

# Tidings of Hope

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

## OCTOBER



### Dear Hope family

It is soon Thanksgiving Day in Canada – the second Monday in October is when it occurs. I was thinking about people in my life for whom I am thankful. My family, of course, and you, the people of Hope and Fosston and area. But just now I am remembering with thanks just five of the many people who have influenced my faith and life. In no particular order...

1. Loren Teig, director of Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, Amery, Wisconsin. Loren was the director of the camp I worked at for four summers, and was a part of *Lutheran Youth Encounter*, a youth ministry organization based in Minneapolis. Loren, my sister Becky, and four others went to East and South Africa, singing in churches and schools in the early 70's. Loren had a passion for sharing the Gospel that impressed me, a servant's heart in all he did, and in 1977 he asked me to go to India for four months, and I went. It changed my life.

2. Pastor Leslie Lurvey, my father, always shared the Gospel, loved and served Jesus and His church, and even in his death and in his absence, teaches me to rely on God who fails us never. My father taught me that pastors are human. One time, it was after church and the sanctuary was empty save for him and me, and he wondered aloud, "How many somersaults can a person do down the aisle?" Then he did it, Sunday-go-to-meeting-suit and all. The answer was about 26 – it was a long aisle.

3. Helena Tenhunen, a friend from my home church since we were five. We grew up in the church together. She got me a job in the bank at which she worked. And she went as a missionary to Murree Christian School, in northern Pakistan, near the Afghan border. Why did she go? She loves Jesus, and our youth group at church had always talked about the call to missionary service. "We've talked enough," she said. "It's time someone went."

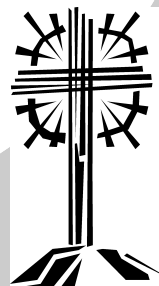
4. Rovasti Armas and Mariam Korhonen. Armas was a retired Finnish pastor from my home church in Toronto. (*Rovasti* is an honorary title given to some clergy in the Finnish Lutheran Church.)

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### Bible Readings

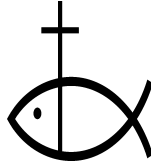





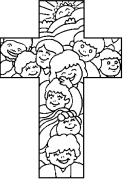

Phil. 1: 27	Psalms 137	Luke 18: 14
Amos 8: 4-7	1Thess. 5:18	Jeremiah 14:7-22
Psalms 113	Psalms 111	Psalms 84: 1-7
1 Tim. 2: 1-7	2 Tim. 2: 8-15	2 Tim. 4: 6-18
Luke 16: 1-13	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18: 9-14
Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Joel 2: 23-32
Psalms 79: 1-9	Psalms 66: 1-12	Psalms 65
1 Peter 1: 25	Heb. 4: 12	John 8: 31-32
Habakkuk 1: 1-4 & 2: 1-4	Gen. 32: 22-31	Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalms 37: 1-9	Psalms 121	Psalms 46
2 Tim. 1: 1-14	2 Tim. 3: 14-4:5	Romans 3: 19-28
Luke 17: 5-10	Luke 18:1-8	John 8:31-36
Lamentations 1: 1-6 & 3: 19-26	Jeremiah 31: 27-34	
	Psalms 119: 97-104	



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## WOMEN OF HOPE QUILTERS

The Women of Hope have quilts for sale at \$60 each. Stop in at Hope Church and choose from a big selection of colors and patterns. They make a great gift for all occasions! Many of these quilts are given to the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Fargo, for baptisms at Hope Church, donated to local benefits and given to those in need. Quilting begins October 7th, 8:30am every Monday morning throughout the season. You don't have to be a quilter to enjoy the company!

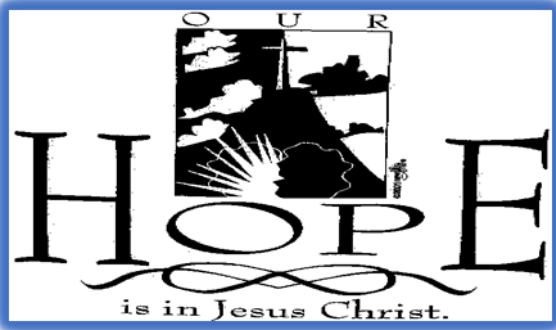
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*Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity to believe....*

*Please Remember the Following in Our Prayers*

- Jeanie Stout
- Gene & Kay Sistad
- Elizabeth Barrineau
- Berneice Carlin
- Greg Gubrud
- Oskie & Mary Hanson
- Shirley Graftaas
- Joe Lindberg
- Ilene & Dennis Sistad
- Hazel Trogstad
- Dean Vikan
- Drew Wahlstrom
- Mary Sovick
- Inez Bakken
- Fritz Frethem
- Vera Pearson
- Donna Thomas
- Barb Carlin
- Gary & Dorthy Hartel
- Cole Houska
- Brad & Mary Sistad
- George Benson
- Lowell Veum
- Ruth Schroeder



**Missionaries;**  
 The Schroder's in the Philippines  
 Siimon Hamer and the Ukrainian refugees in Estonia  
 The Nellermoe's and others  
 "underground" in China Service Ventures  
 Tom & Eunice Olson in the Congo

**Hope Church will be having Communion the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month starting in October**



Please inform Hope Church of the status of loved ones for continued prayers, thank you





## What We Do

We seek to make disciples through our strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same. All youth grades 7-12, are welcomed at Hope Church Thursday mornings, 7:20-8:10am, for a hearty healthy breakfast before the start of a busy active school day. You don't need to be involved in a sport to come for breakfast. Please feel free to contribute to FCA to see that the youth get this weekly meal that is so very important. FCA will be started September 5th, and will continue through the 2025 school year. Let's help our youth stay focused and strong in faith.

### "Operation Christmas Child"

The Fellowship Hall has a table designated for the "Operation Christmas Child" project. It has a list of items needed, a sign up sheet of who wishes to donate the items listed, a drop box for those items and a money donation box or stop by the Hope Church office during business hours. Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 13th. Packaging will be held on October 27th following service by the children during Sunday School. Let's see that these children have a blessed Christmas!



### Hope Church Fall Meatball Supper

Will be set for October 23rd this year.  
5pm-7pm.

**Look for more information to come!**

### Gifts were given:

#### In memory of:

**Gloria Osmonson** from Pat Bitker  
**Hilma Stadstad** from Berniece Carlin  
 donation to Audio/Visual/Radio  
**Ken Gregerson** from Mary Gregerson and Darlene Maruska to Audio/Visual/Radio and Preservation of Properties  
**Jim Vig** from Eileen Solsten to Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**To Audio/TV/Radio** donation from Gunnard & Naomi Halvorson  
**To Operation Christmas Child** donations from Sylvia Munter, Jeanie Stout, Hazel Trogstad, Marcy Sedler  
**Preservation of Properties** donation from Susan Lockwood  
**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** from Gabriel Wiener

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.

### Serving in our Lord's Name for Month of: October, 2024

<b>USHER SCHEDULE;</b>	<b>ACOLYTES;</b>
6th Lee Rudie	6th Cash Radtke
13th Tom Kleinwachter	13th Hatty Quam
20th Terry Halvorson	20th Hannah Fonder
27nd Roy Dufault	27nd Heidi Steinbrenner
<b>HOLY COMMUNION;</b> 13th Mark Malmanger, Holly Thorssen, Faith Quam, Jessica Carlson	
<b>Altar Guild;</b> Jolene Schmitz, Margot Simonson	
<b>READERS;</b>	<b>COFFEE SREVERS;</b>
6th Desirae Rendahl	6th Jeri Hove & Janice Haugen
13th TBD	13th Jolene Schmitz & Mary Tronerud
20th Roy Dufault	20th Rod & Wanda Olson, Hazel Trogstad
27th Tracy Ware	27th Mary Tronerud, Janice Haugen
<b>USHER HELPERS;</b> Kevin Hanson, Wendel Hanson, Chris Hove, Kenneth Hove, Craig Larsen, Wayne Larson	

**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. Our YouTube link to join the service is currently being revamped and will return at a later date. 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.**

### Hope Church Staff

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## Hope Lutheran Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm

**Present:** Joan Dufault, Tom Kleinwachter, Sylvia Munter, Kathy Carlson, Mark Malmanger, Dan Carlin, Sarah Johnson, Holly Thorrsen, and Bonnie Albright

**1. Call to Order:** President Joan D. called the meeting to order.

**2. Devotions:** Sarah J. (Family/Youth/Education Board) read a devotion about patience based on James 5:8.

**3. Approval of Agenda:** Joan requested that the Women of Hope business be moved from New Business to before the brief committee reports. Motion by Dan C., seconded by Tom K. to approve agenda as amended. Approved unanimously.

**4. Approval of Secretary's Report:** Motion by Sarah J., seconded by Tom K. to approve the secretary's report as written. Approved unanimously.

**5. President's Report:** Joan reported that she received a call from the current president of the Rodness Church, LCMC located rural Erskine. Their pastor had just finished his last Sunday and they were looking for any guidance/help in going forward in ministry. They were given a list from the Deacons that Hope had used previously for pulpit supply.

**6. Pastor's Report:** No report as Pastor Peter was absent - currently on vacation.

**Women of Hope:** Kathy Carlson was present to request the approval for the Women of Hope to transfer some money from their present checking account to a Smart Savings Account in order to take advantage of the 2.9% interest with Eileen Solsten and Kathy Carlson to be signatories. A discussion was held in regards to this money transfer. Motion by Dan C., seconded by Mark M. to allow the Women of Hope to transfer some monies from the present checking account to an Ultima Bank Smart Savings Account with Kathy C. & Eileen S. as signatories. Motion carried. Kathy requested a copy of the minutes be printed for the WOH

### 7. Brief Committee Reports:

**7a. Deacons:** Mark M.: pastor supply & lectern readers during Pastor Peter's absence is lined up. They are planning to meet regarding increasing the number of communion Sundays per month.

**7b. Family/Youth/Education:** Sarah J.: Rally Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks are both scheduled for Sunday, September 15. The Sunday & Friday School calendars are finalized in conjunction with the Fosston school calendar. They are securing teachers for both Sunday & Friday School. Operation Christmas boxes are also on the agenda.

**7c. Music & Worship:** Sylvia M.: Summer has been harder finding readers for Scripture. They are thankful for Tom picking out hymns. Mary H. will also assist with choice of hymns.

**7d. Trustees:** Dan C.: reported that John Nord has agreed to finish Sarah M.'s term since her recent move out of the area. There will be a new phone from Garden Valley. They are also researching the cost of printing through Garden Valley. Discussion of monies & accounts used for youth group activities and needs of the church were held. The trustees report for June & July were reviewed. Sarah J. made a motion, seconded by Holly T. to approve June & July trustees report pending audit. Approved unanimously.

### 8. Old Business:

**8a. Call Committee:** The call committee met last week discussing several ideas on how to get our information out to prospective pastors. Evan is looking into LCMC packages for health care for potential pastors.

**8b. LCMC gathering** September 29-October 2 in Marion, IA: We are looking for possible attendees to represent Hope at the gathering. Early bird registration ends August 15, and will increase periodically until the convention begins.

**8c. Meeting** in regards to serving communion twice per month. Deacons & Altar Guild, and Pastor Peter have not yet met, but are planning a meeting soon.

### 9. New Business:

**9a. Desk:** The desk in the Sunday School Superintendent's office was moved out when the room was rearranged. A discussion of what to do with the desk was held. Tammie Johnson had expressed interest in it. A motion was made by Sarah J., seconded by Holly T. to gift the desk to Tammie. Approved unanimously.

**11. Adjournment:** The Lord's Prayer was recited in unison to close.

Next FULL Council meeting: Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30 pm with Devotions by the Music and Worship Board.

Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Albright, Secretary

Thank you for supporting the work  
of the church.  
Attendance for the months of September was: 282  
Giving for the month of September  
was: \$ 12,397  
Budgeting needs for each week in a month are \$4,131.



*Pastor's letter continued...*

He and his wife had been missionaries in China, sharing the Gospel with people who did not know Jesus. They fled Mao and the Chinese Communist Revolution of 1949. It seemed like a great defeat for the Church at the time. But the Chinese Church thrived and grew, even under persecution, as it still does today. Despite the Chinese authorities closing churches and jailing pastors, the church is growing. It is because of the witness of people like Miriam and Armas and that of countless others that China may have 100 million Christians today.

5. David Alan B., was the first child I baptized. I was still studying to be a pastor, doing a class called *Clinical Pastoral Education* at the Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. We worked as chaplains in the hospital. David was in the neonatal intensive care unit – born early, a day old, with no kidney function. Helpless. Tiny. I was on call, so I went, got gowned up head to toe, got some sterilized water and a cotton swab, reached into the incubator and baptized him in the Names. His mother was "fiddeen"-years-old, her cousin was by her side, and the nurses, bless them, how they prayed and cried.

He was as big as my hand. And loved? Why, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are still crazy in love with him. He fell asleep the next day and awoke in the arms of Jesus. I buried him the day after that, and I was all elbows and knees and thick-tongued at my first funeral.

Who are you thankful for? Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
God's peace to you. Pastor Peter