



**Words from Pastor
Sandra Jones**

*“...for surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”*
Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we have now celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the congregation at Zion and look forward to the closing events of Good Hope’s 150th Anniversary celebration scheduled for July, my thoughts, concerns, and questions look toward the future. So much has changed in these past 6 years, I cannot help but wonder what ministry and mission with our Shared Ministry and with our greater Oil City community will look like in the next 5 or 10 years. And what about another 150? That one boggles the mind, doesn’t it?

I wonder, but I do not worry. The LORD has plans for good, not harm. Because of Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit, there is hope for the future.

While I am truly confident in God’s presence and that Christ’s Church will continue, I am not naïve or sentimental about all of this. I know that the culture around us is changing faster than the church can address it. I know that demographics, finances, availability of clergy and lay leaders, and a host of other factors can challenge any local congregation beyond its resources and its capacity to survive.

So, how do we remain faithful and effective as witnesses to God’s grace in Christ Jesus? First, we pray, intentionally, for those we know who are struggling with matters of faith and for one another as we seek to build relationships of trust so that spirituality is something that we can talk about without fear. And then, as we heard in yesterday’s (June 19) Gospel reading, Jesus said to the Gerasene demoniac, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” We are called and instructed to continue to speak with, care for, and reach those closest to us – to our family members, neighbors, co-workers, and folks we know as we tell them, in word and deed, who God is for us, what God has done for us, and how God can reveal purpose and meaning in their lives.

We start where we are with those near to us, opening doors of acceptance, communication, and care. And yes, in these technological times, those near to us may be online thousands of miles away. Neighbors are near and far away, and we are called to love them in Jesus’ name.

What if they don't want to talk or listen or claim they don't believe in any of this "God stuff"? Then show them God's grace, the forgiveness of Jesus, and the gentleness of the Holy Spirit in your attitude, the expression in your eyes or on your face, and patience in your relationship. How you live your life as a disciple of Jesus is a witness. Don't give up on them. God hasn't.

What do we do as congregations to reach others with the Good News of God in Christ Jesus? Continue to welcome the stranger and honestly evaluate what we do when someone new to us enters our doors for worship or any other event. Change what needs to be changed to truly accept and incorporate them into a community of faith.

We must continue to reach out in places where God is already at work. Christ's Church can be found in many places, not only in traditional church facilities on a Sunday morning. And as pastoral leadership availability changes, we cannot leave these tasks to pastors only. As a baptized child of God, you are a minister of the Gospel, too!

The message of a future with hope in God's presence has not changed, but how we share it and the audiences we must reach, has. Together, let us be smart, savvy, creative, and risk-taking in year 126 or 151 and beyond, as we serve all in the manner of Jesus.

Pastor Sandra K. Jones



Thank You

I'd like to thank the quilters of Good Hope and Zion for the awesome quilt they made me for my High School graduation!

I know I'm fortunate that I was given the opportunity to go to church regularly by my parents and this quilt will always remind me of growing up and the memories I have of Good Hope, youth group and Lutherlyn. I plan on taking it with me to Waynesburg University this fall!

Thank you - Michael McFarland



No Sunday school for
the summer

LYO Reunion
July 23rd

Congratulations

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors. They were recognized at our June 5th worship and the Quilters of Hope presented them with quilts.

Mike McFarland is heading to Waynesburg University and plans to major in Sports Management and will play on their baseball team.

Olivia Plummer is attending Westminster College and plans to major in English and minor in Secondary Education. She will also play on their softball team.

Lutherlyn Camp

We have five youth planning to attend camp at Lutherlyn. Please lift them in prayer and send them some mail!

Lutherlyn {Insert camper name}
P.O. Box 355
Prospect, PA 16052

July 24-29: Alexis Dehner, Hazel Kosker, Heidi Kosker, Annie Kasch
July 31-August 5: Ben Parsh

LYO Reunion

Saturday, July 23rd, 2022, there will be an LYO Reunion from noon until ??

The reunion kicks off at Margie's with socializing, games, and playing in the creek. If you plan to stay through the evening, please bring a dish to share. **Anyone** who has ever participated in any youth events in the past are welcome to attend!

RSVP:

- Margie Hart, 814-657-7432
- Good Hope Office – 814-676-9122 or officegoodhope@gmail.com

QR Code:



Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry



REUNION

SATURDAY - JULY 23, 2022

NOON - ??

RAIN OR SHINE

The reunion kicks off at Margie's with socializing, games, & playing in the creek through the afternoon. If you plan to stay through the evening, please bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, s'mores, and water will be provided.

BONUS!! Sunday, July 24th @ 10:30am

Good Hope indoor worship celebrating 150 years.

Guests are welcome & tours of the church will be offered

Anyone who has ever participated in any youth events in the past are welcome to attend!

MARGIE HART RESIDENCE - 574 MAYS MILL ROAD, FRANKLIN, PA

RSVP - Margie @ 814-657-7432. OR

Good Hope @ 814-676-9122





Preschool Start September

The preschool program came to end for the school year with a wonderful program and family picnic. The weather cooperated and the children did a fabulous job singing. The staff and I are currently planning for the new school year starting in September. We would like to thank the congregation and staff of Good Hope for your continued support of our preschool program.

Many people want to know ways they can help with the preschool. We are always looking for donated items. Donations keep costs down for both the preschool and the families who send their children. I have created a “donation board” in the downstairs lobby. On this bulletin board you will find cards of items that we use at preschool that can be donated. Please consider taking a card or two and purchasing the items on the cards. There is a blue donation bin also located in the lobby. Just bring the items back by the beginning of September and place them in the bin. If you would like, you may return the card with your name and address, and I will make sure you receive a thank you. We appreciate any and all donations.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, that is also greatly appreciated. You can either write a check making sure you note that it is a donation for the preschool, or you can donate to the scholarship fund. The scholarship fund allows children to get financial assistance with their preschool tuition. Over the last few years, we have had several children benefit and be able to attend our program that might not have been able to if not for the scholarship fund.

We still have room in the toddler time and preschool classes for children for the fall. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact me at ghpdirector2@gmail.com.

Have a great summer and thank you again for your support.

Marcy Amero
Good Hope Christian Preschool Director



No Sunday school
for the summer

Zion Worship
Indoors – 11:00am

Worship Volunteers – July

Lectors:

- 7/3 – Yvonne Paranick
- 7/10 – David Mayer
- 7/17 – Nancy Wigren
- 7/24 – Allison McNamara
- 7/31 – Karen Horn

Ushers:

- David Mayer,
- Rick Sabousky

Altar Care:

- Leigh Ann Pikna, Diane D'Olympio

Communion Assistant:

- Rick Sabousky

Birthdays

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| 02/ Gladys Johnson | 18/ Shane Fisher |
| 08/ Lois Bickel | 31/ Alec Thureau |
| 17/ Sidney Cubbon | Seth Fisher |

Financial Report - May

Actual receipts \$5,382.00
 Budgeted receipts \$6,826.67
 Actual expenditures \$7,350.91

News

Zion recently received two recognitions from the Northwestern PA Synod office – One for celebrating Zion’s 125th Anniversary and the second for reaching our 2021 commitment for Mission Support – Congratulations!

Zion Council has decided to join Good Hope for worship on July 24th.
If anyone else wishes to join, please contact Good Hope to reserve your place for the meal by July 8th.

Good Hope Anniversary Choir

Singers are invited to come learn an anthem and Call to Worship to be sung at the July 24th celebration of the Good Hope Lutheran Church 150th anniversary.

We will have rehearsals after church on Sundays, July 10th and July 17th. You are invited to come to any or both rehearsals or even come early on Sunday July 24th to join in song.

If you have any questions, please call or text Beth Orris at 814-657-4194.



Anniversary Choir
July 24th



Anniversary Worship
July 24th

Sunday, July 24th – 10:30am

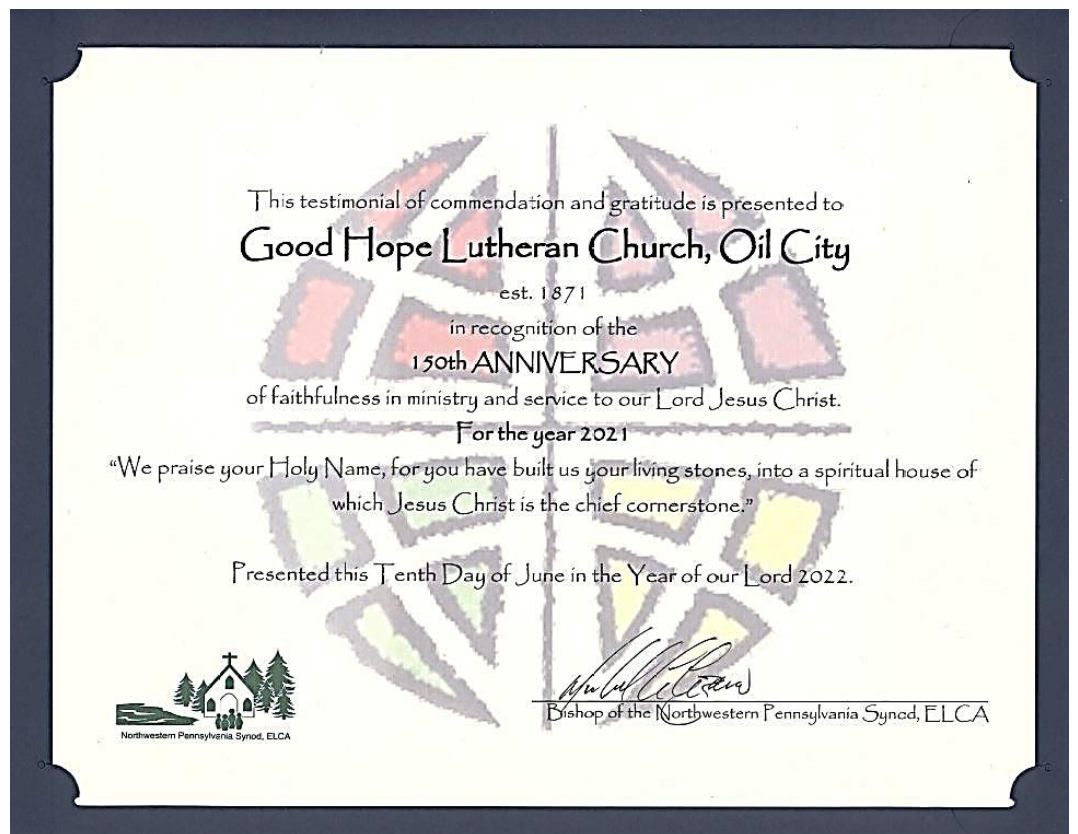
Worship for the Closing of the 150th Anniversary Celebration

***Festival Worship in the sanctuary followed by an
Indoor Picnic.***

**German inspired food will be served in the Fellowship
Hall after worship, catered by John Kluck.**

Please RSVP for the meal by July 8th, 2022

**RSVP to Good Hope – 814-676-9122,
officegoodhope@gmail.com**





Acceptance 365

Acceptance 365

The Acceptance 365 Initiative was launched to help minimize all forms of stigma, exclusion, and social bias by instilling hope, providing knowledge, and promoting self-advocacy in our community. The initiative works to provide resources to not only the community, but specifically local businesses and area employers.

Acceptance 365 also strives to promote mental wellness, positive messages, and creation of an accepting environment for all. Good Hope, Zion, and the Community Ministry Committee are proud members and the staff are currently undergoing monthly training in diversity, inclusion, allyship, and minimizing stigma.

Training has been provided by Dr. Kari Finley, Research Scholar/Center Manager at Montana State University. Over the next six months, the sessions will address stigma – what it is, where it comes from, and how to make a difference.



Adult Study
 July 7, 2022
 August 11, 2022

Adult Class – Bible Study Opportunity for July and August

When: Thursdays, July 7 and 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

- July 7 – Introduction and Lessons 1-6
- 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.



Community Meals

July 12th

July 26th

CMC Meeting

July 12th, 10:30am

Coffee Break

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Community Ministry Committee



I would like to offer up a huge THANK YOU to all of you!

All the volunteers, all who donate supplies and all who hold us up in prayer! Our outreach program would not be possible without all of you.

Our Free Community Meals continue July 12th and July 26th. On July 12th the meal is a piece of Chicken/gravy over stuffing, veggie, fruit, and cookies. On July 26th the meal is a BBQ Pork rib sandwich, chips, veggie, fruit, and cookies. We will distribute laundry pods on July 12th and body wash for July 26th. If you are at the store and think of it, our supply of liquid body wash as well as deodorant is running low. Men's, women's, and unisex would work.

Coffee break continues to thrive. We serve anywhere from 12 to 22 people regularly. Ages range from 18 months to Senior citizens - come join us for fellowship! Coffee Break meets Thursdays from 9:30am to 10:30am at Zion in the Fellowship Hall.

Loads of Love is picking up. The month of July has been spoken for. If you would be willing to distribute quarters to local laundromats in August or September, please let me know. We will be glad to meet with you and/or get you the supplies.

Bags of Love are distributed on the last Thursday of each month. We regularly distribute 12 to 15 bags each month. There are times when we are asked assistance before the distribution day, and we try to keep at least one Bag of Love available in case the need arises. These bags contain enough non-perishable food for 2-3 days.

Our outreach ministry continues to grow and reach many, many people because of people like you. We are so grateful to all of you, Thank you

Joyce Frenz

Director Community Ministry Mission and Outreach

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Mission Committee

Summer Auction
August 28, 2022

Day of Service
September 11, 2022

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.

SAVE THE DATE

The Day of Service will be September 11, 2022. There will be more information in the August newsletter about school and care kits, plus activities for the day!

Chuck Schultz, Mission Committee Chair



Quilters of Hope
Tuesdays @ 10:00am

Circle Schedules

Hope: July 14th

Ruth: July 20th

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.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet **Wednesday**, July 20th, 2022, at Debbie Best's residence at 7:00pm.

Hope Circle

Hope Circle will meet July 14th, 2022, at Good Hope in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions and Hostess; Rhonda. Lesson leader; Buffy. Lesson; Week 10 HS. Pages 83-87.



Good Hope Worship
 Summer Worship
 Outdoors – 9:30am

REMINDER

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

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

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| 05/ Judy Blaine | 16/ Ashlee Goodman |
| 06/ Jerry Nellis | Michael McFarland |
| Sarah Suhr | Joyce Frenz |
| 07/ Joe & Dianne Boland | 17/ Mitch & Erin York |
| Michael & Lindsey Yoder | Jason & Tara Milner |
| 08/ Hazel Kosker | 18/ Kelly McClellan |
| Robert Lendrum | 23/ Chris & Luci Smith |
| Sam & Sharon McDowell | 24/ Dennis & Cheryl Butler |
| 10/ Gregory Dehner | 26/ Daryl Dehner |
| 11/ Greg Biltz | Sandra Zacherl |
| 12/ Helen King | Rhonda & Gary McElhaney |
| Autumn Blose | 28/ Julie Smith |
| Dan & Marsha Vogan | 30/ Scott & Shelly Stahl |
| 14/ Ruth Kish | |
| Andy & Jen Godinich | |

Worship Volunteers

Ushers:

- Tom Neely (Capt.)
- Scott Graham
- Scott Stahl
- Dennis Yarian

Lectors:

- 7/3 – Sharon McDowell
- 7/10 – Susie Hlawati
- 7/17 – Douglas Suhr
- 7/24 – Tom Neely
- 7/31 – Chuck Schultz

Counters:

- 7/5 – Sharon McDowell
- 7/11 – Linda Campbell
- 7/19 – Linda Vogt
- 7/26 – Chérie Wessell

Altar Guild:

- Debbie Biltz

Communion Assistants:

- 7/3 & 7/10 – Jeff Clark AA, Marcia Hoffman, Chérie Wessell
- 7/17 & 7/24 – Tom Friedhaber AA, Susie Hlawati, Linda Vogt
- 7/31 – Bob Conlan AA, Judy Tarr, Beth Orris

July

Sunday



3 *Pentecost 4*
 * Worship @GH-
 9:30am
 * Worship @Z-
 11am

10 *Pentecost 5*
 * Worship @GH-
 9:30am
 * Worship @Z-
 11am

17 *Pentecost 6*
 * Worship @GH-
 9:30am
 * Worship @Z-
 11am

24 *Pentecost 7*
 * Worship @GH-
 10:30am
 * GH Indoor
 Picnic-after worship
 * Worship @Z-
 11am

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 Worship Com. Mtg. @GH- 9:30am Quilters @GH- 10am	6 Staff Mtg. @GH-9:15am Property Mtg @GH-7pm	7 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Ministerium- 11am Adult Bible Study @GH-6:30pm	8	9
11	12 Quilters @GH- 10am CMC Mtg. @Z- 10:30am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	13	14 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Hope Circle @GH-10am	15	16
18	19 Quilters @GH- 10am Faith Formation- 10am Zion Council @Z-6pm	20 Ruth Circle @Best's-7pm	21 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	22	23 <i>LYO Youth Reunion- Noon to ? @ Hart Residence</i>
25	26 Quilters @GH- 10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	27	28 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	29	30

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



Pastor On Call-July

Pastor Sandra Jones
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 prskjones@gmail.com

Good Hope Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday
 8:30am-2:30pm

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Staff

Good Hope

Lead Pastor Sandra Jones 814-516-4002	Associate Pastor J. Michael Parsh 814-572-1189	Director CMC/Outreach Joyce Frenz 724-699-0861
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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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Organist Cheryl Bailey	Stay & Play Sup. Jaimee Cohen 814-516-1063 <i>stayandplay3@gmail.com</i>	Stay & Play Assist. Sup.
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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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**Good Hope/Zion
Lutheran Ministry**
800 Moran Street
Oil City, PA 16301

**Herald of
Hope/Lutheran Light
Good News Letter
July 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