



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

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “He who through faith is righteous shall live.”” Romans 1:16-17

### October 31, 1517 500 Hundred years Ago The Reformation begins!

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Before that, he was studying to become a lawyer. It was during that time he had a frightful experience in a storm. He vowed that if he were to live through the storm, he would become a monk. Because of the vow, he stopped studying law and entered a monastery. In 1505, he joined the Augustinian Order to study, pray, and worship. In 1507, he became a priest.

However, even as a priest Luther was concerned about God's love. For him, God and hell were frightening realities. Believing he should love God, BUT being unable to do so, hell seemed to be his destiny.

#### AND THEN GOD...

met Luther in the Word. The above verses from Romans answered the question that Luther had been asking for years, “How can I be sure that God forgives my sin and loves me?” He fully believed that Jesus took the punishment for his sins. He died on the cross. Luther now had the assurance of his salvation.

Luther had discovered a living principle in Scripture, “justification by faith.” From that event, the Reformation began! But how can that discovery change the belief and culture of the Church? He started with 95 statements nailed to the church door. The first statement reads, “**When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Mt 4:17), He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.**” Any change begins with repentance. Any relationship with God begins with repentance.

When Jesus began to preach, He started with the word, ‘repent.’ Why? Because it leads to change. Luther started with ‘repent’ because the Church needed to be changed. It wasn't easy. It led to misunderstanding and great conflict. But it needed to be done. The reformation started with the authority of Scripture. It allowed Luther to stand firm on the Word of God. He was demanded to recant his teaching. Instead he said, “Unless I am convinced, I am bound by the texts of the Bible, my conscience is captive to the Word of God, I neither can nor will recant anything, since it is neither right nor safe to act against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”

# October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sun. School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship 3:00 pm Marilyn Malmanger Funeral	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 3:30 pm Kids Time! 6:30 pm Confirmation Pictures/Rehearsal 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation Class	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> LCMC Annual Gathering 9:30 am Worship with Rite of Confirmation/ Holy Communion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Council	<b>12</b> 7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>13</b> 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation Class	<b>14</b>  Hope Fund Raising Auction 11:00 am
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sun. School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship 6:30 pm Come & Laugh	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 3:30 pm Kids Time! 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Bible Study	<b>MEA</b>		<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sun. School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## OCTOBER SERVERS

### GROUP 5

**Chairpersons:** Norma Quam / Scott & Amy Riveland / Orlan & Eileen Solsten

<b>Servers:</b>	Barb Carlin	Scott & Willow Christen	Kyle & Brittany Djernes
	Sara Friesen	Rosie Goldsmith	Mike & Patti Halland
	Jim & Ionne Haugstul	Mike & Bridget Kroening	Peggy Larsen
	Marion Larson	Paul & Sheryl Magelssen	Bill & Phyllis Malwitz
	Greg & Keri Mireault	John & Julie Nord	Darren & Lori Paulson
	Travis & Emily Quam	John & Connie Radtke	Jon & Renee Rustad
	Leroy & Helen Sander	Richard & Marilyn Venem	James & Heather Webb

**ALTAR GUILD:** Keri Mireault / Jeanie Stout

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Tom Sedler / Bonnie Albright / Bennett Osmonson / Sheryl Magelssen

<b>USHERS:</b>	Dan Carlin	Jim Haugstul	Nathan Mahlen	Mike Norland
	David Olson	Duane Olson	Wayne Olson	Travis Quam

### HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

<b>October 1</b>	Terry Halvorson	Faith Larson / Tegan Larson
<b>October 8</b>	Rod Olson	Jordan Larson / Ryan Levin
<b>October 15</b>	Sid Fjerstad	Kora Norland / Noah Mahlen
<b>October 22</b>	Tom Kleinwachter	Emma Olson / Josh Manecke
<b>October 29</b>	Terry Halvorson	Faith Quam / Amaya Murphy

# Come &



Video Presentation the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

6:30 pm at Hope Church

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Come & Laugh with Tim Hawkins!

## Youth News

### Youth Stewardship

Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, along with their wives, lived at a time when the rest of the people on earth were so wicked that God chose to destroy the entire earth except for those eight people. Do you remember how He did this? He brought a flood that covered the whole earth. But He kept Noah and his family inside a huge boat, an ark, that He had told Noah how to build. The Bible tells us, "*Noah did everything just as God commanded him*" (Genesis 6:22).



The rain came - day after day, the rain came, for forty days the rains came until all you could see, if you had been looking out a window in the ark, was water. Finally, the rains stopped, and, after many more days of waiting, the water had dried up enough so that Noah and his family and all the animals could leave the ark.

When they looked up into the sky, they saw the beautiful rainbow that God had placed there as a sign of His promise that He would never again flood the earth.

Do you know what the first thing Noah did was? He built an altar to thank God for saving them. You know, they could have been grumbling and complaining over the long time they'd been cooped up in that ark with those animals. They could have complained about all the work that was ahead of them to build a new home and plant a crop so they could have food. Not Noah and his family. They built an altar and thanked God.

How about you? Are you grumbling and complaining about things you don't like, or are you thanking God for them? Your attitude has a lot to do with what you do. Look for the good, and God will show you how to be thankful.

#### Think about it:

1. You can read all about Noah in Genesis 6:5-8:22; 9:12-17.
2. Think of a person you don't like very well. Think of something about that person that you can thank God for. Ask Him to help you like that person.

**Let's pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for keeping Your promises. Help me to remember Your promise to help me do what pleases you. Help me to be thankful for all things. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alex Bodensteiner  
Kelsey Carlin  
Grace Klicker  
Faith Larson  
Jordan Larson  
Nicole Olson  
Matthew Radtke  
Sydney Walk

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.



Blessings on the following Hope youth as they are confirmed October 8<sup>th</sup>:

Tanner Levin  
Jacob Malmanger  
Brekken Mandt  
Matthew Radtke  
Callie Theis

# In Loving Memory



## SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of:

- Leon Bitker
- Dorothy Christen
- Idella Olson
- Ellie Rose
- Marie Straub
- Dean Walstad

Gifts were given to the Music Fund in memory of Leon Bitker and Ellie Rose.

A gift was given to the Sound Room Fund in memory of Idella Olson.

A gift was given to the Youth Fund in memory of Dean Walstad.

## AUCTION

FUND RAISING EVENT for HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

11:00 am, Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

We will be accepting donations for the auction. If you have any gently used furniture, appliances, electronics, collectibles, or household items we would love to take them off your hands. **(No Old TVs please)** This auction will be strictly donated items so the more we have the better. If you have an idea of what you will be donating, please contact us so we can list the item on the flyer. We will be accepting items the week before the auction and can pick items up if needed. You are welcome to drop off smaller items at the church at any time. If you need items picked up, please call Greg.

**We will also be doing a Bake Sale.** If you would like to donate items, that would be greatly appreciated. Bake sale items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, October 13, or Saturday morning, October 14.

Lunch will be provided by the Women of Hope.

**Please put this date on your calendar and call Greg Mireault (218-230-5060) or Tracy Ware (701-261-6198) if you have any questions!**

## The Man Who Couldn't Tithe

A story is told of an ambitious young man who told his pastor he'd promised God a tithe of his income. They prayed for God to bless his career. At that time he was making \$40 per week and tithing \$4. In a few years his income increased, and he was tithing \$1000 per week. He called on the pastor to see if he could be released from his tithing promise; it was too costly now. The pastor replied, "I don't see how you can be released from your promise, but we can ask God to reduce your income to \$40 a week; then you'd have no problem tithing \$4."

### Hope Church Council Minutes 09/13/2017

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

Meeting was called to order by President, Bennett Osmonson

Devotions: By Michelle Solsten

Agenda, with the addition of Transition Team under Old Business, was approved as written. MMSC: Joan/Greg

Secretary's Report of the August 9, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as written. MMSC: Joan/Sue

Benevolence Report: Sue reported distributions

Pastor's Report: Noted that 25 Youth showed up tonight for Youth group!

President's Report: Commented on Rally Sunday – that it was nice to see the church full and the excitement on that day.

#### Committee Reports:

Deacons: By Michelle Solsten. Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> will be "Come & Laugh" in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm and plan to run for (4) months. Also, Bible Study "Cross & The Crown" will start on Wed. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room and plan to run for (8) sessions.

Family/Youth/Education: By Connie. Sunday School program is planned for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday school starts, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders get their bibles, and teachers are installed.

Music/Worship: By Sue. Choir practice started tonight. Readers for Sunday service are lined up. Special music planned for Confirmation – October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Trustees: By Greg. Went over the financial report. Treasurer's Report, pending audit, was approved as written. MMSC: Michelle Solsten/Joan. Auction is coming up on October 14<sup>th</sup> – looking for items to be donated, but no clothes or old tvs. The unique railings made & donated by Leon Bitker are finished and will be installed on the steps at the North (office) entrance.

Women of Hope: No Report.

#### Old Business:

Social Media Policy: Trustees are working on this complicated process....

Worship Service on Garden Valley: Is being worked on. Cary Berberich knew "how" to make it happen, but since his passing, this has been delayed while Garden Valley finds a replacement.

Transition Team: Has been assembled & will start sometime Sept/Oct. Note: this is the planning committee to transition to a new pastor. A call committee will be assembled on a later date.

#### New Business:

Next Council Meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 8:00pm.

Confirmation is Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

LCMC Annual Gathering is October 8-11, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN.

#### Closing Prayer

Submitted by Melissa Christen, Secretary, to be approved at the October Council Meeting.

## 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





***What in the world is going on in the Hope Church parking lot???***  
*Sylvia is parking her vehicle in a different spot every day!*

*Even though it seems random, it's not. There is actually a method to the madness. See if you can figure it out.*

*(The silliness only applies to week days. Your favorite Sunday parking spot will still be available.)*

### **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 Ministry**

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ FM and telecast on local channel 7 every Sunday at 9:30 am. A live audio broadcast of the worship service is available on the internet. Log into [kkcgradio.com](http://kkcgradio.com) and click the [Hope Broadcast Link](#).

### **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.

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

**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.

### KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

1	Worship	8	Worship	15	Worship	22	Worship	29	Worship
2	Hebrews 4	9	James 1	16	1 Peter 2	23	2 Peter 3	30	2 John
3	Hebrews 8	10	James 2	17	1 Peter 3	24	1 John 1	31	3 John
4	Hebrews 9	11	James 3	18	1 Peter 4	25	1 John 2		
5	Hebrews 11	12	James 4	19	1 Peter 5	26	1 John 3		
6	Hebrews 12	13	James 5	20	2 Peter 1	27	1 John 4		
7	Hebrews 13	14	1 Peter 1	21	2 Peter 2	28	1 John 5		

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## MEATBALL SUPPER

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-7:00 pm

Adults: \$10  
12 & under: \$5  
Preschool: Free

Take-outs available!