

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE SEPT. 18TH at the 9:30 SERVICE

September

BIBLE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Philemon 1: 1-21

Psalm 1

Luke 14: 25-33

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalm 139: 1-6 & 13-18

Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalm 51: 1-10

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

Jeremiah 4: 11-12 &
22-28

Psalm 14

Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1

Psalm 79: 10-9

Amos 6: 1-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16: 19-31

Psalm 91: 1-16

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Tidings of Hope

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

pastor's letter

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Deep down we know, all that we **love is on loan** to us. Accidents, misunderstandings, mistakes, disease, storms all come; aging continues, lives end, jobs end. We go to bed and get up the next morning and everything we thought we knew has changed.

For the one who believes that all is on loan, these changes should be expected, knowing that **God has His plan**, and His ways are higher than our ways. (Jeremiah 29:11) This expectation does not cripple or deter our spirit of joy. Every moment is treasured and enjoyed all the more because it is **so precious**, yet fleeting.

The time has come for us to say goodbye. Knowing the long process of calling a new pastor, I proposed leaving this call in about eight months, specifically, May 1, 2023, but the Council preferred the end of December. Not wanting to move in ice and snow, we compromised on Nov. 1. That way the **tenth graders will be confirmed on October 30**, my last Sunday leading you in worship.

I have been **team teaching confirmation** with Pastor Andrew Virkus from Poplar Lutheran (ALC) who is willing to continue teaching if the Council desires this. He will do a great job of assisting in this transition and the kids already know him.

Speaking of teams, I am so thankful for such my wonderful mutually supportive and God-loving husband, Dr. Steve, who retired in June of this year. We took this ministry on together, and we are confident that God has someone wonderful in mind to be your pastor, one who will inspire you, and serve you long and well. May God bless and guide you in all your decision-making.

Thank you for this opportunity of being your shepherd. Thank you for the many friendships that have grown, as well as your love and support. Steve and I were deeply humbled by your call to serve, and never thought, at our age, we would have a church of our own to serve. So we are extremely grateful to you and Hope Lutheran Church of Fosston. You will always have a special place in our hearts. In four-plus years of service, we never missed a weekend together in Fosston, unless we were on vacation. It was almost like dating again!

It would be arrogant to think we could serve you well much longer, with our health history and at our age. Steve and I are looking forward to having **time together** in retirement and we hope it is a long and happy one. Please keep us in your private prayers.

Much Love & many prayers,
Pastor Jane & Dr. Steve

PS. I have furnished the parsonage with **good used** furniture, for which I would like to find homes & not move. One **blond bedroom set**, dresser, mirror end table & headboard, one **medium wood bedroom set** w/ dresser, mirror & end table all to give away, just move it. All in good condition

I would like to sell my vintage **dining room set**, 1940's table w/ leaves, 6 chairs & buffet. \$650 OBO. All in good condition. Please call 218-820-2017, evenings to see. **Thank you** for this help.



September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Fellowship	5 Office Closed Labor Day	6	7 6 pm– Confirmation review with dinner	8 7:40 a.m. FCA 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	9 Nursing home services 2pm Cornerstone; 2:30pm 1st Care	10
11 9:30 am Worship— Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship	12 10 am Women of Hope Board meeting	13	14 6 pm– Confirmation review with dinner 7:30 Council	15 7:40 a.m. FCA 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	16 Empowering Women to Lead workshop in Walker	17 Men's Breakfast Women of the Word Fall Gathering
18 9:30 am Worship Rally Sunday! 10:30 Fellowship/ Sunday school begins	19	20	21 6 pm– Confirmation review with dinner	22 7:40 a.m. FCA 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room *Tidings deadline	23 Friday School Begins	24
25 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Fellowship/ Sunday School	26	27	28 6 pm– Confirmation review with dinner	29 7:40 a.m. FCA 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	30	

Looking ahead: Confirmation will be held on October 30th during the 9:30 church service.

Happy birthday to these Hope Family Members!

1 st Darlene Maruska	19 th Eric Murphy
2 nd Susie Roland	Marian Riveland
3 rd Eileen Solsten	20 th Haylee Beckett
4 th Mary Hanson Hatty Quam	21 st Ron Kennedy
6 th Cody Baumann	23 rd Tammi Jaloweic Ron Bodensteiner
8 th Sue Christen Shaun Larson Deon Johnson	25 th Carol Danielson Scott Riveland
9 th Mary Welin	26 th Noah Mahlen
10 th Hilma Stadstad	28 th Lori Theis Wren Busse
13 th Marilyn Venem	29 th Anita Lucken Avery Sannes
15 th John Hansen Michael Gensburger Peyton Manecke	30 th Donna Moy Mike Theis Karly Peterson
17 th Ryan Levin Alexis Bailie	



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Prayer Updates

Please notify the office of the status the person you put on the prayer list. If you wish for continued prayers, please let us know. **After 1 month**, if we have received no further communication, the name will be removed from the list. Otherwise our list gets too long!

Thank you for your assistance with this important part of our ministry.



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Elizabeth Barrineau
Karen & Marge Bolme
Berniece Carlin
Verna Ekeberg
Lori Fletcher- Schroeder
Donald Gwynn & niece,
Shirley
Greg Gubrud
Oskie & Mary Hanson
Malia Halvorson
Naomi & Gunnard Halvorson
John & Doreen Hanson
D'etta Heid
Carol Heide
Marian Jenkins
Christine Johnson
Gwen & Michelle Johnson
Bill Kuzmaul
Craig Larsen
Marion Larson
Phyllis Larson
Dean & Joe Lindberg
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz
Kate Moore
Janet Olson
Bennet & Gloria Osmonson
Father John Rock

Charles Rose
Ilene & Dennis Sistad
Hilma Stadstad
Brad & Mary Sistad
Donna Thomas
Hazel Trogstad
Dean Vikan
Drew Wahlstrom

Missionaries:

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

Families preparing for baptism and confirmation.



Thank you to all who organized and attended our outdoor music service and potluck at Cross Lake on August 21st. Thanks, especially, to Bennett Osmonson for his efforts!



7-13-22 Hope Lutheran Church – Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill

Present: Travis Quam, Tina Averill, Tim Manecke, Kim Kleinwachter, Bennett Osmonson, Tracy Ware and Pastor Jane

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Travis Quam – President at 7:30 PM.

Devotions and lunch: Devotion by Music & Worship

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Tim second by Bennett to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimously.

4.0 Approval of Secretary’s Report – Motion by Tracy second by Tim to approve Secretary’s Report. Approved Unanimously.

5.0 Benevolence Report – The Benevolence for June was the same as May – no meeting – enough money to do the usual donations.

6.0 Pastor Report-Some of the items discussed in Pastor’s Report include VBS plans in progress; Baptism for Gabriele John Carlin July 24; Funeral for Tubby Solsten July 12; Visitations for homebound continue; Reservations made for the shelter at Cross Lake on August 21 for potluck; Thank you to everyone who helped while Pastor Jane was gone; Family Camp at Mt. Carmel; Pastor gone July 15-17 to attend LCMC Theology & Ministry Committee meeting in Lakeville; Ministerial Association will meet with school administration in late August; Thank you to Pat Eggers for volunteering to answer phones on Mondays; Ron Eggers organizing a men’s breakfast starting in September for Saturday mornings.

7.0 President’s Report – Travis talked about nice to see more faces in church and retaining wall and quote for total removal.

Brief Committee Meetings –

8.1 Deacons – Deacons discussed confirmation, Pastor Robert Castro, Open Hymns before church, and Cross Lake.

8.2 Family/Youth Education – Working on VBS, start decorating Saturday and Sunday, discussed to make next year a family VBS.

8.3 Music & Worship – Discussion of how to get the family to VBS.

8.4 Trustees – Financials down a little but still ok. Nothing stands out on the Expense Reports

8.4.1 Motion by Kim supported by Tracy to approve the Treasurer’s Report pending Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Women of Hope Report – No Report.

9.0 Old Business-Funeral Folder updated by Tracy Ware.

10. New Business

10.1 Next meeting August 10 at 7:30 PM – Executive Council.

10.2 Tim spoke on concerns regarding office staff. Meeting will be held with Pastor Jane and either Joan Dufault or Michelle Solsten.

11.0 Closing Prayer

11.1 Motion by Kim supported by Tim to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



What’s happening with the Retaining wall/Cement project ?

The project, which began last year as part of the preservation of our building and grounds, has been delayed for several reasons. We do have a fund established to pay for the outside work, and it is slowly growing. We know this will be an expensive project, so donations are very welcome.

We don’t know what the actual cost will be as we are currently awaiting new bids to remove and replace the wall and other concrete as needed. The trustees are hoping to have the bids in by September when they will meet to select the contractor and set the starting date for May of 2023.

Things move very slowly right now due to supply chain issues, etc., so patience is greatly needed! We will update the congregation as soon as we have information to share.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Dishwasher Fund, Cemetery Fund, FCA, Audio-visual Fund, Music Fund, and Retaining Wall Fund in memory of Tubby Solsten.

A gift was given to the Radio fund in memory of Jerome Arnold.

Thank you

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.**



Donations are welcome to offset the cost of a new dishwasher/sanitizer in the kitchen.

If you would like to help, send your gift to the church office, or place it in the offering plate and label it: “Dishwasher Fund”.

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.

SEPTEMBER SERVERS

ALTAR GUILD: Michelle Manecke & Kristi Mienert

COMMUNION SERVERS: Darin & Cyndi Larson, Kim & Tom Kleinwachter

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

September 4 Rod Olson Miley Hove & Alex Johnson
September 11 Tom Kleinwachter Ethan Larson & Jakob Rudie
September 18 Terry Halvorson Lexi Mahlen & Jake Wickham
September 25 Sid Fjerstad Peyton Radtke & Micah Malmanger

Coffee Servers during Fellowship after service:

September 4 Mary Steinbrenner & Nancy Andree
September 11 Dan & Kathy Carlson
September 18 [volunteers needed]
September 25 Connie/John Radtke; Zack & Hannah

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:

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(kingtown@gvtel.com)
Choir: Charity Salmonson

Get on the bus!

Friday school release time will begin on September 23rd. Students in grades 1-8 will come to the church from 8:30 until 9:15 am for music and instruction. We are thankful that the school district will once again assist with transportation, and students will be bussed to and from school.

PLEASE remember to fill out the release form at school so that your child can attend Friday school at Hope!

If you are interested in helping out with this important local ministry, contact a member of the Family/Youth committee: Holly Thorsen, Tom Steinbrenner, Sarah Johnson, Jake/Brittini Radtke, Crystal Munter, or Emily Quam.



Rally Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, September 18th during the 9:30 a.m. service. Following the service students will gather in the side chapel to meet their teachers and find their classrooms.



Phyllis and Bill Malwitz celebrated their 64th Anniversary on Sunday August 21st with family, music and cake in the fellowship hall. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!



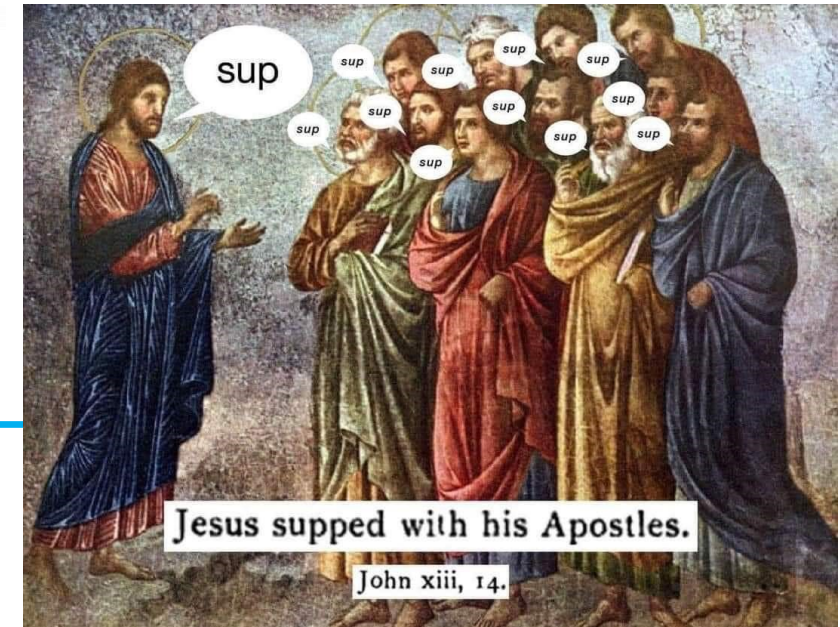
A Bible Study based on the Books of 1 & 2 Peter by Max Lucado called "Life Lessons" will be starting soon! The study will be held on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room! Contact Pastor Jane for more information!



The Fosston Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will begin on Thursday, September 8th, with devotions and breakfast being served beginning at 7:40 a.m. in the Hope Church Fellowship Hall (lower level). Come join your teammates, coaches, community members and fellow students for fun, food and fellowship! All are Welcome!



Augustana District Women of the Word Fall Gathering



Jesus supped with his Apostles.

John xiii, 14.

September 17, 2022

**New Hope Lutheran Church
208 Court Street
Comfrey, MN**

For details, contact the church office.



*Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*
Psalm 100:2