

## From the Pastor...

Mid June - Mid Aug 2025 Newsletter

One of the (many) things that is unique and special about Living Hope is the significant number of visitors that we have. On a regular basis, we have new people show up and join us on Sunday mornings or at Bible study on Monday mornings. This can be a challenge, but it also has its upside.

Having a number of new people joining us on a regular basis, it can be hard to connect their names with their faces. It is also easy enough to confuse a few people and call them by the wrong name. Likewise, if there is something unique about their behavior, we may not know all of their medical conditions or idiosyncrasies. Finally, there is always the big issue with visitors of coming in and finding someone sitting in your seat.

Even with these challenges, there are benefits to having new folks join us on a regular basis. First, some of those new folks will actually stay and become part of our worshipping community. Also, it can push us to see things from a different perspective (it really is okay to sit in the front row of chairs, and you can see better, too). Finally, having new people present helps us practice our skills of hospitality. When we practice the art of welcoming people as Christ welcomes us, we are able to experience the joy of meeting new people, find new ways of serving the God and the

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Hebrews 13:2



world, and reminding ourselves of how God welcomes us, even with all our faults and foibles.

One of the ways that we at Living Hope actively practice hospitality is displayed in the work of our Deacons. They do an amazing job of welcoming people, both those who have been with us for a while and those who are more recent additions. On Pentecost, they gave a gift of geraniums to people who joined us for worship as a way to remind us how we are to grow our awareness of the Spirit's presence in our own homes and lives. They put together our quarterly fellowship time, allowing us to enjoy times of visiting with each other after worship in a more leisurely way. They also do an amazing job of welcoming new people, inviting them to sit with them and help them feel like they are part of the community from the start.



In a few short months the new building here at Dickson Hollow will open and we will have the opportunity to continue our welcoming nature. We will have opportunities to reach out and invite new residents to join us for worship and participation in our ministry here and to the broader community. We will have the opportunity to share fellowship and compassion to folks who are adjusting to a new home, potentially far away from what is familiar with them. We will have the opportunity to find ourselves changed by the relationships that the Spirit sends our way.



Let us pray that God opens us to continue living out the hospitality that we have been given in Christ and maybe even welcome angels into our midst without knowing it.

In Christ,

*Will*





Thank you for your donations of gently used and brand new clothing and hygiene items for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. We FILLED Will's van in donations.



PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We collected \$1,010 for the Pentecost offering in June. 60% goes to the Presbytery helping the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% will go to Healing the Children.



We made 100 sandwiches and lunches for The Guest House on June 8.

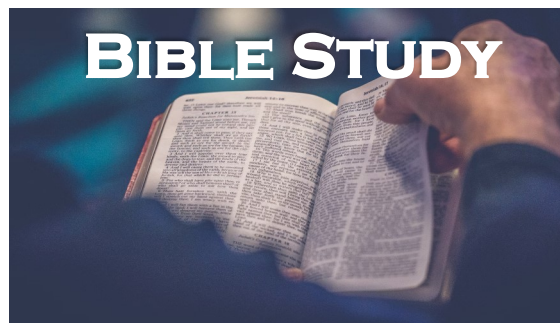


# Garden Planting and Care



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.

**Please talk with Will if you are able to help care for our garden.**



## 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.

June 16 No Bible Study

June 23 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62 for June 29

June 30 2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 for July 6

July 7 No Bible Study- Independence Day

July 14 Amos 8:1-12; Luke 10:38-42 for July 20

July 21 Hosea 1:2-10; Luke 11:1-13 for July 27

July 28 Hosea 11:1-11; Luke 12:13-21 for Aug 3

Aug 4 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Luke 12:32-40 for Aug 10

Aug 11 Isaiah 5:1-7 ; Luke 12:49-56 for Aug 17

Aug 18 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17 for Aug 24

Aug 25 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Luke 14:7-14 for Aug 31

Sept 1 No Bible Study - Labor Day



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## June Prayer Calendar

## July Prayer Calendar



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## August Prayer Calendar

### **The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:**

We pray for all places of war and conflict in the world.

We pray for those who will be affected by natural disasters this summer as we start hurricane season.



# JUNE / JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>15</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b> 11:10 AM Session	<b>16</b>  No Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Will is on vacation this week.						
<b>22</b>  <b>10 AM Worship -</b> <b>Guest Preacher:</b> <b>Bill Leonard</b>	<b>23</b>  9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Office Hours Mondays and Wednesday 8:30-12						
<b>29</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>30</b>  9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>1 July</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>10 AM Worship with Communion</b>  	<b>7</b>  No Bible Study (Lisa is off today)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>14</b>  9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>

# JULY/AUG 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>20</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b> 11:10 AM Session	<b>21</b>  No Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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<b>27</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>28</b>  9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 Aug</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  <b>10 AM Worship with Communion</b>   <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <small>First Sunday of each month</small> 	<b>4</b>  9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>11</b>  9 AM Finance Meeting 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH 11 AM Worship Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b> 11 AM Coffee Hour Hosted by Deacons 11:10 AM Session	<b>18</b>  9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<div>Join us for Coffee hour!</div>  <div>Sunday, August 17</div>	





June

July

August

### Average May - June 15 Attendance

In person: 36

Zoom/livestream: 11

Total Average Attendance: 47

### Anniversary Wishes to:

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

### May 2025 Financial Summary

							Fav/(Unfav)
				Actual		Budget	Variance
Total Income - YTD				\$ 78,977.66		\$ 54,725.00	\$ 24,252.66
Total Expense - YTD				\$ 75,475.50		\$ 77,630.00	\$ 2,154.50
Net Income - YTD May 31, 2025				\$ 3,502.16		\$ (22,905.00)	\$ 26,407.16
Unrestricted Funds as of May 31, 2025				\$343,706.39			



Our August Mission project is collecting classroom and individual school supplies for Starms Early Childhood School, a K3-K5 school in Milwaukee. Look for more information in the bulletin starting in early August in preparation for their first day of school, September 2.



## Food Pantry Sundays

July 6      Aug 3      Sept 7

Our food pantry collection bin is now inside the church office hallway. You can give a monetary donation any Sunday. Thank you!

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(F-H) Ken DeBoer  
(S-T) Martin Gahle

(I-L) Cherie Andrus – Co-Moderator, Secretary  
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