



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, 2021

Sunday Worship:

Hope—9:00 AM
St. Paul's—10:30 AM
With Communion
on the first Sunday

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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A Note from the Pastor

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free. (John 8:32)

If the Son has set you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. (1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. (Galatians 5:13-15)

A Christian is the freest Lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone (Martin Luther)

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.

On Independence Day we talk about freedom. Freedom is a huge topic, so for our purposes we will talk only about Christian Freedom. Christian freedom is about being free from sin, free from the law, free from shame, free from condemnation, free from death hell and the grave. Christian freedom is not just freedom *from* something, but freedom *to* something. We are free to worship God without fear (*Luke 1:73*), free to love, free to serve, free to give ourselves to God, and free to give our lives for one another.

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Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Men's Bible Study	All Bible Studies	8:00 am at ???
Mary Circle	Cancelled due to	6:00 pm
Martha Circle	Covid-19	9:30 am—Fireside Room

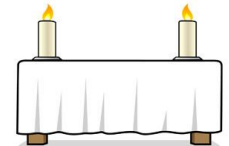


2021 Church Attendance

May 2	Total attendance	June 6	Total attendance
May 9	for May with 5	June 13	for June with 4
May 16	services:	June 20	services:
May 23	Average	June 27	Average
May 30	attendance:		attendance:

Altar Guild (June 23—July 27)

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>
Wednesday, June 30	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Hannah Fadness & Carter Anderson
July 4	NO SERVICES		
July 11		Ron Thostenson	None needed
July 18	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Kyler Lozinski & Adam Dalager
July 25	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Chase Johnson & Dawson Dovre



Money Counters: July—Gayle VanVooren, Deb Belaen
August—Council Members Needed

Upcoming Dates:

- June 30th**—7:00 pm Worship
- July 4th**—NO Worship Services
- July 10th**—Kristi Breyfogle Funeral/Memorial Service
- July 11th**—Outside Worship (weather permitting)
- July 17th**—Wedding of Rachel Knutson & Garrett Marple
- August 2nd-6th**—Vacation Bible School
- August 8th**—Outside Worship (weather permitting)
- August 14th**—Wedding of Dominik Jennen & Kira Gorter
- September 18th**—Wedding of Josh Esping & Samantha Madden

Church Council Notes – June 2, 2021

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 15,146.15	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,032.95
Building Fund:	\$ 3,394.44	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 458.47
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 14,151.68	GLOW:	\$ 1,265.69

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 1 nursing home visit, 1 pre-wedding meeting, 1 funeral planning session, 1 Prairie Conference Leader's Meeting, 3 home visits, 1 office visit, 1 synod assembly pre-session, led prayers at community Memorial Day observance, plus regularly scheduled worship services.
- Pastor would like to return to our twice monthly communion schedule, as well as returning to our pre-pandemic communion practices, beginning in June. We will return to twice a month communion plus festivals on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We will do one week at the railing and the other week as a walk around.
- We will hold off on sharing the peace for right now.
- Pastor will be on the Mission Trip on June 20th; Scott Josephson will lead the service, and Pastor will record a sermon.
- Pastor will be taking vacation July 3-6 and July 11-15. Pulpit fill will be needed for those 2 worship services. For July 11th, Barb Knutson will check to see if Green Lake Bible Camp can provide someone for that service. That is scheduled to be an outdoor service, also.

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: Bills for the month of May were presented by Shane Bordewyk. Council reviewed. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$10,667.83.
- MIDCO / MVTV / Internet: MVTV has been cancelled, and we are using just Midco for the internet. Everything has been working well; the Marco printer is working wirelessly.:
- Water softener: Pastor is fine with having the water softener removed as it isn't hooked up right now. Chris will call Culligan and ask about costs if it would be removed and later reinstalled.
- Piano / Organ: The piano will need to be tuned. The issue with the organ seems to have corrected itself; Shane will check with Val Buisse before contacting the organ company.
- Permanent Care Fund: Shane has to follow up with Barry about the Permanent Care fund.
- PPE Loan: We were approved for the 2nd round of PPE loans; we haven't received the check, yet, but it will be about \$10k.
- Parking lot: The parking lot paving is done. It would be nice to have it striped. Dave will get a name for Shane, and another name provided was Warren Buckles.
- Building & Ground Committee: This committee will be meeting next week. The two bushes in front of church need to be cut off and the stumps ground down.
- **Motion made by Gayle Van Vooren to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Summer planning / outside worship: Outside worships will be the 2nd Sundays in June (June 13), July (July 11), and August (August 8) weather permitting. There will be no acolytes on those days. Gayle will follow up with Lori Dyce to make sure there is someone to set up the sound system for the June 13th service.
- Walk Around Offerings:
 - June 20 – VBS
 - July 18 – VBS
 - August 22 - TBD
- Baptisms and Weddings: Baptisms and weddings are now listed in the bulletin.
- Bulk mailing: In order to get the bulk mailing rate, we need to send out 200 newsletters. In order to make sure we are meeting that amount, it was agreed that we should send out newsletters to the older college students.
- Pulpit fill: On Sunday, June 20th Scott Josephson will lead the service, and pastor will record a sermon as pastor will be on the Mission Trip that day.
- **Motion made by Dave Dovre to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (CON'T)**Board of Education Report**

- **Youth of Hope:** No new updates. The ELCA National Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis. We should plan to begin organizing in September. On June 22, 2021, Getting Ready materials for the youth gathering will be released or sent out.
- **Area Mission Trip:** There is one last fundraising event on June 5th; they will be serving burgers and hotdogs at Heritage Event Center. Trip plans have been set; flights are booked, but flight times may change between now and our trip. 25 students and 9 adults will be attending the Mission Trip from June 20 thru the 25th. There is a meeting on June 13 at 6 pm for the chaperones and 7 pm for the students and parents. Projects on the mission trip will include a roofing project and deck project on two houses. For evening events, they will be going to Beale Street in Memphis, the Big River Crossing, and there is one night still to plan for.
- **Bible Camp Requests:** Scholarships are still available; there have been no new requests.
- **VBS plans:** VBS will be the week of August 1-6 with a program by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. VBS will be Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The cost is \$90 per camper; this will be covered by the church so there will be no cost to the students. It will be for 4 year olds (preK) to those entering 6th grade. We are planning to have a parent program at 6 pm on Thursday night. The kids will need to bring their own lunches. They are planning to bring 4 camp counselors for 30+ kids. We will get registration set up once we have more information, and we will also open it up to the community. We will have more information in the July newsletter. The walk around offerings in June and July will be for VBS, and we will request that the endowment match 2 to 1 for these walk arounds.
- **Motion made by Clark Corbin to approve the Board of Education report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Building/Grounds Committee:** Discussed earlier.
- **Video Equipment:** The laptop is in, and there has been an anonymous donation of Pro Presentation software that has been loaded on it. Getting the analog camera to connect to the laptop has been a challenge. Dave is working on finding an adapter for this. The bid to take out the 2 pews in the balcony is \$8,300.
- **Motion made by Clark Corbin to adjourn. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: To be determined

Next Council Meeting - Wednesday, July 7, 2021, Trustees/Deacons 6:45 pm; Education-TBD; All together 7pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

Pastor's Note Continued:

Lutherans love paradox, and the quote from Luther above is no exception. We are totally free, but we are also bound to one another through love. "Do not use your freedom as a license for self-indulgence," Paul says, and, "all things are lawful, but not all things are profitable." (*1 Corinthians 6:12a KJV*) Through Christ we are truly free from the law and its penalties, but we are constrained by the command of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus was free to stay in heaven, free to slay his enemies with a word, free to destroy all in his path. But Jesus limited his freedom for the sake of the world, he emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant...and was obedient to the point of death. (*Philippians 2*)

In Jesus, God frees us from fear about our salvation and our worthiness. We are made worthy through the cross of Christ. And so we are free to serve God and our neighbor with joy.

As we celebrate our freedom this year, let us do so with strength! (Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. *Ecclesiastes 9:10 KJV*)

Peace Y'all, Pastor Allen

Coffee time returns -- we are excited to again be offering a time for socializing after services. If you would like to volunteer to serve coffee, please let the month's work chairman know.



Youth of Hope

Details are starting to come in regarding the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022! As I write this, there is a meeting that I will be attending on June 16 to gather more information. Look for more details next month!

Minneota Area Mission Trip

We are 5 days away from leaving on our trip, and I truly believe that God has been with us during our planning process, and he has granted us this incredible opportunity to show his love through service to our neighbors. For it is written in Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". This year's mission trip is taking on a bit of a different format, but I truly believe it will be an experience that will enlighten our students and give them an opportunity to witness first-hand how service to others can be gratifying and fulfilling. Our spiritual program will consist of contemporary Christian music, scripture, reflection and prayer. Each day has a theme, which include Love, Trust, Faith and Hope. It is during our journey that we pray that our students will learn and feel God's unconditional love, that they will strengthen their trust in God and in one another, that they will learn how their faith can see them through all situations, and that they will leave with a sense of hope that God has a plan for each of us. If you'd like to follow along with the program, please visit our Facebook page (Minneota Area Mission). I will be posting the videos and scriptures daily, along with pictures and recaps of our day's activities.

Thank you for your incredible support of our youth. We have 12 Hope Lutheran students attending (25 total) , 4 adults (8 total) and Pastor Allen. We ask for your prayers during our week and we look forward to sharing our experience with you!

Vacation Bible School

Hope Lutheran Church is excited to be partnering with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for Vacation Bible School this summer! Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, August 2nd to Thursday, August 5th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Children that are entering kindergarten to grade 6 for the school year 2021-2022 are encouraged to participate in VBS. Please return the enclosed registration form (front and back) by Wednesday, July 21st. Forms can be left on the secretary's desk at church. Listed below is the typical daily VBS schedule. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch to camp each day. On Thursday, August 5th everyone is invited to a light supper at 6:00 pm with a program to follow. We are looking forward to a fantastic week of VBS.

TYPICAL DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00 Day Camp preparation, volunteer meeting
 9:00 – 9:30 Registration / Welcome Activity
 9:30 – 10:00 Opening Worship
 10:00 – 10:30 Bible Study / Craft / Game Time (Rotation 1)
 10:30 – 11:00 Snack
 11:00 – 11:30 Bible Study / Craft / Game Time (Rotation 2)
 11:30 – 12:00 Bible Study / Craft / Game Time (Rotation 3)
 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
 12:30 – 1:00 Quiet Time Activity
 1:00 – 1:30 Large Group Game / Large Group Activity
 1:30 – 2:00 Closing Worship
 2:00 – 2:30 Dismissal / Closing Activity

2021 WORK GROUP 1		Update 1-16-21
FUNERALS ARE SERVED ON A ROTATING BASIS		
January	Gayle Van Vooren	872-6927 / 828-2432
	Special Duties	Clean Nursery
	Sundays:	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
April	Clark & Jena Corbin	828-6967 / 829-8725
	Special Duties	Cookies for Bloodmobile
	Sundays	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
	Lent (4/1, 4/8) Maundy Thursday (4/9), Good Friday (4/10)	Ushering by Confirmation/Youth
	Easter (4/12) 2 Services 7 am & 10 am	Ushering, Nursery Sitters
July	Bob & Linette Nelson	476-8608 / 828-7772
	Special Duties	Clean Nursery
	Sundays	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
October	Betty Prellwitz	530-4338
	Special Duties	Minneota Manor Birthday Party (1st Wednesday)
	Sundays	605-323-7416
Alfson	Karen, Jennifer & Kelsey Esping	530-3306
Anderson	Keith	
Ascheman	Trevor and Ami	320-249-5285
Buyse	Kalynn	828-0354
Citterman	Randy, Brent, Braedon	
Dalager	Charles & Linda	872-6062
DePestel	Holly	
Gawrecki	Lon	829-9805
Dovre	David & Paula	872-6899
Dyce	Darwin & Lori	828-9567
Esping	Tom	507-531-0743
Esping	Tony & Tammy, Nick, Trent & Jackson	829-2953
Gilgert	Ronald	872-6743
Gillund	Wade & Tegan	872-6741
Gottskalkson	Nona & Greg	829-3379
Hasert	Earl & Laurel	507-382-9040
Helgeson	Berniece	872-6588
Hettling	Lee & Angela, Kelsey, Jameson, Gabby	872-9928
Huso	Howard	428-3599
Jeremiason	Jay & Cindy	872-6796
Johnson	Hazel	872-6378
Johnson	Glenn	872-6092
Josephson	Scott & Roberta	530-6091
Kloos	Brian & Shalayna	828-3547
Korman	Don	532-6840
Mahan-Deitte	Dan & Jen	507-626-0158
Morin	Gerard	530-0095
Myhre	Wade & Terri	828-0147
Myhre	Kurt & Kim, Josh	872-5481
Myhre	Justin	
Myhre	Anthony & Sara	
Obe	Sheree	872-5265
Opdahl	Tony & Kathy	605-999-1557
Petersen	Patrick	507-401-7922
Reiss	Chad & Moriah, Blake, Brendan, Taylor	828-2627
Rodina	Deanna	872-6302
Rye	Bryce Kosmalski & Wendy	296-4654
Schuttler	Joan & Tom, Alexandria & Evan Fuller	872-9925
Skaar	Leah	
Sonnenburg	Lisa & Todd	530-3932
Swoboda	Brenda	
Thompson	Troy & Carla, Adam & Austin	872-6730
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