



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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

tidings

pastor's letter

from pastor paul

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When they heard that Jesus was *alive* and that she had seen Him, they did not believe it.
Mark 16:11

But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us *alive* with Christ
even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
Ephesians 2:4-5

What does it mean to be an 'alive' congregation? Would you describe Hope Church as an
'alive' congregation?

There is an old, old story that comes from the Orient. The story of a prosperous
businessman who was trying to decide which of his three nephews should succeed him in
running the business. To help him decide, he gave each of the nephews four coins and
showed them an empty storeroom. He told them to buy something with the coins that
would most fill the storeroom. They were to return at sunset. They went into the
marketplace among the tradespeople. As the shadows lengthened along the street, they
made their way back home.

One had bought a bale of straw, which covered the floor several inches deep. The second
had bought a bag of thistledown which likewise covered the floor several inches deep. The
third said, "I gave two coins to a hungry child. I gave a third coin to the church. With the
fourth coin I bought these." He struck a flint and lit a candle. The light filled all the
storage room.

That room is our world. That room, today, is filled with strife and pain, suffering and
death. It seemingly is torn apart and darkened by sin, with evil seemingly bombarding us in
a thousand forms.

Many people want to be 'alive', including our church, and many... many people are walking
around very dead on the inside. WE are called to be that candle of 'life' in someone's life.
We are given the opportunity to give THE LIGHT AND LIFE of the world who sees nothing
but darkness.

Let us desire to be the life and the light for Jesus! You may be the only "life" they see!

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 EASTER HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship	2 8:30 am Quilting	3	4 3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group	5 7:40 am FCA 11:00 am Women of Hope Leaders Meeting	6 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-6	7
8 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School/ Fellowship Hour 11:15 am Worship	9	10	11 3:30 pm Kids Time! 5:30 pm Worship Band 6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal/Pictures 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Youth Group 8:00 pm Council Meeting	12 7:40 am FCA	13 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-6	14
15 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School/Fellowship 11:15 am Worship 6:30 pm Come & Laugh	16	17	18 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION An Ice Cream Social will be held at Fosston High School to honor Pr. Paul & Sheryl Watch for Details...	19 7:40 am FCA	20 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-6	21
22 CONFIRMATION HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	23	24	25 SPAGHETTI SUPPER 5:00-7:00 PM	26 7:40 am FCA	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School/ Fellowship Hour 11:15 am Worship	30					

APRIL SERVERS

GROUP 4

Chairpersons: Sue Simonson / Dean & Bev Lindberg / Matt & Desirae Rendahl

SERVERS: Dave & Nancy Andree	Sid & Diane Fjerstad	Chris Hagen/Bambi Ness
Marion Handy	Tom & Kim Kleinwachter	Brian & Melinda Larson
Darin & Cynthia Larson	Mark & Julie Malmanger	Bea Mienert
Jeremy & Kristi Mienert	Duane & Judy Olson	Nina Palubicki
Vera Pearson	Joel & Jackie Rendahl	Wes & Susie Roland
Margot Simonson	Mike & Lori Theis	Travis Thom

ALTAR GUILD: Keri Mireault / Alisa Halvorson

COMMUNION SERVERS: Tom Sedler / Evan Fonder / Angie Rudie / Sue Skunes

USHERS: Matt Hagen / Darin Larson / Wayne Olson / Bennett Osmonson / Nathan Pederson

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

April 1 Tom Kleinwachter	Jaime Carlin / Aireal Gensburger
April 8 Terry Halvorson	Brayden Halland / Nikolai Jalowiec
April 15 David Skunes	Macie Hanson / David Larson
April 22 Rod Olson	Faith Larson / Tegan Larson
April 29 Sid Fjerstad	Jordan Larson / Ryan Levin



**Blessings on the following Hope youth
as they are confirmed April 22nd:**

Jaime Carlin	Brayden Halland
Macie Hanson	Faith Larson
Jordan Larson	Kora Norland
Emma Olson	Faith Quam
Marian Riveland	Sydney Walk

Come &



Sunday, April 15th

Join us at Hope Church the
3rd Sunday of each month
at 6:30 pm for a
Comedy Video Presentation,
brought to you by
Hope Deacons.

Family & Youth News

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Katlyn Baumann Alex Gensburger
 Brecken Levin Kora Norland
 Faith Quam Zackery Radtke

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.

The Youth sign up sheet is up for the Spaghetti Supper. 2 shifts are available. Sign up to help where you are able.

YOUTH STEWARDSHIP

Have you ever had good news that was a secret? Maybe you knew what your dad got your mom for her birthday, but, since it was a surprise, you had to keep it a secret. Could you do it? Why is it so difficult to keep special things like that a secret? Isn't it because it's such good news?

The Apostle Paul had a secret too. It was a secret because not everybody knew about it. He told his friends the Philippians that he had learned the secret of being content, happy, all the time. Does this sound like something we would want to keep secret?

It isn't easy to be happy all the time, is it? Sometimes we're unhappy just because we can't be first in line to do something. Sometimes we grumble because someone else has more than we do. Instead of seeing all the things God has given us, we complain about what we wish we had. Sometimes we even pout, with our lips sticking out and frowns on our foreheads!

It's time to learn what Paul's secret was. Paul said that the secret to being

FIRST COMMUNION

The following Hope 5th graders have received instruction and will celebrate their First Communion on Easter Sunday:

Dawson Bailie
 Elizabeth Barrineau
 Will Christen
 Alex Johnson
 Vanessa Johnson
 Jaekub Larson
 Ben Steinbrenner
 Danica Striker
 Wyatt Teiken



content was to trust in Jesus for everything. Whenever we think we don't have enough things and begin to count them, all we have to do is count to one. What is the first thing we should count? What was the first and only thing Paul counted? JESUS! Jesus is all we need. He came to earth to be the Savior from our sins. Right now He's in Heaven with His Father, getting a place ready for each of us.

This is a secret that's meant to be shared. Jesus wants us to be friends to those who need a friend. He wants us to cheer up those who are sad. Most of all, He wants us to tell others that He is the reason for our being happy.

Read Philippians 4:11-13.

Make a list of people you can tell about Jesus.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus. Help me to trust You for all the things I need. Help me not to want everything others have, but to be content with what You give me. In Jesus' name, amen.



MARCH MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of Donnie Johnson, Jane Lindgren and Barb Wickham.

For those of you who have Choice Dollars from Thrivent, you have until March 31st to designate your dollars.

Cemetery Donation

Hope Church was recently the recipient of a generous donation to fully cover the cost of installing a pre-assembled columbarium in the Hope Church Cemetery. A columbarium is a granite monument with internal niches for placement of cremains.

The model chosen by the Cemetery Board is the Winchester model which has 64 niches and can hold up to 128 urns. The columbarium is manufactured in Crookston. Specific information on the columbarium, including photos and diagrams, is available for review in the church office.

The Cemetery Board, along with the Trustees will oversee the installation, hopefully by the first of July. The Cemetery Board and Trustees will be meeting to determine the cost to members and non-members for spaces in the columbarium. Your council is very thankful to the donors that we will now be able to offer this option for the interment of cremains in our cemetery.

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 and Garden Valley channel 31 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 03/04/2018

Present: Pastor Paul Magelssen, Sylvia Munter, Joan Dufault, Evan Fonder, Tracy Ware, Wayne Olson, Michelle Solsten, Tom Sedler, Michelle Olson, Sue Skunes, Nancy Andree, Greg Mireault.

Call to Order by President Joan Dufault

Devotions by Evan Fonder

Agenda was approved as written. MMSC Greg/Michelle Secretary's Report of 2/11/18 meeting minutes were approved with the exception of adding Sheryl Magelssen in attendance.

MMSC Michelle/Greg

Benevolence Report – No Report
Pastor's Report – Paul reported that it has been a busy time of year with Lent, 1st

Communion classes beginning, Confirmation and their upcoming trip to Texas.

Presidents Report – Joan reported that they have received three applications for the Interim Pastor position. Applications are open until 4/15/18.

Brief Committee Reports

Deacons – Michelle reported that communion will be on 4/1 and 4/22, not on 4/8 as usual. Pastor Paul will be gone on 4/8 so we need someone to preach that day.

Family/Youth/Education – Michelle reported that they have had lots of help for Lenten Suppers! She asked that money for a curriculum be added to

next years' budget. They are working on setting a date for VBS.

Music & Worship – Sue reported that Nancy has been doing a great job with recruiting readers for the services. She expressed a thank-you for the standing ovation the choir received last Sunday. They will be asking the 6th and 7th graders to do music on Easter again this year. She also asked that the Media position be kept in mind.

Trustees – Greg reported that the utilities for this winter have been low. The push/pull line of credit contract at the bank will be re-signed this month. He will check with LCMC on wages for the Interim Pastor. A new contract will need to be developed for the new Pastor. Paul & Sheryl will be moving in July, we will help them with this task. Will be purchasing a fertilizer spreader for Steve.

Women of Hope – No report

Old Business

Columbarium Report – Joan and Greg reported that a donation has been made to the cemetery fund to cover the cost of purchasing a Columbarium. The goal is to have this installed at the cemetery by 7/1/18. Joan will write an article for the Tidings.

Transition Team Report –

Greg reported that the team is meeting regularly.

The Community Celebration is coming up on 4/18/18. It will be an Ice Cream Social at the High School. Holy Cow surveys were

distributed this week and have a deadline to be completed by 3/25/18.

The time-line is up on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall and will be updated as necessary.

Social Media and Memorial Policies – Tabled

Other - None

New Business

- a. Next Council Meeting is Wednesday, April 11, at 8:00 pm; Devotions and Lunch by Board of Family/Youth/Education
- b. Come & Laugh: Sunday, March 18, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- c. Palm Sunday: March 25; Maundy Thursday/Good Friday: March 29-30; Easter: Apr. 1
- d. 1st Communion Class for 5th Graders: March 21; Ceremony: March 28, 6:30 pm
- e. Confirmation Rehearsal/Pictures: April 11; Confirmation April 22
- f. Community Celebration for Magelssens: April 18
- g. Spaghetti Supper: April 25
- h. Other - None

Closing Prayers

Minutes Submitted
by Tracy Ware

Easter Flowers have been given by:

† *Dave & Nancy Andree in honor of Pastor Paul & Sheryl.*

† *Barbara Carlin and family in memory of Mark Carlin.*

† *Barbara Carlin and family in memory of Hilding & Alice Carlin and David Carlin.*

† *Barbara Carlin and family in memory of Arnold & Viva Scott and Wayne Scott.*

† *Dan & Carrie Carlin, Tony & Allison in memory of Mark Carlin.*

† *Dan & Carrie Carlin in honor of Tony & Allison Carlin.*

† *Dan & Carrie Carlin, Tony & Allison in honor of all friends and family.*

† *Dan & Carrie Carlin, Tony & Allison in memory of Brenna Neeland.*

† *Gary & Berniece Carlin in memory of Hilding & Alice Carlin and Carl & Margaret Brekke.*

† *Roy & Joan Dufault in honor of Margaret Rustad.*

† *Roy & Joan Dufault in honor of Lucille Dufault.*

† *Tom & Kim Kleinwachter in memory of Adam Kleinwachter.*

† *Paul & Sheryl Magelssen in honor of their Hope Church family.*

† *Crystal Munter in memory of Mark Munter.*

† *Crystal Munter in memory of Tammy Roragen.*



† *Janet Olson in memory of parents, Henry & Joanne Olson.*

† *Janet Olson in honor of brothers, Walt & Wally Olson.*

† *Rod Olson in memory of Diane Olson.*

† *Norma Quam in memory of Art Quam, Edwin & Alice Quam, and Philip & Lou Strande.*

† *Kenny Rose in memory of his parents, Art Kedrowicz, Sr., and Adam Kleinwachter, and in honor of Phyllis Kedrowicz and family, Tom & Margaret Atkins, John & Carol Hanschen, Paul & Sheryl Magelssen, Bill Kusmaul, the Kleinwachter family, the Greg & Gail Hughes family, and the Jose Cole family.*

† *Margot Simonson and family in memory of Dennis Simonson.*

† *Orlan & Eileen Solsten in memory of their parents.*

† *Earl & Mary Steinbrenner in honor of loved ones.*

† *Jeanie Stout in memory of Terry Stout.*

† *Dean Vikan in memory of Wilma & Franklin Vikan.*

April

BIBLE READINGS

KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

1 Worship	8 Worship	15 Worship	22 Worship	29 Worship
2 Nehemiah 1	9 Nehemiah 9	16 Esther 6	23 Job 38	30 Psalm 19
3 Nehemiah 2	10 Esther 1	17 Esther 7	24 Job 39	
4 Nehemiah 4	11 Esther 2	18 Esther 8	25 Job 40	
5 Nehemiah 5	12 Esther 3	19 Esther 9	26 Job 41	
6 Nehemiah 6	13 Esther 4	20 Job 1	27 Job 42	
7 Nehemiah 8	14 Esther 5	21 Job 2	28 Psalm 1	

Hope Church Annual SPAGHETTI SUPPER

April 25th 5~7 pm

Includes a Salad Bar and dessert table!

Take-out orders available

Freewill Offering

Proceeds for Summer Bible
Camp Registration fees.

