

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

June, 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*

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Pastor's Office Hours:

Congregational Update:

We wanted to provide a few updates on current items happening in our congregation. First, we'd like to thank those who volunteered and helped us clean the parsonage. We have decided to rent the parsonage on a month-to-month basis, and the renter will be moving in soon. If you see Dallas and her children, please make them feel welcome.

A while back, we had asked for suggestions to either reduce expenses or generate revenue. An opportunity was brought forth, and the church council has voted in favor of pursuing a partnership with Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe. This arrangement will be similar to our existing shared ministry agreement with St Paul's Lutheran. We will continue to have that shared ministry agreement, and we will contract Pastoral services with Bethany-Elim. Representatives from the three congregations met and discussed our needs and expectations, and feel that this is a great opportunity for everyone. We will be able to share a Pastor while maintaining our own identity, and we will reduce our financial obligations. Bethany-Elim will keep their current K-6 education program, and their 7-12 students will join GLOW for confirmation and Teen Power. Because there are 3 congregations, we will explore options for Sunday service. One viable option is to have a lay minister or intern assist the Pastor. The 2 would rotate churches, allowing us to have a consistent schedule.

Per our shared ministry agreement, a call committee is being established that will consist of 4 representatives from Hope Lutheran, 3 from St Paul's and 3 from Bethany-Elim. The Hope Lutheran representatives will be Tom Myhre, Jerren Roberts, Dawn VanKeulen and Terri Myhre. Our Ministry Site Profile will be updated in the near future and we will submit to the Synod to begin the call process.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We ask that you continue to keep Hope Lutheran in your prayers.

Executive Committee

Terri Myhre, Barry Gronke, and Deb Belaen

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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	June 5th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	June 7th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	June 2nd, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

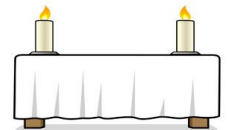


2023 Church Attendance

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

Altar Guild (May 24—June 27)

Linette Nelson 828-7772



Workgroup Chairpersons

Allan & Rita Dove 828-7682 or 828-1415

Date Sound Operators

June 4 Randy Prellwitz
 June 11 Todd Sonnenburg
 June 18 Scott Josephson
 June 25 Greg Gottskalkson

Date Acolytes

June 4 Heydan Danielson & Landon Esping
 June 11 Khailynn Fier & McKenna Geister
 June 18 Creed Stassen & Cole Johnson
 June 25 Nola Ascherman & Grace Horner



Money Counters: June—Rose VanUden & Jen Anderson
 July—

Upcoming Dates:

June 7th—Circle Bible Study, 10:00 am
June 25th-30th—Mission Trip to Elliott County, KY
July 24th-27th—Vacation Bible School

Church Council Notes – May 3, 2023

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 6,145.53	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 5,134.58
Building Fund:	\$ 16,033.15	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 268.80
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.03	GLOW:	\$ 5,134.58

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report**Treasurer's Report**

- Bills – Bills for the month of May were presented by Barry Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$11,483.. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: One additional bill for the month is from Tolk Graveling for snow removal for \$1,312.50. There is also a bill from Josh Brewers for the labor to replace the fire escape door. This will be paid from the building fund.
- Parsonage Rental: It was agreed that the lease would be on a month to month basis, so when we get a pastor, the parsonage will be available for their use. Barry has drawn up a lease agreement, and there will be a deposit required. We will charge \$600 a month plus utilities; we are planning to keep the electricity and city & water in the church's name. Terri will be showing the parsonage to a potential renter on Thursday. We will keep mowing the lawn. We will do a parsonage clean up on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm, and we will contact Nona about patching and touching up some of the places where pictures were hung.
- Parsonage roof: The tin will be here this week or next, and Guy will work on getting it installed soon after that.
- St. Paul's Shared Agreement: We are planning to do an addendum to adjust the payment that they are making to us. The plan is to split the cost of the lay person and interim pastor (if that occurs) and split the cost of the mileage for this person.
- Sound system: An additional piece of equipment was purchased that was needed to correct the noise issues that have been occurring. The Praise Band, Jubilation and memorial funds were used to pay for this.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month
 - May 21 (Note date change) – Donation to Elliot County for Mission Trip Projects
 - June 25 – TBD
 - July 24 - TBD
- Pulpit supply: Tim Velde from Hanley Falls has agreed to provide lay leadership for us. We did get approval from the synod for him to serve communion, also. He will start on Sunday, May 7th. The cost will be \$200 for both services plus mileage (\$150 for the first service and \$50 for the second service). He won't be available on June 11, June 25, and July 2nd. Barb has someone to cover June 25th. The Praise Band will be contacted about potentially leading the June 11th service.
- Pastor to cover emergencies: The pastors from Canby, Porter and Cottonwood have been contacted, and they are all willing to cover in emergencies.
- Outdoor Services: There are some people interested in doing an outdoor service this summer. It was agreed to wait until Tim is here and discuss it in June.
- Shut-ins: A note will be put in the bulletin to see if there are people interested in visiting the shut-ins during this interim time.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Barry Gronke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Council Minutes (con't)

Board of Education Report

- Baccalaureate: Will be Sunday, May 7th at 9 am; we have 7 graduates this year. We are planning to have a breakfast for the graduates and families after the service that day of egg bake, muffins, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. 41 people will be attending.
- GLOW: A wrap up meeting was just held, and we will have another curriculum meeting this summer. We have started laying out the calendar.
- Confirmation: Who will be teaching confirmation? We did talk to Tim and asked him to consider helping with confirmation. We are trying to develop a confirmation curriculum.
- Mission Trip 2023: We are continuing to make arrangements for this.
- VBS: VBS will be held July 24th – 27th 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. There will be a sign up sheet sent out this week. We are planning to charge \$10 per person for VBS; GLOW will cover the cost of the T-shirts. With the parsonage potentially no longer being available, we will have to make other accommodations for the counselors. Angie and Kent Borstad mentioned that they may be willing to host them; Aimee will confirm with them.
- Bible Camp scholarships: We will be providing scholarships for **one camp per student**.
- **Motion made by Jen Anderson to approve the Board of Education report. Lizzy Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- Coffee & Juice before church: We will pause this for the summer and revisit it this fall.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to close the meeting to discuss a shared ministry with Bethany-Elim. Barry Gronke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to open the meeting. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Call committee Update: Jerren Roberts, Dawn Van Keulen, and Tom Myhre have volunteered for the call committee. We are still waiting to hear from St. Paul's for their members.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to cast a unanimous ballot for the call committee members as listed above. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Rose Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of May 29th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 7th, 2023. Boards meet at 6:30 pm. All together 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

GLOW

Our end of the year GLOW Celebration was a wonderful evening! We had pizza for supper thanks to Scott Anderson and Kellie Knudson and ice cream treats for dessert thanks to Fig and Linda Nuytten! We played games outside and had a great evening of fellowship!

We also had a wrap up and planning on May 3rd to make decisions for next year. We will likely meet again this summer to go over things again regarding curriculum and continue with planning for next year.

We want to thank our amazing teachers for the amazing year: Trevor and Amie Ascheman (Pre-K -K), Angie Borstad (1st), Rachel Bednarek (1st), Lori Dyce (2nd), Kathy Opdahl (3rd), Lizzy Reiss (4th), and Matt Myhre (5th & 6th). We also want to thank Linda Nuytten and Terri Myhre for the delicious meals each week. We are so grateful for you all!

We are in need of more teachers for GLOW for next year! If you know of anyone that would be interested, please contact Jess or Erin!

We had an amazing year at GLOW and hope everyone has a great summer! We will see you all in September for our GLOW kickoff!

In Christ,
Jess and Erin

