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*You are Invited: Outdoor Worship & Potluck at Cross Lake, August 21st!*

# August

## BIBLE READINGS

<b>Genesis 15: 1-6</b>	<b>Isaiah 5: 1-7</b>	<b>Hebrews 13: 1-16</b>
<b>Psalms 33: 12-22</b>	<b>Psalms 80: 1-19</b>	<b>Luke 14: 1-14</b>
<b>Hebrews 11: 1-16</b>	<b>Isaiah 58: 9-14</b>	<b>Jeremiah 2: 4-13</b>
<b>Luke 12: 32-40</b>	<b>Psalms 103: 1-8</b>	<b>Psalms 81: 1-16</b>
<b>Isaiah 1: 1 -20</b>	<b>Hebrews 12: 18-29p</b>	
<b>Psalms 50: 1-23</b>	<b>Luke 13: 10-17</b>	
<b>Jeremiah 23: 23-39</b>	<b>Jeremiah 1: 4-10</b>	
<b>Psalms 82</b>	<b>Psalms 71: 1-6</b>	
<b>Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2</b>	<b>Proverbs 25: 6-7</b>	
<b>Luke 12: 49-56</b>	<b>Psalms 112</b>	

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AUGUST 2022

# Tidings of Hope

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

## pastor’s letter

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In Paul’s letter to the Christians in Colossae, we are reminded to be cautious about what we hear and believe, so that we are not deceived by worldly thinking. Col. 2: 8 says, “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human ways”.

How do we define “human ways”? It is sometimes referred to as “original sin”, the sin with which we are all born, and naturally fall into. We might ask, “how can a sweet innocent baby have any sin at all?”

Watch those precious little ones; we see a chubby little hand grabbing for the bottle, or howling when hungry. Later grabbing for a toy, a cookie or a teething biscuit, whatever makes us feel good or is self-satisfying. As we grow, we are taught not to be so “grabby”, that tantrums are unbecoming, we might define original sin as our first reaction before we have time to think things through. As we reach discretion, we learn to modify our behavior and we struggle to practice self-control, with and without success. Seeking Christ-like ways, original sin may become self-discipline, healthy habits, moral character, reliability, hard work. Instead of a defeated life, we become stronger vessels, still imperfect, yet always becoming wiser, shining brighter; with more patience, gaining understanding, more at peace with self and others.

Thanks be to God who helps us to become molded into the best people we can be, living the best life we can live, in spite of our natural and original failings. The Bible tells us “all have fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23.) We know not one of us is truly good, and so we stand convicted as soon as we criticize our fellow human beings. Discerning right from wrong for ourselves is different than judging others. How can we judge another servant of God’s? (Romans 14: 4.)

We are constantly becoming, either better or worse. Through Christ, we can become our own personal best, the “New creation”. 2 Corinthians 5:17 <sup>17</sup>Therefore if anyone be in Christ, there is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” We get a new perspective each morning, a new start.

While we are striving toward newness, we assist each other by listening and bearing each other’s burdens. Galatians 6:2 – “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” 1 Timothy 5:8 – “But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel (unbeliever).”

May it be said of us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it was said of the first century believers: “See how these Christians love one another.”

You are the Light of the World, Let your light shine, (Matthew 5: 14-16.)

Pastor Jane

# August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship	8 Office Closed Happy 4th of August!	9	10 7:30 Church Council	11 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship— Holy Communion	15	16	17	18 1:30 Bible Study in Heritage Room	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship Outdoor worship at Cross Lake with Potluck to follow	22 Pastor on Vacation-----	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30	31			

*Save the Date:*  
Empowering Women to Lead workshop at Northern Lights Casino in Walker-September 16, 2022  
Augustana District Women of the Word Fall Gathering– September 17, 2022

Happy birthday to these Hope Family Members!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Solsten  
Erika Beckett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marina Jordahl  
Lukas Sannes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nathan Halvorson  
Addison Olson  
5<sup>th</sup> Hazel Trogstad  
6<sup>th</sup> Kyra Quam  
Elizabeth Maruska  
7<sup>th</sup> Tracy Ware  
13<sup>th</sup> David Skunes  
Sheyanne Dufault  
Bryant Schmidt  
Amaya Murphy  
Ida Sather
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wayne Olson  
Angela Rudie  
Aiden Larson  
17<sup>th</sup> Ionne Haugstul  
19<sup>th</sup> Jon Rustad  
Arieal Gensburger  
20<sup>th</sup> Haylee Beckett  
21<sup>st</sup> Kim Kleinwachter  
Koltyn Olson  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Arnold  
25<sup>th</sup> Wendel Hanson  
Wes Roland  
Ari Borud  
26<sup>th</sup> Kyla Pederson  
27<sup>th</sup> Melissa Christen

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.

**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

- Christina Anderson  
Elizabeth Barrineau  
Karen & Marge Bolme  
Stella Burris  
Berniece Carlin  
Verna Ekeberg  
Lori Fletcher- Schroeder  
Donald Gwynn & niece,  
Shirley  
Mary & Kenny Gregson  
Greg Gubrud  
Oskie & Mary Hanson  
Malia Halvorson  
Naomi & Gunnard Halvorson  
John & Doreen Hanson  
D’etta Heid  
Carol Heide  
Marian Jenkins  
Christine Johnson  
Gwen & Michelle Johnson  
Bill Kuzmaul  
Craig Larsen  
Marion Larson  
Phyllis Larson  
Dean & Joe Lindberg  
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz  
Denise Monson

- Kate Moore  
Janet Olson  
Bennet & Gloria Osmonson  
Frances Preszler  
Father John Rock  
Trina Rogers  
Charles Rose  
Margaret Rustad  
Ilene & Dennis Sistad  
Hilma Stadstad  
Brad & Mary Sistad  
Donna Thomas  
Hazel Trogstad  
Dean Vikan  
Drew Wahlstrom

**The Families of:**  
Tubby Solsten  
Betty Jeffries

**Missionaries:**  
Ignite in Fosston  
The Schroeder’s in the Philippines  
Simon Hamer and the Ukrainian refugees in Estonia

- The Nellermoe’s and others  
“underground” in China  
Service Ventures  
Tom & Eunice Olson in the Congo  
The churches in Ukraine

Families preparing for baptism, confirmation and students attending Bible camp.

*Thanksgiving for all your prayers! Answered prayers for healing from: Luke Schmitz, Susan Lohn Lockwood, and Orlando Arroyo.*



**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
Prayer Updates**

Please notify the office of the status the person you put on the prayer list. If you wish for continued prayers, please let us know. **After 1 month**, if we have received no further communication, the name will be removed from the list. Otherwise our list gets too long!  
Thank you for your assistance with this important part of our ministry.

**6-8-22 Hope Lutheran Church – Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill**

**Present:** Travis Quam, Tina Averill, Dan Carlin, Kim Kleinwachter, Bennett Osmonson, Emily Quam, Tracy Ware and Pastor Jane

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Travis Quam – President at 7:30 PM.

**Devotions and lunch:** Devotion by Family/Youth/Education

**3.0 Approval of Agenda** - Motion by Dan second by Traacy to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimously.

**4.0 Benevolence Report** – The Benevolence for May was \$1412. Areas donated to were World Mission \$500, Augustana District \$71, National Mission \$200, Emergency fund Balance \$200, Backpack Program \$100, Our Daily Bread \$59.

**5.0 Approval of Secretary’s Report** – Motion by Dan second by Bennett to approve Secretary’s Report. Approved Unanimously.

**6.0 Pastor Report**-Some of the items discussed in Pastor’s Report include Thank you to the office volunteers, FCA last meeting May 26, Complaint from grandparent on a bullying issue, new counter and cabinets installed by Ed and Kelsey Schultz, Pastor gone July 2-8 and 15-18, Review of Funeral Plan, and baptisms of Ozlo Wade Pack, Daphne Gray Pack and Bekah Eleanor Larson.

**7.0 President’s Report** – Travis talked about funeral for Tom Sedler and the flag pole.

**Brief Committee Meetings** –

**8.1 Deacons** – Deacons discussed Pulpit Supply, after school issue, funeral planning and working on directory.

**8.2 Family/Youth Education** – Working on VBS, will meet again before July 18.

**8.3 Music & Worship** – Discussion of One Music and cost. Intentions to purchase used books to save some money.

**8.4 Trustees** – Dan Carlin gave a handout on the financials. Financials doing well. In line with May of last year. Had a few more expenses as the plowing bill came in, and having Naylor’s install the dishwasher.

**8.4.1** Motion by Tracy seconded by Kim to approve May financials report pending audit. Carried unanimously.

**8.5 Women of Hope Report** – Did not meet in June. Will be making meals for VBS in July. Sending 8 youth to bible camp.

**9.0 Old Business**-Discussion of funeral folder

**10. New Business**

**10.1** Bennett brought up having a potluck again this summer at Cross Lake after services. Tentative August 21, 2022

**11. Other-** Complaint brought up about bullying at youth night. Follow up will be done to see if handled.

**11.1** Next council Meeting is July 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

**12.0** Closing Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

## GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Dishwasher Fund, Sunday School Fund, and Retaining Wall Fund in memory of Tubby Solsten.

Gifts were given to the Audio/Visual Fund in memory of Tubby Solsten and Bob Theis.

A gift was given to the Music fund in memory of Glendine Benson.

Gifts were also given to the church in memory of Merliene Vennes and Glendine Benson.

A gift to the Radio & TV Fund was received from Gunnard Halvorson.

A gift to the Dishwasher Fund was received from Susan Lohn Lockwood.



Donations are welcome to offset the cost of a new dishwasher/sanitizer in the kitchen.

If you would like to help, send your gift to the church office, or place it in the offering plate and label it: “Dishwasher Fund”.

### 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.**



### Prayer Chain

Our NEW Prayer chain is in place!

Please contact Pastor Jane at the office at 435-6765, or cell 218-820-2017 with any prayer requests. You can also email her at: jekholm@luthersem.edu



Thank you for the lovely cake!  
Pastor Jane

## AUGUST SERVERS

**ALTAR GUILD:** Alissa Halvorson & Mary Tronerud

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Crystal Munter, Holly Thorssen,  
Matt Wickham and Nathan Pederson

### HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

<b>August 7</b>	Tom Kleinwachter	Aiden Pederson & Miley Quam
<b>August 14</b>	Terry Halvorson	Dawson and Madison Bailie
<b>August 21</b>	Sid Fjerstad	Allison Carlin & Will Christen
<b>August 28</b>	Darin Larson	Heidi & Ben Steinbrenner

## 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 view or print the bulletin, and then click on the YouTube link to join the service live.

You can also find us on Facebook at:

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Choir: Charity Salmonson



# September 17, 2022

## Augustana District—Women of the Word Fall Gathering

Hosted By

New Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 204 Court Street • Comfrey, MN 56019

Attendees, please bring an item for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

The offering is designated to go to Samaritan's Purse.

Cost: In-Person/Individual Online (\$10/person) • Church/Online (\$50)



Baptism of Gabriel John Carlin, son of Emily and John Garrett Carlin

### Monumental VBS at Hope July 18-22



#### Thank You!

A special thank you to all the moms, dads and teenagers who helped with VBS! Many worked all day and then came and played with or taught our children from 5:30-8:30 pm. What dedication and faithfulness!

The students enjoyed the games, arts & crafts, the décor, the singing, the delicious suppers and snacks prepared by the Women of Hope, and the Bible stories; all telling how God's Monumental Love will see us through life's difficulties, nurturing faith and preparing our students to "put on the whole armor of God."

I know you gained as much as you gave.  
Thank you!  
Pastor Jane

Thank you is not enough...

Romans 1:12, 13:8, and Galatians 5:22-23

A BIG Monumental thank you for everyone who helped with VBS 2022:

The **Women of Hope** for the great food!

**Holly** for making the awesome snacks!

**Sarah** for all her cactus decorations and fun crafts for the kids!

**Brittini, Jake, Desi and Evan** for the most fun games (the kids' favorites)!

**Ruth** for the music and learning the actions!

**Travis and Micah** for Bible Adventures and making it super exciting for the kids!

**Crystal** for ordering what we needed!

**Faith, Kyra, Tia, Myla, Miley, Hatty and Alexis** for being Awesome Youth Leaders!

It was a successful VBS!

Blessings,  
Emily Quam  
FYE Board



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