



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

November, 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/Teen Power

Coffee & Fellowship:

Hope—10:00 AM

**Hope Services Are
Streamed on
Facebook**

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Pastor's Office Hours:

**Tuesday—Friday
8:30 am—Noon**
Or he can be reached by
cell phone, text or email
at other times.

A Note from the Pastor

For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name o Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia (For All the Saints, LBW 174)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' (Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17)

The passage from Revelation quoted above is the first lesson assigned for All Saints Sunday in Year A. It describes numbers of God's faithful from every nation that no one can count, an infinite number of people from the whole world, every corner of the world, all races and walks of life. They are robed in white, and washed in the blood of the lamb. There will be no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat (no more freezing cold.) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

These are the saints of God.

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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

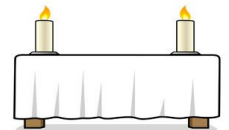
Circle Bible Study	November 2nd, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	November 7th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	November 4th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

**2022 Church Attendance**

September 4	50	October 2	180	November 6	
September 11	N/A Bug Days	October 9	95	November 13	
September 18	61	October 16	154	November 20	
September 25	73	October 23		November 23	Thanksgiving
Total:	184	October 30		November 27	
Average:	61	Total:		Total:	
		Average:		Average:	

Altar Guild (October 26—November 22)

Sandy Josephson 872-6706
Linda Nuytten 829-9379

**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Derek & Angie DeVos 531-2526

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
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November 6	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	
November 13			
November 20	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	
November 27	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	



Money Counters: December—Gayle Van Vooren & Barry Gronke
January—Barb Knutson & Dave Dovre

Upcoming Dates:

November 2nd—Mary & Martha Fundraiser—During Wednesday evening activities at church

November 6th—All Saint's Day

November 6th—Swedish Meatball Supper, 5-7 pm

November 23rd—Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Hope, 6 pm

Church Council Notes – October 5, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 699.38	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 6,034.47
	Building Fund:	\$ 2,935.17	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 362.36
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,640.89	GLOW:	\$ 5,137.70

Finances:

General Fund Balance as of September 30th	\$ 699.38
General Fund Offering Income	\$ 4,270.00
	\$ 4,969.38
Projected Expenses for October	\$14,925.99

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 6 pastoral visits, 2 committee meetings, Box Elder Bug Days Community Worship, Bible presentation service, and Confirmation parents' meeting.
- Attended the SW MN Synod Fall Leadership Conference at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria. Both speakers were excellent and helped us gain insights in spirituality and leadership. We worshipped daily, including a service of Holy Communion, heard preaching from Bishop Dee Peterson and Steve Cook, of the synod staff. This was the first time I have been able to be together with the other pastors from the synod since I came to come to Minnesota two years ago. I made some new friends, re-connected with some old ones, and had a refreshing time of fellowship. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this event.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of October were presented by Barry Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$14,925.99..
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lizzy Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – Additional bills for this month included oil for the candles and Worker's Compensation. We also had the bill from Shetek Lutheran Ministries for 10 campers from last month. Barry will reach out to the scholarship fund about the bill from Shetek.
- Memorial Funds – It was agreed that we should take the memorial funds that were designated to GLOW and give it to GLOW to be used as needed. The YOH memorial funds could be used for the ELCA gathering, so that will be moved to the YOH account. The HLCW memorial funds will be given to the HLCW (Gayle Van Vooren). The Bible Camp designated funds and the Sanctuary Projector and Screen designated funds will go the General Fund to cover expenses related to these areas.
- Wireless mics – We did order a second microphone.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month -
 - October 23 – Esther's Kitchen – Lizzy will be giving a short talk on Esther's Kitchen on this.
 - November 27 – Toys for Tots
 - December 25 – We will not do a walk around offering in December.
- Confirmation Sunday: This will be on Sunday, October 30th at **10:00 am**. The youth will be doing the readings, ushering, etc.
- All Saint's Day: This will be on November 6, and Chris will send out a letter on this to the appropriate families.
- Meatball Supper and Bake Sale: This will be held on November 6th.
- Thanksgiving Service: This will be on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6 pm.
- Christmas Services: Christmas Eve services will be at 4 pm at St. Paul's and 5:30 pm at Hope. We will have a Christmas Day service at Hope but not at St. Paul's.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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Council Minutes (con't)**Board of Education Report**

- GLOW: 115 pre-K thru 12th grade students registered. Awesome growth but has caused a few changes. We have added 2 teachers, so there are currently 7 instead of 5. 1st through 4th grades are separated into the classrooms upstairs with their own teacher, and the pre-K to K are in the nursery.
 - Pre-K to K – Aimee & Trevor Ascheman
 - 1st – Angie Borstad
 - 2nd – Lori Dyce
 - 3rd – Kathy Opdahl
 - 4th – Lizzy Reiss
 - 5th & 6th – Matt Myhre
- When the GLOW students come together, our church is FULL of kids and their families! It is SO great to see so many faces in the audience. For the month of October we've asked the messages to be about bullying as the month of October is Bullying Prevention Month. Daniel, our music director, had his first night of lessons for the kids, and he did GREAT! We separated the kids into three different groups for music – Pre-K thru 3rd, 4th thru 6th, and 7 – 12. The choir loft was FULL with each group!
- October 16th is our first GLOW "Let it Shine Service." Students are being asked to participate in being lectors, communion serving, coffee serving after church, ushering and GLOW greeters. We will also have the students perform the songs they are working on with Daniel.
- Potluck Wednesday is the first Wednesday of the month. GLOW has decided to provide the desserts and chips, and we are asking the families to provide the other meal options.
- December 18th will be the Christmas program at 10 am. Christmas program prepping will start October 12th. Emily, Tegan and Jess Gronke are going to work on getting more information for that. We are a little concerned with the amount of people in the church for the Christmas program. It is great problem to have, but we are just figuring out what we should about the numbers of families coming! Any suggestions would be fantastic!
- If you know of a congregational member that is interested in knowing more about GLOW, please ask them to come see all the fun/excitement! It's the best time to connect - young or old - and see all the good things happening at Hope Lutheran! We love to see the smiling faces; we love that our GLOW kids are learning about Christianity; and we especially love the support from all of you! Thank you!
- Mission Trip 2023: We are continuing to fundraise. We will be doing Food at Football on Friday, October 7th (Homecoming) and again on Thursday, October 13th. Nancy Krog will be doing a Mary & Martha Fundraiser from November 1 -11 to support the Mission Trip. Wednesday, November 2nd is a potluck night, and Nancy will be at GLOW, so you can see some of the items that are available. Emily will see if she is available to do the fundraiser on November 6th at the Meatball Supper, also. Emily is still researching trip locations through Youthworks, Next Step Ministries, and Praying Pelican. They are also looking at possibly doing T-shirts.
- Confirmation: Confirmation Sunday is October 30th for the 9th and 10th graders at **10:00 am**. Confirmands will be presenting their Statement of Faith on Sunday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm, and the council will be providing a meal for their families. There are 14 people being confirmed. The meal will be lasagna, breadsticks, salads and desserts.
- Teen Power: It's very exciting to have a full Fireplace Room of teens! We had 16 students last week and are hoping for more. More will also join following Confirmation on October 30th. The kids would like to the annual shoe collection and are deciding on dates for this. Many of the students are willing to read scriptures for worship services, usher, sing in the choir, and serve communion when asked. Some are also interested in helping with the sound system. We are also talking about helping to serve the Meatball Supper on Sunday, November 6th.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Education report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Motion made by Rose Van Uden to close the meeting to discuss the Pastor's contract which is up for renewal in November of 2022. Lizzy Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to open the meeting. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion to adjourn made by Barry Gronke. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of October 31st via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Boards at 7:15 pm; All together at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

A Note from the Pastor (con't)

This picture painted by the author of Revelation is about the glory of God. He may not have intended us to take it as literally meaning this is what heaven will be like. It was a vision intended to show the glory of God and that God's saints would be in his presence, worshiping him and enjoying the mercy of God for all eternity. Revelation was written in a time when Christians were being persecuted for their faith. The message is that God is in control, and if you are one of God's faithful, just wait, because the one with his finger on the trigger is not in control; the one with his finger on the button is not in charge; the one who wields power in this world does not have the last word.

The last word is reserved for God and his saints.

Peace y'all

Pastor Allen

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP CHRISTMAS BAKING

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

LEFSE (3 SHEETS/BAG) _____ @ \$5.00 EACH = _____

BELGIAN COOKIES (12) _____ @ \$5.00 EACH = _____

OREO TRUFFLES (8) _____ @ \$5.00 EACH = _____

TOTAL = _____

Orders due Dec 4, 2022 – drop off at Hope Lutheran or call Emily Hennen (828-6797). Baking Day is Sunday, December 11, 2022. Orders will be ready late afternoon. Pay when you order or upon delivery.

Checks made to **Youth of Hope**

(check one below)

Delivery in Minneota _____ Pick-up at Hope _____ Pick-up at Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy _____

Poinsettias

A Christmas Poinsettia Fund will be set up and contributions will be used to purchase Poinsettia plants. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office **by November 18th**. (Much earlier this year because Brad's Market will no longer be getting them, and Hy-Vee has given churches the November 18th date.)

If you prefer to share a Poinsettia plant of your own, please bring it to the church by December 23rd.

_____ Donation _____ Bringing own plant

Given in memory of:

Given in honor of:

Given by:

GLOW

GLOW is going very well! We have 115 students signed up; Pre-k thru 12th grade. Our growth in numbers is AWESOME- however we needed to do a few things differently with classrooms and teachers this year because of it.

We added two teachers to the roster this year. GLOW is now functioning with 7 teachers instead of 5. Lizzy Davis (instead of Teen Power) has accepted the 4th grade teaching position & a new congregation member, Angie Borstad as the 1st grade teacher. We've separated 1st thru 4th and put them in their own classroom upstairs, with their own teacher. This decision was made on the FIRST night of GLOW. 2nd grade is being taught by Lori Dyce and 3rd grade is being taught by our veteran teacher, Kathy Opdahl. So far it's worked well! Preschool and Kindergarten still has a majority of our numbers with Amie and Trevor Ascherman as teachers. They utilize the nursery as their room. 5th and 6th grade, taught by Matt Myhre, is using the large room upstairs and is VERY full!



In the evening, when GLOW students come together, our church is FULL of kids and their families! It is SO great to see so many faces in the audience! So far we've heard messages from Jess G., Jess M. & Terri M.! We're so thankful for their messages! For the month of October we've asked the messages to be about bullying, (as the month of October is Bullying Prevention Month) Being kind and asking ourselves WWJD. It's a message that everyone needs to hear.

Daniel, our music director, had his first few nights of lessons for the kids, he is doing GREAT! The kids were singing and doing actions and really getting into the songs!! Something we've been missing for a long LONG time! We separated the kids into three different groups:

Pre K thru 3rd, 4th thru 6th and 7-12 The Choir loft was FULL with each group!

We're so very happy Daniel is with us!

Our first "Let it Shine Service" was on October 16th. Students were asked to participate in all sorts of ways; Lector, communion serving, ushering and GLOW greeters! Of course we will have the students perform the songs they were working on with Daniel.

Our first Potluck Wednesday was in October! GLOW has decided to provide the desserts and chips and asking the families to provide the other meal options! It was a HUGE success, thank you to all who participated!!

Christmas program prepping is a hot topic! That starts Oct. 12th. Emily, Tegan and Jess G. are going to work on getting more information for that- we're a little concerned with the amount of people in the church for that Christmas Program (we saw last week with the 3rd and 7th grade bible distribution- it was quite full)!! This is a great problem to have- just figuring out what we should do about the numbers of families coming!

Wrapping up- If you want to know more about GLOW, please come see all the fun/excitement! It's the best time to connect young or old and have the congregation see all the good things happening at Hope Lutheran! We love to see the smiling faces- we love that our GLOW kiddos are learning about Christianity and WE especially love the support from all of you! Thank you!

In Christ,
Jess & Erin Pastor Allen

SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER BACK ON HOPE'S SCHEDULE

The annual Swedish Meatball Supper is back on the schedule after a break due to the pandemic that all of us witnessed. The date has been set for **Sunday, November 6, 2022** with serving from **5-7 pm that evening**.

Sandy Tolk is again heading the organization of this event, with the help of Hope's youth and adult members. Please call her at 872-6730 if you are willing to volunteer time in the number of areas of work.

The dinner will consist of Swedish meatballs, potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, cranberries, lefse, buns and butter, dessert and beverage. Prices have been set for adults, students and youth.

The meal is not the only thing available. There will also be a bake sale held, with all members of the church encouraged, and asked, to donate baked items or canned goods. Be generous, and help to fill our tables with goodies that everyone will want to take home that evening. A committee is also being formed to provide additional lefse for the bake sale, to fill the need of those who truly enjoy this Norwegian treat.

Now is the time to plan ahead for this annual church event. The church kitchen is in sore need of new or refurbished cupboards, and funds will be earmarked for this upcoming renovation. Our ladies have always felt the need to keep our church in good working order and have headed many renovations over the years. In the "good old days" it is said that if anything needed to be done, it should be put before the ladies of the church, for they would work together on any project to bring it to completion.

Here we are again, with the kitchen needing some updating. Let us work together to make it happen. Areas of work include the dinner itself, decorations for the fellowship area, bringing items to the bake sale, making lefse to share, helping to set tables before the dinner, help in serving the meal, and cleanup in the kitchen when all have been fed.

Make this a priority, tell your friends, decide to lend a hand, and work with fellow members of the church in this very worthwhile event. I am looking forward to hearing the laughter and conversations between folks as we work together to serve this tasty meal to family and friends.

Gayle VanVooren, HLCW President



Merry Christmas Mission Trip Fundraiser - Bless others and support the Minneota Area Mission Trip through this Mary & Martha fundraiser. **25% of each sale will be donated to the mission trip.** Mary & Martha offers faith-based inspirational products for your home, table, children's toys and devotionals.

Products will be displayed at the following come and go events:

Wednesday, November 2 at Hope Lutheran from 5-8 pm

Sunday, November 6 at Bethany-Elim from 9-11am

Sunday, November 6 at Hope Lutheran from 5-7 pm

Or you can shop from the comfort of your home at: www.mymaryandmartha.com/nancykrog

[Rep Site](#) Mary & Martha's vision is to bring eternal hope and encouragement to every home, every day. www.mymaryandmartha.com

Here is the direct shopping

link: <https://www.mymaryandmartha.com/22937/shop/catalog.aspx?eventid=e171635&from=directlink>

Please choose "ship directly to you" (do not ship to hostess).

Fundraiser runs November 1-11.

Please feel free to call or
tions at 507-530-4630.

text Nancy with ques-

