

# JOURNEY OF HOPE

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## THE JOURNAL

### 2ND ANNUAL BIKE

### BLESSING A SUCCESS!

On May 15th, Journey of Hope held its 2nd annual bike blessing with a new addition. This year, Ron Paxton spearheaded not only the organization of the event, but also spread flyers all around the community and planned a BBQ lunch. When the lunch became uncertain because of the need for a kitchen certified food supervisor, Ron didn't let that barrier stand in



the way. As we pray in our 531 prayer, we ask God to remove barriers. Ron heard the call from God to remove that barrier by obtaining his certification in rapid time. Lunch was back on!

While our numbers might have been lower than we expected, the lives of those who attended and received the blessing were affected by the love of Journey of Hope.

Your hospitality welcomed these guests with open arms, and they felt the love of God through you. God worked through Journey of Hope as we reached out to the

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*“I ponder the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.”*

*(Psalm 143:5b-6, ESV)*

### FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

It seems like it has already been a strange spring season here in the upper Midwest. But then again, when was the last ‘normal’ spring that you remember? Maybe this is what we should expect every year. Hot temps and super windy days, followed by cold and rainy streaks, wondering if there will ever be a string of days to allow us to work out in the yard, planting and cleaning without being cold and wet or super-hot and sweaty. Regardless, spring is here, and things are growing all around us, whether we want them to or not.



WHERE IS GOD ASKING US TO USE OUR HANDS?



This is a busy time of year as many farmers are finishing their planting season and gardeners are either cleaning up the beds or finishing with their own seed planting. We are busy working with our hands, but this got me thinking, what have you done with your hands lately? Can you think of things that you did today or yesterday with your hands? Maybe it was pulling weeds, mowing the yard, cleaning the house, or cooking dinner. Your hands could have been scratching your pet's ears, holding a new grandchild, holding hands with a

loved one, or embracing a spouse or parent. Your hands might have built something, created a piece of artwork, or held a good book. What have your hands done recently?

Coming out of Easter and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, we can certainly see how busy the hands of God has been. We remember how those wonderful hands created all that is around us and even created each one of us. We feel reassured in difficult times as we remember that God holds us in those loving and caring hands.

I wonder if you remember some of the hands that cared for you in your family.

Maybe it was a parent or grandparent,

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## New Small Group Opportunity

Pastor Jarrod will be starting a couple of small groups in June, running for about 5 weeks. These small groups are called **5 Cups of Coffee**. Now, don't let the name concern you as you do not have to drink 5 cups of coffee during our meetings. The name refers to the five conversations that we will have over the five weeks. This is not your usual bible study, but an opportunity to explore not only your own calling but also a way to encourage others in their Christian walk. There will be a group on Thursday evenings at 7pm and one on Friday mornings at 9:30am. There are a limited number of spaces for each group, so I encourage you to sign up as quickly as possible.

Sign up online, at the Welcome Center, or contact Pastor Jarrod directly. Once the space is taken, there will be more opportunities in the future.

### ***Bike Blessing***

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community around us. We even had a couple who attended a bike blessing in Glen Ellyn last year but came to Journey of Hope this year.

Although I'm sure that Ron does not want the acclaim for this ministry, I want to thank him for all of his work in this area as he heard God's call to begin a new ministry and he answered the call. Barriers might have been erected, trying to keep him from continuing this new ministry, but he persevered, even going around the barriers to follow God's calling for this ministry. Now, let's look forward to our 3rd Annual Journey of Hope Bike Blessing!

Pastor Jarrod

From the Desk of Your Pastor (cont. from page 1)

an aunt or uncle, friend or even a stranger, but you remember a time when you needed help and there was a hand to help you in a time of need. I wonder if you can think of some hands within Journey of Hope that have helped you in a difficult time. Who's hands were they? How did they help you?

As a community of faith, this is what we are called to do. God gives us the greatest command, which is to love God with all our being, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. What better way of loving each other, than to show that love through gifts of a warm hug, a handshake greeting, or even a handwritten note. If we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus, we need to discern what they are to do in order to be more Christlike.

While I am attending my Doctorate intensive work, we spent a little time focusing on what our hands had done over the past 24 hours. I would love for you to spend just five minutes focusing on what your hands have done in your previous 24 hours. Then I wonder if you would look to redeem your time and actions, finding the places where you didn't do what you hoped, and then be determined enough to make a change.

This is also something we need to look at as Journey of Hope. We need to determine what we are doing and line it up with what God is calling us to do. As we share our 531 prayers, asking God to remove barriers, we also ask for God to give us a vision for where we are to travel, what we are to accomplish, and how we are to participate with God in our community of faith and beyond. Where is God asking us to use our hands both within this church and beyond our walls? Please

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# JUNE 2022



<p><u>Sunday</u>  <b>Worship</b>                  S &amp; FB Live @ 9:15am  <b>Fellowship Time</b>                  CR @ 10:15am  <b>Group Studies</b>                  @ 10:30am                  Adult: M3, M5, U1                  Confirmation: PO                  Explorer Kids: L3</p>	<p><u>Monday</u>  <b>Walking Bible Study</b>                  SR @ 6:30am</p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u>  <b>Bible Study</b>                  Panera, SE @ 6am  <b>Pathways Worship</b>                  S &amp; FB Live @ 6pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u>  <b>Prayer Service</b>                  SR &amp; FB Live @ 7am  <b>Coffee w/Pastor</b>                  SR @ 7:30am  <b>Stitches of Hope</b>                  M5 @ 1pm</p>
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			1 Choir Practice 7pm	2	3	4 Drive Thru Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 6pm
5 MANNA Orders Celebration Dinner Noon PADS 5pm	6	7 Care Team 1pm Trustees 7pm	8  Annual Conference	9 Vintage 325 10am Soup Kettle 5pm  Annual Conference	10 Game Night 7pm  Annual Conference	11
12 Spirit Lake	13 Spirit Lake	14 SPRC 7pm Spirit Lake	15 Spirit Lake	16 United Women in Faith 1pm Spirit Lake	17 Spirit Lake	18
19 MANNA Orders Missions 8am	20 Food for Greater Elgin 5pm	21 Soup Kettle 4:30pm	22	23 Vintage 325 10am	24	25
26 Crisis Center Meal 5pm	27	28	29	30		

## SMALL GROUPS / BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY @ 10:30am

"How our Faith Interacts with Today's Happenings," M5  
"Revival," Conference Room  
"We'll Accept You," M3  
"Explorer Kids," L3  
Confirmation, Pastor's Office

MONDAY

Walking Bible Study, Parsonage @ 6:30am

WEDNESDAY

Morning Bible Study, S. Elgin Panera Bread @ 6am

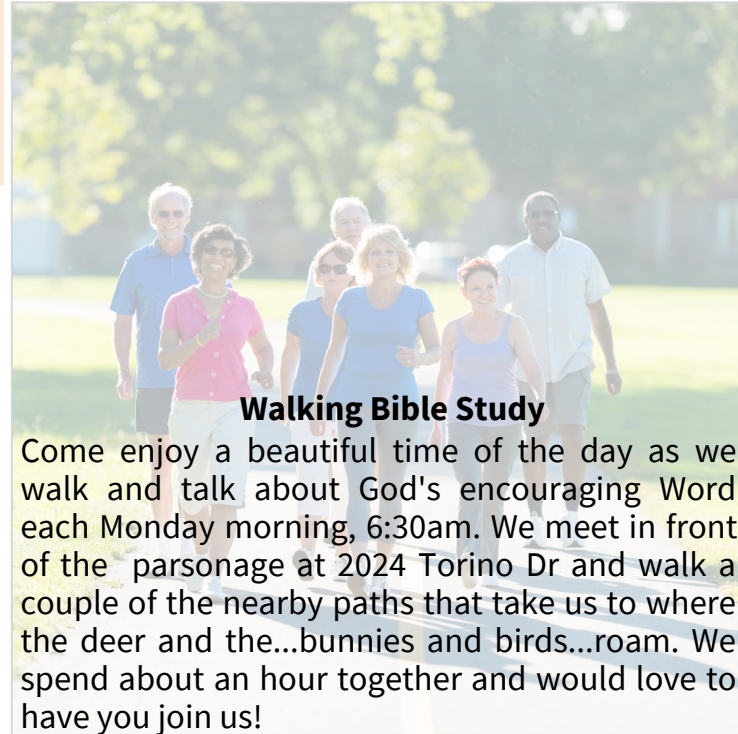
THURSDAY

Stitches of Hope, M5 @ 1pm

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share the hopes and dreams that God is giving you with me or any member of church leadership so we can continue to pursue all that God desires for us.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jarrod

**Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund** This fund helps to prepare for a disaster before the event and to respond to the disaster, assessing how we can minimize damage and loss in the future. It's not a matter of WHETHER something will happen but WHEN. Your Connectional Giving commitment will provide training of response teams, education of churches and communities, and both immediate and long term funds after disaster hits. Spiritual care and support are also offered.



### Walking Bible Study

Come enjoy a beautiful time of the day as we walk and talk about God's encouraging Word each Monday morning, 6:30am. We meet in front of the parsonage at 2024 Torino Dr and walk a couple of the nearby paths that take us to where the deer and the...bunnies and birds...roam. We spend about an hour together and would love to have you join us!



Care Team Meeting  
June 7th @ 1:00 pm

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Many enjoy the time together following worship each Sunday. We are very grateful to Mary Becker's willingness to arrive early to prepare beverages each week. The opportunity is plentiful to bring snacks this summer. Sign up online or on the sign up sheet found on the food table Sunday mornings. Many hands make easier work. If you are willing to clean up, you can sign up for that! Thank you for helping your church family.

### Guy's Night Out

I am looking to start a guy's night out group in the fall. If anyone is interested in helping plan the group with me, they can reach me by email or phone. My thoughts are to meet once a month for some male bonding activities.  
Thanks, Andy

### Dungeons & Dragons Group

Attention! Do you have an adventuring spirit, like solving problems/puzzles, working as a team, and enjoy shared storytelling? Then you might like to join a Dungeons & Dragons (D & D) group. D & D is about players learning to work together, trust each other, and become a team while solving problems, avoiding traps, defeating the baddies, and having fun. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you!  
Want to give it a try? See Steve Meyer or email moonwatcher2001@hotmail.com



Come One, Come All! Let the party begin!  
We have reached our 2nd birthday and YOU are the reason!

DATE: Sunday June 5

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Community Room

SPECIAL GUESTS: You!!

Main Course, Beverage, Table Service Provided  
Bring a Side or Dessert if Desired

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

### *PADS MEAL*

Sunday, March 6 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.717.4318

### *SOUP KETTLE*

Thursday, March 10 @ 5:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday, March 15 @ 4:30pm at

Zion Lutheran Church

### *FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN*

Monday, March 21 @ 5:30pm

### *CRISIS CENTER MEAL*

Sunday, March 27 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.717.4318

## 2022 Bishop's Appeal for Ukraine Assistance

The Bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) of the United Methodist Church has made an appeal to member churches for a special offering to be presented at the 2022 Annual Conference of NIC. The Bishop's Appeal special offering will go toward Ukraine humanitarian assistance. To learn more about UMCOR's response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, go to [umcmission.org/umcor/faq-the-the-crisis-in-ukraine/](http://umcmission.org/umcor/faq-the-the-crisis-in-ukraine/)

To give to the Bishop's Appeal, make out a check to Journey of Hope, with "Bishop's Appeal" written in the memo line, and drop it in the offering basket. Gifts made through Journey of Hope will be presented at Annual Conference in June.

Thank you for your generosity!

## United Women in Faith

Next Meeting

Thursday

June 16th @ 1pm

Join us for fellowship as we celebrate our merger and discuss future programs and activities.

## MISSION NEWS



### DRIVE THRU SPAGHETTI DINNER

Spaghetti, bread, salad, and a cookie are included in the meal; if you would like meatballs included let the drive-up attendant know. There is a free will donation with all proceeds going toward the mission trip to Spirit Lake. Want to help? There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

JUNE 4th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### SHOE BOXES

For June let's bring in personal hygiene items! Toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs & brushes, medium size shampoo, deodorant for teen boys/girls, lip gloss, small hand sanitizer.

### SPIRIT LAKE MISSION TRIP ~ LATEST INFORMATION

The Spirit Lake trip begins at 3am on Sunday, June 12th and returns Friday evening around 10pm. A blog connection to follow our trip will be posted daily on the JOH website and facebook. If you haven't signed up yet to be a prayer partner, see Carole Burris.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the Mother's Day pie orders. We made around \$450 toward our trip to Spirit Lake. Thank you to my crew that made the pies: Jenny, JJ, Nancy, Janina, Mick, and Carole.



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