



**Words from Pastor
Mike Parsh**

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me"
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult; (ELW 696)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One only has to read or listen to the latest headlines in the news to know that our world is anything but quiet, peaceful, and orderly. There are wars raging. Politicians fight with no visible signs of progress. Weathers systems are getting more extreme. Families are not as stable as they used to be. Idols of all shapes and sizes call for our attention. In short, our world is in tumult. It is not all that hard to be lost amidst this unsettledness that surrounds us each day. And yet, together as the Body of Christ we are reminded that we still have hope in the midst of this world's tumult.

The hope that we share flows from the love of God and our calling into sharing the mission and ministry of Jesus. Often though, we need reminded of this fact. In these times of doubt, we can turn to our shared song, the hymns we sing during worship.

One particular hymn that has caught my attention this summer is Cecil Frances Alexander's *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*. Before I get into the hymn, here is a little background from hymnary.org about the author.

*As a small girl, Cecil Frances Humphries wrote poetry in her school's journal. In 1850 she married Rev. William Alexander, who later became the Anglican primate (chief bishop) of Ireland. She showed her concern for disadvantaged people by traveling many miles each day to visit the sick and the poor, providing food, warm clothes, and medical supplies. She and her sister also founded a school for the deaf. Alexander was strongly influenced by the Oxford Movement and by John Keble's *Christian Year*. She wrote hymns based on the Apostles' Creed, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Ten Commandments, and prayer, writing in simple language for children. Her more than four hundred hymn texts were published in various hymnals.¹*

The verses of Alexander's *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* remind us that even though the world around us tries to distract us and lead us astray, God is constantly calling us in to mission and ministry for the sake of the world. It is a beautiful reminder that we are secure in the arms of God's grace and love, even when we are being sent out into the world to serve all in the manner of Jesus. (The full text of the hymn follows the main body of this article.)

Our tumultuous world needs more than ever to hear the Gospel Good News. And that is where we, the current Body of Christ, come into

the story of proclaiming God's words of hope and love for all of creation. We are called out into our world, rising above the tumult, to live out our faith in our communities and world. My hope and prayer for us is that we will always listen for the voice of Jesus calling us in to mission and ministry each day.

*Yours in Christ
Pastor Mike Parsh*

¹ https://hymnary.org/person/Alexander_CF

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

- 1 *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow
me":*
- 2 *As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned
from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.*
- 3 *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden
store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian,
love me more."*
- 4 *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more
than these."*
- 5 *Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of
all.*

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

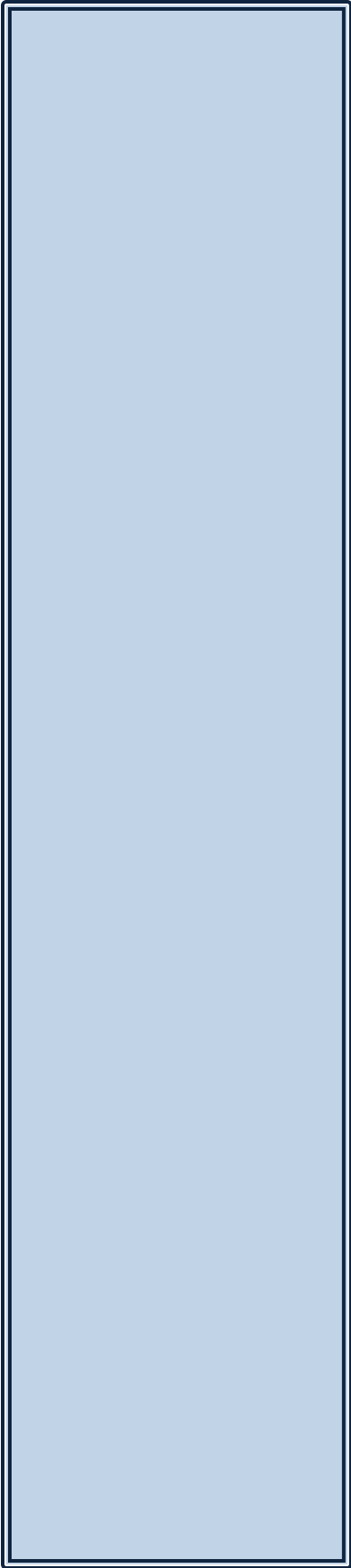
Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to attend the 150th Anniversary Service on 7/24. We have a family reunion planned for that day and will be unable to attend. We remember fondly our years as members at Good Hope and extend warm greetings to all.

In Christ – Ed & Linda Mertz



Thank You



Thank you to all who sent cards and wishes for our 50th anniversary. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful marriage, a beautiful family and many, many friends. We are very thankful for all of these blessings, and we look forward to many more years to share!

Thank you again!
Sam & Sharon McDowell

A BIG THANK YOU from the PRESCHOOL

The preschool staff and upcoming students would like to thank everyone for your generous donations from our Donation Wall. Your support and donations are truly appreciated. There are still more cards on the wall if anyone else would like to donate.

Thank you again!

Marcy Amero
Director/Preschool Teacher
Good Hope Christian Preschool

Our sincerest thanks -

To all who were involved with the planning for the 150th anniversary celebration, especially the Worship Committee and Linda Campbell. We are grateful for all who attended the service and meal with the spirit of joy and laughter. A special appreciation for our brave and thoughtful program speakers who shared their meaningful remembrances and hope for this congregation.

Fondly,
Pastor Jones, Pastor Parsh, Kristen Criado, Beth Orris



Announcement

Pastor Announcement

Pastor Jones has informed the Good Hope and Zion Councils, the Shared Ministry Council, and the Staff of her intent to retire effective July 31, 2023. A succession plan for pastoral leadership will unfold in the year ahead as Pastor Parsh assumes some additional duties and adjusts his schedule. Our pastors share these plans now so that the leaders of each congregation have ample time to have conversations, consider options, and make prayerful decisions.



No WOW in August

Worship on Wednesday

The WOW gathering will not be held in August. We will resume our worship, luncheon, and gathering on October 19th, 2022.



Adult Study August 11

Adult Class – Bible Study Opportunity for July and August

When: Thursday, August 11, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Where: Good Hope Fellowship Hall

What: Thursday School!

There will be light supper foods & beverages, Bible study, and conversation. For our study, we will be using the summer quarter books of the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series.

Partners in a New Creation: Isaiah, John, and Revelation

- August 11 – Lessons 7-13

Participants are encouraged to read the Bible texts in advance and come prepared to raise questions and discuss the main points of the lessons. Additional course books are available from the Good Hope office.



No Sunday school for the summer

Zion Worship Indoors – 11:00am

Worship Volunteers – August

Lectors:

- 8/7 – JoAnn Beary
- 8/14 – Rick Sabousky
- 8/21 – Leigh Ann Pikna
- 8/28 – Yvonne Paranick

Ushers:

- Susan Fisher,
- Gretchen Gibbs

Altar Care:

JoAnn Beary, Nancy Wigren

Communion Assistant:

Yvonne Paranick

Birthdays

- 14/ Gretchen Gibbs
- 15/ Scott Kurschinske
- 21/ Katie Parsh
- 25/ Jan Ruditis
- Pastor Sharon Hilfiger
- 26/ Colby Johnson
- 31/ Kate Gibson Duffy

Financial Report - June

Actual receipts \$6,555.00
 Budgeted receipts \$6,826.67
 Actual expenditures \$4,822.45

Note

Zion's cost for weekly flowers have gone up from \$30 per Sunday. The cost is now \$35 per Sunday.



Blessing of Students August 28

Blessing of Students and Backpacks

Another school year approaches, and we want our children, youth, young adults, and school personnel to know that God is with them each and every day! We invite children, teens, college students, and school personnel to bring their backpacks, learning devices, and masks to 9:30 a.m. worship on **Sunday, August 28**.

We will recognize them and ask for God's blessing upon them and the tools of their teaching and learning.

Near the end of the worship service, all will be invited up front for this time of prayer.



Community Meals

August 9
August 30

Coffee Break

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Community Ministry Committee

Good Summer's Day! This month, I would like to write to you about our free Community meals.

As you know, since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, we have served 2 meals per month, the 2nd and last Tuesday each month. As things have progressed, the need for meals has increased from an annual average of 220 meals per setting to 275-285 in the last 3 meals.

Food prices are increasing, and our coffers are running low.

The Community Ministry Committee has decided to put a donation box out in the Zion sanctuary and the Good Hope Narthex. We would ask that you donate whatever change you may have to help with the cost of our meals and supplies. (Remember, we are in church and paper 'change' makes less noise 😊). Everything donated will go directly to food and supplies for the dinners.

I would also remind any of you with Thrivent connections that we can use the Community Action Cards to help with the expenses of the meals with no out of pocket expense to you!!

We are grateful to all of you for your generosity and support! Thank you so much!

Joyce Frenz

Director Community Ministry Mission and Outreach

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Thank You

To all who serve and prepare the free meals,

Thanks for all your hard work! I enjoyed the meal you had on June 28th. The hamburger was warm and tender – it was turned into a cheeseburger. The potato salad and cookies were good and fresh. I added the fruit to a smoothie once in a while.

Sincerely,

Bonita Swanberg



Summer Auction
August 28

Day of Service
September 11

5th Annual Summer Auction

Hard to believe this will be our fifth auction of hand made and home grown items for charity. All proceeds will go to our shared ministry Free Community Meal program (CMC). We already have some contributions ahead of the big day because what is the point of selling harvest baskets, berry scoops, and planter boxes after the growing season is over? Contact Chuck Schultz if you are interested in those items now - he built three extra baskets and three extra scoops.

We look forward to seeing what our craftspeople, artists, bakers, cooks, and gardeners have come up with to inspire the bidders. There will be an on-line catalog of early lots besides many day-of-the-event surprises. If you have special requests, the “usual suspects” may be looking for ideas.

To donate items for the auction, please contact any member of the Mission Committee – Chuck Schultz, Linda Vogt, Janet Switzer.

**“God’s Work. Our Hands.”
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Good Hope and Zion will participate in the annual ELCA Day of Service on Sunday, September 11, beginning with a joint worship service at Good Hope at 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided following worship. The following service opportunities are available, for all ages and abilities:

- Assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief
- Assembling school kits for LWR
- A youth project (details to be announced)
- Tying quilts for LWR (no sewing skills required)
- Worship music at Oakwood Heights (Pastor Jones)
- A community project (weather permitting)

Ongoing opportunities include:

- Donations of non-perishable items for Community Services of Venango County
- Donations of quarters {in the Quarter Jar} for the “Loads of Love” laundromat ministry
- Donations to cover overseas shipping costs for quilts and kits (\$2-\$3 per item); please mark your donation “LWR shipping”

- Donations of items to make **ONE COMPLETE** personal care kit
 - One light-weight, dark-colored bath towel
 - **Two** bars of bath soap (4 to 5 oz each), preferably unscented
 - One adult toothbrush
 - One sturdy comb
 - One metal nail clipper
- Donations of items to make **ONE COMPLETE** school kit:
 - **Four** 70-sheet notebooks, approximately 8" x 10 ½" (no loose-leaf paper)
 - One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with both inches and centimeters
 - One pencil sharpener
 - One pair of **blunt** scissors
 - **Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
 - **Five** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
 - One box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - One 2 ½" eraser
- Prayers for the volunteers and for those who will be served

Linda Vogt, Mission Committee Member

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 will meet August 11th, 2022, at Good Hope in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess: Dolores; Devotions: Pastor Jones; Lesson leader; Jan; Lesson; Week 11 HS. Pages 89-92.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet ***Wednesday***, August 24th, 2022. Circle will meet for their summer pool party at Linda Campbell's residence at 5:00pm.



Quilters of Hope
Tuesdays @ 10:00am

Circle Schedules

Hope: August 11

Ruth: August 24



Good Hope Worship
 Summer Worship
 Outdoors – 9:30am

REMINDER

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

August Birthdays / Anniversaries

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| 02/ Kristy Felmlee | 19/ Janice Graham |
| Amy Jo Kluck | 20/ Gregg Felmlee |
| 04/ Hank Speerstra | Leah Gavin |
| 05/ Julie & Jacob Kosker | 21/ Katie Parsh |
| 08/ Elizabeth Suhr | 23/ Henry Suhr |
| Bob Hoffman | Jennifer Hickman |
| 09/ Doris Stoyer | 25/ Hilda Kaufman |
| 10/ Mark Kerr | Brandon Goodman |
| Emmalyn O'Neil | 26/ Tom & Lois Bickel |
| 11/ Jason Milner | Michael Nellis |
| 14/ Tom & Jennifer Friedhaber | Elizabeth Steenbergh |
| 15/ Jeffrey Clark | 28/ Ron & Susan French |
| Cassandra Green | Marcia & Bob Hoffman |
| Alexandria Green | 31/ Linda Campbell |
| 17/ Marcia Hoffman | |

Worship Volunteers

Ushers:

- Pat Gavin (Capt.)
- Wayne Roach
- Marcia Hoffman
- Kelly McFarland
- Bill Exley

Lectors:

- 8/7 – Mackenzie Wenmoth
- 8/14 – Buffy Heisey
- 8/21 – Andy Godinich
- 8/28 – Linda Vogt

Counters:

- 8/1 – Sharon McDowell
- Melodye Neely
- 8/8 – Linda Campbell
- 8/16 – Linda Vogt
- 8/23 – Linda Vogt

Altar Guild:

- Susie Hlawati
- Jane Pagliari

Communion Assistants:

- 8/7 – Bob Conlan AA, Judy Tarr, Debbie Best
- 8/14 & 8/21 – Wade Altman AA, Mackenzie Wenmoth, Pat Gavin
- 8/28 – Jennifer Friedhaber AA, Ralph Jones, Bill Exley

August

Sunday



7 *Pentecost 8*
 * Worship @GH-9:30am
 * Worship @Z-11am

14 *Pentecost 9*
 * Worship @GH-9:30am
 * Worship @Z-11am

21 *Pentecost 10*
 * Worship @GH-9:30am
 * Worship @Z-11am

28 *Pentecost 11*
 *Worship @GH-9:30am
 *Summer Auction @GH
 *Worship @Z-11am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Worship Com. Mtg. @GH-9:30am	3 Staff Mtg. @GH-9:15am Property Mtg @GH-7pm	4 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Ministerium-11am	5	6
8	9 Quilters @GH-10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	10	11 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Hope Circle @GH-10am Adult Bible Study @GH-6:30pm	12	13
15	16 Quilters @GH-10am Zion Council @Z-6pm	17	18 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Good Hope Council @GH-7pm	19	20
22	23 Quilters @GH-10am	24 Ruth Circle @Campbell's-5pm	25 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	26	27
29	30 Quilters @GH-10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	31			

*** Stay & Play Schedule – Monday through Friday, 3pm to 8pm @ Zion**



Pastor On Call-August

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Staff

Good Hope

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GH Music Dir. Beth Orris	GH Preschool Dir. Marcy Amero 814-758-0353	Treasurer Tom Neely
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GH Organist/Communications Mgr. /Office Admin.

Kristen Criado
 814-676-9122

Zion

Secretary Jan Ruditis 814-676-9115	Property Jesse Gibson	Custodian Alex Dulaney
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Church Councils

GH President Pat Gavin	GH Vice President Sandy Zacherl	GH Worship Debbie Best
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GH Mission Charles Schultz	GH Finance Ashlee Goodman	GH Faith Formation Margie Hart
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GH Property Scott Graham	GH Treasurer Tom Neely	GH Secretary Linda Vogt
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Z President Yvonne Paranick	Z Vice President Nancy Wigren	Z Secretary Diane D'Olympio
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Z Financial Sec. Nancy Wigren	Z Treasurer Sue Fisher	Z Council Members Allison McNamara Karen Horn
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Herald of
Hope/Lutheran Light
Good News Letter
August 2022
Serving all in the manner
of Jesus

Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Summer Worship Schedule
Good Hope – Outdoors – 9:30am
Zion – Indoors – 11:00am

Recorded service will be posted on Monday afternoon on our

website.

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

Deadline: the 15th of the month