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# January

## BIBLE READINGS

### Lectionary Bible Verses

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Jeremiah 31: 7-14 | Isaiah 62: 1-5   |
| Psalms 147: 12-20 | John 2: 1-11     |
| Ephesians 1: 3-14 | Nehemiah 8: 1-10 |
| John 1: 1-18      | Luke 4: 14-21    |
| Isaiah 60: 1-6    | Exodus 34: 29-35 |
| Psalms 72: 1-14   | Luke 9:28-43     |
| Ephesians 3: 1-12 |                  |
| Matthew 2: 1-12   |                  |
| Isaiah 43: 1-7    |                  |
| Luke 3: 15-22     |                  |

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JANUARY 2022

# Tidings of Hope

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

## pastor’s letter

from pastor jane

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Blessings to you in 2022. May you and yours stay healthy and secure as you live out the covenant with God in your baptism. After Jesus birth, it was the tradition for Jewish baby boys to be circumcised, and the time of purification for the new mother, after her delivery of the baby. This was when the “righteous & upright man” Simeon along with the prophet, Anna both recognized the baby Jesus as the Messiah. (Luke 2: 25-40.) Simeon had been promised by God, that he would not die before seeing the Anointed One & Anna had devoted herself to the temple since the death of her husband when she was quite young. Now, in their old age they both are looking at the face of the long-awaited Savior, the baby Jesus.

Simeon speaks and delivers a message with which we are all familiar: “Lord let Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, Which You have prepared in the presence of all the peoples: A light for revelation for the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.” You & I are those Gentiles for whom the light shines. Jesus uses this metaphor of light to illustrate faith. John 5: 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (Matthew 4: 6) 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”(John 9:5) While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (Micah 7:8) Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light. (Psalm 18: 28) You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Psalm 119: 105) Thy word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Matthew 5: 16) 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (John 8: 12) When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

To include the Gentiles in the light of God’s promises, or to recognize us as children of Abraham through faith and not blood was unacceptable news to the Jews. Even though God had made it clear from the beginning that His promises are for all people, the Jews had some rules that excluded Gentiles. Originally, these rules were to keep the Jews from wandering away from the One true God, or worshipping other gods by associating with those who were not believers in the One True God. This would have broken the first Commandment; “You shall have no other gods before Me.” When we put other things before God, we do not walk in the Light.

This is the message we have heard from Christ and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 5-9.) You are the Light of the World. Matthew 5:14.

Keep On Shining My Friends,  
Pastor Jane

# January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship & Bible study	3 Hope Women (ask Kathy Carlson for time)	4 New member classes 7pm Heritage Room	5	6 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 pm Bible Study-Heritage Room 6:30 pm Choir practice	7 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8  9:30 am 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8
9 9:30 am Worship- <i>Holy Communion</i> 10:30 am S/S/ Fellowship & Bible study	10 Quilting 8:30 am Fellowship Hall	11	12 Council Meeting 7:30 pm Fellowship Hall	13 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 pm Bible Study-Heritage Room 7:00 pm Befrienders	14 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8  9:30 am 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15
16 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship & Bible study	17 Quilting 8:30 am Fellowship Hall	18	19	20 7:40 am FCA Breakfast  1:30 pm Bible Study-Heritage Room	21 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8  9:30 am 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	22
23 9:30 am Worship No SS  <i>ANNUAL MEETING After service</i>	24 Quilting 8:30 am Fellowship Hall	25	26	27 7:40 am FCA Breakfast  1:30 pm Bible Study-Heritage Room	28 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8  9:30 am 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	29
30 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship & Bible study	31 Quilting 8:30 am Fellowship Hall					

**Notice is hereby given that the  
Annual Meeting  
of  
Hope Lutheran Church**

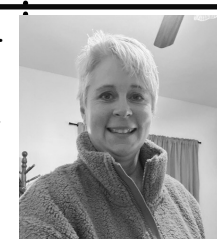
**will be held on  
Sunday, January 23, 2022  
in the Sanctuary,  
following the worship service.**

**This meeting is called  
by action of the Church Council.**

**Evan Fonder, President**

Thank you everyone for the wonderful welcomes.  
I am Loreen Rodriguez the new office secretary  
and am very happy to join the staff here at Hope.  
I recently moved from New Mexico and you may  
see me out walking my dogs.

Office hours will be M-F 8:30 to 11:30



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

Drew Wahlstrom  
Paisley Straub  
Ilene & Dennis Sistad  
Brad & Mary Sistad  
Karen Bolme  
Hilma Stadstad  
Angie Olson  
Tubby Solsten  
Kate Moore  
Christine Johnson  
Al & Carol Heide  
Dean & Joe Lindberg  
Dean Vikan  
Tom & Marcy Sedler  
Hazel Trostad  
Marian Jenkins  
Janet Olson  
Bill Kuzmaul  
Oskie & Mary Hanson

De'etta Heid  
Herbert Preszler  
Frances Preszler  
Gwen & Michelle Johnson  
Pastor Gerald White  
Donald Gwynn & niece  
Shirley  
Greg Gubrud  
Berniece Carlin  
Charles Rose  
Jeanne Rains  
Carol Wold  
Jeff Olson  
Margaret Rustad  
Lori Fletcher Schroeder  
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz  
Christopher Hove  
Naomi Halvorson

**MISSIONARIES:**

Jennifer Albright returning  
from Slovenia  
The Schroeder's in the  
Phillipines  
Simon Hamer in Estonia  
The Neller-moe's et. al. in  
China Service Ventures  
Tom & Eunice Olson of  
Hawley, MN called to  
mission work in the  
Democratic Republic of  
Congo

**12-8-21 Hope Lutheran Church – Full Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill**  
**Present:** Evan Fonder, Tina Averill, Tim Manecke, Michelle Olson, Nathan Peterson, Cyndi Larson, Kim Kleinwachter, Dan Carlin, Emily Quam, Loreen Rodriguez, Travis Quam and Pastor Jane  
**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Evan Fonder – President at 7:30 PM.  
**Devotions and lunch:** Devotion by Executive Board  
**3.0 Approval of Agenda** - Motion by Travis second by Tim to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimously.  
**4.0 Benevolence Report** – The Benevolence was up for November by \$88. Listed on the report are donations to World Mission, Augustana District, Local Outreach, Emergency Fund which included the Trail Fire Victims and Balance in School Supplies.  
**5.0 Approval of Secretary’s Report** – Motion by Cyndi second by Nathan to approve Secretary’s Report. Approved Unanimously.  
**6.0 Pastor Report**-Items discussed in Pastor Jane’s report included Goals to Accomplish, Ministerial Association added three new people, Ministerial Association has arranged for a Living Nativity at Humbleberry Farms near Brooks for Fosston Area Youth on December 22, Ministerial Association has agreed to pay \$25 a week for a bus driver for Friday School, Pastor Jane has been elected to serve as Vice President of the Ministerial Association, Hope Family Christmas Party is December 15, and recent funerals included David Andree, Lois Storey, and Rebecca Rud.  
**7.0 President’s Report** – Reminder of annual meeting January 23 after the church service.  
**Brief Committee Meetings –**  
**8.1 Deacons** – Deacons reported on buses and upcoming communion servers.  
**8.2 Family/Youth Education** – Almost \$700 raised for Operation Christmas Child, Caroling will be on Sunday December 12 with pizza after, Sylvia Munter will be Youth Volunteer, Hope Family Christmas Party Potluck on the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**8.3 Music & Worship** – Status of the organ was put in the Tidings, Secured 4 families for wreaths, Special Music on the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Eve Service.  
**8.4.1 Trustees** – Tim spoke on the financials pretty much on target. Question regarding a \$2500 expense from October was due to mowing cemeteries. Motion by Travis seconded by Kim to approve financials report pending audit. Carried unanimously.  
**8.4.2** Motion by Cyndi supported by Dan to approve 2022 Proposed Budget for presentation to congregation at annual meeting. Carried Unanimously.  
**8.5 Women of Hope Report** – No report. Will be having bakeless bake sale and helping with Hope Family Christmas Party.  
**9.0 Old Business –**  
**9.1** Vice President and Secretary positions to be filled yet.  
**9.1.1** Nominations needed.  
**10. New Business –**  
**10.1** Motion by Travis supported by Time to approve Annual Meeting Date of January 23, 2022. Carried unanimously.  
**10.2** Next Executive Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:30 PM. Devotions and lunch but Family Youth and Education Board.  
**10.3** Other - None  
**11.0** Closing Prayer of the Lord’s Prayer followed by adjournment.



Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, think about giving electronically. Contact the church office with any questions or to sign up.

In the back of the sanctuary the envelope offering boxes are available for pick up. If you are unable to pick them up, contact the

Remember to drop off your used devotionals in the hall outside the office for donation to prison ministry!



Do you need help with shoveling or yard work? Daniel is a member of Hope Lutheran living at Lutheran Social Services in Fosston. He is willing and able to help. For a free estimate call 218-435-2857. Staff will be able to transport Daniel where he is needed. Thank you.

## GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the TV/Radio Fund in memory of David Andree and Larry LePier

*Thank You*

Gifts were given to the Grounds/Cement replacement fund in memory of David Andree.

Gifts were given to the Window Fund in memory of David Andree, Lois Storey and Ann Offerdahl.

Gifts to the youth and World hunger was given in memory of Louise Bakken.

Gifts were also given to the church in memory of Helen MaeFrethem, David Andree, and John Handyside.

In Celebration of our King’s birth, the Hope Altar Guild adorned the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. Poinsettias were given in memory of Gil, Donna, Gary & Doug Storrusten, Beverly Drellack, Walt & Wally Olson, Beverly Widstrand, Duane & Doris Larsen & son Dennis, Grandma/ GreatGrandma Gladys Juve Anderson, Arthur Quam, Lou & Phil Strande, Alice & Edwin Quam, Helene & Einar Rindahl, Adam Kleinwachter, Glendine Benson, Kathy Olson (Wayne’s mom), Terry Aronson (Michelle’s dad), Gary Carlin & Family, In honor of Ron & Pat Eggers parents, Mark Carlin, Gary & David Carlin, Tony & Allison, Earl & Mary Steinbrenner, Barb Carlin, Edward Halvorson, Helen MaeFrethem, Bea & Leroy Mienert, Caroline & Orlie Rendahl, Ralph Hove and the parents of Orlan & Eileen Solsten.

## DECEMBER SERVERS

**ALTAR GUILD:** Michelle Manecke

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Wayne & Michelle Olson  
Darrin & Cyndi Larson

**USHERS:** Ronie Bodensteiner, John Carlin, James Goldsmith, John Nord, Gene Sistad

### HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

<b>January 2</b>	Tom Kleinwachter	Dawson Bailie & Madison Bailie
<b>January 9</b>	Terry Halvorson	Allison Carson & Will Christen
<b>January 16</b>	Rod Olson	Heidi Steinbrenner & Ben Steinbrenner
<b>January 23</b>	Darin Larson	Miley Hove & Alex Johnson
<b>January 30</b>	Sid Fjerstad	Ethan Larson & Jakob Rudie

**SERVING GROUP 7: Chairs:** Dennis & Ilene Sistad 435-6736  
Bennett & Gloria Osmonson 435-1624

George & Glendine Benson, Marge Bolme, Jeff Carlin/Jackie Arnold, David & Jenifer Dahl, Michael & Gina Gensburger, Judy Halvorson, Chris Hove, Ken & Roxann Hove, Alexi Howard, Pete & Jennifer Howard, Wayne Larson, Tom & Marcy Sedler, Dan & Renae Sistad, Sandy Sultvedt, Chad & Holly Thorssen and Mike & Trace Ware

## Broadcast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ FM and telecast on local channel 7 and Garden Valley TV every Sunday at 9:30 am. A live broadcast of the worship service is also available on the internet.

Just search: “Hope Lutheran Fosston” to reach our website. You can view or print the bulletin, and then click on the Youtube link to join the service live. You can also find us on Facebook at *hopelutheran-churchfosston!* (Note: we are still waiting for parts to fix our connection to the Fosston Cable TV).



## 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.**



## Family/Youth/Education



**Family Pot Luck**



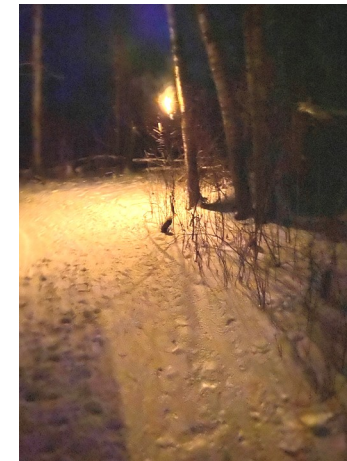
**Children's Christmas Program**



Thank you Pastor Jane, Pat Eggers and Crystal Munter for the wonderful pictures.



**Hay Ride**



**Living Nativity**



**Hope Family January Birthdays**

Lee Rudie (1st), Tom Kleinwachter (3rd), Jeremy Mienert (4th), Tucker Quam (4th), Kaden Wohlhuter (5th), Emilee Rudie (5th), Marcy Sedler (9th), Carey Sannes (9th), Raegan Nord (9th), Hannah Kroening (10th), Bill Malwitz (11th), Adam Halvorson (11th), Aaron Norland (13th), Cullen Norland (13th), Amanda Wohlhuter (15th), Conner Klicker (15th), Jessica Hoialmen (16th), Michelle Olson (16th), Emma Larson (16th), Lauren Sekely (18th), Karsyn Dufault (18th), Geri Hove (20th), Marty Levin (23rd), Chuck Lucken (25th), Janet Olson (29th)Raegan Busse (30th)