

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

August, 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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God... Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise... For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. Psalm 84 (selected verses)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long. Psalm 23:6

Virtually all religions have holy places; special places where the god is expected to be present in some kind of special way. For pagans and other nature-based religions it is often in the outdoors. Ancient (and even some modern) pagans worshipped in sacred groves, or under sacred trees, sometimes on mountains. The ancient druids worshipped under the sacred oak.

For Christians, Jews, and Muslims, the worship usually happens in a special building. The Jews had the Temple, now their synagogues, Christians have churches, Muslims have Mosques. When the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness, they had a special tent that they used only for the worship of God.

Holy places are places where we believe we have met God in the past, and expect that we will meet him again in the future. Our church is a holy place, not just because it is shaped like a church and has a steeple; not even because it has been specifically dedicated to God. Our church is a Holy Place because of what has happened here. For generations, prayers have gone up, praise has been sung, lessons have been learned. Think of all of the Baptisms, Holy Communion, weddings, and souls sent to their rest from this place. So many prayers have been offered here, in times of peace, times of war, for soldiers' safe return, and prayers of lament for those that would not. The presence of a church building is a testament to the presence of God. We have met God here and we expect that we will again. Many Christians do not attend worship regularly but will still say, "that's my church," knowing that it is there for them in times of need.

As summer turns into fall, and programs start again, let us avail ourselves of the beautiful Holy Place that God and our forebears have gifted us with.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

Peace Y'all, Pastor Allen

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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke
Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Circle Bible Study	August 8th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	NONE IN AUGUST	
Men's Bible Study	August 5th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

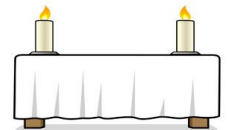


2022 Church Attendance

June 5	100 Est.	July 10	55	August 7
June 12	147	July 17	80	August 14
June 19	87	July 24	49	August 21
June 26	43	July 31	50 Est.	August 28
June 29	50 Est.	Total:	234	Total:
Total:	427	Average:	59	Average:
Average:	85			

Altar Guild (July 27—August 23)

Jena Corbin 829-8725
 Marlys Skaar 872-6600



Workgroup Chairpersons

Matt & Mandi Norby 476-5908 or 476-5907

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
August 7	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Addison Buysse & Madison Minnehan
August 14			Brooklyn Ryer & Hannah Fadness
August 21	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Adam Dalager & Brody Larson
August 28	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Creed Stassen & Landon Esping



Money Counters: August—Gayle VanVooren & Amie Ascherman

Upcoming Dates:

- August 1st-4th—Vacation Bible School**
- August 11th—WELCA Summer Retreat, Bethany Lutheran in Arco, 8:30—1:00**
- August 13th—Wedding of Brendan Reiss & Lizzy Davis**
- September 7th—Confirmation Meetings: 6:30 pm, Grades 7 & 8, 7:30 pm, Grades 9 & 10**

Church Council Notes – July 6, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 16,542.83	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 6,034.51
	Building Fund:	\$ 805.43	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 263.68
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,640.84	GLOW:	\$ 5,115.16

Finances:

General Fund Balance as of June 30th	\$16,542.83
General Fund Offering Income	\$ 0
	\$16,542.83
Projected Expenses for July	\$14,988.99

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 2 home visits, 5 nursing home visits, 3 committee meetings, and 4 days of vacation.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of July were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$14,988.99. We will wait to transfer money back to the Cornerstone Fund until next month.
- **Motion made by Rose Van Uden to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – The bills included the bill for \$3,000 from Jeremiason Photo for the directories. Even though it took less time than expected, the bill for the elevator repair from MEI stayed the same as quoted. The remainder on the bill is \$21,944.44. This will be paid by the Building and Property Endowment fund.
- Organ Repair – The organ was repaired, and that bill was \$573.80.
- 150th Anniversary: Thank you to everyone who helped with the 150th anniversary. There are still some bills being finalized, but it looks like our income should exceed the bills for this event.
- Church & Parsonage Repair – We have received a check from insurance for partial repairs on the church and parsonage. In the parsonage, the carpet pad was replaced, and the carpet was reinstalled. We haven't received the bill from Mike's Flooring, yet. For the parsonage roof, Jason will check if we can get matching shingles. We will contact Tony Opdahl, Josh Brewers, Bruce Laleman, and Cory Buysse to see who is available to do the shingles. Barry was going to check with the company that did the shingles on the church about the roof caps.
- **Motion made by Aimee Ascheman to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month
 - July 24 – ELCA World Hunger
 - August 28 – Bible Camps
 - September 25 - VBS
- Communion servers: The deacons are looking for ideas to get people to help with serving communion. One suggestion was to get the youth more involved, and one idea was to have the acolytes also serve communion. Please reach out to the deacons or other council members if you are willing to help out with this.
- Backpack blessing: School starts August 22nd. Do we want to do the backpack blessing the Sunday before that or do it during Bug Days? Nothing was decided, but it is something to consider.
- SMSU / Lutheran Campus Ministry: We received a letter from SMSU / Lutheran Campus Ministry offering to provide assistance with temple talks, etc. They are also looking for people who are interested in serving on the board. We will put that information in the bulletin.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Council Minutes (con't)

- **Board of Education Report**
- **GLOW:** Still looking for someone to prepare meals for GLOW on Wednesdays for upcoming year. Please contact Erin Roberts or Jessica Gronke if you or someone you know would be interested
- **VBS:** Green Lake Lutheran ministries will be here to do the program, and it will be from August 1st – 4th. Barb Knutson will be the contact person for Hope. The registration is posted on the Hope Lutheran GLOW Facebook page - <https://forms.gle/pzmqmrNGHuCTCKny8>.
- **Mission Trip 2023:** We are continuing to fundraise. We will be serving a meal at two of the Minneota Farmers' Markets on Thursday, August 4th and September 1st. Brenda Swoboda is going to be organizing this. We will be working at the Food Stand at Polish Days on Saturday, August 13th. We will be serving from 10 am to 1 pm.
- **Youth of Hope:** The "mini" mission trip to Duluth, MN was cancelled due to low interest and the high cost of the trip.
- **Motion made by Dave Dovre to approve the Board of Education report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Video System:** The tv needs to come down as it is half owned by the Bug committee, and they will be using it for Bug Days. Do we want to purchase a larger one now, so we don't have to put this one back up again? The estimated cost for a 75" tv was approximately \$1,000. We do have time to make a decision on this. Dave Dovre contacted Eric Buysse about running the ethernet cable from the router to the balcony, and he won't have time for several months. Dave will get the equipment and will work on doing it himself.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to close the meeting to discuss the Pastor's contract which is up for renewal in November of 2022. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to open the meeting. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion to adjourn made by Deb Belaen. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of July 25th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting - Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Boards at 6:45 pm; All together at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

Jubilation Director—Gayle VanVooren has retired as our Jubilation Choir Director after many years of service. We thank her for her leadership for all these years! As a result, we are looking for a new director to continue our strong musical tradition at Hope Lutheran Church. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in serving in this role at Hope.

GLOW Food Coordinator—GLOW is getting ready for another great year! We are still looking for someone to cook our meals on Wednesday evenings, so if you know anybody that's able or interested, please send them our way! Stay tuned for the announcement of the first night of GLOW! See you in September!

Confirmation Pictures—Please help! We are hoping to complete our Confirmation Class Photo Display and are missing several pictures. If you have any of the missing years and are willing to share your copy, or loan it to us to make a copy, please contact the church office. Leave a message at the church office or email them to [hopelutheran87@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheran87@gmail.com). Missing years are 2006, 2007 and 2008.

WELCA Summer Retreat—You are invited to the WELCA Summer Retreat, Thursday, August 11th, Bethany Lutheran in Arco from 8:30—1:00. Live, Love, Laugh—Program: Portia Martinson, Sing Along with Treava Lundberg, Potluck Salad Luncheon. No Registration Fee...Offering Box Available. Sponsored by WELCA's of Bethany, Bethany-Elim and Danebod.