

HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**2023**

ANNUAL  
REPORT

JANUARY 21, 2024



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# AGENDA

## Hope Lutheran Church Annual Meeting January 21, 2024

- 1.0 Call to order (verification of quorum – 30 voting members); a voting member is any person who is a Confirmed Member or Confirmed Associate Member of this congregation at the time of any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.
- 2.0 Devotions
- 3.0 Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting
- 4.0 Reports
  - 4.1 Pastor
  - 4.2 President
  - 4.3 Benevolence Committee
  - 4.4 Board of Deacons
    - 4.4a Review Amendment for approval
  - 4.5 Endowment Committee
  - 4.6 Board of Family/Youth/Education
    - 4.6a Youth Director
  - 4.7 Board of Music & Worship
  - 4.8 Trustees
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    - 4.8b Presentation of 2023 financial report
    - 4.8c Presentation of 2024
  - 4.9 Women of Hope
- 5.0 Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2024 Officers
  - 5.1 Calling for any other nominees
  - 5.2 Election of 2024
- 6.0 Old Business
- 7.0 New Business
  - 7.1 Adoption of 2024 budget
  - 7.2 Other
- 8.0 Motion to Adjourn
- 9.0 The Lord's Prayer



## 1-22-23 Hope Lutheran Church – Annual Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill

### Present:

**1.0 Call to Order:** (verification of quorum – close to 50 members); a voting member is any person who is a Confirmed Member or Confirmed Associate Member of this congregation at the time of any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

**2.0 Devotions** – Travis read a short story “How Will You Be Remembered”

**3.0 Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting** - Motion by Nancy Andree second by Evan Fonder to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimous.

### **4.0 Reports**

**4.1 Pastor** – Printed on Page 3 of the Annual Report.

**4.2 President** – Printed on Page 4 of the Annual Report with Travis Quam reviewing.

**4.3 Benevolence Committee** – Printed on Pages 5 of the Annual Report with Carrie Danielson reviewing.

**4.4 Board of Deacons** – Printed on Page 8 of the Annual Report.

**4.5 Endowment Committee** – No printed report

**4.6 Board of Family/Youth/Education** – Printed on Page 7 of the Annual Report

**4.6a – Youth Director** – Printed on Page 8 of the Annual Report

**4.7 Board of Music and Worship** – Printed on Page 9 of the Annual Report

**4.8 Trustees** – Printed on Page 10 of the Annual Report reviewed by Dan Carlin, stating the year ended in the positive.

**4.8a Auditor** –

**4.8b Presentation of 2022 Financial Report** – Motion by Ken Hove seconded by Rod Olson.

Approved unanimous.

**4.8c Presentation of 2023 Budget** – Reference to 7.1 – Page 11 of the Annual Report.

**4.9 Women of Hope** – Page 13 of the Annual Report reviewed by Kathy Carlson.

**5.0 Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2023 Officers**

**5.1** – Printed on Page 15 of the Annual Report

**5.2** – Motion by Tim Manecke supported by Hazel Trogstad to approve Election of 2023 Officers as presented on page 16 of the Annual Report. Approved unanimous.

**6.0 – Old Business** - None

### **7.0 - New Business**

**7.1 Adoption of Budget** – Motion by Nancy Andree supported by Kim Kleinwachter to Adopt the 2023 Budget as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**7.2 Other** – Evan Fonder spoke on the Call Committee regarding the search of a new pastor.

**8.0 Motion to Adjourn** – Motion by Joan Dufault seconded by Tim to adjourn. Approved Unanimous.

**9.0 The Lord’s Prayer**





**T**Hou that hast giv'n so much to me,  
Give one thing more, a gratefull heart.  
See how thy beggar works on thee  
By art.  
Not thankfull, when it pleaseth me;  
As if thy blessings had spare dayes:  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be  
Thy praise.

(George Herbert 1633)

Dear Hope Family;

Thank you for the privilege of serving as interim pastor. You took a chance on me, and I appreciate it. Serving as interim is a little like being a middle reliever in baseball – a role that helps the team along.

When thinking about your call to serve, I have to say I was SO impressed with how just average Hope members stepped up and continue to lead the church. You have been blessed with faithful servants who use the gifts God has given.

I am grateful for your welcome, for your words of support and appreciation. It's a pleasure to get to know you, to hear your stories, to figure out who you're related to. (And it's a bit hard to find you, when the directions to your place includes, "Across from where the Johnson's used to live." Or, "Turn left at the field where that white horse is," when that white horse died 20 years ago.)

I thank God for you. I thank God for our future that He holds in His hands. I and thankful that all of us stand on the shoulders of giants of the faith – the folks who settled here and established this church, who ensured that people gathered Sunday after Sunday to hear the Word and receive the Sacraments, and to worship our Savior and Lord, Jesus, God come to us.

My prayer is that all of us see the hand of God at work in our lives. In the little things and in the large. Someone said, "If I hadn't believed it, I would not have seen it." God grant us all faith and eyes to see, and hearts full of thanks.

God bless you, Pastor Peter



## Presidents Report

Dear Hope Congregation,

We come to the end of another year. This past year has been very challenging with having to find support for our church with pulpit supply although, things went very well, finding plenty of locals to support our congregation throughout the year. I would like to thank all those that have given help where help has been needed. We have such a great group of people on our boards that have given their full support for all the needs of the church. Thank you for all the financial support that we all have contributed throughout the past year. Great things have happened this year with the start of the new retaining wall, which will be finished the spring of 2024, updates to the parsonage, and many other much needed updates. It is great to have finished 2023 with the hiring of Pastor Lurvey, it is what the congregation needed, not to say what we did in the between times was not working, just the stability a pastor brings to the congregation is what we needed. Over the last few weeks of the year, has been exciting to see the revitalization of the pews being fuller. I am excited to see what the future holds for Hope Lutheran Church. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve as President of the church over the past 2 Years, thank you for all your support. I will miss the fun meetings and laughter but look forward to a break.

Blessings to all,

Travis Quam, President



## **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

The Benevolence Committee is privileged to disperse 10% of total offerings each month for outreach and ministry in five areas: LCMC, Augustana District, World, National, and Local needs. LCMC encourages their member congregations to give generously to local concerns. With that in mind, Hope church has an ongoing commitment to a local benefit fund and the elementary school Backpack program. We continue to support the Luke and Ruth Schroeder family and Tom and Eunice Olson with the World Mission Prayer League as well as Jeff and Mim Neller-moe with the China Service Ventures. We have continued to support the Tartu Academy of which Siimon Haamer is the Dean. This is associated with the Home of Hope located in Estonia. Hope of Home trains pastors, chaplains, youth workers and pastoral care for care givers. A Hope member gave us a generous gift of \$1100 this year with the stipulation that benevolence would match that amount in giving to Loaves and Fishes, the local food shelf. Because of this we were able to give \$2,200 to Loaves and Fishes. We were also able to give to other local ministries throughout the year. A list of where your gifts have gone is included in the annual report.

Thank you for your continued generosity and the privilege of joining with you to be the hands and feet of Jesus and His love in the world. We welcome your ideas and input for giving. If anyone would like to be on the committee, a simple yes and notifying us of your commitment is all that is necessary. New faces can make us aware of circumstances where we may be of help. Prayerfully consider it!

Carrie Danielson

Amy Riveland

Kathy Carlson

Pastor Peter



### BENEVOLENCE FOR 2023

LCMC	\$2,973.00
TOM AND EUNICE OLSON-WMPL	\$1,200.00
LUKE AND RUTH SCHROEDER-WMPL	\$2,400.00
AUGUSTANA DISTRICT	\$747.00
CHINA SERVICE VENTURES-NELLERMOE	\$2,400.00
TATRU ACADEMY-SIIMON HAAMER	\$1,200.00
BACKPACK PROGRAM	\$1,200.00
FOSSTON HOSPICE	\$100.00
LOAVES AND FISHES	\$1,200.00
OUR DAILY BREAD	\$100.00
CHRISTIAN ADOPTION-GF	\$50.00
ALS ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
GF WOMEN'S PREGANCY CENTER	\$50.00
PATHWAYS	\$50.00
FARM RESCUE	\$50.00
CARE & SHARE-CROOKSTON	\$50.00
AFTER PROM	\$100.00
FIRST CARE FOUNDATION	\$100.00
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF-SAFETY	\$100.00
MISSION TRIPS	\$450.00
PENNIES FOR PENCILS	\$100.00
VISITATION PASTOR	\$250.00
SET ASIDE FROM 2022 GIVING HEARTS	\$338.00
EMERGENCY FUND	\$1,297.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$16,555.00
DONATION DIRECTLY TO BENEVOLENCE	\$132.00
BALANCE EMERGENCY FUND 12/31/23	\$852.31
IN 2023 \$400 WAS ADDED BACK TO EMERGENCY FUND FROM CHECKS NOT CASHED BY INDIVIDUALS DISBURSED FOR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND BENEFITS IN 2023	\$1,400.00





### **Board of Deacons 2023**

The beginning of the year, Mark and I graciously welcomed Kim Kleinwachter to the Board of Deacons. Our mission as Deacons is to be spiritual advisers to our Pastor. In the absence of a Pastor, our main job this year was to provide temporary Pulpit Supply as well as search for a Interim Pastor while the Call Committee searched for a full-time Pastor.

In November, the Lord sent us Pastor Peter Lurvey, who will be filling the Interim Pastor position. We are so excited to get some consistency, guidance and laughter back in the church. It has been so heart-warming to see the pews fill up again and hear the children's chatter.

During our time of transition there are several people who followed God's voice and stepped up to help us fill the void:

Pulpit supply - Travis Quam, Tim, Johnson, Blaine MacNeil, Mark Richardson, Eric Mickelson, Dustin Carlson, Larry Juergensen, Randy Freud, John Rusten, Andrew Virkus and Joyce White.

Lectionary Readers - Travis Quam, Michelle Solsten, Joan Dufault, Bonnie Albright and Sue Skunes.

Confirmation - Andrew Virkus

Visitation - Pastor Jane

Office Staff - Tammie Johnson and Steve Sovick

Church Board and Committees

Several Church Members

We want to thank you to all. We couldn't have done this alone and it was very nice to see everyone come together to ensure we kept our church alive during this time.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance.

God's Blessings to all!

Tracy Ware

Mark Malmanger

Kim Kleinwachter



## Family, Youth and Education Report

2023

January: Routine Sunday School & Friday School classes. Planning for Lenten Soup & Sandwich suppers by getting serving schedule together and mailed out.

February: Lent started February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were seven families to cover the six weeks of Lenten Soup & Sandwich suppers. Around 30 people served each Wednesday night.

March & April: Committee did devotions at March Council meeting. Started to plan for VBS.

May: Teacher Appreciation and last Sunday School. Teachers received gift cards from Caribou as a thank you. Ordered graduation cake and honored 12 high school seniors with quilts.

June: We continued to work on finalizing VBS plans, finding teachers and helpers, ordering VBS supplies.

July: Busiest month for our committee with pulling all the VBS plans together with decorating, snacks, coordinating music and finalizing all the staff to help. This year VBS was July 17-20<sup>th</sup> with Twists & Turns as the theme. It was full of games while teaching kids that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. Had a great turn out of kids this year! Big thank you to Sarah Johnson for spending months on making all the game decorations and props. Thanks to Bonnie and Julia Albright for leading music! Was great to see VBS pictures on the church Facebook page. Thank you to all the people who helped with teaching, music, games, helpers and all the behind-the-scenes-people who helped pull everything together to make it a great experience for the kids. We appreciate all that you do!

August: Started planning Rally Sunday, picking out Sunday School/Friday School curriculum and finding teachers. Committee did devotions at Council meeting.

September: Rally Sunday and Teacher Installation took place on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School continues to be done combining all kids into one large group due to decreasing number of children and continued difficulty in finding teachers. Thank you to all the Sunday School and Friday School teachers who were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to teach and lead music. You are very much appreciated!

October: Third graders received bibles October 15<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation was October 29<sup>th</sup> with 11 youth being confirmed.

November: Planning for Hope Family Christmas Potluck

December: Sunday School Christmas Program held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Filled around 70 treat bags for kids and families. Hope Family Christmas was held on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Emily and Travis Quam for doing such a great job at leading the crowd with games and music.

Current committee members: *Emily Quam, Crystal Munter, Jake & Brittni Radtke, Tom Steinbrenner, Sarah Johnson, Taylor & Jessica Carlson, Holly Thorssen*



## **Worship and Music 2023**

Our committee started the year with three new members, so it was a slow start.

We were able to procure special music throughout the year. Thanks to everyone who shared their musical gifts with us!

A huge thank you to Diane Boucher for playing the piano so beautifully and faithfully throughout the year every Sunday.

Also, thank you to Charity Salmonson and the choir who faithfully sang throughout the year and provided us with such beautiful musical selections.

We welcome anyone who wishes to share their musical talents at any time!

Thank you also to the many members who so willingly read scripture on Sunday mornings!

Mary Hanson

Faith Quam

Silvia Munter



## **2023 Trustees Report**

The duties of the board of Trustees include supervising the incoming and outgoing monies of the church and overseeing the maintenance of Hope church properties.

The 2023 financial year was able to end in the positive in regard to income vs. expenses, even though we did not reach our budgeted income goal for the year. Our Expenses for the year were \$164,050.39, with income of \$184,225.52, leaving a positive of \$20,175.13. Total income brought in was up \$4,373.75 from the previous year (2022), with total expenses being lowered by \$12,866.30 in that same period. This may be a little misleading, as the main driver in the reduced expenses was the fact that we did not have a Pastor in 2023. Thankfully, in November, Pastor Peter Lurvey accepted the Interim pastor position at Hope. It is very exciting to have Pastor Peter as part of our Hope family, and we are looking forward to seeing our Sunday attendance increase throughout the year.

Our retaining wall project is about 85% complete. The old wall was removed this summer, and a new concrete wall and front steps were poured. After a closer look at the sidewalk in front of the wall, the decision was made to remove and replace that as well. The plan for spring is to cover the new cement wall with a decorative stone facing and cover the existing Hope Church sign in front with the same stone to match the wall. Special thanks to all the very generous donations made to the retaining wall project, and to Travis Quam, Aaron Lenes and Matt Wickham for all their work on the project. Thank you as well to the Beautification committee for their help and input on the wall project, as well as all the other work they do to keep the church property looking as nice as it does.

In 2022-2023 the Trustees decided to have a raffle instead of our normal Hope auction. Many people in the church and community stepped up making very

generous donations to the raffle. The drawing was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and proceeds from the ticket sales totaled \$5,370.00! This money was used to help fund the retaining wall project. Thank you to all the people who donated items for the auction, and all those who spent time selling tickets to make the raffle a huge success!

The Trustees have been working on other maintenance projects in the church and at the parsonage. The two ceiling fans and the center light in the sanctuary were replaced recently. This is not an easy project due to the height of the ceiling in the church, so a special thanks to James Manecke and the Fosston schools for lending us their portable lift to use for the repairs. Jeremy Minert replaced the fans and light, with Nathan Pederson transporting the lift and helping remove and replace pews—thanks to them for their time and effort.

It was noticed this spring that the soffits, fascia and gutters were in need of replacement at the parsonage. The fascia and soffits were replaced this summer, with the gutters scheduled to be installed first thing this spring. An additional sump pump was installed in the parsonage basement last spring as well to help with water issues. Special thanks to the women of hope for the thorough cleaning of the parsonage before Pastor Peter's arrival, and also for making a donation to supplement cost on some overdue painting that is needed. The hope is to get the painting taken care of as soon as possible.

With our church and parsonage aging, it is an ongoing battle to keep up on maintenance and repairs. We undoubtedly will have more maintenance costs in the upcoming year, and with the upgrades in 2023, we pray that our congregation will continue their generous giving to keep our church and grounds looking their best.

The Trustees would also like to offer sincere thanks to all the staff at Hope. Tammie for all the work she does in the office, Chuck for keeping our finances in order the way he does, and of course Steve, who works more than anyone ever sees keeping the snow removed, lawns mowed and everything running



smooth around the church—and to the countless others who donate their time and talents whenever asked--Thanks to you all!

Finally, we would like to thank the Hope Church council and all of the committees for their hard work throughout the year. We are very lucky to have the dedicated volunteers we have here at Hope. Also, thank you to all the board of Trustee members for everything they do, and for all the extra hours put in behind the scenes that often goes unnoticed.

Dan Carlin, Chair

Sarah Manecke, Secretary

Matt Wickham

Nathan Pederson



## 2024 Proposed Budget

	2023 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual through Nov.	Over/Under 2023 Budget	2024 Proposed Budget	2024 over/under 2023
<b>INCOME</b>					
Envelopes	173,000	142,049.62	(30,950)	186,140	13,140
Loose Offerings	12,000	7,416.83	(4,583)	15,000	3,000
<b>Total Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>149,466.45</b>	<b>(35,534)</b>	<b>201,140</b>	<b>16,140</b>
All Other Income					
Radio & Telecast Fund	4,000	0.00	(4,000)	4,000	-
Lenten Offerings	2,000	0.00	(2,000)	2,000	-
Thanksgiving Envelopes	500	0.00	(500)	500	-
Christmas Envelopes	4,960	0.00	(4,960)	5,200	240
Refunds/Rebates	-	1,456.52	1,457	-	-
Miscellaneous/Interest	2,000	855.11	(1,145)	2,000	-
<b>Total All Other Income</b>	<b>13,460</b>	<b>2,311.63</b>	<b>(11,148)</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>198,460</b>	<b>151,778.08</b>	<b>(46,682)</b>	<b>214,840</b>	<b>16,380</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>WORLD MISSION</b>					
Benevolence	18,900	16,306.00	(2,594)	20,300	1,400
Special Offerings/Gifts		550.00			
Fosston Ministerium	1,000	0.00	(1,000)	1,000	-
<b>TOTAL WORLD MISSION</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>16,856.00</b>	<b>(3,044)</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>1,400</b>
<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>					
<b>Pastor/Intern Pastor</b>					
Salary	32,000	0.00	(32,000)	55,000	23,000
Housing Allowance	5,000	0.00	(5,000)	-	(5,000)
Confirmation Pastor	4,800	2,000.00	(2,800)	-	
Health Care Contribution	-	0.00	-	2,500	2,500
Social Security Allowance	3,240	0.00	(3,240)	3,900	660
Retirement	1,800	0.00	(1,800)	3,300	1,500
Mileage	2,500	0.00	(2,500)	2,500	-
Conference/Retreat Expense	500	0.00	(500)	500	-
Continuing Education	500	0.00	(500)	500	-
Cell Phone	400	0.00	(400)	1,200	800
Business Expense	200	0.00	(200)	-	(200)
<b>Total Pastor</b>	<b>50,940</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>(48,940)</b>	<b>69,400</b>	<b>18,460</b>
<b>Visitation</b>					
Visitation Minister Salary	2,500	0.00	(2,500)	1,500	(1,000)
Mileage	900	0.00	(900)	400	(500)
<b>Total Visitation Minister</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(3,400)</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>
<b>TOTAL PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>54,340</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>(52,340)</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>16,960</b>

## 2024 Proposed Budget

	2023 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual through Nov.	Over/Under 2023 Budget	2024 Proposed Budget	2024 over/under 2023
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Administrative Assistant	21,500	20,259.00	(1,241)	22,000	500
Custodian Salary	23,500	21,543.50	(1,957)	23,500	-
Youth Director	5,000	0.00	(5,000)	3,500	(1,500)
Financial Secretary	3,000	2,750.00	(250)	3,000	-
Organists/Choir Director	4,500	2,087.38	(2,413)	4,500	-
Audio/Visual	5,200	4,800.00	(400)	5,200	-
Payroll Taxes	5,000	3,988.09	(1,012)	5,000	-
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>67,700</b>	<b>55,427.97</b>	<b>(12,272)</b>	<b>66,700</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b>					
Guest Preacher	2,000	9,385.55	7,386	1,500	(500)
Transfer to Designated Fund	-	3,500.00	3,500	-	-
Postage	1,000	2,244.91	1,245	1,500	500
Office Supplies	5,000	5,140.84	141	4,500	(500)
Office Equipment	3,500	5,011.90	1,512	3,500	-
Sunday School	750	0.00	(750)	500	(250)
Friday School	750	0.00	(750)	500	(250)
Confirmation	250	178.84	(71)	250	-
Vacation Bible School	750	0.00	(750)	500	(250)
Choir Music	300	836.05	536	150	(150)
Radio	5,000	4,274.00	(726)	4,500	(500)
Television	2,930	2,400.00	(530)	3,000	70
Worship	2,500	1,886.20	(614)	2,000	(500)
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,513.28	513	1,000	-
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b>	<b>25,730</b>	<b>36,371.57</b>	<b>10,642</b>	<b>23,400</b>	<b>(2,330)</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>					
Utilities & Fuel	6,000	5,930.06	(70)	6,000	-
Telephone	2,500	2,766.41	266	2,500	-
Solid Waste/Ambulance	230	115.00	(115)	230	-
Maintenance & Supplies	4,500	6,709.03	2,209	4,000	(500)
Church Repairs		705.97			
Hope Church Insurance	8,400	7,935.50	(465)	9,500	1,100
Workers' Comp	1,500	1,668.00	168	1,750	250
Hope Miscellaneous	1,000	522.49	(478)	1,500	500
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,130</b>	<b>26,352.46</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>25,480</b>	<b>1,350</b>
<b>PARSONAGE EXPENSES</b>					
Utilities & Fuel	3,500	2,646.94	(853)	3,500	-
Parsonage Upkeep	2,500	5,111.95	2,612	2,500	-
Special Assessment	500	878.79	379	500	-
Solid Waste/Ambulance	160	0.00	(160)	160	-
<b>TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,660</b>	<b>8,637.68</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>6,660</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>198,460</b>	<b>145,645.68</b>	<b>(52,814)</b>	<b>214,840</b>	<b>16,380</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,132.40</b>	<b>6,132</b>		<b>-</b>

**Cemetery and Designated Funds Checking Account  
December, 2023**

	11/30/2023	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	12/31/2023
Altar Guild	\$450.00			\$450.00
Audio / Visual	\$14,321.97	\$425.00		\$14,746.97
*Cemetery	\$34,933.70	\$20.00		\$34,953.70
New Dishwasher	\$160.00			\$160.00
Endowment	\$28,027.73			\$28,027.73
Olson Memorial Fund	\$58,976.32			\$58,976.32
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$1,914.50	\$386.48	\$989.21	\$1,311.77
Kevin's Youth Fund	\$5,398.85			\$5,398.85
Youth Group	\$7,004.96	\$1,925.91	\$946.42	\$7,984.45
Library	\$173.12			\$173.12
Marilyn Malmangers Mission	\$1,550.00			\$1,550.00
Music	\$3,511.20			\$3,511.20
New Windows	\$168.66			\$168.66
Preservation of Properties	-\$3,595.04	\$2,085.00	\$25,263.30	-\$26,773.34
Sabbatical	\$3,426.19			\$3,426.19
Sunday School/Friday School	\$1,566.64			\$1,566.64
Team Hope	\$450.00			\$450.00
Special Gifts	\$140.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$140.00
Mike Hove Mission Fund	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00
Undesignated Money	\$3,250.43	\$945.62	\$920.00	\$3,276.05
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$163,329.23</b>	<b>\$6,788.01</b>	<b>\$29,118.93</b>	<b>\$140,998.31</b>



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RECEIPTS		
FUNERALS	(LAST YEAR \$3250.00)	\$2,350.00
QUILTS (INCLUDES DONATIONS)		\$450.00
QUILT RAFFLE	(LAST YEAR \$332.00)	\$389.00
SPECIAL EVENTS		
COOKIE SALE (LAST YEAR \$0)		\$0.00
BAKELESS		
LENTEN MEALS (LAST YEAR \$450.00)		\$0.00
SPAGHETTI SUPPER (LAST YEAR \$3738.00)		\$2,632.00
MEATBALL SUPPER (LAST YEAR \$4093.00)		\$5,899.00
TAKE OUT ONLY OF MEATBALLS 2022		
VBS (LAST YEAR \$19.00)		\$70.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
THRIVENT (LAST YEAR \$2098.00)		\$1,555.00
GIFTS AND DONATIONS (LAST YEAR \$45.00)		\$400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$13,745.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
BIBLE CAMP (LAST YEAR \$3,922.45)		\$1,875.00
GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES		\$2,882.07
HOPE CHURCH PRESERVATION OF PROPERTIES		\$1,925.00
GIFTS AND DONATIONS STAFF		\$1,500.00
OVER 90 AND SHUT-INS		\$303.60
OTHER GIFTS MISSIONS		\$1,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
BANK FEES AND CHECKS		\$12.00
ALTAR GUILD-CHRISTMAS TREE		\$1,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$10,697.67
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/31/2023		\$17,359.36
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/2023		\$2,621.72





## **Nominating Committee 2024**

(... indicates year)

President.....Joan Dufault/ new  
Vice President.....Tom Kleinwatcher/ new  
Secretary.....Bonnie Albright/ new

### **Deacons:**

Michelle Solsten/ new...26  
Mark Malmanger...24  
Kim Kleinwatcher...25

### **Trustees:**

Sarah Manecke...26  
Jon Rustad/ new...25  
Matt Wickham...26  
Dan Carlin...24  
Nathan Pederson...24

### **Family/Youth/Education**

Sarah Johnson...24  
Tom Steinbrenner...24  
Holly Thorsen...25  
Taylor & Jessica Carlson...25  
Desirae Rendahl/ new...26  
Ruth Fonder/ new...26

### **Ushers:**

Tom Kleinwatcher  
Terry Halvorson  
Rod Olson  
Lee Rudie/ new  
Roy Dufault/ new

### **Altar Guild:**

Laurie Rustad/ new...26  
Mary Steinbrenner/ new...26  
Wanda Marshall...26  
Michelle Manecke...26  
Jennifer Dahl...25  
Anita Lucken...26  
Margot Simonson...26  
Willow Christen...24  
Kristi Mienert...24

Melissa Christen...25

### **Benevolence:**

Kathy Carlson  
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Emily Quam/ new  
Sylvia Munter/ new  
Alternate: Bennett Osmonson/ new

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## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL SCHEDULE 2024

As a rule, the Hope Lutheran Church Executive Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. **Full** Council meetings are held in February, May, September and December.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Devotions</b>
Wednesday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons
<b>Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup></b> (Sunday)	Executive
Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Family/Youth/Education
Wednesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Music & Worship
<b>Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Trustees
Wednesday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons
Wednesday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Executive
Wednesday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family/Youth/Education
<b>Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Music & Worship
Wednesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Trustees
Wednesday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons
<b>Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Executive

### **Calendar of Communion Sundays in 2024**

February 11th	Mark Malmanger	Sarah Johnson	Tom Steinbrenner	Holly Thorssen
March 10th	Kim Kleinwachter	Tom Kleinwachter	Taylor Carlson	Desirae Rendahl
March 31st (Easter)	Michelle Solsten	Joan Dufault	Ruth Fonder	Sylvia Munter
April 14th	Mark Malmanger	Bonnie Albright	Mary Hanson	Faith Quam
May 12th	Kim Kleinwachter	Sarah Manecke	Matt Wickham	Dan Carlin
June 9th	Michelle Solsten	Nathan Pederson	Jon Rustad	Jessica Carlson
July 14th	Mark Malmanger	Joan Dufault	Tom Kleinwachter	Bonnie Albright
August 11th	Kim Kleinwachter	Sarah Johnson	Sylvia Munter	Nathan Pederson
September 8th	Michelle Solsten	Tom Steinbrenner	Mary Hanson	Jon Rustad
October 13th	Mark Malmanger	Holly Thorssen	Faith Quam	Jessica Carlson
November 10th	Michelle Solsten	Taylor Carlson	Sarah Manecke	Joan Dufault
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Kleinwachter	Desirae Rendahl	Matt Wickham	Tom Kleinwachter
January 12th	Mark Malmanger	Ruth Fonder	Dan Carlin	Bonnie Albright



## Hope Statistical Report for 2023

Number of regular Sunday worship services	52
Total Sunday attendance	3804
Average Sunday attendance	73
<b>Membership Data</b>	<b>Baptized</b>
Baptism (child)	5
Confirmation (Youth)	11
Deaths	8
Weddings	0
<b>Membership December 31, 2022</b>	<b>410</b>

### BAPTISMS

Addisyn Elise Leal  
 Alexander William  
     Landstrom  
 Blair Devin Manecke  
 Harlee Ashley  
     Klemetson  
 Landon Kenneth Joel  
     Manecke

### MARCH

#### CONFIRMANDS

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### October

#### Confirmations

Aiden Pederson  
 Allison Carlin  
 Heidi Steinbrenner  
 Jake Wickham  
 Jakob Rudie  
 Lexi Mahlen  
 Madison Bailie  
 Micah Malmanger  
 Miley Hove  
 Myla Quam  
 Peyton Radtke

### WEDDINGS

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### FUNERALS

Betty VanHolt  
 Verna Eckberg  
 Diane Kappedal  
 Gloria Osmonson  
 Marian Larson  
 Norma Erickson  
 Merhi Munter  
 Duane Christen

