

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

December, 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/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

*[The angel said to Mary...] you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.
Luke 1:31-33*

Jesus' birth is the most familiar in the Bible. It is one of the most familiar birth stories in the western world. Even if you've never been in church, most of us have seen "A Charlie Brown Christmas." We know about the angels, who appeared in the night sky, speaking the most beautiful words ever spoken: "Fear not! For behold I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people, All People! ALL PEOPLE!!!"

Good news not just for the Jews, not just for the Christians, not the rich, not the poor but **All People**.

The Good news—unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord

A Savior—his name is Jesus, which means God will save

Christ—anointed one, special, set aside for a special purpose, in ancient times Kings were anointed with oil. Jesus is King of the Universe

The Lord—Jesus is the boss, the ruler, God of the universe, creator of All things, one with the Father

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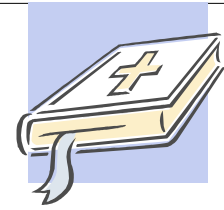
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Circle Bible Study	December 5th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	December 7th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	December 2nd, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

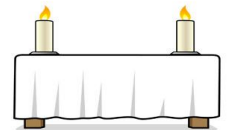


2022 Church Attendance

October 2	180	November 6	102	December 4
October 9	95	November 13	81	December 11
October 16	154	November 20	175	December 18
October 23	114	November 23		December 24
October 30	191	November 27		December 25
Total:	734	Total:		Total:
Average:	147	Average:		Average:

Altar Guild (November 23—December 27)

Marlys Skaar 872-6600
 Gayle VanVooren 872-6927



Workgroup Chairpersons

Sandy Tolk	872-6730
Marilyn Kompelien	828-1148

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
December 4	Randy Prellwitz	Madison Hennen & Brooklyn Ryer
December 11	Todd Sonnenburg	Creed Stassen & Cole Johnson
December 18	Scott Josephson	Christmas Program
December 25	Greg Gottskalkson	Grace Hennen & Sophie Gillund



Money Counters: December—Gayle Van Vooren & Barry Gronke
 January—Barb Knutson & Dave Dovre

Upcoming Dates:

December 3rd—10:30 am, Baptism for Max Vernon Kosmalski
 December 4th—Baking Orders Due
 December 11th—Baking Day
 December 18th—GLOW Christmas Program, 10:00 am service
 December 24th—Christmas Eve Service, St. Paul's, 4:00; Hope 5:30
 December 25th—Christmas Day Service, Hope, 9:00 (No service at St. Paul's)
 December 30th—Last day for your offerings to be counted for 2022
 January 8th—Annual Repots Due to Church Secretary (no later than January 11th)
 January 29th—Annual Meeting

Church Council Notes – November 2, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 5,101.34	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 6,034.52
	Building Fund:	\$ 3,085.17	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 280.47
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,640.91	GLOW:	\$ 7,354.82

Finances:

General Fund Balance as of October 31st	\$ 5,101.34
General Fund Offering Income	\$
	<u>\$ 5,101.34</u>
Projected Expenses for November	\$13,773.89

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 6 home visits, 2 nursing home visits, 4 office visits, 1 Pastoral evaluation meeting, 1 family prayer service, 1 funeral, 2 confirmation services, 1 Faith Statement night meeting.
- The confirmation service went really well and was really long. Perhaps we can find some ways to make it still meaningful but a little shorter next year.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of November were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$13,538.89
- **Motion made by Dave Dovre to approve the Treasurer's Report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – For our umbrella policy for our insurance, we agreed to pay half now (\$235). We did have an issue with the dishwasher, and the bill for the repair parts of \$228.96 will come out of the building fund.
- Church / Parsonage repair – We are still waiting for the insurance adjustor to give us the final okay to replace the parsonage roof as we haven't been able to find matching shingles. If we can't find a contractor to do the whole roof now, Guy Jeremiason has offered to patch the roof to get it done before winter.
- Pastor's evaluation recap – Terri, Deb, and members of St. Paul met with Pastor Allen and reviewed his evaluation. Goals were set for 2023. There will be no monetary increase, but Pastor will have an additional week of vacation. We also agreed that we will continue doing a review annually.
- Year End Cutoff: December 30th will be the year end cutoff for donations.
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month -
 - November 27 – Toys for Tots
 - December 25 – No walk around offering in December
 - January 22 – Open to suggestions
- All Saint's Day: This will be on November 6, and Chris has sent letters on this to the appropriate families.
- Thanksgiving Service: There will be an ecumenical service at Hope on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6 pm. Pastor spoke to the priest from St. Edward's, and they will participate.
- Christmas Services: Christmas Eve services will be at 4 pm at St. Paul's and 5:30 pm at Hope. We will have a Christmas Day service at Hope but not at St. Paul's.
- Communion servers: The consensus of the group was that confirmed members can serve communion.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Council Minutes (con't)**Board of Education Report**

- **GLOW:** The next Let It Shine service will be on Sunday, November 20, 2022. GLOW will provide the ushers, readers and communion servers for this service. We would like to have some help or input when planning the service from the Deacons. Video would like to have a week's notice prior to service for songs and any video or sound needs. Daniel, the music director, should contact Dave Dovre. Dave will talk to the sound person and make sure the boom mics are set up. There was discussion about having Daniel call in to the Music & Worship meeting to help discuss music for the GLOW service. Our goal is to get kids and families into the church on Sundays. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18 during the regular church service at **10 am**.
- **Confirmation:** 13 – 9th and 10th graders were confirmed on October 30th at Hope and 1 – 9th grader was confirmed at St. Paul's. Statement of Faith night was well attended. Thanks to Rose Van Uden for making lasagna for the supper. There was discussion about changes to the confirmation service for next year. Do we want students to continue to read their Statement of Faiths on Confirmation Sunday? Do we want all family/friends to surround the student while the student is being confirmed? We did agree that these two parts of the service are very meaningful, and we don't want to lose that. We may look at other ways to shorten the service. These students will now join and attend Teen Power on Wednesday nights.
- **Mission Trip 2023:** We are continuing to fundraise. Nancy Krog will be doing a Mary & Martha Fundraiser from November 1-11 to support the Mission Trip. 25% of each sale will be donated to the mission trip. Nancy was at GLOW tonight, and she will also be here on November 6th at the Meatball Supper. She will also be at Bethany-Elim on Sunday, November 6 from 9 to 11 am. A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13th.
- **Christmas Baking:** They are taking orders now for Oreo truffles, lefse and Belgian cookies. Orders are due December 4th. There are order forms in the bulletin and there is a link on the church website. Baking will be done on Sunday, December 11th starting at 10:30 am. Orders can be picked up at Hope or delivered in Minneota later in the afternoon on December 11. Orders can also be picked up on Monday, December 12th in Ivanhoe at the Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy.
- **Teen Power:** We are also talking about helping to serve the Meatball Supper on Sunday, November 6th. They have been involved in the Let it Shine service, Confirmation readers and Communion servers. They also helped with the pumpkin "dissection" last week during the Family Fun night at GLOW. Planning to do the shoe collection again, but no date has been set as of now.
- **Other:** Summer VBS. We have until November 14th to reserve a date for next summer. The 1st week of August is available, and it was agreed that we would do it in that same time frame. Barb will contact Green Lake Ministries to reserve that time frame.
- **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss to approve the Board of Education report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Christmas Tree Collection:** It was agreed that we will do a Christmas tree collection. A tree will be set up in the narthex to collect items (hats, gloves, etc.) for this. Chris will contact Jen Mahan-Deitte to get a list of items needed, and that will be included in the newsletter and bulletin.
- **Nominating Committee:** Gayle will be the council rep for the nominating committee.
- **Poinsettias:** These will be coming from Hy-Vee this year as Brad's will no longer be doing this. We will need a count by November 18th because of this change. Chris was also going to check on the costs and timing if we went with Marshall Floral or Jim's SuperValu in Canby. The order forms are already in the bulletin.
- **Motion to adjourn made by Moriah Reiss. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Boards at 7:15 pm; All together at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

A Note from the Pastor (con't)

Jesus is not the kind of King we would expect, certainly not the kind of God we would hope for. At least not how we would expect the king of the universe to present himself; born in a stable to an unwed peasant girl, his birth announced not to kings and priests, but to dirty shepherds and pagan astrologers from a foreign country.

In Jesus the grace of God appeared, bringing salvation to all.

The good news of Jesus is life in the midst of death, eternal life, the life of the ages, real life, spiritual life, the life of the ages—a life free from bondage to sin and death, from death hell and the grave.

Freed by the one called, wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

He will establish and uphold his Kingdom with justice and righteousness forever.

Fear not! For behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to **ALL PEOPLE**, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Merry Christmas Y'all!

Pastor Allen

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP CHRISTMAS BAKING

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

LEFSE (3 SHEETS/BAG) _____ @ \$5.00 EACH = _____

BELGIAN COOKIES (12) _____ @ \$5.00 EACH = _____

OREO TRUFFLES (8) _____ @ \$5.00 EACH = _____

TOTAL = _____

Orders due Dec 4, 2022 – drop off at Hope Lutheran or call Emily Hennen (828-6797). Baking Day is Sunday, December 11, 2022. Orders will be ready late afternoon. Pay when you order or upon delivery.

Checks made to **Youth of Hope**

(check one below)

Delivery in Minneota _____ Pick-up at Hope _____ Pick-up at Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy _____

GLOW

Hello from GLOW! Congratulations to the Minneota Vikings Volleyball team on their State Championship! And Good Luck to the Minneota Vikings Football team in the State Championship on December 2nd!

We have been busy with our GLOW nights! We have had some AWESOME messages on Wednesday evenings from different members of our congregation! Including messages on humility, giving of yourself and kindness.

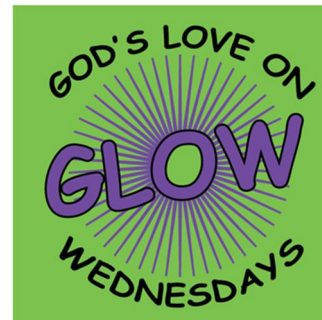
The family event for October was pumpkin carving. All the families got together and we carved pumpkins in the Fellowship Hall.

We continue to be in need of surrogate grandparents, parents and big brothers and big sisters to connect with our GLOW kids. So if you have free time on Wednesday evenings, or even just one free Wednesday out of the year, we would love to see you there!

Our Let It Shine services continue to be a success, they happen every third Sunday! It's so much fun to see our kids be apart of our church services. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful congregation and GLOW family!

In Christ,

Jess & Erin

**Minneota Area Mission Trip**

In November, we wrapped up the Merry Christmas Mission Trip fundraiser with Nancy Krog and her Mary & Martha products. We are so blessed to have generous community members like Nancy. Nancy willingly offered her 25% commission of sold Mary & Martha products between 11/1/22 to 11/11/22 to the 2023 Mission Trip. Thank you to Nancy and all who purchased Mary & Martha products which benefited our trip. Our next fundraiser will be Christmas Baking, which will include lefse, Belgian cookies, and Oreo truffles. Order forms will be in the church bulletins and in the Narthex. Orders are due by December 4, 2022. We will have our baking day on Sunday, December 11, 2022 starting at 10:30 am. We will also provide lunch after the GLOW Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, we held a planning meeting to discuss three possible locations for our 2023 Mission Trip. For the 2023 Mission Trip, we will be working with Next Step Ministries. The three locations students voted on were Elliot County, KY, Knoxville, TN, and Oklahoma City, OK. We should have a location chosen soon.

We continue to appreciate all of the support we have received from our congregations and communities. Please keep our group in your prayers as we continue to plan and fundraise for the 2023 mission trip. If you have any questions regarding the 2023 Mission Trip or are interested in going on the 2023 mission trip, please contact Emily Hennen at emhaugland@hotmail.com or 507-828-6797.

Hope Lutheran Teen Power **Now collecting shoes for our 2022-2023 annual shoe drive.**

The collection of shoes, sandals, boots, and all other footwear starts now in November and will run through spring 2023. We gather all footwear and deliver our donations to Schuler Shoes in St. Cloud, MN. The majority of new and gently worn shoes may be donated to shelters and then sold at shelters for \$5.00 with the money then being donated to the shelter food shelf. Some shoes will stay in Minnesota with a program called 'Shoe Away Hunger'. Some shoes will go to other countries where they are needed for people without shoes, and the rest, if pretty worn out or are singles, are shredded and used for playground surfacing rubber mulch.

It is estimated that approximately 400 million children worldwide, more than the entire population of the US, live in pronounced poverty. Many of these children will grow up never having had a pair of shoes, resulting in significant ramifications for their health and well-being. Lacking proper footwear, countless children will be unable to attend school. And tens of millions of these poverty-stricken, barefoot boys and girls will be infected with soil-transmitted parasitic diseases like hookworm, causing lasting suffering and lifelong debilitation.

**Please clean out your closets and bring bags or boxes of your household's gently worn footwear to Hope Lutheran Church!
Please pass this message along to family and friends!**

"Thanks For The Memories"

That song comes to mind when thinking about my years of working with Jubilation and all the talented musicians who have embraced the music program here at Hope over the years. Many hours, much laughter, lots of singing and so many memories.

Thank you for the party hosted for me on October 23rd. The talk by Scott Josephson in church was very humbling, and the fellowship later downstairs in the Fellowship Hall was such fun.

My thanks to Karrie Denney who is now directing the Choir along with Nona Gottskalkson for accompanying and supporting the program. Because of them, I could retire from this office and move into the choir loft as one of the singers.

The Fellowship Hall was decorated beautifully, the cakes were lovely and delicious, and the remembrances of so many were appreciated.

It was an honor to direct the choir over the years. Making music together, sharing laughter and friendship, will always be treasured by me. And the gas card gift helps me drive a few more times to be with my grandkids! Thank you so much!

Gayle VanVooren

Thinking of Meatballs

The 2022 Swedish Meatball Supper is now history and it is a fond memory for so many here at Hope Lutheran.

Our thanks goes out to longtime Chairman, Sandy Tolk, and the HLCW executive committee for planning the event this year. Much effort goes into a meal for the church and community as well as holding a bake sale.

So many stepped forward to help make all those meatballs, advertise the event, help with the meal and cleanup after. And along with that was a lot of laughter and fellowship. The meal was delicious. Thanks to all who helped.

We cannot thank Brad Minnehan and our local grocery store enough for all the help they gave us. Our orders were taken care of because they were organized and delivered cases of goods to our kitchen. We depended on them and they provided.

We also appreciate the Thrivent Action funds that were shared to help cover all the expenses. And our Hope Lutheran Endowment matching funds were a big boost in making this a financial success. But we would be nowhere without all the volunteers who worked so hard. And everyone who contributed to the bake sale brought smiles to those who wanted goodies to take long home.

All in all, it was a successful event, and a credit to the people of Hope Lutheran. Over \$6,000 is now earmarked for kitchen cupboard restoration, thanks to this event.

And an announcement now: Rose VanUden has agreed to chair the next Meatball Supper. Thank you, Sandy Tolk, for your leadership all these years!

Gayle VanVooren, HLCW President

Collecting Winter Gear

Please be watching for the evergreen tree that will soon be in the Narthex at church. How will we decorate it? With caps, gloves, scarves, boots, etc. to be shared with the elementary students here in Minneota.

Winter is upon us and students often mis-place their warm items, or get cold and wet from playing outside during recess. Having a stockpile of warm items for them on hand will benefit so many.

Please bring your new or gently used winter gear to the church—place them on the tree or in the box that will be provided. (Note—the school asked “Please let people know the knit ones (which are not water proof) are not what we’re looking for.”)

Your gifts will be delivered after Christmas when the students are back in session. Kids are kids and budgets are being stretched. Let’s give a helping hand this holiday season.

Your Deacons