

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

July, 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

Summer is here! It is a time of respite from the cold, for traveling and vacation; the kids have a break from school; the parents get to spend more time with their children. It is also a time of low worship attendance. Trips to the lake, traveling for vacation and to see family and friends, and all sorts of activities take their toll. Please don't forget your church in the summer months. We are still here!

A highlight for this summer and for years to come is our 150th anniversary celebration. It was a great time, everything went well, and we had great food, fellowship, and worship to commemorate this momentous occasion. Many thanks to all who helped plan, cook, clean, worship, provide music, the history displays, and those who provided their memories for the history video. And thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate and be a part of the worship and fellowship.

The "Fourth," is upon us. It is one of the big three summer holidays on the secular calendar and is one of the biggest celebrations on the calendar in the United States. Of course, I mean July 4th, the day we remember our founding fathers' declaration of independence from England and King George. It is a day for celebrating our country and all that it stands for. It is a day for family and friends, food and drink, and often involves a pilgrimage to a large body of water.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Independence Day, and may you have safe travels wherever this summer takes you.

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	June 6th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	June 1st, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	June 3rd, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

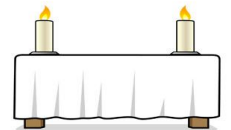


2022 Church Attendance

June 5	July 10	August 7
June 12	July 17	August 14
June 19	July 24	August 21
June 26	July 31	August 28
June 29	Total:	Total:
Total:	Average:	Average:
Average:		

Altar Guild (June 29—July 26)

Barb Okrina 828-4546
 Linette Nelson 828-7772



Workgroup Chairpersons

Bob & Linette Nelson 476-8608 or 828-7772

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
July 3	No Services		
July 10	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Landon Esping & Creed Stassen
July 17			Hannah Fadness & Kiersyn Hulzebos
July 24	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Hunter Danielson & Chase Johnson
July 31	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Dawson Dovre & Cole Johnson



Money Counters: July—Counters Needed

Upcoming Dates:

July 2nd-7th—Pastor on Vacation
 NO Sunday Services on July 3rd
 July 6th—Circle Bible Study—Church Library
 July 6th—Council Meeting, 6:45 & 7:00
 August 1st-4th—Vacation Bible School
 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 – June 1, 2022

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 3,597.06	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 6,034.39
Building Fund:	\$ 2,687.66	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 333.75
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,640.81	GLOW:	\$ 5,308.14

Finances:

General Fund Balance as of May 31st	\$3,579.06
General Fund Offering Income	\$ 0
	\$3,579.06
Projected Expenses for June	\$12,583.89

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 5 home visits, 1 nursing home visit, 2 committee meetings, 1 funeral for non-member, 1 baptism, and attended graduation and open houses. Vacation planned for June 13 – 16, July 2 – 7 (including Sunday, July 3), and July 11 – 14.

Treasurer's Report

- **Bills** – Bills for the month of June were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$12,583.89.
- **Motion made by Emily Hennen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- **Bills** – The bills from Todd and Tavin Sonnenburg for the sound system installation will be paid out of the building fund.
- **Organ Repair** – The person to repair the organ will be here before June 11th. The goal is to have Val Buysse be here when the repair person comes, if it works out.
- **150th Anniversary:** The bulletins were finalized last night, and Chris will print them on our printer using heavier paper for the cover. Most of the expenses were covered by Thrivent cards. Rose will arrange for the altar flowers. Jason will make sure we have some extra trash cans.
- **Front of church landscaping** – Due to the wet weather, it was decided to put mulch in the front of church with hostas donated by a member around the edge.
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Lizzy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- **Walk Around Offerings:** 4th Sunday of the month
 - June 26 – VBS
 - July 24 – ELCA World Hunger
 - August 28 – Bible Camps
 - September -
- **Usage Fees:** The usage fees were finalized.
- **Pastor's vacation:** Pastor will be on vacation June 13 – 16, July 2 – 7 (including Sunday, July 3), and July 11 – 14. With the 4th of July holiday on Monday, it was decided to have no service on Sunday, July 3rd, and have served at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 29th.
- **Sound person:** There wasn't any sound person this past Sunday. Dave Dovre will follow up with the people who do sound to make sure that if they can't make it to find a backup. Chris will collect names and provide to Dave of those interested in training on the video system. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the sound system, please let Chris know.
- **Online giving:** The information for this will be put in the newsletter again.
- **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:
 - All teacher and music director positions have been filled. Lori Dyce will be teaching 1st & 2nd grades.
 - We are still looking for a Food Coordinator. We had one person show interest in this, and they are trying to figure out logistics.
 - Erin & Jess are planning to have a GLOW director meeting later this month to discuss curriculum and GLOW dates for next year.
 - Looking for volunteers to lead the ending GLOW messages on Wednesdays. Pastor, Erin, Jess and Terri Myhre did them this year. Keven Larson and Jess Moriarity have said they would give messages for the upcoming year. If you would like to give a quick 5-minute sermon/message that engages children and keeps their attention, please let Jess or Erin know. We are hoping to create a rotating schedule of speakers.
 - If anyone has any ideas of a fun way to kick-off the GLOW year this fall, please let Erin and Jess know. Open to any and all ideas.
- Teen Power: Delivered around 700 pairs of shoes to St. Cloud; had to put some boxes and bags in Roberta's car due to the trailer being packed full. Thank you to all who donated shoes, and thank you to Gene Fodness for the donation of gas money for the trip. Ordered and displayed the lawn signs of the graduating seniors. These seniors were a "terrific big group of Seniors. They participated in church services and Teen Power - many of them for 3-4 years almost every Wednesday."
- 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. Barb is going to talk to Erin about putting together a registration form using Google Forms to register for VBS, and she is going to look for a flyer to promote VBS.
- Mission Trip 2023: We are continuing to fundraise. Will be helping with carnival games for the 150th Anniversary on Saturday, June 11 from 3-5 pm.
- Youth of Hope: Planning a "mini" mission trip to Duluth, MN this summer June 27-30th. Having a meeting this Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Barb has reserved vans from Countryside Auto. Students will be working at the Union Gospel Mission in Duluth (<https://duluth-ugm.org/>). They will work in the food shelf, thrift store and serve noon meal.
- Confirmation: We will conduct a parent/student meeting at the start of the year (fall 2022) to discuss expectations and requirements for Confirmation.
 - Wednesday, September 7, 2022
 - 6:30 pm: 7th / 8th grade students and parents
 - 7:30 pm: 9th / 10th grade students and parents
 - Confirmation plan / schedule for upcoming fall and rest of 2022 - 2023
 - 7th / 8th grade students will meet during GLOW for confirmation
 - 9th / 10th grade students will attend Teen Power on Wednesdays during GLOW with Confirmation prep (Statement of Faith etc.) meetings on Sundays. They will be confirmed in the fall of 2022.
 - We will invite a Scholarship Committee representative to speak about available scholarships and requirements to receive them.
- **Motion made by Gayle Van Vooren to approve the Board of Education report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- Work Day: We have a work day planned for tomorrow, June 2nd, and we are hoping to paint the narthex if we have enough people. We will do any finishing up on Sunday, June 5th after church. A huge thank you to all those who helped clean up after the storm.
- Storm Damage: The adjust was here last week. There was some water in the basement in the family bathroom closet. The light pole behind the church was uprooted; Eric Buysse laid it down so it doesn't pose a safety hazard. We lost some shingles on the parsonage, and those spots have been covered with plastic. We lost some roof caps on the church, but no shingles lost on the church. There was some water damage in the parsonage basement, and the carpet was pulled up and the pad removed. Mike's Flooring will be here before June 11th to put the carpet back in.
- Confirmation Pictures: We are missing the pictures from 2002 - 2008, so if anyone has a copy of those that could be copied, please let us know. On the pictures from 1994 - 2008, there are no names on the confirmation pictures. If anyone has that information, please let us know. It was also suggested that we check with the Mascot on these.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of June 27th via e-mail

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

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

Hope Lutheran Church

150th Anniversary

Forward (From June 12th Bulletin)

It is indeed a singular privilege to have the opportunity to build an adequate House of Worship.

Not every generation has this privilege. Therefore, it is with a deep sense of gratitude to God, who had walked so closely with us, that we dedicated this weekend to the glory of His Holy Name.

We hope this weekend brought you many fond memories of your faithful service to Him in the past, and may they also encourage you to continued unselfish service to Him in the future as we march along together to build His Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Thank You!

Many people have contributed to the success of this 150th Anniversary Celebration. We extend a special word of thanks:

- To the 150th Anniversary Steering Committee: Pastor Allen Campbell, Roberta Josephson, Scott Josephson, Terri Myhre, Earl Skaar, Sandy Tolk, and Gayle VanVooren.
- To the participating Pastors Allen Campbell, Gerald Staehling, Tom Kolden, Timothy Larson, John Thorstensen, and Dennis Orsen
- To the many volunteers who have helped our custodian Jason Johnson in preparation with cleaning, painting and organizing our church building and landscaping. To those volunteers who worked with the designing and marketing of apparel, those that helped our secretary Chris Pesch with the design of fliers and bulletins and to those who helped Brian Jeremiason with information and pictures for our pictorial directory.
- To those who helped Emily Hennen and Kathy Opdahl and the Minneota Area Mission Group organize our Saturday carnival and kids activities. To Derek and Angie DeVos for the Pedal Tractor Pull.
- To those in the Praise Band, the GLOW Students and teachers and the GLOW coordinators Erin Roberts and Jess Gronke and the Jubilation and Reunion Choirs directed by Gayle VanVooren with accompanists Val Buysse and Barb Steers.
- To all who helped with food preparation, serving and cleanup.
- To Universal Forest Products for the donation of the water bottles.
- And to all who helped in any way to make our anniversary celebration a success.

- **150th Anniversary T-Shirts still available to purchase:**
Purple: 3 Medium, 3 Large; Maroon: 3 Large, 3 X-Large.
- **150th Anniversary Ornaments are also still available.**
- **Please contact the church office if you are interested.**
- **If you have pictures from the weekend, please email them to the church.**