |
| Jan 30 | Matthew 5:13-20; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16  | for Feb 5  |

## Faith Conversations - Spring Schedule

First and Third Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm

February 2 and 16

March 2 and 16

April 20 and May 4



Meet in **Fellowship Hall** , **channel 966** or **watch the livestream**

[[www.livinghopepcusa.org/livestream](http://www.livinghopepcusa.org/livestream)] . Come with curiosity and respect as we explore what other faiths and denominations believe and how they live that out.

# MISSION

In 2022, LHPC gave:

\$1,630 One Great Hour of Sharing:

\$1,440 Pentecost (40% to AGAPE House)

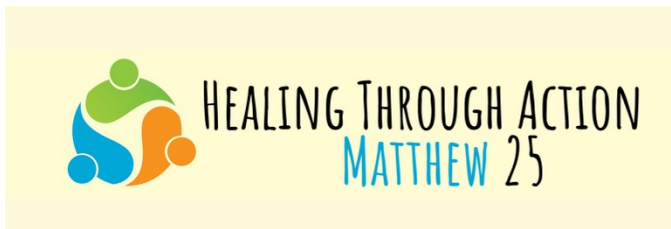
\$1,025 Peacemaking (25% to Fisher House)

\$1,150 Thank offering

\$1,356 Christmas Joy

\$2,018 – split between the Food Pantries in Waukesha and Menomonee Falls.

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Our Matthew 25 Mission Project last year was to grow food for the food pantry at Apostle Presbyterian Church in West Allis. We grew lots of tomatoes, great herbs and some cucumbers that were harvested weekly July through September. We will have revised and updated planting schedule and new sign up sheets in May as we continue on into our second year of growing.





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The remaining budgeted funds were given to:

- **The Committee for the Promotion of Excellence in Music** - a scholarship fund in memory of Wallace Cheatham.
- **Penfield Children’s Center** - helping children with and without disabilities reach their full potential by providing early education, health and wellness services, and family programs in Milwaukee.
- **Healing the Children - Wisconsin Chapter** - partners with American healthcare providers to help underserved children around the world secure urgently needed medical care otherwise unobtainable.
- **Eras Senior Network** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives (formerly Interfaith, Waukesha)
- **Serenity Inns** offer an opportunity for holistic recovery from addiction and alcoholism to men who need it most, in a compassionate community of accountability.
- **Heifer International** accelerate the path to living incomes around the world through nutritious food, Shelter, clean water, education, access to health care and safe and secure environments.
- **Waukesha and Falls Area Food Pantries** - an extra year end gift was made above the collected Food Pantry Sunday donations.

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## First Sunday Food Pantry

Jan 1

Feb 5

March 5



**Food Pantry Sunday**

First Sunday of each month

Please mark any monetary donations “Food Pantry” and they will be split between the two pantries we support. The collection bin is in the church Gathering Place. Thank you for your continued generosity.

# JANUARY 2023



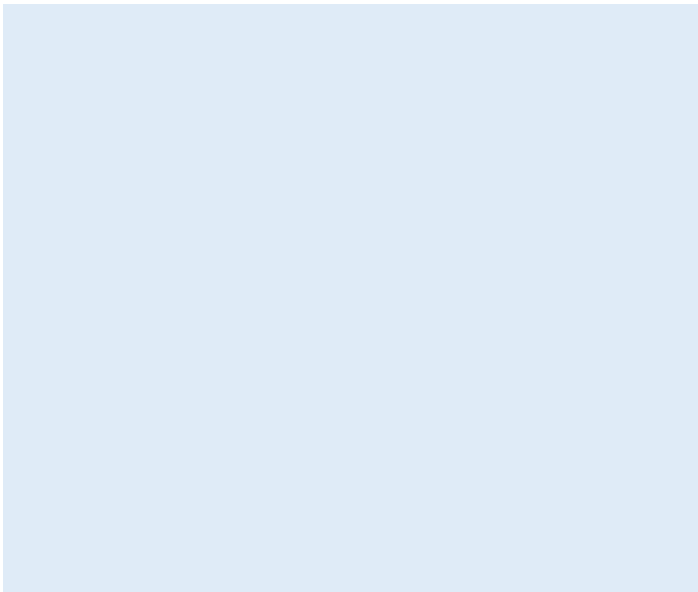
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>10 AM</b> Worship - Kathy Rosen 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School <b>10 AM</b> Worship - with Communion - Installation of Officers 	<b>9</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Finance Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>10 AM</b> Worship 11:30 AM Session	<b>16</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10 AM</b> Worship 11:15 New Member Conversation	<b>23</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10 AM</b> Worship 11:15 Annual Meeting	<b>30</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	<b>31</b>	<b>1 February</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30 Faith Conversation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

## January Prayer Calendar



**Average Dec Attendance**

In person: 39

Zoom: 3

Livestream Views: 12

Total Average Attendance: 54

(we cannot track how many people watch on Ch 966)

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?  
Please let the office know so we can update our files.

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of November 30, 2022</b>								
				<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>			<b>Fav/(Unfav) Variance</b>
Total Income - YTD				\$104,268.03	\$ 89,100.00			\$ 15,168.03
Total Expense - YTD				\$145,648.64	\$ 135,025.00			<b>\$(10,623.64)</b>
Net Income - YTD November 30, 2022				<b>\$(41,380.61)</b>	<b>\$ (45,925.00)</b>			\$ 4,544.39
Unrestricted Funds as of November 30, 2022				\$342,944.99				

**2023 Session**

Karl Bertram, Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter,  
Kathryn Fresch, Curtis MacDonald, Mike McBride and  
Marcia Sinner

**2023 Deacons**

Cherie Andrus, Diane DeBoer, Ken DeBoer,  
LaVonne Gardner, Ann Tennyson and Tom Tennyson

Thank you to Barb Foy for serving on session for the past four years and Joe Fresch for serving on session for the past six years.

Thank you to Steve Sinner for serving as Treasurer in 2022.

**New Members/Affiliate Members**

Sunday, Jan 22

After worship

Join us for a question/answer session on what it means to be a member of Living Hope.

**Official Notice**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 29**

Following Worship - Zoom and in person



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**Clerk of Session:** Kathryn Fresch

**Treasurer:** Steve Sinner

**Church Musician:** Teresa Ledford

**2023 Session Members:** Karl Bertram, Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter, Kathryn Fresch, Curtis MacDonald, Mike McBride and Marcia Sinner

**2023 Deacons:** (A-B) Tom Tennyson (C-F) Ann Tennyson (G-K) Diane DeBoer – Moderator  
(L-O) Cherie Andrus (P-R) LaVonne Gardner (S-Z) Ken DeBoer