

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I **thank God** every time I pray for you that our church continues to function and to serve our community. I thank God for the leadership of our Council, the officers, our committee members, and all of you who pray to strengthen them with wisdom, creativity, and encouragement. I thank God for our church staff and the support of all the families who support them.

We continue to hold worship services in the church at 9:30 AM. I hope you all have access to Sunday services through YouTube, Facebook, our Hope Lutheran church website <hopelutheranfosston.com>, FM radio KKCC 96.7, or the local cable stations Garden Valley, channel 7, or Fosston cable channel 21.

As our nation's leaders ponder the wisest way to reconvene the operations of our economy, please use **your best judgment as you consider these important factors**:

- . Are you a member of a **vulnerable age** group?
- . Do you have an **underlying condition** that elevates your risk?
- . Are you feeling ill or running a temperature, or have any **symptoms** indicating something contagious? If so, stay home!

Your church and its leaders are engaged in the emerging information and health directives. Please pray that we will respond and guide with calm, faith, compassion, and reason as we move forward and receive more information from the LCMC office and Coordinator Randy Freund of the Augustana District.

When we do finally get together again, some of our **worship practices** will change so that we can better care for each other:

- . Please **wash your hands** thoroughly before going anywhere and after each activity. Follow-up washing with hand sanitizer. Keep **finger nails short** so nothing contagious stays wedged in them. If you wear gloves when serving food or any other activity, refrain from touching anything else with the gloves on or they too may become contaminated. **Wearing gloves is no substitute for hand washing!** Just consider this 'ritual' handwashing.
- . Please do not shake hands, hug, or have any other form of touch when **greeting** each other, or passing the Peace. Instead, please smile (with your eyes as you may be masked), nod, bow, give a peace sign, wave, or other form of acknowledgement is wonderful. For this reason, (although it will be hard) your pastor will not be shaking hands in greeting or saying goodbye.
- . No **communion** will be given by intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine.) **Altar guild** members and all who serve or prepare the elements, please thoroughly wash hands and follow-up with hand sanitizer before touching anything. **Communion servers** step out and follow this procedure during the Hymn after the sermon, in preparation of distribution.
- . Offering plates will not be passed but will be placed by the doors. You are invited to prayerfully share your tithes and offerings as you are called. Now would be a good time to consider electronic giving, or simply use the on-line giving icon on our Hope Lutheran website, <hopelutheranfosston.com> which will also allow you to designate what amount, what fund, and how often you would like to support this ministry.

When, and if, we return to a church assembly, please continue to **practice physical distancing** as we worship. Family units may sit together, but six feet away from other family units. Please feel free to **wear masks**. Remember "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20.)

We will **honor and respect emerging guidelines** from care facilities (assisted living, nursing homes, and hospitals) and we encourage FaceTime, electronic meetings and phone calls as well as cards or letters as they are allowed.

Our ways of doing **mission and ministry** will change. However, the needs of our beloved members will not, especially those who are vulnerable or isolated. If you know of someone who is elderly, grieving, sick, or dying, please consider how we may be of loving support to them. Please let me (phone 218-820-2017, or 218-435-6765) know of anyone who has pastoral needs. This includes members of our church, or our community.

Jesus says, **“Be not afraid”** (Matthew 14:27,17:7, & 28:10; Mark 5:36, & 6:50; Luke 12:4; John 6:20, & 14:27) Make use of your most powerful tool, that is prayer. Stay well-informed (new information comes daily); stay safely connected. Our lives belong to the One who is the almighty God, and He promises to be “with us always, even to the close of the Age.” (Matthew 29:16-20.) May the Peace of the Lord sustain us all.

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Jane

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † We rejoice that **Marian Jenkins** is now in rehab; please call the office for her mailing address or her phone number. She would love to hear from you.
- † A virtual **Youth scavenger hunt** is set for Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM. If your student has not received a zoom invitation, please call the church office with the needed information.
- † Next Sunday, May 10, join us after church in a car caravan to **honor the Seniors** to drop off their quilts, cake, flower & card, honk & if they are home (& not out fishing,) maybe they will come out & wave to us. It is on Mother’s Day & **it is** fishing opener.
- † Mothers of all ages, please stop and pick up a devotional booklet “Be Still, daily Encouragement for Moms” before **Mother’s Day**, May 10. Or if you know of anyone who could use some encouragement, please pick one up and deliver it, observing 6-foot distancing and wearing a mask (of course.) Available while quantities last.
- † A few **extra masks** have been made by Gloria & Bennett and are available at the church for any who are in need. Available while quantities last.
- † If church is not yet open on May 10, Communion Sunday, and you are in a vulnerable group, please call (435-6765) and pick up individual kits to be used during the Hope Lutheran service at 9:30 while you are watching from your home. Pastor Jane (cell 218-820-2017) will deliver if you cannot pick up.



## **APRIL MEMORIALS**

Gifts were given to the Audio/Visual Fund in memory of Paul Gredvig, Ralph Hove, Marion Larson, Martha Sather, and Vivian Nord.

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of Paul Gredvig, Ralph Hove, and Martha Sather.

Gifts were given to the Brandsvold Cemetery Fund in memory of Ralph Hove.

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of Martha Sather.

## DAILY WORDS OF COMFORT FROM PR. JANE

### May 1

**Text: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4:** All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. In times of chaos, political unrest, and human suffering, He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

**Prayer:** *Gracious Lord, thank You for being with us, protecting us, and leading us. Help us to use the gifts You have given wisely and with gratitude. Give us discerning minds and loving hearts to serve Your people in the days ahead, in the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*

### May 2

**Text: Isaiah 40:1:** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

**Prayer:** *Dearest God, these words of comfort were given to Your people besieged by war. We are also under attack by an unseen viral enemy who would destroy us. Give our leaders wisdom, to our medical researchers and medical community insight to that which is organic. May they act with compassion for the sick, the suffering, and the dying of all diseases. Help us to offer comfort and hope to our community through faith in You, for Jesus sake. Amen*

### May 3

**Text: Psalm 119:76-77:** Now let Your unfailing love comfort me, just as You promised me, Your servant. Surround me with Your tender mercies so I may live, for Your instructions are my delight.

**Prayer:** *Precious Lord, thank You for Your love that sustains me. Give the heart of a servant, so that Your mercy is evident in my life. Because I love Your Word, take delight in teaching me Your ways, in Jesus precious name. Amen*

### May 4

**Text: Psalm 91:4-5:** He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. His truth is your shield and armor. You do not need to fear terrors of the night, arrows that fly during the day.

**Prayer:** *Gentle Savior, You have said that not even a sparrow falls without Your knowledge. You who sees even a small bird, look with compassion on the threat to Your people. Hide us from the arrows of disease, evil, poor decisions, of political maneuvers and keep us in the shelter of Your wings, as a mother hen shelters her own, we are Yours. Come Lord Jesus. Amen*

### May 5

**Text: Deuteronomy 3:22:** Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord, your God, He shall fight for you.

**Prayer:** *Precious Lord, You are my God, I fear no evil for You are the*

*victorious Lord of all, and my champion. I am Yours. Save us. Amen*

### May 6

**Text: Psalm 73:25-26:** Who have I in heaven but You? I desire You more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, this body is frail, my health may fail, and my resolve may grow weak. But You are my strength, my hope. My time with You on earth is well-spent, a precursor to my eternal and joyful life in Your presence. You are mine; I am Yours. Amen*

### May 7

**Text: 2 Corinthians 4:8-10:** We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

**Prayer:** *Lord, the complications of disease surround us, yet Your support keeps us from losing hope and confidence. We see in the support of friends, family neighbors and our faith community. We are saddened, but not broken. We are fighting affliction, but not destroyed. Our hope in this life and the next is*

*because of Your sufferings and death. May we carry Your compassion with us and share it with all You send our way. Amen*

### **May 8**

**Text: Psalm 23:1-3:** The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows.

**Prayer:** *Gentle shepherd, gently guide me and my loved ones. We have many wants. Because of Your generous providing, our actual needs are few. Give me the peace that comes from having all that I really need and knowing from where it comes. Restore to me the joy of knowing Your salvation and uphold me against all odds. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen*

### **May 9**

**Text: Psalm 121:5-8:** The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; <sup>6</sup>the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life; <sup>8</sup>the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

**Prayer:** *Lord, is this the day we have been dreading, a day of pestilence and disease? In a last desperate effort, we cry out “Lord, save us from these horrors. Though we may deserve it, even if we are reaping the rewards of past misdeeds, we plead for mercy and forgiveness. Hear us good Lord, do not turn a deaf ear to us, nor will we turn a deaf ear to those who plead with*

*us. Consider the fate of the innocent and powerless. Speak peace to the minds of those with whom our peace rests. Hear us most holy God for the sake of Your Son, our Savior and Lord, who lived and died for love of us. Amen.*

### **May 10**

**Text: Psalm 138:7:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life. You stretch out Your hand against the anger of my foes; with Your right hand You save me.

**Prayer:** *Savior, like a shepherd lead me. I desperately need Your tender care. Preserve not only my life, but my heart and mind against untruths, gossip, or anything that is not helpful. Help me to put my trust in You. Help me to see the resources You provide and to manage them well for the security of my family and friends, my church, my community, my country, and all those in need. Amen*

### **May 11**

**Text: Psalm 27:1:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Prayer:** *Lord, I praise You for answering prayer. Thank You for being the light of our lives, for Your guidance, for Your saving grace in Your Son Jesus. Yet, I am a frail human, and at times I tremble with fear of the unknown. I like life to be predictable, safe, and I have had a lot to enjoy and for which I am*

*thankful to You. Help me to use Your past blessings as a means of grace and strength. Help me to never take Your blessings for granted. Forgive me for that kind of arrogance if I have offended You. All good things come from You, Holy Father. Your generosity to all is apparent in the rain, sunshine, and good earth You give to us all. Help me to grow in faith and character as we manage all that is occurring. This I pray in Jesus name. Amen.*

### **May 12**

**Text: Psalm 62:6-8:** Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

**Prayer:** *Almighty God, my fortress is nothing that can be dismantled by human hands. The Rock of my being that gives me stability and security is the Rock of Ages, the God of my father and mother. Nothing can shake me if I keep my eyes on You. You are the source of all strength, all honor, all that comforts me. In You, gracious God, I trust. Without You, I would be lost. You are my constant companion, my Friend above all friends. I trust You with the secrets of my heart because you are ever true, ever protective, ever faithful. Thank You, Lord Jesus. Amen*

### May 13

**Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**Prayer:** *Lord, help my light to shine for You and encourage my friends and family. Help me to be sensitive to the needs of others. Help me to be a good listener. As St. Francis prayed, "Help me not to seek to be understood as much as to understand, nor to be consoled as to console." Give me the compassion to forgive as I have been forgiven. Give me the power to visualize and facilitate new beginnings. Amen*

### May 14

**Text: Isaiah 58:9-10:** Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,<sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

**Prayer:** *God of Power and Might, we call to You for help, and You answer. You are the great "I Am" of the modern and ancient world. If we rise above finger pointing, fault-finding and malicious talk, then will You bless our best intentions? You know we are flawed, and our best efforts are useless before a righteous God. Yet You have promised us Your protection, forgiveness, and grace to do Your will. Help us to*

*satisfy the needs of those around us, teach us kindness, as we need it ourselves. Teach us how to best satisfy the needs of the oppressed. Then let Your light rise within our hearts and give light to darkness, joy to sadness, peace, and contentment to the chaos of these days, in your name I pray. Amen*

### May 15

**Text: Psalm 56:8** You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

**Prayer:** *Gentle Savior, thank You for holding me close. You care for my fears and cares. You are so close to me that You have even numbered the hairs of my head. How can I thank You for all Your benefits? Teach me Your ways, keep me close and bless those I love through me, for the sake of Your Son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

### May 16

**Text: Matthew 18:19-20** Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

**Prayer:** *Gentle Savior, You know the trouble we are in. Is it all because of sin? Keep us in Your tender care. Help us to know You are there. Let no loneliness hold us hostage, nor many in one house to lose your vestige. Be in*

*the midst of us, in You alone we will trust. Amen*

### May 17

**Text: Matthew 18:21-22** Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

**Prayer:** *Dear Lord, gone are my dreams for this spring. Up in smoke are all my preparations. Who can I blame for this thing, that defies reparation? Whoever it is, help me to overcome my bitter misgivings. To forgive as often as needed. To let go of any bitterness in me, that is seeded. Then You will rise within me, and I shall be whole. Thank You, Lord Jesus. Amen*

### May 18

**Text: Psalm 114:7** Tremble, O Earth. At the presence of the Lord.

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, the snow melts in the warmth of Your sunshine. Even the birds chirp louder this spring. Soon grass will grow, and leaves become a spring color of lime. In awe of what your seasons bring, we fear the unknown, a coming of time. You say, "fear not", and yet fear. Give us courage, knowing it is our Lord who walks with us. Amen*

### May 19

**Text: Colossians 1:3-5** We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>5</sup> because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.

**Prayer:** *Dear Lord, we give You thanks for all those who act in love of Your saints, praying for us, supporting distanced worship, living in the hope You have for us in heaven. Thank You that we can hear Your Word of truth. Thank You for preserving scripture for us over the millennia of history, through the dedicated work of all who have loved You. Teach us to love as You would have us love our neighbor and assist them through any difficulties, because Jesus first loved us. Amen*

### May 20

**Text: Psalm 126:5** “Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.”

**Prayer:** *Lord, Your overwhelming grace calls us to a new set of standards. When we are finished with pandemic, we will be grateful for things we have taken for granted. We will respect the natural tendency of germs to mutate and spread among us. As we grieve staying home, we rejoice that the quality of our air has improved. We praise You and are amazed at the self-healing qualities of the earth, which You have put into place. Teach us to facilitate the rejuvenating forces You have initiated. We may have*

*sadness, but You will restore us, and we will joyfully sing Your praises again. Amen*

### May 21

**Text: Psalm 32:11** “Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.”

**Prayer:** *Precious Lord, You know our needs before we even ask You. You even know the number of hairs on my head. Such personal knowledge shows deep personal care. We rejoice in the knowledge that You care for us. Give us courage and confidence for this day, knowing you are with us. In Jesus holy and precious name. Amen*

### May 22

**Text: Matthew 7:11** If you then, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

**Prayer:** *Faithful God, incline our ears to hearing Your words of comfort and our hearts toward the tragic events endured by our neighbors. Keep us steadfast in your care. We give thanks to You, for all who have mentored us in the faith and that now celebrate eternal life with You. By their witness, we know you more fully. May we likewise mentor our little ones, in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen*

### May 23

**Text: Psalm 36:7** “All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.”

**Prayer:** *Dear Heavenly Father, Your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant His cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and triumph over the adversity of this world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

### May 24

**Text: Psalm 70: 1-2** Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me. <sup>2</sup> May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

**Prayer:** *Hurry, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me. Without You, I am nothing, but a helpless lamb. Wash my feet, as You washed the feet of Your disciples. Keep me close by Your side, safe in Your arms. Feed me with Your Word and sacraments. Let me never forget Your tender mercies. Teach me to walk in Your paths and never take Your Holy Spirit from me; restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your Spirit. Amen*

### May 25

**Text: Galatians 6:14** “May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, You are the Creator of all, the master of all knowledge, all wisdom, all hope, and You have called us mere humans, to follow You. Grant*

*that our love may not grow cold in Your service, and that we may not fail or deny You in the time of trial, for You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End of all time, all life, all that is created, all that we know. May we boast of Your greatness, so that we forget not our Redeemer. Amen.*

### **May 26**

**Text: Psalm 71:6** From my mother's womb, you have been my strength.

**Prayer:** *Lord, no one knows me like You do. When I am bereft of family or friends, You are always close beside me. You, who knit me in my mother's womb, still care for me, and mold me like a potter shapes a clay pot. Mold me as You like, but never forsake me, I am Yours to mold and shape, as you see fit. Your teaching is true and makes me confident. Your love makes me strong to meet the challenges of each day. When You want me for Your own, guide my footsteps to Your throne. Amen.*

### **May 27**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Prayer:** *God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead. He who raised Lazarus, Jesus Himself, is alive, and is the Lord of Life. Increase in our hearts and minds the new future we share with Jesus. Help us to grow as Your people into the fullness of an eternal and joy-*

*filled life with You, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit. One god, now and forever. Amen.*

### **May 28**

**Text: John 20:29** "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe.

**Action:** Think of a time, when your faith was weak, or you felt too discouraged to trust God. Now think, of who or what was it that lifted you up? Strive to see how the "journey" made your faith stronger. Be the catalyst to lift up someone who needs it during this stressful time.

**Prayer:** Precious Lord, give me eyes to see You in everyday occurrences. Give me insight and empathy that enables me to know how to be an encouragement to others. Thank You for the gift of faith that has been strengthened through the difficult fire. Help to understand that like a father, You chasten those You love and who will inherit Your kingdom. Thank You for the people in my life who lift me and encourage me in faith and service. Amen.

### **May 29**

**Text: John 20:30-31** John writes "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

**Action:** Think about what other things Jesus may have done that is not written in our Bible. Why

do you think the stories selected by the gospel writer, John were chosen? Matthew and Luke based their texts on Mark's earlier text. Only John has a somewhat different message, a less historical, but more spiritual and theological account. Scan the subheadings of the gospels and decide which of the four speaks to your heart the most.

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord, thank You for Your Word. Give me a hunger to learn more about You by studying Your Word in the Bible. As I learn, give me understanding and wisdom. Fill me with knowledge of You, and how to be living out the signs of Your presence in these trying times, for Jesus sake. Amen

### **May 30**

**Text: Judges 3:31; 5:6** The story of a farmer by the name of Shamgar (the first of 6 minor judges living at the same time as Deborah) is found in this Old Testament text. Here again, like Moses, Gideon, and you & me, God used an ordinary person, to save His people, Israel. Shamgar simply used what he had as a farmer and trusted God. He did what he could, where he was as a farmer and herder of animals. God blessed his efforts. The name "son of Anoth" was a goddess of war under the foreign god Ba'al, consequently, Shamgar was most likely not a Hebrew. Including Shamgar as one who helped save Israel is an early indication of God's inclusion of us, Gentiles in the family of God.

**Action:** Read the Judges text in

Judges 3-5 and see the great promise of what one person can do. Think about the gifts and tools you have, that God may bless as you make the most of what you have, where you are, and how you can bless others by allowing God to use you.

**Prayer:** Precious Lord, help me to do what I can with what I have. Help me to “bloom where You have planted me.” Show me how to be a blessing to others, for Jesus sake. Amen

### **May 31**

**Text:** Judges 3 is the story of Deborah, a judge of Israel who led her people in triumph over the Canaanite commander Sisera. At this time Israel remained incapable of uniting under the leadership of a mere woman, so Deborah shared the triumph with her male counterparts for the sake of her country.

**Action:** Think of a time when someone thought you were less capable than You are or failed to give You credit when it was due. How did that make You feel? Angry? Vengeful? These are natural reactions that belong to the old nature. “Vengeance is mine says the Lord, I will repay.” (Deut. 32:41 & Romans 12:19)

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, help me not to seek to “get people back”; to not return evil for evil. Show me how to be like Your servant Deborah and set my ego, my anger, my vengeance aside in order to do what is best for the common good of your people. I know this is a growth process, Lord. Be patient with me, for Jesus sake. Amen.

## Youth News

### may Birthdays

*Zoey Christen*

*Brandon Larson*

*Brekken Mandt*

*Owen Munter*

*Abigail Snyder*

If you are a Hope student in grades 7-12 and we missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we can update our list.

### Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



*Tanner Levin*

*Jacob Malmanger*

*Brekken Mandt*

*Axel Munter*

*Matthew Radtke*

*Callie Theis*

On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Family/Youth/Education Board will present each graduate with a quilt, made by Hope Quilters, cake, card, and flower at their home.



A virtual **Youth scavenger hunt** is set for **Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM.**

If your student has not received a zoom invitation, please call the church office with the needed information.





## **4/8/2020 – Hope Lutheran Church Council – Meeting Minutes**

**Recorded by Sarah Manecke**

**Present:** Evan Fonder, Travis Quam, Sarah Manecke, Michelle Olson, Chantel Wickham, Wayne Olson, Tom Sedler, Bonnie Albright, Dean Vikan, Tim Manecke, Pastor Jane Ekholm, Sylvia Munter & Nancy Andree

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Evan Fonder – President - via video conference

**Devotions:** Executive Board – Evan read & discussed the importance of John 3:16 – life is temporary. We need to follow the message of Jesus.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Tom, second by Tim, Approved Unanimously

**Approval of Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve by Nancy, second by Chantel, Approved Unanimously

**Benevolence Report:** Pastor Jane reports they gave \$100 to a lady in Trail, \$100 to a homeless shelter (Village) in Bemidji, \$100 to the local food shelf and the remaining \$542.31 was not spent & will be used in the event of an emergency.

**Pastor's Report:** See written report

**President's Report:** Evan reported everything is going well with online/radio/tv services. Big Thanks to Pastor Jane and all those who have helped during this uncertain time.

### **Brief Committee Reports**

**Deacons:** Wayne reports that they have prepared 250 communion server kits and will deliver to anyone. Bible study is on hold for the time being.

**Family/Youth/Education:** Michelle O reports they have nothing new at this time as everything is on hold.

**Music & Worship:** Nancy reports they are helping find appropriate music for online services. Thank you to everyone – Jane, Steve, Ryan, Scott R to name a few – for all you have done during these challenging times.

**Trustees:** Tim reports there was a nice jump in electronic giving during the month of March - \$4,300 compared to \$3,040 in February. Continue to encourage electronic giving. Church is down about \$4,000 from last year. We are still looking for more funds to go towards the A/V system. Tim signed up for the paycheck protection program/SBA loan through American Federal and the church has already been approved for \$18,998 – 2 year term with ½% interest.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Tom, second by Dean, Approved Unanimously

**Women of Hope:** No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**10.1 Next Meeting** – FULL Council Meeting Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm; Devotions and lunch by the Family/Youth/Education Board.

**10.2 Other** – None

**Closed** with the Lord's Prayer, Meeting Adjourned.

### **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.**

**FOSSTON DAC** is collecting candles of all types: tapers, votives, jars, and even crayons to make fire starters. Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

**MCINTOSH SENIOR LIVING CENTER** is asking for donations of stuffed animals to be used for bingo prizes. For those who receive them it is quite a treasure. Donations may be dropped off in the church office.

### **HOPE HANKIES**

Do you know someone who is in need of healing of mind, body or spirit? A Hope Hankie is a reminder that you are never alone, that God is always with you and that your friends are aware of your needs and are praying for you. Hope Hankies are available in the church office, or you can call Marge Bolme at 435-1825. Although there is no charge for the Hope Hankie, donations are welcome.

## Online Giving is simple and easy!

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