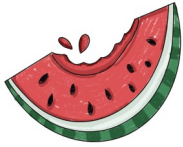


Good Hope's

Good News

June 2026



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Our Mission Statement

*We are the people of God
shaped by Jesus Christ
and transformed by the Holy
Spirit into a community for
others.*

News from the Pews - June

(Council Prez. Diane Rinehart [aka Di])

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged"
Deuteronomy 31:8

Grace and peace be with you, my brothers, and sisters in Christ.

I selected this bible verse because we all needed to hear that through this challenging time of transition; we need to remember that we are not alone. That God is always with us. And we have such a wonderful church family that we can lean on each other.

Your council continues to work with the Synod office to form our Call committee and get started on putting our profile together. As well as seeking an interim Pastor for Good Hope. I have had a couple of folks offer their time to join the team and for that, I am grateful! Still looking for about 2-3 more people. Please contact me if you are interested.

In the meantime, Thursday morning Bible study and Friday evening Bible study are both going strong. Confirmation will continue until June 14th then break for the summer. Regrouping in September and there is a tentative confirmation date of October 25, 2026. Please look at your newsletters and bulletins for further details on confirmation. Tim Hall continues helping our less fortunate community neighbors. A big thank you to Jenny Smith and her crew for all the hard work they do putting this ministry together. The choir will be taking a break for the summer. However, if you are interested in singing anytime throughout the summer: solos, duets, instruments, or vocals, please see Jerome and he will be happy to get you on the calendar and set up practice time. A big thank you to all our choir members and Jerome for leading us throughout the year!

With summer right around the corner, remember; when you are traveling and unable to join us in church on Sunday mornings, you can always pull up our services on our Facebook page or our website and enjoy the worship service.

Couple reminders:

- ⇒ Council members to be installed Sunday June 7th. Bishop Donald Kreiss will be leading us in worship.
- ⇒ Next Tim Hall collection and bag packing June 18th. Distribution June 20th
- ⇒ Call (734-427-3660) the church office if you are in need of a pastoral call or visit. Karen will be glad to help you.

Blessings,
Di

Financial Corner – for April 2026

Worship Offering (non-designated offerings) vs. Budget:

Our monthly budget requirement is \$14,715 (Annual Budget of \$176,580 / 12 Months).

April's worship offering (non-designated offering):

April offering:	\$ 8,609
30% rental income	\$ 1,050
Monthly budget:	\$14,715
Monthly offering higher / (lower) than budget:	\$(5,056)



2026 Year to Date:

YTD Offering:	\$40,057
YTD 30% rental income	\$ 4,200
YTD Budget	\$58,860
YTD Offering higher/(lower) than Budget	\$(14,603)

Worship Offering (non-designated offerings) including 30% rental income vs. Expenses

April offering:	\$ 8,609
30% rental income	\$ 1,050
April expenses	\$(15,982)
Monthly offering higher / (lower) than expenses	\$(6,323)

YTD Offering	\$40,057
YTD 30% rental income	\$ 4,200
YTD Expenses	\$(61,107)
YTD offering higher / (lower) than expenses	\$(16,850)

Please note: The above schedule represents budget items and does not include funds collected for dedicated funds (e.g., Food Pantry, Tim Hall Fund, Good Sam, Memorial Funds, or other special offerings) and does not include special and unbudgeted expenses (e.g., furnace or A/C replacement.) It includes 30% of the rental income.

The origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

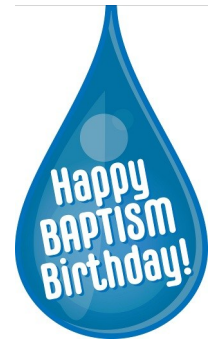




- 6/4 Debra Alholinna
- 6/9 Dan King
- 6/14 Jenny Smith
- 6/14 Jason Smith
- 6/16 Mikaela Bledsoe
- 6/16 Greg Clarey
- 6/17 Lisa King
- 6/19 John Rinehart
- 6/19 Amber Trongo
- 6/26 Carrie Armstrong

JUNE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Glenda Taylor
- 6/5 Mary Liggins
- 6/5 Lorinda Scott
- 6/9 Donna Kanowski
- 6/9 Nancy Rocker
- 6/13 Marcus Owens
- 6/18 Arwynn King
- 6/18 Hayden Yesko
- 6/19 Brooke Gilland
- 6/21 Kathleen Plond
- 6/23 Kinslee Gilland
- 6/29 Sherry Staples



If you know the date of your Baptism and would like to be included in the Baptismal birthdays, please let the office know.



Directory Changes

JB & Debbie Likeric
109 Elvin #53
Ogden, IL 61859



Good Hope is working on a new non-pictorial directory to be ready in July 2026. We are asking that any information that may need updating for the directory to be given to Karen Pola in the church office. This includes: addresses, home phone & cell phone numbers, email addresses, etc. If you are not sure if your information has been updated, please call Karen at 734-427-3660 Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. If you get the voicemail please leave a message and she will get back with you.



- 6/05 Harland & Shirley Guffey 56 years
- 6/08 Andrew & Marissa Buser 2 years
- 6/13 Todd & Melanie Bartel 28 years
- 6/16 Tom & Peggy Dubay 54 years
- 6/23 Dan & Brooke Gilland 7 years

You'll never miss it

Frustrated that income never covered expenses, a longtime church treasurer resigned. Another member, who owned the town's grain elevator, volunteered to take over with one stipulation: He wouldn't submit a report for the first year.

The puzzled board members agreed because they knew he was an honest man. After all, they trusted him to process their grain.

By year's end, the new treasurer gave a glowing report. The church's building debt had been erased. Staff salaries had increased 15 percent. And the budget showed a healthy balance.

When the shocked but delighted congregation asked for an explanation, the treasurer said, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. When I paid you, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it!"

Imagine what we could do for God if we willingly returned the first tenth of his gifts back to him.

Flowers for the Altar

The altar guild has a display of vases in the glass case in the narthex if you would like to use them to bring in your own flowers from a store or your garden. Please return the vases so others may use them also. Of course, you can also use your own vases. Please sign the wall chart so others know which Sundays are open. If you are celebrating an occasion of any kind and want Karen to put it in the bulletin, fill out a form located under the chart and turn it in writing "bringing own flowers" on it.

Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

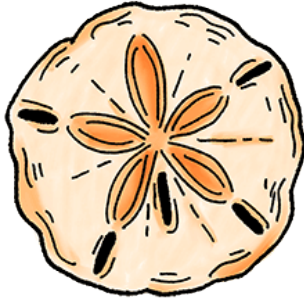
Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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Christian Symbols



SAND DOLLAR — These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Quiz



King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?

- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Look for answer elsewhere



Quilter's Update June 2026

The quilters will be on recess for the summer months: June, July and August. We will be back sewing and assembling quilts for the Lutheran World Relief on Wednesday, September 9th. At 9:30am.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Best Wishes,

GHLC QUILTERS

Please Remember to keep....

Kevin Clarey, Geri Daniels, Lisa Donfried, Beverly Doom, Steve Fritz, Groh Family, Michael Hicks, Hicks Family, Donna Kanowski, Ken Konsdorf, Vaughn Mattson, Bill Monson, Shirlee Pakkala, Mike Smith, Soto Family, Eleanore Stirling, Dorothy Sweda, Glenda Taylor, Jessica Thomas, Bob Wagner, Gail White, Beverly Wolff, Anne, Kristina, Carnetta, Roy, Jodi, Sue, Norm, Randy, Linda, Ava, Brandon, Adam, Pauline & Good Hope....In your prayers.

If you are in need of prayers call the church office at **734-427-3660**.



Ramblings from...Deb

Here I am with my last minute ramblings. Every month I think I will get them written before Karen sends her reminder, but every month they are at the very last second or close to it!!! Sometimes my thoughts come late in the month because I wait the full month to see everything that has happened. Reminds me of a story I have heard many times. It is a long story, but here is the Reader's Digest version. Keep your fork after dinner because the best is yet to come...dessert! As you know, I was very late getting the Easter cards out to the congregation before Easter. Actually, they didn't go out until almost the end of the Easter season. I hope you thought they were worth the wait!! I start on them early, but then my design changes. I find something I want to tweak or change. I say that they 'morph' into something complex and time-consuming. So if they are late at Thanksgiving... just remember the best is yet to come!!! I am excited that being retired (or semi-retired!!!), has given me more time to travel and experience new adventures. In February I visited friends in Florida. In April I visited the Biltmore in Asheville, South Carolina. July will be a women's retreat in Muskegon, September will be a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and then I will finish the year back with friends in Florida. I always think that I've seen the 'best', but then there is one more adventure that is even better. I think the key is not to assume you have already seen the 'best'. Keep waiting and looking for new adventures!!!

My affirmation for this month has been on a yellow sticky note on my desk the whole month (I personally can't imagine a world without sticky notes!!!).

***Everyday may not be good...
but there is something good in everyday.***

Take care...and see you in church!!!

Debbie Kupel
GHLC Member



2026-2027 Church Council Members

Council Lay-President: Di Rinehart
Council Secretary: Marissa Buser
Church Treasurer: Russ Juliette

Director of Education: Angela Cassity
Director of Fellowship/Outreach: Jenny Smith
Director of Parish: Di Rinehart
Director of Properties: Aaron Sherman
Director of Worship: Beth Taylor

Member at Large: Hailey Pedersen
Member at Large: Rita Harmon
Member at Large: Creed Jones



KID'S PAGE

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.



REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!