



Words from
Pastor
Mike Parsh

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Summer brings with it a change of weather and of pace. Life both slows down and somehow at the same time speeds up. School is out for most students, while those still in school may move into a slower-paced season of classes. Meanwhile, many families begin a full schedule of vacations, camps, community activities, and other ways to keep children busy and engaged. While for other families, summer may be a time when the days seem endless, boredom grows, and a deep longing for connection and friendships is more apparent. Summer is a time when some people are more connected to family and friends far away, while others become more isolated without the connections of school and community.

Therefore, summer can be a time for making connections. We can reconnect with ourselves, taking time to breathe deeply, experience stillness, and invite renewal. We use the slower pace of summer days to reconnect with our families. Perhaps we find energy to play with our children or gather with extended family to catch up and to remember our ancestors. During this season of growth, we connect with creation, nurturing the green things that grow on the earth, tending them, quenching their thirst as God's word refreshes our own weary souls.

Summer is also a time of restoration and reconciliation. Even as we enjoy rest, we are called to labor in service to those who are hungry, who are homeless, and who cry for justice and mercy.

The tendency to slow things down during the summer can be balanced with the Sunday worship texts, especially the gospel passages, that we will read in the coming months. They suggest that we "ramp things up," most notably in the area of discipleship, instead of slowing down.

As disciples of Christ, we always know that Jesus is on a mission to us, to love us, to save us, and to bless us. In addition, being a disciple of Christ is to always know that we follow Jesus on his mission and that Jesus is on a mission through us, to love through us, to save through us, and to bless through us. Through the gift of our baptism, we are claimed by Christ and then sent out into the world to proclaim this good news to all of creation through word and deed.

Which leads to the question, as God in Christ acts in and among us, how do we become and remain faithful disciples? The gospel texts in these early months after Pentecost invite us to examine discipleship because Jesus himself centers the life of discipleship.

Jesus is calling the disciples to share good news of the coming reign of God—although this news may not have been considered "good" for all who heard! Jesus teaches us much about discipleship by how he responds to questions about who he spends time with. Jesus also calls, claims, and sends the disciples and other followers. This sending is *ongoing*: discipleship

ultimately demands a continual and dedicated sending, accompanied by success, failure, and the need to renew.

Through the gospel passages for the time after Pentecost, we also learn that discipleship has a cost: it sometimes results in unexpected conflict and division. We learn the sheer weight of what it means to “accept” the work of a disciple. This work is a serious matter, both for the disciple and for those to whom the disciple is sent. Discipleship is service to the least, and the banner of Christ’s discipleship is taken up by the least likely candidates.

Jesus works through all his followers to bring God’s love to all our hurting world. Therefore, as we enter the summer season we are reminded and challenged to be the disciples that Christ calls us to be for the sake of the world, all the while we are sustained by God’s grace and love.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mike*

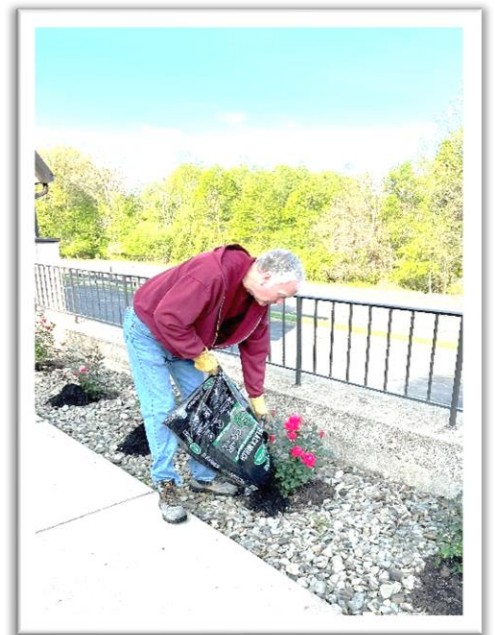
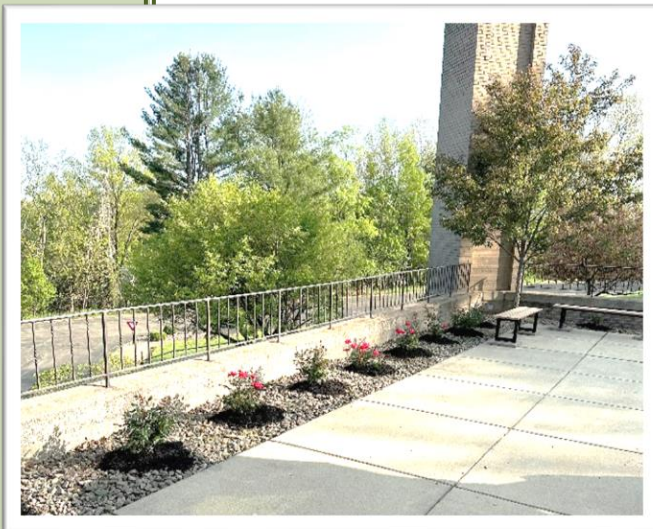
Portions of this article are adapted from sundaysandseasons.com, Augsburg Fortress, 2023.

Thank You

Thank you to Bruce and Bonnie Dodd who have revitalized the front terrace garden in red roses as a memorial spot dedicated to Suzette Nellis. Their generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated.



Thank You





Worship Time Information September 3, 2023

Worship Time Change - Beginning Sunday, September 3, 2023

On Sunday, September 3, 2023, the Sunday morning worship times for both Good Hope and Zion will be changing to the following start times. Good Hope – 10:15 am Zion- 11:45.

A bit of history about these changes. This discussion began at the Zion Annual Congregational meeting in November 2022. At that meeting it was approved to begin dialog with the Good Hope Worship Committee to discuss Sunday morning worship times beginning in September 2023, due to the Shared Ministry being served by one pastor. Two members from Zion attended the December Good Hope Worship Committee meeting. At that meeting, Pastor Parsh presented 6 different options for worship start times. These options took into account the following: Good Hope Sunday School, Good Hope Choir preservice rehearsal, travel and prep time between services for the pastor, and the pastor's availability to teach Sunday School. After discussion at the committee meeting the following option was approved by the combined Committee to present to the two Councils:

- Good Hope Sunday School – 9:00am (pastor available to teach, choir can rehearse prior to worship)
- Good Hope Worship – 10:15am
- Pastor travel/prep time between services – 11:15-11:45am
- Zion Worship – 11:45am

At the January Council meetings, the above option was presented, discussed, and then voted on. The motion was approved. This process follows what is laid out in both congregations' Constitutions and the Shared Ministry Articles of Agreement.

If you have any questions please direct them to Pastor Parsh.



College Scholarships Applications Due June 30, 2023

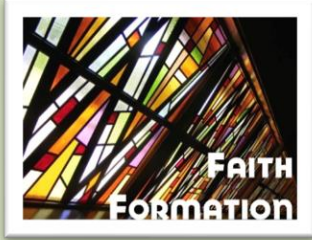
Now Accepting College Scholarships

This scholarship is provided to Good Hope students from the Good Hope Mission Fund.

Criteria:

1. Confirmed Membership at Good Hope Lutheran Church
2. Active in Worship (at least four times per year)
3. Must maintain 2.25 GPA
4. Fulltime (12 credits) students will receive full scholarship. Part-time students receive pro-rated scholarships.
5. Scholarships are for undergraduate study only.

Applications can be obtained on the Church website or in the office and the bulletin boards in the Narthex and summer Narthex.



Faith Formation No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School over the summer months. Sunday School will resume in September. THANK YOU for another wonderful year of Faith Formation in our Sunday Schools and Youth Group!

Looking ahead: We have six 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

June 18- 23:	Alexis Dehner
July 16-19:	Heath Godinich & Sam Parsh
July 23-28:	Hazel Kosker, Heidi Kosker
July 30- Aug 4:	Ben Parsh

Thank You

Dear Confirmation Class,

Thank you so much for volunteering at the work day! Your help is greatly appreciated and necessary for a great summer.

Deb & the Lutherlyn Staff

Dear members of Good Hope,

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Lutherlyn Building for the Future Capital Campaign. Your gifts are an investment in Lutherlyn and the ministry that is provided to our congregation and many others and will help to ensure that they can continue to provide life changing adventures in faith for years to come. To date, our congregation has committed \$26,535 in gifts and pledges to the campaign. If any members are still interested in contributing to the campaign, additional blank Statement of Intent forms are available on the table near the church offices.

If you have already made a contribution or pledge, you will receive acknowledgement of your gift from Lutherlyn soon. You will also receive periodic updates on the campaign progress and the improvements made possible through your generosity. Thank you again for your support of this effort and partnership in helping sustain the ministry of Lutherlyn into the future.

Sincerely,

Andy Godinich
Congregation Campaign Chair



Lutherlyn Campaign

WOW

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY
SENIOR MINISTRY

Wednesday
June 14, 2023

Viva La Diva!

Program: For Your Enjoyment --
Musical Entertainment by
Jamie Bastello



Jamie Bastello has always loved to sing! From a young age, she was singing and acting in a variety of musical theatre productions from The King and I to You're a Good Man Charlie Brown! She performed first opera, La Boheme, at age twelve with the University of Texas. Throughout the course of her musical career, Jamie has won over the hearts of music lovers from all walks of life with her passion, humorous characters, and deeply moving interpretations of music.

Worship: 11:30am

Luncheon: 12:15pm – Hosted by the
Women of Zion

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*

Reservations Due: Monday, June 12, 2023

If you are available, please join us for the program **ONLY**,
you do not have to attend the worship or luncheon!



Zion Worship

Indoors – 11:00am

Worship Volunteers – June

Lectors:

- 6/4 – David Mayer
- 6/11 – Nancy Wigren
- 6/18 – Allison McNamara

Ushers:

- Nancy Wigren
- Diane D'Olympio

Altar Care:

- Jan Ruditis
- Edie Bickart

Communion Assistant:

- Leigh Ann Pikna

Birthdays

- 23/ Jeremy McElhatten
- 25/ Diane D'Olympio

Financial Report - March

<i>Actual Receipts</i>	\$3,725.00
<i>Budgeted Receipts</i>	6,752.08
<i>Actual Expenditures</i>	8,145.94

Member News

Sarah Fisher has completed her sophomore year at Carnegie Mellon University. She will be spending 9 weeks this summer at the Weizmann Institute of Science, which is located in Rehovot, Israel. She will be using her computer science knowledge to conduct computational science research. Please keep Sarah in your prayers.



Senior Recognition

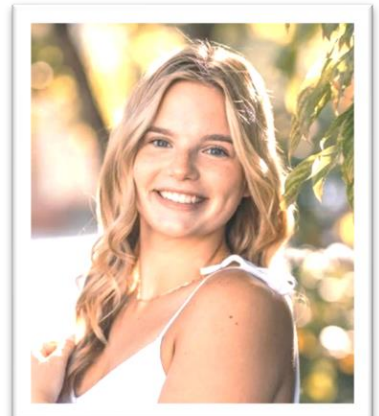


Alexis Dehner

After graduating from Commonwealth Charter Academy, Alexis will study religious studies and criminal justice at Mercyhurst University.

Emma Stahl

Emma Stahl is graduating from Oil City High School and Venango Technology Center. She will be attending Kent State University in the fall and majoring in Architecture.



The Councils of the Good Hope/Zion
Lutheran Ministry of Oil City
Cordially invite you to
A Celebration of Ministry

For Rev. Dr. Sandra K. Jones

Saturday, July 29, 2023, 2:00pm
Light reception and program to follow

Good Hope Lutheran Church
800 Moran Street
Oil City, PA 16301

*Please RSVP to the Good Hope office
(814-676-9122) or officegoodhope@gmail.com
by Monday, July 10, 2023*



Special Music Invitation

The Good Hope Senior Choir and Venango Chorus members will be performing a piece of special music during the celebration of ministry worship for Pr. Sandra K. Jones. The song is "This Is My Word" by Pepper Choplin. For those wishing to join us in song, please contact the Good Hope office to arrange for a copy of the music and a link to a YouTube video of the song.

Those singing will gather on Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 pm and at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 29 to rehearse. Please join us even if you cannot commit to both rehearsals!

*Good Hope Lutheran Church
800 Moran Street
Oil City, PA 16301*

*814-676-9122
officegoodhope@gmail.com*

Good Hope/Zion Shared Ministry Picnic

JUNE 25, 2023

Worship will begin at 10:30am

Lunch will follow worship and will be catered by Double Play.

Dessert will be an old fashioned Western PA Cookie Table.

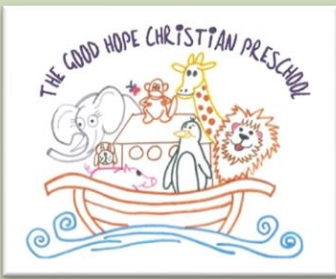
Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share!

Lots of singing, fellowship, fun, and laughter! Lawn games after lunch, invite a friend or neighbor!

~ RSVP ~

Please let the church know how many will be attending the meal by Sunday, June 4th. 814-676-9122 or officegoodhope@gmail.com

Lion's Pavilion at Morrison Park * 381 Allison Road, Seneca, PA



**Good Hope
Christian
Preschool**

The preschool presented their end of year program on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to the next school year!



THANK YOU

I would like to give a huge shout out to all the volunteers who help all year long, never ask for anything in return and who are truly being God’s hands and feet in the world!

We would not be able to do all the things we do without your help. We have regular helpers for morning prep, afternoon prep, serving, and clean-up for every meal. We also have those helpers who say, "call me if you need me, I can't do every time, but I can help sometimes." We have helpers for the Loads of Love distribution. We have helpers for Coffee Break, Thanksgiving meals, and Shrove Tuesday's all day Pancake meals as well as any other service that is needed. We have individuals I can count on for the heavy lifting as well as others for the mundane chores.

I have a regular supply of Adult Daily Living supplies and laundry pods that show up and I never know who leaves them on my office doorknob or in my cupboard at Zion. We have dozens and dozens of cookies whenever we need them.

As I hear of other churches bemoaning the fact that they cannot get volunteers to do anything, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and pride in the fact that I only need ask and people and/or items show up.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

*Joyce Frenz
Director of Community Ministries
724-699-0861*





Summer Auction August 27

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It is not too early to get busy on your handmade items for the 6th **Annual End of Summer Auction**. The last Sunday before Labor Day this year is **August 27th**.

The 2022 auction was a huge success with plenty of wonderful items and many lots of tasty foods. If you have suggestions for wooden items, feel free to contact Chuck Schultz – 630-209-1652. More details in future newsletters.



Prayer Chain

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The Good Hope prayer chain had been chaired by Suzette Nellis. Due to her untimely death, Chérie Wessell has graciously volunteered to take the chair.

If you have any prayers that you would like to be on the prayer chain, **OR** if you are interested in being a part of the prayer chain, please contact Chérie at 814-673-6338. Chérie will also answer any questions you may have about the prayer chain.



Quilters of Hope Tuesdays @ 10:00am

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 June 8 10:00am, in the Fellowship Hall at Good Hope. Devotions:Carolynn, Leader: Gloria, Hostess: Ann. Lesson: "Life's Storms," pgs. 46-51, SOL.

Circle Schedules

Ruth: June 6
Hope: June 8

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, June 6, 7:00pm at the Brown residence. The lesson leader will be Jane Pagliari.



**Good Hope
Worship**

Outdoors– 9:30am

REMINDER

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



Summer Worship
Sundays – 9:30am
Outdoors

June Birthdays / Anniversaries

02/ Gloria Aughenbaugh	15/ Clyde Benninger
03/ Samuel McDowell	Doug Suhr
07/ Todd & Margie Hart	24/ Marsha Vogan
11/ Dianne Boland	27/ John & Debbie Wells
Henry B. Suhr III	28/ Deacon French
12/ Heath Godinich	29/ Charlotte McCullough
13/ Dennis & Chérie Wessell	Robert Barber
14/ Debra Speerstra	30/ David McVay
Alysha O'Neil	

Worship Volunteers

Ushers:

Ron Campbell
Marcia Hoffman

Counters:

6/6 – Melodye Neely
6/12 – Linda Campbell
6/20 – TBD
6/27 – Chérie Wessell

Lectors:

6/4 – Buffy Heisey
6/11 – Jen Godinich
6/18 – Ralph Jones
6/25 – Judy Tarr

Altar Guild:

Jane Pagliari
Susie Hlawati

Communion Assistants:

6/4 & 6/11 – Buffy Heisey, Susie Hlawati
6/18 – Todd Hart, Rhonda McElhaney
6/25 – Todd Hart

Summer Worship

We are looking for volunteers to help set up for our outdoor summer worship at Good Hope. **Beginning Sunday, June 4, worship will move outdoors in the lower parking lot at 9:30am.** We would like at least two people per Sunday to volunteer to help set up chairs and other worship needs.

There is a sign up chart in the Summer Narthex, please sign up for any Sundays you would be willing to help. Set-up time will be 9:00am. Thank you in advance for your help!

June

Sunday



4 Holy Trinity

- * Outdoor Worship @GH-9:30am
- * Indoor Worship @Z-11am

11 Pentecost 2

- * Outdoor Worship @GH-9:30am
- * Indoor Worship @Z-11am

18 Pentecost 3

- * Outdoor Worship @GH-9:30am
- * Indoor Worship @Z-11am

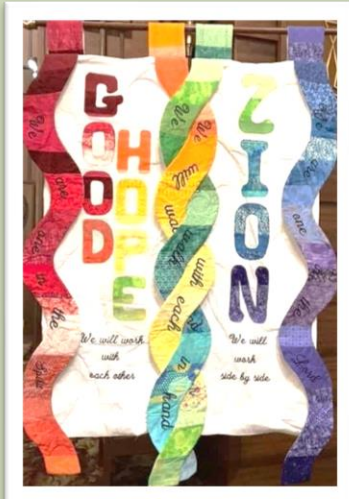
Pr. Mike Away

25 Pentecost 4

- * Shared Ministry Worship @Morrison Park-10:30am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	2	3
5 Shared Ministry @Z-6pm	6 Quilters @GH-10am CMC @GH-10:30am Ruth Circle @Wells-7pm	7 Staff Mtg. @GH-9:15am Worship Mtg. @GH-11am Property Mtg @GH-7pm	8 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Hope Circle-@GH-10am <i>NWPA Synod Assembly</i>	9 <i>NWPA Synod Assembly</i>	10 <i>NWPA Synod Assembly</i>
12	13 Quilters @GH-10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	14 Worship on Wednesday (WOW) @GH-11:30am	15 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am GH Executive Com. Mtg. @GH-6pm Council Mtg. @GH-7pm	16 <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>	17 <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>
19 <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>	20 Quilters @GH-10am Council Mtg. @Z-6pm <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>	21 <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>	22 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>	23 <i>Pr. Mike Away</i>	24
26	27 Quilters @GH-10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	28	29 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	30	

* Stay & Play Schedule – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3pm to 8pm & the 3rd Saturday of the month 11am to 3pm @ Zion



Pastor On Call-June

Pastor Sandra Jones

Cell: 814-516-4002
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 prskjones@gmail.com

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

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 Beth Orris

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 Marcy Amero
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 814-676-9122

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 800 Moran Street
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Herald of
 Hope/Lutheran Light
 Good News Letter
 June 2023
 Serving all in the manner
 of Jesus



Recorded service will be posted on Monday afternoon on our
 website.
www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org/worship-together

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

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