



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

From the Pastor...

April 2023 Newsletter

Last Saturday we had a nice spring snow storm. About seven inches of snow fell during the day, making travel difficult and shoveling the wet stuff was no fun. The calendar says it's spring; the snow on the ground, however, doesn't seem to agree. But this is Wisconsin in late March and we will have snow. In fact, we've had snow storms into May before. But it still doesn't mean we can't grumble about it: "It's spring, we're not supposed to have snow!" "When is it really going to be spring?" The good news is that like most spring snow storms, the nasty white stuff is already melting and should be gone by the first of April as we get ready for Holy Week and Easter. Even so we are living in a time of "already Spring, but not fully yet."

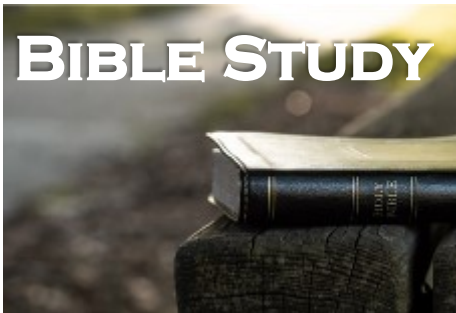
The same thing can be said about Easter. With Jesus' resurrection we have the first example of life transformed, a life that cannot be killed. A life that is beyond death. Even so, we still live in a world where death has power. We see death and destruction all around us. We experience the grief and pain of loss. Loved ones have died; we will one day die. The promises of Easter can sometimes ring hollow. But just like spring coming, resurrection is coming too. While we may have those days where our hopes are dashed by an unexpected event, we also can feel the warmth of God's love like the sun warming the air. While there are days when snow falls, there are also days when the solid white stuff becomes flowing water that nourishes the earth.

So, when we are grumbling about snow in spring and how heavy it is or finding ourselves facing the hard realities of life, we can take hope. It doesn't mean that things don't hurt. Even though the snow melts, your back can still be sore from having to shovel it. Even though we have the assurance that we will be reunited with those whom God loves in the resurrection, it doesn't stop the sense of loss that comes with the death of a loved one. That hope, however, is something that allows us to take one brave step and then another, knowing with confidence that we can live and love those around us, find joy again, and share with others the comfort that comes with the sure and certain hope that Easter is here, even if we don't always experience it fully.

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 .

We are off April 3 and 10 for Holy Week and Easter

Apr 17 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

for April 23

Apr 24 Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

for April 30

May 1 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

for May 7



Sunday School meets in person on
before worship at 8:45.

April 16, May 7, May 21

Faith Conversations

Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm

Join us in May for our last two sessions when we talk with representatives from the Hindu tradition.

Dates will be available later in April.



Meet in **Fellowship Hall** , **channel 966** or watch the **livestream** [www.livinghopepcusa.org/livestream]. Come with curiosity and respect as we explore what other faiths and denominations believe and how they live that out.

APRIL 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 - Lent 5	27	28	29	30	31	1 April
2 - Palm/Passion 10 AM Worship - with Communion - Rev. Pete Haskins 	3 No Bible Study 	4	5	6 - Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Worship with communion	7	8
9 Easter Sunday 10 AM Worship 	10 No Bible Study	11	12	13	14	15
16 8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Session	17 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	18	19	20	21	22
23 10 AM Worship	24 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	25	26	27	28	29
30 10 AM Worship	1 May 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	2	3	4	5	6



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.

April Prayer Calendar



April Birthdays

The Care and Concern of the
Congregation is with:

Average March Attendance

In person: 49

Zoom: 5

Livestream Views: 2

Total Average Attendance: 56

(We cannot track how many people watch on Ch 966. Livestream is household, not individual count)

FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of February 28, 2023								
				Actual	Budget		Fav/(Unfav)	
							Variance	
Total Income - YTD				\$ 23,584.87	\$ 18,266.00		\$ 5,318.87	
Total Expense - YTD				\$ 26,242.02	\$ 25,550.00		\$ (692.02)	
Net Income - YTD February 28, 2023				\$ (2,657.15)	\$ (7,284.00)		\$ 4,626.85	
Unrestricted Funds as of February 28, 2023				\$337,686.71				



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 2—10 am

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship

- a service of Palm Sunday celebration and the Passion according to Matthew

Thursday, April 6—6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

Sunday, April 9—10 am

Easter Worship



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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