

## 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 , 2023

### 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/Teen Power

### Coffee & Fellowship:

Hope—10:00 AM

**Hope Services Are  
Streamed on  
Facebook**

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### Pastor's Office Hours:

**Tuesday—Friday  
8:30 am—Noon**

**Or he can be reached by  
cell phone, text or email  
at other times.**

### A Note from the Pastor

*<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> Romans 6:3-6*

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain...If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:12-22*

*But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7*

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### Hope Lutheran Church

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### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Minneota, MN 56264**

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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke  
Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family  
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn  
Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

**Bible Studies for Men and Women**

Circle Bible Study	April 3rd, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	April 12th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	April 7th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

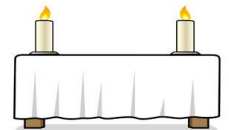


**2023 Church Attendance**

February 5	85 Est.	March 1	48	March 26
February 12	89	March 5	71	March 29
February 19	80 Est.	March 8	50 Est.	Total:
February 22	50 Est.	March 12	79	Average:
February 26	68	March 15	50 Est.	
Total:	372	March 19	100	
Average:	74	March 22	56	

**Altar Guild (March 29—April 25)**

Marilyn Kompelien 828-1148  
Sally Campbell 828-1109



**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Darwin & Lori Dyce 475-2042

**Date Sound Operators**

April 2 Randy Prellwitz  
April 9 Todd Sonnenburg  
April 16 Scott Josephson  
April 23 Greg Gottskalkson  
April 30

**Date Acolytes**

April 2 Nola Ascherman & Alexis Bitker  
April 6 Khailynn Fier & McKenna Geisler  
April 9 Alexis Bitker & Imogen Moriarty  
April 16 Madison Minnehan & Sophie Gillund  
April 23 Mason Javers & Heydan Danielson  
April 30 Addison Buysse & Brooklyn Ryer



**Money Counters:** April—Deb Belaen & Jason Johnson  
May—Barb Knutson & Terri Myhre

**Upcoming Dates:**

Sunday, April 2nd—Palm Sunday  
Wednesday, April 5th—No GLOW/Confirmation/Teen Power  
Thursday, April 6th—Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm at Hope  
Friday, April 7th—Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm at St. Paul's  
Sunday, April 9th—Easter Services, Hope at 7:00 am & 10:00 am, St. Paul's at 8:30 am  
Wednesday, April 12—First Communion Class, 3:30-5:15, Potluck Supper  
Sunday, April 16th—First Communion, During 9:00 am service  
Saturday, April 22nd—Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering, 8:30 am, Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church, Ivanhoe  
Sunday, April 23rd—Final 'Let It Shine' Service, Walk Around for VBS  
Wednesday, April 26th—End of year GLOW Celebration!

**Church Council Notes – March 1, 2023**

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	General Fund:	\$ 499.38	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 134.58
	Building Fund:	\$ 16,828.15	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 17.48
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,640.99	GLOW:	\$ 5,635.50

**Attendance:**

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

**Pastor's Report**

- 1 Minneota Assisted Living worship service, 3 home visits, 1 hospital visit (Sioux Falls), 2 nursing home visits, 1 Prairie Conference annual meeting, 1 Pastors' Bible study, 1 St. Paul annual meeting, 1 committee meeting, 1 Ash Friday service, and 1 meeting with Bishop Dee Peterson

**Treasurer's Report**

- **Bills** – Bills for the month of February were presented by Barry Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$16,339.32. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Trustees Report**

- **Bills:** Some additional bills for this month include the bill from Ag Plus for propane and a bill for snow removal from Tolk Graveling. The invoice from B&B to repair the furnace will be sent to the Building Endowment Fund. We did need to borrow money from the Building Fund to pay bills that were due today.
- **Finances** – We did meet with the Endowment Fund committee, and they are able and willing to fund the Cornerstone Fund with cash on hand and with the rent that will be coming in. This will help us pay our bills for this month. One suggestion that had been brought forward was to arrange visits by Pastor and a member of the council to those who haven't been attending to encourage increased attendance. There was also a discussion with the Bishop, and she suggested that we meet with the synod consultant for endowments. They can provide guidance on how to maximize our endowments. There is also a training for leaders called Stewardship for All Seasons that she recommended.
- **Insurance** – We requested updated quotes from several different insurance companies, including HUB (current provider), Boerboom Insurance Agency, Great American (Bremer). All three strongly recommended that we increase our current deductible, which is \$1,000.
  - Our current insurance cost is \$11,578 annually.
  - The two options from HUB were a \$2,500 deductible at \$10,954 annually and a \$5,000 deductible at \$10,453 annually.
  - The Boerboom Insurance Agency with a \$5,000 deductible was \$13,290.
  - Great American (Bremer) with a \$5,000 deductible was \$9,576.
  - We will need to continue to have Workers Compensation, and we can also get this through Bremer and save several hundred dollars annually.
  - Bremer also noted that we didn't have umbrella liability coverage, and that would be an additional \$1,025 annually.
- **Motion made by Deb to move to Bremer for insurance at the \$5,000 deductible and workman's compensation and hold on additional umbrella liability coverage at this time. Dave Dovre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Thank you to Terri for gathering and analyzing all of the quotes received and to Chris for providing information needed.
- In order to create a more welcoming atmosphere, we would like to try to have a coffee time in the narthex prior to church. We will have coffee and juice with covered cups. We will still have coffee fellowship after church. We will begin this next Sunday.
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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## Council Minutes (con't)

### Board of Deacons Report

- Lenten Services: The Lenten services will be at 7 pm and lectors are not needed for the Lent services.
- Easter Services (April 9): There will be a 7 am and 10 am service at Hope and an 8:30 am service at St. Paul's.
  - Maundy Thursday (April 6) service is at 7 pm at Hope.
  - Good Friday (April 7) service is at 7 pm at St. Paul's.
- Palms / Easter Lilies: The palms have been ordered, and Chris will order 15 of the 6" Easter lilies.
- Walk Around Offerings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month
  - March 26 – Marshall Food Shelf
  - April 23 – VBS
  - May 28 -
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### Board of Education Report

- First Communion: Set for Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 9 am. The chalices are made by Lynn Okrina and Pat Myhre puts their names on them; they are already done. Currently there are 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, and we need to check with students to ensure they are planning to make their first communion at Hope. Pastor is planning to have a 1<sup>st</sup> communion class from 3:30 to 5:15 on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Aimee Ascheman will be providing snacks for the kids. We have talked to Justin at the bus service, and they have a drop off close to church, and the students can go to GLOW after.
- GLOW: Our next Let It Shine service is on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We still need a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade GLOW teacher, so please let Erin or Jess know if you or someone you know is interested in helping with that. Due to first communion being on April 15, 2023, the April Let it Shine Service will be moved back a week and will be on April 23, 2023, instead.
- Confirmation: Confirmation is going well.
- Mission Trip 2023: The \$10 fundraiser cards are available. The Mission Trip is June 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> to Elliott County, Kentucky. 34 students and 8 chaperones are attending. Plane tickets have been purchased and van rentals made.
- Teen Power: They are continuing to collect shoes.
- VBS: VBS will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> with a parent program on either Wednesday or Thursday depending on the Summer Rec schedule. Aimee Ascheman will be the church contact person with Green Lake; she will be taking that over from Barb Knutson.
- Graduation signs: Roberta Josephson talked to Brian Jeremiason about doing those last year, so it would be best to follow up with her on those.
- **Motion made by Angie DeVos to approve the Board of Education report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### Other Business

- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to adjourn. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of April 3rd via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Boards meet at 6:30 pm. All together 7:00 pm

**Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary**

### A Note From Pastor (con't)

Every Sunday, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Easter Sunday is different from all other days, even all other Sundays, because this is the day that God raised Jesus from the dead. The beauty of the resurrection is not just that Christ was raised from the dead, but what that means for us. Paul says that Christ has been raised from the dead, and that he is the first fruits of those who have died. Jesus' resurrection is the first blossom of spring, the bud on the tree that promises fruit to come, in its season. The resurrection of Christ is the promise of our own resurrection. Resurrection is a promise for the future, but the resurrection of Jesus means new life for us now. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus frees us from our bondage to sin and death, and we walk with him in newness of life. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a promise for the future but has brought about a change in the world and its relationship to God. The resurrection of Christ is the beginning of God's reconciling the world to himself, not just us, but the whole world, the cosmos. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Our estrangement from God came about because of the sinfulness of humanity. Our death was assured by our rebellion against God, in our desire to be like God. We all died in our humanity, even so in Christ shall we all be made alive.

The celebration of Easter this year is bittersweet for me. My time here with you has been such a blessing to me. Please remember me and Sally in your prayers as we live into this new time of transition. You will be in my prayers as you minister in Minneota and plan for the future. May the resurrection of our Lord continue to bring us into new life!

Peace Y'all

Pastor Allen

### Easter Lilies

Easter is April 9th. 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 (Memo—Easter Flower Fund). If you prefer to share a plant of your own, please bring it to church by April 8th.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation      \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing Own Plant

Given in Memory Of:

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Given in Honor Of:

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Given By:

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**GLOW**

Now that we are in the season of Lent, we continue to have class, but do not meet together as a group at 7 pm to allow families to attend the Wednesday evening Lent service. This change began on Ash Wednesday.



Parents of 5th grade students: Please mark your calendars for First Communion at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 16th. 5th grade students will need to attend class prior to taking First Communion on April 12th, from 3:30—5:15 pm.

We always need volunteers to help in the kitchen with serving and clean up after supper! Please reach out if you are willing to help!

In Christ,  
Jess and Erin

**Teen Power**

The Teen Power shoe collection for “Shoe Away Hunger” will end the week after Easter. Please donate gently worn shoes to be worn by someone in need or older footwear to be shredded and used for playground mulch. All of the donated shoes will be used. Thank you to those that have already dropped their footwear off at Hope Lutheran. Please keep the coming!

The Teen Power students are participating weekly in lessons and activities on Wednesday evenings, and regularly participating in ushering and reading scriptures for Lenten services and “Let It Shine” services. Many of them are also looking forward to the Minneota Area Mission Trip in June.

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**Prairie Conference WELCA  
Spring Gathering  
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023  
Bethany—Elim Lutheran Church in Ivanhoe**

**Family of Believers  
Speaker: Mary Hippe  
“Who is family?”**

**Registration begins at 8:30. Brunch served at 9:00  
\$10.00 Registration Fee  
In-Kind Offering: Donation to Ivanhoe Area Food Shelf**