

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, 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

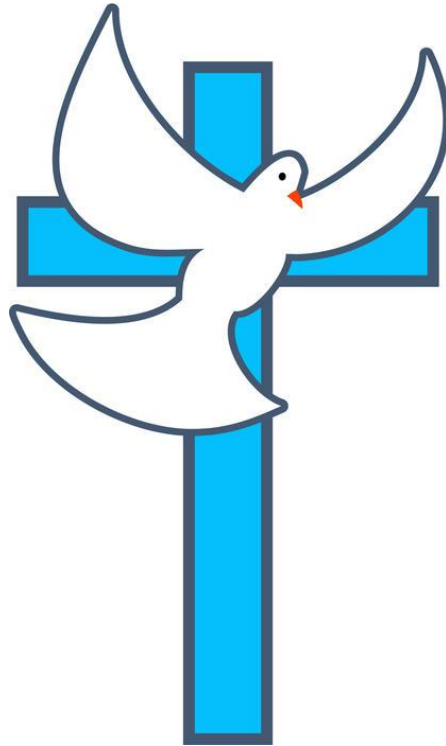
*Hope Services Are
Streamed on
Facebook*

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Pastor's Office Hours:

Confirmation October 29—10:00 am



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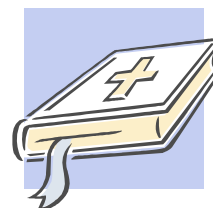
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Bible Studies for Men and Women

Circle Bible Study	October 2nd, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	October 11th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	October 6th, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe



2023 Church Attendance

July 2	42	August 6	44	September 3	42
July 9	64	August 13	52	September 10	N/A
July 16	45	August 20	68	September 17	89
July 23	73	August 27	60 Est.	September 24	84
July 30	47	Total:	224	Total:	215
Total:	271	Average:	56	Average:	72
Average:	54				

Altar Guild (September 27—October 24)

Jena Corbin 828-8725
 Rose Van Uden 829-1806



Workgroup Chairpersons

Ralph & Judy Hagen 829-7810 or 829-7185

Date Sound Operators

October 1 Randy Prellwitz
 October 8 Bug Days
 October 15 Scott Josephson
 October 22 Greg Gottskalkson
 October 29

Date Acolytes

October 1 Khailynn Fier & Sophie Gillund
 October 8 Brycen Myhre & Louis DeVos
 October 15 McKenna Giesler & Alexis Bitker
 October 22 Kingston Ryer & Colton Bitker
 October 29 Logan Esping & Parker Minnehan



Money Counters: October: Deb Belaen & Terri Myhre

Upcoming Dates:

***October 1, During Worship**

Bible Distribution, 3rd & 7th Grades

***October 4, 12:30-6:30 pm**

Blood Drive, Minneota High School Gym

***October 6, 5-7 pm**

MAMT Fundraiser, Food at Football

***October 7, 8:30 am**

Prairie Conf. WELCA Fall Gathering, Hendricks

***October 12, 5-7 pm**

MAMT Fundraiser, Food at Football

***October 22**

Walk Around Offering – Hope Harbor
 SOS, Fellowship Hall, 11-2pm

Statement of Faith Night, Supper at 6 pm

***October 28**

Wedding of Jen Schwieger &
 Danny Hennen

(Pastor Janel Kuester Presiding)

***October 29, 10 am, During Worship**
 Confirmation

Church Council Notes – September 6, 2023

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 10,385.87	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 15,134.80
Building Fund:	\$ 5,701.98	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 211.65
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.22	GLOW:	\$ 3,287.49

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:**
- **Absent:** Jason Johnson

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the secretary's report. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- **Bills** – Bills for the month of September were presented by Barry Gronke. The bill for VBS was adjusted to \$3,424.40 based on the \$500 down payment that was already made. It was also noted that Tim Velde's salary will go up slightly for doing the Bug Day Service and two baptisms plus mileage. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$10,635.63. The bill for MEI for the yearly elevator service will be paid from the Building Fund.
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to approve the Treasurer's Report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- **Land Lease for Wind Power:** The trustees and the Endowment Fund committee met with Invenergy last week. They are working on a wind turbine project, and they presented a wind easement contract for the land that we own. They are currently in year 2 of the development phase. With each phase of the project, there are additional annual payments that we will receive. The payments are approximately \$3,700 per year during the development phase (plus a \$10k sign on bonus), \$5,200 per year during the construction phase, and \$18k per year during the operational phase if there is no wind turbine on our land. If a wind turbine was built on our land, we would receive payments of either approximately \$28k or \$38k depending on the size of the turbine. Based on the location of our land and restrictions on placement of wind turbines, there is a low probability of a wind turbine being built on our land. The land would still be available for farming even with a turbine, so there would be no loss of farm rent. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the contract with Invenergy for the wind easement agreement with the money to be deposited into the Cornerstone Fund until such time as the balance reaches \$50,000 or 3 months of church's monthly expenses, whichever is greater, and at that time, all additional monies will be transferred to the management of the Hope Lutheran Endowment Fund. A contract will be drafted reflecting said motion. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Trustees report. Moriah Reiss 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
 - September 24 – ELCA Hawaii Fire Relief
 - October 22 – Hope Harbor in Marshall
 - Possible Temple Talk by Trish Bordewyk
 - November 26 – Winter gear for kids
- **New Member Sunday:** Sunday, September 24 at 9am
 - Serving cupcakes after service. We will give the new members a CD and ornament from the 150th.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Education Report

- **Mission Trip 2023:**
 - Upcoming fundraisers for the 2025 Mission Trip:
 - Food at Football @ the Komp in Minneota, MN
 - Friday, September 8 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Friday, September 22 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Friday, October 6 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Thursday, October 12 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Boxelder Bug Day Food Stand - Sunday, September 10, 11am - 1:00 pm in Minneota, MN

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Church Council Notes – September 6, 2023 (continued)

- 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.
- **GLOW:**
 - GLOW – Rejoice Sunday will be September 17 at 4:30 pm. All ages are invited to attend. Council will be bringing bars for this event.
 - Curriculum- True Way Kids - Free, online curriculum; Amie & Angie will work on printing curriculum and organizing it for the teachers.
 - Nona G. will be leading music; each age group will get 15 minutes for music each week.
 - Christmas program - Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 10 am; Jess Gronke, Tegan Gillund and Emily Hennen will be organizing program.
 - Meal at 5:30; Class 6-7pm; and Message at 7:00pm.
 - Let It Shine Services will be held in October, November, December (Christmas program) and April.
 - Still in need of teachers for 1st and 3rd grades.
- **Confirmation:**
 - Confirmation will have a meeting with students and parents on Sunday, September 17 at 6:30. A letter will be going out this week.
 - Angie DeVos will be leading Confirmation for the 7th and 8th graders, and we will be using the “Here We Stand” curriculum. The 1st half of the year will be focused on the catechism.
 - The 5th and 6th graders will be together the first half of the year with Matt Myhre teaching them. During the 2nd half of the year, Matt will be teaching just the 6th graders with the focus being on the catechism. Barry will be preparing the 5th graders for 1st Communion. First communion will be April 7, 2024
 - Statement of Faith Night will be October 22nd with the meal at 6 pm. Confirmation will be October 29.
 - Two students from Bethany-Elim want to sign up for Confirmation, and they should get signed up on the GLOW website.
 - Distribution of Bibles for 3rd and 7th graders will be October 1st.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to approve the Board of Education report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Video Ministry:** Dave Dovre is retiring from doing the video ministry, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry.
- **Other:** The updated website looks great.
- **Motion made by Barry Gronke to adjourn. Jen Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of September 25th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Boards meet at 7:00 pm. All together 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary

A RESURGENCE OF THE HLCW

One of the oldest organizations of Hope Lutheran is the HLCW. . .the Hope Lutheran Church Women's Group. We, the women, as confirmed members of Hope, are ALL members of HLCW and are the helping hands of so many events.

In years past, this group was very lively, as most of the ladies were homemakers and could meet during the week for timely programs, discussions of work to be completed, and fellowship. That has changed over the years as most young women are now working outside the home, as well as caring for their families and have little time left over for additional meetings.

There are currently two active Bible Study groups at Hope, with ladies meeting on the first Monday evening of each month, or at the second Wednesday morning of each month. It is here that many needs of the church are discussed and come to our attention through articles in the newsletter and bulletins. These are relatively small groups and more women are needed to help make decisions regarding the needs of the church.

To assist with this change, the Hope Lutheran Church Women, HLCW, will hold short meetings after church service on the first Sunday of each month. We can meet immediately in the church proper, share ideas and make suggestions. In this way, perhaps YOU can take more of an active part in the workings of the church.

The HLCW is a quiet working machine in this church, much like those ladies who worked tirelessly in the past. When there was a need, the ladies could be counted on to get it done, and they did. We want that to continue now and in the future. Here are a few things that the current HLCW does:

- We keep track and order supplies for the kitchen area for funerals, coffee time and meetings that are held here.
- We make quilts for our seniors as they graduate from high school.
- We make prayer shawls for those who have been hospitalized, for baptisms and other special occasions.
- We collect needed items for the Prairie Home Hospice organization that helps so many families in our area when a loved one is nearing the end of life.
- We are part of the Work Groups that help with Sunday services.
- We are part of the Prairie Conference and have the opportunity to attend Fall and Spring meetings with area church women, as well as yearly conventions that take place in the area.
- We hold dinners and bake sales that help to benefit specific church needs. At present, we are hoping to remodel our church kitchen that is getting much more use right now. Our cupboards are in bad shape, and funds are being collected to help with this remodel in the near future.
- We decorate the Fellowship Hall with timely arrangements to make the area more welcoming for all ages of our members.
- We talk, we laugh, we dream, and then we put our thoughts into action to try to better our church surroundings.

Please consider meeting with us on Sunday, October 1st, immediately after our 9:00 a.m. church service. We have our annual Swedish Meatball Supper approaching in November and are considering collecting favorite recipes for a new church cookbook. Come and share your ideas and dreams, and be a spark that brings us all together again.

Gayle Van Vooren, HLCW President

SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER COMING IN NOVEMBER

The annual Swedish Meatball Supper is being planned for Sunday, November 5th, with Rose Van Uden in charge of the meal preparation. She will be calling on our members to help in many areas, so please be willing to do your part to make this a successful event.

We thank Sandy Tolk who has been at the helm of this meal for so many years. She worked tirelessly to get as many of our members involved in helping, and the kitchen was always a lively place to be when the meal was being prepared. Thank you, Sandy, for your leadership in our yearly fundraiser.

Besides the great meal, a bake sale will also be held. And here is where we ALL can get involved. Please be thinking about the goodies you can make for the sale, for a variety of items is always needed to please the people who come to shop. Baked goods of all kinds are appreciated, as well as candy, snacks and jams and jellies.

Lefse will also be highlighted for the sale, so lefse makers, get ready. Gayle Van Vooren will be calling you to coax you into rolling a bunch for the sale.

Flyers and posters will be going out soon to invite folks to come to our annual supper, and you, as members, are also encouraged to come. This is a delicious meal prepared right in Hope's kitchen and you won't want to miss it.

The kitchen remodeling project is to benefit from this meal, and Thrivent members could assist by requesting the helping hands funds for this project. Thrivent Financial has been a remarkable helping hand for many of our church projects over the years.

Let's get excited for our upcoming meal and bake sale. We can make this a big success if we all work together!

Swedish Meatball Supper

Sunday, November 5, 2023 - 5-7 PM

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.

