



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, 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:

SEPTEMBER 17

GAMES



11:00–2:00

SOS—1st Social On Sunday



4:30 pm

**REJOICE! - Rejoice, Restart,
Reconnect, Remember!**

Singing, supper & activities!

GLOW Kick-off!



(free will offering for supper!)

6:15 pm

Confirmation Meeting

For Parents and Students

In Grades 7-9 – In the Fellowship Hall

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Pastor:

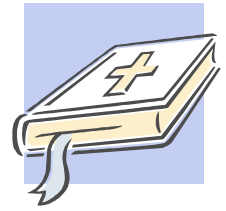
Pastor Email:

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

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Bible Studies for Men and Women

Circle Bible Study	September 4th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	September 13th, 10:00 am	At Church
Men's Bible Study	September 1st, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

**2023 Church Attendance**

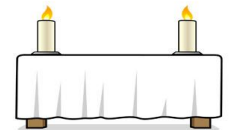
July 2	42	August 6	44	September 3
July 9	64	August 13	52	September 10
July 16	45	August 20	68	September 17
July 23	73	August 27	60 Est.	September 24
July 30	47	Total:	224	Total:
Total:	271	Average:	56	Average:
Average:	54			

Altar Guild (August 23—September 26)

Marilyn Kompelien 828-1148

**Workgroup Chairpersons**

James & Marsha Danielson 476-8807 or 828-5164

**Date Sound Operators**

Sept 3	Randy Prellwitz
Sept 10	Bug Days
Sept 17	Scott Josephson
Sept 24	Greg Gottskalkson

Date Acolytes

Sept 3	Owen Dalager & Brody Anderson
Sept 10	Bug Days
Sept 17	Grace Horner & Alexa Bitker
Sept 24	Khailynn Fier & McKenna Geisler

**Money Counters:** September—Barb Knuston & ??**Upcoming Dates:*****September 8, 5-7 pm**

MAMT Fundraiser, Food at Football

***REMEMBER!! September 10, 10 am**

Bug Days Community Worship, Bug Square

(No worship at Hope or St. Paul's)***September 10, 11-1**

MAMT Fundraiser, Bug Days Food Stand

***September 16, 9-11 am**

Jen & Alex Pohlen Baby Shower, Fellowship Hall

***September 17**

11-2 pm - SOS (Social On Sunday) Fellowship Hall

4:30 pm - REJOICE / GLOW Kickoff

6:15 pm - Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Students

***September 20, 5:30 pm**

First night of GLOW

***September 21, 5:30 pm**

PUPS – City Hall

***September 22, 5-7 pm**

MAMT Fundraiser, Food at Football

***September 23, 1 pm**

Baptisms for Emmet Jeremiason, Son of Shawn & Jackie Jeremiason and Rae Lynn Jeremiason, Daughter of Casey & Casey Jeremiason

***September 24, During worship**

New Member Sunday

Walk Around Offering for Fire Victims in Hawaii

***September 30**

Galen Lanners Cancer Medical Benefit, 11-2, KB's in Ghent

Church Council Notes – August 2, 2023

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 8,322.56	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 7,634.80
Building Fund:	\$ 5,701.98	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 183.65
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.09	GLOW:	\$ 3,287.49

Attendance:

- **Attending in Person:** Terri Myhre, Rose Van Uden, Emily Hennen, Aimee Ascheman, Moriah Reiss, Lizzy Reiss
- **Attending via Phone:** Barb Knutson
- **Absent:** Barry Gronke, Jen Anderson, Jason Johnson, Deb Belaen
- **Secretary's Report:** **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to approve the secretary's report. Lizzy Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

- **Bills** – Bills for the month of August were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$5,766.06.
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to approve the Treasurer's Report. Aimee Ascheman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- **Cornerstone:** Last month \$2,500 was paid back to the Cornerstone Fund. It was decided to make another \$2,500 payment back to the Cornerstone this month, too.
- **Shared Ministry Agreement:** Sharon from Bethany-Elm wants to wait until there is a shared ministry agreement written before joining ministries. Terri will be emailing council members the ministry agreement between Hope and St. Pauls prior to the next council meeting for members to review. At next month's council meeting, members will look over agreement and make needed changes. Any changes will need to be okayed with St. Pauls.
- **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss 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
 - August 27 – Minneota School supplies (tennis shoes for gym classes, binders for students to assist with organization and headphones as students have their own devices)
 - September 24 – Hope Harbor in Marshall
 - possible Temple Talk by Trish Boerdtick
 - October 22 -
 - Endowment matches walk around offerings 2:1 up to \$500
 - Discussed possibility of changing how walk around offering is collected; decided to keep table at front of church; will ask Tim to give directions during service prior to walk around as to how parishers should proceed
- **Open Council Seat:** Barry is supposed to be talking to Dave to determine his plan or decision; Terri will check with Barry on discussion
- **Pulpit supply:** Tim Velde has agreed to provide lay ministry services for August and September
- **Bug Day Church Service:** Roberta takes care of arrangements for Ecumenical Community Service
- **Video Ministry:** Hoping to start up again in September
- **Readers & Communion Servers:** August - Barb; September - Lizzy
- **New Member Sunday:** Sunday, September 24 at 9am; Serving cupcakes after service
- **Motion made by Emily Hennen to approve the Board of Deacons' report. Aimee Ascheman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Education Report

- **VBS:** VBS was held July 24th – 27th from 9:30 am to 2:15 pm with a parent program on Wednesday night the 26th at 5 pm. An ice cream sundae bar and free will donation was offered after the program. Aimee Ascheman was the church contact person with Green Lake. We had 42 campers registered (38 campers participated) and 7 helpers signed up. Barry and Jess Gronke hosted the counselors. Aimee and Trevor Ascheman provided daily snacks. Rita Dovre, Jess Moriarty and Linda Nyutten provided meals for the counselors.

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Church Council Notes – August 2, 2023 (continued)

- **Mission Trip 2023:** Held our 2023 Mission Trip Recap and Recruit Program on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6pm; a light supper of hotdogs, chips and dessert was served; Praise Band sang and accompanied the songs we sung during the Mission Trip; a PowerPoint presentation was shown which included pictures and memories of the trip
 - Upcoming fundraisers for the 2025 Mission Trip:
 - Bend Rite Food Stand - Friday, August 4, 2023 in Marshall, MN
 - Belgian American Day Softball Concession Stand - Saturday, August 5, 2023 at Ghent Softball Field
 - Polish Days Food Stand - Saturday, August 12, 2023 10am- 1pm in Ivanhoe, MN
 - Minneota Public School Open House Food Stand - Wednesday, August 16, 2023 5pm - 8pm
 - Food at Football @ the Komp in Minneota, MN
 - Friday, September 8 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Friday, September 22 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Friday, October 6 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Thursday, October 12 5:00 - 7:00pm
 - Boxelder Bug Day Food Stand - Sunday, September 10, 11am - 1:00 pm in Minneota, MN
 - 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:** Planning meeting held on August 3, 2023 at 6pm;
 - Concerns were expressed as to the reliability of the WiFi at church
 - 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
 - GLOW Kick-off: Praise in the Parking Lot - Sunday, September 17 at 4:30; All ages invited to attend
- **Confirmation:** Barb Knutson has emailed the lay ministers from Bethany-Elim to discuss possibility of them leading our Confirmation program; The Lay Ministers, Martinsons, from Bethany-Elim responded to Barb and they would only be available until November as then they go to their home in AZ ; We will continue to look into other viable options.
- **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss to approve the Board of Education report. Aimee Ascheman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- **Call committee Update:** The MSP (Ministry Site Profile) was completed and emailed out to council members prior to the August meeting. Council members reviewed the MSP and made wording changes. It needs approval by St Pauls and Hope.
- **Motion to approve MSP (Ministry Site Profile) made by Emily Hennen. Moriah Reiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Moriah Reiss to adjourn. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of August 28th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Boards meet at 6:00 pm. All together 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Emily Hennen,

Minneota Area Mission Trip

On June 25, 2023 at 3:00 am, 33 students and 8 chaperones departed from Hope Lutheran Church. 4.0 Bus Service donated a school bus and a driver to shuttle us to Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport. Despite a four hour delay, we departed MSP and landed in Nashville, TN. We continued our journey with a 4.5 hour drive to New Beginnings Assembly of God in Grayson, KY our home for the week. We were joined by two other groups at the church, one from Michigan and one from Missouri. Our week consisted of construction, landscaping and clean-up projects in various locations around Elliott County. The worship theme of the week was "Unbelievable". Our worship time included a short video each night utilizing "street magic", card tricks to demonstrate the notion of "seeing isn't always believing and believing isn't always seeing". "God gave us our senses to see all the beauty he created ... but at some point, our senses can only take us so far - that is where faith comes in." Worship also included personal testimonies from the Next Step staff as well as singing. It was a soul searching experience for our youth and chaperones. We got to experience how our time and effort can impact those around us from building a ramp or deck for two elderly women to helping expand Next Step's mission to spread God's word throughout Elliott County, KY.

Our youth and chaperones also had the opportunity to explore Elliott County. After completing our work projects on Thursday morning, we participated in a group meal at Tierney's Cavern followed by hiking and mini golf in Carters Caves State Park. On Friday, we departed Grayson, KY bound for Louisville, KY. We were able to tour the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory before flying home. On Aug 1, 2023, we held a Mission Trip Recap & Recruit Night at church to share our stories and pictures from our trip. We truly feel blessed by all of the support and generosity of our church parishes and surrounding communities. Our mission trips are not possible without this continued support from all of you. Thank you does not seem adequate or enough to express our gratitude. God has blessed us with amazing communities, churches, parents, and youth.

As the 2023 Elliott County, KY Mission Trip is now a memory, we are looking towards our next mission trip in 2025. We do not have a location for this trip as those will not be made available until closer to our trip (late 2024 - early 2025). As we look forward, we have started to recruit and fundraise for 2025. Any students that will be entering 8th - 12th grade this fall at Minneota Public School are eligible to attend the 2025 mission trip. If you are interested in attending the 2025 trip or have any questions, please contact Emily Hennen (emhaugland@hotmail.com) or 507-828-6797) or fill out the included form.

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP INTEREST FORM

STUDENT NAME _____

GRADUATION YEAR _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE # _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____

PARENTS NAME _____

PARENTS CELL # (MOM) _____

(DAD) _____

PARENTS EMAIL (MOM) _____

(DAD) _____

Hello Everyone,

We hope you've had a wonderful summer! If you have not already done so, please register for GLOW! If your child will be participating in GLOW, Confirmation, or Teen Power, please fill out a form.

The kickoff for GLOW (God's Love On Wednesdays) will be **SUNDAY 9/17/23, beginning at 4:30 pm**. There will be singing, supper and activities! It will be a time to restart, reconnect, and remember. We will kick off GLOW, which will restart classes on Wednesday, Sept 20, we will reconnect with other members we haven't seen in a bit, and we will remember and reminisce! Bring a lawn chair! There will be a free will offering for the burger and hot dog meal. Let's REJOICE together!!

We will also have a drawing for gift cards to local businesses on Sunday, September 17th! To be eligible for the drawing, you **MUST** have your child(ren) registered for GLOW by the 17th AND you must be in attendance!

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/6TEbUSKGToDu2xm26>

We look forward to being together again SOON,

Jess and Erin



Prairie Home Hospice Needs Volunteers

Barb Okrina & Gayle VanVooren, representing the HLCW, delivered a box of donations for Prairie Home Hospice in August and learned that volunteers are very needed.

The ladies met with Cory Brockman, the Marketing and Developing Coordinator for Prairie Home Hospice and were advised of the needs at their local Hospice homes.

"We really need some folks to come and help serve meals to the residents," he said, as their staff is quite limited and stretched thin with extra duties. Those helping would not make the meals but would help serve the food and do a minimal cleanup. He said that schedules would be arranged with volunteers to help in this area.

If you have an interest in sharing your time and talents, please call Prairie Home Hospice at 507-337-0080 or stop in their office at 1108 E. College Drive in Marshall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. While volunteers are needed, he was also extremely happy to accept the box of supplies that were delivered that day.

The Hope Lutheran Church Women have shared many items with Hospice over the years as their form of local Outreach. The box taken in August was loaded with 297 items ranging from socks, to loofahs, shaving items, wash cloths, vanity kits, knit caps, soaps and personal care items of all kinds. Many were in the travel sizes which also work well for Hospice residents.

You can help with this project by donating items and placing them in the tote that is located in the Narthex of Hope Lutheran. Personal care items, cleaning products and paper products are all gladly received at Prairie Home Hospice. Members of the HLCW will deliver the items on a timely basis.

There are so many hurting people in our local communities who now use the Hospice facilities to assist families with the care of their loved ones. Let us continue to be a helping hand in meeting the needs of Prairie Home Hospice.

