



Words from Pastor
Sandra Jones

A Faithful Witness at Life's End

The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II was not only a grand tribute to a servant-leader of her nation and the world, but it was a beautiful witness to the faith of a woman who followed Jesus and loved the Gospel he proclaimed. Each hymn and scripture passage she selected for the funeral service testified to her trust in the God who gave her life, the God who called her into a specific vocation, and the Lord who redeemed and restored her, her family, and her nation over and over again.

I was moved by the power of the music, the Word proclaimed, and the use of symbolic action to mark Queen Elizabeth's 70+ years of service, the conclusion of her reign, and the ending of her life on this earth. The power of ritual and the reflection of her Christian faith brought comfort to so many people who gathered within hallowed walls, lined the streets, and viewed it all via the internet.

It is most likely that you and I will not have thousands of mourners lining the streets or be accompanied by legions of cavalry guards and well-trained horses when the day of our funeral comes. But we do have an opportunity, and even a duty, to consider what kind of faithful witness our funerals will be for those who attend.

Every Christian funeral is a unique celebration of Christ's resurrection and this shapes and forms the service in many ways. With prayerful and careful pre-planning, you can bring your statement of faith and witness to the Gospel, through word and in song, to that celebration.

In October and November, Pastor Parsh and I will offer opportunities for you to meet with us for conversation, to receive helpful planning resources, and to set up another visit when you conclude a portion of the pre-funeral service planning process. These sessions will be for an individual, together with a spouse or a family member, if you choose. This will not be a large group session.

A Faithful Witness at Life's End planning sessions will be offered Monday through Thursday, October 24-27 from 10:00 a.m. until

Noon with Pastor Sandra Jones or Monday through Thursday, October 31-November 3 from 10:00 a.m. until Noon with Pastor Mike Parsh. You may sign up for a specific day and time by calling the Good Hope office or by signing the schedules posted on the pastors' office doors. If the scheduled times or location do not meet your needs, please call either pastor to set up another time and place. The same resources will be shared at each session.

As we move toward the celebrations of Reformation Day and All Saints Day, we are reminded that we are set free in Christ and that our whole lives become a witness to the God we love and proclaim.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (ELW, p. 280, based on Romans 6).

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sandra Jones*



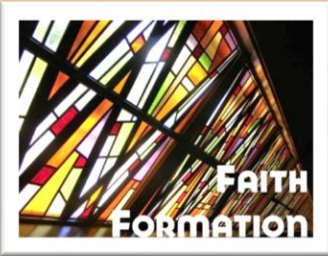
November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated at Good Hope and Zion on November 6.

If you would like your family members or friends who have died since All Saints Sunday last year to be included in the remembrances of this festival day, please provide their name(s) to the pastors or the Good Hope church office by Wednesday, November 2. officegoodhope@gmail.com or 814-676-9122.

We will include the names of our members of both congregations as well as those provided to us.



Youth & Adult Sunday School
Sundays – 9:15am

Sunday School

Youth and adults will continue to meet at 9:15am for Sunday School/Confirmation classes.

Youth

Upcoming youth events:

October 5 - RSVP for the All Ages Cool Spring Maze trip

October 9 – All Ages Cool Spring Maze trip. Lunch after worship then carpooling to the maze.

October 21-22 – Faith & Fellowship Lock in at Margie's. 5pm on October 21 to 11am on October 22



Worship Events

October 2
Quilt Blessing

October 16
St. Luke's Day

Quilt Blessing

During worship on Sunday October 2, 2022, at Good Hope, the quilts, personal care kits, and school kits will be blessed before they are shipped off to Lutheran World Relief. Many thanks to the Quilters of Hope and all who donated and helped assemble the kits.

St. Luke's Day

During worship on Sunday, October 16, 2022, there will be blessing for healing and anointing with oil for the celebration of St. Luke's Day.



Stay and Play

The Stay and Play Task Force is happy to announce the hiring of Dustin Harrison as the Stay and Play Assistant Manager. Dustin is the husband of Stay and Play Manager Jaimee Cohen. He began his time with Stay and Play on September 19.

A multi camera security system was installed in the Zion fellowship hall. The system only records video at this time and is programmed to record anything that activates its motion sensors. This system provides an added layer of protection for the various program staff, all program participants, and Zion's liability. If you have any questions about the system, please contact Pastor Parsh.



Thank you so much for your continued support! Your thoughts, prayers, messages, and financial support have made our Staycation summer happy and joyful!

In July, we were able to spend a week with Igor, who got a short vacation from the war and his job as a neurosurgeon in Ukraine. He came to visit us and was eventually able to settle into this peaceful life. It was a temporary break though; he is back there now, but hoping to permanently join his family around Christmas time. He's very busy working 7 days a week at his hospital and learn German in his free time so that he has better chances of finding a good job when he gets here.

The kids are all back in school, settling into routines and making new friends, exploring new hobbies, and settling in here. Even Miron, the baby, has found a daycare that he goes to each day so that his mom can get started with her German courses.

After 5 months together in a small holiday apartment, the Shynkarenkos have begun their search for their own apartment. We continue to support them and Matvii has decided to continue living with us on the weekends. He lives in Hannover during the week with an American pastor and her family, to be closer to his school and friends... He's 17 years old and needs a little independence! He's close to his mom and sister, though, and visits often.

We are continuing to renovate and fix up our property, a project that we started in 2020. We feel blessed that his house has been able to provide so many people peace, stability, and safety. The kids help out with projects here, but mostly love playing in the river until their lips are blue, jumping on the trampoline for hours, or telling secrets in the treehouse.

With autumn coming, we have a few birthday parties to plan and try to have at least one "big family" dinner each week. Tonight we're having "Hühner Frikasse," a favorite, probably followed by a game of Ticket to Ride or a movie in the living room. We are all busy with our own lives, but try to stay connected through these simple, but deliberate experiences.

Though the news has replaced the Russian attack on Ukraine with the death of the queen and the upcoming gas shortages, the war is still very present in the hearts and minds of so many people. Thank you for keeping it present in *your* thoughts. We hope that it's over soon and that these families can be reunited with their husbands and fathers and live once again with security and peace. We continue to support as we can- finding jobs, German courses, writing letters, making phone calls, even babysitting now and then to give the moms a break. If you have donated money recently, thank you. Please know that it continues to help support these families, as well as a few others that we have met and learned about through our new connections.

In Peace,

Marianne (on behalf of all of us...)

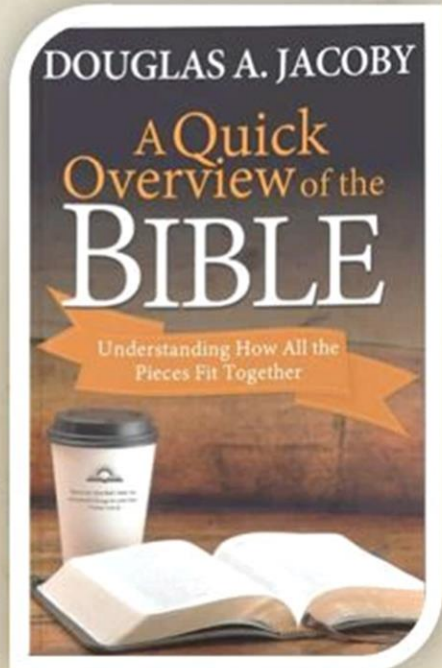
Marianne Kasch is the daughter of Beth Orris. She lives in Germany with her husband Christoph and daughter Annie.

A Quick Overview of the Bible: Understanding How All the Pieces Fit Together

Beginning September 21, Pastors Ralph and Sandra Jones will team teach a new Bible course for anyone interested. We'll meet at Good Hope in either the Conference Room or the Fellowship Hall, depending on the size of the group. Classes will be from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The full schedule is printed below.

For the course, you will use your Bible and the book *A Quick Overview of the Bible: Understanding How All the Pieces Fit Together* by Douglas A. Jacoby. The book is available on Amazon.com or from www.ipibooks.com. Call Pastor Jones if you would like a book ordered for you.

CLASS DATES	OLD TESTAMENT TOPICS	TEXTBOOK
September 21	Introducing the Old Testament	Chapters 1-5
28	God's Universal Purpose	Chapter 6
October 5	History and Geography	Chapters 7-8
12	Genesis	Chapter 9
26	Exodus and Law	Chapter 10
November 2	Conquest, Confederacy, and Monarchy	Chapter 11
30	Prophets	Chapter 12
December 7	Exile and Return	Chapter 13
14	Intertestamental Period	Chapters 14-15
	NEW TESTAMENT TOPICS	
January 4	Introducing the New Testament	Chapters 16-17
11	Jesus Christ	Chapter 18
18	Gospels and Acts	Chapters 19-20
25	Paul	Chapter 21
February 1	Letters and Apocalypse	Chapters 22-23



The description from the book cover gives a good summary of the course and the chosen textbook:

The Bible is the most fascinating book in the world – once you learn how to read it. Like the picture on the lid of a jigsaw puzzle box, [this book] will give you the big picture and show you how the different parts of the Bible fit together to present God's timeless message to the world.



Thank You

Dear Good Hope,

Thank you for supporting my journey for higher education. I will use the money from the scholarship to buy books for my classes. The extra money will allow me to focus less on finances and more on learning.

*Thank you,
Evan Zacherl*

Dear Good Hope family:

Thank you once again for the generous scholarship money. It helps so much with my college expenses. My semester has been very busy so far with my studies and marching band.

I hope to see you all when I'm home for Christmas.

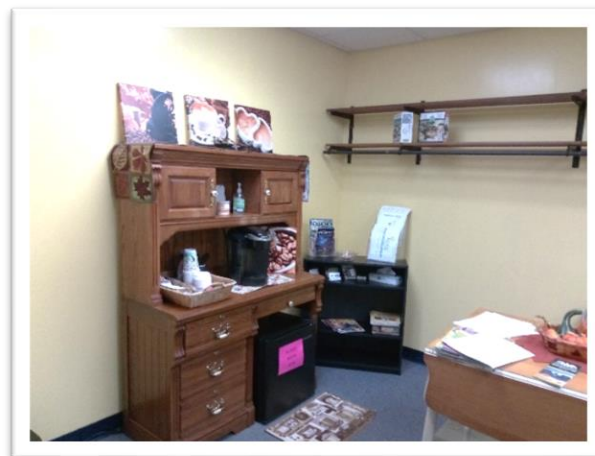
*Thanks again,
Tim Friedhaber*

Dear Good Hope Family,

Our YWCA is so grateful to have been included in this year's Day of Service.

Through your gracious offer and hard work, we now have a bright and cheery gathering room for all we service. We've had so many nice comments about how wonderful the room looks with fresh paint. Many thanks to Pastor Ralph and Pastor Jones, Tom Neely, Gary Switzer, and Frank Lewis for your awesome and detailed paint work. It's a much appreciated change and much needed.

*With huge thanks,
Jennifer and YW staff
and all who will gather
in and enjoy our new room*





Pet Blessing

October 4
5:00pm-6:30pm



Father Bernard's Blessed Biscuits will be featured at the Good Hope/Zion Pet Blessing on Tuesday, October 4, 5:00-6:30 p.m. on the Good Hope front terrace.

Father Bernard's Blessed Biscuits is a social enterprise of St. Luke's in partnership with the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County.

Our Mission

To celebrate connection — with dogs and their human families — while providing employment opportunities for those who have dropped out of the workforce due to mental health concerns or addiction.

We Believe

We believe celebratory connection is the solution not merely to our community's problems, but the world's. Our circular biscuits represent the ecosystem of connection and wellness that forms when those out of the workforce — isolated by mental health and recovery struggles — are reconnected and resourced by community. We are forging an ecosystem of recovery with your help.

Buying Our Biscuits

Buying Father Bernard's Blessed Biscuits allows you not only to treat your dog with love — you are also showing love for the community by supporting individuals with job training and workforce development in Jamestown, NY. Love makes the whole world go round.

To purchase online, please visit: <https://fatherbernards.com/>



Zion Worship
Indoors – 11:00am

Worship Volunteers – October

Lectors:

- 10/2 – JoAnn Beary
- 10/9 – Leigh Ann Pikna
- 10/16 – Rick Sabousky
- 10/23 – Yvonne Paranick
- 10/30 – David Mayer

Ushers:

Yvonne Paranick

Altar Care:

Sue Fisher, Gretchen Gibbs

Communion Assistant:

Leigh Ann Pikna

Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 03/ Shirley Yolton | |
| 05/ Linda Mertz | 17/ David Mayer |
| 09/ Andrew Pikna | 23/ Sam Parsh |
| 15/ Karen Horn | 24/ Douglas McElhatten |
| 16/ Nancy Turnbull | 27/ Ralph Jones |

Financial Report - August

Actual receipts \$2,362.00
 Budgeted receipts \$6,826.67
 Actual expenditures \$5,127.01



October 26, 2022
9am @ Good Hope

Trunk or Treat

Preschool will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, with **Trunk or Treat** at 9:00 am. Everyone in the church is invited to join in the fun!

The children will come outside in their costumes, sing a few songs and then go “trunk or treating” to the cars. Anyone that would like to attend can park their car in the upper parking lot and pass out individual pre-packaged teats or small prizes to the children from the trunk/back of their vehicle. You may decorate your car if you like but please remember we do not talk about anything scary when it comes Halloween at preschool.

If you would like to attend and pass out treats, there are a total of 21 children in the program. Prepackaged treats but no dietary restrictions. We have one child allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, among other things.

A Guide for Families: Surviving Addiction

Tuesday, October 4 7:00pm

Session One: A Family Matter

- A look at addiction. What it is and how it affects families.
- A look at co-dependency and family dynamics in the face of addiction.

Tuesday, October 11 7:00pm

Session Two: A Survival Guide

- Intervening in the addiction process
- Strategies to deal with addicted behavior



Each session will be approximately 90 minutes to include learning and small group discussion. Sessions will be led by Rev. Randall Frenz, Chaplain at Bethesda Lutheran Services, Meadville. Rev. Frenz has twenty-five years of experience in the addiction field as an outpatient addiction counselor and director of the counseling program at Grove City Medical Center. He served as a clinical manager and social worker at George Junior Republic. He was ordained in 2015.

Good Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (*lower level*)

800 Moran Street

Oil City, PA

WOW
WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY
SENIOR MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF
HUNGARY CENTER:**
Partner in Ministry



Program:

Executive Director, Jessica Struthers will join us to talk about the history and good works of the St. Elizabeth Center Food Pantry & Thrift Store in Oil City.



Worship: 11:30am

Luncheon: 12:15pm – Hosted by Jim & 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

Reservations Due: Monday, October 17, 2022.



Mission Committee

Summer Auction

The End-of-Summer Auction was a huge success with over sixty lots of hand-crafted or home-baked items crossing the block to raise \$1,491 for the CMC's Community Meal Program. Another wonderful display of generosity and community! The committee thanks all those who donated or bid with special appreciation for our auction day volunteers. Our auctioneer Linda Vogt kept things moving. Our coordinator Janet Switzer wrangled auction items, presenters, and bid envelopes, and our statistician Kristen Criado was kept hopping to record the winning bids. We were especially cheered by the wonderful support from our young people as presenters and contributors.

Day of Service

The Day of Service on September 11 was a wonderful time of fellowship and teamwork by the Good Hope/Zion community on multiple projects. A total of 36 school kits were completed, along with 35 personal care kits. They will make their way into the Lutheran World Relief system along with over 50 quilts via the In-Gathering in Erie later this month.

There was a project for youth and adults to place cutouts of their hands on posters with the ELCA tagline, "God's Work. Our Hands." The posters will welcome all who enter the Fellowship Hall. A small group of volunteers painted a room at the YWCA. Pastor Jones led a group of singers at her monthly worship service at Oakwood Heights. Non-perishables were collected for Community Services of Venango County. Lunch donations of \$113 were given, which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to help with shipping costs for quilts and kits.

We are thankful for all who donated lunch items, kit components, non-perishables, cash offerings, and their time and talent as volunteers. It was a day to come together to serve the community and the world.

Chuck Schultz
Mission Committee



Community Meals

October 11
October 25

Coffee Break

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Thanksgiving Meal

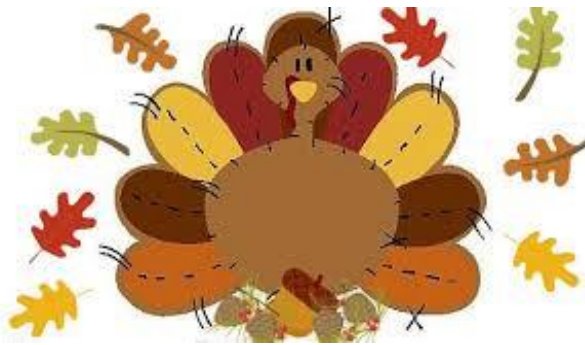
Community Ministry Committee
is once again planning our annual

Thanksgiving meal delivery!

Please watch our weekly bulletins for sign-up sheets to receive meals or
to help with preparation and delivery of meals.

It's only 8 weeks away!

November 24, 2022.



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 Oct. 13,2022, in the Fellowship Hall at
Good Hope. Devotions: Gloria, Lesson : Pastor Mike, Hostess: Gloria,
Lesson Week 12 HS pages 93-97

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Circle will meet at
Judy Clark's residence at 7:00pm.

Coffee Hour

Hope Circle will host a Coffee Hour after worship on Sunday, October
9. We hope everyone will come for refreshments and fellowship.



Quilters of Hope
Tuesdays @ 10:00am

Circle Schedules

Hope: October 13
Ruth: October 4

Coffee Hour
Sunday, October 9



Good Hope Worship
Indoors – 10:30am

REMINDER

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

October Birthdays / Anniversaries

02/	Chauncey West	17/	Diane West
03/	Joseph Hart		James & Julie Smith
04/	Greg & Carrie Biltz	21/	Bill & Dolores Baker
	Ron & Judy Tarr	22/	Emma Stahl
05/	Nicholas Hoffman	23/	Sam Parsh
06/	Ron Vogt	25/	Andrea Grosso
07/	Bill Exley	27/	Susan French
	Alexis Dehner		Colin Young
	Luci Smith		Ralph Jones
11/	Jim & Linda Black		Jennifer Godinich
12/	Kevin & Liz Roth	28/	Matthew Pagliari
15/	Beverly Suhr	31/	Melodye Neely
			Jennifer Friedhaber

Worship Volunteers

Ushers:

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

Lectors:

10/2 – Chuck Schultz
10/9 – Janet Switzer
10/16 – Douglas Suhr
10/23 – Ralph Jones
10/30 – Judy Tarr

Counters:

10/4 – Sharon McDowell
10/10 – Linda Campbell
10/18 – Chérie Wessell
10/25 – Linda Vogt

Altar Guild:

Marcia Hoffman
Sandy Zacherl

Communion Assistants:

10/2 – Gary Switzer AA, Janet Switzer, Judy Tarr
10/9 – Jeff Clark AA, Chérie Wessell, Beth Orris
10/16 – Jeff Clark AA, Chérie Wessell, Judy Tarr
10/23 & 10/30 – Margie Hart AA, Andrea Plummer, Linda Vogt

October

Sunday

2 Pentecost 17

* Sunday Sch. @GH
9:15am
* Worship @GH-
10:30am
* Sr. Choir @GH-
after worship
* Worship @Z-11am

9 Pentecost 18

* Sunday Sch. @GH
9:15am
* Worship @GH-
10:30am
* Coffee Hour after
worship
* Worship @Z-11am
*Cool Spring Maze

16 Pentecost 19

* Sunday Sch. @GH
9:15am
* Worship @GH-
10:30am-Annointing
* Sr. Choir @GH-
after worship
* Worship @Z-11am

23 Pentecost 20

* Sunday Sch. @GH
9:15am
* Worship @GH-
10:30am
* Sr. Choir @GH-
after worship
* Worship @Z-11am

30 Pentecost 21

* Sunday Sch. @GH
9:15am
* Worship @GH-
10:30am
* Sr. Choir @GH-
after worship
* Worship @Z-11am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>3 Venango Youth Choir @GH- 3:45pm</p> <p>Venango Chorus @ GH-7:30pm</p> <p>Stay & Play Task Force-8pm</p>	<p>4 Quilters @GH-10am</p> <p>Worship Com. Mtg. @GH-10:30am</p> <p>Pet Blessing @GH- 5pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Addiction Session @GH-7pm</p> <p>Ruth Circle @Clarks- 7pm</p>	<p>5 Staff Mtg. @GH-9:15am</p> <p>Property Mtg @GH-7pm</p> <p>Adult Bible Study @GH- 7pm</p>	<p>6 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am</p> <p>Ministerium- 11am</p>	7	8
<p>10 Venango Youth Choir @GH- 3:45pm</p> <p>Venango Chorus @ GH-7:30pm</p>	<p>11 Quilters @GH-10am</p> <p>CMC Mtg. @Z- 10:30am</p> <p>Community Meal @Z- 4:30pm-6pm</p> <p>Addiction Session @GH-7pm</p>	<p>12 Adult Bible Study @GH- 7pm</p>	<p>13 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am</p> <p>Hope Circle @GH-10am</p>	14	15
<p>17 Venango Youth Choir @GH- 3:45pm</p> <p>Venango Chorus @ GH-7:30pm</p>	<p>18 Quilters @GH-10am</p> <p>Zion Council @Z- 6pm</p>	<p>19 WOW @GH- 11:30am</p>	<p>20 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am</p> <p>Good Hope Council @GH- 7pm</p>	21 Faith and Fellowship Lock in @ Margie's- 5pm-11am	22
<p>24 Venango Youth Choir @GH- 3:45pm</p> <p>Venango Chorus @ GH-7:30pm</p>	<p>25 Quilters @GH-10am</p> <p>Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm</p>	<p>26 Preschool Trunk of Treat @GH-9am</p> <p>Adult Bible Study @GH- 7pm</p>	<p>27 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am</p>	38	29
<p>31 Venango Youth Choir @GH- 3:45pm</p> <p>Venango Chorus @ GH-7:30pm</p>					

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

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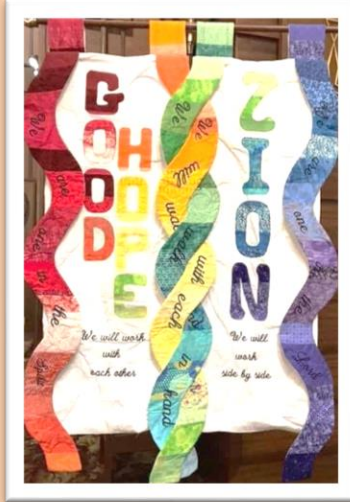
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Oil City, PA 16301

**Herald of
Hope/Lutheran Light
Good News Letter
October 2022**
*Serving all in the manner
of Jesus*

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



Worship Schedule
Good Hope – Indoors – 10:30am
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