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FEBRUARY 2024

# Tidings of Hope

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



*ANNIVERSARIES*

*Daniel & Carrie Carlin  
Eric & Melissa Murphy*



**BIRTHDAYS**

*February*

Joel Dunrud \* Patti Halland \* Jase Manecke \* Vanessa Johnson \* Helen Sander \* Melissa Murphy \* Julie Malmanger \* Joseph Hillstad \* \* Roquet Quam \* Roy Dufault \* Amy Munter \* Katie Laubenstein \* Tristan Mienert \* Declen Busse \* Carol Wold \* Shiela Teiken \* Xavier Williams \* Earl Steinbrenner \* Seanathon Rustad \* Kristina Klicker \* Richard Case \* Marshall Steinbrenner \* Dan Carlin \* Keni Evje \* Myla Quam \* Rhonda Carlin \* Nancy Winkler \* Olivia Webb \* Kurt Albright \* Mike Halland \* Jenifer Dahl \* Payden Ware \* Breezy Perrine \* Renee Rustad \* Spencer Hoialmen \* Gavin Olson \* Gwendolyn Carlson \* Donna Thomas \* Brenner Riveland \* Chase Pierce \* Misti Goldsmith \* Mary Tronerud \* Ruth Goldsmith \* Hailey Hedland \* Brayden Olson \* Brad Munter \* Jennifer Albright \* Jim Goldsmith \* Jake Wickham \* Grant Rendahl \* Audrey Siveron \* Brynlea Mahlen

## FEBRUARY 2024

Bible Readings

Exodus 34: 29-35,  
Psalm 99,  
2 Cor. 3: 12 to 4:2,  
Luke 9: 28-43,  
saiah 42: 5-9.  
Deut. 15: 7-11,  
Isaiah 50:4-5, 2  
Cor. 6: 1-13,  
Deut. 30:15-20,  
Psalm 119: 17-24,  
Psalm 139 1-10,  
Psalm 40: 1-8,  
Psalm 28,

Psalm 16,  
Acts 26: 4-18,  
Mark 6:1-5,  
Matthew 13: 10-17,  
Acts 16:11-15,  
Galatians 2: 15-21,  
Joel 2: 1-17,  
Isaiah 58: 1-12,  
Psalm 51: 1-17  
2 Cor. 5:20 to 6:10,  
Matthew 6: 1-21,  
Psalm 91,  
Deut. 26: 1-11,

Romans 10: 8-13,  
Luke 4: 1-13,  
Genesis 15: 1-18,  
Psalm 27,  
Philippians 3: 17to 4: 1,  
Luke 13: 31-35,  
Isaiah 55:1-9,  
Psalm 63: 1-8,  
1 Cor. 10: 1-13,  
Luke 13: 1-9.



"For this reason a man will leave his father & mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." Ephesians 5:31

# FEBRUARY 2024

## *A Blast of the Past,* *Recipe's from the past out of the Hope Lutheran Church Cookbook*

Best—Ever Cake by Thelma Laines

1 cup chopped nuts  
2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking soda  
Icing;  
1 stick margarine  
8 oz. cream cheese

2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
20 oz. crushed pineapple, with juice

1 1/3 cup powdered sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients for cake. Place batter in a greased and floured 9x13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Combine icing ingredients. Frost cooled cake. Enjoy!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 FCA breakfast 7:40am  1:30pm Bible Study	2 Friday School	3 
4 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	5 Women of Hope Quilters 8:30am	6	7 <b>6:30pm Choir Practice</b>	8 FCA breakfast 7:40am  1:30pm Bible Study	9 Friday School	10 
11 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School Holy Communion Council Meeting	12 Women of Hope Quilters 8:30am NO WOMEN OF HOPE MEETING	13	14 <b>6:30pm Choir Practice</b> 6:30 Trustee Meeting	15 FCA breakfast 7:40am  1:30pm Bible Study	16 Friday School	17 
18 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am Sunday School	19 Women of Hope Quilters 8:30am  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	20	21 <b>6:30pm Choir Practice</b>	22 FCA breakfast 7:40am 1:30pm Bible Study 	23 Friday School	24 
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### GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Envelopes at the back pew of the church. Please take one for your convenience of serving our Lord. Household information sheets are available also, please fill one out if you or family members have a change of address, phone number, move etc. It helps to keep our records accurate and true.

### Remember Them In Our Prayers

Gene & Kay Sistad  
Elizabeth Barrineau  
Karen Bolme  
Berneice Carlin  
Lori Fletcher-Schroeder  
Greg Gubrud  
Oskie & Mary Hanson  
Bill Kuzmaul  
Craig Larsen  
Shirley Graftaas  
Joe Lindberg  
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz  
Kate Moore  
Aaron Norland  
Janet Olson  
Ilene & Dennis Sistad  
Hilma Stadstad  
Brad & Mary Sistad  
Hazel Trogstad  
Dean Vikan  
Drew Wahlstrom  
Mary Sovick  
Inez Bakken  
Carl Benson  
Daniel Coffield  
Harry Dunrud  
Fritz Frethem  
Grace Hanson  
Carol Heide  
Julienne Jacobson

Tom Jesness  
Marion Jenkins  
Ardella Lindberg  
Darlene Maruska  
Janet Olson  
Vera Pearson  
Julie Theis  
Donna Thomas  
Barb Carlin  
Gary & Dorthy Hartel  
Helen & LeRoy Sander  
Jill Thoraldson  
Mike Chesl  
Justin Gubrud  
Sydney Walk  
Ruth Goldsmith  
Gunnard & Naomi Halvorson  
Jeanie Stout

Cole Houska  
Baby Shiloh Ness  
Brad Sistad  
Donald Gwynn  
Peggy Larsen & Craig Larsen family

**Missionaries;**  
The Schroder's in the Philippines  
Simon Hamer and the Ukrainian refugees  
in Estonia  
The churches in the Ukraine  
The Neller-moe's and others  
"underground"  
in China Service Ventures  
Tom & Eunice Olson in the Congo



12-13-23 Hope Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Crystal Munter  
Present: Travis Quam, Pastor Peter Lurvey, Joan Dufault, Dan Carlin, Emily Quam, Tracy Ware, Brittini Radke, Sylvia

Munter, Sarah Johnson, Nathan Pederson, and Crystal Munter.

1.0 Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Travis President at 7:33 PM. Introduction of Pastor Peter Lurvey.

2.0 Devotions: Devotions by the Executive Council

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Joan second by Tracy to approve agenda as written. Approved Unanimously

4.0 Approval of Secretary's Report – Motion by Dan and second by Sarah

5.0 President's Report – No Report- Great to see more people in church.

a. Call committee update- No update

6.0 Pastor's Report – Went with Pastor Jane to see people in community and surrounding communities, able to

see many of our seniors.

7.0 Brief Committee Reports –

7.1 Deacons – Thank you notes sent out for pulpit supply. Annual meeting letters due by the 31 st . Jon Rustad pulpit supply in December.

7.2 Family/Youth Education – Sunday School program Sunday 12/17. Christmas party Wednesday and all the supplies came in for that.

7.3 Music & Worship – Readers for December setup. Families' setup for advent reading and lighting of the candles.

7.6 Trustees – November down \$1000 from last year. \$4200 for repairs on parsonage. The light outside the church is flickering, will investigate that.

7.6.1 – Approval of Trustee's report pending audit- Motion by Nathan seconded by Sarah to

approve the Trustee's Report pending audit. Motion unanimously.

8.0 Old Business – Getting the rail put up outside this week.

9.0 New Business – Proposed 2024 budget motion by Tracy and second by Emily. Motion unanimously.

10.0 Other - None.

11.0 Next Council meeting Wednesday, January 10 th at 7:30 PM. Motion by Dan seconded by Crystal to adjourn.

Motion unanimously carried.

12.0 Closing Prayer



Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, think about giving electronically. Contact the church office with any questions or to sign up.



**Gifts were given:** to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Parsonage Repairs, Brandvold Cemetery, and Audio/Visual/Radio  
**Thank you for direct funds from;** Susan Lockwood, Ken & Roxann Hove, Gunnard & Naomi Halvorson, and Viola Myklejord  
**In Memory of:** Jim Lien and Tom Nelson

***Thank You's From Near and Far***

**Thank you-** to the many individuals that continue to bring in medical equipment for the many in need. This equipment is borrowed out to those coming out of a surgery, recovering from an accident, handi-capped or in a health or lifestyle transition. When no longer needed simply return the items for others to use.

**Thank you-** to the Hope Church and it's faithful members for at the continuing chance to grow spiritually and expanding in knowledge of the Lord. I learn something new every day serving so many wonderful people every way I can. Thank you again, Tammie Johnson

**Serving in our Lord's Name for Month of: February, 2024**

**USHER SCHEDULE;**

4th Lee Rudie

11th Tom Kleinwachter

18th Terry Halvorson

25th Roy Dufault

**HOLY COMMUNION;** 11th; Mark Malmanger, Sarah Johnson, Tom Steinbrenner, Holly Thorssen

**Altar Guard;** Anita Lucken, Wanda Marshall

**READER;**

4th Katelyn Mesich

11th Roy Dufault

18th Jolene Schmitz

25th Pat Bitner

**USHER HELPERS;**

Ken Hove, Craig Larsen, Brian Larson, Wayne Larson, Marty Levin, Chuck Lucken

**ACOLYTES;**

4th Hatty Quam, Hannah Fonder

11th Heidi Steinbrenner, Kaden Wohlhuter

18th Cash Radtke, Hatty Quam

25th Hannah Fonder, Heidi Steinbrenner

11th; Mark Malmanger, Sarah Johnson, Tom

Steinbrenner, Holly Thorssen

**Altar Guard;** Anita Lucken, Wanda Marshall

**COFFEE SERVERS;**

4th Angie & Lee Rudie

11th Rod Olson, Wanda Marshall, Hazel Trog

18th Mark & Jolene Schmitz, Mary Tronerud

25th Janice Haugen, Geri Hove

**Broadcast Ministry**

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ 96.7FM & telecast on City Cable channel 67 & Garden Valley TV channel 31 every Sunday at 9:30 am. A live broadcast of the worship service is also available on the internet. Just search: "Hope Lutheran Fosston" to reach our website. You can view or print the bulletin, and then click on the YouTube link to join the service live. You can also find us on Facebook at; [hopelutheranchurchfosston!](https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranchurchfosston/)

**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.

**Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.**



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**Dear Hope Family:**

I was reading a memoir by the Christian writer, Phillip Yancey, *Where The Light Fell*, about his growing up with an unforgiving mother. She would say, upon Phillip's saying sorry for doing something wrong, "Well, if you really are sorry, you wouldn't have done it in the first place." Ouch.

We are approaching Ash Wednesday and Lent. All of this – the book and the approaching change in the church season towards Lent and then Holy Week - that got me thinking. How do we forgive? Why do we forgive?

I was drawn to another writer, Brennan Manning, and his daily devotional readings found in *Reflections for Ragamuffins*. I'll quote in full the reading for February 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Tender Judgement***

*The ultimate reason why we may forgive instead of condemning is because God himself does not condemn but forgives. Because he has freely chosen to put tenderness before law, we are authorized to do the same.*

*In the imagery of the parables, God is constantly presented as the father rushing out to meet his son, the absurdly generous farmer who gives the latecomers the same wage as the day-long laborer, the judge hearing the prayer of the importunate [that means persistent, especially to the point of annoyance] widow.*

*In the man Jesus the invisible God becomes visible and audible... Jesus Christ taught prophetically, in the power of the Spirit, that Christian giving and forgiving should copy God's giving and forgiving.*

*Acceptance is absolute, without inquiry into the past, without special conditions, so that the liberated sinner can live again, accept himself, forgive himself, love himself.*

*...because of the tender mercy of our God  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.*

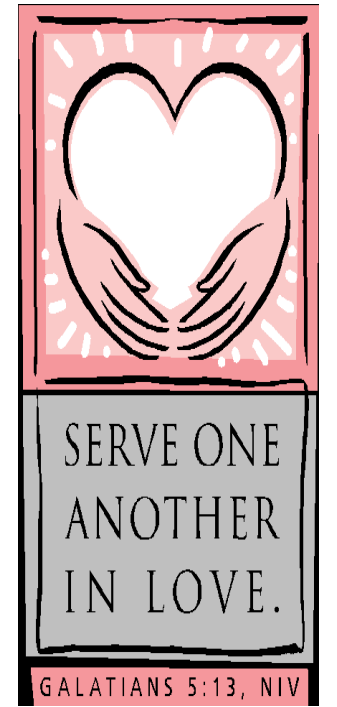
*Luke 1:78-79*



Amen. I love Brennan's words on the tender mercy of our God. We are forgiven. With the help of God, let us be a forgiving people.

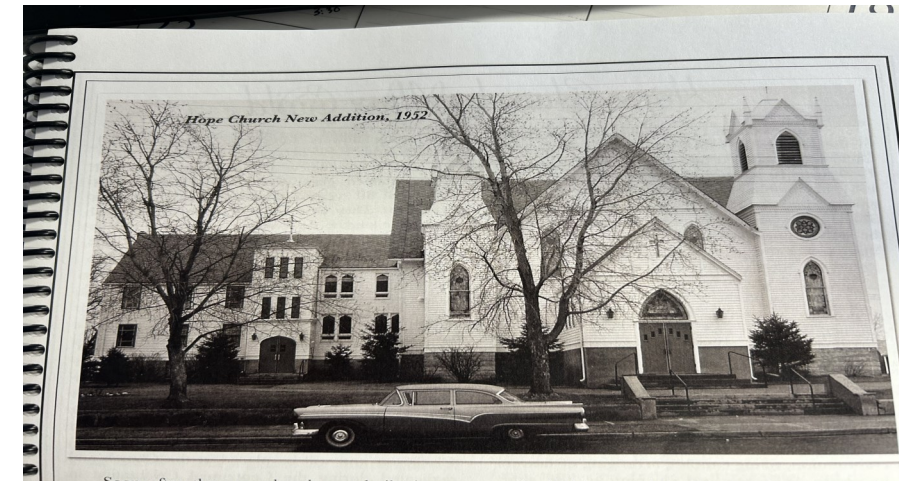
God bless your days and your deeds in His peace,

Pastor Peter



*Pastor Peter Lurvey Welcomes All to Hope Lutheran Church*

110 years young! Hope Lutheran Church continues to grow in every way. The roots of Hope Church are very deep, actually going back over 100 years to 1884, and coincide with the coming of the first Norwegians to Northern Minnesota. Below is a 1952 picture of Hope Church with the new addition at the time. Pictured to the right was taken in 2024 with continued updates outside of the church. We are very proud of our Hope Church



*Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be serving breakfast to youth in grades 7-12, 7:30 am - 8:10 am, Thursdays, throughout the school year.*