



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, 2024

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*



Sunday, April 14th Hope Lutheran 9:00 am

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Pastor's Office Hours:

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Minneota, MN 56264-0087

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Bible Studies for Men and Women

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

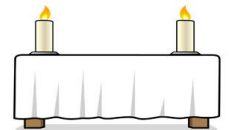


2024 Church Attendance

March 3		March 20	Lent	April 7
March 6	Lent	March 24		April 14
March 10		March 28	Maundy Thursday	April 21
March 13	Lent	March 31	7:30 am Easter	April 28
March 17		March 31	10:00 am Easter	Total:
		Total:		Avg:
		Avg:		

Altar Guild (March 27—April 23)

Marilyn Kompelien 828-1148
 Alison Ufkin 829-5812



Workgroup Chairpersons

Date Sound Operators

April 7 Matt Myhre
 April 14 Todd Sonnenburg
 April 21 Scott Josephson
 April 28 Greg Gottskalkson
 Cory Myhre

Date Acolytes

April 7 Khailynn Fier & Sage Bordewyk
 April 14 Beckham Norby & Logan Esping
 April 21 Grace Horner & Sophie Gillund
 April 28 Sydney Hennen & Nola Ascheman



Money Counters: April: James Danielson & Jen Anderson

Upcoming Dates:

- *Thursday, March 28**
7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday at Hope
- *Friday, March 29**
7:00 pm – Good Friday at St. Paul's
- *Sunday, March 31 – Easter**
7:30 am – At Hope
8:30 am – At St. Paul's
10:00 am – At Hope
- *Sunday, April 14, Worship**
First Communion
- *Sunday, April 21, Worship**
Let It Shine Service
- *Wednesday, April 24**
GLOW End of Year Celebration

Church Council Notes – March 6, 2024

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 20,010.51	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 37,803.63
Building Fund:	\$ 4,478.85	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 203.97
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,585.33	GLOW:	\$ 3,809.44

Attendance:

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Deb Belaen, Rose Van Uden, Angie DeVos, Barb Knutson, Cory Myhre, James Danielson, Jen Anderson, Aimee Ascheman, Jason Johnson, Sandy Josephson, Emily Hennen, Chris Pesch-Church Secretary
- **Attending via Phone:** Lizzy Reiss
- **Absent:**

Devotions were led by Terri Myhre

Secretary's Report – Motion made by Angie DeVos to approve the secretary's report. Aimee Ascheman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of February were presented by Cory Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$7,763.80. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Cory Myhre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: Some additional bills for this month include a bill from 1514 Media for devotionals, our annual bulk mailing permit, and a bill for snow removal from Tolk Graveling. The invoice from AgPlus for the furnaces (\$10,367.43) will be paid from the Cornerstone Fund as there is not enough money in the building fund, and this invoice needs to be paid. As any money that is borrowed from the Cornerstone Fund needs to be paid back, we will do a Walk Around offering in April, and the Endowment Fund will do a 1 to 1 match up to \$5,000 to help cover this cost.
- Organist / Pianist Salary: Aimee contacted several churches in the area about what they pay their organist / pianists. Some are volunteers so they are not paid, and the others ranged from \$38 to \$75 per service. Based on the amount we budgeted, we agreed to increase the salaries to \$60 per service, and make it retroactive to the beginning of the year.
- Installation of Council: As we forgot to discuss this at February's meeting, it was agreed that the council will be installed on Sunday, March 17th. This will be the next time that Tim Velde will be here.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Lenten Services: The Lenten services will be at 6:45 pm and lectors are not needed for the Lent services.
- Palms / Easter Lilies: The palms and lilies have been ordered.
- Pulpit Fill - Due to Tim Velde's availability, we are adjusting dates for communion.
 - March 17 – Communion
 - March 24 – Palm Sunday – Praise Band / No Communion
 - March 31 – Communion / YOH not doing Easter Breakfast
 - April 7th – Tim gone / Pastor Heather – No Communion
 - April 14th – First Communion
 - April 21st – Last Let it Shine Service / No Communion
 - April 28th – Praise Band / No Communion
- Holy Week and Easter Services
 - Maundy Thursday (March 28) service is at 7 pm at Hope. Communion.
 - Good Friday (March 29) service is at 7 pm at St. Paul's.
 - Easter (March 31) services at 7:30 am and 10:00 am at Hope; 8:30 am at St Paul's - Communion
- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month - Endowment matches walk around offerings 2:1 up to \$500
 - March 24 – Marshall Food Shelf – 3 to 1 match with a maximum of \$5,000 (corrected from last month)
 - April 28 – Furnace – 1 to 1 match with a maximum of \$5,000
 - May 26 – VBS
 - June 23 – Esther's Kitchen
- **Motion made by Cory Myhre to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Board of Education Report

- **Confirmation:** Angie would like to do a panel discussion with the Confirmation students on April 3rd and is looking for volunteers to be on this panel for a Q&A session. It was also suggested that maybe some members of the Altar Guild, HLCW, Endowment Committee, Choir, Scholarship Committee, etc would be interested in providing some insight into what those committees do. Terri and Deb volunteered as members of the council. Due to family commitments, Angie won't be able to teach confirmation next year.
- **Mission Trip:** The Tastefully Simple fundraiser yielded \$133. We are still waiting to hear back on how much we earned through the Varsity Pub fundraiser. We currently have 67 students signed up for the mission trip. Any students going into 8th – 12th grades the fall of 2023 are eligible to go on the Mission Trip. Please let Emily Hennen know if your child would like to participate at emhaugland@hotmail.com.
- **GLOW / YOY:** We have 5 Wednesdays until summer break. There is a date change for 1st Communion for the 5th graders; this will now be **April 14th** due to Tim's availability. There are 10 students for First Communion. Baccalaureate is May 5th. Letters will be sent out the 1st week of April to the seniors to RSVP by April 24th, so we can have an accurate count for the senior breakfast.
- **Teen Power:** "Shoe Away Hunger" our annual footwear collection continues. They are looking at April 10 or April 17 to bring the shoes to St. Cloud. Roberta will be collecting senior pictures for the yard signs.
- **VBS:** The deposit has been sent in for VBS which will be July 29th through August 1st. Aimee will continue to be the contact person for Hope Lutheran regarding VBS, and she is working on finding a place for the counselors to stay. We are looking for a person(s) to be in charge during VBS week. Please contact Aimee Aschman or Emily Hennen if interested.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Sexton:** We are in need of a sexton for the cemetery, so if anyone is interested in volunteering, please have them reach out to a council member.
- **Call Committee Update:** We had a second interview on Saturday, and we are waiting to hear if he wants to move forward. He is not currently ordained in the ELCA, but he has met with Heather and Pastor Dee. He would need to be hired as an interim until he was ordained in the ELCA. He is taking classes to get his Master of Divinity degree currently. We have reached out to the scholarship committee to see if there was an option to use money from that to help with the class costs.
- **Motion made by Angie DeVos to adjourn. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of April 1st via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 2023. Boards meet at 6:30 pm. All together 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

CEMETERY NOTES/INFORMATION:

- Spring Clean-up day at the cemetery is Saturday, April 13th at 9am. Bad weather date is the following Saturday, April 20th at the same time. We will be picking up branches, trimming trees, and filling low spots.
- The lawnmower at the cemetery is 5 years old and is being replaced this year. Anyone with interest in buying the old mower should attend the March equipment sale at Regnier's Auction House in Canby, 9am on 3/23. The old mower is being sold on auction with a \$2500 reserve. The cemetery committee feels we can get more on an outright sale than was offered on trade-in. In the event that no bids are received in excess of the reserve, the old mower will be traded in towards the purchase of the replacement.
- Some of the flower pot stands that haven't been used in the last few years are going to be tagged and moved to the garden shed to make mowing easier and quicker. If you find that a stand has been moved in error, please call Dave Dovre at 828-6453 and he will quickly replace the stand with apologies for the inconvenience.