



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

October, 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 by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God has been revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit...(A Mighty Fortress is our God, LBW 229)

The sin that underlies all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands. (Luther)

We are saved by faith alone, but faith that saves is never alone. (Martin Luther, commentary on Galatians)

Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen. (Martin Luther's reply to the Holy Roman Emperor, when called to recant his writings, 1521)

On October 31st we celebrate the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It was on this day in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his "95 Theses" on the church door at Wittenburg, Germany, where he was a monk and Professor of Biblical studies. The posting of this document, which dealt primarily with his objection to the sale of indulgences, drew the attention of the Pope and eventually led to Luther's excommunication from the Roman Catholic church. The sale of indulgences basically allowed people to buy forgiveness of sins, which Luther rightly saw as a violation of the scriptures and the gospel.

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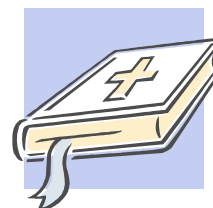
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke
Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Circle Bible Study	October 3rd, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	October 5th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	October 7th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe



2022 Church Attendance

September 4	October 2	November 6
September 11 N/A Bug Days	October 9	November 13
September 18	October 16	November 20
September 25	October 23	November 24 Thanksgiving
Total:	October 30	November 27
Average:	Total:	Total:
	Average:	Average:

Altar Guild (September 28—October 25)

Sandy Tolk 872-6730
 Rose Van Uden 829-1806



Workgroup Chairpersons

Tony & Tammy Esping 872-5468 or 828-2953

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
October 2	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Creed Stassen & Landon Esping
October 9			Madison Minnehan & Brooklynn Ryer
October 16	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Heydan Danielson & Cole Johnson
October 23	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre	Addison Buysse & Imogen Moriarty
October 30			Cole Johnson & ??



Money Counters: October—Moriah Reiss & Lizzy Davis
 November—Gayle Van Vooren & Barry Gronke

Upcoming Dates:

- October 2nd—Bible Distribution for 3rd and 7th Grades
- October 5th—Circle Bible Study, 10:00 am
- October 7th—Mission Trip Fundraiser—Food At Football, 5-7 pm
- October 8th—WELCA Fall Gathering, Cottonwood, 8:30 am
- October 13th—Mission Trip Fundraiser—Food At Football, 5-7 pm
- October 23rd—Statement of Faith Night, 6 pm
- October 30th—Confirmation

Church Council Notes – September 14, 2022

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 3,892.34	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 6,034.75
	Building Fund:	\$ 3,435.17	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 183.94
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,640.90	GLOW:	\$ 4,860.58

Finances:

General Fund Balance as of August 31st	\$ 3,892.34
Projected Expenses for September	\$17,187.80

Attendance:

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

Pastor's Report

- 1 wedding and rehearsal, 1 funeral and funeral planning meeting, 7 pastoral visits, 2 nursing home visits, and 2 committee meetings.
- Pastor has an updated list of those who are shut-in or in the nursing home. He did service at the assisted living last week, and there were 5 from Hope. His goal for the shut-ins is to visit them once per month.
- His office hours are 8:30 to noon Tuesday through Friday, and that information will be put in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills – Bills for the month of September were presented by Terri Gronke. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$17,187.80.
- **Motion made by Dave Dovre to approve Treasurer's Report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills – Additional bills for this month included the copyright license, which is an annual fee. We also had the bill from Green Lake for VBS (42 students participated, which is excellent) and for Shetek for 10 campers. The bill from Mike's Flooring for the carpet stretching and installing at the parsonage will be paid from the Building Fund as that is where the insurance money was deposited. We did get a refund last month from Ottertail, so the amounts for September for the electric are estimates.
- Wireless mics – The squealing from the new sound system is due to interference between our old wireless mics and the new sound system. We approved to buy one wireless mic for \$750. We currently have 3 wireless mics. It was decided to wait on the additional mics until we have an opportunity next month to review the money in the Memorial Fund for this purchase. The tv also quit, and that was shared with the Bug Days committee. The Bug Days committee purchased a new 65" tv, and we will be using that tv for now.
- Church / Parsonage Repair – We didn't have an update on the church repair. We could not find matching shingles for the parsonage, so we have reopened the claim with the insurance company on this.
- **Motion made by Gayle Van Vooren to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Lizzy Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month -
- September 25 – VBS
- October 23 – Esther's Kitchen – Lizzy will be giving a short talk on Esther's Kitchen on this Sunday.
- November 27 – Toys for Tots
- Jubilation Choir: Gayle has retired as Jubilation Choir director, and Nona Gottskalkson has agreed to take over this role.
- Services: The 1st and 4th Sundays of the month will be the Jubilation Choir; the 2nd Sunday of the month will be Praise Band; and the 3rd Sunday of the month will be the GLOW Let it Shine service. Communion will continue to be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
- Meatball Supper and Bake Sale: This will be held on November 6th. It was decided that we would wait to schedule the date for Mission Sunday for now.
- Time & Talents Survey: It has been some time since we have done a Time and Talents survey, so Chris and Terri will work together to put this together. The goal is to have both paper copies and a way for people to complete it online or electronically. This will be an opportunity for people to share their talents whether through reading of scripture, ushering, serving coffee, etc.
- **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**

- **GLOW:** September 21st will be the first night of GLOW for this year. We will be doing hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill and council members are asked to bring salads. 76 students have signed up. Terri Myhre and Linda Nuytten will be co-hosting meals for GLOW for the upcoming year. Daniel Junker will be our Music Director this year. The teachers will be taking weekly attendance this year. The 3rd Sunday of the month will be Let it Shine Sunday; October 16th will be the next Let it Shine service.
 - Supper – 5:30 - 6:00 pm
 - Classes – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
 - Closing – 7:00 – 7:15 pm
- **Mission Trip 2023:** We are continuing to fundraise. The first food at football went very well; the next one will be September 22nd, which is a Thursday night. They served roast beef and pulled pork sandwiches after the community worship service at Bug Days, and that went well, also. There is another fundraiser opportunity on Sunday, September 18 at the Wilno Catholic Church; we will be serving breakfast.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation parent meeting was held last Wednesday, September 7th, and it went well and was well attended. Confirmation will be for 7th and 8th graders, while the 9th and 10th graders will be attending confirmation classes until their confirmation and will then be joining Teen Power. Confirmation is October 30th for the 9th and 10th graders. Confirmants 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. There will be a sign up sheet for council at next month's meeting.
- **Upcoming Dates:** On October 2nd, the 3rd and 7th graders will be presented with their Bibles. April 16, 2023, has been set for First Communion for the 5th graders; this is the Sunday after Easter.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Education report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Motion made by Deb Belaen 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. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion to adjourn made by Deb Belaen. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of September 26th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 5, 2022, Boards at 6:45 pm; All together at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

A Note from the Pastor (con't)

The Reformation emphasized three "*solas*," *Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, and Sola Scriptura*. In English, those are, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Word (Scripture) Alone. Grace is the free gift of salvation. It comes from God. It cannot be earned and it is given because of God's goodness, not because of any goodness in us. Faith is trust in God's promise of salvation. Word alone means that Scripture is the only rule and authority for the Christian life.

These "*solas*," sum up the way God relates to humanity. Forgiveness of sins comes not through a priest, the church, the merits of the saints, holy relics, the pope, the bishops, or even the good works of the people. The forgiveness of sins comes through the word of God, by grace, through faith. Without the Word there is no forgiveness of sins. Without the Word there are no sacraments, there is no church, there is no interaction between God and humanity.

Grace alone, Faith alone, Word alone; thanks be to God!

Peace Y'all

Pastor Allen

GLOW Calendar

Sunday, October 2—Bible Distribution for 3rd and 7th Graders
Wednesday, October 5—Potluck Supper at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, October 12—Normal GLOW Night
Sunday, October 16—Let It Shine Service
Wednesday, October 19—NO GLOW—MEA Break
Wednesday, October 26—Pumpkins, Family Fun Night for All Ages
Sunday, October 30—Confirmation for 9th and 10th Graders



Jess & Erin

Mission Trip Fundraisers! The Minneota Area Mission Trip will once again be doing **Food At Football** from 5-7 pm at each of the Minneota Vikings home games! Stop down before the game for a meal and support the Mission Trip! Thanks for all your support!!

**Calling All Singers!**

Jubilation Choir started up again on September 21st with practice at 7:30 pm following GLOW. Jubilation Choir is open to singers who have been confirmed (9th grade) to adults of all ages. Reading music is encouraged but we are willing to help you learn as long as you have a song in your heart for Jesus! Jubilation Choir will practice on the Wednesday before the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month. Also with Confirmation on the 5th Sunday of the month, we will be singing that Sunday as well.

Here is how our Sundays will look:

1st & 4th Sundays—Jubilation Choir (Practice previous Wednesdays)
 2nd Sunday—Praise Band Worship (Practice previous Wednesday)
 3rd Sunday—"Let It Shine" Children's Worship

A new year with some exciting changes for our music here at Hope Lutheran. We want to thank Gayle VanVooren for her many years of dedicated service to our Jubilation Choir! She has been a monumental leader in our music programs at Hope for many years. We are so grateful for all her time and talent and welcome her to sing with us from the other side of the director's stand! She has graciously agreed to fill in as director in our absence!) If you are interested in singing with the choir, just come to one of our practices on Wednesday night. We look forward to an exciting year with music and praise at Hope Lutheran. Keep your eyes on the newsletter and bulletin for the schedule and any changes that may come up. We ask for your patience as we assume our new roles as directors.

Love in Christ—Nona Gottskalkson and Kasey Denney

October Music Calendar

October 2nd—Jubilation Choir Sings at Worship
October 5th—Praise Band Practice, 7:30 pm
October 9th—Praise Band Worship
October 16th—'Let It Shine' Service
October 19th—NO Choir Practice (MEA Week)
October 23rd—Jubilation Choir Sings at Worship (Practice at 8:30 am)
October 26th—Jubilation Practice, 7:30 pm
October 30th—Jubilation Choir Singing for Confirmation



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

