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GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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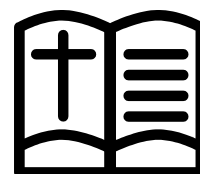
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## GOOD HOPE WOMEN OF THE ELCA



**CIRCLE**

Morning Circle

**WHEN**

Thurs., May 11  
9:15 a.m.

**WHERE**

Church

**STUDY LEADER**

Margaret Phelps

**HOSTESS**

Carole Tuecke

COMMUNION SET-UP FOR MAY:

Butch & Linda Gerdis

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

May 28: Jeff & Heather Brandt



MAY USHERS: Allan, Aaron, Bill, and Bobby Boyken.

MAY JR. USHER: Remy Welhousen

MAY ACOLYTE: Rowan Welhousen

MAY KITCHEN DUTIES: Carol Heesch

ALTAR FLOWERS: May 7: Denise Heyer

May 28: Bonnie Mayland



Saying thanks and thinking ahead towards summer and beyond.

### **Thank you**

After Lent and Easter I want say thanks,

Thanks for all the people who are willing to share their gifts with their churches.

Thanks especially to the people who serve and have served on the church councils. These people focus on the details and their diligent work keeps 3 congregations going strong.

Thanks for the talented people who helped us have a great Lent and Easter. Thanks to our musicians Nancy Beenken, Anita Eden, Emogene Kurtzleben, Karen Post, Carol Tuecke, and Joyce Welsh. Thanks to Kelly Carlton and Rachel Kurtzleben for organizing so many details and bulletins.

Thanks for all the people who help decorate, for the folks who serve communion, for the ushers, for the leaders of the School kids in Titonka and WOW at St. John's. Thanks for all the people serving behind the scenes—so many hands are work from the people who serve food at Bible Study to the people who help clean up the messes.

The list of people to thank is a whole lot longer than just this page.

### **Thinking ahead.**

When I started ministry here in Iowa we took time to share stories about the history of our 3 churches.

Then in the month of June 2022 we took time to talk about future ministry.

The conversation started with a question:

What ministry would you like to be part of in the next 1 to 60 months?

In the next two months I'm going to be asking this question again.

The question might be the same but the answers might very well be different.

My goal is to get all of us thinking together about the future God is inviting all of us into as church. The culture we live in is changing—and our mission as church is to go into this culture with the Good News. To help us get talking this year I am going to invite you to think about the core values of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines IA. This church is growing fast—and what really intrigues me isn't the growth of this church but their core values.

Hope's Core Values are straightforward,

1. Jesus is life. The rest is details.
2. Lost people matter to God and so they matter to us.
3. We worship God, not tradition.
4. Following Jesus is a growing experience.
5. We are one body, united in Jesus Christ.

This summer as we think about our future we will use these 5 core values to help shape our conversations and how we want step together in ministry in the future.

Thanks for your partnership and encouragement,  
Pastor John Heille

10 Minute Bible Study  
Acts 2 – Pentecost

**Read Acts 2:1-4**

Pentecost was an old religious festival. Every year people gathered 50 days after Passover in Jerusalem. It was a tradition, a harvest festival. People came from all over the world to celebrate God's faithfulness over the generations. And in the middle of this traditional religious gathering God moved.

What do you imagine it would be like if people came to church expecting a traditional celebration only to feel God's presence moving them in new ways?

**Read Acts 2:5-13**

The list of people who came to Jerusalem for Pentecost it helps us get a sense for how far God's spirit can reach into our world. This was a gathering of Jewish people from many cultures who lived in different empires like Persia and Rome. And as they gathered together they felt God move.

The people asked a question, "what does this mean?" How do you answer that question?

**Read Acts 2:14-21**

Peter, an early leader of the church, tried to answer the question by pointing backwards to the scriptures. He pointed to the old prophet Joel. He pointed to the promise of God's power from generations before.

Why do you think Peter pointed backwards?

**Read Acts 2:22-36**

Peter was preaching a great sermon. He was pointing back to scripture and explaining who Jesus was. Peter understood that God was creating a brand new future in Jesus.

How do you see the new future taking shape?

**Read Acts 2:37-40**

Peter's words reached many people's hearts. God was doing something new and many people would experience both God's grace and a deep feeling of conviction. God was up to something new and that meant acknowledging the past.

**Read Acts 2:41-47**

The church came to life that first Pentecost. And the good news hasn't stopped spreading in our world.

What evidence do you see of the spirit's movement in our life together as church the?

Where do you see God calling the church and the future?



## Summer Worship Schedule

### MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

STARTING ON SUNDAY, MAY 21ST WE  
WILL BEGIN OUR JOINT SUMMER  
WORSHIP SERVICES WITH IMMANUEL  
AND ST. JOHN'S.

WE WILL HAVE HOLY COMMUNION  
IN THE CHURCH WHERE THE  
SERVICE IS HELD.

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST AT  
ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH AT  
GOOD HOPE  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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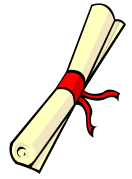


*Happy Mother's Day  
to all of the mothers  
in our  
congregation!!*



The last day of  
Sunday school will  
be Sunday, May  
14th. We will start  
again the fall.

*Sunday  
School* 



**Congratulations!** You are soon to enter into the next “step” of your journey through life. What an exciting time! We pray the Lord will remain strong in each of you. We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 7th** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Our Graduates....**

**Kayden James Bell**

*Son of Samantha Bell  
Plans on attending Wesrwen  
Welding Academy in Wyoming  
Majoring in Pipeline Welding*

**Ayden Lee Boekelman**

*Son of Jace & Hope Boekelman  
Plans on attending NIACC in Mason City  
Majoring in IT*

**Nicholas Arthur Nelson**

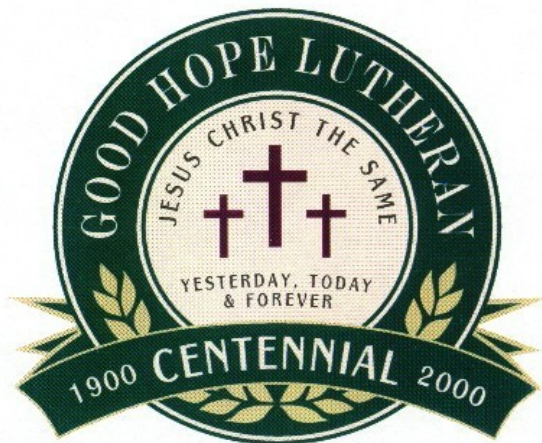
*Son of Danielle Kothenbeutel and Dave Phillips  
Plans on attending DMACC in Ankeny  
Majoring in Electric Utility Technology*

**Riley John Welhousen**

*Son of Ryan & Renae Welhousen  
Plans on attending Wyotec in Wyoming  
Majoring in Performance Mechanics*



*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*



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## Your Day Has Arrived

Graduation day is finally here,  
and so now ends your high school career.  
Always remember the friends you hold dear,  
and look toward your future without any fear.

This is the day you've been preparing for  
since the day you walked through that first  
classroom door.

Now it is time to say good-bye,  
and spread your wings - you're ready to fly.

So shed a tear and share a smile,  
and be sure to remember all the while,  
that although it may now be time to move on,  
today's memories will last your whole life  
long.

-Author Unknown

