



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, 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



Walk Around Offering

August 27th

Will be for School Supplies

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Pastor:

Pastor Email:

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

Missionary Email: elisajo@msn.com

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	August 7th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	Next One—Sept 13, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	August 4th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

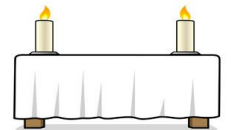


2023 Church Attendance

July 2	August 6
July 9	August 13
July 16	August 20
July 23	August 27
July 30	Total:
Total:	Average:
Average:	

Altar Guild (July 26—August 22)

Val Buysse 828-4404
Sandy Tolk 872-6730



Workgroup Chairpersons

Traci Myhre 872-6018

Date Sound Operators

August 6	Randy Prellwitz
August 13	Todd Sonnenburg
August 20	Scott Josephson
August 27	Greg Gottskalkson

Date Acolytes

August 6	Sophie Gillund & Madison Minnehan
August 13	Grace Horner & Imogen Moriarty
August 20	Addison Buysse & Brooklyn Ryer
August 27	Nola Ascherman & Grace Horner



Money Counters: August—Amie Ascherman & ??
September—Barb Knuston & ??

Upcoming Dates:

August 1st, 6:00 pm—Mission Trip Recap/Supper

September 17th—New Member Sunday

Church Council Notes – July 5, 2023

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 6,224.39	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 5,134.80
	Building Fund:	\$ 15,533.15	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 281.39
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.07	GLOW:	\$ 3,287.49

Attendance:

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

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Rose Van Uden to approve the secretary's report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of July were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$6,281.56.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Scholarship Committee Members: **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve Chad Reiss, Barry Gronke, Dawn Van Keulen, Jasmine DeSmet and Ralph Haugen as Scholarship Committee members. Terri Myhre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Website Update: As we are working on finding a new pastor and we are limited to what we can include in our profile, we want to update our website to make it more contemporary and easy to use. Dawn Van Keulen has been working on some options and will keep the cost under \$1,000. It was agreed that we will do a walk around offering to help cover this cost.
- Parsonage roof: The shingles on the parsonage roof have been replaced with tin, and it looks great. Thank you to Guy Jeremiason and his crew for doing this work. Chris will let the insurance know that the work is now complete, and any money leftover from the insurance will go into the building fund.
- Sound system donation: Someone is interested in donating \$2,000 specifically for the sound system.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Trustees report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month
 - July 23 – Website Update
 - August 27 – School Supplies Program
 - September – Hope Harbor
- Pulpit supply: Tim Velde is doing the remaining Sunday services in July.
- Video Ministry: Volunteers are needed as Dave asked to take the summer off. We will put an announcement in the bulletin to try to get additional volunteers to learn the system and help with this. Chris will follow up with Dave on a time to do some training on putting together the video presentation.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Jen Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Education Report

- VBS: VBS will be held July 24th – 27th from 9:30 am to 2:15 pm with a parent program on Thursday night the 27th at 5 pm. Aimee Ascheman will be the church contact person with Green Lake. We have 41 campers and 5 helpers signed up. We are planning to charge \$10 per person for VBS; GLOW will cover the cost of the T-shirts. Barry and Jess Gronke are hosting the counselors. Aimee and Trevor Ascheman are providing the snacks. Rita Dovre, Jess Moriarty and Linda Nyutten are providing meals for the counselors.

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Church Council Notes – July 5, 2023 (continued)

- Mission Trip 2023:
 - The Mission Trip was very successful. There were 34 students and 8 chaperones. The theme for the week was “Unbelievable.” The group did a number of different projects including building ramps, cleaned a transition home, built a deck, and patched a roof. We also gave a donation to HELP – Health Equipment Loan Program, which was recommended by the organization that we are working with for this trip. There were two other groups from Missouri and Michigan that were in the same area as us, and our students did a wonderful job including them with our social time.
 - A huge thank you to the churches and our communities for all of your support to provide this opportunity.
 - We are going to do a Mission Trip Recap/Supper on August 1st at 6:00 pm to give the students and chaperones an opportunity to share their Mission Trip experiences. All are welcome!
 - Fundraising for the 2025 Mission Trip will begin in August. They will be running a concession stand for the softball games at Belgian American Days on Saturday, August 5th. On August 12th, they will be working at Polish Days from 10 to 1 pm. They will also be selling burgers at the football games again this year.
- GLOW: We will be getting together to discuss GLOW soon.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- Call committee Update: The call committee will be meeting with Pastor Heather from the Synod on July 13th. The MSP (Ministry Site Profile) is almost done. It needs to be reviewed by Pastor Heather before it can be posted. We did ask her about an interim pastor, and there are not a lot of options right now. There was discussion about confirmation options. We could pair up with another church or if there was an adult who was interested in teaching, that would be option. Terri will follow up with Bethany-Elim on if they will be doing confirmation with us this fall. There was also discussion about doing a Sunday night kickoff for GLOW on September 17th and then start GLOW on Wednesday, September 20th.
- **Motion made by Rose Van Uden to adjourn. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of July 24th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 2, 2023. Boards meet at 6:00 pm. All together 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

JOIN US

**MINNEOTA AREA
MISSION TRIP RECAP
& RECRUIT NIGHT**

6PM AUGUST 1, 2023

@ Hope Lutheran Church

Free will hotdog meal
to be served with
program to follow.

The Minneota Area Mission Trip youth and chaperones would like to share stories about their trip to Elliott County, KY that they returned from in June.

We also invite youth entering 8th - 12th grade this fall interested in going on the 2025 mission trip.

SOS (Social On Sunday), 11:00-2:00—Bring a game of your choice if you wish to play games, a puzzle, or handy work if you choose not to play a game. Also bring a brown bag lunch. Also feel free to just come and visit. For questions or suggestions call Rita at 507-828-1415. The time frame and lunch plans will be discussed at the first gathering in September.



Schedule September—December:

September 17th (Vikings don't play)

October 23rd (Vikings don't play)

November 18th (Vikings play at 6:20 pm)

December 3rd (Vikings don't play)

Dates there after TBD by how well Vikings play during the season.