

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, 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 congratulate Pastor Allen on his retirement, and wish him the best in his future endeavors. A brief update on what our next steps will be:

The councils from St. Paul's and Hope Lutheran met with Pastor Heather from the Synod. She discussed the process of proceeding with finding a new pastor. For the immediate future, we will work on finding a lay person(s) to lead us in worship service. At a minimum, we will need to provide lay ministry for 8 weeks. During that time, we will be looking for an interim pastor. As this is happening, our transition team will be working on our Ministry Site Profile. The transition team will consist of members from both Hope Lutheran and St Paul's. Once the MSP is completed, we can then begin the process of calling a pastor. We ask for God's guidance during this entire process, and we ask for your prayers and support during this time.

If you would like to be part of the transition team and/or the call committee, please let us know. Also, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas for us to explore, please contact us as well. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Executive Committee

Terri Myhre, Barry Gronke, and Deb Belaen

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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke

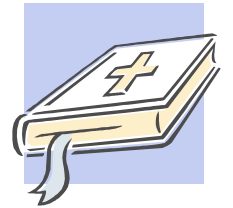
Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family

Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn

Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Circle Bible Study	May 1st, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	May 10th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	May 5th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

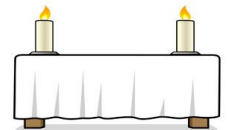


2023 Church Attendance

March 1	48	March 26	74	April 2	112
March 5	71	March 29	49	April 6	40
March 8	50 Est.	Total:	577	April 9 (7 am)	59
March 12	79	Average:	64	April 9 (10 am)	135
March 15	50 Est.			April 16	96
March 19	100			April 23	112
March 22	56			April 30	100
				Total:	654
				Average:	93

Altar Guild (April 26—May 23)

Sandy Josephson 872-6706
Linda Nuytten 829-9379



Workgroup Chairpersons

Marilyn Kompelien 828-1148
Moriah Reiss 828-2627

Date Sound Operators

May 7 Randy Prellwitz
May 14 Todd Sonnenburg
May 21 Scott Josephson
May 28 Greg Gottskalkson

Date Acolytes

May 7 Creed Stassen & Brody Anderson
May 14 Khailynn Fier & Imogen Moriarty
May 21 McKenna Geisler & ??
May 28 Sophie Gillund & Madison Minnehan



Money Counters: May—Barb Knutson & Terri Myhre
June—Rose VanUden & Jen Anderson

Upcoming Dates:

May 7th—Baccalaureate Sunday
Saturday, May 13th—Bridal Shower for Amy Herigon, Bride-to-Be of Brian Jeremiason
Friday, May 19th—Funeral of Alta Johnson, 11:00 am
Saturday, May 27th—Wedding of Zac Corbin & Skylar Ziminske

Church Council Notes – April 3, 2022

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 1,490.17	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 10,134.58
Building Fund:	\$ 16,033.15	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 356.54
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.04	GLOW:	\$ 5,160.75

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 4 visits with parishioners, 1 Prairie Conference leaders' meeting, 1 Pastor's Bible study, 2 bereavement/funeral planning meetings, 1 funeral, 1 committee meeting, 5 Wednesday Lenten worship services, 1 meeting with Synod minister Heather Culuris. With all of the recent wind, one of the tarps on the parsonage is ripped, and some of it has blown away.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of April were presented by Barry Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$14,078.60. **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: One additional bill for the month is the annual permit fee which is \$290. It was also noted that we are in transition between our current insurance company and the one we approved to move to last month. Chris will call Bruce at Bremer/Great American about this.
- Finances – The Endowment received the farm rental payment, and they have put \$10,000 in the Endowment Fund.
- Pastor – Pastor's last day is April 30th, which is a Sunday. It was agreed that we will pay Pastor for 2 additional weeks of service/vacation as severance. This will be done as a separate payment to not cause issues with Portico or insurance.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Aimee Ascheman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Easter Services (April 9): There will be a 7 am and 10 am service at Hope and an 8:30 am service at St. Paul's.
 - Maundy Thursday (April 6) service is at 7 pm at Hope.
 - Good Friday (April 7) service is at 7 pm at St. Paul's.
- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month
 - April 23 – VBS
 - May 28 – TBD
 - June 25 – TBD
- Pastor's last service / retirement party: Pastor's last day of service is April 30th, and he will be doing a service at both Hope and St. Paul's. There is also a Baptism at Hope that day. There will be a retirement/going away potluck lunch on that day at 11:30 am at Hope after the worship service at St. Paul's.
- Pastor to cover emergencies: We will want someone from the area who is willing to help us out should someone become ill or have another type of emergency. Several names were suggested, and they will be contacted.
- Pulpit supply: For the immediate future, we will work on finding a lay person(s) to lead us in worship service. At a minimum, we will need to provide lay ministry for 8 weeks. During that time, we will be looking for an interim pastor. If anyone in the congregation is willing to help lead worship service and/or provide a message beginning in May, please contact the church office or Barb Knutson.
- Worship supply: If we choose to do lay leadership for a time, there are some pastors available for worship supply on a limited basis (maybe 1 Sunday a month or every 6 weeks, etc.). There is a list available on the website of people we may wish to contact.
- Resignation – Dave Dovre has decided to resign as a member of the church council.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Council Minutes (con't)

Board of Education Report

- First Communion: Set for Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 9 am. The chalices are made by Lynn Okrina and Pat Myhre puts their names on them; they are already done. Currently there are five – 5th grade students. Pastor is planning to have a 1st communion class from 3:30 to 5:15 on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Aimee Ascheman will be providing snacks for the kids. We have talked to Justin at the bus service, and they have a drop off close to church, and the students can go to GLOW after.
- GLOW: Our last Let it Shine service is April 23rd (this was moved back a week due to 1st communion), and our last night of GLOW is April 26th. We still need a 2nd grade GLOW teacher, so please let Erin or Jess know if you or someone you know is interested in helping with that. There will be a GLOW planning meeting June, and we are also looking for a music director. Daniel did a great job this year, and it would be great to have someone at Hope be able to help with this.
- Confirmation: Confirmation students have until September 1st to complete 15 sermon notes and 8 service points.
- Mission Trip 2023: The Spaghetti Supper did well as a fundraiser, and the 2nd payment for the trip has been made. The Mission Trip is June 25th – 30th to Elliott County, Kentucky. 34 students and 8 chaperones are attending.
- Easter Breakfast: The Youth of Hope are not planning to do one this year; there wasn't a great turn out last year, and the youth leaders have had complicated schedules the last several months. It was mentioned that the HLCW may be willing to do it next year if the Youth of Hope don't do it.
- Teen Power: They are continuing to collect shoes and will be taking them to St. Cloud on April 19th.
- 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. We are planning on 40 people, and they are working on a registration form. We are discussion charging \$16 per person for VBS - \$10 for registration and \$6 for a T-shirt.
- 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 bakes, muffins, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. A letter will be sent out the families, so we can get an estimate of the number of people able to attend.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- Meeting w/councils: There will be a meeting with the Hope and St. Paul's councils on Wednesday, April 12 at 6 pm at St. Paul's to review next steps.
- Transition team: We are putting together a transition team as we work through next steps with pastor's resignation. Jerren Roberts and Dawn Van Keulen have volunteered. If you have suggestions for others or if someone you know is interested, please let us know.
- Scholarship committee: With the death of Allan Josephson and the resignation of Brian Jeremiason, we are looking for two additional people to be part of the scholarship committee. We will include a note in the bulletin about this, so if anyone is interested, please contact Ralph Hagen to discuss.
- Sunday afternoon social: An idea that was suggested by the Sunday coffee group was to have a monthly gathering on Sunday afternoon to play games, put puzzles together, have conversation time, etc.
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to adjourn. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of May 1st via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Boards meet at 6:30 pm. All together 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

GLOW

Now that Easter is over, and our 22-23 GLOW year has come to an end, we will have a planning meeting sometime in June to make decisions on next year- curriculum and a meeting with our GLOW leaders to go over things that worked well- things we need to change and things we will be moving on from.



We want to thank our teachers- Angie Borstad (1), Rachel Bednarek(1), Trevor and Amie Ascherman(Pre-K -K), Lizzy Reiss (4), Kathy Opdahl (3), and Matt Myhre (5&6) for the amazing year. We also want to extend a thank you to Lori Dyce for stepping in last year in our 2nd grade classroom, she has elected to step down from teaching this year to spend more time with her family. With that being said we are in need of another teacher for GLOW for next year, if you know of anyone that would be interested, please contact Jess or Erin!

Suppers @ 5:30 would not be able to be done without Terri and our kitchen help! Thank you so much for making delicious meals and being thoughtful to everyone that comes through the line. Another Thanks goes to the Johnson Family for helping us keep our church clean after our crazy GLOW nights!

We just really want to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the people that helped us make this year so wonderful!

Erin and I would also like to extend our congratulations to Pastor Allen on his retirement, and prayers for a safe and healthy move up to Fargo!!

In Christ,
Jess and Erin