



### 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, 2023

#### 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

# July 24th–27th!!

# Vacation Bible School

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#### Pastor's Office Hours:

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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Minneota, MN 56264

Pastor:  
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Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson  
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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke  
Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family  
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn  
Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

**Bible Studies for Men and Women**

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

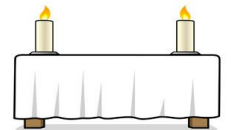


**2023 Church Attendance**

May 7	91	June 4	70
May 14	82	June 11	58
May 21	69	June 18	65
May 28	70 Est.	June 25	60 Est.
Total:	312	Total:	253
Average:	78	Average:	63

**Altar Guild (June 28—July 25 )**

Linette Nelson 828-7772



**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Sandy Tolk 530-1849

**Date Sound Operators**

July 2 Randy Prellwitz  
 July 9 Todd Sonnenburg  
 July 16 Scott Josephson  
 July 23 Greg Gottskalkson  
 July 30

**Date Acolytes**

July 2 Addison Buysse & Brooklyn Ryer  
 July 9 Owen Myrvik & Logan Pohlen  
 July 16 Heydan Danielson & Landon Esping  
 July 23 Sophie Gillund & Madison Minnehan  
 July 30 Nola Ascheman & Grace Horner



**Money Counters:** July—Jen Anderson & ??  
 August—Amie Ascheman & ??

**Upcoming Dates:**

July 24th-27th—Vacation Bible School  
 September 17th—New Member Sunday

**Church Council Notes – June 7, 2023**

<b>Fund Balances:</b> General Fund:	\$ 2,424.29	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 5,134.69
Building Fund:	\$ 15,533.15	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 226.87
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.05	GLOW:	\$ 3,287.49

**Attendance:**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Two corrections were noted; Deb will correct. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the secretary's report with corrections. Lizzy Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Bills – Bills for the month of June were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$6,279.06..
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve Treasurer's Report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Trustees Report**

- Bills: The payment to Tim Velde includes both salary and mileage.
- New member Sunday: We have 15 adults plus 7 children join our church since the last new member Sunday. We decided that we would have the next new member Sunday on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Chris will send out a letter in mid-August to those new members.
- Parsonage roof: The tin is here, and Guy thought they would get to it this week.
- Furniture from parsonage: We have 2 headboards and one queen mattress and box spring left. We will put an announcement in the bulletin to see if anyone is interested in those items.
- **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss to approve Board of Trustees' report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Deacons Report**

- Walk Around Offerings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month
- June 25 – Minneota Senior Center
- July 23 – TBD
- August 27 – TBD
- We are looking to have one for Hope Harbor but will wait until September or October to do that one.
- Pulpit supply: Pulpit supply is covered for the Sundays in June and July that Tim was not available. We won't have communion on the first Sunday of July – July 2<sup>nd</sup> due to having another lay person doing the service.
- Video Ministry: Volunteers are needed as Dave asked to take the summer off. We will put an announcement in the bulletin to try to get additional volunteers to learn the system and help with this.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Education Report**

- VBS: VBS will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> with a parent program on either Wednesday or Thursday depending on the Summer Rec schedule. Aimee Ascheman will be the church contact person with Green Lake. We have 35 people who have signed up. We are planning to charge \$10 per person for VBS; GLOW will cover the cost of the T-shirts. Jess Gronke has offered to host the counselors.
- Mission Trip 2023: The Mission Trip is from June 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, and the group will be leaving the church at 2:30 am that morning. There are 34 students and 8 chaperones. The walk around offering was approximately \$800, and our goal is to get it to \$1,000. It will be going to HELP – Health Equipment Loan Program, which was recommended by the organization that we are working with for this trip. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have pastor do a blessing of the group.
- **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss to approve the Board of Education report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Other Business**

- Call committee Update: Dawn Van Keulen is the chair, and Terri Myhre is the secretary of the call committee. The committee members from each of the separate churches are going to meet separately to determine what their congregation needs. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the whole call committee will meet to combine all their ideas. They hope to submit the compiled information to the synod shortly after that. We have provided the call committee with a total salary range of \$100k to \$105k. A lay minister has been discussed, and we will put that on hold and make that decision with the pastor. There was a question about whether there were any options to use the scholarship money in some way to help provide an incentive for a new pastor. The call committee will follow up with the synod to see if there are any options related to that.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Next Executive Discussion on Agenda:** Week of June 26th via e-mail

**Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 5, 2023.** Boards meet at 6:30 pm. All together 7:00 pm

**Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary**