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# Tidings of Hope

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

Dear Hope Family

*“And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,” Genesis 1:14*

As much as we may not like it, summer is ending, and autumn is coming. That’s because of the 23.4 degree tilt of the earth and the elliptical – that’s an elongated circle – orbit around the sun. As the earth orbits and revolves, the *density* of the sun’s light changes. So, the seasons change, as the hemispheres tilt closer and farther away from the sun over the year. It’s the way God made it.

It’s God’s fine tuning of the earth that permits all this change – day, night, hot, cold, tides, solar and lunar eclipses, phases of the moon, planting, growing, harvest, rest, seasons, years. God created a rhythm to life, as we move forward in time.

Fall has always indicated a change for me – back to school over the 23 years I was in school, back from vacation, back to church, back into socks and shoes and long pants.

For you, it could be the first September you *don’t* go back to school or work. Or maybe you are at a *new* school or a *new* job. Or it’s the same old, same old. Maybe you don’t know what this next while will bring.

For all of us, can this be the month we get back to church? We need to be together. You have felt the Spirit prompting you. Stop saying no. Come, Sundays at 9:30.

Fall means starting things up again. Thursday Bible Study resumes at the church at 1:30, on September 11<sup>th</sup>. (And you need not know a *thing* about the Bible to join us.) Fellowship of Christian Athletes starts up Thursday morning starting September 4<sup>th</sup>, with Friday School beginning the last Friday in September. Women of Hope and our quilters resume.

Our Youth will be meeting alternate Wednesdays with Kingo youth more often starting this September. Senior Confirmation will be meeting alternate Wednesdays for supper and class.

On Sunday, September 14th, we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks and our teachers, along with my installation as pastor.

And Fall can be the start of new things. Could we start a men’s group? Can we start a walking group? (My health would appreciate the exercise and the motivation.) Where is God leading us as a church?

Whatever we do, we know that God is with us. In our endings, in our beginnings, in season and out, He is faithful, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen and Amen.

God bless your September, Pastor Peter

## September 2025

Bible Readings

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|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Numbers 20     | 12 Deuteronomy 8     | 23 Genesis 2:15-24    |
| 2 Numbers 21     | 13 Deuteronomy 9     | 24 John 1:1-5         |
| 3 Numbers 22     | 14 Worship           | 25 Luke 3:1-6         |
| 4 Numbers 23     | 15 Genesis 1:1       | 26 Luke 3:15-16       |
| 5 Numbers 24-25  | 16 Psalm 19:1-4      | 27 Acts 17:16-34      |
| 6 Numbers 27     | 17 Romans 1:20       | 28 Worship            |
| 7 Worship        | 18 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | 29 2 Corinth. 13:1-14 |
| 8 Deuteronomy 1  | 19 Joshua 24:1-31    | 30 Genesis 16:1-16    |
| 9 Deuteronomy 2  | 20 1 Kings 18:16-40  |                       |
| 10 Deuteronomy 4 | 21 Worship           |                       |
| 11 Deuteronomy 6 | 22 Genesis 2:4-9     |                       |

Gifts and Memorials for August

Gifts were given to the **Audio/Visual Fund** in memory of Sheldon Matson from Bennett Osmonson and Mavis Veum and in memory of John Hood from John & Julie Nord. A gift was given to the Broadcast Ministry Fund from Gunnard Halvorson.

Gifts were given to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of Tony Kiesow.

Gifts were given to the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fund** in memory of Sheldon Matson from Terry & Alisa Halvorson.

Gifts were given to the **Preservation of Properties Fund** from Susan K. Lockwood.

We are very thankful.

Thank you for supporting the work of the church.  
Average weekly attendance for 7/27-8/17 was 49.  
Average weekly giving was: \$3,589.  
Budget needed for each week is: \$3,768.

Thank You

Thank you for all who donated to the Haugen family, who were tragically injured, lost one family member, and lost their entire home due to fire. Over \$800 was collected through our church and brought to the Haugen Fund at Ultima Bank Fosston.

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 SERVING SCHEDULE

USHER SCHEDULE:

7th Tom Kleinwachter  
14th Terry Halvorson  
21st Roy Dufault  
28th Rod Olson

ACOLYTES:

7th Cash Radtke  
14th Hatty Quam  
21st Hannah Fonder  
28th Kaden Wohlhuter

**HOLY COMMUNION:** September 14th & 21st: Michelle Solsten, Brad Norland, Kristin Norland, Angie Rudie

**ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Steinbrenner

READERS:

7th Allison Carlin  
14th Kim Kleinwachter  
21st Katelyn Mesich  
28th Desi Rendahl

COFFEE SERVERS:

7th Paul Curfman/Deb Pfiefer  
14th Rally Day Breakfast-F/Y/E Board  
21st Chuck & Anita Lucken  
28th Craig & Judy Larson; Andrew & Amanda Wohlhuter

**USHER HELPERS:** Mike Solsten, Steve Sovick, Tom Steinbrenner, Mike Theis, Mike Ware, Matt Wickham and Mark Winkler

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Musician: Diane Boucher  
Choir: Charity Salmonson

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 are welcome!

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 also find us on Facebook at: hopelutheranchurchfosston!

Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers



Nancy Andree  
Gene & Kay Sistad  
Elizabeth Barrineau  
Berniece Carlin  
Greg Gubrud  
Oskie & Mary Hanson  
Joe Lindberg  
Ilene & Dennis Sistad  
Hazel Trogstad  
Dean Vikan  
Inez Bakken  
Fritz Frethem  
Vera Pearson  
Donna Thomas  
Beverlee Ostenaar  
George Benson  
Ruth Schroeder

Missionaries:

- † The Schroeder's in the Philippines
- † Siimon Haamer and the Ukrainian refugees in Estonia
- † The Neller-moe's and others in China Service Ventures
- † Tom & Eunice Olson in the Congo

To keep our prayer list current, please inform the church office of the status of loved ones for continued prayers.  
Thank you!

Augustana District Women of the Word

Fall Gathering will be held  
September 20th, 2025  
in Perham, MN.

Registration deadline is Sept. 8.  
Contact the church office  
for details!



You're invited to a bridal shower honoring  
Zoey Christen, bride to be of Warren Nelson.

Saturday, September 13th

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Hope Lutheran Church

*\*Zoey & Warren are registered at Nord's and on Amazon*



Do you enjoy music?

Come join our choir and share your gifts!  
Choir practice is Wednesday 6-7 pm in the church  
fellowship hall, with lots of fun and laughs for all.

Practice begins Wednesday, September 10th.

Remember: No voice is too big or too small!

#### TEACHERS NEEDED

Team Teachers are needed for both  
Friday and Sunday School  
beginning in September.

If you feel God prompting you to  
share His word with our children,  
contact a member of the Family/  
Youth/Education Board: Sarah  
Johnson, Ruth Fonder, Desi  
Rendahl, Jess Carlson or Faith  
Quam, or contact the church office  
for more details!

#### LCMC 25th Annual Gathering & Convention

In light of our twenty-fifth anniversary, we will be gathering together under the theme "Our Help and Hope". Taking inspiration from 1 Corinthians 3:10-13 and Psalm 127, we will discuss the theological and historical foundations on which LCMC was built, explore how and why some of our leaders are part of LCMC, and cast a vision for the future of the association.

The LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention also offers opportunities for relationship building with other people in the LCMC community, an exhibitor area featuring mission and ministry organizations, and breakout sessions designed to train, equip, and connect our leaders and congregations.

The event takes place **October 5-8** at **Hosanna Church** in Lakeville, MN. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration: Advance registration is required. The deadline to register is September 15.  
Contact the church office for more information.

# September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day	2 12-4pm- Office open	3 6:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	4 7:30 am FCA	5	6 David Aspen Memorial service
7 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee hour	8 10 am-Women of Hope Bd <i>*last day to register for Fall Gathering</i>	9 12-4pm- Office open	10 6 pm Choir 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 7:30 pm Executive Council Meeting	11 7:30 am FCA 1:30pm Bible Study	12	13 10:30 am Bridal shower for Zoey Christen in Fellowship Hall
14 9:30 am Worship/ Rally Day/Holy Communion 10:30 Youth serve Breakfast	15 <i>*registration deadline for LCMC Annual Gathering</i>	16 12-4pm- Office open	17 6pm Choir	18 7:30 am FCA 10-3 LSS 1:30pm Bible Study	19 <i>TIDINGS DEADLINE</i>	20 8:30-3pm Women of the Word gathering in Perham
21 9:30 am Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Coffee hour	22	23 12-4pm- Office open	24 6pm Choir	25 7:30 am FCA 1:30pm Bible Study	26 Friday School begins	27
28 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Sunday School/Coffee hour	29	30 12-4pm- Office open				

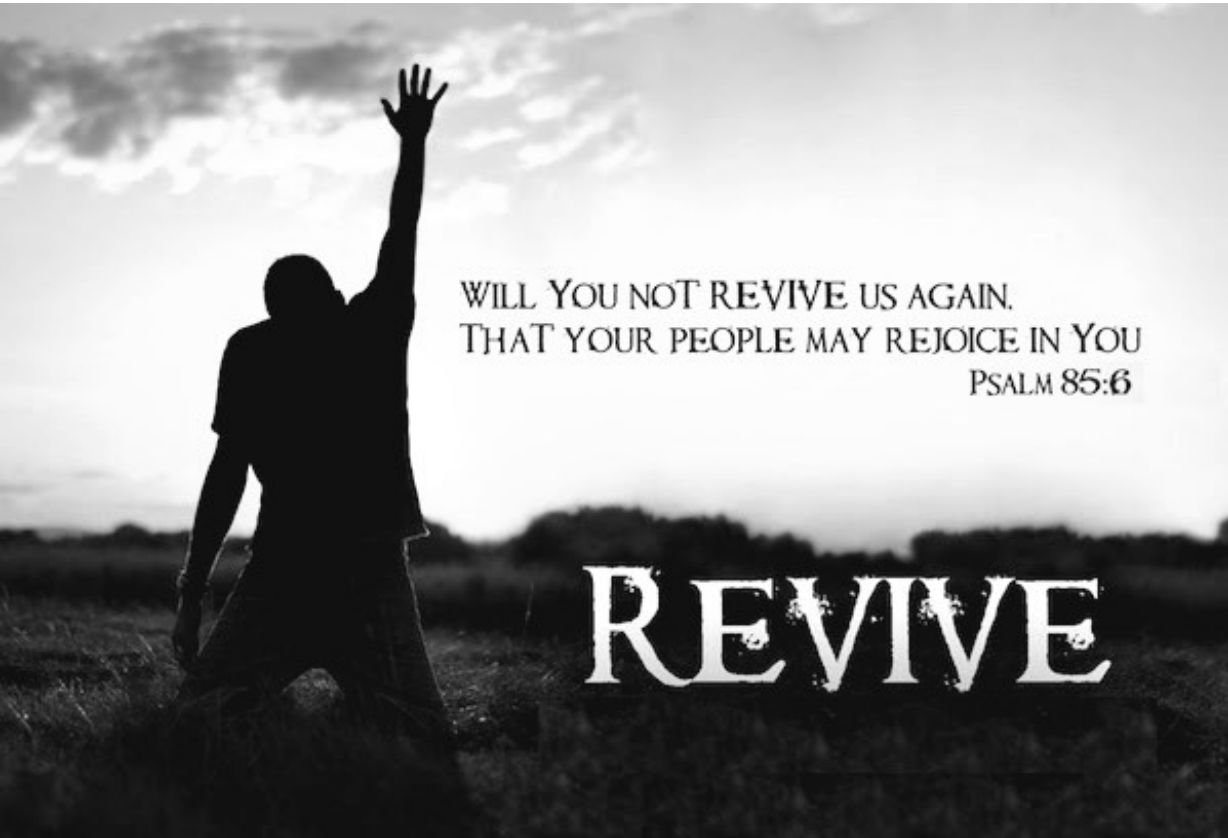
**Hope Lutheran Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7:30 PM

**Present:** Tom Kleinwachter, Ken Hove, Pastor Peter, Jon Rustad, Kathy Carlson, Ruth Fonder, Angie Rudie, Mark Malmanger, Bonnie Albright

- 1. Call to Order:** President Tom K. called the meeting to order.
- 2. Devotions:** Tom K. (Executive): read a devotion based on Luke 18 emphasizing leading our church with persistent prayer.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ruth F., seconded by Jon R. to approve agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Approval of Secretary's Report:** Motion by Ruth F., seconded by Angie R. to approve the secretary's report as written. Approved unanimously.
- 5. President's Report:** Thanked everyone for the last couple of months with the pastoral call process. Also reminded us to support Pastor Peter with prayer and encouraged everyone to bring questions to Pastor Peter.
- 6. Pastor's Report:** Thanks for the vote of confidence for the call. An installation is being planned for Sept. 14. Reports that it is helpful to track his visits; although summer has been difficult to arrange visits due to schedules. Funeral for Sheldon Matson will be held at Hope on Friday, August 8 at 2pm whose family worships with us via tv and radio. Will talk to ministerium about the pastor's page in local paper. A discussion on pastor's upcoming vacation in August-September was held.
- 7. Benevolence Committee Report:** Kathy C. gave a report on the June Benevolence and a brief report on how the Benevolence committee uses a percentage system to divide the offering to the different needs for local, district, national, and international.
- 8. Brief Committee Reports:**
  - 8a. Deacons:** Mark M. reports: they have met with Pastor Peter regarding tracking visitation and Confirmation schedules.
  - 8b. Family/Youth/Education:** Ruth F. reports: VBS in July - decorating on Monday. Goal is to have a youth event in August. Looking into using an app that the youth can use to be better informed on schedules.
  - 8.c Music & Worship:** Angie R. reports: Readers still needed for August. A discussion on piano tuning was held.
  - 8.d Trustees:** Jon R. reports: Reported on the present sewer/water project and the telephone system. The assistive devices were thinned to accommodate better storage. Next project includes the brick sign on front which is in need of repair. Reviewed financials for June. Motion by Ken H., seconded by Ruth F. to approve June's financials pending audit. Approved unanimously.
- 9. Old Business:**
  - 9a.** New Member class/installation has been moved to this fall.
  - 9b.** Delegates are needed for the LCMC Annual Gathering October 5-8 in Lakeville, MN. Early bird registration ends July 31. Registration deadline is Sept. 15.
- 10. New Business:** A discussion was held regarding the installation of Pastor Peter in September. Further discussion was tabled until August meeting.
- 11.** Next Executive Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7:30 pm
- 12. Adjournment:** The Lord's Prayer was recited to adjourn.

**Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Albright, Secretary**



**Rally Day 2025**

- Who:** EVERYONE
- What:** Rally-Renew-Revive-Reconnect-Rejoice
- When:** Sunday, September 14th  
9:30 a.m. Service—10:30 a.m. Breakfast
- Where:** Hope Lutheran Church Fosston



**Join us as we gather together and begin anew!**

- \*Celebrate the installation of our newly-called Pastor, Peter Lurvey!
- \*Blessing of the Backpacks!
- \*Installation and blessing of teachers for Friday School and Sunday School.
- \*Rally Day Breakfast, served by the Family/Youth/Education Board, after the service!

