



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

February, 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

(I decided to re-run this article from February of last year. It still seems...timely)

We're always looking forward to the next thing; we're never thinking about what's happening right now. We are never going to be in this moment again...let's be in this moment. Billie Eilish

All of human wisdom is contained in two words: wait and hope. Alexander Dumas

The best way to create the future we want is to be in the present now. Deepak Chopra

The waiting is the hardest part. Tom Petty

[Jesus said] Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring trouble of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34

When I was young, we would travel often to visit my Dad's parents. The drive took about an hour and a half, which to me, as a preschooler, seemed like a lifetime. My grandparents lived down a dirt road, so every time we passed a dirt road I would say, "daddy, you missed the road." Waiting to arrive was the hardest part of the journey. As children, the things we look forward to always seem so far away. As adults, even as we anticipate the future, it often comes all too quickly. Whether future events seem to come quickly or not, we spend much of our lives anticipating, with either excitement or dread, the things that are to come. We must, of course, plan for the future, but I wonder if we don't miss a lot of good things, a lot of opportunities, by living for the future while being blind to what is happening now. Time with family and friends, times of quiet reflection, times of enjoying the moment are often lost. No one has ever said on their deathbed, "I regret spending so much time with my family." The future will come, and we must prepare as best we can, but let us not forget the present. We have much to be thankful for in the midst of all of the anxiety producing events that are happening in our world right now. The only thing that is the end of the world is the end of the world. For those of us who put our faith in Christ, even the end is not the end, but a new beginning.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Peace y'all

Pastor Allen

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Custodians: Lynn & Barb Okrina
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

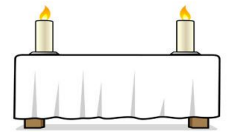
Circle Bible Study	January 3rd, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	January 12th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	January 7th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

**2022 Church Attendance**

January 2	February 6	March 6
January 9	February 13	March 13
January 16	February 20	March 20
January 23	February 27	March 27
January 30	Total:	Total:
Total:	Average:	Average:
Average:		

Altar Guild (January 26—February 22)

Lori Dyce 828-9567
Sandy Tolk 872-6730

**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Todd & Lisa Sonnenburg 530-3932

Date**Sound Operators****Video Operators****Acolytes**

February 6	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Cole Johnson & Creed Stassen
February 13			Logan & Carter Anderson
February 20	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Kyler Lozinski & Carson Javers
February 27	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Addison Buysse & Hannah Fadness



Money Counters: February 2022— TBD at February Council Meeting

Upcoming Dates:

January 30th—Work Group Leaders Informational Meeting following service
February 2nd—Council Meeting, 6:45 pm Trustees/Committees; 7:00 pm All together
February 17th—5:30 pm, PUPS Group at City Hall Bar & Grill
February 27th—5:30—7:00 pm, Mission Trip Spaghetti Supper

Church Council Notes – January 5, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 13,105.50	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,033.80
	Building Fund:	\$ 9,471.65	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 680.68
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 4,152.63	GLOW:	\$ 8,372.38

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Deb Belaen, Rose Van Uden, Barb Knutson, Emily Hennen, Dave Dovre, Gayle Van Vooren, Shane Bordewyk, Clark Corbin, Lori Dyce, Chris Pesch-Church Secretary, Pastor Allen Campbell
- **Attending via Phone:**
- **Absent:** Moriah Reiss, Barry Gronke, Brice Denney

Pastor's Report

- 1 council meeting, 1 meeting with the Bishop, 6 worship services, 5 Pastoral visits, 2 funerals, 4 baptisms, 1 committee meeting, 2 Confirmation classes, and 2 Christmas Eve worship services. Also attended 2 basketball games and 2 school concerts.
- The doorbell at the parsonage does not work, and the handrail on the basement stairs is loose. Neither are urgent, but we will have Tony Opdahl stop over to look at both of those items.

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: Bills for the month of January were provided. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$12,504.67. The bill for organ lessons for Autumn Dovre will be paid out of the Memorial Fund Music Fund.
- 2022 Budget: The 2022 proposed budget was reviewed. Most of the line items were kept at similar amounts as 2021. In and out items are listed at the end of the budget separately.
- Building & Property Endowment Fund: There will be about \$42,000 to be used in 2022 from this fund. We haven't seen a lot of contributions to the building fund this year, and the Endowment Fund Committee would like to have more fundraisers done with the Endowment Fund making contributions at certain thresholds to encourage giving by the congregation. We have received two quotes for the sound and video system upgrade, and the total cost for both is approximately \$25,000. The sound system equipment is \$8,433.97, and the video equipment is approximately \$10,000. Installation is estimated at \$2,000. In order to have the audio equipment installed by the 150th Anniversary, the sound system equipment will be ordered and the money will be borrowed from the Building Fund. Once the money for the audio equipment is raised through fundraisers and with the contributions of the Building and Property Endowment Fund, the video equipment will be ordered.
- Auditors: Auditors are still needed, and Shane will be contacting people about doing this.
- Annual Meeting Agenda: Items in old business are 150th Anniversary and Endowment Fund Report. There was one item for new business – new sound and video system equipment.
- Balcony: Southwest Glass will be contacted about the glass by the railing in the balcony as it has been on order for quite some time. Also, we are not going to take out another pew in the balcony.
- **Motion made by Gayle Van Vooren to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Clark Corbin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings:
 - January – Pictorial Directory
 - February –
 - March – Food Shelf
- Usage Fees for Weddings: This is still an open item, and we will review once Moriah and Chris have the opportunity to update the information.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Dave Dovre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Education Report

- GLOW: The Christmas Program was amazing! Special thank you goes to Tegan Gillund, Jess Gronke, and Emily Hennen for all of the work and dedication to our Christmas program. We could not do it without them. We would also like to thank Katie Boettger for accompanying our kids. It was nice to have a short break in December, and we are excited for the new year for GLOW!! We will look at ordering more curriculum depending on what the teachers' needs are in their individual classrooms. Meals on Wednesdays seem to be going great, and we have parents helping each week through an online sign up. This sign-up really helps to ensure that clean up goes smoothly. We are also looking at different ideas for GLOW kids to be interactive in the church services on Sundays. Will most likely be implementing these ideas the last part of January or the first part of February, depending on the kids and availability.

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Council Minutes (con't)

- **Teen Power:** The "Shoe Away Hunger" (formerly Soles4Souls) shoe collection is now in progress. We will be helping with the church pictorial; picture sessions will be starting on January 12th. Tonight's session was cancelled due to the inclement weather.
- **Mission Trip 2023:** The Christmas Baking fundraiser was a success. We had over 50 baking orders to start and ended up with extra lefse and Belgian cookies which were also sold for a profit. We truly appreciate all of you that ordered Christmas goodies and the volunteers that helped the kids make the goodies. The free will donation after the church Christmas program was also profitable. Thank you to all for their generous donations and the Endowment Fund Committee for their matching funds. Emily contacted Phil at Youthworks to inquire about possible mission trip destinations. We received a few options (6) but was told that they are not finalizing details or taking registrations for summer 2023 yet. 2023 destination options will be not available until June 2022. We are looking into the next fundraiser; it was mentioned that the Spaghetti Supper has usually been held in February.
- **Youth of Hope:** We are registered for the National ELCA Youth Gathering which is scheduled to be held in Minneapolis, MN on July 24-28, 2022. We are waiting to get more information about hotels and other gathering information. We are planning a get together soon to discuss this gathering.
- **VBS:** We have gotten information from the following camps regarding registration for summer camps.
 - Shetek Lutheran Ministries – They have started sending out emails to families in their database, and their summer registration system is now open. Nora Dahloff responded to our inquiry about possible on-site options, and the only available week is June 26-30. She also said it would depend on the # of kids and time of day.
 - Green Lake Lutheran Ministries – Lindsey Scheid, the Associate Director contacted Chris about scheduling Hope for day camp. Emily e-mailed Lindsey about reserving the dates of July 31 – Aug 4 for VBS Day Camp at Hope this summer. These dates are the same time frame as last year, and the Board of Education felt that this timing worked well last year and were a better option than the date provided by Shetek.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Clark Corbin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Building and Grounds Committee:** The Building and Grounds Committee met, and they have the following projects that they would like to complete before the 150th anniversary. These projects are replacing the Sunday School door on the west side of church, sandblasting and repainting the back steps, paint the ceiling in the narthex, take out the curtains in the chapel and paint the chapel, fix the plaster by the sink in the kitchen and repaint the kitchen. We are also looking at putting an on demand water heater in the kitchen and installing a sump pump in the floor by the drinking fountain in the fellowship hall. We also want to have shelves built in the walkway by the Sunday school rooms, so we can clean out the chapel area and also take out the furniture in the store room off the library, so it can be used for storage. The kitchen and bathroom floors also need to be scrubbed and waxed, and we want to replace the carpet by the secretary's desk and down the steps. We will be asking for volunteers to help with some of the projects. We are looking at March 20th or March 27th or possibly both days as cleaning days.
- **Thank You:** Thank you to those who have served on the council – Lori Dyce, Shane Bordewyk, Clark Corbin and Bryce Denney. We greatly appreciate your service!
- **Motion made by Emily Hennen to adjourn. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: To be determined

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 2, 2022, Trustees/Deacons 6:45 pm; Education-TBD; All together 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

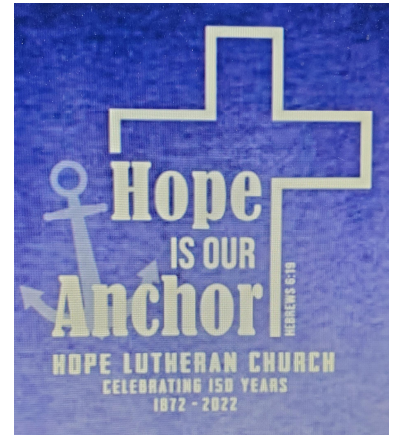
150th Anniversary Celebration-- June 11 & 12, 2022

Pictorial Directory -

If you were unable to make it on one of the three scheduled dates, we will certainly use a submitted photo from the family. Please submit your digital photos to jeremiasonphoto@gmail.com by March 1st, 2022.

Apparel -

We have Hope Lutheran apparel available with our 150th Anniversary Logo – ‘Hope is Our Anchor’, from Hebrews 6:19. Please use the following link to complete your apparel order:
<https://hopelutheranchurch2021.itemorder.com/>



Ornaments -

Beautiful 150th Anniversary ornaments are ready for sale for \$12.00 in the narthex following church. They are keepsakes for our congregation and everyone who's grown up at Hope Lutheran. We have a limited number of ornaments.

Do Good, Feel Good!

Do you need a New Years' Resolution? A new year, a new purpose! Give away your new or gently used shoes to help provide shoes for someone in need. Almost everyone has a closet with at least one pair of shoes that aren't worn or an old pair that may end up in a landfill. Give those shoes to Hope Lutheran Teens and know that steps are being taken to make those usable.

Hope Lutheran Teen Power is now collecting shoes for our annual shoe drive. The collection of shoes, sandals, boots, and all other footwear starts now in December and **will run through February 2022.** We gather footwear and deliver our donations to Schuler Shoes in St. Cloud, MN. A few years ago, one of the employees at the drop off point at Schuler Shoes shared with us that after the shoes are paired and sorted, the shoes go to four different places. The new and nicer ones 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 stay in Minnesota with a program called 'Shoe Away Hunger', some 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 of 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.

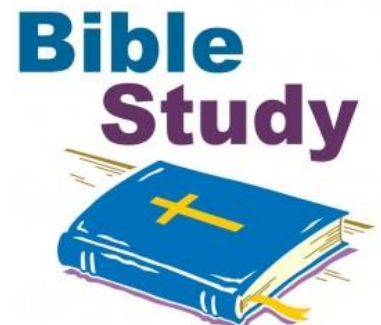
Clean out those closets and bring bags or boxes of your household's footwear to Hope Lutheran Church!

Circle Bible Study & HLCW

We have combined the morning and afternoon circles and HLCW.

It will now be known at Circle Bible Study and will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am.

Everyone is welcome!



Minneota Area Mission Trip

Mark your calendars and let the Minneota Area Mission Trip do the cooking for you!

The Minneota Area Mission Trip will be hosting a three course Spaghetti Supper on February 27th, 2022 from 5:30—7:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church. There will be a takeout option available as well.



GLOW

GLOW is currently looking at ordering more curriculum depending on what the teachers' needs are in their individual classrooms.

Meals seem to be going great and we have parents help each week through an online sign up and that really helps to make sure that clean up goes smoothly.

We are looking at different ideas for GLOW kids to be interactive in church services and continue to explore these options.

All are welcome on Wednesday nights! Please join us!

In Christ,
Erin and Jess



Attention Work Group Leaders

New Work Group leaders are now in place for 2022. First of all, thank you for being willing to serve as leaders for the month you have chosen. We are thankful for folks who are willing to step out to help with the chores/duties that need to be taken care of.

Some of you have served before and know what to expect, but we have some new leaders who may have questions as to what is expected of them. Therefore, a meeting has been set for Sunday, January 30th after our normal church service. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee and a chance to ask questions. A pamphlet has been prepared for you and you can pick it up at that time.

Work Group Leaders by Month

Those who have agreed to be leaders include:

January—Scott & Roberta Josephson (Thank you for work in January!)

February—Todd & Lisa Sonnenburg

March—Brenda Swoboda

April—Clark & Jena Corbin

May—Chad & Moriah Reiss

June—Gayle VanVooren

July—Bob & Linette Nelson

August—Matt & Mandi Norby

September—Fig & Linda Nuytten

October—Tony & Tammy Esping

November—Derek & Angie DeVos

December—Caryn Hetland

If you have any questions, or cannot attend on January 30th, please give Gayle VanVooren a call at 828-2432.

PUPS Group Begins

A support group of Hope Lutheran members began meeting this past year for a monthly meal at our local restaurant. The first meal found eleven people joining together to enjoy their meal, and it was the beginning of the monthly gathering.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 at the City Hall Bar & Grill, using their small private room in the back of the building. We have named ourselves the PUPS...the "Picking Up the Pieces" group.

Each of us has lost a loved one (husband or wife), and we find that eating alone can be just that ... lonesome. Our gathering has brought about smiles, jokes, laughter, and a general good feeling of not being so alone. The mood is light, the food is good, and we gather finding friendship as men and women of the church.

Come and join us as we meet informally each month. Our next meal will be shared on Thursday, February 17th, at 5:30 pm at the City Hall Bar & Grill.

Happy
Valentine's
Day