

## Words from Pastor Mike Parsh

*Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!*

*He Is Risen Indeed!!*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, it is good to be the Church, the Body of Christ in our time and place! I pray that your Easter Sunday celebrations were filled with the love and grace of Christ. In addition, I pray that you carry the joy of Easter beyond just one day of celebrating, throughout the entirety of your life.

Easter Sunday begins a fifty-day season of the Church year that ends on the Sunday of Pentecost. Over the course of this season, the scripture passages that are read in worship will revolve around a central theme of belonging to Christ. From the story about Thomas and his doubts to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we are repeatedly reminded about our interconnected place in God's family.

As a way to illustrate this interconnectedness we have with God, I invite you picture in your mind a set of Russian nesting dolls. You know how these dolls fit one inside the other. The smaller inner ones nestled safely inside of the larger outer ones. The dolls are one unit together providing safety and meaning for the whole.

Just like nesting dolls, Jesus is within God, and we are in turn within Jesus as his sheep, his fruit of the vine, his people, his body here on earth. Just like those smaller dolls inside the larger doll, we are embraced and protected by God's love and grace at every level. We are not just with Jesus but within Jesus, as much a part of him as he is of God. We are secure in the arms of God and nothing in this world or the next can change that. This sure and certain good news calls us through the waters of our baptism into lives of sharing the good news, spreading the love of Jesus, and working for justice for all.

The season of Easter reminds us that we are to faithfully do our best to live out our baptismal callings no matter the outcome, possible missteps, questions, or doubts. We can accomplish this only because God, through Jesus, will always have a place for us in the fold or on the vine. Jesus does not ask us to be perfect, but to abide in him and bear fruit worthy of our calling. When we find our place and sense of belonging within God, we are also reminded that there are others who belong to God and that we are called to build community with them regardless of our differences.

Through the journey of the Easter season, we move from a familiar small group of disciples to a large group of people who go from only seeing their differences to being united by the Holy Spirit. It is this unity, within God and

within the body of Christ, which drives our Easter season and continues to drive our lives of faith as Christ's disciples in the world. We can do all of this because...

*Christ Is Risen!*

*He Is Risen Indeed!!*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mike Parsh*



**Thank You**

On behalf of Kya Young and Colin Young and the entire family, we would like to thank all of the members of Good Hope who gave donations towards Kinsley's funeral. It was greatly appreciated.

We are also thankful for all the prayers, hugs, and support given to us from our Good Hope members.

We thank the ushers who gave of their time, the ladies of the church who provided us with a delicious meal, and our organist Kristen who supplied the beautiful music for the service. This congregation is truly a gift from God.

But Pastor Mike, you were with us from the beginning to the end. You were with us when Kinsley died; you provided counseling and comfort during the week preceding her funeral, and you presided over the service. Words cannot express our appreciation for all you did.

But our biggest thanks go out to our Lord and Savior. You walked beside us; you cried with us and dried our tears; you held us in your arms; and now you hold our precious Kinsley in your arms. We thank you for the six months you gifted us with our baby girl and look forward to seeing her again in Heaven.

*In Christ's Love,  
Hilda Bailey (Grammy)*



**Upcoming Dates  
of Interest**

- The Hope Circle will be hosting a coffee hour on Sunday, May 5 after worship.
- Venango Youth Choir Concert – Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm. Concert will be held at Good Hope in the Fellowship Hall.
- June 2, 2024, will be the first outdoor service at Good Hope and we will present quilts to our seniors.
- Next Worship on Wednesday (WOW) will be June 19, 2024.



## Adult Study

### “War in Christian Perspective”

There are a multitude of views expressed concerning war within the vast Christian community. We will explore some of these views through our consideration of war in three categories—Holy War, Pacifism, and Just War.

**Session One:** The absolute opposites of Holy War and Pacifism (*May 1*)

**Session Two:** The Just War (*May 8*)

**Session Three:** Applying an understanding of Just War to US involvement in the American Civil War, World War II, the Korean War, and the Civil War in Vietnam. (*May 15*)

Our discussion will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Good Hope  
800 Moran Street \* Oil Cit, PA

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15 - 7:00p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - led by Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop Emeritus

Zoom access will be made available

*Please sign up by April 29*

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**APRIL 13**

**5:30PM TO 8:30PM**

We will be serving pizza and playing life size *Hungry Hungry Hippos*. Bring your own laundry Basket (round preferred).

We will also play spot tag.

Participation is not mandatory but having a good time is!

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH \* FELLOWSHIP HALL  
800 MORAN STREET  
OIL CITY, PA 16301



**Zion Worship**

11:45am

**Bible Study**

Sunday, April 7

11:00am

**Social Time/Lunch**

Sunday April 21

11:00am

**Worship Volunteers – April**

**Lectors:**

- 4/7 – JoAnn Beary
- 4/14 – Rick Sabousky
- 4/21 – Leigh Ann Pikna
- 4/28 – Yvonne Paranick

**Ushers:**

- Edie Bickart
- Jan Ruditis

**Altar Care:**

- Jan Ruditis
- Edie Bickart

**Communion Assistant:**

- Yvonne Paranick

**Birthdays**

- |     |              |     |                |
|-----|--------------|-----|----------------|
| 06/ | JoAnn Beary  | 16/ | Ted Kiser      |
|     | Beth Hazlett | 23/ | Bradly Johnson |
| 09/ | Frank Gercie | 26/ | Oliver Gibson  |
| 11/ | JoAnn Kiser  | 27/ | Edie Bickart   |

**Financial Report – February**

<i>Actual receipts</i>	\$2,360.00
<i>Budgeted receipts</i>	\$6,363.67
<i>Actual expenditures</i>	\$4,434.73

**Thank You**

To Yvonne and Ron Paranick for their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion

**Easter Flowers**

***In Memory of...***

- Mildred Wigren *from Nancy Wigren*
- The D'Olympio family *from Diane D'Olympio*
- The Weber family *from Linda Benson*
- Jim Benson *from Leigh Ann Pikna*
- Our parents *from Yvonne and Ron Paranick*

**Gifts To The CMC**

***In Memory of...***

- Shirley Yolton and Suzette Nellis *from Jan Ruditis*
- Dorothy Pearson and Cookie Pearson *from Edie Bickart*
- Loved ones *from Gretchen Gibbs*

***To the Glory of God...***

- From Nancy Wigren*



wednesday  
April 17, 2024

## Safety Tips & Self Defense

### for Seniors

**Program:** Presented by Victoria McGraw: Certified self-defense instructor, teacher at the Oil City YWCA, and a retired U.S. service member.

**worship:** 11:30am

**Luncheon:** 12:15pm – Hosted by Jim and Maribeth Masquelier

**Program:** 12:50pm to 1:30pm

*Invite a friend and RSVP by calling the Good Hope office (814-676-9122) or email at [officegoodhope@gmail.com](mailto:officegoodhope@gmail.com)*

***Reservations Due:*** Monday, April 15, 2024



**Good Hope  
Lutheran  
Easter Flowers**

***In Memory of:***

Our beloved niece, Sydney Jo Miller – *Jim and Susie Miller*  
 Our Fathers, Bill Eakin and Jim Miller – *Jim and Susie Miller*  
 My husband Bill – *Avonelle Eakin*  
 Sandi Dehner – wife, mother, grandma, great grandma – *Daryl Dehner and Family*  
 Bob and Jean Dittman – parents, grandparents, great grandparents – *Daryl Dehner and Family*  
 Our beloved parents and brothers – *Tom and Mel Neely*  
 Our parents and grandparents – Daniel & Marilyn O’Neil, James Black, and Clara Bair – *Jim and Linda Black and Family*  
 Elmer & Mary Mohny – *Thomas Mohny*  
 Paul & Eleanor Shutt – *Thomas Mohny*  
 Walter & Mae Shutt – *Thomas Mohny*  
 Margaret Shutt – *Thomas Mohny*  
 My husband Jack and our parents – *Judy Blaine*  
 My sister Donna, brothers-in-law Dave, Dick, Fred, & Rich – *Judy Blaine*  
 My husband Bill – *Dolores Baker*  
 Our parents – *Ron and Linda Campbell*  
 Suzette – *Anna Ausel*  
 Earl and Irene Keefer – *Todd and Margie Hart*  
 Our beloved family and friends resting in the arms of Jesus – *Judy and Ron Tarr*  
 Richard and Jane Butler – *Dennis and Cheryl Butler*  
 Charles and Shirley Eggie – *Dennis and Cheryl Butler*  
 My two daughters Kimberly and Cathy – *Gloria Aughenbaugh*  
 Jim Best – *Debbie Best*  
 Mary Jeanne – *The Gavin Family*  
 Edward and Florence Krathge, Paul and Alice Boyer, Kelly D. O’Neil, Edward Graham, Janice Graham – *Scott Graham*  
 Kelly D. O’Neil – *Alysha and Emmalyn O’Neil*  
 Charles L. Suhr – *The Suhr Family*  
 Henry B. Suhr – *The Suhr Family*  
 Henry B. Suhr Jr. – *The Suhr Family*  
 Kinsley Ann Young – *Grammy (Hilda Bailey)*  
 In memory of our parents and brother – *Sharon and Sam McDowell*

***In Honor Of:***

Our precious family – *Tom and Mel Neely*  
 My children and grandchildren – *Judy Blaine*  
 Robin and Joanne Hart – *Todd and Margie Hart*  
 Our Good Hope / Zion Church Family – *Judy and Ron Tarr*  
 In honor of our beautiful children and granddaughters and all of our supportive friends and family! – *Sharon & Sam McDowell*

# Venango Chorus

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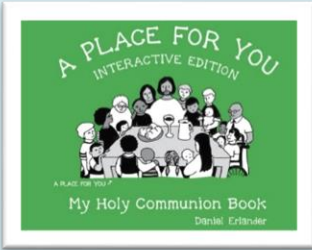


# The Music of **LIVING**

Concert: April 21, 2024

7:00PM

First Presbyterian Church  
215 E. Bissell Avenue \* Oil City, PA



## First Communion Class

April 6 & 13  
10:00am-11:30am

The congregation of Good Hope Lutheran Church is committed to helping parents(s) fulfill the promises made at the time of their child's entry into the Christian Church through Holy Baptism. To assist the congregation and parents in fulfilling these commitments, the pastors will offer instruction for the parents and the baptized children before they are welcomed to the Lord's Table.

### First Communion Instruction will take place on:

- **Saturday, April 6: 10:00 – 11:30 am**
- **Saturday, April 13: 10:00 – 11:30 am**

Both children and their parent(s) are to attend both sessions of the class. To register you and your child for First Communion instruction please contact either the Good Hope Office (814-676-9122) or Pastor Mike. Students will receive Communion for the first time on **Sunday, April 21 at Good Hope, during the Sunday morning worship service.**

## Now Accepting Applications for Camperships!

Lutherlyn extends the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, by inviting all people to engage the Word of God, one another and themselves in an intentional, challenging, exciting, and fun outdoor Christian community centered in the grace of God and the goodness of earth and life.

**Applications can be obtained in the office or in the Narthex.  
Due date is April 30.**

You can visit the Lutherlyn website for a calendar of events and more information:

## Quilters of Hope

The Quilters of Hope will be meeting Tuesdays, 10:00am to 2:30pm. Please bring a lunch and join us! No sewing experience is needed.

## Hope Circle

Hope Circle meeting will be , 10:00am, in the Conference Room at Good Hope Lutheran Church. Devotions: Gloria. Hostess: Anna. Lesson: Chapter 7, pgs. 105-111, Leader: Ann. Hope Circle will host a coffee hour on Sunday, May 5, after worship.

## Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, April 2, 7:00pm at Campbells. Study Leader will be Linda Vogt.



Quilters of Hope  
Tuesdays @ 10:00am

## Circle Schedules

Ruth: April 2  
Hope: April 11





**Good Hope  
Worship**  
10:15am

**REMINDER**

*If you cannot serve, you  
are responsible to find a  
replacement*

**April Birthdays / Anniversaries**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 02/ Patrick Gavin      | 18/ Ally Young        |
| Kira Bedow             | 21/ Jonas Bedow       |
| 07/ Frank Lewis        | 23/ Deborah Machen    |
| James Smith            | 26/ Doug & Sarah Suhr |
| 08/ Holden Stahl       | Cheryl Butler         |
| 09/ Dennis Butler      | Scott Stahl           |
| 11/ Thomas Mohney      | 28/ Daniel Vogan      |
| 13/ Linda Black        | Marla Hickman         |
| Thomas Friedhaber      | Evan Zacherl          |
| 15/ Ted Rossino        | 29/ Gracie Felmlee    |
| 16/ Reed Milner        |                       |
| Doug & Joan McElhatten |                       |

**Worship Volunteers**

**Ushers:**

- Marcia Hoffman
- Pam Pfertsh

**Lectors:**

- 4/7 – Douglas Suhr
- 4/14 – Buffy Heisey
- 4/21 – Andy Godinich
- 4/28 – Sharon McDowell

**Acolytes:**

- 4/7 – Reed Milner
- 4/14 – Hazel Kosker
- 4/21 – Heidi Kosker
- 4/28 – Raegan Milner

**Altar Guild:**

- Melodye Neely
- Sharon McDowell

**Counters:**

- 4/2 – Melodye Neely
- 4/8 – Linda Campbell
- 4/16 – Chérie Wessell
- 4/23 – Sandy Zacherl
- 4/30 – Linda Vogt

**Communion Assistants:**

- 3/31 & 4/7 – Wade Altman AA, Hilda Bailey, Bethany Hart
- 4/14 & 4/21 – Debbie Best AA, Jeff Clark, Jen Godinich
- 4/28 & 5/5 – Beth Orris AA, Chérie Wessell, Susie Hlawati

# April

## Sunday

### 7 Easter 2

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH  
9:00am
- \* Worship @GH-  
10:15am
- \* Bible Study @Z  
11am
- \* Worship @Z-  
11:45am

### 14 Easter 3

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH  
9:00am
- \* Worship @GH-  
10:15am
- \* Worship @Z-  
11:45am

### 21 Easter 4

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH  
9:00am
- \* Worship @GH-  
10:15am
- \* Social Time /  
Lunch @Z \* 11am
- \* Worship @Z-  
11:45am

### 28 Easter 5

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH  
9:00am
- \* Worship @GH-  
10:15am
- \* Worship @Z-  
11:45am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 OFFICE CLOSED  Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm  Venango Chorus @GH- 7pm	2 Quilters @GH- 10am  CMC Mtg. @GH- 10:30am  Ruth Circle @Campbells- 7pm	3 Staff Mtg. @GH- 9am  Property Mtg. @GH-7pm	4 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	5	6 First Communion Class @GH- 10am- 11:30am
8 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm  Venango Chorus @GH- 7pm	9 Quilters @GH- 10am  Community Meal @Z-4:30pm	10	11 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am  Hope Circle @GH-10am	12	13 First Communion Class @GH- 10am- 11:30am  Family Fun Night @GH- 5:30pm- 8:30pm
15 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm	16 Quilters @GH- 10am  Council @Z-6pm	17 Worship on Wednesday (WOW) @GH- 11:30am	18 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am  Council @GH- 7PM	19	20
22 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm	23 Quilters @GH- 10am	24	25 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	26	27
29 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm	30 Quilters @GH- 10am  Community Meal @Z-4:30pm				

\* Stay & Play Schedule – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3pm to 8pm & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 11am to 5pm @ Zion

## Staff

### Good Hope

**Pastor**

J. Michael Parsh  
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814-670-0887

**Director CMC/Outreach**

Joyce Frenz  
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**Treasurer**

Tom Neely

**Music Director**

Beth Orris

**GH Preschool Director**

Marcy Amero

**Grounds Super.**

Bruce Dodd

**Organist/Communications**

**Manager /Office Administrator**

Kristen Criado  
814-676-9122

### Zion

**Secretary**

Jan Ruditis  
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**Property**

Jesse Gibson

**Custodian**

Alex Dulaney

**Organist**

Cheryl Bailey

**Stay & Play Mgr.**

Jaimee Cohen  
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Dustin Harrison

*stayandplay3@gmail.com*

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## Church Councils

**GH President**

Sandra Zacherl

**GH Vice President**

Tom Friedhaber

**GH Worship**

Jennifer Godinich

**GH Mission**

Todd Hart

**GH Finance**

Judy Tarr

**GH Faith Formation**

Margie Hart

**GH Property**

Scott Graham

**GH Treasurer**

Tom Neely

**GH Secretary**

Linda Vogt

**Z President**

Yvonne Paranick

**Z Vice President**

Leigh Ann Pikna

**Z Secretary**

Jan Ruditis

**Z Financial Sec.**

Nancy Wigren

**Z Treasurer**

Sue Fisher

**Z Council Members**

Allison McNamara  
Diane D'Olympio



### Pastor On Call

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### Good Hope Office Hours

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**Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry**  
800 Moran Street  
Oil City, PA 16301

Herald of  
Hope/Lutheran Light  
Good News Letter  
April 2024  
Serving all in the manner  
of Jesus



**Worship Schedule**  
Good Hope -10:15am  
Zion - Indoors - 11:45am  
Recorded service will be posted on Monday afternoon on our  
website.  
[www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org/worship-together](http://www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org/worship-together)

**Newsletter**  
Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the church.  
To submit news or articles, please email to:  
[officegoodhope@gmail.com](mailto:officegoodhope@gmail.com)  
**Deadline: the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month**