

HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**2025**

ANNUAL  
REPORT

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# **AGENDA**

## **Hope Lutheran Church Annual Meeting January 25, 2026**

- 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 2025 Annual Meeting
- 4.0 Reports
  - 4.1 Pastor
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  - 4.7 Board of Trustees
    - 4.7a Auditor
    - 4.7b Presentation of 2025 financial report
    - 4.7c Presentation of 2026 Budget
  - 4.8 Women of Hope
- 5.0 Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2026 Officers
- 6.0 Old Business
- 7.0 New Business
  - 7.1 Adoption of 2026 budget
  - 7.2 Other
- 8.0 Motion to Adjourn
- 9.0 The Lord's Prayer

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
1-26-2025 - Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Albright**

- 1.0 Call to Order at 10:50 AM by President Joan Dufault.  
Verification of quorum by counting members: 45 members present.
  
- 2.0 Devotions: President Joan D. read a devotion based on Ephesians 4:2-3 reminding us to be patient, embrace our individual differences, and keep our focus on our shared vision of reaching out to our community to share God's love.
  
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting: Motion made by Michelle Solsten, seconded by Travis Quam to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. Minutes are on page 3.
  
- 4.0 Reports: included in the annual meeting packet.
  - 4.1 Pastor: Refer to pages 5-6.
  - 4.2 President: Refer to page 7.
  - 4.3 Benevolence Committee: Refer to page 8-9.  
Kathy C. Reminded us that this is not an appointed committee and that if anyone wishes to join, they need to just ask to join.
  - 4.4 Board of Deacons: Refer to page 10.
  - 4.5 Board of Family/Youth/Education: Refer to pages 11-13.
  - 4.6 Board of Music & Worship: Refer to page 14.
  - 4.7 Board of Trustees: Refer to pages 15-16.  
A furnace fund has been initiated because all 3 furnaces in the church and the 1 furnace in the parsonage need replacing. There will be some fundraising for this fund in the future.
  - 4.7a Auditor: Financials and Budget will be reviewed by two auditors in February, 2025.
  - 4.7b Approval of the 2024 Financial Reports: Refer to pages 17-20.  
Motion made by Kathy Carlson to approve 2024 financial reports pending audit, seconded by John Nord, motion carried.
  - 4.7c. Presentation of the 2025 Budget: Refer to pages 21-22.
  
- 4.8 Women of Hope: Refer to page 23.
  
- 5.0 Nominating Committee Report - Call for Nominations - 2025 Nominations - Refer to page 24  
Motion made by Nancy Andre to accept nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominating committee report, seconded by Hazel Trogstad. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Newly-elected President Tom Kleinwachter presided over the remainder of the Annual Meeting
- 6.0 Old Business  
Call Committee Report by Evan Fonder: Plans to reach out to the newly-hired LCMC service coordinator.
  
- 7.0 New Business
  - 7.1 Adoption of 2025 Budget: Motion made to approve the 2025 budget by Joan Dufault, seconded by Evan Fonder. Motion carried.
  - 7.2 Other: Full council Feb. meeting and retreat with meal in February, RSVP needed.
- 8.0 Motion to adjourn by Kathy Carlson, seconded by Dan Carlin. Motion carried.
- 9.0 Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Special Congregation Meeting Minutes**  
**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Fosston, MN**  
**Sunday, June 15, 2025 - 10:45 am**

1. Call to Order: President Tom K. called the meeting to order with over 50 voting members present.
  
2. A devotional based on Samual 16 regarding seeking God's will was read by President Tom.
  
3. A motion was made by Travis Quam to call Pastor Peter Lurvey as Hope Lutheran Church's full-time pastor; seconded by Evan Fonder.  
A discussion was held regarding the above motion. Ballots were passed out to all present voting members for the purpose of voting either "yes"-call Pastor Lurvey as full time pastor or "no" - do not call.  
Ballots were gathered and counted by the Executive Council with the result: YES-56; NO-0. The vote passed unanimously.
  
4. Dean V. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Travis Q.  
Meeting adjourned.

*And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom  
for such a time as this? Esther 4:14*

Dear Hope Family:

It has been a year of many changes has 2025. So many of them have been natural – babies born, they grow and start school, they graduate and move on to more school or to jobs. And for some illness, accident, or just old age has taken them from us.

**And some of the changes have been *UNnatural*.** We have seen babies joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus in baptism. There has been a wedding in our church, in front of God and everybody, the first in a while, with the promise of more to come. We have been present as God has forgiven us our sins, as we publicly confessed our fallenness, Sunday after Sunday. And we have also publicly confessed our faith a few minutes later, using words we did not make, but which are making us. And we have together tasted of the goodness of God and of his forgiveness at His table, as He came to us in, with, under those gifts of bread and wine. That's not natural.

*Unnatural?* Let me tell you about how we have been growing in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus. We have attended to his Word, week after week, Sunday morning. In person, on the radio or tv, and on Facebook or YouTube. We have met for Bible Study Thursday afternoons. We have fed breakfast and God's word to our student athletes. We have taught our children in Sunday School and Confirmation class, and our area students in Friday School.

**All of that is *Unnatural*.** And we want that continue. However, there has been a dramatic shift in churches since the 70s and 80s, with more and more folks not coming to church anymore.

I have been reading about that, and about how pastors and churches can become *curators* – maintaining things, dusting off the relics, hoping someone will come visit to see how things used to be, as folks wander around in period costumes, churning butter and weaving cloth.

Or churches and pastors can become *de-constructionists*, getting tossed about by every fad and progressive idea in a frantic effort of show how cool and hip and *now!* a church can be. And they end of getting rid of the important things – the *unnatural* things, I was just writing about.

- Treat baptism as identity, not ceremony.
- Commend vocation as Christian life in the world.
- Support families with mercy, not judgment.

Thank you for your support of the church and me, for your words of correction, encouragement, and of hope. Together, let's be builders and architects, following the leading of the Holy Spirit, as we love God and love our neighbours, in our homes, here at Hope, in Fosston, and outward, even to the ends of the earth.

God bless you, Pastor Peter

<https://www.1517.org/articles/the-future-of-lutheranism-belongs-to-builders>

## PRESIDENTS'S REPORT 2025

2025 started with new council members so we put our trust in our Lord Jesus to lead with faith. We started the year with an interim Pastor, then installing Pastor Peter Lurvey as our fulltime Pastor. Council members helped with projects such as VBS, Sunday school, meatball supper, spaghetti supper, Lenten services and our recently added Valentines Dinner for widow and widowers. We also added communion to a second Sunday each month. Your council grew together solving challenges as they came along. Thank you to all council members for your support.

In February I asked that we "Lead with Faith." Let us add to that. We are all called to be a part of Jesus' friendship and mission of being a Christian. Being a Christian is part of a group of people with the same beliefs and sharing those beliefs with each other as we grow our faith.

In John 15:15 Jesus states "I no longer call you as servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my father I have made known to you". Jesus went on to say "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit. Fruit that will last."

Steve Sovick retired this past year. We have hired a part-time employee to help fill custodial duties and a part-time office worker. If you feel you can help in any of these areas, please contact one of the trustees or myself. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped over the past year to keep things running smoothly.

Thank you for trusting me and the church council to lead our congregation.

Tom Kleinwachter  
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 this year we started a monthly commitment to our local food shelf, Loaves and Fishes. 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 Nellerhoe 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. 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. We would like to thank Amy Riveland for being a member of this committee for the past years. We welcome Bonnie Albright as a new member. 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  
Bonnie Albright  
Kathy Carlson  
Pastor Peter

# BOARD OF DEACONS 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Responsibilities of the deacons are to support our pastor, support our worship services, secure pulpit supply in the absence of the pastor and support the ministry of our church to the home bound and community.

Some of the specific tasks the deacons worked with this past year include:

- The deacons have continued to work with Pastor this year updating the prayer list and setting up visits with our home bound members and those sick in the hospital.
- Securing pulpit supply and lectors while Pastor was away on vacation.
- Set up the communion server list for the year. We also started doing communion two Sundays a month instead of one.
- Support Pastor Peter throughout the year as needed

We will continue to work and support Pastor Peter and Hope Church.

Kim Kleinwachter, Chairperson

Michelle Solsten

Mark Malmanger

# Family / Youth / Education 1-4 pages

## Year End Report 2025

**January** - Made the Lenten soup and calendar for this year.

Had Annual Meeting added Faith Quam to our group

-Had our monthly meeting and Decided on VBS Theme True North

July 15,16,17 we will decorate Monday the 14th

-Ruth Said She will order the palms for Palm Sunday on April 13th

-1st Communion is April 16th, Plan on having both 4th and 5th graders

4 kids altogether

**February**-.Hosted Youth group Feb 19th at Hope with Kingo,was Taco and Escape room night.

It was fun with lots of kids.

**March**- Had Our Monthly Meeting.

Had Lenten Soups suppers. Suppers started at 5:30 and everything was done by 6:30

-Gifts for Upcoming teacher appreciation Sunday we decided on caribou Gift cards

Honoring the Teachers will Be May 5th

-Honoring the Graduates will be May 18th

-Ordering cakes From Helen Johnson

-Made a List of Youth that will help with the spaghetti Supper the women of the church put on in April.

**April**- 1st communion for 4th and 5th graders was held on April 16th

Sage Moore, Lincoln Rendahl, Grant Rendahl and Marie Williams

-youth helped with the spaghetti Supper.

Had palm Sunday April 13th

- sent out letter to Graduates to let them know they will be honored in church May 18th

-We ordered cakes for Graduates for May. We ordered 2 sheet Cakes. The church paid 90.00 for two sheet cakes

**May** -

-May 5th was teacher appreciation Sunday Caribou Gift cards were given to all teachers

-May 18th The Graduates were honored, Anita Lucken gave flowers to each Graduate and quilts were given by the women of hope. 7 Graduates

The Ladies of hope served coffee and cake after the service.

May 21st wednesday night Had youth group at the Fonders with Kingo Campfire and fun

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**June** -Worked on More VBS stuff, Making sure Everything was in order

- Ordered Materials for VBS and Ruth Fonder got a Thrivent Card worth 250.00 All went towards VBS

- Not Sure How much was spent on other materials for VBS Tammie ordered for us but at least 200 worth.

**July** - VBS was Held July 16th thur 18th, Monday the 15th people met to decorate the church at 3:00pm.

The theme was True North. It went really well. Good Turn out around 50 kids per night. The last night parents were invited to come to the program.Lots of compliments. We left the Upstairs decorations up till Sunday so the congregation could enjoy them.

Tried to go through lists of kids from VBS and main list to see what kids we have for 10th grade confirmation and Sunday school.

At our monthly meeting we discussed what to do for the upcoming Rally Sunday.

**August**- Had monthly meeting, we made the Sunday school schedule for the year. We worked on finding teachers for Friday school. Set Date of Rally Sunday and Blessing of the backpacks. September 14th. Friday School will start close to the first week of October. Planning a Breakfast Rally Sunday and having the money go towards Operation Christmas boxes.

November 2nd The kids will be packing the operation Christmas boxes during Sunday school time.

The Rally Breakfast made 406.00 for operation Christmas boxes.

Since we have a lot of pre-school Bibles we would like to hand out per-school bibles to two of our pre-schoolers the same Sunday. Gwen Carlson and TJ Quam  
Planned to have Children's Christmas program Dec 21st  
Planned to have Wednesday night Christmas program December 17th

**September** -Announced In church sept 15th About operation christmas Child boxes

**Friday school Started Friday Sept. 26th**

**It was really hard to find people to help teach Friday school.We might have to think about not having Friday school because of the shortage of teachers. Its an hour friday mornings starting at 8:30,**

**October** - No confirmation this year. Pastor Peter had confirmation classes with kids.

3rd grade bibles were handed out during church Oct. 12th

Pre-school Bibles Gwen Carlson, TJ Quam

**November** -Sunday November 2nd. The Sunday school kids and Desi Packed 60 boxes.

**Planned Hope Family Christmas party decided on Wednesday December 17th.**

**Children's Christmas Program will be held during church Sunday December 21st**

**After church on Sundays Children practiced for the Christmas program.**

**Wed. the 19th had a youth night along with Kingo and St.Marys to get food donations for the local food shelf. It went great. The kids will be doing it again next year.**

**December** - Wednesday Night Christmas Party December 17th. Made Different gifts this year.

**Keni ordered book marks, pens and a Christmas ornament. It was a good turn out. About 30 people there.**

**Had Children's Christmas Program December 21st during church,it was great. The kids did a great job.**

**Started working on Lenten soup and sandwich schedule**

**We are all looking forward to 2026! Thank you to everyone who helped make this past year possible.**

**2025 Current Members Sarah Johnson, Jessica Carlson, Ruth Fonder, Desirae Rendah, Faith Quam**

**Submitted by Sarah Johnson**

# Music and Worship

The Music and Worship committee works to enhance our worship services by securing lay readers, special music, support for our adult choir, and Sunday School choir.

Thank you to each one of you who has said "yes" to reading the scripture lessons each week. You help us hear God's word in a fresh way. We feel very fortunate to be able to ask and you say "yes" throughout the year. If you haven't been asked to read and would be willing please contact Angie Rudie, Michelle Levin, or Kristen Norland. We would love to add you to the list.

We are so grateful for the faithfulness and talent of our pianists in our congregation. Diane Boucher continues to be our wonderful piano player each week. She has a gift and we are blessed to listen to her each week. When Diane had knee surgery we were blessed to have Mary Hanson fill in. Thank you to her for being willing to jump in and help. Their dedication keeps our worship meaningful as music turns our hearts to worshipping God. Thank you Diane and Mary for blessing us with your talent.

Thank you to Charity Salmonson who directs our choir and Diane Boucher who accompanies them. Charity brings such enthusiasm and brings out the best in our choir. It is our goal to have the choir perform two times a month. It is such a joy for our congregation to be able to listen when they perform.

Thank you to Ruth Fonder who is the Sunday School music teacher. Even though we don't have a ton of children, they are mighty. Any time they perform for our congregation it is such a treat. Our goal is to get them to sing for us more often as it brings joy to all of us.

Special music is always such a delight. Our committee is continually interested in people who would like to be part of our worship service through music. We don't always know who to ask. Please let us know if you or anyone you know are interested in helping us with this.

Thank you for your continued prayers and participation in the heart of Hope Church.

Kristen Norland  
Angie Rudie  
Laurie Rustad

## **Worship and Music 2025**

The committee started the year with three new members: Laurie Rustad (2025), Angie Rudie (2026) and Kristen Norland (2027).

A huge thank you to Diane Boucher for playing the piano so beautifully and faithfully throughout the year every Sunday. Also, thank you to Mary Hanson and Pastor Peter for covering when Diane was unable to be with us.

Charity Salmonson and the choir sang throughout the year and provided us with beautiful musical selections. Thank you!

We had some special music but would welcome anyone who wishes to share their musical talents at any time- just contact the office!

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

Laurie Rustad

Angie Rudie

Kristen Norland

# 2025 Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees is responsible for supervising the incoming and outgoing monies of the church and also oversee the maintenance of Hope Church. The Trustees are also responsible for all paid personnel.

Total income for the 2025 financial year was \$199,922.55, with total expenses of \$185,247.47. Total income was up approximately \$4,500.00 from last year, with expenses down approximately \$21,000.00 from 2024. The reason the expenses were down was that we had reduced the office staff and our long term custodian Steve Sovick retired. We were fortunate that a number of members stepped in and volunteered their time to cover the office duties for the entire year. We have hired a part time person to do the cleaning and also a part time office person. We will still have volunteers doing some of the office work. A big thank you to all of the people that have volunteered. It is great that we have people that are willing to keep our church going. If anyone feels called to do some volunteer work feel free to contact any of the trustees. The 2026 budget shows an increase of approximately \$25,000.00. This increase is mainly for the cost of having a fulltime Pastor and parttime staff. Also as we all know all of our expenses have gone up so increases from utilities, special assessments and and property insurance have affected the budget in a negative way. I would encourage all of us to review what we give to the church and if possible to increase each of our amounts.

There was some ongoing maintenance done around the church property this past year. The carpet was replaced on the front entry steps and the hand rails were removed and powder coated and reinstalled.

The furnace and air conditioner were replaced at the parsonage. The front entry and side entry at parsonage were painted. The fireside room was painted by volunteers and new carpet was installed. Most of these projects were paid for out of our designated funds.

We will be looking at replacing the furnaces at the church building in 2026 as they have reached their life expectancy. We have started a furnace fund on the designated fund list.

Hope Lutheran Church  
Expense Comparison  
December 31, 2025

	Dec-25	Dec-24	Year to Date 2025	Year to Date 2024	2025 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Regular Offerings	\$ 15,931.00	\$ 18,534.00	\$ 182,355.00	\$ 177,909.98	\$169,935.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,298.27	\$ 9,859.50	\$ 10,621.52	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 17,031.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,832.27</b>	<b>\$ 192,214.50</b>	<b>\$ 188,531.50</b>	<b>\$184,935.00</b>
<b>All Other Income</b>					
Radio & Telecast Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$4,000.00
Lenten Offerings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 438.00	\$500.00
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 492.67	\$ 742.58	
Thanksgiving Offerings		\$ -	\$ -		\$500.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 5,394.00	\$ 4,709.00	\$ 5,394.00	\$ 4,709.00	\$4,000.00
CD Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,013.81	\$ -	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 38.56	\$ 29.83	\$ 807.57	\$ 848.82	\$2,000.00
<b>Total All Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,432.56</b>	<b>\$ 4,738.83</b>	<b>\$ 7,708.05</b>	<b>\$ 6,738.40</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 22,463.56</b>	<b>\$ 25,571.10</b>	<b>\$ 199,922.55</b>	<b>\$ 195,269.90</b>	<b>\$195,935.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>WORLD MISSION</b>					
Benevolence	\$ 1,798.00	\$ 1,809.00	\$ 20,071.00	\$ 19,890.00	\$ -
Special Offerings/Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,593.00
Fosston Ministerium					\$ -
<b>TOTAL WORLD MISSION</b>	<b>\$ 1,798.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,809.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,071.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,890.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,593.00</b>
<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>					
<b>Pastor</b>					
Salary	\$ 4,929.50	\$ 4,583.32	\$ 57,441.88	\$ 54,999.84	\$56,650.00
FICA/Medicare Allowance	\$ 502.94	\$ -	\$ 2,982.24	\$ -	\$0.00
FICA/Medicare Backpay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,876.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Health Care Contribution	\$ 747.00	\$ 208.34	\$ 5,832.04	\$ 2,500.08	\$2,500.00
Retirement	\$ 295.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 3,467.52	\$ 3,300.00	\$3,395.00
Mileage	\$ 95.20	\$ -	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 1,608.00	\$2,500.00
Conf./Retreat Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 787.85	\$ -	\$500.00
Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 28.52	\$500.00
Cell Phone	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Business Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
<b>Total Pastor</b>	<b>\$ 6,669.64</b>	<b>\$ 5,166.66</b>	<b>\$ 76,147.53</b>	<b>\$ 63,636.44</b>	<b>\$67,245.00</b>
<b>Visitation Minister</b>					
Salary	\$ -		\$ -		\$1,500.00
Mileage	\$ -		\$ -		\$400.00
<b>Total Visitation</b>		\$ -		\$ -	<b>\$1,900.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>\$ 6,669.64</b>	<b>\$ 5,166.66</b>	<b>\$ 76,147.53</b>	<b>\$ 63,636.44</b>	<b>\$69,145.00</b>

**Cemetery and Designated Funds Checking Account  
December, 2025**

	<b>11/30/2025</b>	<b>DEPOSIT</b>	<b>WITHDRAWAL</b>	<b>12/31/2025</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>			<b>\$450.00</b>
<b>Audio / Visual</b>	<b>\$19,023.97</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>		<b>\$19,473.97</b>
<b>*Cemetery</b>	<b>\$10,817.70</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>		<b>\$11,007.70</b>
<b>Columbarium</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>			<b>\$28,000.00</b>
<b>Olson Memorial Fund</b>	<b>\$23,085.24</b>			<b>\$23,085.24</b>
<b>Stee Endowment</b>	<b>\$26,318.94</b>			<b>\$26,318.94</b>
<b>Fellowship of Christian Athletes</b>	<b>\$647.64</b>	<b>\$62.65</b>	<b>\$828.10</b>	<b>-\$117.81</b>
<b>Furnace Replacements</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Kevin's Youth Fund</b>	<b>\$5,398.85</b>			<b>\$5,398.85</b>
<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>\$9,830.82</b>			<b>\$9,830.82</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$173.12</b>			<b>\$173.12</b>
<b>Marilyn Malmangers Mission</b>	<b>\$1,550.00</b>			<b>\$1,550.00</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>\$3,856.20</b>			<b>\$3,856.20</b>
<b>Parsonage Upkeep</b>	<b>\$1,010.00</b>			<b>\$1,010.00</b>
<b>Preservation of Properties</b>	<b>\$3,748.72</b>	<b>\$235.00</b>	<b>\$660.00</b>	<b>\$3,323.72</b>
<b>Sabbatical</b>	<b>\$3,426.19</b>			<b>\$3,426.19</b>
<b>Sunday School/Friday School</b>	<b>\$1,509.67</b>			<b>\$1,509.67</b>
<b>Team Hope</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>			<b>\$450.00</b>
<b>Special Gifts</b>	<b>\$1,448.00</b>			<b>\$1,448.00</b>
<b>Mike Hove Mission Fund</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>			<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>Undesignated Money</b>	<b>\$5,260.64</b>	<b>\$21.19</b>		<b>\$5,281.83</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$147,205.70</b>	<b>\$958.84</b>	<b>\$1,488.10</b>	<b>\$146,676.44</b>

**2026 Proposed Budget  
Hope Lutheran Church**

	2025 Proposed Budget	2025 Actual through Dec.	Over/Under 2025 Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Over/Under 2025
<b>INCOME</b>					
Regular Offerings	\$ 169,935.00	\$ 182,355.00	\$ (12,420.00)	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 12,065.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,859.50	\$ 5,140.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
<b>Total Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 184,935.00</b>	<b>\$ 192,214.50</b>	<b>\$ (7,279.50)</b>	<b>\$ 192,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,065.00</b>
<b>All Other Income</b>					
Radio & Telecast Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Lenten Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ 492.67	\$ (492.67)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Christmas Offerings	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,394.00	\$ (1,394.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
CD Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 1,013.81	\$ (1,013.81)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 807.57	\$ 1,192.43	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total All Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 11,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,708.05</b>	<b>\$ 3,291.95</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 195,935.00</b>	<b>\$ 199,922.55</b>	<b>\$ (3,987.55)</b>	<b>\$ 205,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,565.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>WORLD MISSION</b>					
Benevolence	\$ 19,593.00	\$ 20,071.00	\$ (478.00)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 407.00
Special Offerings/Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fosston Ministerium	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL WORLD MISSION</b>	<b>\$ 20,593.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,321.00</b>	<b>\$ 272.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 407.00</b>
<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>					
<b>Pastor</b>					
Salary	\$ 56,650.00	\$ 57,441.88	\$ (791.88)	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 2,350.00
FICA/Medicare Allowance	\$ -	\$ 2,398.08	\$ (2,398.08)	\$ 4,796.00	\$ 4,796.00
FICA/Med Housing Allowance	\$ -	\$ 584.16	\$ (584.16)	\$ 1,239.00	\$ 1,239.00
FICA/Medicare Backpay	\$ -	\$ 2,876.00	\$ (2,876.00)	\$ 5,837.00	\$ 5,837.00
Health Care Contribution	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,832.04	\$ (3,332.04)	\$ 8,964.00	\$ 6,464.00
Retirement	\$ 3,395.00	\$ 3,467.52	\$ (72.52)	\$ 3,540.00	\$ 145.00
Mileage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Conf./Retreat Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 787.85	\$ (287.85)	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Cell Phone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Business Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Pastor</b>	<b>\$ 67,245.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,147.53</b>	<b>\$ (8,902.53)</b>	<b>\$ 88,076.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,831.00</b>

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Hope Lutheran Church**

	2025 Proposed Budget	2025 Actual through Dec.	Over/Under 2025 Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Over/Under 2025
<b>PAYROLL</b>					
Administrative Assistant	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 3,366.00	\$ 7,634.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Custodian Salary	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 10,742.50	\$ 1,007.50	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 250.00
Youth Director	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ (3,500.00)
Financial Secretary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Organists/Choir Directors	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 849.96	\$ 3,650.04	\$ 780.00	\$ (3,720.00)
Audio / Visual	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -
Payroll Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,771.63	\$ 3,228.37	\$ 2,523.00	\$ (2,477.00)
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$ 43,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,930.09</b>	<b>\$ 19,019.91</b>	<b>\$ 35,503.00</b>	<b>\$ (8,447.00)</b>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b>					
Guest Preacher	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 562.66	\$ 937.34	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Transfer to Designated Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,913.58	\$ 586.42	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,624.92	\$ (2,124.92)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Office Equipment	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,340.93	\$ 659.07	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Sunday School	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Friday School	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Confirmation	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Vacation Bible School	\$ 500.00	\$ 584.52	\$ (84.52)	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Choir/Organ Music	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,138.05	\$ (988.05)	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Pianist	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$ (1,050.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Radio	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,820.25	\$ (320.25)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Television	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,906.95	\$ 93.05	\$ 2,600.00	\$ (400.00)
Worship	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,965.41	\$ 34.59	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 909.82	\$ 90.18	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 24,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,817.09</b>	<b>\$ (917.09)</b>	<b>\$ 29,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>					
Utilities & Fuel	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,257.71	\$ (1,257.71)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,191.14	\$ 308.86	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Special Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,140.00
Solid Waste & Ambulance	\$ 297.00	\$ 335.48	\$ (38.48)	\$ 336.00	\$ 39.00
Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,200.50	\$ 99.50	\$ 4,300.00	\$ -
Lawn Mowing	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Snow Removal	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Church Property Insurance	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 11,334.00	\$ (1,834.00)	\$ 11,957.00	\$ 2,457.00
Workers' Comp.	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,945.00	\$ (195.00)	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,286.79	\$ (286.79)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 29,547.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,635.62</b>	<b>\$ (3,088.62)</b>	<b>\$ 35,183.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,636.00</b>
<b>PARSONAGE EXPENSES</b>					
Utilities & Fuel	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,163.16	\$ (663.16)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Parsonage Upkeep	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)
Special Assessment	\$ 500.00	\$ 627.98	\$ (127.98)	\$ 650.00	\$ 150.00
Solid Waste & Ambulance	\$ 300.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,396.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,403.86</b>	<b>\$ 6,450.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,350.00)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 195,935.00</b>	<b>\$ 185,247.47</b>	<b>\$ 9,537.53</b>	<b>\$ 215,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,777.00</b>
	\$ -	\$ 14,675.08	\$ (13,525.08)	\$ (10,412.00)	\$ (14,212.00)

# Women of Hope (W.O.H) for 2025

Submitted by Mary Tronerud

Current Members include:

Kathy Carlson -----Treasurer

Judy Larson

Sylvia Munter

Eileen Solsten

Rena Rustad----(started April)

Mary Steinbrenner

Mary Tronrud

Members resigning for 2025

Janice Haugen

Eileen Solsten

Women of Hope (W.O.H.) are responsible for dividing the church organizations into serving groups. Each group is responsible for serving coffee hours and whatever else occurs during the month to which the group is assigned. Presently members are assigned to five groups.

Other activities, such as, Meatball Supper, Spaghetti Supper, and Vacation Bible School are the responsibility of the whole church, and are directed by the W.O.H.

Hope Church Funerals are rotated through the serving groups, preventing one group from having to serve consecutive funerals in one month.

In 2025 for the months of July & August, members were asked to volunteer on a Sunday when they were available to serve, making it easier to get servers over vacation months.

W.O.H members are responsible for maintenance of the Kitchen & Dining area.

This includes:

-Organization and cleaning.

-Purchasing supplies as needed, such as;

\*Paper products (plates, cups, napkins, etc.)

\*Food Supplies (coffee, lemonade, butter)

A dual Bunn coffee maker and cart were purchased this year by W.O.H.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

### **Lenten Services:**

A luncheon was provided during noon Lenten Services. They were served by Mary Steinbrenner and Nancy Andree. Ten to Fifteen people attended weekly.

### **Spaghetti Supper:**

A Spaghetti Supper was served in April. The coordination of Volunteers and meal planning was done by Kim Kleinwachter. There was active volunteer involvement

### **Meatball Supper:**

A Meatball Supper was served on October 22. Again, there was active involvement of Volunteers, with Kim Kleinwachter coordinating the planning and meal preparation. Takeouts were available as request and preorders for both Suppers. Those who were *lucky*, were able to purchase leftover meatballs for \$20 /doz.

### **Vacation Bible School:**

This activity was held on July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. About 50 children attended, ranging in ages from 3yrs – 11, from not only our Hope members, but other churches as well. Simple, but children friendly meals were prepared and served by the W.O.H each evening.

### **Carpet Cleaning:**

Lake Bros. from Frazee was hired to clean the carpets in the Dining RM and carpeted areas in the basement. Upholstered chairs in the Dining RM were also cleaned, as well as carpeting areas located in the parsonage.

### **Gifts:**

Christmas gifts were given to Elderly and Community members who are in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, or “shut-ins”. Hope members over the age of 90 are also included. Individuals are given a book of stamps or gift of socks/slippers. Gifts are also given as needs arise.

### **Bible Camp:**

Money raised from the Spaghetti Supper is used to partially send kids to a Bible Camp of their choice. Parents are asked to pay \$100 of the cost and the remaining cost is covered by W.O.H. Three children were able to take advantage of this opportunity, and attended camp this year. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this, to relieve the full burden of cost and to be able to provide a fun summer experience, with Spiritual growth for their children.

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WOMEN OF HOPE FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
FUNERALS	(LAST YEAR \$1750.00)	\$2,625.00
QUILTS (INCLUDES DONATIONS)		\$2,050.00
QUILT RAFFLE	(LAST YEAR \$316.00)	\$281.00
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>		
SPAGHETTI SUPPER	(LAST YEAR \$3,573.00)	\$2,943.00
MEATBALL SUPPER	(LAST YEAR \$5,753.00)	\$5,150.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
THRIVENT	(LAST YEAR \$1,270.00)	\$1,582.00
GIFTS AND DONATIONS	(LAST YEAR \$340.00)	\$220.00
QUILTING SUPPLIES		\$44.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$14,895.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
BIBLE CAMP	(LAST YEAR \$460.00)	\$540.00
GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES		\$2,658.80
DECORATIONS		\$314.00
QUILTING SUPPLIES		\$22.00
ADVERTISING		\$140.00
CARPET CLEANING		\$1,142.82
NEW BUNN COFFEE POT AND CART		\$544.00
HOPE CHURCH		\$4,000.00
<b>GIFTS AND DONATIONS STAFF</b>		
OVER 90 AND SHUT-INS		\$468.00
OTHER GIFTS STAFF		\$1,800.00
OTHER GIFTS MISSIONS		\$1,140.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
BANK FEES AND CHECKS		\$12.00
TRANSFER TO ULTIMA		\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$17,781.62</b>
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/31/25		\$1,890.05
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/2025		\$24,667.22
INTEREST EARNED 2025 ULTIMA		\$535.57

### Quilters Group:

Our Quilters group consists of Hope members and others throughout the community who enjoy quilting and being part of the process. Many *Beautiful* quilts are put together by this talented group of women!

These quilts are given for many different occasions and needs:

\*New Graduates (6)

\*Baptisms (2)

\*People in Hope Church, along with those in the Community, who are suffering from illness or other loss. 10 quilts were given to Bemidji Kidney Dialyses Unit. 8 quilts were given to Fosston Police Department to carry in their cruisers. Quilt raffles were given at both Suppers. 2 quilts were donated for use as student prizes to be used for After Prom Party. Quilts were given to Essentia Living Center, 10 to Bethany Center, 10 to McIntosh Senior Living, 10 to Prairie Pines Assisted Living, and 10 to Veterans Hospital and Rehab in Bemidji.

\*Quilts are also sold outright to anyone who wants, for a purchase price of \$60 with choice of quilt. 30-35 quilts were sold this year with money generated to W.O.H.

## **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 this year we started a monthly commitment to our local food shelf, Loaves and Fishes. 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 Nellerhoe 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. 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. We would like to thank Amy Riveland for being a member of this committee for the past years. We welcome Bonnie Albright as a new member. 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  
Bonnie Albright  
Kathy Carlson  
Pastor Peter

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**BENEVOLENCE FOR 2025**

LCMC(INCLUDES \$400 DISASTERS)	\$4,354.00
TOM AND EUNICE OLSON-WMPL	\$1,200.00
LUKE AND RUTH SCHROEDER-WMPL	\$2,400.00
AUGUSTANA DISTRICT	\$986.00
CHINA SERVICE VENTURES-NELLERMOE	\$2,400.00
TATRU ACADEMY-SIIMON HAAMER	\$1,200.00
ALLUMA	\$150.00
FIREFLY	\$150.00
LOAVES AND FISHES	\$2,000.00
OUR DAILY BREAD	\$100.00
CHRISTIAN ADOPTION-GF	\$75.00
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSES	\$75.00
RELATE	\$175.00
PATHWAYS	\$75.00
FARM RESCUE	\$75.00
CARE & SHARE-CROOKSTON	\$75.00
AFTER PROM	\$100.00
FIRST CARE FOUNDATION	\$150.00
VETERAN'S HONOR FLIGHTS	\$75.00
GRACE AND GRIT	\$150.00
BAGLEY RECOVERY	\$100.00
HOPE INC	\$75.00
HARVEST HOPE	\$75.00
NORTHALND RESCUE MISSION	\$75.00
CLEARWATERS LIFE	\$200.00
SHINE THE LIGHT	\$100.00
MUSTARD SEED	\$100.00
COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION	\$200.00
FREEDOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	\$150.00
FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE COLLEGE	\$200.00
FOSSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$100.00
VILLAGE OF HOPE-BEMIDJI	\$100.00
EVERGREEN YOUTH-BEMIDJI	\$100.00
THANKSGIVING MEALS-ERSKINE	\$100.00
FOSSTON MINISTERIUM ASSOCIATION	\$300.00
EMERGENCY FUND	\$2,652.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$20,592.00
BALANCE EMERGENCY FUND 12/31/25	\$1,651.31
DISBURSED FOR INDIVIDUALS NEED AND BENEFITS IN 2025--\$2800	

<b>Council Boards - Nominations Needed for</b>		<b>terms ending 2025</b>	
<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Term Ending</b>
President	Tom Kleinwachter	Tom Kleinwachter	2026
Vice Pres	Ken Hove	Ken Hove	2026
Secretary	Wanda Olson		2028
<b>Board of Deacons</b>			
	Kim Kleinwachter	Kurt Albright	2028
<b>Family Youth Education</b>			
	Taylor & Jess Carlson	Taylor & Jess Carlson	2028
<b>Board of Music &amp; Worship</b>			
	Lauri Rustad	Kristen Norland	2027
	Kristen Norland	Michelle Levin	2028
<b>Trustees</b>			
	Jon Rustad	Jon Rustad	2028
<b>Committees - Nominations Needed</b>		<b>terms ending 2024</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>			
	Melissa Christen	Melissa Christen	2028
	Jennifer Dahl	Jennifer Dahl	2028

## Hope Statistical Report for 2025

Number of Regular Sunday Worship Services	52
Total Sunday Attendance	3,622
Average Sunday Attendance	70
Baptisms	5
Confirmation	0
Deaths	10

### **Baptisms:**

Beau Warren Nelson	2-16-2025
Laith Thear Alomran	6-15-2025
Rori Ann Nord	8-09-2025
Finn Charles Hoialmen	9-21-2025
Olivia Berniece Carlin	10-26-2025

### **Weddings:**

Zoey Christen & Warren Nelson-  
*October 25, 2025*

### **Funerals:**

Brad Sistad	2-16-2025	David Aspen	7-23-2025
Lowell Veum	2-20-2025	Maureen Larson	8-28-2025
Jeanie Stout	2-25-2025	Janet Olson	9-10-2025
Carol Heide	4-30-2025	Ruthie Rystad	11-5-2025
Kevin Schultz	5-5-2025		
Sheldon Matson	6-28-2025		