



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.

HOPE LUTHERAN & ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April, 2022

Sunday Worship:

Hope—9:00 AM
St. Paul's—10:30 AM
With Communion
on the first and third
Sundays

GLOW:

God's Love On
Wednesdays
5:30 PM Supper
6:00 PM GLOW
6:00 PM Confirmation
Classes

Coffee & Fellowship:

Hope—10:00 AM

**Hope Services Are
Live Streamed on
Facebook**

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A Note from the Pastor

'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' Luke 9:22

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Luke 13:33

As [Jesus] rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

*'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'*

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.' Luke 19:36-40

Thus begins Jesus' journey into Jerusalem. As you read this, and certainly as I write it, we are deep in the days of Lent. Easter is on the horizon, but is not yet here.

We do not know how long Jesus' journey took. If they walked all day every day, it would be about five days. Luke records much teaching along the way, so we may assume that it took a little longer. Lent represents our journey with Jesus to the cross. We hear his teaching, we learn of his passion, we mourn his death and suffering.

As we complete our journey with Jesus, let us look towards the resurrection. Thanks be to God that we know the rest of the story, that we know how it ends, or Lent would be a dark time indeed.

Peace Y'all, Pastor Allen

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Custodians:
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

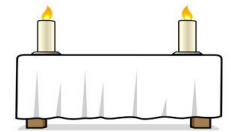
Circle Bible Study	March 4th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	March 5th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	March 1st, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

**2022 Church Attendance**

January 2 65	February 6 165	March 6 66	Total: Average:
January 9 53	February 13 83	March 9 40	
January 16 52	February 20 80	March 13 75 Est.	
January 23 56	February 27 76	March 16 79	
January 30 68	Total: 404	March 20 75 Est.	
Total: 294	Average: 101	March 23	
Average: 59		March 27	
		March 30	

Altar Guild (March 23—April 26)

Marilyn Kompelien 872-6796
Sally Campbell 828-1109

**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Clark & Jena Corbin 829-6967 or 829-8725

Date Sound Operators

April 3 Randy Prellwitz
April 10
April 17 Scott Josephson
April 24 Greg Gottskalkson

Video Operators

Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke
Keven Larson/Cole Myhre
David Dovre

Acolytes

Madison Minnehan & Brooklyn Ryer
Addison Buysse & Carson Javers
Heydan Danielson & Landon Esping
Cole Johnson & Creed Stassen



Money Counters: April—Deb Belaen & Terri Myhre
May—Moriah Reiss & Lizzy Davis

Upcoming Dates:

April 3rd—Baptisms—For Louis, MaryLee & Nola DeVos, Children of Derek & Angie DeVos
April 14th—7:00 pm Maunday Thursday service at Hope
April 15th—7:00 pm Good Friday service at St. Paul's
April 17th—7:00 am Easter service at Hope, 8:30 am service at St. Paul's. Youth of Hope serving breakfast at Hope from 8:00-10:00 am.
April 20th—3:30-5:15 pm, 1st Communion Class
April 24th—9:00 Service, 1st Communion
May 7th—10:00 am—Cemetery Cleanup Day (May 14th in case of bad weather.) All are welcome to come and help!

Church Council Notes – March 9, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 2,351.89	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,034.04
	Building Fund:	\$ 837.68	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 736.67
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 4,152.70	GLOW:	\$ 8,381.71

Attendance:

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Deb Belaen, Rose Van Uden, Moriah Reiss, Emily Hennen, Barb Knutson, Dave Dovre, Lizzy Davis, Barry Gronke, Jen Anderson, Jason Johnson, Chris Pesch-Church Secretary, Pastor Allen Campbell
- **Attending via Phone:**
- **Absent:** Aimee Ascherman, Gayle Van Vooren

Pastor's Report

- 3 home visits, 1 office visit, 1 required boundaries training (2 days), 1 Conference Leader's meeting, 2 committee meetings, 5 Confirmation classes, and 9 worship services. I am not able to do hospital visits at present because of hospital rules regarding how many visitors per 24 hour period.
- The parsonage handrail has been fixed, and we're holding off on fixing the doorbell for now.
- The organ is making noise again, so we need to look into that again.
- The piano by the choir loft also needs to be tuned.
- We discussed Sharing the Peace, and it was agreed that we would continue to refrain from doing it for now.

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of March were presented by Barry Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$13,394.70. The bill from Sweetwater Music for the Rack & Outlet is needed for the speakers for the updated sound system. Terri will follow up on the bill from MEI for the elevator service call as we are moving ahead with the repairs to the elevator.
- Janitors – The cleaning services that we have contacted don't have staff available, so they aren't willing to take us on currently. There have been several people who have expressed an interest in the job, so Terri and Jason will put together a list of job duties, and review it with those people to see if they are still interested.
- Sound/video system update – All the parts are here for the sound system, and it was agreed that we should finish the installation of the sound system. The only item Dave has ordered for the video system is a video switcher, which we will reimburse him for out of memorial funds. We can no longer record to CD's. The tri-caster is on Windows XP, which is no longer supported. We want to switch that to a digital video system. We also want to purchase 2 digital cameras. There has also been discussion about installing additional tv's – a larger one where the current one is at, an additional one for the front of church, and two additional tv's for the middle of the sanctuary. There has been some discussion about having additional tv's in the sanctuary and that it will affect the aesthetic of the church. Due to lack of funds, it was agreed to hold on ordering any of the video system equipment for right now.
- Cemetery Permanent Care Fund – These funds will be moved to a Bank of the West investment group, and it was agreed that we would utilize the pay as we go method on the fees for this. This is one of the same investment groups that is used for some of the scholarship funds.
- Pictorial Directory – The estimated cost for these is \$4,000, and it was agreed that we will use undesignated Memorial Funds to pay for this. Brian Jeremiason will be ordering these, and we will reimburse him for this when the final bill is available.
- Propane Tanks – The church owns its propane tank, and AgPlus owns the propane tank at the parsonage. We will be looking at summer fill options for the church later this year.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Usage Fees: An updated list and letter will be ready for a final review at the next council meeting.
- Walk Around Offerings: With the current situation in Ukraine, it was agreed that we would move the SMSU Campus Ministry walk around to May, and designate April's walk around offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief.
- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month
- March 27 – Marshall Food Shelf with Endowment Match
- April 24 – Lutheran Disaster Relief
- May 22 – SMSU Campus Ministry
- Palm Sunday and Easter: Palms and Easter lilies have been ordered. We will have only one Easter service at Hope at 7 am with the Youth of Hope breakfast to follow from 8 to 10 am. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 pm at Hope, and Good Friday service will be at 7 pm at St. Paul's.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Council Minutes (con't)

Board of Education Report

- GLOW:
 - Our 1st LET IT SHINE service was a huge success! The next LET IT SHINE church service is May 1, 2022. We are encouraging families to come to Lenten services and saying the GLOW prayer at the conclusion of the service. We had a great turn out last week for Ash Wednesday; many congregation members commented "where did all these people come from."
 - We have a GLOW teacher resign for next year, so we are looking for a teacher. If you know of a family member/friend who'd be a great fit and would be interested in teaching during the 2022/2023 GLOW year, let Erin Roberts and/or Jess Gronke know.
 - We are continuing to look for more ways to get our GLOW families to church on Sunday. We are open to suggestions as it's been hard with youth sports dominating Sunday mornings.
 - We are starting to make plans for the end of the year bash; any suggestions are welcome. We will have dates and specifics for this in April.
 - We feel the communication with council, pastor, confirmation, Teen Power and GLOW leaders is going really well, and we appreciate all the extra effort put in by all parties to make sure we're all informed and can continue to inform our families in a timely manner. They've also made comments regarding the communication efforts, so we know it's appreciated! Thank you!
- First Communion: Set for Sunday, April 24, 2022. Pastor is planning to have one class from 3:30 to 5:15 on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.
- Teen Power: They are still collecting for "Shoe Away Hunger" thru March. They are also providing ushers for Wednesday night's Lenten services.
- Mission Trip 2023: The Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, February 22nd was a success, and we served approximately 150 people. We recently finished the Tastefully Simple fundraiser which began at the Spaghetti Supper and closed on Monday, March 7th. We worked with Amy Johnson, a Tastefully Simple consultant. She has agreed to give 25% of the sales from this fundraiser to the Mission Trip.
- Youth of Hope: We are looking at different options for the youth this spring/summer since the National Youth Gathering was cancelled. We plan to meet with the youth when we have options, so we can get their input as to what they would be interested in doing.
 - Duluth –
 - Youth Works for Middle Schoolers is \$364 / student
 - Union Gospel Mission serving meals, food shelf and thrift store. We would work from 10 am to 3 pm.
 - Habitat for Humanity in Pipestone
 - Elevate Conference at Estes Park, CO July 11 – 15
- VBS: Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be doing our VBS this summer. This will be the first week of August. The contract and deposit have been received and returned to Green Lake. A representative from Green Lake will be doing a Temple Talk on May 1st at our church service.
- Scholarships: Applications are due back to the church by April 1st. Chris has sent out the application forms.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- Building/Grounds Committee: March 20th has been set as a church clean up day. All are welcome and lunch will be provided.
- Council Monthly Meeting Day: We are planning to continue meeting on the 1st Wednesday night of the month. April's meeting will be on April 6th after the Lenten service.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Barry Gronke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of March 28th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 2022, Boards at 7:15 pm after Lenten service; All together 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

150th Anniversary Celebration-- June 11 & 12, 2022

150th Anniversary Apparel

'Hope is our Anchor' apparel is available for online purchase! Please use this link to complete your apparel order:

<https://hopelutheranchurch2022.itemorder.com/>

Ornaments:

Beautiful 150th Anniversary ornaments are for sale in the narthex before and after church services for \$12.00. You may call the Chris at the church office and have them mailed to you for an additional \$5.00. We have a limited number of keepsake ornaments.

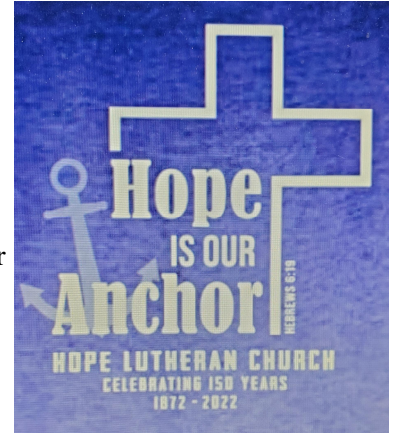
Attention Thrivent Members:

If you are a Thrivent member you are able to apply for \$250.00 twice a year for service projects. If you are a member and are willing to donate your \$250.00 or \$500.00 to projects around the church or towards a meal or some project for the 150th Anniversary, please get a hold of Chris at the church office and we can help you apply.

Pictorial Directory:

Please submit your digital photos as soon as possible. Submit to jeremiasonphoto@gmail.com or an87@gmail.com.

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We are looking forward to **Saturday, June 11th** for morning golfing at the Countryside Golf Club, afternoon bean bag games, a pedal tractor pull, supper, and our evening church service followed by a Memorial Lantern Lift-off, and then on **Sunday, June 12th** our 150th Anniversary Celebration Church Service with our Reunion Choir and also memories and contributions from former Hope Lutheran Pastors followed by a Celebration Meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Please make plans to join us for the festivities! Invite your family and friends!

Teen Power has been asked to extend the 'Shoe Away Hunger' shoe collection through Easter for those that are doing some spring cleaning in the near future and would like to clean out closets and gather more footwear for the donation. Our trailer is filling up, but we're excited to contribute as much as possible so will be collecting through Easter Sunday. We would like to thank Gene Fodness for the monetary donation to help with paying for gas as we need to drive to St. Cloud to our closest drop-off site.

We are excited to have our next Let it Shine Church Service on May 1st. The first one was a HUGE Hit!!

GLOW is looking for teachers! If you have family members/friends/anyone who would be a great fit, that would be interested in teaching this next 2022/2023 GLOW year, send them our way!

As always, everyone is welcome for supper at 5:30! Sally and Brenda are working so hard to make the meals for the families who attend, thank them the next time you see them!

We're looking at the calendar, and cannot believe the year is almost over. The end of the year date is set for May 11th!

Join us for food, fun and worship starting at 5:30, all are welcome!

In Christ, Erin & Jess



Easter Lilies

Easter is April 17th. Contributions will be used to purchase Easter Lilies. Any excess funds will go to the Memorial Fund. Please complete the form and return it to the church office by April 1st. You may also place it in the offering plate at any service. Please make you checks out to Hope Lutheran Church (Easter Flower Fund). If you prefer to share a plant of your own, please bring it to church by April 16th.

\$ _____ Donation _____ Sharing Own Plant

Given in Memory Of: _____

Given in Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____

