

## 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

September, 2021

### 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

### Coffee & Fellowship:

Hope—10:00 AM

**Hope Services Are  
Live Streamed on  
Facebook**

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### A Note from the Pastor

*Ba de ya - say do you remember  
Ba de ya - dancing in September  
Ba de ya - golden dreams were shiny days*

### *Allee Willis, Maurice White, Al McKay; Earth, Wind, and Fire*

*September was a thirty-days long goodbye to summer, to the season that left everybody both happy and weary of the warm, humid weather and the exhausting but thrilling adventures.” – **Lea Malot***

*“By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer’s best of weather and autumn’s best of cheer.” – **Helen Hunt Jackson***

The calendar is full of new beginnings, the most obvious being the new calendar year that begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new beginning that I think effects all of us more profoundly is September. Summer is over, vacations have been taken, and we hear that phrase that young people face with ambivalence and trepidation, and their parents hear with joy and excitement; back to school! September is the time when we resume our programming at church, especially Christian Education, and attendance at worship increases (we hope.) I am excited for a new time of activity, as we get back into the swing of things with GLOW, including confirmation and teen power. I miss my confirmation kids, and look forward to some quality time with the ones who will be confirmed in October. It will be nice to be back to some semblance of normalcy, especially seeing each other’s faces.

I also look forward to community events. It will be my first ever Box Elder Bug Days! I can’t wait for football and volleyball games. I love the energy of the whole community coming out to support the team. Let us never take for granted the joy of being together.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25*

Peace Y'all

Pastor Allen

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GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke  
Custodians: Lynn & Barb Okrina  
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn  
Jubilation: Gayle VanVooren

**Bible Studies for Men and Women**

Men's Bible Study	All Bible Studies	8:00 am at ???
Mary Circle	Cancelled due to	6:00 pm
Martha Circle	Covid-19	9:30 am—Fireside Room



**2021 Church Attendance**

June 30	Total attendance	August 1	Total attendance
July 11	for July with 4	August 8	for August with 5
July 18	services:	August 15	services:
July 25	Average	August 22	Average
	attendance:	August 29	attendance:

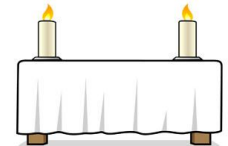
**Altar Guild (August 25—September 21)**

Marilyn Kompelien 872-6796



**Workgroup Chairpersons**

Ralph & Judy Hagen 872-6993, 829-7810, 829-7185



<u>Date</u>	<u>Sound Operators</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
September 5	Randy Prellwitz	Jon Anderson/Tyler Gronke	Carter Anderson & Logan Anderson
September 12	NO SERVICES		
September 19	Scott Josephson	Keven Larson/Cole Myhre	Madison Hennen & Tiffany Gronke
September 26	Greg Gottskalkson	David Dovre Matt Myhre	Dawson Dovre & Carson Javers



**Money Counters:** September—Lori Dyce, Barb Knutson, Barry Gronke  
October—Lori Dyce, Dave Dovre

**Upcoming Dates:**

- September 12th—NO Services at church.** Community service in Bug Square during Bug Days.
- September 15th—10:00 am—Organizational Meeting** for HLCW and Circles
- September 18th—Wedding** of Josh Esping & Samantha Madden
- September 22nd—GLOW Kick Off!**
- October 2nd—Allan Josephson's 90th Birthday Party,** 2-4 pm, Fellowship Hall. For the safety of Allan and his family, they are requesting that only vaccinated people attend.
- October 2nd—Following Allan's party,** burial for Marilyn Russell's ashes at the cemetery.
- October 31st—Confirmation Sunday**

**Church Council Notes – August 4, 2021**

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	General Fund:	\$ 22,427.84	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 14,033.31
	Building Fund:	\$ 2,799.74	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 249.77
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 14,152.04	GLOW:	\$ 1,029.49

**Attendance:**

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Deb Belaen, Rose Van Uden, Barb Knutson, Emily Hennen, Clark Corbin, Dave Dovre, Shane Bordewyk, Pastor Allen Campbell, Chris Pesch-Church Secretary
- **Attending via Phone:**
- **Absent:** Lori Dyce, Moriah Reiss, Gayle Van Vooren, Bryce Denney, Barry Gronke

**Pastor's Report**

- 1 council meeting, 1 pre-wedding meeting, 1 wedding and rehearsal, 4 home visits, 1 funeral, 2 committee meetings, 1 Pastors' meeting, 9 days of vacation including 2 Sundays.
- Pastor has been in conversation with 4 families who want to join the church. Two of the young people from one of these families will be getting baptized, also.

**Board of Trustees Report**

- **Bills:** Bills for the month of August were presented by Shane Bordewyk. Council reviewed. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$10,422.83.
- **Piano tuning:** Chris Pesch will follow up with Dallas Kluksdahl about tuning the pianos.
- **Parking lot:** The parking lot paving bill was higher than had been originally estimated. As no written estimate had been provided due to the time sensitive nature of having this completed while the work crew was in Minnesota, it was agreed that this will need to be paid as is. This will come from the Building and Property Endowment Fund. We are also going to have stripes painted in the parking lot.
- **Video Equipment Update:** The balcony work was approved, and the first two rows of pews have been removed. Dave was able to get the old video equipment to interface with the new laptop. There is Presenter software that offers an option that will stream to Facebook, YouTube and the church's website all at one time, but the cost is \$160 per month. There are free options, but they are not as simple to us. Dave's goal is to have a service streamed to Facebook by the next meeting using the new laptop. We will also need to check with Barry on licensing requirements for streaming if we are using music from other sources or videos. We will also want to get more people trained on the video and sound system.
- **Motion made by Dave Dovre to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Deacons Report**

- **Outside worship:** The outside worship for August will be on August 8th weather permitting. There will be no acolytes on those days. We will need someone to set up the sound system, Scott and Roberta Josephson or Lori and Darwin Dyce were going to be contacted about doing this set up.
- **Walk Around Offerings:** The walk around offering was missed in June, so we will do VBS for both July and August.
  - August 22 – VBS
  - September – During Bug Days
  - October 17- GLOW
- **Church website:** It was noted that it still says on the church website that the church service is available on local cable access. During COVID this was not happening as we didn't have access to the school, and we don't think the local access channel is broadcasting. Chris will have Dawn Van Keulen remove this reference from the website. We will also be asking for more information regarding the billing for the church website.
- **New member class:** Pastor will be doing this on August 18<sup>th</sup> and inviting everyone that we recognized on New Member Sunday and anyone new since then.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Education Report**

- **VBS plans:** VBS is running from August 2-5 (Monday thru Thursday) with a program by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for campers finishing PreK-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are approximately 25 campers attending VBS this week. There will be a parent program on Thursday night with a meal starting at 6 pm followed by a camper program; this will be a free will donation. 3 camp counselors are leading the program and activities.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (CON'T)**

- **Confirmation:** Start date is TBD. Pastor Allen would like to meet with the 10<sup>th</sup> graders that will be confirmed this fall separately from the whole group Confirmation class. Looking at Sundays starting in mid-September at a time to be determined (looking at 4:30 pm). 10<sup>th</sup> graders would then be invited and encouraged to attend Teen Power on Wednesday nights during GLOW. Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, October 31, 2021. The rest of the confirmation group (7 - 9<sup>th</sup> graders) will continue to meet during GLOW.
- **GLOW:** Start date TBD - looking at possibly September 15 or 22. Jessica Gronke is working on the kickoff. There are enough leaders for each class already, which is great to hear. We are not sure of COVID restrictions that may need to be taken into consideration. Balance of GLOW account is currently at \$1,029.49. It was agreed that would do the walk-around offering in October for GLOW and following up with the Endowment Committee about matching it 2 to 1.
- **Classrooms:** With the success of GLOW, there was discussion about classroom spaces and classroom sizes. Suggestions discussed were purchasing partitions to divide the Fellowship Hall into classrooms. Dave and Shane looked at the current layout of the classrooms on the third floor, and we could make 3 large classrooms upstairs by knocking down two walls. This would give us 3 classrooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 1 in the chapel, the nursery, and the library would equal 6 classrooms. How many classes will we have this 2021-2022 year?
- **ELCA Youth Gathering:** Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022 (Sunday - Thursday)
  - <https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Youth-Gathering#GettingReady>
  - Upcoming Dates: July 22 Financial Assistance applications open; July 25 (1pm Central time) Kickoff Celebration video available; Aug 19 (7pm Central time) Registration webinar
  - We should plan a time to gather the youth to get the information out to them and discuss interest in attending. September 8<sup>th</sup> was discussed to have a Youth of Hope Fun Night. Youth of Hope (Youth Group) is for 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders. Youth Gathering will be for 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders. Barb & Terri are both interested in going to Youth Gathering
- **Motion made by Shane Bordewyk to approve the Board of Education report. Clark Corbin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

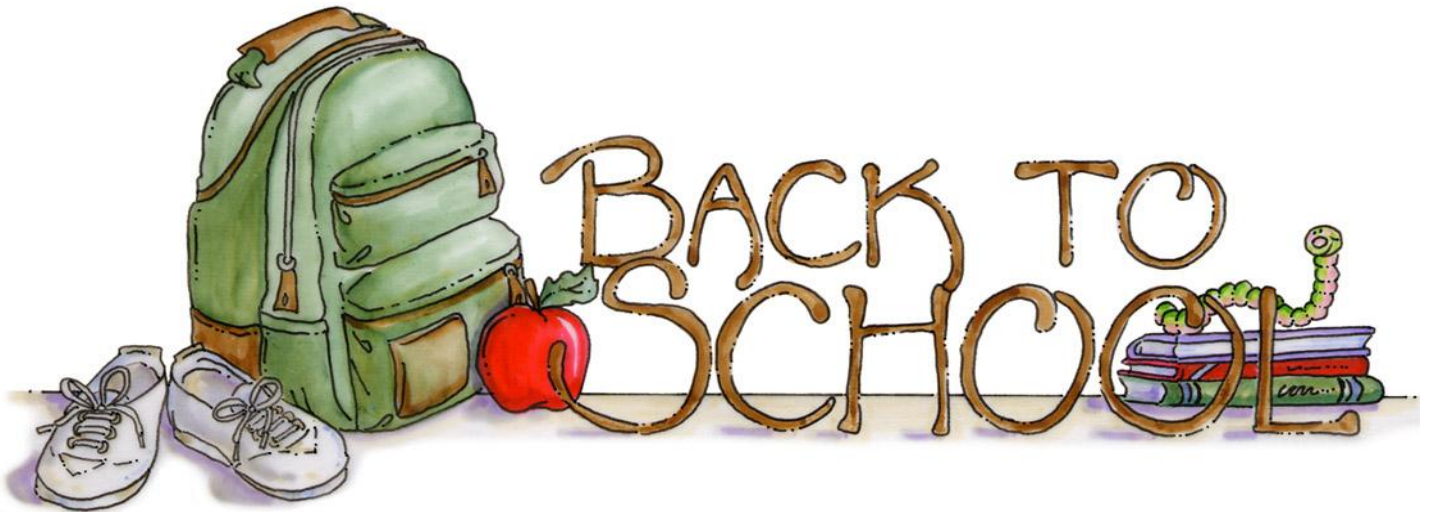
**Other Business**

- **Money Counters for August:** Terri Myhre, Emily Hennen, Deb Belaen

**Next Executive Discussion on Agenda:** To be determined

**Next Council Meeting - Wednesday, September 1, 2021,** Trustees/Deacons 6:30 pm; Education-TBD; All together 7pm

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

**2023 Mission Trip**

The Minneota Area Mission Trip is starting to plan, organize and fundraise for the 2023 Mission Trip. All current 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to be a part of the 2023 Mission Trip. We have some fundraisers coming up during the home football games and Boxelder Bug Days. If you are interested in or know someone who may be interested in going on the 2023 Mission Trip, please have them contact Emily Hennen at [emhaugland@hotmail.com](mailto:emhaugland@hotmail.com) or 507-828-6797.

**GLOW**

We hope school is off to a great start for our GLOW families!

Our kickoff date is set for September 22nd! Mark your calendars, because it's going to be a "magical" night! We are excited to announce that we will have Jett Skrien joining us to help us start the GLOW year in an extraordinary way!

Recognized as one of the fastest growing young illusionists, Jett Skrien has been performing his "high caliber, innovative, engaging, spectacular, and very professional show" (Mary T., Marshall City Council) across the country with his "exceptional personality and was a great pleasure to work with" (Minnesota Lions). Jett not only brings a fresh, new perspective to the art of magic, but also presents his Award- --Winning Magic with the "stage presence of a savvy veteran" (Marshall Independent Newspaper). Jett has had the opportunity to perform internationally in Canada and Europe, as well as in the entertainment capital of the United States: Branson, Missouri. One of his leading accomplishments was attending a summer magic camp in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where he was selected, along with 100 other students, to learn the art of magic from superstars such as David Blaine, Criss Angel, David Copperfield, and Michael Carbonaro. To see more about Jett, go to [www.jettskrien.com](http://www.jettskrien.com)



If you are willing to help be a substitute classroom leader this year, please let Jess or Erin know as soon as you're able, as we are beginning to think about classrooms and activities as well as curriculum for this coming year of GLOW. We are hoping to be able to return to a more typical classroom setting, but as we know from the past year, plans can change quickly! :-)

More details will be coming soon, so please make sure to check our Facebook page and/or your email, as updates will happen prior to the next newsletter being sent out. If you'd like to be added to the GLOW email list, please let Erin or Jess know.

In Christ,  
Jess and Erin

**150th Anniversary Committee**

The Hope Lutheran 150th Anniversary Committee is busy planning for Hope's celebration which will be held on **June 10th and 11th, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and relay this message to all family, friends, and former members so we can come together to celebrate this historical weekend in our congregation. Soon there will be apparel available as well as other memorabilia with the 150th celebration logo. We look forward to sharing more information soon through our monthly newsletter, bulletins, and on our Hope Lutheran Church website!

Happy  
Anniversary

**Boxelder Bug Days 2021**

We will celebrate Boxelder Bug Days with an outdoor Community Worship Service in Bug Square (behind City Hall Bar and Grill) on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 10:00 am. We invite all students to bring their backpacks along for the Backpack Blessing during the worship service. We will also be remembering and praying for our Minnesota Area First Responders to honor them as we mark the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Our Minnesota Community Worship Service offering will be matched by Hope Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund so please make checks to Boxelder Bug Days with a memo to Church.

There will be picnic tables for seating, but you may also bring lawn chairs if you wish. Please join us!

<b>2021 WORK GROUP 3</b>		<b>Update 1-16-21</b>
<b>FUNERALS ARE SERVED ON A ROTATING BASIS</b>		
<b>March</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Glenda Fink</b>	<b>872-5243</b>
	Special Duties	Clean Kitchen/Store Room in Fellowship Hall
	Sundays	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
	Lent (3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)	Ushering by Confirmation/Youth
		507-401-7983 or 507-706-0006
<b>June</b>	<b>Lon Gawarecki</b>	<b>829-9805</b>
	Sundays	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
<b>September</b>	<b>Ralph &amp; Judy Hagen</b>	<b>872-6993 / 829-7810 / 829-7185</b>
	Special Duties	Clean Kitchen/Store Room in Fellowship Hall
	Sundays	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
<b>December</b>	<b>Linda &amp; Fig Nuytten</b>	<b>828-7789 / 829-9379</b>
	Sundays	Ushering, Nursery Sitters, Coffee Servers
	Christmas Eve & Christmas Day	Ushering, Nursery Sitters
Anderson	Kevin & Jamie	605-323-7416
Anderson	Scott	872-5411
Boerboom	Heidi, Nolan	828-0272
Citterman	Pam	872-5446
Corbin	Clark & Jena, Shelby	828-6967
Davis	Bobbi Jo, Lizzy, Chloe	829-4552
Esping	Becky	872-6568
Esping	David & Jackie	829-3022
Gawrecki	Lon	829-9805
Fadness	Jon & Lisa, Norah	
Gamrak	Kelli & Adam, Payton, Jaden, Paige	872-5229
Hanson	Bonnie	530-2958
Handeland	Sue	828-7853
Haroldson	Julie	320-669-7250
Hettling	Royal	872-6326
Hoffmann	Adam & Emily	507-382-9040
Jeremiason	Guy	872-5442
Jerzak	Lori & Jack	872-5216
Jospehson	Sandy	872-6706
Kiley	Vicki	872-6796
Kloos	Yvette & David, Kalley	872-5028
Koppien	Tim & Dee	829-0502
Kor	Dennis & Nadine, Collin	872-6682
Lanners	Jamie, Victoria & Faith VanDam	612-750-1683
Larson	Tracy & Danny	872-6068
Moon	Stephanie & Matt	872-6454
Moriarty	David and Jessica	
Myhre	Mike & Julianne	872-6787
Myhre	Scott & Carol	872-6020
Myhre	Tom & Traci	872-6018
Myhre	Gerald & Shirley	763-3430
Narveson	Jon & Mary	872-6208
Olevson	Ona	872-5462
Pederson	Coleen	872-5922
Petersen	Pete & Colleen	487-5536
Prellwitz	Brandon	
Prellwitz	Randy & DJ	530-4443
Sanow	Don & Janyce	872-6010
Skaar	Troy	
Swedzinski	Beth	872-6851
Thompson	Sandy	
Tolk	Sandy	872-6730 or 530-1849
VanOverbeke	Landon	
VanUden	Rose & Gordy	829-1806
Vershelde	Sandy	872-5288
Vick	Jason	
Wambeke	Judy	872-6069
Yeo	Tom & Maxine	872-6786
Yost	Ryan	787-2628