



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

May, 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

May is a month of honoring, remembering, and transitioning. The month begins with Mother's Day when we honor and remember the ones who gave us life. We honor the ones who are still with us, indeed we honor all mothers on this day. For most of us, our mothers who have nurtured and loved us; helping us to become the people we are today. We remember, often with sadness, the mothers who are no longer with us. We miss them, we grieve their loss, and we sometimes regret things left unsaid.

With many graduations taking place in May, we honor our graduates. We are excited to see our young (and not so young) people reach this important milestone in their lives. Speaking primarily of high school graduates, we remember years of homework, sports practices, concerts, and games; not to mention drama, frustration, pain, and the broken hearts that come with growing up.

On Memorial Day we remember our fallen warriors. Those precious souls who gave their lives in the fight for freedom, justice, and the overthrow of tyranny. We remember their sacrifice and strive to have their example help us to make the world a better place, in whatever way we are able.

Finally, May is the month of transitioning. We transition from spring to summer, our young people transition from school to new adventures, and our graduates move from their fourteen-year career as school students to new places and positions of responsibility. A move that takes them to the next step of life in the world as independent adults.

The entire month of May exists within the season of Easter. Beginning on Easter day and continuing for the next fifty days, Easter is the time of regeneration, new beginnings, and a renewed sense of hope. The darkness of winter is over and a new day is dawning. Easter celebrates the transition from death to life, and darkness to light. As the world once again turns green, we remember that life always finds a way, that death does not rule, and "weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

As we honor, remember, and transition, let us walk with the one who makes it all possible, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His resurrection gives us the promise of our own resurrection, which begins even now, as we feel the summer sun shining down upon us.

Peace Y'all, Pastor Allen

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Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

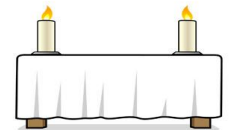
Circle Bible Study	May 4th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	May 9th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	May 6th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

**2022 Church Attendance**

March 6	66	April 3	116	May 1
March 9	40	April 10	159	May 8
March 13	75 Est.	April 14	36	May 15
March 16	79	April 17 (7 am)	113	May 22
March 20	75 Est.	April 17 (10 am)	138	May 29
March 23	60	April 24	120 Est.	Total:
March 27	70	Total:	682	Average:
March 30	57	Average:	114	
Total:	522			
Average:	65			

Altar Guild (April 27—May 24)

Sandy Josephson 872-6706
Linda Nuytten 829-9379

**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Chad & Moriah Reiss 828-2999 or 828-2627

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
May 1	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Kiersyn Hulzebos & Tiffany Gronke
May 8			Chase Johnson & Adam Dalager
May 15	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Brody Larson & Kyler Lozinski
May 22	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Hannah Fadness & Addison Buysse
May 29			Dawson Dovre & Carson Javers



Money Counters: May—Moriah Reiss & Lizzy Davis
June—Barb Knutson & Terri Myhre

Upcoming Dates:

May 1st—Let It Shine Service

May 7th—10:00 am—Cemetery Cleanup Day (May 14th in case of bad weather.) All are welcome to come and help!

May 11th—Final night of GLOW—Family Fun Night

May 15th—Baccalaureate Sunday

May 19th—PUPS—City Hall Bar & Grill

May 22nd—Baptism for Kash Joseph Anderson, Son of Codi & Justin Anderson

June 11-12th—150th Anniversary Celebration

Church Council Notes – April 6, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 6,981.10	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,034.15
	Building Fund:	\$ 1,387.68	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 528.55
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 4,152.74	GLOW:	\$ 6,765.38

Finances:

General Fund Balance as of March 31 st	\$6,981.10
General Fund Offering Income April 3 rd	<u>\$ 949.00</u>
	\$7,930.10
Projected Expenses for April	\$12,889.20

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 3 home visits, 2 nursing home visits, 1 hospital visit (Sioux Falls), 1 Bishop/Synod meeting, 1 Conference Assembly meeting, 1 committee meeting, 5 Lenten services, 4 worship services, and 1 high school music concert. Changes to the confirmation program will be discussed during the education report.
- Pastor needs a new mailbox. Jason will follow up on that.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of April were presented by Barry Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$12,889.20. We did reach our donation goal of \$5,000 for the sound and video system upgrade. The Endowment Committee will be notified.
- **Motion made by Rose Van Uden to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dave Dovre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – The bill of \$133.50 for the Prairie Conference dues does need to be paid. There will be a walk around offering in May for SMSU. Terri was able to negotiate a 50% reduction on the MEI bill for the elevator. In order to pay the bills in a timely manner, we will move \$8,000 from the Cornerstone Fund to the General Fund.
- Custodian – The list of job duties was created and reviewed with the people who had expressed interest in the job. Several of the people who were initially interested decided that they were not able to do it. Jason and Jen Johnson and family are still interested in the position.
- Sound/video system update – The new sound board and speakers are installed and connected to the iPad. There is some interference between the wireless mics and the video system, so Dave was going to follow up on that. For the video system, we have 3 cameras upstairs. One is pretty good, and the other two are poor. Dave can get video cameras from Ebay for \$200, but we can get by with just the one camera for right now. We do need to hard wire the ethernet from the switch to the balcony, so we can live stream the service.
- Organ Repair – There are certain keys that are off, and there are some that swell and won't open. Terri will call about getting this repaired.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the movement of \$8,000 from the Cornerstone Fund to the General Fund; hire the Jason and Jen Johnson family as custodians at the same rate as was paid previously, including back pay to February 21st; and approve the Board of Trustees' report. Dave Dovre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month
 - April 24 – Lutheran Disaster Relief
 - May 22 – SMSU Campus Ministry
 - June – Bible Camps
- Palm Sunday and Easter: Palms were delivered on Friday, and Easter lilies have been ordered. We will have two Easter services at Hope – one at 7 am and one at 10 am with the Youth of Hope serving breakfast between the services from 8 to 10 am. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 pm at Hope, and Good Friday service will be at 7 pm at St. Paul's.
- Usage Fees: The updated list was reviewed, and edits were made. Final version will be reviewed at next month's council meeting.

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Council Minutes (con't)

- **Financial information:** Bulletins at other churches include financial information, and it was requested that we do that, also, so the congregation can be aware of current finances and what is needed monthly. It will also be added to this report, so it can be included in the newsletter.
- **Flyer:** Many of us received a flyer from Bethel about their Easter service. We would like to look at doing something like this for the 150th Anniversary. It was estimated that we would need 1500 flyers, and it would cost \$.19 per flyer to mail. The deacons will look into the cost of having something similar to this printed and provide an update at next month's meeting.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Education Report

- **Confirmation:** There are changes that we will implement in the 2022 – 2023 school year. For 2022, the 9th graders and the 10th graders will be confirmed in the fall. We will go back to a two year program for 7th and 8th grades – 1 year of Catechism, and 1 year of Bible (Old & New Testament). Going forward, the students will be confirmed in the fall of their 9th grade year. We will conduct a parent/student meeting at the start of the year (fall 2022) to discuss expectations and requirements for Confirmation. Currently, the class size is too big in size and maturity gap.
- **GLOW:**
 - The next LET IT SHINE church service is May 1, 2022. We continue to encourage families to come to Lenten services, and we end the service with our GLOW prayer.
 - One GLOW teacher has resigned for next year, so if you have family members/friends/or anyone who'd be interested in teaching during this next 2022/2023 GLOW year, let Erin Roberts or Jess Gronke know.
 - We are also looking for someone to lead music on Wednesday evenings and for one Sunday per month. Please let Jess or Erin know if you or someone you know is interested.
 - Sally Campbell has resigned from preparing meals for GLOW for next year 2022-2023. If you know of someone (family or friends) who may be interested in preparing supper for GLOW, please contact Jess or Erin
 - The last day of GLOW will be on Wednesday, May 11. We are looking for ideas for an end of the year bash. Let Erin or Jess know if you have any ideas.
- **First Communion:** Set for Sunday, April 24, 2022. Pastor is planning to have one class from 3:30 to 5:15 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. There are 8 – 5th graders and 1 – 6th grade student. Communion cups are done.
- **Teen Power:** They are still collecting for "Shoe Away Hunger" thru Easter.
- **Mission Trip 2023:** We will be serving Easter Breakfast from 8 to 10 am on Easter Sunday. We are continuing to look for fundraising ideas.
- **Youth of Hope:** Bowling and Food gathering planned for Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 3 to 5 pm at the Ivanhoe Bowling Alley. All 7th to 12th grade students were invited (via e-mail) to attend. We will be bowling for the first hour followed by a short meeting to discuss our "mini" mission trip this summer to Duluth, MN.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Jason Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Building/Grounds Committee:** The March 20th church clean-up day went well. Thank you to the ladies who provided lunch. Painting in the kitchen, narthex, and Sunday School room still needs to be completed.
- **Cemetery Clean Up:** Saturday, May 7th is the cemetery clean up day. The following Saturday, May 14th is the makeup day, if needed.
- **150th Anniversary:** The committee is getting things finalized.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to adjourn. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of April 25th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 4, 2022, Boards at 6:45 pm; All together at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary



We are excited to have our next Let it Shine Church Service on May 1st. The first one was a HUGE Hit!! Please mark your calendars and join us!

GLOW has had a couple resignations in the past two months.

First, our fearless leader of the 5th/6th grade GLOW classroom, Keven Larson has decided to step down as a GLOW teacher. His work with these kids cannot go unnoticed and we appreciate the 9 years of his service to our program! He has taught these kids first in his classroom

in Minneota Public School and second in the GLOW classroom at Hope Lutheran. His guidance and leadership are amazing, and we appreciate all that he offered to our GLOW kids! He has made a definite impact on these kids and their lives! If you see him, please let him know how much we appreciate his dedication to our GLOW program. Thank you, Mr. Larson!

Our second resignation is Sally Campbell, GLOW Food Coordinator. She has been preparing our GLOW suppers for the past year and has done an outstanding job with coordinating and getting the food hot and ready. If you see her, please let her know we will miss her and her awesome suppers! Don't be a stranger, Sally!!

In addition to the above positions, an area we would like to expand on for GLOW is our music program. We are seeking a GLOW Music Director. This position is open to individuals that are good with children, have an upbeat personality, and can lead in music (the ability to play the piano is a plus).

If a college student were to offer his/her services, our scholarship committee would be willing to offer a scholarship to that individual, in addition to any scholarships already awarded.

Matt Myhre has graciously stepped up and took the 5th and 6th grade teaching position- Thank you Matt! We are also happy to report Amie and Trevor Ascherman (Pre-K and K) and Kathy Opdahl (3rd and 4th) are all returning to the classrooms this fall! If you see these individuals- please give them a shout out for donating their time for our classrooms!

If you would be interested in being a GLOW Teacher, GLOW Music Director or GLOW Food Coordinator, please reach out to Jess or Erin. The GLOW teacher position would be for 1st and 2nd grade students.

We're looking at the calendar, and cannot believe the year is almost over, the end of the year date is set for May 11th!

Join us for food, fun, and worship every Wednesday starting at 5:30! All are welcome!

In Christ, Jess and Erin

Hope Lutheran Church

150th Anniversary Schedule

Saturday, June 11, 2022

- ♦ Countryside Golf Course—Minneota is open!
Enjoy the course and get people together to play some friendly golf.

Afternoon and Evening Activities at Hope Lutheran Church:

- ♦ 3:00-5:00 Bean Bags and Carnival Games
- ♦ 3:00-4:30 Parsonage and Cemetery Walk-through
- ♦ 4:00 Little Scrappier Kiddie Tractor Pull (Thanks Angie and Derek DeVos)
- ♦ 5:00-6:15 Picnic Supper (outdoors as the weather permits)
(Grilled Burgers/Hotdogs, beans, chips...Bring your favorite lawn chair)
- ♦ **6:30** **Outdoor Praise Band Church Service (GLOW students singing)**
- ♦ 7:30 Root beer floats
- ♦ 8:30 Memorial Lantern Lift-Off Ceremony
- ♦ 8:45 Reunion Choir Practice
- ♦ 9:00 Fire Pit Fellowship

Sunday, June 12, 2022

- ♦ 9:30 Reunion Choir Practice
- ♦ **10:00** **150th Celebration Church Service**
- ♦ 12:00 Church Dinner in Fellowship Hall
(Ham O'Brien, Cole Slaw, Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Ice Cream Dessert)
- ♦ 1:00-3:00 Parsonage and Cemetery Walk-through

