



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

From the Pastor...

May 2023 Newsletter

Oftentimes, for us sitting here two thousand years after the events of the resurrection, it is hard to see that the first disciples bumbled along making mistakes as they went, having to adjust the way they saw the world and be open to God's Spirit guiding them in directions that they hadn't expected, but they did. We can see this in the changes they made in the way they welcomed non-Jews into the community, how they appointed deacons to help share the load of ministering to those in the community of faith, and how they expanded the reach of the missions beyond the borders of Palestine and Asia Minor.

We here at Living Hope are also having to take time and adjust how we have done things. Last year, as part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we participated in Food for the Journey with six other Presbyterian congregations. We had hopes that we would have lots and lots of produce that we could not only share some with folks experiencing food insecurity, but would also be able to have enough to share around here that folks could donate money to support the project. But that just didn't happen. We tried growing planters with a variety of different vegetables, but certain plants out competed others and we didn't really get any peppers or cucumbers. So, like those first disciples, we are going to continue doing mission while making adjustments.



This year we are going to:

- add a couple more planter boxes to bring our total to 8
- keep one or two types of plants per box instead of trying to mix them
- increase our fertilizing routine to encourage more produce
- continue our volunteer teams to provide adequate watering for the planters

Living into a new project like this requires reflection and adjustment to make it work even better. This is not something new, but what the church has always done. We will continue to do our best to respond to the learning that is occurring, the changes in the mission field that we live in, and what God is doing within us and all around us. May we indeed respond to changes with grateful hearts.

In Christ, *Will*

Sundays In May

May 7 - Sunday School

Food Pantry Sunday

Communion



Food Pantry Sunday

First Sunday of each month

May 14 - Mother's Day



May 21 - Sunday School

Planting the garden

Session



May 28 - Brass Quintet for Pentecost

Red Geraniums

Pentecost Offering



MISSION



OGHS Offering - Thank you

This year we are sending \$1,280 to the Presbytery for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Pentecost Offering - May 28, 2023

Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

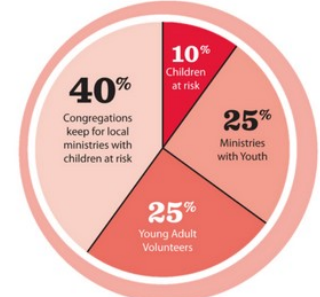
A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING
 you're supporting ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ.



FOOD Pantry
OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
End hunger. Start here.

Falls Area
FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Sunday
First Sunday of each month

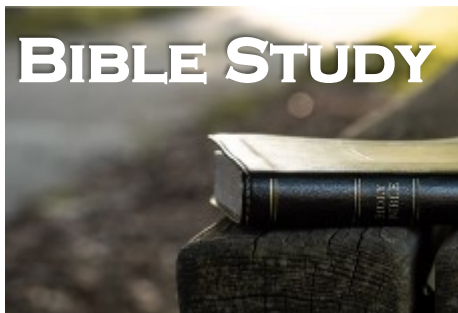
Food Pantry Sunday

May 7
June 4

Do you get paper grocery bags?
 Please save and donate to the Food Pantries. They need paper bags.

Other Top items:

- BREAKFAST Cereal, oatmeal, applesauce, canned pineapple
- SOUP - chunky soup, Progresso Soup
- PROTEIN - Canned (Tuna, Spam, beef hash, chicken), peanut butter, corned beef hash
- NOODLES - any dry pasta or noodles, canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni)



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 .

May 1	1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14	for May 7
May 8	John 14:15-21; Acts 17:22-31	for May 14
May 15	Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11	for May 21
May 22	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21	for May 28
No Bible Study Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.		



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

May 7 and May 21

Faith Conversations

Due to scheduling conflicts, the last sessions of Faith Conversations will not be held at this time.

Look for our next discussion group in Fall 2023.

Our focus will be "Purpose after Retirement."



MAY 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 10 AM Worship	1 May 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	2	3	4	5	6
7  8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship - with Communion  	8 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	9 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 10 AM Worship	15 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	16	17	18	19	20
21  8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Session 	22 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 10 AM Worship - Brass Quintet Wear Red 	29 No Bible Study Office Closed 	30	31	1 June	2	3

Planting the boxes is scheduled for Sun 21st.



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.

May Prayer Calendar



May Birthdays

The Care and Concern of the
Congregation is with:

Average April Attendance

In person: 46

Zoom: 6

Livestream Views: 3

Total Average Attendance: 55

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

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

Anniversary Wishes to:

FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of March 31, 2023						
				Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD				\$ 32,528.09	\$ 27,399.00	\$ 5,129.09
Total Expense - YTD				\$ 40,861.59	\$ 38,325.00	\$ (2,536.59)
Net Income - YTD February 28, 2023				\$ (8,333.50)	\$ (10,926.00)	\$ 2,592.50
Unrestricted Funds as of March 31, 2023				\$330,937.16		

Food for the Journey - The planters will be set up mid-May, and we are planting May 21!

We are creating **Care Teams** - one for each day of the week. You can talk within your group and work together to make sure everything is taken care of on your Care Day.

(Example - Joan, Tom and Chris are all on the Monday team - at least one of them will check water levels every Monday.)



Sign up chart will be available starting May 7.



All produce is donated to the food pantry at Apostle Presbyterian in West Allis.



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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