

ACT Parish Events

Tuesday, April 16 No Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda or Hope

Thursday, April 18

7pm – ACT Parish Maundy Thursday Worship at Bethesda



Holy Week

Friday, April 19 7pm – ACT Parish Good Friday

Easter Sunday, April 21

6:30am – Hope (Easter Potluck Breakfast, 7:30am)

8am – St. John's

8:15am – Buffalo Lake

9:30am – Bethesda (Easter Breakfast, 8:30-9:15am)

9:30am – Monson Lake

11am – Mamrelund (Easter Breakfast from 9:30-10:45am)

Tuesday, April 23

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Saturday, April 27

9am – Open House ACT Parish Bridal Shower in honor of Nicole Kleene & Andy Niemeyer at Hope. Nicole & Andy are registered at Target and Amazon. Brunch is at 9am. *Would like one person from each congregation to help plan this event for Pastor Michelle's Daughter. If you would like to help please contact Nancy Stredde at 320-231-3808.*

Sunday, April 28

St. John's Congregational Meeting, 8 am Discussion on church landscaping, repairs, and maintenance of the church.

Tuesday, April 30

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Sunday, May 5 - Mamrelunds Confirmation Sunday

Confirmands are Caleb Kleene, Ashlie and Alise Staebell

Saturday, May 11th St. John's Card Night at Bethesda Grand

Sunday, May 12th St. John's Church Council

Sunday, May 19

11am-1:30pm - 3rd Annual Syttende Mai Quilt Show. The quilted items will be displayed at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Please share with us your beautiful table runners, wall hangings, and quilts. It's so much fun to see what everyone is working on. Encourage everyone to bring items for the display anytime that morning starting at 8:00 a.m. Someone will be at the church with the items during the display. Write who the quilt belongs to and a little bit about the history of the quilt. Quilts may be picked up from 1:30-2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Carlson at 366-3834 or 320-894-0508.

For a complete list of announcements check the ACT Parish website at www.actparish.com.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Bethesda Lutheran
Hope Lutheran
Monson Lake Lutheran



Buffalo Lake Lutheran
Mamrelund Lutheran
St. John's Lutheran



Call to Worship

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord!

Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city,
give us grace to recognize the king we proclaim,
and courage to be a part of your kingdom -

even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world,
even when it leads us where we do not want to go.
Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives
of power and wealth and status,
and embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

Gathering Hymn LBW 108 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Blessing of the Palms

Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration. May they remind us of the simple joys of living.

May we remember the excitement that comes from following Christ.

Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice. May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past.

May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.

Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort. May they remind us of the road that lies ahead.

May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional. Guide us through this Holy Week,
as we cry out 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Philippians 2:5-11

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Luke 19:28-40

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Tune of O Day of Rest and Gladness)

Hosanna loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang:
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed, A happy joyous crowd,
Their large palm branches waving, and singing clear and loud;
The Lord of men and angels rode on in simple joy,
And welcomed all the children: each little girl and boy.

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His holy presence eternally rejoice!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

LBW 328 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! v. 1-4

Dismissal

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

April Servants Organist: Arnette Wallentine
Reader- Christa Pattison Usher-Ben Pattison



Lisa Carlson Roland Froehlich
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