

## Good Hope's

## Good News

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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 - May

(Council Prez. Diane Rinehart [aka Di])

*When a pastor leaves, find strength in knowing God remains the ultimate shepherd of the church. 'Be strong and courageous, the Lord your God will be with you', Joshua 1:9*

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ. I know you are grieving and hurting that our Pastor has moved onto another faith journey, and you are probably wondering, what is next? Unfortunately, this is nothing new for Good Hope. We have had many pastors come through our doors and move on as God leads them. Fortunately, with our faithful members and the grace of God, we seem to always make it through these transitions and grow stronger in our faith and our commitment to fulfil our ministries.

The council met with Pr. Jen Kiefer, assistant to the Bishop on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> and she walked us through our next steps in Calling our next pastor. As most of you know, there are many steps to be taken, and this is not an overnight process to go through. Good Hope needs time to heal, look for volunteers for the Call committee, put a profile together, submit to Synod, wait for candidates, interview, etc. So, we ask for your patience and prayers as the Council starts this process. The Call committee consists of volunteers. Only the Council Lay-President and maybe one other council member should be on the Call committee. I am asking 4-5 other people to prayerfully consider joining this team. I will be talking to many of you one-one to see if you are interested, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you are interested. Your commitment to this team is valuable and much appreciated.

In the meantime, we will have supply pastors leading us in worship, the present ministries will continue, and we will have pastoral care for our home-bound members as well as any situation that may call for a pastor. Please be sure to call the church office and let Karen know of any pastoral needs and she will contact the pastor on call and/or myself and I will contact other available pastors. We hope to have an interim pastor as soon as possible, so that we will see the same face at the pulpit every Sunday. Pr. Rod Buland will be leading us 4 of the 5 Sundays in May and our own Licensed Lay-Minister Valinda Vincent will lead us May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, feel free to contact me or any of our council members and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Just a couple of reminders:

- ◆ Confirmation classes will continue Sundays following worship.
- ◆ Lou Trongo's Bible class continues Friday at 7:00pm
- ◆ Thursday morning Bible study continues Thursdays, 10:00am
- ◆ Bring mom to church for Mother's day, May 10<sup>th</sup>!

Rejoicing in the Risen Lord!  
Blessings,  
Di

## Financial Corner – for March 2026

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

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

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

March offering:	\$12,654
30% rental income	\$ 1,050
Monthly budget:	\$14,715
Monthly offering higher / (lower) than budget:	\$(1,011)



2026 Year to Date:

YTD Offering:	\$31,448
YTD 30% rental income	\$ 3,150
YTD Budget	\$44,145
YTD Offering higher/(lower) than Budget	\$(9,547)

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

March offering:	\$12,654
30% rental income	\$ 1,050
March expenses	\$(14,075)
Monthly offering higher / (lower) than expenses	\$(371)

YTD Offering	\$31,448
YTD 30% rental income	\$ 3,150
YTD Expenses	\$(45,125)
<b>YTD offering higher / (lower) than expenses</b>	<b>\$(10,527)</b>

**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.**

## **Altar Guild News**

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.

We have an assortment of used candles that are too short for us to use any more, you may take as many as you can use from the table set up in the narthex on May 3rd.





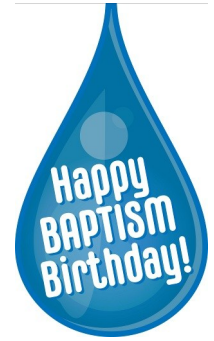
- 5/3 Jerome Badgley
- 5/3 Connie Rose
- 5/3 Michael Yesko
- 5/4 Beverly Wolff
- 5/5 Mary Liggins
- 5/5 Cheyenne Risen
- 5/11 Marissa Buser
- 5/12 Russ Juliette
- 5/15 Virginia Hall
- 5/16 Ashley Plond
- 5/17 Diane Pedersen
- 5/18 Suanne Anderson
- 5/19 Nneka Owens
- 5/20 Pearl Downs
- 5/20 Hailey Pedersen
- 5/20 Valinda Vincent
- 5/22 Susan Wilson
- 5/26 Janice Juliette
- 5/31 Stella Blalock

### WELCA News

WELCA would like to thank everyone that participated in the spaghetti dinner by buying dinner tickets, raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, donating bingo prizes or desserts, and setting up/cleaning up. It all made for a very fun event. **Our next meeting is May 13th at noon** in the upper hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be discussing upcoming fundraisers, so all suggestions will be welcome.

### MAY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 5/01 John Rinehart
- 5/03 Hailey Pedersen
- 5/19 Aubrey Harding
- 5/21 Jacob King
- 5/24 Harland Guffey
- 5/25 Jim Doddie
- 5/26 Beverly Wolff
- 5/28 Debbie Kupel
- 5/29 Sharon Parkila



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

### Ramblings from....Deb

Hi y'all...no ramblings for this month. I am on vacation in beautiful North Carolina. I am so reminded of Blake Sheldon's country music hit...this is 'God's Country'.

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

Debbie Kupel  
GHLC Member

### Friendly Servers

Friendly Servers would like to thank everyone that helped in any way with the funeral luncheon on April 18th. The Wilson family was very appreciative of the time and effort of the members of Good Hope. We are always looking for people to help with this important ministry, if you are interested, please see Rita or Peggy. We do not have meetings we are just on call when we have the need for a funeral luncheon. If you have a favorite dish you like to make for a potluck just let us know, and if not, we have suggestions of what we normally provide. We also need items such as pop and ice or money to buy plates, cups & napkins.

## A Note from Pastor Lew & Patty

For all the kind things that you did when we came,  
For every warm greeting and calling of name,  
For prayers through each night,  
For the help and the light —  
We thank you; our hearts burn with thankful flame.

For casseroles carried and visits at dawn,  
For flowers and laughter and rides we were drawn,  
For children's bright songs,  
For bearing our wrongs,  
Your care was a fabric we gladly put on.

When trials beset us and we walked in the rain,  
You steadied, you labored to lessen our pain,  
With meals and with tears,  
With faithful good cheers,  
You stood in the breach time and time again.

We'll carry your faces, your stories, your grace,  
The sermons, the smiles, every caring embrace,  
Each memory dear  
Will tingle and cheer —  
You've written God's kindness on heart and on place.

As we take our leave down the road that we go,  
With memories treasured and love that we know,  
Your faces stay near,  
Your prayers make us dear —  
You go with our blessing wherever you go.

With love and gratitude,  
Pastor Lew and Patty.



## Good Hope Quilters Update

The Quilters will soon be taking a break for the summer, June, July, and August.

In the Fall, sessions will resume on Wednesday, September 9th.

This session a new member, Jan Juliette, joined the group and quickly learned what was needed to make a beautiful Lutheran World Relief Quilt.



Wishing everyone a blessed summer.

The Good Hope Quilters: Karen Boggs, Peggy Dubay, Ida Davis, Bev Doom, Diane Pedersen, Beth Taylor, Jan Juliette, and Jackie Suoppi

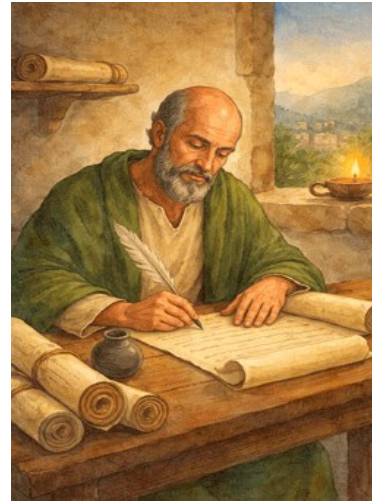


## Christian Symbols



**CEDAR TREE** — A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.

## Bible Quiz



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

**Look for answer elsewhere**

"I have been reminded  
of your sincere faith,  
which first lived in  
your grandmother ...  
and in your mother ...  
and... now lives in  
you also."

*2 Timothy 1:5, NIV*

## **Please Remember to keep....**

*Stella Blalock, Kevin Clarey, Geri Daniels, Dennis Dubay, Lisa Donfried, Beverly Doom, Steve Fritz, Paula Grace, Michael Hicks, Hailey McIntyre, Donna Kanowski, Ken Konsdorf, Vaughn Mattson, Bill Monson, Shirlee Pakkala, Alec Parkins, Eleanore Stirling, Dorothy Sweda, Glenda Taylor, Jessica Thomas, Bob Wagner, Gail White, Beverly Wolff, Alex, Anne, Carnetta, Roy, Jodi, Sue, Norm, Randy, Brandon, Adam, Anthony, & Good Hope....***In your prayers**

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

PRAYING  
for You Today



# TIM HALL MEMORIAL FUND

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NONPERISHABLE FOOD  
ITEMS AND MORE TO  
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NEED IN THE CITY OF  
DETROIT.

## BAG PACKING DISTRIBUTION

### THURSDAYS

JULY 16

AUG 13

SEPT 17

OCT 15

NOV 19

DEC 17

### SATURDAYS

JULY 18

AUG 15

SEPT 19

OCT 17

NOV 21

DEC 19

## OUR AMAZON WISHLIST



CASH DONATIONS CAN BE  
GIVEN VIA THIS LINK- (SELECT  
TIM HALL FUND HELP THE  
HOMELESS) FROM THE DROP-  
DOWN MENU.



# KID'S PAGE

## GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

### What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



### What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



## A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

" 3 1 m 2 r 2 m 3 nd 2 d 4 f

y 4 5 r s 3 nc 2 r 2 f 1 3 th, wh 3 ch

f 3 rst l 3 v 2 d 3 n y 4 5 r gr 1 ndm 4 th 2 r

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2 5 n 3 c 2 1 nd, 3 1 m p 2 rs 5 1 d 2 d,

n 4 w l 3 v 2 s 3 n y 4 5 1 ls 4 ."

2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."