

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

March, 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

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning...return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...Joel 2 12-13 (NRSV)

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety in him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves [and] keep alert...1 Peter 1:6-7 (NRSV)

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30-31 (NRSV)

Is such the fast I desire? A day for men to starve their bodies? Is it bowing the head like a bulrush and lying in sackcloth and ashes...No, this is the fast I desire: to unlock the fetters of wickedness, and untie the cords of [bondage] to let the oppressed go free...it is to share your bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched poor into your home; when you see the naked to clothe him, and not to ignore your own kin. Isaiah 58:5-7 (The Jewish Study Bible)

As you read this, we are well into the season of Lent. The word lent comes from the Germanic word for "long." It probably refers to those long days in February and March when it seems that winter will never end, at least in the Northern Hemisphere. In the history of the church, what we now call Lent was a 40-day period of catechetical (teaching) preparation for baptism on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. Now those 40 days (excluding Sundays) serve as time for us to focus on our relationship with God, deepening that relationship, and renewing our commitment to serving our neighbor and the common good.

In the more recent past, Lent has become a time of focusing on our sinfulness, and doing acts of penance, in an attempt to make up for how awful we are. In the best of times, most of us do not need anything else to make us feel bad about ourselves. My friend Pastor Jim Gustafson once said, "Lent is not about how bad we are, but about how good God is." We acknowledge that "we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves," but we rejoice that "...God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

In this season of Lent, let us focus on the goodness of God, and sharing our many blessings with the world.

Peace y'all, Pastor Allen

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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke
Custodians: Lynn & Barb Okrina
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men

Men's Bible Study
Mary Circle
Martha Circle

All Bible Studies
Cancelled due to
Covid-19

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

8:00 am at ???
6:00 pm
9:30 am—Fireside Room

and Women



2021 Church Attendance

February 7	Total attendance for February with
February 14	5 services:
February 17	Average attendance:
February 21	
February 28	

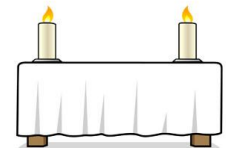


Workgroup Chairpersons

Jim & Glenda Fink 872-5243

Altar Guild (February 24—March 23)

Sandy Tolk 872-6730
Rose Van Uden 829-1806



<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
Sunday, March 7	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Kyler Lozinski & Brody Larson
March 14		Ron Thostenson	Logan Anderson & Adam Dalager
March 21	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Tiffany Gronke & Teslynn Saltzer
March 28	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Grant Anderson & Hannah Fadness



Money Counters: March—Terri Myhre, Clark Corbin, Barry Gronki
April—Terri Myhre, Clark Corbin

Upcoming Dates:

March 17th & 24th—First Communion Classes, 3:30 pm
March 28th—Walk Around Offering, Food Shelf
April 1st—First Communion during Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm
May 16th—Baccalaureate/Senior Sunday

Lenten Services Acolytes:

February 24th: Hannah Fadness & Kiersyn Hulzebos
March 3: Kyler Lozinski & Chase Johnson
March 10: Ryan Dalager & Sawyer DeSmet
March 17: Teslynn Saltzer & Grant Anderson
March 24: Adam Dalager & Caron Javers

Church Council Notes – February 3, 2021

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 9,456.22	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,032.48
Building Fund:	\$ 8,497.44	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 693.05
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 14,151.31	GLOW:	\$ 2,843.37

Attendance:

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Deb Belaen, Rose Van Uden, Lori Dyce, Emily Hennen, Barb Knutson, Dave Dovre, Clark Corbin, Gayle Van Vooren, Barry Gronke, Chris Pesch-Church Secretary, Pastor Allen Campbell
- **Attending via Phone:** Betty Prellwitz, Brice Denney, Shane Bordewyk
- **Absent:** None

Election of Officers and Committees

- Terri Myhre was re-elected President
- Shane Bordewyk was re-elected Vice-President
- Deb Belaen was elected Secretary.
- Board of Trustees – Terri Myhre, Shane Bordewyk, Deb Belaen, Barry Gronke, Rose Van Uden
- Board of Deacons – Lori Dyce, Clark Corbin, Betty Prellwitz, Gayle Van Vooren
- Board of Education – Emily Hennen, Barb Knutson, Bryce Denney, Dave Dovre

Pastor's Report

- 1 Council Meeting, 2 meetings with local pastors, 2 Synod Meetings, 1 Churchwide Webinar, 1 Conference Leaders' Meeting, 4 Confirmation Classes, 4 GLOW classes, 8 Worship Services, 2 annual meetings, 2 Pastoral Visits, 1 premarital meeting, and 1 committee meeting.
- Thank you to Chris Pesch, the outgoing council members, the new and renewing council members and to Terri Myhre for all everyone's hard work and dedication in a stressful time.

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – for the month of February were presented by Terri Myhre. Council reviewed. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$12,080.08.
- MIDCO / MVTV / Internet – Router was purchased. Stable consistent connectivity needs to be tested. Church's walls are not the easiest to obtain uninterrupted internet through. Shane and Terri will continue to work on this.
- Deposits / Offering Recording / Bill Paying – Council members will be counting money again, and a detailed counting form has been created with instructions so the offering is recorded accurately. One copy of the form will be for Chris Pesch, and one copy of the form will be put in an envelope for Shane. There is an audit at the end of each year that does include a review of the bills paid.
- Money Counters – Sign up – Importance of showing up – If you are not available, please ask someone else to fill in for you.
- Laptop for Church Secretary – An estimate was received to upgrade the secretary's computer at the cost of \$650. Estimates were also received for the purchase of a new laptop for \$937 from Computers & Beyond and for \$1100 from Ryan's Computers. The current computer is 6 years old. **Lori Dyce made a motion to purchase a new laptop from Computers & Beyond. Gayle Van Vooren seconded the motion. Motion carried. Barb Knutson made a motion to recommend that undesignated funds from the Memorial Fund be used for this purchase. Barry Gronke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Update Copier – Marco provided us a quote for a new copier with a new managed account program. Current cost is \$188 per month; the new copier and program would be \$109 per month. **Clark Corbin made a motion to switch to the new copier and program. Bryce Denney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Bank Signature Card Updates – Bank signature cards were reviewed and updated per the bank's request.
- Payroll Protection Plan – PPP – Chris will be applying for a 2nd payroll protection plan.

Board of Deacons Report

- Clark Corbin was elected chairperson and Lori Dyce was elected secretary.
- Membership Lists: No new info
- Transfers In / Out: No new info
- New Members: No new info
- Walk Around Offerings: February 28 – Food Distribution – Drive through Food Bags; March 28 – Marshall Food Shelf with Endowment Match
- Pastor's Installation: Sunday, February 7, 2021
- Installation of New Officers and Council Members: Sunday, February 7, 2021
- Baptisms/Memorials/Weddings – There are several weddings on the calendar – Alex Pohlen & Jenny Krog, Rachel Knutson, and Josh Esping.
- Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2021. There was discussion about doing 2 services, but it was decided to do just one at 6:45 p.m.
- Distribution of Ashes – Pastor has ordered them, and he will be using Q-tips to apply them.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (CON'T)

- Facebook Live – Sally has been doing it, and she would like to have someone else take over doing it. Terri offered to do it, and if others are willing to help out, please let her know. There was additional discussion about the video taping equipment and internet connection as it would be great if we could use that equipment to stream to Facebook Live. Also, a new table would be helpful to allow access to the front pew in the balcony.

Board of Education Report

- The board did not elect officers as there were only 2 members attending in person.
- GLOW – Attendance has been growing each week, and we are providing a meal. The K-4th grades meet downstairs, and the 5th & 6th grades meet upstairs with Keven Larson.
- Confirmation – They are meeting in the nursery; attendance has been good with 17 students. Some 7th graders don't have Bibles, and we are working to address that. Pastor thought it was going very well.
- Teen Power – Roberta was out for a few weeks, but she is back now. The students were glad to have her back. They are still collecting for "Soles for Shoes".
- Youth of Hope / Area Mission Trip – Currently there are 27 students signed up. One of the fundraisers is the Valentine's Bouquets. The next fundraiser is the Drive-Thru Spaghetti Supper which is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
- First Communion – Set for Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021. The chalices are being made by Lynn Okrina, and Pat Myhre is wood burning their names on them. Currently there are 6 people signed up. There was discussion about timing and number of 1st Communion classes. Pastor is looking at doing the classes on Wednesday's after school, and it is up to him how many he wants to do.
- Baccalaureate – Senior Sunday is May 16, 2021
- Bible Distribution – 7th graders should be getting adult Bibles, and 3rd graders will be getting Action Bibles. The current plan is to distribute the Bibles in October or at the kick off of GLOW. We didn't give out Bibles to 3rd graders last fall, so we need to get Bibles to them, also.
- Bible Camp Requests – We have one request for someone to attend Bible Camp. The typical amount given is \$150. This is already approved as a line item in the budget, so this will be paid. We pay the Bible camp directly once they have registered.
- VBS plans – Shetek sent out a survey, and Barb Knutson filled it out stating that yes, we would be interested in doing a program. There were no other details available at this time.

Other Business

- Shared Ministry – JEC will meet again in March 2021.
- COVID Committee – No new info or changes.
- Building/Grounds Committee – Will be meeting again in March.
- Hope's 150th Anniversary Committee - Date set is June 11-12, 2022 – We will need help from EVERYONE. Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm at the church.
- Council Monthly Meeting Day – Planning to continue meeting on Wednesday nights, except during Lent.
- Offering Envelopes – There are still a number here, so Pastor will make an announcement about them.

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: To be determined

Next Council Meeting – Monday, March 8, 2021, Trustees 6:15 pm; Deacons/Edu 6:30pm; All together 7pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

Hope Responds With Food

The Marshall Food Shelf is becoming very familiar, and thankful for the generosity of Hope Lutheran members. Food was taken to Marshall in both December and January, with our most recent donation totaling 89 pounds of food donated. The December donation was also good, although the amount was not given. While the monthly donation in March has been a traditional large amount, these smaller monthly donations are really appreciated. Those working at the facility said they have no idea how many families will need food each week, so are very glad to also receive these smaller donations more often. Let's keep that shopping car filled with non-perishable food for our neighbors who may need a helping hand. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery list to share is an honorable thing to do.

2021 Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your 2021 offering envelopes, they are still available in the Narthex. If you are unable to get to the church to pick them up and would like them brought to you, please call the church secretary at 530-5666 or send an

Youth of Hope

At this time, we are anxiously awaiting more information on the National ELCA Gathering to be held June, 2022. We are hopeful that information will be coming soon so we can share with everyone! Please keep watching for updates!

Minneota Area Mission Trip

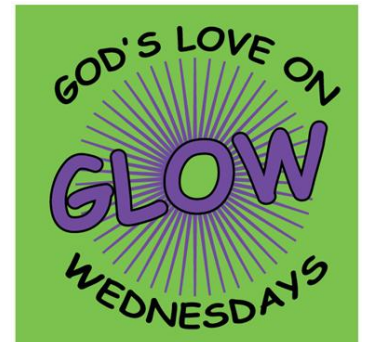
I came across an interesting phrase the other day: Did you know "Do not be afraid" is written in the bible 365 times? That's our daily reminder to live everyday fearlessly. As I thought about that, and the challenge of planning fundraisers and activities during Covid, I realized that we have nothing to fear. There is a purpose and a plan to all that we do, and we do not need to be afraid. We will try to hold some familiar fundraisers, such as our Spaghetti Supper, with some creative adjustments, and we will try some new things. And through it all, we will remain confident that God is watching over our group, giving us hope, faith, and a perhaps a nudge to keep going, and to not be afraid. At the time of the newsletter, our group just wrapped up the Valentine Bouquets, which were a fun way to get together, and we'll have had our drive-thru Spaghetti Supper. I am confident that will be as well-supported as it has been in the past, and we are thankful for all who attend. We are planning to participate in another food bag distribution, which is scheduled for early March, and we'll be looking at doing Red Barn Theatre Popcorn sales in early March also. We are also in the process of starting to design our t-shirts, so be looking for more information to come.

Terri Myhre

GLOW

GLOW (God's Love on Wednesday) is still offering the option of GLOW via Zoom or in person Wednesday evenings. Each week we have faith filled activities and a message from Pastor Campbell. Our faith family structure has been successful and love to see everyone work on activities together as a family. This school year has been ever so challenging for all families with the covid-19 pandemic, we are excited that we can continue to see your faces (with masks) and we feel very fortunate to have such a large participation each week.

At the closing of our evening, we end with the Lord's Prayer and the GLOW Prayer. Did you know that Jesus gave us The Lord's Prayer as a model to teach us how to approach Our Father in prayer? Jesus gave us The Lord's Prayer to help us with prayer and that God wants us to talk to Him each day. Through the prayer, Jesus wants us to share with God what is in our hearts and soul. If you're interested in sharing the message of God with us and joining us at GLOW, please reach out to Erin or Jess to get more information or join us on Wednesday @ 5:30P.M. for supper and 6:00 P.M. worship.



Sunday, March 28th, Palm Sunday
 Thursday, April 1st, Maundy Thursday
 & First Communion
 Friday, April 2nd, Good Friday
 Sunday, April 4th, Easter

2021 WORK GROUP 3		Update 1-16-21
FUNERALS ARE SERVED ON A ROTATING BASIS		
March	Jim & Glenda Fink Special Duties Sundays Lent (3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)	872-5243 Clean Kitchen/Store Room in Fellowship Hall Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers Ushering by Confirmation/Youth 507-401-7983 or 507-706-0006
June	Lon Gawarecki Sundays	829-9805 Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
September	Ralph & Judy Hagen Special Duties Sundays	872-6993 / 829-7810 / 829-7185 Clean Kitchen/Store Room in Fellowship Hall Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
December	Linda & Fig Nuytten Sundays Christmas Eve & Christmas Day	828-7789 / 829-9379 Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers Ushering, Nursery Sitters
Anderson	Kevin & Jamie	605-323-7416
Anderson	Scott & Bree	872-5411
Boerboom	Heidi, Nolan	828-0272
Breyfogle	Kristi, Serena	
Citterman	Pam	872-5446
Corbin	Clark & Jena, Shelby	828-6967
Davis	Bobbi Jo, Lizzy, Chloe	829-4552
Esping	Becky	872-6568
Esping	David & Jackie	829-3022
Gawrecki	Lon	829-9805
Fadness	Jon & Lisa, Norah	
Gamrak	Kelli & Adam, Payton, Jaden, Paige	872-5229
Hanson	Bonnie	530-2958
Hagen	Ralph & Judy	872-6993
Handeland	Sue	828-7853
Haroldson	Julie	320-669-7250
Hettling	Royal	872-6326
Hoffmann	Adam & Emily	507-382-9040
Jeremiason	Guy	872-5442
Jerzak	Lori & Jack	872-5216
Jospehson	Sandy	872-6706
Kiley	Vicki	872-6796
Kloos	Yvette & David, Kalley	872-5028
Koppien	Tim & Dee	829-0502
Kor	Dennis & Nadine, Collin	872-6682
Lanners	Jamie, Victoria & Faith VanDam	612-750-1683
Larson	Tracy & Danny	872-6068
Moon	Stephanie & Matt	872-6454
Moriarty	David and Jessica	
Myhre	Mike & Julianne	872-6787
Myhre	Scott & Carol	872-6020
Myhre	Tom & Traci	872-6018
Myhre	Gerald & Shirley	763-3430
Narveson	Jon & Mary	872-6208
Olevson	Ona	872-5462
Pederson	Coleen	872-5922
Petersen	Pete & Colleen	487-5536
Prellwitz	Brandon	
Prellwitz	Randy & DJ	530-4443
Sanow	Don & Janyce	872-6010
Skaar	Troy	
Swedzinski	Beth	872-6851
Thompson	Sandy	
Tolk	Sandy	872-6730 or 530-1849
VanOverbeke	Landon	
VanUden	Rose & Gordy	829-1806
Vershelde	Sandy	872-5288
Vick	Jason	
Wambeke	Judy	872-6069
Yeo	Tom & Maxine	872-6786
Yost	Ryan	787-2628

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