

## 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.

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**The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church  
January 24, 2016, 11:00 am**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2015 ANNUAL MEETING – AGENDA  
JANUARY 24, 2016 – 11:00 A.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Opening Devotions
3. Secretary's Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. **Reports:**
  - a. Pastor
  - b. President
  - c. Board of Deacons
  - d. Board of Education
  - e. Board of Trustees
  - f. Altar Guild
  - g. Hope Lutheran Cemetery Fund
  - h. Hope Lutheran Church Women
  - i. Library Resource
  - j. Music Program
  - k. Prayer Shawl Ministry
6. **Financial Reports:**
  - a. Building Funds
  - b. Cornerstone
  - c. General Fund
  - d. Petty Cash
  - e. Cemetery
  - f. Confirmation
  - g. Hope Lutheran Church Women
  - h. Memorial
  - i. Youth of Hope
  - j. Floyd & Agnes Hettling Memorial
  - k. Scholarship Funds
7. Report of Nominating Committee
8. Elections
  - a. Church Council
  - b. Nominating Committee
  - c. Synod Assembly Delegates
  - d. Call Committee
9. Presentation and Approval of Budget for 2016
10. Old Business
  - a.
11. New Business
12. Other
13. Closing

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Annual Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

### **Attendance: 59 members**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Josephson.

Devotions were led by Interim Pastor Bruce Drackley. His prayer centered on the future for members of Hope Lutheran Church. A dialogue and prayer were read, scripture from Romans 12:4-5 were read, and Nona Gottskalkson accompanied the members in the hymn "We All Are One in Mission."

An addition to the agenda included Floyd and Agnes Hettling Missionary Memorial Gift report that was omitted as it was late in being presented to the Secretary.

### **Secretary's Report**

The annual meeting of 2014, the special meeting of June 29, 2014 and the special meeting of December 21, 2014 were presented. **A motion was made by Linda Okrina to approve the secretary's report as printed, seconded by Rob Prellwitz. Motion carried.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was read by church secretary Chris Pesch. A general overview was given of the 2014 general fund receipts and disbursements. **A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Barb Okrina and seconded by Noel Orsen. Motion carried.**

### **Reports**

The following reports were reviewed as presented:

- Church Membership Statistics
- Our Stewardship per Family Unit
- Membership/Baptisms/Deaths/New Members/Pastors
- President's Report
- Interim Pastor's Report
- Board of Deacons
- Music Program
- Altar Guild
- Board of Education
- Cemetery Board
- Board of Trustees
- Library & Resource Center
- HLCW Report
- Prayer Shawl Ministry

**A motion was made by Rob Prellwitz to accept the reports as printed, seconded by Deb Belaen. Motion carried.**

### **Financial Reports**

The following financial reports were reviewed as presented:

- General Fund
- General Fund Walk-Around Offerings
- Petty Cash
- Cornerstone Fund
- Building Fund Checking & Money Market
- Cemetery Permanent Care Fund

- Cemetery General Fund
- Confirmation Fund
- GLOW Fund
- HLCW Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Youth of Hope Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Farm Account
- Pennings Investment – Building
- Robert E. & Alice V. Geiwitz Scholarship Fund
- Scholarship Funds
- Floyd & Agnes Hettling Missionary Memorial Gift

**A motion was made by Stan Miller to approve all Financial Reports as presented, seconded by Roberta Josephson. Motion carried.**

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Linda Okrina gave the Nominating Committee, with five candidates for Church Council; namely Sandy Tolk, J.D. Pesch, Tony Esping, Chris Hansen and Gayle VanVooren. **Jim Rokeh made a motion that nominations cease, seconded by Lori Dyce. Motion carried. Roberta Josephson then made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the five candidates, seconded by Terri Myhre. Motion carried.**

The nominating committee for 2016 was then presented with Keven Larson, Linda Okrina, and Nona Gottskalkson nominated. **A motion made by Jean Josephson to close nominations, seconded by Marilyn Kompelien. Rob Prellwitz made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Deb Belaen. Motion carried.**

The Nominating Committee presented no candidates for Synod Assembly representation, and no volunteers or nominations came from the floor. It was suggested that more information be provided before the assembly, with a report given to the congregation when said representatives return from the meeting. It was suggested that the Deacons assist in finding representatives for the next Synod Assembly this summer.

The nominating committee also presented Deb Belaen for the Endowment committee position. **Jean Josephson made the motion to approve her for the three-year term, Darrel Anderson seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Presentation and Approval of the Budget for 2015**

The budget for 2015 was reviewed by Jean Josephson.

President Scott Josephson presented several issues from the budget that was significantly higher than the previous budget. As we are without a full-time pastor, there is a need to “be able to attract a young family to our area without tying the hands of our call committee”. It was determined by the trustees and church council that an attractive salary package would need to be made available. He also noted that our congregation will be asked to support this decision if we are able to maintain a full-time pastor.

The confirmation program is also being headed by Winds of the Prairie at this time, which gives continuity to the students in their Christian education but is also adding more to the budget.

Mileage was also elevated for the Interim Pastor as he drives from Balaton four days a week, plus visits the sick and the hospitalized.

Moving expenses for a potential new pastor were also added into the budget. And work on the parsonage needs to be completed before a new family is in residence.

President Josephson added, "We really do not have enough revenue to hire a full-time pastor. We have to do some thinking as a congregation and hope that we aren't forced into a decision of not having a full-time pastor. It's going to be a different year, financially for us, because we really don't know what is going to happen."

**A motion was made by Lori Dyce to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Sandy Tolk. Motion carried. The total budget for 2015 is \$180,345.00.**

#### **Old Business:**

1. The By-Laws of the Hope Lutheran Church Cemetery of Minneota, Minnesota was presented with a 2/3 majority vote needed for it to pass. A written ballot was cast, with 54 "yes" votes and 2 "no" votes. The By-Laws are now part of the Hope Lutheran Constitution.
2. Election of Cemetery Board members: **Barry Gronke made a motion, seconded by Wade Skaar, to cast a unanimous ballot for the Board that already is in place; namely: Sexton, Wayne Skaar, Gene Fodness, Mark Hovland, Ron Gilgert, Howard Huso and Ron Thostenson. An ex post facto secretary is chosen from the board of trustees by the church council. Motions carried.**

#### **New Business:**

1. The election of a call committee was now on the agenda. It was noted that the ex facto members are the Council President and two Youth of Hope officers. Seven more candidates were needed to fill the committee. Those nominated from the floor included:
  - Nona Gottskalkson nominated by Lori Dyce.
  - Bree Anderson nominated by Darrel Anderson.
  - Erin Roberts nominated by Isaac Josephson.
  - Wade Myhre nominated by Scott Anderson.
  - Sandy Josephson nominated by Noel Orsen.
  - David Josephson nominated by Isaac Josephson.
  - Chad Reiss nominated by Terri Myhre.

**Jean Josephson made the motion that nominations cease, seconded by Noel Orsen. Motion carried.**

#### **Other:**

Deb Belaen thanked President Scott Josephson and all the members of the Council for the work that was done on the Cemetery By-Laws.

President Josephson then thanked all the outgoing Council members for their years of service to the congregation.

**The meeting was then adjourned with Lorelee Miller making the motion, seconded by Sandy Tolk. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle VanVooren, Acting Secretary

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor Bruce Drackley  
Dr. Elisabeth Johnson  
Chris Pesch  
Lynn and Barbara Okrina  
Peter Van Vooren  
Valerie Buysse  
Gayle Van Vooren  
Erin Josephson  
Bree Anderson

Pastor  
Missionary in Cameroon  
Parish Secretary  
Custodians  
Financial Secretary  
Organist  
Jubilation Director  
GLOW Director  
GLOW Director

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Rob Prellwitz  
(The Church President is an advisory member of all boards.)  
Barry Gronke  
Andy Hennen

President  
Vice President  
Secretary

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Scott Josephson – Chairperson  
Barbara Okrina  
Jamie Lanners  
JD Pesch  
Gayle Van Vooren

2016  
2017  
2016  
2018  
2018

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Scott Anderson – Chairperson  
Chris Hansen  
Lori Dyce  
Randy Prellwitz  
Tony Esping

2016  
2018  
2016  
2017  
2018

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Barry Gronke - Chairperson  
Andy Hennen  
Jean Josephson  
Sandy Tolk  
Scott Knutson

2017  
2016  
2017  
2018  
2017

### CEMETERY BOARD

Gene Fodness  
Wayne Skaar  
Mark Hovland  
Ron Gilgert  
Howard Huso  
Ron Thostenson

### OTHER OFFICES – (Appointed by Church Council)

Pete Van Vooren  
Scott Anderson  
Debra Belaen  
Jean Josephson

Financial Secretary  
Auditing Committee  
Auditing Committee  
Auditing Committee

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Linda Okrina  
Keven Larson  
Nona Gottskalkson

Elected  
Elected  
Elected

### CEMETERY SEXTON

Wayne Skaar

## CHURCH MEMBER STATISTICS

Membership – January 1, 2015	Baptized	Confirmed
Active Membership	509	400
Inactive Roster		
Membership Adjustment	+ <u>5</u>	+ <u>8</u>
Membership – December 31, 2015	514	408

The following pastoral acts were administered during 2015:

Baptisms	5	Funerals	4
Confirmation	8	Marriages	4

### CHURCH SERVICES

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Sunday Worship Services (Includes two Easter services)	53	53
Ash Wednesday, Lent(6), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday	8	9
Thanksgiving (Ecumenical)	-	1
Christmas Eve	1	1
Christmas Day	1	1

### ATTENDANCE

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Sunday Attendance	5,110	5,882
Average Sunday Attendance	96	90
Total Attendance for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday	473	456
Thanksgiving Eve (Ecumenical)	-	-
Christmas Eve	331	360
Christmas Day	39	17

### COMMUNION SERVICES

Number of Services Conducted	22	24
Number of Communions	1,305	1,449
Number of Communions at the Minneota Manor	192	185

### GIVING PER FAMILY UNIT 2015

\$ 0	59	\$1401 – 1500	1
\$ 1 – 100	40	\$1501 – 1600	3
\$ 101 – 200	13	\$1601 – 1700	1
\$ 201 – 300	9	\$1701 – 1800	3
\$ 301 – 400	7	\$1801 – 1900	0
\$ 401 – 500	12	\$1901 – 2000	1
\$ 501 – 600	2	\$2001 – 3000	10
\$ 601 – 700	3	\$3001 – 4000	3
\$ 701 – 800	3	\$4001 – 5000	1
\$ 801 – 900	2	\$5001 – 6000	1
\$ 901 – 1000	2	<u>\$6001 – 7000</u>	<u>1</u>
\$1001 – 1100	4		191
\$1101 – 1200	4		
\$1201 – 1300	3		
\$1301 – 1400	3		

Submitted by Pete Van Vooren

**BAPTISMS**

Kira Anne Kor  
 Ayra Rose Sonnenburg  
 Everly Jules Buysse  
 Arianna Lillian Dimler  
 Bennett Jerome Myhre

**DEATHS/FUNERAL SERVICES of Members**

Grace Huso  
 David Josephson  
 Amy Myhre  
 Linda Okrina

**CONFIRMANDS**

Brady Citterman  
 Trent Esping  
 Gabby Hettling  
 Laura Knutson  
 Adam Myhre  
 Tyler Myhre  
 Duncan Schmig  
 Riley Yost

**DEATHS/FUNERAL SERVICES of Non Members****MARRIAGES**

Erin Josephson & Jerren Roberts  
 Jordan Fink & Trisha Jerzak  
 Anthony Myhre & Sara Fales  
 Charlie Opdahl & Christy Tjaden

**NEW MEMBERS****REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP – Transfers Out****HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PASTORS**

The Rev. Olaf Hoel	1876-1892
The Rev. A. N. Kleven	1892-1910
The Rev. E. J. Hinderlie	1910-1925
The Rev. O. P. Stensrud	1925-1943
The Rev. J. David Larsen	1945-1951
The Rev. Otto Dale	1951-1954
The Rev. E. David Natwick	1955-1960
The Rev. Howard C. Gravrock	1960-1962
The Rev. John R. Thorstensen	1962-1977
The Rev. Gerald M. Staehling	1977-1982
The Rev. Karl E. Hansen	1982-1988
The Rev. Timothy P. Larson	1989-1996
The Rev. Timothy J. Wittwer	1997-2002
The Rev. Ann Dwelle Ward	2003-2009
The Rev. Thomas T. Kolden	2009-2014
Interim Pastor Bruce Drackley	2014-



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Fellow Members of Hope,

Hope Lutheran's statement of faith seeks to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to others, and strive for unity in Christ. The leadership of Hope Lutheran continues to do their best to reach out to serve the members of Hope Lutheran in order to fulfill this mission statement.

GLOW (God's Love on Wednesdays) continues to be an exciting and positive program among our youth. Our youth are very enthusiastic about the fun and meaningful approach to Christian education. There are also from 50-100 meals served on Wednesday evening in which the youth and adult members enjoy the fellowship and food. As GLOW continues to grow we thank Barb Knutson for coordinating the meals and Bree Anderson and Erin Roberts for their continued organization and leadership in the GLOW program.

We worked on three projects and succeeded to have two completed. We put new doors on the entrances to the church, which were donated by the Pennings family. We also repaired the Bell Tower and have begun work on updating the church parsonage.

The Call Committee has been working with the Synod to call a new minister. An application was submitted to the Synod for a new minister and we continue to work with them on this process. We thank Pastor Bruce Drackley for his continued service and commitment to the members of our congregation during his interim period.

We had a very special program called an Old Fashioned Christmas that was held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bruce organized an outdoor Christmas program with food, music, live animals and a huge decorated Christmas tree. The kids and adults enjoyed the hay rides throughout the area as popcorn and hot dogs were being made for when they returned. Several volunteer members helped Pastor Bruce with the details. It was a fun time for all those who attended.

I'd like to thank all the council members for their hard work and thank all other members of our congregation who gave of their time and talents for the continued hard work to support and fulfill our mission at Hope Lutheran. We must continue to strive to care about each other as we reach out to the inactive members and welcome newcomers to our community.

As we move into 2016 we strive to face the challenges of our congregation and look forward to the blessing that God bestows on us.

Rob Prellwitz  
Hope Lutheran Congregational President

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

During the first week of 2016 I attended an Interim Pastors meeting in Redwood Falls. The topic of the day was "What Should Interim Pastors Include in Their Annual Reports." The discussion rallied around two areas. One, the report should be historical, that is to say reporting the events of the past year; and secondly, it should be futuristic, that is, what does the congregation need to do to ensure its future.

There was no clear decision as to which was right or wrong, so I will try to do a little of both. It's been a good year for Hope Lutheran from my perspective. We have had our share of baptisms, weddings, and also sadly the loss of some of our members. The GLOW program has been very successful and continues to grow even today. Our older youth had a very successful mission trip that had an impact on not only the people they served but also on those who took part. The youth group continues to find ways to serve the

church and community. The “tabernacle” choir and Praise Band continues to bless us all through music. Our ladies group is very active in their service projects and providing excellent “eats” when needed. Our Last Supper at Easter and our Country Christmas were well accepted and provided a great time with all working together. We had large groups of First Communion students and Confirmation candidates. As you can see our past has been busy and active. We are blessed with the number of scholarships given out.

So what does our future have in store for Hope Lutheran?

Sorry to say I really don't have any real good or great answers for you. You see it depends solely on you, the congregation, as to what your future holds. If the past is any indication, I do believe that your future looks very promising and that you will surprise yourselves with your accomplishments.

One comment I liked from our meeting was about our display cases. Seems almost every church has one that shows the past. What if we had an empty one that needed to be filled with future accomplishments, what would you put in to show visitors the path you as Hope Lutheran members is headed on?

One other comment that I really liked came from an older church member following a Christmas Eve service in which the church was full to overflowing, chairs needed to be brought in, people were asked to squash together to fit in more people, etc. As the older lady left the church she said to the new pastor, “Now you have seen the potential of our church.”

I'm not sure what the potential of Hope Lutheran is, but I do know there is a whole new, large, and exciting future for Hope Lutheran, now go get it and thanks be to God.

It has been an awesome year for Virginia and I here with you wonderful Hope Lutheran friends. God Bless you all and keep up the good work!

Bruce Drackley  
Interim Pastor

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

The Board of Deacons had an active year in the midst of Hope Lutheran members.

Scott Josephson was elected President and Gayle VanVooren Secretary. Members included Barbara Okrina, Jamie Lanners and JD Pesch.

The first order of business was to select committee leaders. Gayle VanVooren continued in the selection of communion servers, Barb Okrina agreed to call for lectors each Sunday, Jamie Lanners volunteered for the Minneota Meals program and JD Pesch will deliver donated food to the Marshall Food Shelf. Gayle VanVooren and Barb Okrina also called on members to serve as Work Group Chairmen for the coming year.

With the assistance of Interim Pastor Bruce Drackley, special services were held for students taking their First Communion, receiving bibles for the first time and recognizing seniors as they graduated. Each month a special offering was taken to help local programs financially. New member classes were also arranged for any wishing to join our congregation. The Deacons also assisted with the Statement of Faith night for confirmation class.

The lounge renovation project was completed thanks to the committee of Roberta Josephson, Sandy Josephson, Sandy Tolk and Gayle VanVooren with funds donated by the Hope Lutheran Church Women combined with those from the Endowment Fund.

The lounge received fresh paint, ceiling and walls, by Nona Gottskalkson and then proceeded to new carpeting and new furniture. This is now an attractive and comfortable area for meetings, classes, and funeral gatherings.

The Deacons helped with the summer schedule and pulpit supply, having lay Sundays and area ministers as were needed. A dedication of the new church doors, which were purchased with funds from the Art and Anne Pennings memorial, was held in June with a pie and ice cream social following services. It was decided to hold our Sunday services on Boxelder Bug Days weekend at the community service downtown.

The Mission Sunday emphasis included presentations by the Youth of Hope members who shared experiences from their mission trip over the summer. Sandy Tolk and Marilyn Kompelien co-chaired the meal that followed the service with help from volunteers and council members.

Deacon members also appreciated the leadership of Pastor Bruce Drackley in the re-enactment of the Last Supper by Hope members, the special emphasis for our departed loved ones and newly baptized members on All Saints Sunday and the Country Christmas that was held in early December. His leadership challenged all of us to work more closely together for the good of all.

The Praise Band led the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service for the first time in our history and did a fine job with a variety of music.

Our Christmas Eve service was well attended as the church was again full with chairs needing to be added to accommodate all who attended. Nona Gottskalkson coordinated a wonderful group of musicians who enhanced the worship as we celebrated the birth of Christ.

Events flowed quite smoothly this year with good leadership and willing volunteers. The Deacons wish to thank all who were able and willing to help with the worship environment at Hope Lutheran this past year. As we look forward to the new year, we can all be encouraged and thankful for our church leadership and the cooperative, supportive membership we enjoy at Hope Lutheran Church.

Submitted by,  
Deacon Secretary, Gayle VanVooren  
Deacon President, Scott Josephson

### **Work Groups Contribute**

Our three work groups continue to be strong arms of the Hope congregation. Members agree to serve for a month, providing ushers and coffee servers each week.

But they do more than that. They also are contacted when a funeral is held and workers help in the kitchen and bring cakes for the luncheon. Many hours are spent setting up the dining hall, preparing the food, serving the food, and then cleaning up. Marilyn Kompelien continues to be our funeral consultant – the liaison between the pastor, the family and the work group chairperson.

The work groups assist in cleaning the kitchen, nursery and storeroom off the fellowship hall. They also provide cake for certain months at the Minneota Manor birthday parties and food for Minneota bloodmobiles.

Volunteers also help with the Minneota Meals program which Jamie Lanners heads. Hope fills four months each year, with drivers called for assistance during this time. Home bound have their nutritional needs met through this program.

All who head these programs and those who volunteer are thanked for their service.  
Respectfully submitted,

Gayle VanVooren, Deacon

## HOPE LUTHERAN MUSIC/WORSHIP PROGRAM

In the Fall of 2015 the music and worship committee was revived after a couple of years off. Gayle VanVooren has been taking care of that responsibility for the past few years and for that we thank you Gayle for your dedication and faithfulness of always having our worship in order.

Members of the committee are: Darwin Dyce, Emily Hoffmann, Roberta Josephson, Scott Josephson, Val Buysse, Gayle VanVooren and Nona Gottskalkson. We are trying to meet every two to three months.

The committee's duties include selecting hymns that coincide with the scriptures for the day and making the rest of the service flow according to which setting we use and whether or not it is a communion or special Sunday. If you have ever wondered how things just seem to all fit together on a particular Sunday; that is not by coincidence. This committee uses resources provided by our Synod as well as outside sources to try to develop a theme to pull the scripture and songs together into a service that concentrates on a particular message.

Our special music is always flexible, but we are trying to have the Jubilation Choir sing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays with the Praise Band taking the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and allowing for special music on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

If you are interested in providing special music, or in joining the choir, please talk to a committee member. Please feel free to suggest hymns or other ideas to any committee member. If you have any complaints...you will be asked to join the committee!

Respectfully submitted,  
Nona Gottskalkson

### **Jubilation**

The members of Jubilation have remained very active and committed to the choir. The fall and winter schedule is very busy with the summer giving everyone a needed break.

Gayle VanVooren continues to direct the choir and has Roberta Josephson as a backup when she is gone. Nona Gottskalkson has remained an enthusiastic accompanist and has had Val Buysse and Jyl Josephson accompany when she cannot.

The Jubilation account began with a balance of \$2,148.59 in January and ended with a balance of \$2,247.90 in December. Memorials assist in keeping this balance healthy.

The room off the lounge was also partially renovated this summer. Shelves in the nursery area were cleaned and old robes taken from the closet. This left room for Jubilation robes and the many files of music to be moved into the nursery area. The lounge furniture was moved into this smaller area which now gives the Teen Power/Youth of Hope a place to gather. With a minimal amount of cost and work, both groups now have space to meet.

Our musicians continue to be a blessing to Hope's congregation. And the addition of high school youth gives the choir much more depth.

May we continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle VanVooren, Jubilation Director

## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is made up of 10 dedicated members who serve on teams of two each month.

Regular duties include preparing the altar for worship services, serving communion, filling the candles, changing paraments, taking care of the funeral pall and flowers, and assisting with communion at the Minneota Manor once a month.

The Altar Guild meets in the Fellowship Hall on the fourth Sunday of each month, from January through May and September through November. We meet right after Sunday morning worship. The president this year is Marlys Skaar and the secretary is Barbara Fodness. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested, please contact any Altar Guild member or come to a meeting.

We lost one of our very faithful members this year, namely Linda Okrina.

I would like to thank all the members for their faithful service this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlys Skaar, President

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and efforts in making 2015 a great success!

A few highlights from 2015:

- Spaghetti Supper (Youth of Hope)
- Confirmation
- Recognition of Seniors graduating from Minneota High School
- Mission Trip (Youth of Hope)
- Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of GLOW with additional adult education
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students received a youth based Action Bible
- Christmas Program

God's Love on Wednesdays, GLOW, started its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and continues to grow. The children really enjoy the new religious education structure and are excited to come every Wednesday night. It is great to be part of such a vibrant group.

The Confirmation Program remained consistent for 2015 with a more structured weekly lesson approach. The move to having lessons in the Chapel has been very effective and well received by the students. A big thank you to the Pastors from the Winds of the Prairie for teaching the confirmation classes for the year.

Youth of Hope has had a very active year. After much fund raising, the group went on a mission trip to Daytona Beach, FL. The group participated in many different service activities and represented Hope Lutheran Church and Southwest Minnesota very well. The group came back with many wonderful stories and the experience will stick with them for a lifetime. I am very excited to see what the next year has in store for this group.

Teen Power remains active and meets during the Wednesday night GLOW classes. It is a great time for our confirmed teenage members to get together and continue to build their foundation in faith.

The number of volunteers involved in Hope Lutheran Education are too numerous to list. Please take the time to express your gratitude and appreciation to all who enrich the lives of the youth of our church. I ask

you all to attend an evening of GLOW and experience the excitement, take part in a Youth of Hope activity, and encourage all of our youth as they grow in their faith.

Thanks again to everyone for their ongoing commitment and contributions to the Hope Lutheran Church Education program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Anderson, Education Chairperson

### **GLOW (God's Love On Wednesdays)**

The second year of GLOW kicked off in September. They had a great crowd then and it has stayed just as strong ever since! GLOW, again, had a lot of volunteers who continue to offer us their time and talents. The classes were combined as follows: PreK-1, taught by Chris and Lauryn Hansen; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, taught by Kathy Opdahl and Hanna Buysse; 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades, Amber Rodas and Rachel Knutson; 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades, Keven Larson and Jamie Lanners. Barb Knutson impresses week after week in the kitchen. We serve supper to about 85 - 95 weekly and have about 60 - 75 kids in class. We all meet together for a short service weekly at 6:45 in the sanctuary.

The same curriculum was used as last year. There were enough boxes to get through year two. The teachers have everything they need in the box for the week. It incorporates everyday items to teach the word of God. The idea is to teach the way Jesus taught. The kids look forward to their weekly lessons and the teachers do a great job. After class, we meet in the sanctuary for a short, energetic service with contemporary music, message, and our much-loved GLOW prayer.

The suppers are headed by Barb Knutson. She always has a great meal prepared and is SO organized. She started a sign-up sheet to help in the kitchen in two shifts every Wednesday. Hopefully these shifts continue to get filled in and she receives the help she needs from the GLOW families.

GLOW had a fantastic Christmas program once again. It was led by Jess Gronke, Emily Hennen, and Tegan Gillund. This year's program was about the star of Bethlehem training a new star. The old star (the star of Bethlehem) retold the story of the birth of Christ in a unique and humorous way. It was a very well attended service and was enjoyed by all.

GLOW has gotten a lot of great support and we are certainly impressed with how well it is still being received. The kids have a great time and get excited every week to come. Bree reports that the kids start asking about GLOW on Mondays at school and are always curious about what the week will bring.

We would like to thank ALL those who have contributed and continue to contribute their time, money and talents to make GLOW a success! If you have never been to GLOW, please make it a priority. It is amazing to see THAT MANY KIDS in our sanctuary THAT excited about God's word. It's a crazy, fun time that EVERYONE can enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Josephson & Bree Anderson, Directors

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation classes were taught by Vicar Jana in the Spring of 2015. Eight confirmands went through the Affirmation of Baptism in March.

This Fall, we had 15 students attend Wednesday night classes. Classes are taught by Winds of the Prairie, Steve Rasmusson and Julie Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Dyce

## **YOH (Youth Of Hope)**

Hope Lutheran's youth group involves students in grades 7-12. Our purpose is to grow together in faith, to learn to lead Christ-centered lives and to enrich the church experience for our youth. In July, 2015, our youth embarked on a Mission Trip to Daytona Beach, FL! This was an incredible experience, and we were able to share it with the congregation on Mission Sunday. This experience gave our kids the opportunity to grow in their faith, strengthen their relationship with God and each other, and allowed them to witness the work of God in their everyday lives.

Our group did a lot of fundraising in order to make this trip possible. Because of your generous support, we have been able to continue our mission work here in Minneota. Every other week, the youth group is stuffing snack bags to be distributed at Minneota Public School as part of the Food Bag Friday program. Our youth group also participated with Bingo at the nursing home, and this was a great experience with the residents. We also participated with St. Edward's, St Eloi's and St Peter's youth in a Food for Kids Drive. 2016 is looking to be another incredible year! We have a few plans in the works, and in October we will start planning for our next mission trip! Thank you for the support you have shown our youth. They are doing incredible activities as representatives of Hope Lutheran Church!

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Myhre, Youth of Hope Leader

## **HOPE LUTHERAN CEMETERY BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT**

The cemetery board had a busy year. The John Deere mower was repaired, four outside gates were painted, the bricks on the east gate post were replaced as they had been damaged. The west gate post was replaced and tree stumps were ground.

Black dirt and gravel was hauled in to be used to repair, move and straighten 24 cemetery stones. The lawns were sprayed for weed control and Marlys did a great job of mowing and trimming to keep the cemetery looking nice all year long. Thanks Marlys!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Tolk

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT**

2015 was another busy year for the Board of Trustees. As we worked through bids for the Bell Tower and the Gutters we were able to find some resolution on both issues.

The Bell Tower was discovered to have an issue involving the rubberized floor in the tower which had been damaged and was allowing water to drain into the bell tower. We were able to commission the repairs with the money raised plus some additional funds and it appears that the leak has been fixed.

The Gutters were discovered to be the product of two different issues. First, the flashing was incorrectly installed causing a damming effect which pushed back water, snow and ice causing improper drainage. Second, the gutters in the entrance and the roof were clogged with asphalt, dirt and leaves. After cleaning the gutters and repairing the roof flashing we have not seen icing at that entrance. To ensure the problem of icing on the roof stops we have enlisted the help of the Youth of Hope who will be blowing additional insulation into the attic. In all we hope that this will completely stop the icing on the roof and side walk to the office entrance. (A special thank you goes out to Wade, Matt, Tyler and Cole Myhre for their work on the entrance.)

As the parsonage is again empty, we feel this is the time to do some updating. Mechanical repairs such as the electrical, foundation and landscaping have already been completed with the help from many in the congregation. In order to make the most impactful improvements with the funds allocated the trustees have commissioned a committee led by Roberta Josephson. The hope is that we can make lasting improvements that will make the parsonage desirable to a pastoral candidate. Look forward to reports during 2016 on the improvements as well as the call for volunteers to help with updates.

New doors for Hope Lutheran have been installed despite the complications we were experiencing at the end of 2014. (A special thank you goes out to Scott Anderson for his persistence and resolve in completing the project)

Our insurance deductible of \$10,000 is fulfilled and earning interest.

I want to thank all of the Board of Trustees and all of the council members for all their hard work and dedication that they have given during this past year. I also want to thank the congregation for their continued support. With all of us working together, many things can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Gronke, Vice Chairperson

### **LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTER**

The Hope Library and Resource Center's collection continues to grow. The library has many new children's books, adult books (fiction and nonfiction) and dvd's for all ages. Members of Hope are encouraged to make use of these materials. Thank you to everyone who has remembered the library by donating materials or by contributing to the library memorial fund.

Submitted by,

Judy Hagen

### **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (HLCW)**

This past year has been an active one for the HLCW. The meetings are held after the Sunday worship service in the lounge on the third Sunday of the month. Included in the HLCW are the three circles, morning, afternoon and evening.

Members of the HLCW put a lot of time and effort into their activities. They feel rewarded to be able to help our church, community and various charities.

**January** – Plans were made to update the church lounge. Hospice expressed appreciation for the donations made to them.

**February** – Plans for purchasing quilting supplies, the Ascension Brunch and selection of carpeting for the lounge were made.

**March** – The Pastor's meeting was held at Hope Lutheran. The HLCW served breakfast, prepared Communion and music was provided by Nona Gottskalkson. The 10 quilts for the graduating seniors were finished.

**April** – The Spring Gathering was held in Marshall on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The improvements to the lounge were finished. Carpet tiles were purchased from Bill Ufkin, Lynn Okrina removed the old carpet and painting was done by Nona Gottskalkson. New furniture was purchased and an electric fireplace was also added. The Endowment Committee helped with the costs.

**May** – The Cheer Committee sent cards to all those being confirmed. The 25<sup>th</sup> Ascension Brunch was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A special breakfast was served and angel centerpieces were made by Helen Rokeh. Angel pins



were made by Sandy Josephson. The speaker was Pastor Tim Larson who had been the speaker at the first brunch 25 years ago.

**June** – Pastor Bruce Drackley agreed to lead the summer Bible studies. The HLCW will sell coffee and rolls at Boxelder Bug Days.

**July and August** – Summer Bible studies.

**September** – Officers for the year were elected. They are: Gayle VanVooren, President; Rita Dovre, Vice President; Barbara Fodness, Secretary; and Sandy Tolk and Kathy Bulander, Members at Large. The Cheer Committee Chairperson, Berniece Helgeson and the Library Chairperson, Judy Hagen will remain the same as last year. A trip to Benson, MN to tour the Heartland Girls Ranch was made on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The HLCW contributes to this worthy organization.

**October** – The Fall gathering was held in Cottonwood on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meatball supper/bake sale/silent auction was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Part of the profits from this event will be donated to the updating of the parsonage.

**December** – A Christmas potluck dinner was held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This included all HLCW members and circles. After the meal, Sandy Josephson gave a program. The Thank offering was collected. Donations of empty prescription containers are being collected in the bin in the narthex. A bin for Hospice donations is also there. The Cheer Committee sent Christmas cards to Hope members in the Manor.

It was a busy year, but very rewarding too!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fodness, Secretary

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY REPORT**

The Committee has seven active members. We have given out 37 prayer shawls/afghans in 2015. Thank you to all who contributed to the ministry.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - GENERAL FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 2,096.43</b>
<b>REGULAR INCOME</b>		
Regular Offering Envelopes	\$ 101,837.00	
Loose Offering	\$ 8,865.22	
Southwest Minnesota Synod - Member Designated	\$ 400.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 1,217.00	
Commodities	\$ 1,034.31	
Sunday School/GLOW	<u>\$ 108.37</u>	
<b>TOTAL REGULAR INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 113,461.90</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME/LOANS</b>		
Mission Related/Hunger/Food Shelf	\$ 1,190.86	
Special Offering – Allan Geiwitz	\$ 5,000.00	
Walk Around Offerings	\$ 3,785.18	
YOH – Food Back Packs	\$ 230.50	
Endowment Fund Matches	\$ 2,632.00	
Refunds/Reimbursements/Transfers	\$ 762.72	
Cemetery Reimbursement for Social Security	<u>\$ 474.48</u>	
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME/LOANS</b>		<b><u>\$ 14,075.74</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ALL INCOME/LOANS</b>		<b>\$ 129,634.07</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>		
Outreach	\$ 2,681.23	
Worship	\$ 3,206.54	
Parish Education	\$ 6,106.59	
Administration	\$ 13,787.15	
Salaries	\$ 45,312.67	
Properties	\$ 29,764.83	
Cemetery Fund	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 101,359.01</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES/LOANS</b>		
Mission Related/Hunger/Food Shelf	\$ 2,090.62	
Southwest Minnesota Synod (Member Designated)	\$ 100.00	
Walk Around Offerings	\$ 6,319.18	
Transfers	\$ 4,508.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES/LOANS</b>		<b><u>\$ 13,017.80</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES/LOANS</b>		<b><u>\$ 114,376.81</u></b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2015</b>		<b><u>\$ 15,257.26</u></b>

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2015 Approved Budget</b>	<b>YTD 12/31/15</b>	<b>2016 Proposed Budget</b>
<b><u>OUTREACH</u></b>			
1a. Synod	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
1d. Prairie Conference	\$ 650.00	\$ 431.23	\$ 650.00
1e. Bible Camps	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
1f. SMSU Campus Ministry	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
1g. Lutheran Social Services	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>	<b>\$2,681.23</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>
<b><u>WORSHIP</u></b>			
2a. Church Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,998.54	\$ 3,500.00
2b. Music	\$ 250.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 250.00
2c. Guest Speakers/Pastors	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
2d. New Members Supplies	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>	<b>\$3,206.54</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>
<b><u>PARISH EDUCATION</u></b>			
3b. Vacation Bible School	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
3c. Confirmation	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,759.00	\$ 4,500.00
3d. Adult	\$ 200.00	\$ 117.49	\$ 200.00
3e. Library	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
3f. Campers	\$ 900.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 900.00
3g. GLOW	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
3h. Bibles		\$ 499.60	\$ 500.00
3i. YOH		\$ 480.50	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Parish Education</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>	<b>\$6,106.59</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>			
4a. Telephone / Internet	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,787.71	\$ 2,000.00
4b. Office Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 713.52	\$ 1,200.00
4c. Office Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,103.58	\$ 2,000.00
4d. Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,144.81	\$ 1,200.00
4e. Mileage - Pastor	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 7,613.44	\$ 8,400.00
4f. Conventions--Conferences	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
4h. Newspaper Ads	\$ 250.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 250.00
4i. Lawyer Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 230.75	\$ 1,200.00
4j. Moving Expenses	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>	<b>\$13,363.06</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>

	<b>2015 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>YTD 12/31/15</b>	<b>2015 Proposed Budget</b>
<b><u>SALARIES</u></b>			
5a. Pastor - Salary	\$ 51,600.00	\$ 19,644.00	\$ 51,600.00
5b. Pastor - Pension/Health Insurance	\$ 24,300.00	\$ 1,223.58	\$ 24,300.00
5c. Pastor - Housing	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 235.92	\$ 4,100.00
5d. Pastor - Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
5f. Secretary	\$ 10,920.00	\$ 9,072.00	\$ 10,920.00
5g. Custodian	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 11,662.43	\$ 12,566.00
5h.1. Organist (FICA deducted)	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,850.00
5h.2. Pianist (No FICA deducted)	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,350.00
5i. Social Security/Medicare (FICA)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,598.26	\$ 2,500.00
5j. Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
5l. Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,523.00	\$ 1,350.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$112,170.00</b>	<b>\$48,509.19</b>	<b>\$112,536.00</b>
<b><u>PROPERTIES</u></b>			
6a. Insurance	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,038.00	\$ 10,000.00
6c. Church - Heat - Electricity	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,683.83	\$ 14,000.00
6d. Church - Heat - Propane	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 556.90	\$ 2,000.00
6e. Parsonage - Electricity	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,280.10	\$ 1,050.00
6f. Parsonage - Heat - Propane	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 784.16	\$ 1,500.00
6g. Water/Sewer/Garbage - Church	\$ 775.00	\$ 542.72	\$ 775.00
6g1. Water/Sewer/Garbage - Parsonage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 791.18	\$ 1,000.00
6h. Janitor Suppliers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 923.14	\$ 1,000.00
6i. Snow Removal/Equipment/*Lawn Mow	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,058.00	\$ 2,000.00
6j. Altar/Chancel Renovations			
6n. Church Lawn Mowing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Properties</b>	<b>\$32,825.00</b>	<b>\$29,158.03</b>	<b>\$33,825.00</b>
7. HOME BENEVOLENCE	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
8. CONTINGENCY	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
9. BUILDING FUND	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
9A. CEMETERY FUND	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$180,845.00</b>	<b>\$103,524.64</b>	<b>\$183,211.00</b>

## WALK-AROUND OFFERINGS

Prairie Home Hospice	\$ 161.00
Food Shelf	1,021.25
New Life Treatment Center	262.50
Special Olympics	312.00
YOH Mission Trip	702.98
House of Hope	180.00
Heartland Girls Ranch	232.00
Missions	98.00
Operation Christmas	531.45
Caring & Sharing Hands	<u>284.00</u>
Total	\$3,785.18

## PETTY CASH FUND

**BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2015** **\$2,195.86**

### INCOME

Sunday Coffee	\$ 771.58
Offering Income	28.35
Funeral	200.00
Flowers	835.00
Miscellaneous:	
Mission Sunday Dinner	455.00
Income from Meals	232.00
(Other than Mission Sunday)	

**Total Income** **\$2,521.93**

**\$4,717.79**

### EXPENSES

Kitchen	\$2,324.44
Flowers	72.00
Miscellaneous:	
Postage Stamps	205.00
Office Supplies	38.62
Bank Check Fees	<u>50.00</u>

**Total Expenses** **\$ 2,690.06**

**BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2015** **\$ 2,027.73**

## CORNERSTONE FUND

**BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2015** **\$14,022.04**

### INCOME

Interest Income	\$ 2.24
Deposit from General Fund	<u>4,000.00</u>

**Total Income** **\$4,002.24**

**\$18,024.28**

### EXPENSES

	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2015** **\$18,024.28**

**BUILDING FUND – CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2015** **\$14,535.25**

**INCOME**

Member-Designated Offerings	\$ 925.00	
Miscellaneous		
Bell Tower	300.00	
Endowment Fund	15,926.67	
Parsonage Rent	4,400.00	
Church Usage Rental	80.00	
Stock – Pershing	11,244.00	
From General Fund	102.01	
HLCW – For Parsonage	<u>2,500.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$35,477.68</b>	<b>\$50,012.93</b>

**EXPENSES**

Church:		
Plumbing	\$ 44.34	
Maintenance	13,590.34	
Piano	220.00	
Parsonage	2,087.60	
Miscellaneous:		
Bell Tower Repairs	300.00	
HLCW	2,000.00	
Banking – Check Blanks	<u>25.00</u>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$18,267.28</b>	

**BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2015** **\$31,745.65**

**BUILDING FUND – MONEY MARKET**

**BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2015** **\$24,099.55**

Interest Income	\$ <u>22.03</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 22.03</b>	

**BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2015** **\$24,121.58**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CEMETERY  
PERMANENT CARE FUND**

**BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2015**

National Financial Services	\$52,247.05	
Bank of the West-COD	2,500.00	
Bank of the West-COD	6,230.00	
Ludwig & Inez Huso Memorial-COD	5,000.00	
Nels Fodness Memorial-COD	5,000.00	
Gilbert Hovland Memorial-COD	1,000.00	
Gordon Johnson Memorial-CODS	5,500.00	
Dudley Hovland Memorial-COD	1,200.00	
Bank of the West-COD	5,640.00	
Bank of the West-MMIS	<u>1,784.00</u>	\$86,101.05

**RECEIPTS**

Interest from CODS	\$ 399.38	
Interest from National Fin. Services	3,047.58	
Nat'l Financial-market value adjustment	(1,014.66)	
Endowment Fund	4,000.00	
Grace Huso Memorial	2,500.00	
Sale of 2 lots (40%)	<u>320.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 9,252.30</u>
		\$95,353.35

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Interest transferred to General Fund	\$ 3,446.96	
B&R Tiling-repair & straighten stones	<u>4,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 7,446.96</u>
		\$87,906.39

**BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2015**

*National Financial Services	\$69,843.09	
Gordon Johnson Memorial-CODS	5,500.00	
Dudley Hovland Memorial-COD	1,200.00	
Bank of the West-COD	5,640.00	
Bank of the West-MMIS	<u>5,723.30</u>	\$ 87,906.39

\*Memorials from Anita Anderson, Nels Fodness,  
Ludwig & Inez Huso and Gilbert Hovland included  
in this balance.

**Lois VanDePutte, Treasurer**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CEMETERY  
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2015**

Bank of the West-Checking	\$ 538.43
Bank of the West-MMIS	4,698.97
Bank of the West-MMIS(lawn mower fund)	212.00
Donald Rye Memorial-COD	<u>1,812.42</u>

\$ 7,261.82

**RECEIPTS**

Interest Income-MMIS	\$ 3.77
Interest Income-COD-Permanent Care	399.38
Interest Income-COD-Donald Rye COD	13.76
Interest Income/National Financial Services	3,047.58
Donations	390.00
Land Rent Income	60.00
Sale of 2 lots (60%)	<u>480.00</u>

\$ 4,394.49

\$ 11,656.31

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Social Security	\$ 237.24
Mowing	3,101.25
Mower Gas	297.83
Mower V belt	27.21
Lyon-Lincoln Electric	536.82
Lyon County Farm Service-spraying	451.36
Pete Vlaminck-repair west gate	500.00
Tolk Graveling LLC-black dirt & gravel	630.50
Harland-checkblanks	25.00
Wayne Skaar-Honorarium	<u>200.00</u>

\$6,007.21

\$5,649.10

**BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Bank of the West-checking account	\$ 544.02
Bank of the West-MMIS	3,066.90
Bank of the West-MMIS (lawn mower fund)	212.00
Donald Rye Memorial-COD	<u>1,826.18</u>
	<u>\$5,649.10</u>

**Lois VanDePutte, Treasurer**



**CONFIRMATION FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 872.80</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>		
	\$ -	
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Midwest Cleaners	\$ 32.32	
Dalager's	180.00	
Hy-Vee	<u>49.39</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 261.71</b>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015</b>		<b><u>\$ 611.09</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dyce

**GLOW FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015</b>		<b>\$1,990.28</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Loose Offering Income	\$ 20.00	
Food Offering Income	<u>3,772.43</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,792.43</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Supplies	236.60	
Parade Supplies	509.25	
Kitchen/Groceries	3,376.37	
Honorariums	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,222.22</b>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE – December 31, 2015</b>		<b><u>\$1,560.49</u></b>

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

**2015**

**Beginning Balance, January 1, 2015** **\$3,643.49**

**RECEIPTS**

Circle Offerings	\$ 350.02
HLCW Worship Offering	154.10
Thankoffering	91.00
Sale of Cards	42.00
Rebate on Purchase of Fireplace in Lounge	44.00
Building Fund – Lounge Renovation	2,000.00
Endowment Fund – Lounge Renovation	2,000.00
Ascension Brunch	53.00
Fall Festival	3,337.75
Roll Sale – Boxelder Bug Days	<u>180.00</u>

**Total Receipts** **\$8,251.87**  
**\$11,895.36**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Quilting Supplies	\$ 112.53
Lounge Renovation	5,389.62
Ascension Brunch	374.01
Conference/Synod Offerings	160.00
Cards	60.00
Cheer Committee	200.00
Heartland Girls Ranch	100.00
Fall Festival	212.03
Silverware	54.00
Building Fund-Parsonage Kitchen	2,500.00
Christmas Gifts	150.00
Church Wide ELCA	115.58
Thankoffering	91.00
Pill Bottle Project – Postage	14.90
Stamps	9.80
Miscellaneous	<u>6.00</u>

**Total Disbursements** **\$9,549.47**

**Balance on Hand, December 31, 2015** **\$2,345.89**

\*Thrivent Action Team dollars were applied as follows:

Roll Sale – Boxelder Bug Days - \$118.37  
Fall Festival/Lefse Sale - \$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rokeh, Treasurer

## HOPE LUTHERAN MEMORIAL FUND

**Memorial Funds on Hand, January 1, 2015** **\$8,877.53**

**Memorial Receipts for 2015**

Don Belaen	25.00
Wynston Boe	20.00
Grace Huso	2,625.00
Betty Josephson	2,573.00
David Josephson	455.00
Linda Okrina	300.00
Doug Swoboda	400.00
Bell tower (donations)	785.00
Bell tower (pizza sales)	508.00
Bell tower (building fund)	300.00
Interest Income	2.59

**Total Memorial Receipts**

**\$7,993.59**  
**\$16,871.12**

**Memorial Disbursements for 2015**

Rita Dovre (yarn for prayer shawls)	133.59
The Note Gallery (booms, mic stands, cables)	527.82

**Total Memorial Disbursements**

**\$661.41**

**Total Memorial Funds on Hand, December 31, 2015** **\$16,209.71**

**Memorial Fund Balances as of December 31, 2015**

Altar Guild Fund	421.00
Prayer Shawl Fund	158.19
Banner Fund	482.07
Youth of Hope	10.00
Bell Choir Fund	178.37
Bell Tower Fund	4,583.00
Cemetery Fund	38.00
Landscaping Fund	14.75
Library Fund	957.11
Bible Camp Fund	300.00
Music Fund	618.95
GLOW Fund	2,670.00
Praise Band Fund	2,389.40
Sanctuary Projector and Screen Fund	913.00
Undesignated Fund	2,475.87

**Memorial Funds on Hand, December 31, 2015** **\$16,209.71**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judy Hagen, Treasurer**

# YOUTH OF HOPE FUND

## GENERAL FUND

<b>BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$11,238.53</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Mission Trip Youth Deposits	\$5,692.00
Spaghetti Supper February 8, 2015	1,205.00
Lollipop Sales/Donations	711.01
Schwan's Cares Food Sales (456.72 + 126.64 + 112.68 +102.23)	798.27
Donation – Alan Geiwitz	1,000.00
Easter Breakfast Sales including donations	1,022.50
Golden Egg Ticket Sales	215.00
Certificate Sales - Brads Market (104) and Greenwood Nursery (44)	2,880.00
Pasta Sales/Donations	562.00
Bake Sale	130.34
Certificate Sales – Brads Market (33) and Greenwood Nursery (61)	1,960.00
Certificate Sales – Greenwood Nursery (13 @ 20 each)	260.00
Hope Lutheran Mission Trip Endowment Fund Match - Fundraisers	\$4,000.00
Hope Lutheran Mission Trip Endowment Fund Match – Walk Around	\$652.98
Hope Lutheran Church – Mission Trip Walk Around Offering	\$702.98
Pasta Shoppe Sales	\$91.20
Pizza Ranch Tips	\$384.01
Boxelder Bug Days Whopper Sales	\$4,186.00
Mission Sunday Presentation	\$ 250.00
HLCW Meatball Supper (Plinko Game)	\$14.00
North Pole Extravaganza Food Sales	\$437.00
Christmas Goodie Sales	\$784.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &gt;</b>	<b>\$ 27,938.29</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND AND RECEIPTS &gt;</b>	<b>\$ 39,176.82</b>

## **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Brad's Market (Spaghetti Supper)	204.82
Youthworks Payment - Mission Trip	6,415.00
Minneota Mascot (Advertising Spaghetti Supper)	50.00
Golden Egg Ticket Winner – Laurie Breyfogle (cash)	85.00
Brad's Market Meat Certificate Cost (104 @ \$15)	1,560.00
Pasta Product Costs	285.00
Brad's Market – Easter Breakfast	281.73
Minneota Mascot – Advertising Greenwood and Brads Market	25.00
Greenwood Nursery – 105 Certificates @18 each	\$1,890.00
Brads Market – 33 Certificates @ 15 each	495.00
Greenwood Nursery – (13 Certificates @ 18 each)	234.00
Bursch Travel – flight costs	\$13,531.14
Secure Search – Background Checks for Adults (18 and over)	99.00
Minneota Mascot – Card of Thanks Gift Certificate Fundraiser	11.40
Awards Plus – 35 T-Shirts	\$219.10
Mission Trip – Wal Mart-35 Airbeds/36 pillows donated to host church	\$596.83
Mission Trip Travel Expenses to Daytona	\$5,609.07
• Van -- \$3,734.48	
• Hotel-- \$885.38	
• Food-- \$476.00	
• Busing-- \$300.00	

- Gas-- \$125.38
- Misc.-- \$87.83

Boxelder Bug Days Whopper Feed – Burger King	\$1,872.75
Boxelder Bug Days 7% Commission on Whopper sales	\$161.93
Sucker Purchases for Events	\$320.00
Brads Market – North Pole Extravaganza and Christmas Goodies	\$288.65

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS > \$ 34,235.42**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2015 > \$ 4,941.40**

**SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM FUND**

**BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2015 \$0.00**

**RECEIPTS:**

School Backpack Program Donations	\$4,375.70
• Hope Lutheran Endowment Fund – \$2,205.20	
• Swede Home Cemetery Association - \$1,000.00	
• Bethel Fellowship Church -- \$500.00	
• Hope Lutheran Walk Around -- \$230.50	
• State Bank Taunton -- \$100.00	
• Other Donations by Individuals -- \$340.00	
School Christmas Backpack Food Drive Program	\$520.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS> \$4,895.70**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

School Backpack Program Expense	\$111.00
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**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS> \$111.00**

**BACKPACK PROGRAM BALANCE ON HAND – DEC. 31, 2015 \$4,784.70**

**GENERAL FUND + SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM FUND =**

**YOUTH OF HOPE FUND CHECKING BALANCE - DEC. 31, 2015 \$9,726.10**

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Knutson Youth of Hope Treasurer and Scott Knutson

## ENDOWMENT FUND

The current policy of the Hope Lutheran Endowment fund calls for 4.5% of the Fund balance to be distributed each year. As of 1/1/15 the fund balance was \$478,365 which made \$21,526.43 available for distribution in 2015. The following distributions have been made.

<b>Congregational Projects</b>		<b>Local Outreach</b>	
20% (\$4,305.20)		20% (\$4305.20)	
Lounge Project	\$2,000.00	Food Shelf	\$2,100.00
Cemetery	1,883.20	YOH (Bag Lunch)	2,205.20
VK Services (website)	322.00	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4,305.20</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4,305.20</u></b>		
<b>Church Wide/Global Outreach</b>		<b>Discretionary Projects</b>	
20% (\$4,305.20)		40% (\$8,610.40)	
YOH Mission Trip	\$4,305.20	Cemetery	\$2,016.80
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4,305.20</u></b>	YOH (Mission Trip)	347.78
		Christmas Child	532.00
		Feed the Children	1,300.00
		Farm Acreage (Tiling)	2,325.00
		VK Services (website)	200.00
		Building Fund (Parsonage)	1,888.83
		<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$8,610.41</u></b>

## HOPE LUTHERAN FARM ACCOUNT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Previous Balance	\$385.00	\$385.00
Net Rent Received	29,992.00	30,377.00
Property Tax	5,562.00	24,815.00
Tiling Project	4,516.00	4,640.00
Transfer to Endowment Fund Checking	20,175.00	<b>\$124.00</b>
<b>Submitted by Pete VanVooren</b>		

## BUILDING FUND - PENNINGS INVESTMENT DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>MARKET</u> <u>VALUE</u>	
<b>Beginning Balance - January 1, 2015</b>	-	<b>\$ 31,879.65</b>
Capital Income Builder Fund	\$ 6,695.35	
Franklin Income - Class A	\$ 11,860.68	
Fire Insurance Deductible	\$ 9,651.06	
	<u>\$ 28,207.09</u>	
Less Cost of Doors	\$ (11,250.00)	
	<u><u>\$ 16,957.09</u></u>	
<b>Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 16,957.09</b>

Scholarship Finance Committee

**ROBERT E. AND ALICE V. GEIWITZ SCHOLARSHIP**

**Balance on Hand - January 1, 2015** **\$ 513,241.54**

**Assets:**

At Bank of the West:

Franklin Funds	\$ 50,144.02	
Checking Balance	<u>\$ 2,037.59</u>	\$ 52,181.61

At Morgan-Stanley:

Cash, Deposit, Money Market	\$ 59,755.57	
Stocks	\$ 33,696.00	
Closed End Fund	\$ 34,425.00	
Corporate Fixed Income	<u>\$ 331,177.56</u>	<u>\$ 459,054.13</u>

**Total Assets** **\$511,235.74**

**Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015** **\$ 511,235.74**

<u>Scholarships Awarded</u>	<u>Awarded in 2014 Paid in 2015</u>	<u>Awarded in 2015 Paid in 2016</u>
<b>1st Year Students</b>		<b>1st Year Students</b>
Shelby Corbin	\$ 5,500.00	Payton Boerboom
Landyn VanOverbeke	\$ 3,500.00	Nick Esping
Adam Thompson	\$ 2,000.00	Lacey Hansen
Kalley Kloos	\$ 2,000.00	Matt Knutson
Victoria VanDam	\$ 1,000.00	Taylor Reiss
		Troy Skaar
		Meghan Travis
<b>2nd Year Students</b>		<b>2nd Year Students</b>
Isaac Josephson	\$ 2,500.00	Shelby Corbin
Hannah Prellwitz	\$ 2,500.00	Landyn VanOverbeke
Elen Skaar	\$ 2,500.00	Adam Thompson
Taylor Kosmalski	\$ 1,000.00	Kalley Kloos
		Victoria VanDam
<b>3rd - 4th Year Students</b>		<b>3rd - 4th Year Students</b>
Kasey Gottskalkson	\$ 1,000.00	Isaac Josephson
Tonya Kloos	\$ 500.00	Hannah Prellwitz
Adam Josephson	\$ 1,500.00	Elen Skaar
Cailin Rogge	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	Adam Josephson
		Tonya Kloos
<b>Total Scholarships</b>	<u><b>\$ 26,000.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 26,700.00</b></u>

**EXHIBIT A**

**Balance on Hand, January 1, 2015** **\$ 513,241.54**

Family Contribution	\$ 47,213.87	
Interest on Money Market Account	\$ 10.97	
Franklin Reinvestments	\$ 9,085.54	
Interest and Growth - Morgan Stanley	<u>\$ (32,316.18)</u>	
		\$ 23,994.20
Less Scholarships Awarded		<u>\$ (26,000.00)</u>

**Balance on Hand, December 31, 2015** **\$ 511,235.74**

Scholarship Finance Committee

**HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

***AGNES RYE SCHOLARSHIP - MEDICAL RELATED***

**CD Due 3-30-2016 - (45.18%)**

**Balance on Hand - January 1, 2015** **\$ 15,087.60**

Income

Total Interest \$ 416.46

**Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015** **\$ 15,504.06**

***DONALD AND SUSAN RYE SCHOLARSHIP - AG/BUSINESS RELATED***

**CD Due 3-30-16 - (22.54%)**

**Balance on Hand - January 1, 2015** **\$ 6,528.51**

Income

Total Interest \$ 207.77

**Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015** **\$ 6,736.28**

***HOPE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP***

**CD Due 3-30-16 - (32.28%)**

**Balance on Hand - January 1, 2015** **\$ 14,962.20**

Income

Total Interest \$ 297.77

**Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015** **\$ 15,259.97**

***NORMAN AND LILLIAN LARSON SCHOLARSHIP***

**Balance on Hand - January 1, 2015** **\$ 12,913.14**

Income

Investment Growth and Interest

Templeton Global Bond - Class C \$ (202.92)

Disbursement - Adam Josephson \$ 1,500.00

**Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015** **\$ 11,210.22**

***ALBERT AND HAZEL BORSON SCHOLARSHIP***

**Balance on Hand - January 1, 2015** **\$ 18,378.35**

Income

Growth and Interest

Franklin Income - C \$ (1,801.47)

**Balance on Hand - December 31, 2015** **\$ 16,576.88**



**SAMPLE VOTING BALLOT**

**Church Council**

(Nominees for 2016 – vote for up to seven)

3-year term \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Opdahl \_\_\_\_\_  
3-year term \_\_\_\_\_ Shane Bordewyk \_\_\_\_\_  
3-year term \_\_\_\_\_ Patrick Peterson \_\_\_\_\_  
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3-year term \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Committee**

(Nominees for 2017 – vote for up to three)

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**Synod Assembly**

(Nominees for 2017 – vote for up to two)

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**Endowment**

(Nominees for 2017 – vote for up to two)

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Scott Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cemetery Board**

(Nominees for 2017 – vote for up to two. Terms to be determined by board.)

1 – year term \_\_\_\_\_ Gene Fodness \_\_\_\_\_  
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