

MISSION STATEMENT

God calls us to Mission and Ministry in our rural community and to the world. Gathered in Faith and nurtured by Word and Sacraments, we commit ourselves to share a hope for the future, to use our resources and talents guided by the Holy Spirit, and to work together to expand our ministry to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

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**The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church
January 27, 2019, 10:00 am**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 ANNUAL MEETING – AGENDA
JANUARY 27, 2019 – 10:00 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 2019
10. Old Business
 - a. Fellowship Hall Flooring
 - b. Ministry Sharing
11. New Business
 - a. Cemetery Land Development
 - b. Endowment Building & Properties Fund
 - c. Land Purchase - possible re-negotiation
 - d. Summer Services – St. Paul's and Hope
12. Other
 - a. Dan Deitte – Endowment Fund Discussion
13. Closing

Hope Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

Attendance: 60 members

The meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Scott Josephson.

Devotions

Interim Pastor Bruce Drackley led in devotions with a prayer focused on increased fellowship for Hope Lutheran Church and its members and success for a great future.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the annual meeting of 2017 were presented. **A motion was made by Rob Prellwitz to approve the Secretary's Report as printed, seconded by Gene Fodness. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented. **A motion was made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed, seconded by Wade Myhre. Motion carried.**

Reports

The following reports were reviewed as presented:

- 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

A motion was made by Stan Miller to accept the reports as printed, seconded by Betty Prellwitz. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

The following Financial Reports were reviewed as presented:

- 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

A motion was made by Scott Knutson to approve all Financial Reports as presented, seconded by Bob Nelson. Motion carried.

Report of Nominating Committee

Council Chairman Scott Josephson thanked all of the outgoing Council members for their years of service and hard work for the congregation. The nominating committee presented five candidates for Church Council. Then asked for one more volunteer to finish out the last year for Kathy Opdahl, as her work doesn't permit her to be available for

meetings. Lori Dyce agreed to finish out Kathy's last year on council. New candidates to fulfill a three year term are Nancy Wiese, Stan Miller, Amanda Warnke, and Rob Prellwitz. Chris Hansen agreed to continue a second three year term. **Jen Mahan-Deitte motioned to have nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for the six candidates, seconded by Gayle VanVooren. Motion carried.**

The nominating committee for 2019 was then nominated from the floor, which included:

Nona Gottskalkson, Keven Larson and Roberta Josephson

A motion was made by Deb Belaen to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Tony Esping. Motion carried.

Synod Assembly Representation

The Nominating Committee asked for two nominees to represent Hope Lutheran at the Synod Assembly. Betty Prellwitz and Brenda Leese volunteered to be nominees. **Deb Belaen motioned to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Tony Esping. Motion carried.**

Endowment Committee

The Nominating Committee presented one, Deb Belaen, for the Endowment Committee, one position is needed to be filled. **Lori Skaar motioned to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Roberta Josephson. Motion carried.**

Call Committee

The Nominating Committee presented three nominees for the Call Committee: Barry Gronke, Nona Gottskalkson and Scott Knutson. The fourth will be the chairman of the council and three more from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. **Deb Belaen motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Bob Nelson.**

Cemetery Board Elections

There was one position to be filled on the Cemetery Board. Roberta Josephson nominated Mark Hovland. **Gene Fodness motioned to accept the nominee, seconded by Tony Esping. Rob Prellwitz made a motion that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Jamie Lanners. Motion carried.**

Presentation and Approval of the Budget for 2018

The budget for 2018 was presented by Scott Josephson and reviewed by the congregation. This year's budget has increased as Pastor Bruce, starting in mid-March will be covering two congregations: Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran. **A motion was made by Gene Fodness to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Guy Jeremiason. Motion carried. The total budget for 2018 is \$155,510.00**

Old Business

* Parsonage updates - have been completed. The Parsonage is 'move-in' ready.

New Business

* Ministry Sharing - will begin between Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran churches in March 2018

* Fellowship Hall Flooring - a committee has been formed and will begin looking into estimates.

* Cemetery Land Development - Would like to begin developing some more of the cemetery's land that is currently being farmed more cemetery plots will be needed in 15-20 years. Developing and growing trees will take 15-20 years for everything to settle and mature. Council will discuss and review in 2018

* Cemetery * Needs six more rotting trees removed.

* Needs a new law mower

* Needs headstones repaired

It was suggested by Chairman Scott Josephson for the Cemetery Board to prioritize the latter three needs and put it all in writing requesting help from the Endowment Committee/Council

Closing

Pastor Bruce closed with a prayer for expressive, significant leadership.

A motion was made by Deb Belaen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gene Fodness. Motion carried.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor Bruce Drackley	Pastor
Dr. Elisabeth Johnson	Missionary in Cameroon
Chris Pesch	Parish Secretary
Lynn and Barbara Okrina	Custodians
Trish Bordewyk	Financial Secretary
Valerie Buysse	Organist
Gayle Van Vooren	Jubilation Director
Erin Roberts	GLOW Director
Bree Anderson	GLOW Director

CHURCH COUNCIL

Scott Josephson	President
(The Church President is an advisory member of all boards.)	
Shane Bordewyk	Vice President
Chris Hansen	Secretary

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jamie Lanners - Chairperson	2019
Lori Dyce	2019
Betty Prellwitz	2020
Stan Miller	2021
Patrick Petersen	2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Moriah Reiss - Chairperson	2020
Jen Mahan-Deitte	2020
Wade Myhre	2020
Amanda Warnke	2021
Nancy Wiese	2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Scott Josephson - Chairperson	2019
Shane Bordewyk	2019
Chris Hansen	2018
Lori Skaar	2020
Rob Prellwitz	2021
Shawn Boerboom	2020

CEMETERY BOARD

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

OTHER OFFICES – (Appointed by Church Council)

Trish Bordewyk	Financial Secretary
Bob Nelson	Auditing Committee
Glenda Fink	Auditing Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Roberta Josephson	Elected
Keven Larson	Elected
Nona Gottskalkston	Elected

CEMETERY SEXTON

Wayne Skaar

CHURCH MEMBER STATISTICS

Membership – January 1, 2018	Baptized	Confirmed
Active Membership	535	419
Inactive Roster		
Membership Adjustment	+ <u>8</u>	+ <u>5</u>
Membership – December 31, 2018	543	421

The following pastoral acts were administered during 2018:

Baptisms	8	Funerals	4
Confirmation	5	Marriages	1

CHURCH SERVICES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Sunday Worship Services (Includes two Easter services)	54	63
Ash Wednesday, Lent (5), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday	8	8
Thanksgiving (Ecumenical)	1	0
Christmas Eve (Includes two Christmas Eve services)	1	2
Christmas Day	1	1

ATTENDANCE

Total Sunday Attendance	5,692	5,357
Average Sunday Attendance	88	85
Attendance: Ash Wednesday, Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday	499	523
Thanksgiving Eve (Ecumenical)	-	-
Christmas Eve	241	225
Christmas Day	34	16

COMMUNION SERVICES

Number of Services Conducted	27	28
Number of Communion	1,370	1,411
Number of Communion at the Minneota Manor	-	190

BAPTISMS

Emma Jo Buysse
 Zander Lee Hoffmann
 Benjamin Dean Roberts
 Evelyn Alice Buysse
 Vendla Rae Kasey
 Gemma Jean Myhre
 Wyatt Austin Muhl
 Cecily Pearl Breyfogle

DEATHS/FUNERAL SERVICES of Members

Virgil Ufkin
 Wendy Eischens
 Fran Downing
 Marlene Lien

CONFIRMANDS

Trey Gronke
 Allison Johnson
 Olivia Mahan-Deitte
 Ellie Pesch
 Laura Schmig

MARRIAGES

Hannah Prellwitz & Zac Bartels

NEW MEMBERS

REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP – Transfers Out
 Noel Orsen

GIVING PER FAMILY UNIT 2018

\$ 0	87	\$1401 – 1500	1
\$ 1 – 100	22	\$1501 – 1600	1
\$ 101 – 200	12	\$1601 – 1700	2
\$ 201 – 300	10	\$1701 – 1800	1
\$ 301 – 400	6	\$1801 – 1900	0
\$ 401 – 500	5	\$1901 – 2000	1
\$ 501 – 600	1	\$2001 – 3000	10
\$ 601 – 700	5	\$3001 – 4000	2
\$ 701 – 800	3	\$4001 – 5000	1
\$ 801 – 900	1	\$5001 – 6000	1
\$ 901 – 1000	4	\$6001 – 11000	0
\$1001 – 1100	3	<u>\$11001+</u>	<u>1</u>
\$1101 – 1200	4		186
\$1201 – 1300	0		
\$1301 – 1400	2		

Submitted by Trish Bordewyk

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-

You are all synod ministers. You are the synod as baptized ones living out your vocations in your everyday lives, inside the communities of faith of Southwestern Minnesota and beyond. Thanks for all the ways you have lived out your faith, loved your neighbors, and invited people to join you in following Christ. The attached infographic lifts up some information about our synod's life. We are also working on a new poster map to share with you that includes our vision statement.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



DEEPENING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

ENHANCING LOCAL/GLOBAL MISSION  **DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERS**

Deepen Congregational Vitality

Congregations exist to proclaim the Good News we know in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through word and sacrament. Growing gracious, generous Christians who follow Christ provide energizing focus. We are thankful for churches' sending capacity to engage God's world. Our staff continues to use tools to help congregational leaders grow and engage the work of reforming congregations to serve our changing mission field.

These involve stewardship education programs, evangelizing training that will begin in the new year, and ongoing use of planning assessments. What is God up to in your community and your congregation? God is working in your midst.

I want to share the five steps of our "Leadership for Faithful Innovation" project with Luther Seminary. A cohort of leaders is learning to slow down to more deeply engage the adaptive challenges of our time.

- LISTEN** – We are called to be "listening to God, listening to each other, listening to ourselves, and listening to the world around us."
- RECONNECT** – In addition to "Dwelling in the Word," we are also called to be "Dwelling in the World." We are called to reconnect spiritually with God's faithfulness, God's story, and God's promises to us as God's people.
- DEFINE** – The challenges God has called us to face.
- REFRAME** – "Leaders need to articulate the challenges congregations are facing in ways that invite others to learn by doing in order to discern God's movement and God's call to a new way forward." We have to be willing to change as congregations and leaders to speak to our time.
- CULTIVATE** – "(I)nvolves whole congregations cultivating life together through spiritual practices and innovation focused on discerning God's presence and joining God's work."

Enhance Local and Global Mission

Congregations that have a mission beyond themselves are healthier. Congregations that have a focused sense of mission externally and internally live with greater joy and energy. Inside of even the most challenging situations are opportunities to serve in Christ's name.

Develop Servant Leaders

We continue our work of equipping God's people for service in God's world, developing people who serve in congregations and rostered ministry. Our dream to develop our synod's "culture of call" continues to develop.

Again, Thanks

We are grateful for each of you as you live out your faith and many callings. We are thankful for your congregations and the institutions of our synod. We are grateful for your support of God's whole church – the ELCA and our Global Companions. Thanks for your faithful witness in God's world. I also want to thank our staff (particularly Pr. Linda Pedersen who has concluded her service) and the committees, boards, and council of our synod.

Bishop Jon Anderson

Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members of Hope,

As we enter 2019 at Hope Lutheran we have much to be thankful for and can look forward to another year of continued Christian work and fellowship together. Our congregation has been very blessed and while we can be encouraged by and celebrate our accomplishments, let us remember Luke 12:48 which reads "To whom much is given, from (them) much shall be required".

Our pastoral sharing agreement with St. Paul's was begun in March of 2018 with a spirit of united mission. The first year of this agreement has gone very well. Our joint leadership committees will continue to foster this relationship going forward and are working together with a joint call committee to present a full time pastor to be shared by our congregations. Pastor Drackley, with his experience, has been an important part of helping this shared agreement get off to a very smooth start. We thank him for his guidance and leadership and appreciate his willingness to take on added responsibilities.

Our GLOW program continues to be a bright light at Hope and beyond into our greater community. The leadership of this program is to be commended for their dedication to our youth educational programs. This program is reaching and ministering to more than 100 youth and their families from our church and community. The volunteer leaders, teachers, cooks and benefactors for this program are participating in a church-building effort as they provide our youth with an experience that will give them a Christian-anchor for their lives. Thank you to all involved with GLOW!

Our youth education and activities extend beyond GLOW and Confirmation to our Youth of Hope organized by Terri and Wade Myhre. This group is planning another mission trip for 2019 and are working hard fundraising for this trip which will involve more than 50 young people from our community. Thank you to Wade and Terri for their dedication to our youth!

The Board of Trustees along with the Church Council decided to expand the cemetery property so that grass and trees can be planted and allowed to mature by the time our cemetery will need that space. The church already owned the 2 1/2 acres on the south and east sides of the existing developed property, so all that was required was a survey to reestablish the boundaries and remove that area from crop farming. This project will continue into 2019.

We have continued to address the problem with the water damage from the bell tower. The inside of the tower needs to be sealed with an epoxy to prevent further decay of the inside of the tower and to seal the water out of the interior walls. There will also need to be an additional rubber liner placed on the deck in the tower and a re-routing of the water from and to the roof. The council approved \$14,000 for this repair based on the estimates from Buisse Roofing hoping that the project would be completed in the Fall, however, the weather did not cooperate so this project will continue in the spring. A special request for funding with a 2 for 1 match from the Endowment Committee resulted in \$8250 being dedicated to this project. Further donations, including a generous gift from the HLCW have helped fund this repair.

The HLCW has funded the remodeling of the fellowship hall with new flooring, carpet and decor. Thank you to them and those who helped with this project. Our fellowship hall is a warm and comfortable space for social gatherings.

Our work to improve the internet and WiFi service within the church has been completed so that there is WiFi access throughout the building. With some additional wiring, we will begin live-streaming our services so that shut-ins and distant members can view our services on-line. In addition, the video screen has been installed and will be used to enhance worship services as well as be used in our educational programs and for weddings and funerals. We need a few more volunteers that are tech-savvy (or tech-interested) to help with this new addition to our church programming.

The chimes system in the church was in need of an upgrade. With the help of the Endowment Committee, new equipment was purchased and installed just before Christmas. It was great to hear the chimes again!

The Hope Lutheran Scholarship fund has received a very generous gift from Al and Mary Geiwitz with their donation of \$500,000 to be added to the Robert E. and Alice Geiwitz Scholarship Fund. This gift brings the balance of the principle in that account to over \$1.2 million dollars which will allow Hope to provide even more substantial scholarships to our youth. We are very thankful for these gifts.

Our offer to sell 33 acres of the Gary Huso farmland to Anthony Buysse was rejected by Mr. Buysse and this negotiation was ended.

The Hope Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund has received an anonymous donation of \$500,000 from which the donor wished to establish the Hope Lutheran Building and Properties Endowment Fund. Under direction of the donor, this fund and its proceeds will be used to help pay for the maintenance and upkeep of our church building and other properties as directed by the Endowment Committee by request from the Board of Trustees. We are very thankful for this generous gift and are obligated to be faithful stewards of this donation.

The Church Council wishes to thank all the volunteers who offer their time and talents to the mission of Hope Lutheran Church. We are one body in Christ as we seek to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to others, and to strive for unity in Christ.

Scott Josephson
Chairman, Hope Lutheran Church Council

PASTOR'S REPORT

2018 in my opinion has been another great year for Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran. We have been Blessed with new members but also saddened by the loss of a few also. Some losses have occurred by God's calling them to his eternal church and a few losses through not meeting their spiritual needs. We were Blessed by many baptisms and marriages. We strive to meet the spiritual needs of all our members, but unfortunately fall short in some cases. We pray we will do better in 2019.

One of our most positive accomplishments was working out a sharing agreement with St. Paul's congregation. The ability to work together for the work of God with two congregations was and is a huge step and, in my opinion, working out very well and pray it will continue through the years.

Our youth programs continue to be very successful by the efforts of our very talented and dedicated adult leaders. We appreciate them and all the work they do! Thank you and God Bless!

The music program continues to inspire our hearts and soul. Your time, talents and inspiration is deeply appreciated. Keep up the great work!

As I stated in the December newsletter, on behalf of Virginia and I, thank you for another Blessed year of being so kind and giving to us through your generous gifts and kind words. We both have enjoyed our time here and pray it will continue until you find a permanent shepherd for your flocks. God Bless you all!

The Make A Difference offering has been used to assist several individuals this past year to make ends meet when their cash flow was burdened by unforeseen problems; providing gas, food and necessary everyday items to make their lives better or hopeful. This past year the offering took in \$565.00 and gave out \$655.00 with a balance of \$127.00 to start \$2019. The Council has established a voucher system to provide assistance under the Pastor's discretion. Thank you for that!

May God continue to bless the two congregations in their efforts to spread the good news of Jesus, our Savior.

Bruce Drackley
Interim Pastor

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

2018 has turned out to be a very successful year and one that will be very beneficial for the long term future of Hope Lutheran Church. I would personally like to thank everybody for their contributions and work.

The proposal to buy farmland was rejected by the buyer at our appraised value.

There were two large contributions; one going to the scholarship fund that the revenue from this will help fund the youth in their post education. The second contribution is designed to be setup to use the revenue off of to help fund the building fund.

We have dealt with the bell tower and have had a company lined up since last fall that we feel will make a long term fix to some of the deteriorating bricks. Unfortunately, the work couldn't get done because of the weather turning so wet and cold this fall. The chimes are working again and I hear people are enjoying them. Also, with the new video system in church, there will be more updates to come in the future.

The church looks very nice as it takes a lot of money to maintain an old building that size and still operate within our budgets. Thank you to the Trustees and all council members.

Respectfully,
Shane Bordewyk, Vice Chairman

BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons members for 2018 consisted of Jamie Lanners - Chairperson of the Board of Deacons, Lori Dyce - Secretary of the Board of Deacons & Food Shelf Coordinator, Betty Prellwitz - Communion Servers, Jamie Lanners - Meals on the Move, Stan Miller – Lectors, and Patrick Petersen

Some of our activities this year included: Our annual Swedish Meatball Supper & Bake Sale along with a Silent Auction was well attended in October. Mission Sunday with guest speaker Marie Henriksen was held in October this year, followed by a delicious dinner which included Ham O-Brien, coleslaw & deserts. Thank you to all who helped prepare the meal-as it is a 2 day ordeal to get those potatoes just right! All Saint's Sunday in November remembered all deceased and baptized members this past year, with members or relatives lighting a candle for those if they wished. Thanksgiving service was held at St. Edward's Catholic Church this year. We now have a video TV screen set up at the front of the church that will be used during services and we are ready to start the training on the video system. If you are interested in learning the video system please reach out to any council member.

In 2018, our walk around offerings supported these local charitable organizations: Heartland Girls Ranch, Food Shelf, Salvation Army, Safe Harbors (sex trafficking prevention), Hope Harbor, Backpack Program-school supplies, Ester's Kitchen, Missionary split/Lutheran World Relief, SMSU Campus Ministry and extra walk around for the Puerto Rican Farmers. Thank you for your contributions to make a difference in all these programs! If you have any suggestions that you would like to see supported by our monthly church walk arounds, please feel free to share your suggestions with us.

Welcome to all the new members we've had this past year and we continue to look forward to growing as a congregation. If you are interested in volunteering or helping in any of the church and/or community activities, please reach out to any member of the church council.

“Each one should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you again for all your contributions in making 2018 a great year and looking forward to further growth in 2019!

Thank you,
Jamie Lanners - Chairperson of the Board of Deacons

Work Groups Contribute

Work groups continue to be important at Hope Lutheran as they are the “service” part of our congregation.

Three work groups cover the 12 months of the year. Their main duties are providing ushers, nursery sitters and coffee servers at our weekly services. Other special duties include providing cookies for bloodmobiles, cleaning the nursery and kitchen and helping with birthday parties at the Minneota Manor.

The work groups are also called, on a rotating basis, for funerals of our members. Funeral Coordinator, Marilyn Kompelien, calls the appropriate work group and shares information of funeral date and time, the number expected and what is being served. That work group then responds by calling for workers and cakes.

All of this is done through our work group chairmen. They are called by the Deacons and shoulder the responsibilities for their month of service.

Those who served as chairmen in 2018 were: Erin Roberts, Barb Okrina, Jamie Lanners, Clark & Jena Corbin, Caryn Hetland, Sandy Tolk, Kevin & Jamie Anderson, Fig & Linda Nuytten, Moriah Reiss and Roberta Josephson.

Each of these members are appreciated for their work for the good of the whole congregation. As Jesus did, they agreed to serve others with little reward. Thank you 2018 Work Group Chairmen and all those who said “yes” when called.

Jamie Lanners, Deacon

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Education I want to say thank you to everyone for their support in all of the many activities this past year in supporting our youth. We also recognize the many countless hours of time and effort by our volunteers to make each activity a success. Thank you everyone very much!

God’s Love on Wednesdays (GLOW) began its 5th year with very good participation. We continue to see new families participating in GLOW activities. All church members are invited to be part of the GLOW experience so please come for fun, food and fellowship.

The Confirmation Program saw 5 students confirmed on October 28th 2018. Thank you to Pastor Bruce who has been leading the Confirmation Program this past fall.

The Youth of Hope (YOH) has been busy planning and fundraising for the Mission Trip planned for this Summer. Thanks for all the support for this as well. The past Mission Trips have gone very well. This year’s Mission Trip will be in Niagara Falls. There will be 59 students, 11 chaperones along with Pastor Bruce going.

Teen Power continues to be an active part of the Wednesday night activities. An important activity from the group was the Soles4Souls where they collected shoes for those in need. This has been a great group for our teenage members to get together and continue to build their faith.

We want to thank again the many volunteers who have worked so hard to make all of the activities a success for the children of Hope Lutheran Church. We also want to thank all members of the Hope Lutheran Church for your support to make the activities the children participate in successful, enriching and rewarding experiences for them. Thank you!

Respectively submitted,
Moriah Reiss, Education Chairperson

GLOW (God's Love on Wednesdays)

The fifth year of GLOW kicked off in September. GLOW, again, had a lot of volunteers who continue to offer us their time and talents. The classes were combined as follows: PreK-K (Amie and Trevor Ascherman), 1-2 (Sydney Larson), 3-4 (Kathy Opdahl), 5-6 (Keven Larson), and 7 (Moriah Reiss). We are so thankful for those who are in kitchen every Wednesday—Brenda Swoboda and Linda Nuytten. They have a sign-up sheet to help in the kitchen on a shift every Wednesday. Hopefully these shifts continue to get filled in and they receive the help they need from the GLOW families. We serve supper to about 85-95 weekly and have about 60-75 kids in class. We thank all the teachers and kitchen managers so much for their hard work week after week.

Our curriculum continues to be excellent. The teachers have everything they need in the box for the week and 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 at 6:45 for a short, energetic service with contemporary music, message, and our much-loved GLOW prayer.

GLOW had a fantastic Christmas program once again. It was led by Jess Gronke, Emily Hennen, and Tegan Gillund. 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'd 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,
Bree Anderson & Erin Roberts, Directors

Teen Power

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6
Teen Power meets every Wednesday evening as the Hope Lutheran High School education contingent of GLOW (God's Love On Wednesdays). We are usually eating supper at about 5:30, lesson time at 6:00, and then large group GLOW time at 6:45. We have devotions and share individual 'highs and lows' weekly. We have a lesson and discuss how God, Christ, and Bible scriptures influence our lives today. We also talk about being grateful and how we can reach out and provide help to others. The Teen Power students are also members of Youth of Hope and many of them are part of the 2019 Mission Trip to New York this summer.

We collected shoes for our annual SOLES4SOULS shoe drive. The collection of shoes, sandals, and boots was picked up from Taunton and Minneota businesses, schools, and churches and delivered to Schuller Shoes in St. Cloud, MN on Wednesday, January 16. After unloading the shoes, one of the employees shared with us that after they are paired and sorted, the shoes go to four different places. The nicer ones may be donated then sold at shelters for \$5.00 with the money then being donated to the food shelf, some stay in Minnesota with a program called 'Good for the Hood', some go to other countries where they are needed for people without shoes, and the rest, if pretty worn out or are singles, are shredded and used for playground rubber mulch. What a terrific contribution our church and community shared with others who are in need! Thanks to all who donated shoes, the businesses, churches, and schools that are willing to be drop-off sites for us, and to Barb and Gene Fodness for their contribution to help pay for gas for our trip to St. Cloud. Our student co-coordinators this year were Grace Jeremiason, Sydney Larson, Nolan Boerboom, Jackson Jeremiason, and Blake Reiss, with everyone in Teen Power helping with getting boxes delivered to local businesses.

We practiced our lines and songs on Wednesday nights in November and December for our GLOW Christmas Program which was the December 16th church service. As well as our Minneota area kids, we are happy to have a foreign exchange student, Sebastiano Beraldo, who is living with Moriah and Chad Reiss this year, with us this year being active in our GLOW program.

All 11th-12th graders, and 10th graders after Confirmation are invited to join us for supper and then in the church lounge for fellowship every Wednesday evening. I am so happy and proud that we have such a terrific group of youth in this congregation! It's an honor to be with them and to grow spiritually every Wednesday evening!

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Roberta Josephson

Confirmation

Five students were confirmed by Pastor Bruce Drackley on Reformation Sunday on October 28, 2018. The five students were: Barry Gronke III, Allison Johnson, Olivia Mahan-Deitte, Eleanor Pesch and Laura Schmig. The students presented their statement of faith and an explanation of their chosen Bible verse to the church council and their families on Monday, October 22nd during Faith Statement night.

Twenty students are currently attending Wednesday night classes from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Classes are being taught by Pastor Bruce Drackley.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Knutson

Youth of Hope

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” — Audrey Hepburn. If we stop to think about this quote for a minute, we can reflect on what we are learning as we prepare for Mission Trip 2019. As a community, we are working together to achieve one goal, and working hand in hand to be of service to others. We are representing the Minneota and Ivanhoe communities, who have helped us so generously - both financially and spiritually. During the holiday season, we gave the kids an opportunity to give back to the communities, and assembled wooden snowmen to have on display at area businesses. A small, simple gesture that brought the business community together with the mission trip group. How easy it is to give to others, and expect nothing in return. And what a tremendous feeling it is to give! The students involved in the mission trip are experiencing the opportunity to give their time and abilities to help others. They are finding that there is true

joy in giving, and expecting nothing in return. And they are blessed by the amazing support of 5 congregations!

Hope Lutheran will have 23 Youth of Hope members participating in the upcoming trip to Niagara Falls, NY. The group will be departing on June 23rd and returning on June 29th. There will be 5 chaperones from Hope, as well as Pastor Bruce, on the trip. We are continuously reminded of the incredible support that is offered to us by Hope Lutheran members, and we are eternally grateful for all we have been given. A total of 59 youth, all students from Minneota High School, and 12 chaperones will be embarking on a journey to help others. Whether we are working at community clean-up events, working in kid's clubs, or assisting the elderly and those less fortunate, we will be grateful for the opportunity. We will be comforted and driven knowing that the Hope Lutheran Congregation will be praying for us and supporting our endeavor. We THANK YOU for all that you are doing for this group, and appreciate your support. Please continue to pray for us as we finalize plans and prepare for what this trip will mean to each of us.

Terri Myhre
Youth of Hope

HOPE LUTHERAN MUSIC/WORSHIP PROGRAM

Jubilation

Jubilation has remained a strong portion of Hope's Music Program. And this past year we made a major change in membership.

We now welcome students in grades seven and older to come and join Jubilation. It was noted that there was no longer a choir for our musical youth to enjoy and that prompted us to make a change.

Our older members have remained very committed to the choir and now we have additional younger members to balance out our voices. It has been a very good change.

Gayle VanVooren continues to direct the choir and she is appreciative of Roberta Josephson and Kassandra Denney who step up to help when she is gone. Nona Gottskalkson continues as pianist and she is also appreciated for the skills she brings to the group. Val Buysse also takes a turn at the piano occasionally, a very big help.

The choir sings most Sundays, except the second one each month, when our Praise Band leads worship. And when there are issues with timing, musical members step up to share special music.

Music is chosen to reflect the theme of the day and add to the message of the worship service. It takes time but is for the benefit of the congregation and choir as well.

Currently Jubilation has a balance of \$2,194.40 in its bank account. This is used to cover new music throughout the various seasons.

Come and make music with Jubilation. We meet on Wednesday evenings at about 7:15p.m., when GLOW is finished, to prepare music for the next week. New members are always welcome as we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle VanVooren, Jubilation Director

Praise Band

The Praise Band continues to lead the worship here at Hope Lutheran once a month from October- April. We have changed our Sunday to the second Sunday of the month, so it doesn't interfere with quite so many special days on the church calendar. Members include: Darwin Dyce, Val Buysse, Scott Josephson, Scott

Anderson, Scott Knutson, Emily Hoffmann, Erin Roberts, Kassandra Denney and Nona Gottskalkson. Greg Gottskalkson usually runs our sound. Susan Schreier fills in at times for Val on the keyboard. We anticipate using the new video screen, to make our service even more enjoyable. We have learned a couple new songs this year and try to incorporate a variety of the favorites of past years as well. Again, if you hear a praise song that you would like us to do, let one of our members know.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Nona Gottskalkson

Music & Worship Committee

The music and worship committee meets every six weeks or so to plan the weekly and special services here at Hope Lutheran. Members attending the meetings this year have been: Val Buysse, Gayle VanVooren, Roberta Josephson, Emily Hoffman, Kassandra Denney, and Nona Gottskalkson. This Fall the Praise band decided to play on the second Sunday of the month since many Holidays seem to fall on the fourth Sunday. We have also started a sing-a-long at 8:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month to incorporate more music for the children, while also adding a “song of the month” for the children and everyone to learn. Communion Sundays have remained the same, the first and third Sundays. We use our ELCA “Sundays and Seasons” yearly planning guide to help us with our planning. We also try to incorporate favorite hymns and children’s songs as well. If you have a favorite song you would like to suggest, please let one of the members know.

Respectfully submitted,

Nona Gottskalkson

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (HLCW)

This was an active year 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.

Eight quilts for the graduating seniors were completed and given out. Thrivent funds were used to partially pay for the needed supplies.

The Spring Gathering was held in Sillerud church in Balaton on April 21, 2018. The Ascension Brunch was held on May 30, 2018 with more than 73 ladies attending. The Fall Gathering was held on October 6, 2018 in Tyler.

Supplies used in the kitchen are kept current by the Vice President of the HLCW.

The Meatball Supper and Bake Sale were held on November 4, 2018 and was quite successful. The quilt raffle was drawn for and presented to the winner. Some of the funds from these activities were given to various charities and a large sum was given toward the Bell Tower project. The flooring project in the Fellowship Hall has been completed and a new wall clock was donated, as well as various wall decorations. The rose mauling plates were relocated in various areas. Rita Dovre, along with several others, washed and rehanging the crochet banner in the Fellowship Hall.

The Cheer Committee, formerly led by Berniece Helgeson, continues to send cards for birthdays and other occasions. This committee also makes visits and delivers fruit baskets to those who have been hospitalized.

A Christmas potluck was held on December 13th at noon, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

The HLCW is an important part of the functioning of our church. Many churches no longer have women's groups. Hope is fortunate to have an active one. A big thank you goes to all those who helped with the various projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Fodness, Secretary

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marlys Skaar, President

HOPE LUTHERAN CEMETERY BOARD

The Cemetery Board had another busy year.

Work completed or required as of 12/31/2018:

- The 6 remaining diseased ash trees were removed from the property. We would like to plant replacement trees in 2019.
- A new lawn mower was purchased and Maryls Skaar performed the lawn mowing and manicuring of the Cemetery. With all the wet weather it was a constant challenge but Maryls did a great job.
- We were unable to get any of the monuments raised or straightened in 2018. This remains an ongoing project.
- All adjacent undeveloped land owned by the church was surveyed and prepped for lawn planting. This unfortunately was a somewhat contentious issue for the board. We had a lot of valuable input and vigorous debate on whether or not to develop this land. There are many available plots on the east end of the cemetery and a scattering of available plots within the central and western parts of the cemetery, so some suggested that we could wait, and that a bigger cemetery costs more to maintain. Others felt that since it takes 30+ years to grow a decent shade tree and make any new addition look acceptable, that now was the appropriate time to push forward with the expansion. In the end, the Trustees voted to move forward with the expansion.

- We have purchased the grass seed to plant the adjacent land to lawn, but the weather did not cooperate and we were unable to get it planted this fall. We will be planting the entire parcel to lawn this spring.
- A cemetery clean-up day was well attended this spring. Trees were trimmed and low spots were filled in.
- There has been preliminary planning and discussion around adding an additional driveway on the east side of the cemetery with an approach to 340th street. This new driveway would loop around to the west and tie in to the existing driveway by the maintenance building. This improvement is still in the planning phase.

The Hope Lutheran Cemetery Council Members appreciate any help financially or physically you may be able to help with.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Dovre

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hagen

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY REPORT

The Committee has seven active members. We have given out 34 prayer shawls/afghans in 2018. Thank you to all who contributed to the ministry.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 2018		\$ 12,587.63	
REGULAR INCOME			
Regular Offering Envelopes	\$ 80,732.84		
Loose Offering	\$ 20,471.60		
St. Paul's Offering	\$ 13,640.00		
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 744.00		
Cover Expenses - Member Designated	\$ 150.00		
TOTAL REGULAR INCOME		\$ 115,738.44	
OTHER INCOME/LOANS			
Mission Related/Hunger/Food Shelf	\$ 1,158.92		
Special Offering – Flooring Fund	\$ 1,055.00		
Special Offering – Allan Josephson	\$ 10,000.00		
Walk Around Offerings	\$ 4,586.73		
Endowment Fund Matches	\$ 5,723.46		
Refunds/Reimbursements/Transfers	\$ 189.00		
Cemetery Reimbursement for Social Security	\$ 824.22		
TOTAL OTHER INCOME/LOANS		\$ 23,537.33	
TOTAL ALL INCOME/LOANS			\$ 151,863.40
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
Outreach	\$ 3,949.50		
Worship	\$ 4,238.11		
Parish Education	\$ 2,243.16		
Administration	\$ 18,229.74		
Salaries	\$ 53,209.67		
Properties	\$ 38,846.65		
Church/Parsonage Lawn Mowing	\$ 980.00		
Building Fund	\$.00		
Cemetery Fund	\$ 3,050.00		
Benevolence	\$.00		
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		\$ 129,746.83	
OTHER EXPENDITURES/LOANS			
Mission Related/Hunger/Food Shelf	\$ 2,478.00		
Thrivent Choice Dollars - Member Designated	\$ 58.00		
Walk Around Offerings	\$ 5,582.46		
Transfers (Allan Josephson to Bldg; Petty Cash)	\$ 12,955.00		
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES/LOANS		\$ 21,073.46	
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES/LOANS			\$ 145,820.29
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2018			\$ 6,043.11

2018 BUDGETED, ACTUAL & 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

CATEGORY	2018 Budget	YTD 12/31/18	Over/Under	2019 Proposed Budget
<u>OUTREACH</u>				
1a. Synod	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
1d. Prairie Conference	\$ 400.00	\$ 127.50	\$ (272.50)	\$ 400.00
1e. Bible Camps	\$ 300.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 300.00
1f. SMSU Campus Ministry	\$ 250.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 250.00
1g. Lutheran Social Services	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)	\$ 50.00
Total Outreach	\$4,000.00	\$3,949.50	(\$50.50)	\$4,000.00
<u>WORSHIP</u>				
2a. Church Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,472.11	\$ (527.89)	\$ 4,000.00
2b. Music	\$ 400.00	\$ 766.00	\$ 366.00	\$ 500.00
2c. Guest Speakers/Pastors	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600.00)	\$ 600.00
Total Worship	\$5,000.00	\$4,238.11	(\$761.89)	\$5,100.00
<u>PARISH EDUCATION</u>				
3b. Vacation Bible School	\$ 750.00	\$ 338.31	\$ (411.69)	\$ 1,000.00
3d. Adult	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)	\$ 200.00
3e. Library	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)	\$ 50.00
3f. Campers	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00
3g. GLOW	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
3h. Bibles	\$ 300.00	\$ 404.85	\$ 104.85	\$ 500.00
3i. YOH	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Total Parish Education	\$3,300.00	\$2,243.16	(\$1,056.84)	\$3,750.00
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
4a. Telephone / Internet	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,566.44	\$ 66.44	\$ 2,000.00
4b. Office Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,358.54	\$ 558.54	\$ 1,000.00
4c. Office Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,538.10	\$ 1,038.10	\$ 2,500.00
4d. Postage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 397.00	\$ (603.00)	\$ 500.00
4e. Mileage - Pastor	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 9,600.00
4f. Conventions--Conferences	\$ 1,000.00		\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00
4g. Bank Fees (Bank Debit References)		\$ 169.66		
4h. Newspaper Ads	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ 50.00
4i. Lawyer Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
4j. Moving Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00
Total Administration	\$19,650.00	\$ 18,229.74	\$660.08	\$18,650.00

	2018 Budget	YTD 12/31/18	Over/Under	2019 Proposed Budget
SALARIES				
5a. Pastor - Salary (Includes Possible New Pastor/Partial Year)	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 25,479.70	\$ (28,520.30)	\$ 54,000.00
5b. Pastor - Pension/Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5c. Pastor - Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5d. Pastor - Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00
5f. Secretary	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 12,110.42	\$ 2,610.42	\$ 10,650.00
5g. Custodian	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,565.68	\$ (234.32)	\$ 13,056.00
5h.1. Organist (FICA deducted)	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,750.00
5h.2. Pianist (No FICA deducted)	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 2,000.00
5i. Social Security		\$ (1,820.55)		
5m. Medicare		\$ (175.58)		
5j. Honorariums	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
Total Salaries	\$80,380.00	\$ 53,209.67	(\$25,174.20)	\$82,756.00
PROPERTIES				
6a. Insurance (Includes Worker's Comp Ins)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,537.50	\$ (462.50)	\$ 11,000.00
6c. Church - Heat - Electricity	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 17,159.23	\$ 3,159.23	\$ 15,000.00
6d. Church - Heat - Propane	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 839.84	\$ (660.16)	\$ 1,500.00
6e. Parsonage - Electricity	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 684.19	\$ (365.81)	\$ 750.00
6f. Parsonage - Heat - Propane	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 884.75	\$ (115.25)	\$ 900.00
6g. Water/Sewer/Garbage - Church	\$ 775.00	\$ 603.49	\$ (171.51)	\$ 450.00
6g1. Water/Sewer/Garbage - Parsonage	\$ 775.00	\$ 651.16	\$ (123.84)	\$ 550.00
6h. Janitor Suppliers	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,350.24	\$ 250.24	\$ 1,100.00
6i. Snow Removal/Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,406.25	\$ (593.75)	\$ 2,000.00
6k. Parsonage Upkeep		\$ -		\$ -
6n1. Church Lawn Mowing	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
6n2. Parsonage Lawn Mowing		\$ 980.00		\$ 500.00
6p. Property Tax	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Total Properties	\$37,930.00	\$ 39,826.65	\$916.65	\$34,280.00
7. HOME BENEVOLENCE	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ 300.00
8. CONTINGENCY	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 1,200.00
9. BUILDING FUND	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
9a. CEMETERY FUND	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 500.00
9b. NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$ 21,073.46		\$ 4,000.00
TOTALS:	\$154,210.00	\$ 145,820.29	(\$21,366.70)	\$152,536.00

WALK AROUND OFFERINGS

Heartland Girls Ranch	\$173.00
Food Shelf/Esther's Kitchen	1,850.00
Salvation Army	177.00
Safe Harbor	147.00
Hope Harbor	254.00
Backpack Program	1,325.46
Lake Shetek Bible Camps	312.00
Missionary/Lutheran World Relief	2,028.00
SMSU Campus Ministry	921.00
Puerto Rican Farmers	570.00
	<u>\$7,757.46</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2018 **\$ 1,563.44**

INCOME

Sunday Coffee	\$ 618.88
Funeral	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous:	
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 975.00

Total Income **\$ 1,793.88** **\$ 3,357.32**

EXPENSES

Kitchen	\$ 2,246.22
Flowers	\$ 54.00
Miscellaneous:	
Mission Dinner Costs	\$ 104.97
Office Supplies	\$ 35.00
Postage	\$ 648.56

Total Expenses **\$ 3,088.75**

BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2018 **\$ 268.57**

CORNERSTONE FUND

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2018 **\$ 14,028.23**

INCOME

Interest Income	\$ 1.43
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Total Income **\$ 1.43** **\$ 14,029.66**

EXPENSES

	\$ -
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Total Expenses **\$ -**

BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2018 **\$ 14,029.66**

BUILDING FUND

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2018		\$ 4,229.28
INCOME		
Member Designated Offerings	\$ 9,849.27	
Miscellaneous		
Bell Tower	\$ 8,250.00	
Commodity Checks	\$ 1,000.00	
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,025.00	
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 10,000.00	
Chimes	\$ 1,495.00	
Total Income	\$ 31,619.27	\$ 35,848.55
EXPENSES		
Church Maintenance	\$ 13,556.87	
Piano	\$ 170.00	
Parsonage Repairs	\$ 250.00	
Miscellaneous		
Internet	\$ 1,690.00	
Cemetery	\$ 2,247.83	
Total Expenses	\$ 17,914.70	
BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2018		<u><u>\$ 17,933.85</u></u>

BUILDING FUND - MONEY MARKET

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2018		\$ 150.60
INCOME		
	-	
Total Income	\$ -	\$ 150.60
EXPENSES		
	-	
Total Expenses	\$ -	
BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2018		<u><u>\$ 150.60</u></u>

GLOW FUND

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2018		\$ 5,013.81
INCOME		
Food Offering Income	\$ 3,210.80	
General Fund Budgeted Line Item	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Income	\$ 4,210.80	\$ 9,224.61
EXPENSES		
GLOW Supplies	\$ 839.37	
Kitchen/Food Supplies	\$ 3,768.64	
Total Expenses	\$ 4,608.01	
BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2018		<u><u>\$ 4,616.60</u></u>

**HOPE LUTHERAN CEMETERY
PERMANENT CARE FUND**

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2018

National Financial Services	\$80,103.43	
Gordon Johnson Memorial-COD	5,500.00	
Bank of the West-MMIS	<u>3,613.30</u>	
		\$89,216.73

RECEIPTS

Interest from CODS	\$.30	
Interest from National Fin. Services	3,836.48	
Nat'l Financial-market value adjustment	1,226.08	
Sale of 2 lots (40%)	<u>960.00</u>	
		<u>\$6,022.86</u>
		\$95,239.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Interest transferred to General Fund	\$3,836.78	
		<u>\$3,836.78</u>
		\$91,402.81

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2018

*National Financial Services	\$81,329.51	
Bank of the West-MMIS	<u>10,073.30</u>	
		\$91,402.81

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

**Gordon Johnson memorial included in this balance.

Lois VanDePutte, Treasurer

**HOPE LUTHERAN CEMETERY
GENERAL FUND**

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2018

Bank of the West-Checking	\$2,536.15	
Bank of the West-MMIS	1,941.79	
Bank of the West-MMIS (lawn mower fund)	212.00	
Donald Rye Memorial-MMIS	337.85	
		\$5,027.79

RECEIPTS

Interest Income-MMIS	\$9.53	
Interest Income-COD-Permanent Care	.30	
Interest Income/National Financial Service	3,836.48	
Donations	60.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	58.00	
Hope Lutheran Church (Budgeted)	500.00	
Hope Lutheran Endowment – Lawn Mower Purchase	2,500.00	
Minneota Manor – Sale of Lawn Mower	2,000.00	
Land Rent Income	60.00	
Sale of 6 lots (60%)	1,440.00	
		<u>\$10,464.31</u>
		\$15,492.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Social Security	\$317.45	
Mowing	4,149.75	
Mower Gas	332.49	
Mower Purchase – Kibble Equipment	4,600.00	
Lyon-Lincoln Electric	648.21	
Hope Lutheran – Portion of Cost for Removal of 6 Trees	800.00	
Purchase Push Mower	139.16	
Wayne Skaar-Honorarium	200.00	
		<u>\$11,187.06</u>
		\$4,305.04

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2018

Bank of the West-checking account	\$1,563.57	
Bank of the West-MMIS	2,330.62	
Bank of the West-MMIS (lawn mower fund)	73.00	
Donald Rye Memorial – MMIS	337.85	
		<u>\$4,305.04</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lois VanDePutte, Treasurer

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

2018

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2018 **\$1,748.57**

RECEIPTS

Circle Offerings	\$185.00	
Worship Offering	189.00	
Ascension Brunch	5.00	
Fall Festival	3,424.86	
Donations	350.00	
Miscellaneous	134.00	
Total Receipts	<hr/>	<u>\$4,287.86</u>
		<u>\$6,036.43</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Quilting Supplies	\$250.96	
Ascension Brunch	69.50	
Conference/Synod Offerings	186.97	
Cards	84.60	
Cheer Committee	200.00	
Food Shelf	100.00	
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries	100.00	
Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp	100.00	
Hope Harbor	100.00	
Fall Festival	363.36	
Hope Lutheran Building Fund – Bell Tower	1,500.00	
Gifts	200.00	
Church-wide WELCA	141.75	
Postage	12.00	
Total Disbursements	<hr/>	<u>\$3,409.14</u>

Balance on Hand, December 31, 2018 **\$2,627.29**

*Thrivent Action Team dollars were applied as follows:

Quilting Project - \$250.00
Ascension Bruch - \$250.00
Fall Festival Dinner - \$250.00

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Rokeh, Treasurer

HOPE LUTHERAN MEMORIAL FUND

Memorial Funds on Hand, January 1, 2018 **\$26,432.45**

Memorial Receipts for 2018

LaVonne Alleckson	\$1,055.00	
Tom Brewers	40.00	
Fran Downing	20.00	
Wendy Eischens	60.00	
Eveline Koehne	40.00	
Marlene Lien	125.00	
Virgil Ufkin	120.00	
Donation	100.00	
Interest Income	11.02	
Total Memorial Receipts	<u>11.02</u>	<u>\$1,571.02</u>
		<u>\$28,003.47</u>

Memorial Disbursements for 2018

Rita Dovre (yarn for prayer shawls)	\$319.60	
Nona Gottskalkson (painting)	783.00	
Kasey Denney (painting)	652.50	
Hometown Kitchen & Bath (flooring)	8,273.00	
Chad's Flooring (floor installation)	3,853.60	
Loralee Miller (yarn for prayer shawls)	8.00	
Total Memorial Disbursements	<u>8.00</u>	<u>\$13,889.80</u>

Total Memorial Funds on Hand, December 31, 2018 **\$14,113.67**

Memorial Fund Balances as of December 31, 2018

Altar Guild Fund	\$421.00	
Prayer Shawl Fund	407.65	
Banner Fund	482.07	
Youth of Hope	510.00	
Bell Choir Fund	178.37	
Bell Tower Fund	583.00	
Cemetery Fund	238.00	
Building Fund	20.00	
Landscaping Fund	14.75	
Bible Camp Fund	300.00	
Library Fund	823.50	
Music Fund	718.95	
GLOW	2,700.00	
Praise Band Fund	2,414.40	
Sanctuary Projector and Screen Fund	913.00	
Undesignated Fund	3,388.98	
Memorial Funds on Hand, December 31, 2018	<u>3,388.98</u>	<u><u>\$14,113.67</u></u>

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hagen, Treasurer**

YOUTH OF HOPE FUND
GENERAL FUND

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2019 YOH Checking **\$ 10,302.39**

CASH ON HAND **\$ 150.00**

RECEIPTS:

Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Match for Turkey Dinner **\$ 2,000.00**

Gourmet Pizza Sales **\$ 357.50**

BALANCE ON HAND AND RECEIPTS> **\$12,809.89**

DISBURSEMENTS:

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS >

GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND – January 12, 2019 **\$12,809.89**

YOUTH OF HOPE FUND BALANCE – January 12, 2019 **\$12,809.89**

Submitted by Youth of Hope Treasurer Brian Jeremiason and Jackson Jeremiason

Balance on Hand - January 1, 2018 **\$ 10,313.63**

Receipts

Deposits for Mission Trip \$ 2,950.00

Turkey Dinner - Includes 2 for 1 Match from Endowment \$ 2,936.08

Baking Day \$ 649.28

Gourmet Pizza Sales \$ 2,465.00

Spaghetti Supper \$ 842.25

Brad's Bucks \$ 1,995.75

Brad's Bucks \$ 472.50

Brad's Bucks \$ 854.50

Swanson Auction Lunch \$ 702.20

Bake Sale \$ 186.30

FCA Plant Sale \$ 685.25

Ice Cream Sales - Farmers Market \$ 68.96

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser \$ 364.40

Swanson Wedding Serving \$ 420.00

Lockwoods Carwash \$ 1,665.42

Schwan's Promo \$ 380.96

Wilno Breakfast \$ 1,531.34

Foodstand at Football Games \$ 947.86

Roast Beef Dinner - Includes Donation and 2 for 1 Match \$ 5,602.04

Peterson Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser \$ 307.92

Butter Braid Sales \$ 3,456.50

Boxelder Bug Days Lunch \$ 735.84

Total Receipts \$ 30,220.35

Balance on Hand and Receipts **\$ 40,533.98**

Disbursements

Youth Works Deposit	\$ 3,150.00	
Supplies	\$ 45.09	
Lock Box	\$ 18.14	
Deposit Stamp	\$ 26.95	
Pederson Travel	\$ 18,000.00	
Returned Checks - Uncollectable	\$ 192.00	
Wyhe's Choice Fundraisers	\$ 2,064.50	
Youth Works Payment	\$ 6,300.00	
Terri Myhre - Reimburse for Travel Expenses	\$ 480.00	
		<hr/>
Total Disbursements		\$ 30,231.59

General Fund Balance on Hand January 1, 2019 \$ 10,302.39

Hope Lutheran Endowment Fund Report**2018****Balance on Hand January 1, 2018**

Endowment Fund	\$ 565,474.56	
Farm Account	\$ 1,400.76	
Checking Account	\$ 4,214.47	
		<hr/>
		\$ 571,089.79

RECEIPTS

Endowment Fund Income	\$ 17,719.27	
Endowment Fund Other	\$ 714.00	
Farm Account - Rent	\$ 30,000.00	
Farm Account - Interest	\$ 0.34	
Checking Account - Transfer from Farm Account	\$ 22,100.76	
		<hr/>
		\$ 70,534.37
		\$ 641,624.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Endowment Fund Change in Market Value	\$ 57,184.59
Endowment Fund Expenses, Fees, Taxes	\$ 6,153.09
Farm Account Farm Management Fee	\$ 2,100.00
Farm Account Taxes	\$ 6,120.00
Farm Account - Transfer to Checking Account	\$ 22,100.76
Farm Account - Appraisal	\$ 950.00
Checking Account - Checks	\$ 23.00
Hometown Kitchen & Bath - Flooring	\$ 655.48
Hope Lutheran - GLOW	\$ 1,025.00
Hope Lutheran Building Fund	\$ 9,633.05
Youth of Hope	\$ 5,962.00
Hope Lutheran Cemetery	\$ 3,775.00
Food Shelf Match	\$ 925.00
Food Box Program Match	\$ 1,325.46

SMSU Campus Ministry	\$	614.00	
Christmas Angels	\$	200.00	
Puerto Rico Farmers Match	\$	570.00	
Mission Offering Match	\$	1,014.00	
			<u>\$ 120,330.43</u>
			<u>\$ 521,293.73</u>

Balance on Hand December 1, 2018

Endowment Fund	\$	520,570.15	
Farm Account	\$	130.34	
Checking Account	\$	593.24	
			<u>\$ 521,293.73</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Belaen, Financial Secretary

PENNINGS INVESTMENT FUND

Pennings Funds -- Capital Income Builder Fund Class A -- CAIBX	Market Value	\$7,602.13
Pennings Funds -- Franklin High Income Class A -- FHAIX	Market Value	\$13,925.50

**THE FLOYD & AGNES HETTLING MISSIONARY
 SPONSORSHIP FUND**

BALANCE ON HAND – JANUARY 1, 2018		\$10,000.00
Interest Income	<u>\$174.00</u>	
Total Income	\$174.00	
Interest Withdrawal	<u>\$174.00</u>	
Total Withdrawal	\$174.00	
BALANCE ON HAND – DECEMBER 31, 2018		<u><u>\$10,000.00</u></u>

ROBERT E. AND ALICE V. GEIWITZ SCHOLARSHIP

Balance on Hand - January 1, 2018: **\$684,546.31**

Assets:

At Bank of the West:			
Franklin Funds	26% of FCISX, FCHIX	\$36,144.19	
Checking Balance		<u>\$506,525.92</u>	
	Total Assets:		\$542,670.11

At Morgan-Stanley:			
Equities		\$22,874.36	
Cash, Deposit, Money Market		\$146,231.50	
Fixed Income & Preferreds		<u>\$413,326.46</u>	
	Total Assets:		<u>\$582,432.32</u>

Balance on Hand - December 31, 2018: **\$1,125,102.43**

Scholarships Awarded in 2018 - Given in January of 2019

First Year Students

Trent Esping
 Laura Knutson
 Tyler Myhre
 Riley Yost

Second Year Students

Elizabeth Davis
 Sienna Mahan-Deitte
 Lauryn Hanson
 Brendan Reiss
 Austin Thompson
 Faith VanDam
 Serrifia Vick

Third Year Students

Rachel Knutson
 Ivy Mahan-Deitte
 Matt Myhre
 Henry Pesch
 Avery VanOverbeke

Fourth Year Students

Payton Boerboom
 Nick Esping
 Matt Knutson
 Taylor Reiss
 Troy Skaar
 Meghan Travis
 Victoria VanDam

Graduate Students

Adam Josephson
 Kalley Kloos

EXHIBIT A

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2018		\$684,546.31
Family Contribution	\$500,000.00	
Franklin Reinvestments/Interest/Growth-Morgan Stanley	<u>(\$19,843.88)</u>	
		\$480,156.12
Less Scholarship for All State Choir – Laura Knutson		(\$400.00)
Less Scholarships Awarded – Paid in January 2018		<u>(\$39,200.00)</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2018		<u>\$1,125,102.43</u>

AGNES RYE SCHOLARSHIP - MEDICAL RELATED

Balance on Hand 1/1/19 (24% of FCISX) - \$13,997.72

DONALD AND SUSAN RYE SCHOLARSHIP - AG/BUSINESS RELATED

Balance on Hand 1/1/19 (11% of FCISX) - \$6,415.62

HOPE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Balance on Hand 1/1/19 (12% of FCISX) - \$6,998.86

Balance on Hand 1/1/19 Hope Education Checking - \$793.72

ALBERT AND HAZEL BORSON SCHOLARSHIP

Balance on Hand 1/1/19 (27% of FCISX) - \$15,747.43

NORMAN & LILLIAN LARSON SCHOLARSHIP

Balance on Hand 1/1/19 (TEGBX) - \$11,834.84

SAMPLE VOTING BALLOT

Church Council

(Nominees for 2018 – vote for up to seven)

3-year term	_____	_____

Nominating Committee

(Nominees for 2020 – vote for up to three)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Synod Assembly

(Nominees for 2019 – vote for up to two)

_____	_____
_____	_____

Endowment

(Nominees for 2019 – vote for up to two)

_____	_____
_____	_____

Call Committee

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Cemetery Board

(Nominees for 2019 – vote for up to two. Terms to be determined by board.)

3 – year term	_____	_____
3 – year term	_____	_____