



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

January, 2019

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

Television Worship

Broadcast:

Channel 3
Sunday at 6:30 pm
Tuesday at 2:00 pm
Thursday at 4:00 pm

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My View of the Pews

Well here it is again the start of another year for Virginia and I at Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran and possibly the beginning of another year with all of you.

We would like to both thank you for making it another wonderful experience for us. Who knew that four years ago we would still be here. The original "short term" agreement has been extended and for the two of us it has been a wonderful ride. We can not express how honored we have been to get to know all of you and how blessed we have been for all your kind words and generous gifts you have shared with us over the years.

Not sure what God has planned for us this year but know very well it will be something great. As we reflect on the past and look to the future we are excited to walk the road God is leading us down. The two congregations in my opinion have a bright and glorious future for sure and if we are to be a part of it for awhile we look forward to whatever comes along.

We pray you had a wonderful Merry Christmas and wish you all a happy and blessed New Year.

See you in church!

Pastor Bruce



Pastor Bruce Drackley

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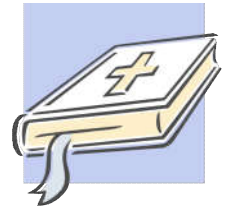
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Parish Secretary: Chris Pesch
Financial Secretary: Trish Bordewyk
GLOW Directors: Bree Anderson &
Erin Roberts

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson
Custodians: Lynn & Barb Okrina
Organist: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Men's Bible Study	Saturday, January 12	8:00 am at Duke's Café in Taunton
Mary Circle	Monday, January 7	6:00 pm—Church
Ruth Circle	Tuesday, January 8	2:00 pm—Church
Martha Circle	Wednesday, January 9	9:30 am Fireside Room



2018 Church Attendance

December 2 90 Est.
 December 9 90 Est.
 December 16 90 Est.
 December 23 105
 December 24 225
 December 25 16
 December 30 90 Est.

Total 706 —Average attendance in December based on 7 services: 100

Altar Guild (December 27—January 23)

Marlys Skaar 872-6600
 Gayle VanVooren 872-6927



Workgroup Chairpersons

Jamie Lanners 612-750-1683

Date Sound Operators

January 6 Randy Prellwitz
 January 13 Jack Jerzak
 January 20 Scott Josephson
 January 27 Greg Gottskalkson

Video Operators

Ralph Hagen
 Ron Thostenson
 Keven Larson
 Dave Dovre

Acolytes

Jackson Esping & Cole Myhre
 Cole Myhre & Kade Lozinski
 Jackson Esping & Kade Lozinski
 Autumn Dovre & Thomas Belaen



January Money Counters—Rob Prellwitz, Jen Mahan-Deitte, Stan Miller (Jan 13 - Feb 3)



**January 27, 2019
 Following 9:00 AM
 Service**

Church Council Notes - December 2, 2018

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 11,658.90	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,028.23
	Building Fund:	\$ 4,338.89	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 175.90
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 150.60	GLOW:	\$ 2,132.16

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills for the month of December were reviewed. Bills totaled \$8,702.96
- Insurance Policy: No new information
- Internet / Video Screen: Goal set up by Christmas. Phone line currently down.
- Bell Tower: Rain/Cold/Dampness stopped Buysse Roofing from repairs. Will wait until spring.
- Cemetery Land: Land prepped/too wet to seed. Will seed in spring. Tree removal done. Cost was \$2,550 which was agreed to be split: Endowment to cover \$1,250 and Cemetery to cover \$1,300.
- Summer Mowing: Cole turned in bill for \$480, payment will be sent.
- Endowment Committee: Council suggests the funds designated for the Bell Tower to be put into the Building Fund until the repairs are done in the Spring. New Power of Attorney assignment is Scott Anderson and Andy Hennen.
- 2019 Budget Meeting: Will be Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- Year End Offerings: **Monday, December 31, 2018** is cut-off for 2018.
- Annual Reports Due: **Friday, January 4, 2019**
- Annual Meeting Date: **Sunday, January 27, 2019** after the 9a.m. church service, lunch afterwards
- Auditors: Shane Bordewyk will contact two people.
- Debit Cards: Will be issued General Fund - 1 for Chris Pesch; GLOW - 1 for Brenda/Bree/Erin to share.
- Vouchers: Will use vouchers from now on for benevolence instead of cash.

Board of Deacons Report

- Members In/Out: Noel Orsen transferred out
- Walk Around Offering: **December** - take a break / GLOW will have pass around at program service
- **January** - WRAP (Women's Rural Advocacy Program)
- New Video Setup: Have a few volunteers - Trey Gronke, Chris Pesch, David Moriarty
- December 9th Service: Pastor Bruce out of town. Service will be done by Scott Josephson and Stan Miller
- December 16th: Christmas Program / Joint service with St. Paul's at Hope Lutheran / Lunch afterwards
- Christmas Planning:
- **Worship Schedule: Christmas Eve services - St. Paul's Lutheran at 4 p.m.**
- **- Hope Lutheran at 5:30**
- **Christmas Day service - Hope Lutheran at 10 a.m.**
- Poinsettias: Ordered; should arrive 12/20-12/22.
- Christmas Letter/Envelopes: will be sent out 2 weeks before Christmas
- Trifold Brochure: On hold until after the holidays

Board of Education Report

- GLOW: Going well.
- Confirmation: Going well. Thrivent help with gifts/congrats when students are confirmed
- Teen Power: Going well.
- Youth of Hope: 2019 Mission Trip - 62 kids and 11 adults. Fundraisers in progress: Butter Braid Sales (Nov 19 - Dec 2), Baking/Selling - lefse, Belgian cookies and truffles in Wilno, serving lunch after Christmas Program service, Krispy Kreme donut sales early 2019
- Christmas Program: December 16th with 10 a.m. Joint service with St. Paul's at Hope.
- Kids Choir: Education Committee has been asked to gather a kids choir and find a time for them to sing. Jen Mahan-Deitte is working on contacting a leader for the group

Other Business

- Shared Ministry: Will meet in January
- Call Committee: Met a week ago and another meeting coming up next week.
- Next Executive Meeting: **Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 10 a.m.**
- Next Council Meeting: **Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 10 a.m.**
- Annual Congregational Meeting: **Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10 a.m.** (Service at 9 a.m. / Lunch to follow)

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Hansen, Council Secretary

Mission Trip 2019

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." This quote by Mother Teresa is a remarkable reminder that Christmas lives on all year long, if we let it. As I reflect on 2018, I am overcome with feelings of gratitude, of hope and of faith. I am so incredibly grateful for all of the support our Mission trip group has been offered. As students, these kids are embarking on a journey that is shaping their faith in God, in one another, in their congregations and in their communities. They are feeling the outpouring of support that is being offered, and they are humbled by how many people have financially and spiritually supported them. They believe in what they are doing, and know that this experience will have an impact on their lives. As chaperones, we are blessed with an opportunity to see congregations working together to foster and build relationships, and we are experiencing the group joining together as one unit for the cause. It is in these moments we realize that we are part of something much greater, and the feelings of hope, trust and faith are overpowering.

None of this would be possible without the tremendous support shown to us, and we are grateful beyond words. To the Hope Endowment Fund, thank you for another matching fundraiser! We are blessed to feel that you believe in what we are doing and support us. To those who attended the lunch after the GLOW Christmas program and donated, we thank you for being with us. To the people who purchased snowmen at our silent auction, we thank you for your support. Lastly, I again want to especially thank Hope Lutheran Church for being an instrumental part of this trip. Thank you for allowing us to host events at the church, and to those who offer your support to the chaperones and students, your words are exactly what we need to hear and we thank you for inspiring us to keep working. To those who are praying for us, we extend our deepest thanks, for we know that God is with us on this journey, helping to guide us as we make decisions and prepare.

We are planning for the new year, and have several fundraisers on the horizon. We will be selling flavored coffees, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and holding our annual Spaghetti Supper on Feb 10, 2019. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts, and may the New Year bless you with good health and happiness. May we keep the spirit of Christmas alive through the entire year, and always look for ways to help those around us. God's blessings to all!

Terri Myhre, YOH Director

Fellowship Hall Update

The new flooring in the Fellowship Hall has been appreciated, especially since the removal of the tile underneath was also accomplished. While the Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW) spearheaded the project, it was the Council who stepped in to approve of the tile that contained asbestos. The squares of carpeting are very attractive and can be removed in case of a food disaster. And the linoleum near the serving area can be cleaned more often for sanitary purposes.

But more has been done. The Committee of Nona Gottskalkson, Sue Handeland and Sandy Josephson went on a shopping expedition for new decorations in the basement area. They returned, and put in place, many attractive signs throughout the church to update the overall appearance. When all was said and done, they also donated these items in honor of their mothers, Audrey Ahlshlager and Marlene Josephson, who were both active members of the HLCW.

Nona Gottskalkson and Kassie Denney painted the entire area and Nona also donated the handsome clock near the serving area. Many items from other areas of the church were refurbished and kept in use; such as The Lord's Prayer hanging that was in the chapel area. Made by Vi Amundson, this hanging had been in place for many years and was slightly damaged when the church had a fire. Rita Dovre took the hanging down, washed it and then repositioned it on the red backing. It now hangs in the Fellowship Hall as a renewed, vital work of art. Rita Dovre also hand quilted a lovely "stained glass" cross that hangs in the stage area of the hall. Her creativity has enhanced this area greatly. And as you look to the upper walls, stately silver light fixtures are also a beautiful update for this area that has become so active. We can all thank Barb and Lynn Okrina for this fine donation. Ona Olevson's plates are now in two places to be enjoyed and are another work of art by one of our members.

All of the time, effort and donations have been so appreciated. Take a look around—we have much to be thankful for.

Jubilation Updates

As we close out a year, I once again thank Jubilation for their commitment to Hope's music program. And now we begin our winter months of service.

Roberta Josephson has stepped in many times when I was unavailable this past year and that was so appreciated. And she has encouraged many of our youth to join choir as the year has progressed.

The change in membership age also allows 7th graders and older to join the group in making music. These young voices are needed in our weekly church services. Please keep coming.

Practices will begin again on January 16th immediately after GLOW exercises. January 9th will be left open for the Praise Band personnel.

We are fortunate to have active musicians in our midst—willing to give of their time and talents to enhance our church services.

Want to become a member? This is a great time to get involved as we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Gayle VanVooren, Director

JANUARY 2019

4H – 1st Sunday of Month, 6:30 pm Winter, 7:00 pm Summer
(4H will not be meeting in December or January)

TV Broadcast of Worship – Channel 3

Sunday – 6:30 pm
Tuesday – 2:00 pm
Thursday – 4:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			8:00 am Prayer Group	2:30 pm Minnesota Manor Worship		11:00 am Funeral for Marcus Bruns
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Scholarships Given Out 10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 am Council Meeting 10:30 am St. Paul's Worship NO 4H Meeting (December/January)	6:00 pm Mary Circle	2:00 pm Ruth Circle	8:00 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Martha Circle – Church 5:30 pm Potluck Supper 6:00 pm Confirmation/GLOW/ Teen Power 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice	1:30 pm Prayer Shawl		7:30 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at Rusty's
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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2019 WORK GROUP 1		Updated 6/18/2018	
January: Jamie Lanners	612-750-1683		
April:			
July:			
October:			
FUNERALS ARE SERVED ON A ROTATING BASIS			
Special Duties	January	Clean Nursery	
Ushering, Nursery Sitters, and Coffee Servers	January	Sundays	
Special Duties	April	Cookies for Bloodmobile (skipped 2018)	
Ushering, Nursery Sitters, and Coffee Servers	April	Sundays	
Ushering, Nursery Sitters	April	Easter (2 services 8 am & 10 am)	
Special Duties	July	Clean Nursery	
Ushering, Nursery Sitters, and Coffee Servers	July	Sundays	
Special Duties	October	Birthday Party at the Manor (1st Wednesday of month)	
Ushering, Nursery Sitters, and Coffee Servers	October	Sundays	
Doretta Addison	872-6804	Scott & Roberta Josephson	530-6091
Keith Anderson	872-6290	Marilyn Kompelien	872-6796
Shane & Trish Bordewyk, Zahara	224-2145 or 829-2194	Dennis & Nadine Kor, Collin	872-6682
Kristi Breyfogle	872-6543	Bryce Kosmalski & Wendy Rye	296-4654
Kalynn Buysse	828-0354	Luella Mattson	872-6754
Val Buysse	828-4404	Ilene Merritt	872-6237
Clark & Jena Corbin, Shelby	828-6967	Doug & Jo Moen	872-6171
David & Paula Dovre	872-6899	Bob & Lisa Myhre	530-2661
Kassandra (Kasey) & Brice Denney		Mike & Julianne Myhre	872-6787
Allan & Rita Dovre	872-6059	Wade & Terri Myhre,	872-5224
Charles Drown	872-5453	Paul Myrvik	872-6862
Darwin & Lori Dyce	828-9567	Coleen Pedersen	872-5922
Judy Esping	530-7160	Marlin & Becky Peterson	872-5233
Frances (Fran) Fier	872-6795	Rob & Brenda Prellwitz, Brandon	530-8662
Nona & Greg Gottskalkson	829-3379	Chad & Moriah Reiss, Taylor & Brendan	828-2627
Barry & Jess Gronke, Trey, Tyler,	530-8373	Erin & Jerren Roberts	530-4333
Bonnie Hanson	530-2958	Don & Janyce Sanow	872-6010
Sue Handeland	828-7853	Joan & Tom Schuttler, Alexandria & Evan Fuller	872-9925
Andy & Emily Hennen	428-3562	Wayne & Marlys Skaar	872-6600
Danny Hettling	872-6860	Sandy Tolk	872-6730
Adam & Emily Hoffmann	828-5541	Bill & Alison Ufkin	872-5458
Marie Hovland	532-5929	Pete & Gayle VanVooren	872-6927
Howard Huso	428-3599	Sandy Vershelde	872-5288
Brian & Davette Jeremiason, & Jackson	872-6695	Amanda & Jesse Warnke	829-1699
Guy Jeremiason	872-5442	Mike & Michelle Williams, Mason	872-6635
Hazel Johnson	872-6378		
Allan Josephson	872-6706		
Sandy Josephson	872-6706		

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