May 2022 Council Highlights

The monthly meeting of Hope Lutheran’s Church Council was hybrid, held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in Hope’s conference room.

* Hope is celebrating its 60th anniversary! Please contact Kristina Garabedian, Eric VonBerg, or the church office to help organize One Service, One Hope on Sunday, June 26th.   We can use your help to make this day a success!  Many hands make light work for a great hot dog roast, ice cream social, and a look back over the last 60 years to help us look forward to the next 60!
* Hope is happening! Enrollment at the Learning Tree remains steady and they celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6. Hope’s re-landscaping project is moving forward as the Property and Grounds Team considers a second bid. Hope Night at the Grizzlies will be Saturday, May 21. Come buy and enjoy some sweet treats from the bake sale between services May 22, benefitting our youth heading to camp this summer. Confirmation will be held at the 11 a.m. service on June 5. Please consider supporting your confirmands by greeting them, sending them an encouraging note, reading their faith statements (available in a booklet on June 5), and/or attending the Pentecost Sunday Affirmation of Baptism service. VBS will be held July 18-22. Look for registration opportunities for children and volunteers coming soon!
* Please congratulate Rachael Groeneweg in her new additional position as Hope’s Creative Arts and Communications Director!
* Help Hope Happen! The Welcome Team would love your ideas on how to make Hope more welcoming to everyone, new members, and not-so-new! Please contact Ed Nelson or Alice Millhollen with your welcoming ideas. We also have a need for a Wednesday Night Planning Team to help Wednesday night dinners and activities return strong in the fall. If you would like to be part of this team, please contact Christa Slater.
* The Call Team continues to keep the process moving forward. They are leading information, question, and answer sessions about the process in the Month of May. It is important that all members try to come. The last two opportunities are May 22 and 29th in the Community Center between services (9:45-10:45 a.m.) The Call Team also finished the historical 60-year timeline of the church. The first banner is up in the church office by the conference room. If you would like to contribute to this project, please write in your positive or negative memories and events that had an influence on our church community in the appropriate spots along the timeline. Starting June 12th, look for your opportunity to sign-up for Cottage Meetings where you can share your thoughts on your vision for Hope’s future.
* COVID cases are rising and have affected Hope’s staff, council, members, and families at the Learning Tree in the past couple of weeks. Please be assured that we have taken extra measures to ensure that the sanctuary and community center were fogged and will schedule bi-weekly treatments moving forward until the number of positive cases decline. Masks are not required, but are strongly encouraged to protect the vulnerable among us.

Next church council meeting is hybrid, Hope Lutheran conference room, Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 5/18/22,

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