

HOPE CHURCH

2022

Annual Report



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Mission/Vision/ Core Values

Mission

To share the hope of Jesus with a world in need of hope.

Vision

To bring about an ever increasing number of people who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and faithfully live out the 5G's of Discipleship.

Core Values of Discipleship

Gospel: Jesus is life. Live for Him.

Gather: We were created to worship. Worship Him.

Grow: Disciples of Jesus grow – Take a next step.

Give: Saved people serve people – It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Go: Found people find people – Invite someone.

A Letter from PK

Dear People of Hope,

Isn't it a wonderful thing to be a person of hope? Biblical hope is not wishful thinking, it is a certainty that we have been given through Christ that can't be taken away. To have a certain hope that our past is forgiven and redeemed, to have a certain hope in a glorious future Kingdom in the presence of God and to have a certain hope that until then, God will use us for His purposes and never leave us! What a gift hope is!

What a gift Hope Lutheran Church has been, is, and will be to our community. In 2022, as this annual report will explain, we continue to be a light and a beacon of hope in a dark world. How? First and foremost through the proclamation of the Gospel. We have seen growth in our worship experiences, both in person and online and we praise God for that. Also, we provide hope through faithful acts of compassion, generosity and service to our community. And by growing in love for one another by joining in Hope Groups and Bible studies.

I count it such a privilege to serve with you. I'm so expectant about what the Lord will do through us. By God's grace, in 2023 we will

- **Proclaim the Gospel** by praying for, inviting, and boldly sharing the Gospel with our neighbors and friends so that we see 450 new guests come through our doors and connect as many of them as possible into Hope Groups, worship, serving, and the life of our church.
- **Unleash Compassion of Christ** by growing our Compassion Ministries – Center 4 Hope (Food, Employment, Financial) and completing the 4th pillar of Primary Medical Care, but also over the Compassion Ministries of Nursing Home Ministry, Support Groups, Pastoral Care, and our missions – local and global.
- **Expand our reach** into Brockport through our Brockport Campus with outreach initiatives and into the next generation through growth in Hope Kids, Preschool, Kids Camp, and Student Ministries.
- **Develop Legacy Givers** by strengthening Hope's ability to revive the world with God's love without financial restraint. To create a Hope Foundation so as to walk with the people of Hope who want to leave legacy gifts and assets to the mission of Hope.

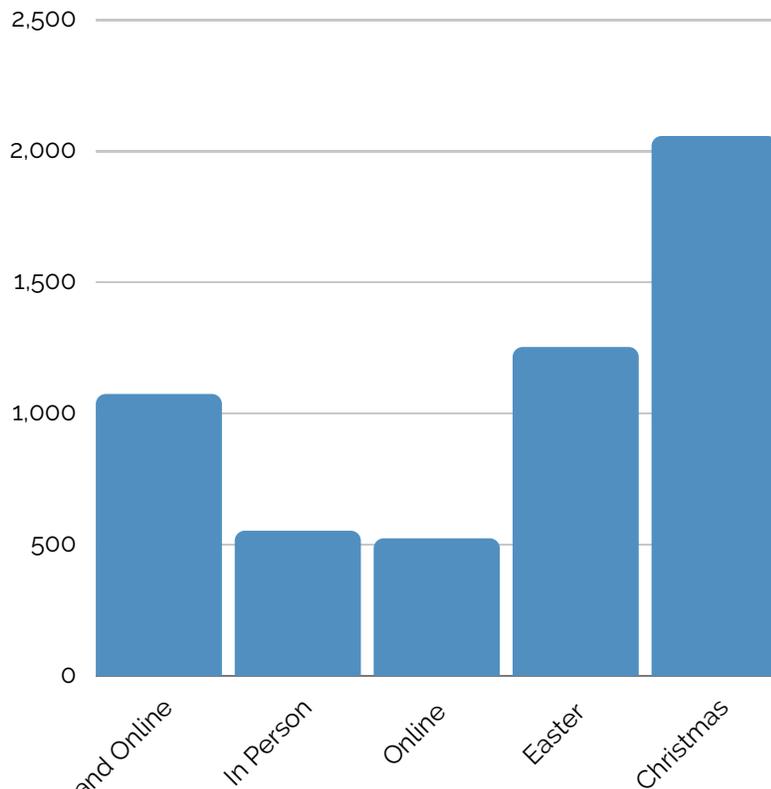
Much to be accomplished but not by our might, not by our power, but by His Spirit says the Lord. People of Hope, what a precious gift we have been given to share with the world. Would you join me in praying to the Lord of the Harvest that He would send you and me into the fields to introduce more people to Jesus through word and deed so that Heaven will be more crowded.

Moving forward with you,
PK



2022 Gospel & Gather Celebrations

Average Worship Attendance



↑ 23%

Greece
Attendance from
2021 - 2022

↑ 64%

Brockport
Attendance from
2021 - 2022



28

Baptisms

42

Bibles Given To
2nd Graders on
Bible Sunday

Kids' Sundays

Highlights:

- First school year without Covid rules (2022-2023).
- Attendance has grown from an average of 65 a week to 85 a week on average. With the highest Sunday at 105.
- On average one new family a week
- The playcenter and outdoor playground continue to be a hit with families.
- 30 to 40 plus children use both the indoor and outdoor playground after 1st service.
- Parents often bring snacks from the cafe and sit at the tables in the kids foyer while the children play.

A Thought From a Hope Kids Family

"Our family has been blessed beyond measure from the Children's Ministry at Hope. All three of our children continue to gain knowledge, hope, love and faith through the lessons and programs taught by the incredible teachers and staff of Hope. Currently our youngest son (Tyler, 3yrs old) is a student of Hope Christian Preschool; his excitement for learning and his love for Jesus at such a young age is astonishing. My husband and I find comfort knowing that our children are continually being fed the Word of God, which will help guide them throughout their lives."

~ Jill & Joel Kabes

Volunteers
in Kid's
Ministry

42



Christmas

- We hosted the second annual Christmas Camp Out on December 2nd with over 100 kids and their families attending. The Christmas message was shared and families participated in many activities. This event is a large attraction for the HCPS families as well.

Preschool

- Attendance is back to pre-Covid numbers, 215 students for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The class breakdown is: (3) two year old classes; (7) three year old classes; (5) four year old classes.

Kids Camp

- 384 students registered with about 16% unchurched with no affiliation to Hope.
- The second year of the new campus style structure was a success. Children loved moving around and spending time outside. The focus is still to send kids home knowing Jesus loves them. Each day the lessons are reinforced in each activity area.

A Thought From a Hope Kids Family

"The children's ministries at Hope have helped Rory grow in so many ways. We love that she is learning so much while also keeping God at the center of everything. She looks forward to coming in and seeing all of her friends and loves every adult she has interacted with in the children's ministries. The obvious love for the kids that everyone displays has really helped Rory come out of her shell. We love that church is not something we have to do (like a chore) but rather something we get to do and look forward to each week."

~Art and Tammy Fyles (Rory)



Youth Highlights

Summer Youth Service Teams

- 678 Kids Camp Crew - 19 junior high students served in kids camp
- 912 Summer Service Team - 10 senior high students served in Pittsburgh

Fall Retreat - 29 students encouraged to follow God's call

- 13 Junior High (678)
- 16 Senior High (912)

Brockport Youth Weekly program led by Fred Howe launched with 9 students

4

Youth
Confirmed in
2022

i61 Highlights

- We had two in depth Bible studies and began to dig deeper into the Word of God (met separately from the weekly gathering).
- We took 8 young men to Man Up Pittsburgh, a conference to strengthen young men in their personal walk of faith as well as their future impact in the world as husbands and dads.
- We held two day seminars for i61 (one for the ladies on Rachel and Leah, and one for all of i61 based on the book of Hosea).
- I hosted a showcase night at my home (where i61 members shared their gifts and talents through music, rap, spoken word and dance).
- ROC City Kids moved back to the city to a church on Hudson Ave, still meeting the first and third Saturdays of the month.
- We set up and decorated for the Good Friday prayer path.
- We had a retreat at Camp LeTourneau in August.
- We celebrated a sunrise service in September.
- We had a Christmas party in December for 35 people.



We thank **Jill Stojkovic** for her faithful leadership to i61 ministry. She has been led to pass the baton on to other young adult leaders who will continue to meet on Wednesday nights as the Young Professionals Hope Group. Jill will be using her gift of leadership as the Director of Kids' Camp.





Grow

Highlights

- 500 people connected in a Hope Group.
- More Groups are utilizing the Sermon Connect and Grow Discussion Guide for their studies.

A Thought From a Hope Group Member

"I've known grace, but this study made grace come alive and I appreciate it like I never have before."

~Jane Shukitis



500

People in Hope Groups for Church-wide Study

42

HG Leaders (12 newly raised up to help in this vital ministry)

72

People joined a Hope Groups for the first time in 2022



Volunteers

Give

A Thought From a Hope Volunteer

You asked me once, Why do you enjoy volunteering at Hope? My response is a long story, but a simple one. Hope gave my family a second chance. When we had something really awful happen to our family, we were broken and lost.

My parents had begun coming to Hope and kept telling us to come and see what it's all about. We were beyond reluctant. After everything, why would we want to praise God after what we had gone through?

Well we decided to send the kids to VBS one year, and it was the best decision we ever made. I had not seen our children so comfortable and happy for a while. The kids wanted to be rebaptized to help them heal and wanted to go every Sunday. So we decided to start coming to church every week. Each week our kids went to Kids Sunday, and we sat with my parents and listened. Somehow it all began to make sense, all we had gone through and were going through.

Our marriage began to heal, our family began to heal and best of all our children were healing. Coming to Hope and learning about God and hearing his messages helped heal so much. I just wanted to give back to the church who had given us so much to look forward to. We are beyond grateful and blessed to everyone at Hope.

Thank You

~ Lisa

446
Servant
Volunteers in
2022

26,850
Volunteer
Hours
in 2022

Support Groups
Remembering Together
Grief Share
Enduring Hope
Cancer Companions
and new in 2023 -
Embrace Grace - a ministry
to pregnant single moms

Free Oil Change
"I would like to thank your church for the free oil change yesterday! It was so nice to meet the pastor and volunteers like Mary. I left feeling whole and felt the presence of God yesterday. I would love to be a part of your church."

Nursing Home Ministry:
The Ministry was re-started this year in late January with 6 teams made up of 15 people, providing 116 Worship Services.

Cumulative Attendance logs in at 1,575 Folks

Highlights

- Over 300 attended our April Open House.
- Average worship attendance has doubled to 55.
- 8 baptisms so far – 5 adults / 3 children.
- 12 new members from Fall 5G's class.
- Over 30 kids so far in Kids Sundays – approximately 8 per Sunday.
- Over 60 people in Hope Groups this fall, with 2 new leaders.
- Started a Hope Youth Night – around 12 attending so far.
- Campus One80 partnership w/ SUNY Brockport.
- Initiated partnership with Brockport Moms Club.
- We are engaging with new JLU Child Care Center in Brockport.
- Pastoral Care – 2 teams visiting 7 shut-ins
- Buildings & Grounds parking lot expansion – 30 new spaces now available.
- Blessed to serve with a leadership team of 10 amazing volunteers:
 - Doc Kavanagh – Worship
 - Wayne Rickman – A/V arts

- Chris Clements – First Impressions
- Miranda Girano, Kandi King – Kids' Sundays
- Fred Howe – Hope Youth
- Nick D'Amuro, Dave Hurlbutt – Hope Groups
- Greg LaDue / Roger LeGault – Bldg. & Grounds
- Laura O'Donnell – Hope App

A Thought From a Hope Brockport Attender

Quote from Brockport Family blessed by Bible Sunday and Center4 Hope "I'm just blown away! I'm humbled. This church doesn't just preach the Gospel, they DO the Gospel!"

~Javon



New Brockport Youth Group ¹¹



Go

Ministry Highlights

God continues to use all the servant volunteers at the C4H to unleash compassion on the Town of Greece. We praise God for the needs met and the people drawn closer to Christ because of the ministry!

- **ATTENDANCE**
 - 10,614 PEOPLE SERVED
 - 4,089 FAMILIES SERVED
 - Adults 51%; Seniors 30%; Children 19%

- **FINANCES**
 - Program Expense \$46,439
 - \$23,826 Food; \$7,352 Non-Food; \$5,500 Capital Escrow; Other \$9,761
 - \$60,240 in Food Grants (USDA, HPNAP, etc.)

- **VOLUNTEERS**
 - 150 Unique volunteers currently active
 - 120 in Distribution Events incl. Book table; 30 in combined Warehouse, Backoffice, Food pick-up
 - 1,125 Volunteer hours/month – 13,500 hours per year

- **FOOD VOLUME**
 - 98.8 Tons of Food distributed from all sources