### HOPE SHARES THE GOOD NEWS!

**ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER** 





Please join us as we celebrate our members that celebrate Birthdays or Anniversaries this month! Thank you to our treat volunteer, Bliss



Join us for a homemade "Soup & Salad" Style meal including

Chili & Beef Vegetable Soup Hot Dogs & Chicken Sandwiches

Multiple Salad & Dessert Options

Monetary Free Will Donations and Non-Perishable, Unexpired Food Items are accepted.

All Donations will go directly to The Agape/Portage Food Pantry.

3/6, 3/13, 3/20 Wednesdays in Lent-

Join us at 6:30PM at Hope as we discuss "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith."- Adam Hamilton.

3/13 Council Meeting Following Lent

3/12 Rebecca Circle

All Women welcome to join us at Hope Lutheran Church 2:00PM as we study Nehemiah



## Join us for Holy Week

Palm Sunday
Palm Processional
Hosanna in the highest!

"The crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

3/28

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Join us at 6:30PM as we conclude our book study, "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith."
Adam Hamilton



We hope you're able to join us as we conclude our Lenten season with a Good Friday Service.



# EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 30, 2024 9:30AM



Pancakes with the
Easter Bunny!
Egg Hunt & Prizes for All!!





March 31, 2024 Breakfast- 8:30AM

Please bring a drink for your family, baked goods, fruit, or any other breakfast side dish to share.

Eggs, meat, and coffee provided.





CARISSA BONHAM 3/3 CODY ROGOWSKI 3/3 RITA KOEPFER 3/6 NEIL LEMMERBROCK 3/7 PAULA MANROW 3/12 GUS ESCHEDOR 3/14 JOANN STRATTON 3/14 CHRISTOPHER WELCH 3/17 KATHY WILHELM 3/18 KAHNER KREILICK 3/22 LOU LEMMERBROCK 3/22 TONY VETTER 3/23 BILL BENDELE 3/24 KADIN MAHLER 3/28 **RUTH BEAUPRE 3/30** SCOTT ESCHEDOR 3/31





#### **A MESSAGE FROM MINISTER SHEA:**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1John 1:8

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:14

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, when the love of God is poured out on us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. During Lent we take time to reflect on our lives and what keeps us from living as God wants – our sin. That can be a sobering exercise. If we are truthful with ourselves, we recognize how flawed we are. We need for giveness and help.

One trap is thinking that the Christian life is about "don't-do's" – all the things we know God would frown on – and that He is keeping score. What a dismal way to live. Sadly, many view Christianity this way, as a constant test of one's ability to follow the rules.

Let's turn this around. Instead of focusing on what we have to do, let's remember what God has done for us. God sent His son Jesus to bring forgiveness and restore us to Himself. We confess our sin, acknowledge our need of salvation, and God through his grace gives it through Jesus Christ, who took the punishment for our sin. He died and then rose for us. We are free.

Free...how's that, exactly? Glad you asked. Though we remain imperfect sinners, we are now free from the burden and guilt of sin. Free to live joyfully and confidently, assured of forgiveness. And our lives will be forever.

To paraphrase Pastor Pete Briscoe: "You are forgiven, so quit marching through life and dance! Move freely on the dance floor of life with a smile, with joy, and with Jesus, the best dance partner of all."

Blessings to all, Minister Shea