

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 2025

Sunday Worship:

Hope—9:00 AM
St. Paul's—10:30 AM
With Communion
on the first and third
Sundays

GLOW:

(Sept-April)
God's Love On
Wednesdays
5:30 PM Supper
6:00 PM GLOW
6:00 PM Ignite
(Confirmation)
Classes/Teen Power

Coffee & Fellowship:

Following Worship at
Hope

Welcome

WORSHIP TIMES:

Hope Lutheran - 9:00 am Worship

(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

St. Paul's Lutheran - 10:30 am Worship

(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

May 11—Baccalaureate Sunday



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Hope Lutheran Church

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PO Box 87
Minneota, MN 56264-0087

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

412 East Lyon Street
Minneota, MN 56264

Pastor Cell:

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Parish Secretary: Chris Pesch

Secretary's Cell: 507-530-5666

Pastor:

Pastor Email:

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

Missionary Email: elisajo@msn.com

GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke

Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family

Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn

Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

Church Email:

hopelutheran87@gmail.com

Church Website:

www.hopeminneota.org

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Gather Magazine Bible Study May 5, 6:30 pm
 Women of the Bible Study May 7, 10:00 am
 Men's Bible Study May 1, 8:00 am

At Church
 At Angie Borstad's Home
 At Porter Cafe



2025 Church Attendance

February 2 82
 February 9 59
 February 16 68
 February 23 49
 Total: 258
 Average: 65

March 2 65
 March 5 84 Ash Wed
 March 9 95
 March 12 93 Lent

March 16 60
 March 19 46 Lent
 March 23 75 Est
 March 26 75 Est Lent
 March 30 75 Est
 Total: 668
 Average: 74

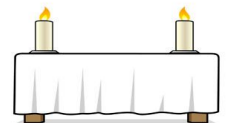


Workgroup Chairpersons

Darwin & Lori Dyce
 476-2042 or 828-9567

Altar Guild (April 23—May 27)

Sandy Josephson 872-6706
 Linda Nuytten 829-9379



Date Sound Operators

May 4 Matt Myhre
 May 11 Todd Sonnenburg
 May 18 Scott Josephson
 May 25 Cole Myhre

Date Acolytes

May 4 Logan Esping & Brycen Myhre
 May 11 Brycen Myhre & Kingston Ryer
 May 18 Wyatt Opdahl & ??
 May 25 Taryn Myrvik & ??



Money Counters: May - Cory Myhre & Barb Knutson

Upcoming Dates:

- ***May 11**—Baccalaureate Sunday
- ***June 9-12**—Vacation Bible School with Bethany-Elim
- ***June 22-27**—Mission Trip to Perry, FL
- ***August 16**—Blake Reiss & Morgan Kockelman Wedding

Church Council Notes – April 2 & 16, 2025

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 17,005.60	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 71,575.41
Building Fund:	\$ 4,540.36	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 827.70
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,455.96	GLOW:	\$ 6,977.14

Attendance:

Attending in Person: Terri Myhre, Emily Hennen, Rose Van Uden, Jen Anderson, Cory Myhre, Deb Belaen, Jasmine DeSmet, Amie Ascheman, Sandy Josephson, James Danielson, Barb Knutson, Angie DeVos, Chris Pesch – Church Secretary

Attending via Phone:

Absent: Jason Johnson

President's Report

- As Amie is learning about her new role, she has met with Chris to get the by-laws and constitution.
- She is planning to set up a meeting with Jason about the facilities, and she also wants to meet with each of the committees.
- She would like the council to do an assessment to understand how we are functioning as a council. A brief survey will be sent out via google link or paper copies are also available. These will be reviewed by the executive council.
- She would also like to send out a short survey to the congregation; this will be available as a Google form on Facebook, in the bulletin, and in the newsletter. We will ask for these to be returned by May 20th.
- **Motion to approve survey made by Cory Myhre. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Secretary's Report – Motion made to approve secretary's report by Terri Myhre. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills: Due to weather conditions on April 2nd, the trustees met via phone to review and approve the bills, so they could be paid. Bills for the month of April were sent out prior to the meeting for review. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$7,375.84. There were no new bills.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Terri Myhre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$7,375.84. There were no additional bills.
- Bishop Dee: Bishop Dee will be here on April 30th for the last night of GLOW. She is planning to be here at 5:15 to join us for the meal and fellowship. She will be meeting with the council after at 7:00 pm. There will be a note added in the bulletin, so the congregation is aware of her visit.
- Constitution Resources: Constitution resources from the synod website were provided.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Jasmine DeSmet seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month - Endowment matches walk around offerings 2:1 up to \$500.
 - March – Thank you for the generous donations for the Food Shelf. The walk around offering was \$2,263 and 49 pounds of food was delivered to the Food Shelf.
 - April 27– The Banquet in Sioux Falls. The youth will be helping serve a meal there, and this offering will be a donation to that program.
 - May – VBS. We will request a 3-to-1 match from the Endowment Fund for this, also.
 - There will be no walk around offerings in June, July and August
- Easter: April 20th
 - Maundy Thursday – 7 pm at Hope
 - Good Friday – 7 pm at St. Paul's
 - Easter – 9 am at Hope / 10:30 am at St. Paul's (This is a change from the previous times provided.)
- April Services:
 - Sunday, April 27th – Jennifer won't be here; this is also Praise Band Sunday. There is a video available on the synod website for that Sunday's service; we will try to use that.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons report. Jasmine DeSmet seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Church Council Notes (continued)

Board of Education Report

- Mission Trip:
 - The Mission Trip is June 22 – 27, and we will be going to Perry, Florida, to do hurricane relief with TEAMeffort Missions. There are 47 students and 10 chaperones going.
- GLOW:
 - The 5th graders are continuing to get ready for First Communion. They will be making their banners during GLOW on April 9th. First communion is April 13 at 9 am.
 - Our last Let it Shine service will be on April 6th.
 - Our last contemporary service (FUEL) will be April 23rd; the Praise Band will provide music, and we will also have communion.
 - April 30th will be our end of year GLOW celebration.
 - Thank you to our wonderful teachers and amazing kitchen ladies. GLOW operates so smoothly because of all of them! We are blessed and grateful!
- IGNITE (Confirmation) / Youth of Hope:
 - March Service Project: They are accepting donations for either toiletries or cash donations to purchase these items to put together welcome kits for kids in Lyon County who are transitioning into foster care placement (toothbrushes, toothpastes, shampoos, conditioners, brushes, deodorant, body washes).
 - On April 6th, we had a pizza party and assembled 45 Foster Kid Welcome kits and 50 First Aid kits. Thank you to our congregation for all of your support with our service projects.
 - We are planning to take some of these students to help serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. They need about 30 people to serve, and we agreed to do the April walk-around offering to provide a donation to this outreach when we go to serve on May 22nd
- Teen Power: Their “Shoe Away Hunger” annual footwear collection continues through Easter, so please bring all gently used footwear to Hope Lutheran to be donated to people who need footwear. Monetary donations are also appreciated to help cover expenses to deliver the footwear.
- VBS: We will be doing joint VBS with Bethany-Elim on June 9 to 12 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm for kids entering K – 6th grade. Student volunteers must be going into 7th grade in the fall.
 - Shetek Lutheran Ministries Day Camp will be providing the program, and 4.0 Bus will be transporting the students to and from Hope to Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe.
 - We will be alternating the host church each year, so next year, Hope will host.
 - The cost is \$40 per camper and \$30 for each additional camper in the family; volunteers are free.
 - Registration is on the Hope Lutheran website. Aime Ascheman will be the Hope contact person; Alicia Tykwinski will be the Bethany-Elim contact person. This will be added to the bulletin, including the deadline to register.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - April 13, 2025, at 9 am – First Communion for 5th graders / Palm Sunday. There are 16 students; thank you to Lynn Okrina and Loralee Miller for making and adding the names to the chalices.
 - May 11, 2025 – Baccalaureate at 9 am for 10 seniors. Emily has contacted Rita Dovre about the quilts, and they are already made. Roberta Josephson has provided pictures to Brian Jeremiason for the lawn signs. Letters will be sent to the seniors and will ask for an RSVP by May 2nd, so we have a count for breakfast for seniors and their families.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Education report. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

Motion made by Cory Myhre to adjourn. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of May 4th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen

HOPE LUTHERAN 2025 SURVEY

As a church council we want to hear from our members about Hope Lutheran to see how we can better serve the congregation. This form is available in the church bulletin, newsletter, and as a google document – fill out just one survey (they are all the same) and **return by May 26**. For turning in a paper form you can return by: placing in the offering plate, placing in the survey box at the narthex, or mailing back to Hope Lutheran PO Box 87, Minneota, Minnesota 56264.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

- What do you believe is going well with Hope Lutheran?

- What do you believe can be improved with Hope Lutheran?

- Identify any ideas that you have that may address what you believe can be improved within Hope Lutheran.

- Are there any special events or activities that you would like to see Hope Lutheran bring back or start?

ONLINE *giving*



Online Giving—Go to www.hopeminneota.org and click on the green “GIVE” button. Or:

On your phone, scan the QR code to be taken directly to online offering.

Text your offering to: 855-715-2588.

- Text **Give** to the number above. **First time users will receive a link to set up or log in to your Tithely account.**
- Click the link in the text you receive to start creating OR logging into your account. If you haven't used Tithely before you will have to provide your email, full name, create a password, enter your bank information and set up a 4-digit pin.
- Enter your donation, choose the fund to donate to.
- In the future, once your account is created or after your first donation by text, you can simply text a dollar amount (Ex: \$50) to the number above and your donation will be made!
- If you have any questions, please contact the church secretary.