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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:

I have been thinking about worship; and our liturgy. **Liturgy** is the order of worship. It's how we order what comes when in our worship gatherings. I hesitate to use the word worship "**service**." Somehow, we get it in our heads that **we** are doing the serving. And it is anything but. In worship, God serves us.

Our Lutheran liturgy – and every church has a liturgy, even if it's six songs, a message, maybe a prayer, one last song and done – our liturgy has a flow to it, it's biblical, and we focus on Jesus. The flow is this:

God gathers us – and in God's presence we confess our sins, and we receive a word of forgiveness in Jesus. Like Isaiah, on seeing God high and lifted up in the temple, we recognize our need for confession and forgiveness. So, we confess and receive absolution.

God speaks to us – through God's Word sung, read, and spoken – and the focus is Jesus. After hearing the Word, we confess our faith, using the words of one of the creeds. Kinda like an altar call, don't you think?



God feeds us – at the Lord's table, with Jesus as host. Some churches have communion once a week, some once a year. We have it twice a month. Some might sing about the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

God sends us – with His blessing, to serve Him by loving and serving our neighbours



In between there, we offer some prayers, we give to support the work of the church, we confess one of the creeds, and there's songs and hymns and spiritual songs, and the object is God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do these things in response to God's grace and mercy to us in Jesus. It's not in order to *buy* God's favour. It's *because of* God's favour.

Sometimes we may think God shows up because we have gathered. I was in India 40+ years ago, and there was a temple where folks would have to ring a bell to wake the god up to see what offering was being presented.

It's not that way with the Trinity. In interacting with people, God always acts first. He moves us to pray. He moves us to come to church. He speaks, and things happen. Adam and Eve in the garden, remember how after they had eaten of the tree

June-July 2025

Bible Readings

1 2 Peter 1	17 Revelation 11-12	2 Genesis 11	18 Genesis 30
2 Worship	18 Revelation 13-14	3 Genesis 12-13	19 Genesis 31
3 2 Peter 2	19 Revelation 15-16	4 Genesis 14-15	20 Worship
4 2 Peter 3	20 Revelation 17-18	5 Genesis 16-17	21 Genesis 32
5 1 John 1-2	21 Revelation 19-20	6 Worship	22 Genesis 33
6 1 John 3	22 Worship	7 Genesis 18	23 Genesis 34
7 1 John 4-5	23 Revelation 20-21	8 Genesis 19	24 Genesis 35
8 Worship	24 Revelation 22	9 Genesis 20-21	25 Genesis 37
9 2 John & 3 John	25 Genesis 1	10 Genesis 22-23	26 Genesis 38
10 Jude	26 Genesis 2	11 Genesis 24	27 Worship
11 Revelation 1-2	27 Genesis 3	12 Genesis 25	28 Genesis 39
12 Revelation 3-4	28 Genesis 4-5	13 Worship	29 Genesis 40
13 Revelation 5-6	29 Worship	14 Genesis 26	30 Genesis 41
14 Revelation 7-8	30 Genesis 6-7	15 Genesis 27	31 Genesis 42
15 Worship	July	16 Genesis 28	
16 Revelation 9-10	1 Genesis 8-9	17 Genesis 29	

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Gifts and Memorials for May

Gifts were given to the **General Fund** in memory of Bud Bucholtz and Larry Miller from Bennett Osmonson; in memory of Don Amundson from Pat Bitker; in memory of Jackie Metzger from Mavis Veum; in memory of Jeanie Stout and Larry Miller from Renee & Jon Rustad; and in memory of Lowell Veum by Todd & Tamie Rue.

Gifts were given to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of Jeanie Stout from Ilane Rue. A perpetual care donation to the Cemetery Fund was made by Gloria Bjornerud.

Gifts were given to the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fund** in memory of Larry Miller from Eileen Solsten; and in memory of Wes Knutson from Chuck & Anita Lucken and Melissa Christen.

Gifts were given to the **Preservation of Properties Fund** in memory of Larry Miller from Chuck & Anita Lucken. A gift was given to the Preservation of Properties Fund from Susan K. Lockwood.

Gifts were given to the **Audio/Visual/Radio** fund in memory of Carol Heide from Eileen Solsten.

We are very thankful.

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.

JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

USHER SCHEDULE:

1st Terry Halvorson
8th Roy Dufault
15th Rod Olson
22nd Lee Rudie
29th Tom Kleinwachter

ACOLYTES:

1st Emiliee Rudie
8th Michael Simonson
15th Cash Radtke
22nd Hatty Quam
29th Hannah Fonder

HOLY COMMUNION: June 8th & 15th: Michelle Solsten, Desi Rendahl, Sarah Johnson and Ken Hove

ALTAR GUILD: Melissa Christen

READERS:

1st Bonnie Albright
8th Desi Rendahl
15th Mary Tronerud
22nd Sue Skunes
29th Tom Kleinwachter

COFFEE SERVERS:

1st Amy & Scott Riveland
8th Matt & Chantel Wickham
15th Mary Steinbrenner
22nd Jon & Renee Rustad
29th Keni & Richard Evje

USHER HELPERS: David Olson, Duane Olson, Wayne Olson, Bennett Osmonson Nathan Pederson

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Choir: Charity Salmonson

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 Nellerroe's and others in China Service Ventures
- † Tom & Eunice Olson in the Congo

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 kinds are welcome!.



It's Summer!

If you are going to be gone on the weekends this summer, consider joining us for our informal summer worship services.

Beginning Wed., May 28th we will meet weekly through the summer at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Regular worship services will still be held on Sundays at 9:30am.

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

Thank you for supporting the work of the church.
Average weekly attendance for 4/27-5/18 was 79.
Average weekly giving was: \$3,496.
Budget needed for each week is: \$3,768.

SENIORS 2025



Hope's high school seniors were honored with quilts made by the Hope Church Quilters on May 18th during the Sunday service. The students also received an individual blessing by the congregation. Top photo (L-R): Alex Johnson, Will Christen, Danica Striker, Ben Steinbrenner, Dawson Bailie, Justin Gubrud, Joseph Hillstad, and Elizabeth Barrineau.

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, however we recommend registering by July 31 to get the discounted early bird rate. Contact the church office for more information.

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they should have avoided – what happened? Genesis 3:8 "In the cool of the day" God came walking, saying, "Where are you?" That sets the tone for God's interactions with us. God acts first, and we respond. Our liturgy can seem ho-hum and the same all the time. And maybe it is sometimes. But our liturgy teaches us that the focus of worship is not on us and our experiences. No, the focus of worship is on God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. - and on his calling, searching, gathering, forgiving, speaking, enlightening, feeding, sanctifying, sending, rescuing love for the world. And that's not a bad place to focus.

God's peace. Fear not. Pastor Peter



VBS

Mark your calendars!

Plans are underway for Hope's Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 15th through 17th, from 5:30-8pm. Help will be needed to decorate for the fun event. If you are available to help decorate on Monday, July 14th, contact Sarah Johnson at 218-766-5615 or the church office at 218-435-6765.

Bring a friend!
Go to the Hope Church website to register today!

www.hopelutheranfosston.com

Coffee Servers needed for Sundays in July and August!
The Women of Hope are looking for volunteers to serve coffee hour during the months of July and August.
Sign up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall. If you can help out, please sign up downstairs, or contact the church office at 218-435-6765.



JULY SERVING SCHEDULE

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20th Rod Olson
27th Lee Rudie

ACOLYTES:

6th Kaden Wohlhuter
13th Emilie Rudie
20th Michael Simonson
27th Cash Radtke

HOLY COMMUNION: July 13th & 20th: Mark Malmanger, Taylor Carlson, Tom Kleinwachter and Ruth Fonder

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Steinbrenner and Margot Simonson

USHER HELPERS: Sean Peterson, Travis Quam, Jake Radtke, Joel Rendahl, Matthew Rendahl, Scott Riveland

Hope Lutheran Full Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Present: Tom Kleinwachter, Kim Kleinwachter, Taylor Carlson, Ken Hove, Joel Rendahl, Faith Quam, Michelle Solsten, Matt Wickham, Jon Rustad, Mark Malmanger, Pastor Peter, Kristen Norland, Angie Rudie, Ruth Fonder, Desi Rendahl, Brad Norland, Bonnie Albright, and Evan Fonder (Call Committee Representative)

Call to Order: President Tom K. called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Kristen N. (Music & Worship): read a prayer asking for peace and guidance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Michelle S., seconded by Ruth F. to approve agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Secretary’s Report: Motion by Kristen N., seconded by Kim K. to approve the secretary’s report as written. Approved unanimously.

Pastor’s Report: *Friday School/Confirmation went well & is done for the year for grades 7/8.
*Pastor Peter will be preaching at the Baccalaureate Service on May 18th at 6:30 at Bethel Assembly Church.
*Leading devotions and doing dishes at FCA breakfast this week.
*Hospital visitations and home visits this month.
*Lent Lunches and suppers are well attended. Thanks to everyone in organizing and preparing food.
*Attended the youth/family bowling which was well attended and went well.
*Will not be attending the CE event in Alberta this spring.

President’s Report: *Appreciates everyone and all they do.

Brief Committee Reports:

7a. Deacons: Kim K. reports: *Continue to work on shut-in visitation list.

7b. Family/Youth/Education: Desi R. reports: *VBS planning continues.
*April 16 is 4-5th grade first Communion. *Bowling event in Bagley went well with 58 people attending from both Hope & Kingo. *Plans for Hope & Kingo to alternate hosting for youth group nights with a goal of having 2x/month nights. *Graduation cake will be ordered for the Sunday in May to honor the Seniors.

7.3 Music & Worship: Ruth F. reports: *Sunday school children sang in church last Sunday and plan to sing again on Easter Sunday. *Always looking for special music. *Bennett Osmonson’s brother-in-law has made a child’s rocker from the wood from Zion Church. Plans are to have a time of dedication on April 27.

7.4 Trustees: Jon R. reports: Ryan does a tremendous job maintaining and correcting issues with the sound system/broadcasts, etc. This past week he repaired the sound for the Fosston TV and worked on Hope’s web page. January/February/March financials were discussed. Motion by Desi R., seconded by Brad N. to approve the previous 3 months (Jan-Feb-Mar) financials pending audit. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

8a. New Member installation set for Sunday, April 27th. Spaghetti Supper is April 30. Youth/Family/Ed Board to assist with securing youth volunteers.

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8b. All church cleaning set for April 12th 9-12 followed by lunch.

New Business: A letter was received and read from the Zion Lutheran Cemetery Board. At their recent annual meeting, they are offering cemetery plots to Hope Lutheran Church members at a current cost of \$500.00/spot. Any future changes will follow changes that Hope Lutheran Church makes. A discussion followed that Brandsvold Cemetery also has available plots at this time.

9a. Call Committee Report & Discussion

Adjournment: The Lord’s Prayer was recited to adjourn.

Next Full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 PM with devotions by the Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Albright, Secretary



Hope Quilters donated and delivered quilts to Prairie Pines assisted living and Essentia Living Center in May.



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!*