



## Mission Statement

*Hope Lutheran Church seeks to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to others, and to strive for unity in Christ.*

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

February, 2018

### **Sunday Worship:**

9:00 AM

With Communion on the first and third Sundays

### **GLOW:**

God's Love On Wednesdays

5:30 PM Supper

6:00 PM GLOW

6:00 PM Confirmation

Classes

### **Coffee & Fellowship:**

10:00 AM

### **Television Worship**

#### **Broadcast:**

Channel 3

Sunday at 6:30 pm

Tuesday at 2:00 pm

Thursday at 4:00 pm

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## *My View of the Pews*

Doesn't seem possible that I should be bringing up Lenten activities already but we are only days away from beginning those services. Haven't finalized my plans yet, but leaning towards a walk to the cross with the 12 disciples. Time will tell. Hard to concentrate with Christmas carols still ringing in my head.

Would also like to mention the fact of how fragile our lives can be and how quickly they can change. A couple of Sundays ago I asked for prayers for my aunt and cousin, both of them have sadly passed away. My aunt was 83 and had no real health issues but suffered an unexpected brain aneurysm. My cousin was looking forward to celebrating 50 years of marriage in Hawaii, when she fell down her basement stairs and suffered severe brain damage. So my thoughts are that we don't know the day or hour that our lives here on earth will end, so we must always be prepared and watchful doing God's service. Enjoy life, love others and be great servants of God's work.

Finally this past week Scott Josephson, myself and a representative from the Synod office met to do an annual review of how Hope Lutheran was doing under the pastoral care of a non-ordained person, meaning me. Don't want this to sound like bragging but we were asked about positive and negative things here at Hope and because of you, the congregation, we spent most of the hour talking about all the positive things, such as GLOW, music, participation, scholarships, mission trips, community participation, etc., etc. On the negative side the leaky Bell Tower seemed to get the most attention!

So as we enter the Lenten season let us be great full to the disciples who spread the good news of the gospel so that we can do the same, let us look forward to a new chapter of service with Hope and St. Paul's sharing agreement and let us be thankful for each day we are given.

See you in church.

*Pastor Bruce*

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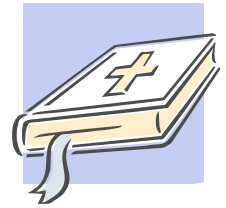
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Parish Secretary: Chris Pesch  
Financial Secretary: Pete Van Vooren  
GLOW Directors: Bree Anderson &  
Erin Roberts

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson  
Custodians: Lynn & Barb Okrina  
Organist: Valerie Buysse  
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

**Bible Studies for Men and Women**

Mary Circle	Monday, February 5	6:00 pm, Church
Ruth Circle	Tuesday, February 6	2:00 pm, Church
Martha Circle	Wednesday, February 7	9:30 am, Church
Men's Bible Study	Saturday, February 10	8:00 am at Rusty's Café in Taunton



**2017 Church Attendance**

January 4 137  
 January 11 105  
 January 18 90  
 January 25 150 Est.

Total 482—Average attendance in January based on 4 services: 121



**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Barb Okrina 872-5131

**Altar Guild (January 24—February 27 )**

Barb Fodness 872-5161  
 Sandy Tolk 872-6730



**Date**   **Sound Operators**

February 4 Randy Prellwitz  
 February 11 Jack Jerzak  
 February 18 Scott Josephson  
 February 21  
 February 25 Greg Gottskalkson

**Video Operators**

Ralph Hagen  
 Ron Thostenson  
 Keven Larson  
 Dave Dovre

**Acolytes**

Ellie Pesch & Olivia Mahan-Deitte  
 Trey Gronke & Tyler Gronke  
 Norah Fadness & Zahndra Bordewyk  
 Kade Lozinski & Jackson Esping  
 Landon DeSmet & Jayden Gamrak



**February Money Counters**—Moriah Reiss & Shane Bordewyk



Lent Begins  
 Ash Wednesday **February 14th**

**Church Council Notes - January 7, 2017**

<b>Fund Balances:</b> General Fund:	\$ 10,946.58	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,028.23
Building Fund:	\$ 3,526.59	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 1,563.44
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 150.69	GLOW:	\$ 5,013.87

**Board of Trustees Report**

- Bills for the month of January reviewed. Bills totaled \$6,097.96 for General Fund.
- Parsonage: DuWayne Johnson keeping an eye out for a quality renter.
- Insurance Policy: No new info.
- Flooring Fund: No new info. Contacting Nadine Kor on options and quotes.
- Phones/Internet/Website: Scott Josephson and Dawn VanKeulen meeting with Midco on setup and with John Witte on installation.
- Bell Tower: No new info. Keep attention on it in the spring.
- Budget Meeting: Budget for 2018 was reviewed by Trustees at the Budget meeting in December and presented to the council. Council reviewed and approved.
- Auditors: Three people in place. Auditing will take place on January 11, 2018.
- Annual Reports: All Annual Reports are due to Chris Pesch by Sunday, January 14, 2018.
- Annual Meeting Agenda: Trustees reviewed and finalized the Annual Meeting Agenda.
- Financial Secretary: Pete VanVooren has resigned and Trish Bordewyk has volunteered to take his position.
- Retiring/Resigning Council Members: Kathy Opdahl has resigned. JD Pesch and Tony Esping have opted not to re-up. Gayle VanVooren and Sandy Tolk have exceeded their terms.

**Board of Deacons Report**

- Members In/Out: Scheduling recognition of the recent new members.
- Walk Around Offering: **January** - Food Boxes at School, **February** - Heartland Girls Ranch, **March** - Food Shelf
- Lenten Services: Will begin **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018**. Would like to encourage congregation to come to eat with GLOW before services each Wednesday.
- Come to the Well: Scheduled for this year. Would like to plan it for April.
- Number of Summer Bulletins: 75 to 100 bulletins should be good for summer months.
- Hats/Mittens: Jen Mahan-Deitte reported that kids at school are in need of hats and mittens yet. She suggested doing a hats/mittens drive for kids at school. Suggested Teen Power students do the collecting.
- Summer Food Boxes: Would like to continue this program through the summer months for those kids in need. Jen Mahan-Deitte will get more info from Amber Rodas.

**Board of Education Report**

- GLOW: Going very well. Erin & Bree ordering spring curriculum. Erin and Bree inquired about the TV and video system. Need new internet system first, then will mount the TV and set up the video system.
- Confirmation: Continuing curriculum is online.
- Youth of Hope: Financial accounts will now be Brian and Jackson Jeremiason.
- Teen Power: Will take on the hats/mittens drive.
- Scholarships: Scholarships were disbursed this morning during the church service to college students.
- Education Committee: Suggestion, number of members down sized. Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018.

**Other Business**

- St. Paul's Church: Looking at presenting to the Synod.
- Nominating Committee: Keven Larson, Nona Gottskalkson, Roberta Josephson, Gayle VanVooren and Sandy Tolk. Also, a Call Committee will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.
- Appreciation: Appreciation coffee and donuts gathering will be held.
- Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is January 28, 2018 after the 10 a.m. church service. A light lunch of soups and chili will be served after the meeting.
- Cemetery Grounds: Betty Prellwitz complimented Marlys Skaar on a wonderful job on up keeping the cemetery grounds. Looks absolutely beautiful.
- Next Executive Meeting: **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 10 a.m.**
- Next Council Meeting: **Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 10 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Hansen, Council Secretary

## Youth of Hope

Please be watching for details in later February regarding the Ski Trip! We hope to go shortly after state tournaments are complete. We are also looking for ideas for a summer activity. If you have any ideas, please let me know!

## Mission Trip 2019

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms (1 Peter 4:10).* It is exciting to announce that we currently have 62 students signed up for Mission Trip 2019! 62 students, currently in grades 7 through college freshman, have answered the call to work together and embark on a mission trip during the summer of 2019. This is incredible! There are currently 23 Youth of Hope members signed up for the trip. Research is being done on the various sites that are available for the group, and the students will be voting on the destination in early April.

In order for the trip to become a reality, there is obviously going to be a lot of fundraising going on. We will hold our first fundraiser, our annual Spaghetti Supper, on Sunday, February 11 from 5-7 pm. All you can eat spaghetti, breadsticks, lettuce salad and cupcakes! Adults \$8, Students \$5, Preschool and under Free.

Starting on February 11, we will also have Brad's Bucks available for sale! These \$10 gift certificates work just like cash and help to support our students. These will be available until Sunday, March 18th.

**Terri Myhre, YOH Director**

## HLCW Meeting

The HLCW met on January 21st after the worship service. The meeting was called to order by President Gayle VanVooren. She gave a reading about guarding our faith.

The minutes from the last meeting and the correspondence were read. Helen Rokeh gave the Treasurer's Report. Two members of the Cheer Committee, Sandy Tolk and Kathy Bulander, visited Virginia Drackley after her recent surgery.

Since there is a vacancy in the position of Vice President, Gayle has been filling in until someone can be found to fill this position. The duties consist of purchasing supplies for the kitchen.

Helen Rokeh reported that there is a supply of church stationery available to anyone needing it.

Two quilts have been finished. Thrivent will be contacted for money to use for quilt supplies. Another quilt work day will be held on February 8th at the church at 9:00 AM.

Plans for the Ascension Brunch are being made. Pastor Eric Natwick has agreed to speak. Sandy Josephson is working on the angel favors.

The next meeting of the HLCW will be on February 18th. The meeting was adjourned.

**Barbara Fodness, Secretary**



Do you remember Hope Lutheran's walk around offering and generous match by the Endowment Fund this past summer? Our efforts and the efforts of others in the Marshall area raised over \$17,000. We targeted our donations to the building of wells. Thanks to such generosity 4 wells were built! See letter and picture below.

Thank you again, Darwin Dyce and all the other organizers of **Marshall Area Global Relief**.

*On Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 2:31 PM, Yura Fora <[yura@araha.org](mailto:yura@araha.org)> wrote:  
Hi Connie,*

*I hope all is well and you had a chance to enjoy your holiday with family and friends. I wanted to let you know that the water wells funded by the Marshall community has been completed.*

*Here are some general info about the wells:*

• *Wells were constructed in 4 villages in the middle and Lower Shabelle regions of Somalia.#*

○ *Bulo Tiinka village#*

○ *Mukayga Village#*

○ *Sigaale Village#*

○ *Xawo Village#*

*They will benefit approximately 4,500 people plus their live stocks#*

*Please see attachment for some pictures □*

*In the following weeks we should receive a full report which Br. Mohamad SheikOmer will share with you once received.*

*Thanks,*

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*Yura Fora  
Marketing Coordinator*



One of four wells constructed in the Lower Shabelle regions Somalia.

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