



our purpose is to glorify God by worshipping, witnessing, teaching, loving and serving our Lord Jesus Christ

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# tidings

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## pastor's letter

from pastor paul

“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:30-31

I've been going through a lot of books in my office. I have given many away, thrown some out, and obviously saving some to take with me. And yet, there are still a lot of books.

I get bogged down easily. I will find a book I had forgotten. I look at it and say, “Oh, yah, this is a good one.” I open it once again.

One of those books, a devotional, is entitled, “**NO GREATER POWER**” by Richard C. Halvorson, former Chaplain of the United States Senate. It was published in 1986.

I quote from page 235. It's called “**RIGHT MAN AT THE RIGHT PLACE.**”

The God of the Bible does not send anyone to hell. God has done everything in His power to keep us out of hell. But it would have been immoral of God not to prepare a place for those who refused to go to heaven. Eternity in the city of God is for all who desire it, who seek it, who want it.

Another book is titled, “**SHATTERING THE GODS WITHIN**”, by David Allen, M. D. He studied at Harvard Medical School and taught at Yale University. He writes from the chapter, “Facing the Wounded Self”, that one of the great lessons for life is the “Good Samaritan” parable. The story emphasizes the meaning of community and the development of personal values. He says,

### Learn the Samaritan Way...

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| ... based on love       | ... appreciates the ordinary |
| ... one of compassion   | ... is courageous            |
| ... accepts differences | ... requires humility        |
| ... deals with service  | ... requires follow through  |

Jesus teaches about love— both love for our wounded selves and love for our wounded neighbors.

It's fun to re-visit some old books, but at this rate, I'll never get my books packed.

Oh, by the way, it's good to re-visit the stories of the Bible, too.

# January 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>  HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>2</b>  5:30 pm LSS Advocacy Mtg.	<b>3</b>  3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast 11:00 am Women of Hope Mtg.	<b>5</b>  8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship 6:00 pm Friday School Teachers honored at Bethel Assembly	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Council Mtg.	<b>11</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>12</b>  8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Bible Study	<b>18</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>19</b>  8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation	<b>20</b>  BABY SHOWER for Briana Olson
<b>21</b>  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Annual Mtg. 10:30 am SS Group Act. 6:30 pm Come & Laugh	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Bible Study	<b>25</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>26</b>  8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship/ Lefse Baking 11:15 am Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Bible Study			

## JANUARY SERVERS

### GROUP 1

**Chairpersons:** Ilene Sistad / Marcy Sedler / Gloria Osmonson

<b>Servers:</b>	Karyn Bolme	Marge Bolme	Jeff Carlin & Jackie Arnold
	David & Jenifer Dahl	Richard & Keni Evje	Michael & Gina Gensburger
	Judy Halvorson	Chris & Tricia Hove	Ken & Roxann Hove
	Alexi Howard	Pete & Jennifer Howard	Scott Howard
	Mary Beth Jallen	BJ & Tammi Jalowiec	Wayne Larson
	Janet Olson	Dan & Renae Sistad	Sandy Sultvedt
	Chad & Holly Thorssen	Mike & Tracy Ware	Jerry & Joyce White

**ALTAR GUILD:** Michelle Manecke

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Tom Sedler / Angie Rudie / Connie Radtke / Greg Mireault

<b>USHERS:</b>	Orland Aspen	Keith Caskey	John Carlin	Shayne Munter
	John Nord	Darren Paulson	Gene Sistad	

### HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

<b>January 7</b>	Terry Halvorson	Marian Riveland / Avery Sannes
<b>January 14</b>	Rod Olson	Sydney Walk / Zoey Christen
<b>January 21</b>	Sid Fjerstad	Jaime Carlin / Aireal Gensburger
<b>January 28</b>	Tom Kleinwachter	Brayden Halland / Niko Jalowiec



*The Women of  
Hope wish to  
thank everyone  
who helped make  
this years Cookies By The  
Pound a success!*

# Come &



Comedy Video Presentation  
6:30 pm  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month  
at Hope Church.

Come and laugh on Sunday,  
January 21<sup>st</sup>!

## Youth News

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Adam Halvorson      Aaron Norland  
Cullen Norland      Tucker Quam  
Lauren Sekely

If you are a Hope student in grades 7-12 and we missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we can update our list.

### YOUTH STEWARDSHIP

As God's children, you are taught in the Bible about the importance of giving. God gave the world the best and biggest gift possible when He gave the world His Son Jesus.

Scripture tells us how, on that Christmas day more than two thousand years ago, the angels, shepherds, and wise men all gave. The angels gave Jesus the gift of music as they told the world of Jesus' birth through their songs, the shepherds left their flocks to give honor to baby Jesus, and the wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh.

The wise men brought Jesus gifts but before presenting their gifts they first gave Him honor through the giving of themselves. Matthew 2:10-11 says, *"When they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."* Before you give God your quarters or dollars, do what the Wise Men did first. They knew who Jesus was, and they thanked Him for coming to us. This is the meaning of stewardship. God wants your praise and adoration.



The Board of Family/Youth/Education is happy to announce the second annual

### ***Lefse Baking event!***

***Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>,  
following the 9:30 am  
worship service.***



The Ministerial Team of Fosston is hosting a thank you supper to honor all release time teachers.

#### **When:**

Sunday, January 7th at 5:30pm

#### **Where:**

Bethel Assembly Church  
34647 410th St SE, Fosston, MN 56542

#### **Who:**

All release time teachers AND their families.

**RSVP to your senior pastor  
by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



### DECEMBER MEMORIALS

A gift was given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of Jean Hanson.

A gift was given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of loved ones who died in 2017.

A gift was given to Hope Youth in memory of Louise Bakken.

A gift was given to Kevin's Youth Fund in memory of Kevin Reitmeier.

A gift was given to Marilyn's Malmangers Mission Fund in memory of Marilyn Malmanger.



**Lord, in this new year, help us to be better stewards of the time that you give us.**

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

### Brandsvold Cemetery Records

The entire Brandsvold records book has been scanned and transcribed/translated, and is available through Minnesota Reflections web site (in connection with the Minnesota Digital Library)! The link is: <http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/p16022coll61>  
Spread the word!

### Broadcast/Telecast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ FM and telecast on local channel 7 every Sunday at 9:30 am.

**MCINTOSH SENIOR LIVING CENTER** is asking for donations of stuffed animals to be used for bingo prizes. For those who receive them it is quite a treasure. Donations may be dropped off in the church office.

**FOSSTON DAC** is collecting candles of all types: tapers, votives, jars, and even crayons to make fire starters. Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

### H.E.L.P. is Here!

Our **Health Equipment Lending Project** room has a selection of home health equipment. If you are in need of a loan of this kind of equipment, please call the church office. The intent is that this ministry would be the hands and feet of Jesus to anyone in need of this kind of assistance. We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.

### HOPE HANKIES

Do you know someone who is in need of healing of mind, body or spirit? A Hope Hankie is a reminder that you are never alone, that God is always with you and that your friends are aware of your needs and are praying for you. Hope Hankies are available in the church office, or you can call Marge Bolme at 435-1825. Although there is no charge for the Hope Hankie, donations are welcome.

## Hope Church Council Minutes 12/06/2017

Attendance: Holly Thorssen, Greg Mireault, Connie Radtke, Gloria Osmonson, Joan Dufault, Sue Skunes, Bennett Osmonson, Melissa Christen, Pastor Paul, Sylvia Munter, Michelle Solsten, Wayne Olson

Meeting was called to order by President, Bennett Osmonson

Devotions: By Sue

Agenda, was approved as written.  
MMSC: Joan/Sue

Secretary's Report of the November 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as written.  
MMSC: Joan/Gloria

Benevolence Report: No report.  
Pastor Paul shared some "Thank you" notes received

Pastor's Report: New members will be received this Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

President's Report: No report.  
Greg reported that the Transition Committee that was formed, has had a meeting. Going over the transition plan, and what their committee's job is in this transition process. Decision was made that Pastor Paul's last official day will be Sunday, July 1, 2018. MMSC: Greg/Joan

### Committee Reports:

Deacons: By Michelle. Come & Laugh will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Bible study has just finished, and will start again for Lent.

Family/Youth/Education: By Connie. Hope Family Christmas Potluck will be December 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Christmas Caroling will be on

December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Music/Worship: By Sue. They are working on special music and readers for Christmas.

Trustees: By Greg. Went over the financial report. Treasurer's Report, pending audit, was approved as written. MMSC: Joan/Greg. Reviewed budget for 2018, decision was made to prepare the budget for the Annual Meeting. MMSC: Michelle/Sue. Greg also spoke on some maintenance that needs to be done: outside security lights, light in stairwell, water heater in men's bathroom, cemetery upkeep, etc.

Women of Hope: No Report.

Special Guests: Mike Norland & Brad Norland. Were invited to speak to the council on ways to reduce risk, ideas for extra safety for our congregation, etc. as the Texas church shooting was such a tragedy.

### Old Business:

Social Media Policy – Trustees are working on this...

Worship Service on Garden Valley – no progress to report...

### New Business:

Next Council Meeting is Wed. January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00pm  
Hope Family Christmas Potluck is Wed. December 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sun. December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Eve Worship Services at 9:30am, 5:00pm, and 10:00pm

Decision was made to hold the Annual Meeting January 21, 2018 after the 9:30 service. MMSC: Greg/Joan

Closing Prayer.

Submitted by Melissa Christen, Secretary

**Notice is hereby given  
that the  
Annual Meeting  
of  
Hope Lutheran Church  
will be held on  
Sunday, January 21, 2018  
following the worship  
service.**

**This meeting is called by  
action of the  
Church Council.**

**Bennett Osmonson,  
President**

Hope Council will meet  
Wednesday, January 10,  
2018, in the Fireside Room,  
with devotions and lunch  
by the Board of Trustees.



## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing and Account Numbers

Donations amounts may be changed or discontinued any time simply by calling the church office.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, or want more information, please call the church office at 218-435-6765, or email [hopezion@gvtel.com](mailto:hopezion@gvtel.com)

## LUTHERAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND

Due to the overwhelming response of donations received in light of the recent hurricanes, the fund now has a generous balance that will enable us to respond quickly to anticipated requests for assistance from those areas. Our goal is to reach out to those impacted by disasters who otherwise would not have resources available. Thus far we have provided \$10,000 grants to two Texas churches impacted by Hurricane Harvey. We have also been in contact with a church in Florida and a church in Puerto Rico.

Thank you to all who contributed to this fund.

## Work Hard and Stay Focused

It is easy to become discouraged when hard work brings slow—or even no—progress. It is even easier to look around and envy the successes of others without understanding the effort behind those successes. Get-rich-quick schemes can seem very appealing.

Hard work, perseverance, and faith are what pay off in the long run. There are great things that can be achieved if you apply your talents and energies to your goals.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Whatever



*you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” (Colossians 3:23).*

But there is a limit to what will be handed to you. Relationships, knowledge, wisdom, financial success—all of these things require diligent labor to cultivate and continual effort to maintain. Don’t allow yourself to become discouraged by slow, steady gains. And don’t disillusion yourself with attempts to get more than what you’ve earned.

(From *Spiritual Investments* by Gary More)

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, grant me a desire to please You in all my activities. Amen.

Happy  
New Year!

# January

## BIBLE READINGS

### KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

1 Leviticus 16	8 Deut. 4	15 Deut. 28	22 Joshua 2	29 Judges 2
2 Numbers 13	9 Deut. 5	16 Deut. 29	23 Joshua 3	30 Judges 6
3 Numbers 14	10 Deut. 6	17 Deut. 30	24 Joshua 4	31 Judges 7
4 Deut. 1	11 Deut. 7	18 Deut. 32	25 Joshua 6	
5 Deut. 2	12 Deut. 8	19 Deut. 34	26 Joshua 23	
6 Deut. 3	13 Deut. 27	20 Joshua 1	27 Joshua 24	
7 Worship	14 Worship	21 Worship	28 Worship	