



## **Worship April 12, 2026**

**Pastor:** Kevin VanderVeen **Pianist:** Jen Wagenaar

### **OPENING AND WELCOME**

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship Song:** You Are My King

**Opening Blessing**

**Worship Song:** My Jesus, I Love Thee

**Worship Song:** Your Name

### **TIME OF CONFESSION AND OFFERING**

**Announcements**

**Church Family Prayer**

**Offering:** 1) Local Budget 2) ThereforeGo Ministries

**Worship Song:** Ancient Words

*(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)*

### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 16:1-8

**Message:** Easter is Not the End

**Song of Response:** Be Thou My Vision

### **SENDING AND BLESSING**

**Closing Blessing**

**Closing Worship Song:** There Is A Redeemer

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Congregation: We are excited to be hosting Serve with Victory Lutheran Church this year and ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in some capacity. 📅 Dates: July 11-18 mark your calendars! How you can help: Volunteer!!! Donate! Prayer! We currently have people coming from Winnipeg and Ontario. If you are able to help in any way or would like more info, please reach out to Tracey or Michelle S.

**Nominations for Office Bearers** - Church Council is asking the congregation to consider members whom they believe would be qualified to serve as an Elder or Deacon and to give those names to council in writing to be considered for nomination to these offices. Please give these written suggestions to a current member of council or in the council mailbox no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking to fill the positions of 1 Elder and 1 Deacon. Elder Albert Cramer and Deacon Jeremy Williamson will be completing their terms. Albert is completing a 1 year term as he filled a vacancy left by the resignation of Randy Valk.

**Slo-Pitch** - Slo-pitch season is starting up again! Let Tyler and Michelle Whitrow know if you would like to play! Thursday nights, time TBD.

Join us for an adult night of fun, connection and challenge. Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall beginning at 5:30 PM. Pizza will be provided. See bulletin insert for more information.

**Young adults and Youth** - Please join us for a night of mystery and crime solving. You will come as a character involved in helping solve a crime in the town of Wollar Hollar. Supper is part of the evening. Sunday, April 26 @ 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Watch your mailboxes for more information.

### denominational news

Denominational announcements can be viewed by scanning this QR code in the camera app of your smartphone.



### our church family

**Birthdays this week:** April 12 – Andrea  
April 17 - Joel

April 17 – Jillian

*We wish you and your family God's blessings in the coming year.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We hold in prayer: all those in our congregation and our communities struggling with ongoing illness and with the limitations due to age, including: Ina (C.) Aasman, Olga Van Dam, Nettie Prins, Alice Stigter, Marvin Hazelaar, Bill Aasman, Rie Kruitbosch, Della Klaudt, Harry Mulder, Ann Boutkan

Don has been diagnosed and treated for Ocular Melanoma, which is a rare eye cancer. A radioactive plaque was placed on the tumor for 5 days. The one month follow up showed the tumor has started to shrink. He will be referred to the melanoma clinic in Calgary who will be monitoring things as we go forward. We are thankful for our Church Family and ask for your continued Prayers.

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The Bulletin is available on our web site at <a href="http://livinghopemh.ca/weekly-bulletin">livinghopemh.ca/weekly-bulletin</a> <b>LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES:</b> <a href="http://livinghopemh.ca/media">livinghopemh.ca/media</a>
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## opportunities to serve

	April 12	April 19
<b>Greeters</b>	Harry and Audrey	Rick and Jane
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Ketih and Quade	Dirk and Andrew
<b>Nursery</b>	Eileen and Cam	Tracey and Cohen
<b>Sunday School</b>	Avery and Jillian	Michelle W and Cohen
<b>Coffee</b>	Bas and Cynthia	Rob and Tracey
<b>Library</b>	Michelle	Emma

## OFFERING SCHEDULE

April 12	Therefore Go Ministries
April 19	Women's Shelter
April 26	Root Cellar
May 3	Whispering Pines

## Ways to give

Living Hope accepts e-transfers to [giving@livinghopemh.ca](mailto:giving@livinghopemh.ca)

You can specify where you would like your donation to go in the memo section (budget, second offering, etc.). If nothing is specified, your donation will go to the church budget. Please add your name in the memo as well if it is not clear in your email address.

**Sign up for Automatic Withdrawal:** Please fill out the Pre-Authorized Debit forms that were in your mailbox or ask at the church office for one.

**Collection bags for cash or coupons:** The red bag is for our local budget and the blue bag (second collection) will be specified in the bulletin/service. Please go to the church office after the service if you would like to purchase coupons.

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:29**

## upcoming events

<b>Sunday, April 12:</b>	Young Adults 7 pm
<b>Monday, April 13:</b>	Friendship 7 pm
<b>Wednesday, April 15:</b>	Spreading the Warmth
<b>Thursday, April 16:</b>	GEMS meet at 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, April 21:</b>	Council Meeting at 7 pm

**We are excited about all that God is doing in and through our church family. We look forward to coming alongside you in different ways.**

On April 21, 2026, church visitors will be meeting with the council of Living Hope, Medicine Hat at 7:00 pm. Church visiting is a ministry of shared discernment and mutual care. At its heart, it is a relational practice in which visitors, pastors, and councils gather to listen for evidence of God's grace, to reflect on the Spirit's leading, and to strengthen relationships that unite congregations within the wider fellowship of the church.

Church visiting is not a practice reserved for moments of crisis. Rather, it is a regular, ordinary means of encouragement meant to sustain congregational health long before difficulties emerge. Through consistent communication—whether a congregation is thriving, struggling, or simply navigating the regular rhythms of ministry—church visitors help to ensure that discernment, wisdom, and support are already in place when challenges emerge.

The purpose of church visiting is not supervisory but restorative. It offers space to pause and reflect on God's faithfulness, to honour the faithful work being done, and to articulate hope for the future. It invites honest reflection in an environment of trust, helping leaders to feel heard, supported, and upheld. It also gently identifies areas where growth may be needed.

Through prayer and careful listening, church visiting can become a tangible expression of Christ's care for his body, the church. It fosters resilience, strengthens relationships, and reminds congregations that they are not alone in their shared ministry. In this way, church visiting is a restorative practice—

one that nurtures unity, renews identity, and supports the flourishing of every local church in the denomination. Recognizing the value of this mutual care, the Christian Reformed Church mandates church visiting in Church Order (Article 42b) as a safeguard and encouragement, seeking to help every local congregation thrive.

The Church Visitors, Pastor Gary van Leeuwen and Gys van den Pol will be meeting with the council, but also invite members of the congregation to speak with them if they wish. If you, as a member of Living Hope, would like to meet with the Church Visitors, keep in mind that before you speak to them, you should first address those concerns with council. Our Church Visitors' emails are as follows:

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