

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, 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:**

*Swedish Meatball Supper  
& Bake Sale*

*Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*5-7 PM*

*Hope Lutheran Church  
Minneota, MN*

**Meals:**

**\$15 for Adults**

**\$8 for Youth, 4-10 years**

**Free for Age 3 and Under**

**Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Candied Carrots, Buns & Butter, Cranberries, Pie/Dessert, & Beverage - Take Out Available**

**Thrivent Financial helping with funding.**

**Hope Lutheran Church**

**113 South Jefferson Street  
PO Box 87  
Minneota, MN 56264-0087**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**412 East Lyon Street  
Minneota, MN 56264**

Pastor Cell:

Office/Kitchen: 507-872-6446

Parish Secretary: Chris Pesch

Secretary's Cell: 507-530-5666

Church Email:

hopelutheran87@gmail.com

Church Website:

www.hopeminneota.org

Pastor:

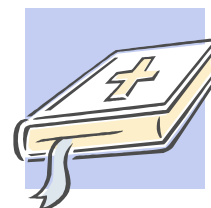
Pastor Email:

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

Missionary Email: elisajo@msn.com

**Bible Studies for Men and Women**

Circle Bible Study	November 6, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	November 8th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	November 3rd, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe



**2023 Church Attendance**

October 1	November 5	December 3	
October 8	November 12	December 10	
October 22	November 19	December 17	
October 29	November 26	December 24	
Total:	Total:	December 24	Christmas Eve
Average:	Average:	December 31	
		Total:	
		Avg:	

**Altar Guild (October 25—November 28 )**

Sandy Josephson 872-6706  
Linda Nuytten 829-9379



**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Earl & Lori Skaar 828-4475 or 828-4470

**Date Sound Operators**

November 5 Randy Prellwitz  
November 12 Jack Jerzak  
November 19 Scott Josephson  
November 26 Greg Gottskalkson

**Date Acolytes**

November 5 Nola Ascheman & Grace Horner  
November 12 Imogen Moriarty & Sydney Hennen  
November 19 Parker Minnehan & Mason Javers  
November 26 Owen Myrvik & Logan Pohlen



**Money Counters:** November: Amie Ascheman & Angie DeVos

**Upcoming Dates:**

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| <p><b>*November 4, 10 am</b><br/>Baptism for Harper Fink</p> <p><b>*November 5</b><br/>During Worship - All Saints Day<br/><b>Meatball Supper and Bake Sale, 5-7 pm</b><br/><b>MAMT Mary &amp; Martha Fundraiser, 5-7 pm</b></p> <p><b>*November 8, 10 am</b><br/>Circle Bible Study</p> <p><b>*November 12, Following Service</b><br/>HLCW Meeting, In the Church Proper</p> <p><b>*November 18</b><br/>Poinsettia Forms Due</p> <p><b>*November 19</b><br/><b>Let It Shine Service</b><br/>SOS (Social On Sunday), 11-2</p> | <p><b>*November 23</b><br/>Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Ed's</p> <p><b>*November 25, 10 am</b><br/>Baptism for Camden Noyes</p> <p><b>*November 26, During Worship</b><br/>Walk Around Offering, MPS for Winter Gear</p> <p><b>*December 3, 11-2 pm</b><br/>SOS (Social On Sunday) Fellowship Hall<br/>Christmas Baking Forms Due</p> |
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**Church Council Notes – October 4, 2023**

<b>Fund Balances:</b> General Fund:	\$ 12,189.30	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 15,134.91
Building Fund:	\$ 4,433.88	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 168.33
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.13	GLOW:	\$ 2,499.89

**Attendance:**

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Rose Van Uden, Emily Hennen, Aimee Ascheman, Moriah Reiss, Lizzy Reiss, Barry Gronke, Jen Anderson, Barb Knutson, Chris Pesch
- **Attending via Phone:** Jason Johnson
- **Absent:** None

**Secretary's Report: Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the secretary's report. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

- **Bills** – Bills for the month of October were presented by Barry Gronke. October is a 5 Sunday month, so Tim's salary includes that additional cost. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$5,902.74. **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Trustees Report**

- **Land Lease for Wind Power:** The contract for the wind tower lease has been signed. It will be 60 to 70 days until we receive the payment.
- **Motion made by Emily Hennen to approve the Board of Trustees report. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Deacons Report**

- **Walk Around Offerings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Endowment matches walk around offerings 2:1 up to \$500
  - October 22 – Hope Harbor in Marshall
  - Possible Temple Talk by Trish Bordewyk
  - November 26 – Winter gear for kids
  - December – No walk around but we are looking at doing a Christmas “giving” tree
- **All Saint's Day:** This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November. Chris will send out letters to the families of those who have died or been baptized since last All Saint's Day. The Altar Guild sets up the candles for this.
- **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service:** The service will be at St. Edward's this year, and we think it will be at 7:00 pm. That time will be confirmed at November's meeting.
- **Confirmation:** A pastor will be coming from the synod for the Confirmation service, so Tim doesn't need to be here for that. We will be doing communion as a walk around, and Terri will check with the Pastor how she wants to handle communion for the confirmands.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Barry Gronke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Education Report**

- **GLOW:**
  - 136 kids are registered for GLOW, Confirmation and Teen Power
  - We are trying a new curriculum, and we have received positive feedback from GLOW teachers regarding the content. Each class has the same message, and the kids are learning one topic designed for each age group. This makes it easy to discuss what your child is learning at GLOW at home or around the dinner table.
  - Christmas program planning will be starting soon. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 10:00 am.
  - The first Let It Shine Services will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Nona is working with the students on a “theme song” which she wrote herself. We are truly blessed to have such talent in our congregation.
- **Bible Distribution:** The opinion was shared that the service was quite long with communion and Bible distribution. A suggestion was made to do walk around communion instead of at the altar on Sundays when the service is busier or we have more activities.

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**Church Council Notes – October 4, 2023 (continued)**

- Confirmation:
  - Confirmation will be October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
  - Statement of Faith Night will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> with the meal at 6 pm. Council will provide the meal.
  - We have 8 students being confirmed: Addison Buysse, Gretta Buysse, Heydan Danielson, Landon Esping, Cold Johnson, Madison Minnehan, Brooklyn Ryer and Creed Stassen.
- Mission Trip 2023:
  - Upcoming fundraisers for the 2025 Mission Trip:
    - Food at Football @ the Komp in Minneota, MN
    - Friday, October 6 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
    - Thursday, October 12 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
  - Any students going into 8th grade - 12th grade the fall of 2023 are eligible to go on the 2025 Mission Trip. Please let Emily Hennen know if your child would like to participate [emhaugland@hotmail.com](mailto:emhaugland@hotmail.com).
- Other Upcoming Dates:
  - April 7, 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Baccalaureate – May 2024
  - **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Education report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Other Business**

- Call Committee Update: There is nothing new currently on the call committee. The synod guidelines for compensation are for a 7% increase for next year.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Next Executive Discussion on Agenda:** Week of October 23rd via e-mail

**Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 1, 2023.** Boards meet at 7:00 pm. All together 7:30 pm

**Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary**

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**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:

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Given in honor of:

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Given by:

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## Minneota Area Mission Trip

Fundraising for the 2025 mission trip is well underway. Our Food at Football fundraiser was a success again this year. Thank you to Minneota Dollars for Scholars for assisting with set-up and advertising. Thank you to Tiffany Gronke for baking all of the yummy cookies we served. Thank you to Brad's Market for your assistance with food orders. Thank you to all of the community members that supported us at each home football game. Thank you the Hope Lutheran Endowment Committee for the matching funds.

Our next fundraisers are the Mary & Martha fundraiser & Christmas Baking (see details below).

**Merry Christmas Mission Trip**  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP

**25%**  
of each sale  
donated to the  
mission trip

**COME & GO EVENTS:**  
Sunday, November 5  
at Bethany-Elim, 9-11am  
& at Hope Lutheran, 5-7pm  
or my home, by appointment.

Order online:  
[www.mymaryandmartha.com/nancykrog](http://www.mymaryandmartha.com/nancykrog)

Fundraiser runs:  
**November 1-11**

Call or text with questions,  
Nancy Krog - 507-530-4630

Scan here to shop

MARY & MARTHA

### 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.

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

Sunday, November 5:

at Bethany-Elim from 9-11am

at Hope Lutheran from 5-7 pm

or my home, by appointment.

Order online at: [www.mymaryandmartha.com/nancykrog](http://www.mymaryandmartha.com/nancykrog)

Fundraiser runs November 1-11.

Please call/text Nancy Krog at 507-530-4630, with questions, to make an appointment, or to place an order for you.

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## Christmas Baking

We are taking orders for Christmas baking. We will be offering Oreo truffles, lefse, and Belgian cookies. All orders are due Sunday, December 3, 2023. Our baking day will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 10:30 am at Hope Lutheran Church. Orders will be available for pick-up later that afternoon.

### 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 3, 2023 - drop off at Hope Lutheran or call Emily Hennen (828-6797). Baking Day is Sunday, December 10, 2023 and orders will be ready late afternoon. Pay when you order or upon delivery. (check one).*

*Checks made to **Youth of Hope***

Delivery in Minneota \_\_\_\_\_ Pick-up at Hope \_\_\_\_\_ Pick-up at Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_

We continue to appreciate all of the support we have received from our congregations and communities. Please keep our group in your prayers as we continue to fundraise for the 2025 mission trip. If you have any questions regarding the 2025 Mission Trip or are interested in going on the 2025 mission trip, please contact Emily Hennen at [emhaugland@hotmail.com](mailto:emhaugland@hotmail.com) or 507-828-6797.

## **A Very Healthy Group of Students**

On October 1st, our 3rd graders and 7th graders were presented with age-appropriate Bibles from our church. It was exciting to watch the families and students walk to the front and receive their Bibles from their parents and receive prayers encouraging them to read these Bibles.

It was with a bit of humor when a fellow parishioner leaned forward and whispered, "I think we better continue to make quilts." Yes, there will be a need for more quilts in the future.

At the present time, your quilt makers are kind of "caught up" with the needs for next year, as there is a smaller class of graduates. But the future looks bright with the number of students in GLOW, so the work of making quilts will continue through these upcoming winter months.

There are a devoted group of members who actually make the quilt tops in their homes, during precious hours of the days and nights, that form the main part of this quilt-making process. The group actually looks ahead to the graduating classes to determine what kinds of quilts will be needed...as in floral patterns for the girls or outdoors/sports prints for the guys.

When these tops are ready, fabric is then purchased for the back of the quilt so that coordinating colors/patterns compliment the front. A call is then made to the rest of the group to gather in the church basement to assemble the tops, batting and backing. The number of members gathering varies from time to time, depending on the members' schedules.

Material for the quilt tops has been supplied by many folks in the area, and we appreciate the donation of good fabric for the quilts. But the tape, needles, thread, batting and backing are all purchased for this project.

Would you like to help? Do you have fabric you would like to donate? Do you have funds you would like to share? The quilters would appreciate your support as we share these "Hugs from Hope" for our seniors each year. Rita Dovre has been our fearless leader in the quilt project and we all appreciate the beautiful tops she and others have made over the years.

This is just one area where your HLCW (Hope Lutheran Church Women) remain active. As the quilts go out the door with the students, we hope they come to realize that they were actively cared about at Hope Lutheran.

*Gayle Van Vooren, HLCW President*