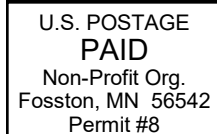


Looking ahead...

Confirmation will be held
Sunday, October 31st



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

SYMBOLS: Finding meaning—a head knowledge or a heart knowledge?

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Our places of worship, our homes, our lives are full of symbols. We use symbols **when words are inadequate**, or words would be too long. Like the Holy Spirit praying for us with groans too deep for words. So in some ways, symbols are like the groans by the Holy Spirit praying & intervening for us. (*Romans 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*) The Spirit can do this **because of what Jesus has accomplished**.

What do Symbols mean to us, in our church, our homes, our schools and our culture? In our **church** we see symbols on our altar, vestments, our windows, our hymnbooks, décor, and our Bibles; to name only a few locations, reminding us and assuring us of God's love and compassion. In our **homes**, we may have some of these same symbols as reminders of our faith, the **photographs** of loved ones, comfort us as reminders of those we love and who love us. In our **school culture** we have the symbol of the greyhounds as reminder of the teams we support as they represent us in competitions with other communities. **Symbols represent more than words can say**. It includes the facts, the context, the associated events and our own emotions. Our passions influence how we feel about all of these things.

Perhaps **the most widely used symbol** in the Christian life today, is **the cross**. Historically this was not true, because death by crucifixion was just too gory, too horrible to be remembered or seen as anything positive, let alone venerated. So **no one wore crosses**. Crucifixion was done along the roadsides, and in the arena so all could see the terrible suffering and humiliation humans were capable of inflicting on other human beings. Such was the expertise of the Romans.

In AD 64, the notorious Emperor Nero attempted to **blame Christians** for the Great Fire of Rome. It was traditionally thought during the reign of Nero that both St. Peter (*crucified upside down*) and St. Paul (*beheaded*) were martyred in Rome, when the Christians met "underground" in catacombs to worship and fellowship. Modern scholars question whether the Romans distinguished between Christians and Jews before 96, when practicing **Jews paid Roman taxes and Christians did not**. Christians suffered from **periodic persecutions** over a period of about **250 years**. Refusal to participate in State religion was considered treason, punishable by execution. The most widespread persecution was by the emperor Diocletian, during **the Great Persecution** (303–311), the emperor ordered Christian buildings and the homes of Christians torn down and their sacred books collected and burned. Christians were arrested, tortured, mutilated, burned, starved, and **condemned to gladiatorial contests to amuse** spectators. It ended in April 311, when Galerius, senior emperor of the Tetrarchy, issued an edict of toleration, which granted Christians the right to practice their religion, though it did not restore any property to them. Constantine, Caesar in the Western empire, and Licinius, Caesar in the East, also were signatories to **the edict of toleration**. It has been speculated that Galerius' reversal of his long-standing policy of Christian persecution has been attributable to all of these co-Caesars.

In AD 306, **Constantine** the Great, became the first Christian emperor of Rome. He abolished crucifixion in the Roman Empire in 337 out of veneration for Jesus **Christ, its most famous victim**, making Christianity the state religion of Rome.* When he **outlawed crucifixion crosses became a symbol of all that God had done through Christ**. The earliest historians claimed that Constantine was motivated by a sense of **humanity rather than piety**. Some scholars allege that his main objective was to gain unanimous approval and submission to his authority from all classes, and therefore chose Christianity to conduct his **political propaganda**, believing that it was the most appropriate religion that could replace the State religion or cult.

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BIBLE READINGS

Lectionary Bible Verses for October

Genesis 2: 18-24	Job 23:1- 17	Psalms 46
Hebrews 1: 1-to 2:12	Psalms 22	Romans 3: 19-28
Mark 10: 2-16	Isaiah 53: 4-12	John 8: 31-36
Job 1:1 to 2:10	Psalms 91: 9-16	Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Psalms 26	Hebrews 4: 1-10	Psalms 126
Amos 5: 6 to 10: 15	Mark 10: 35-45	Hebrews 7:23-28
Psalms 90	Job 38: 1-41	Mark 10: 46-52
Hebrews 4: 12-16	Psalms 104: 1-35	Job 42: 1-17
Mark 10: 17-31	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Psalms 34: 1-8

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship/ Discussion Groups	4	5	6 3-5 pm Kids Time! 6:00pm-10th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm-Youth Group	7 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 10am-Women of Hope Bd 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's	8 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade Confirmation	9 3:30 pm— Carlin/ Jacobson wedding
10 9:30 am Worship- Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School/ Discussion Groups/Fellowship	11 9:00am Quilting set-up followed by luncheon	12	13 3-5 pm Kids Time! 6pm-10th grade Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:30 pm Executive Council	14 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's 7 pm - Befrienders	15 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade Confirmation	16
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More than 1,000 years later, however, crucifixion **resurfaced** as a way of killing Christians **in Japan. In 1597**, 26 Christians were crucified in Nagasaki and over the following century, hundreds more were executed in the same way. **Today, Christians in China** face a similar bias, forcing the church to go "underground." A ministry that we at Hope Lutheran continue to support is China Service Ventures, formerly led by Ida (daughter of our congregation) & Paul Martinson.

The cross became less offensive to Christians in later generations in our century because we have not seen the horror of crucifixion, nor experienced it as the early Christians did. We have "sanitized" the symbol of the cross, making it more acceptable to our delicate standards.

When we see a cross, we think, "here is someone who believes as we do". From that standpoint, we know we have some common ground. Only once did I meet a person wearing a cross that wore it only as a piece of jewelry and seemed to have no knowledge of the history or meaning behind what he wore.

Academically and mentally, we know the history of suffering that occurs in crucifixion. We are not aware of it personally. The sights, sounds, smells and, horror of it are foreign, except in our imagination. Spiritually and emotionally we may be found lacking in the strength that comes from **first-hand knowledge** of the cross.

As grandchildren gaze at photographs of great-great grandparents, those who were homesteaders, the kids may have a **head knowledge** of the sacrifices made for their future. As posterity of those in the photographs, we tell the kids stories of the past. But they do not have a **heart knowledge** of sacrifices made to survive the dirty 30's, the pandemic of 1918, the polio epidemic, or sacrifices to educate family members, sacrifices to make life better than it was in the "old country."

We find meaning by saying the names of those in the photographs, telling their story and recounting what faith has meant in their lives. Then **head knowledge becomes heart knowledge**. In this we often find new **meaning to life**, **meaning** for sacrifices, **meaning** for faith.

May **the symbol of the cross** (*a stumbling block for some*) be a symbol of hope and meaning for us as we consider the deep losses of this past month and give thanks to God for meaningful and abundant life. Amen.

Love & Prayers,
Pastor Jane

**Constantine responded to the influence of his mother Helena's faith. The mother's teaching (Helena mother of Constantine, and Monaca, the mother of St. Augustine) are compared to the work of Queen Esther in the old Testament, who saved her people by her political influence and deep faith against the evil prime minister Haman who sought to annihilate the Jews.*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Drew Wahlstrom
Paisley Straub
Ilene & Dennis Sistas
Brad & Mary Sistas
Lois Storey
Mike Murray
Karen Bolme
Hilma Stadstad
Angie Olson
Elizabeth Barrineau
Tubby Solsten
Kate Moore
Christine Johnson
Al & Carol Heide
Dean & Joe Lindberg
Dean Vikan
Tom Sedler
Hazel Trogstad
Marian Jenkins
Janet Olson
Bill Kuzmaul
Oskie & Mary Hanson
De'etta Heid

Herbert Pressler
Gwen & Michelle Johnson
Pastor Gerald White
Donald Gwynn & niece
Shirley
Craig Larsen
Greg Gubrud
Berniece Carlin
Charles Rose
Jeanne Rains
Lori Fletcher Schroeder
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz
Brian Larson
Christopher Hove
Rebecca Rud
David Paulson
The family of Neil Riveland
The family of Pastor Paul
Magelssen
The family of Ann Offerdahl

MISSIONARIES:
Jennifer Albright in Slovenia
The Schroeder's in the
Phillippines
Simon Hamer in Estonia
The Nellerhoe's et. al. in
China Service Ventures
Tom & Eunice Olson of
Hawley, MN called to
mission work in the
Democratic Republic of
Congo



Present: Evan Fonder, Sarah Manecke, Dan Carlin, Tim Manecke, Pastor Jane Ekholm, Brittnei Radtke, Travis Quam, Michelle Olson, Cindy Larson, Kim Kleinwachter and Emily Quam.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Evan Fonder – President

Devotions: Music & Worship Board – Kim read a wonderful message on Choosing Joy – it’s not up to God, it’s up to you. We get to choose JOY.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Tim, second by Michelle, Approved Unanimously.

Approval of Secretary’s Report: Motion to approve by Travis, second by Tim, Approved Unanimously.

Benevolence Report: Pastor Jane reports that benevolence was able to spend \$1,760 in August. LCMC - \$352; World Mission - \$400; Augustana District - \$88; National Mission - \$392; Local Outreach - \$528, which includes the backpack program.

Pastor’s Report: See attached report. Thank you to all our council & committee members, the Women of Hope & volunteers for their time in fall preparations for school, Sunday School, Friday School, FCA & Youth Group. Special thanks to Joan Dufault for dedication & hours in the church office.

President’s Report: Evan expressed his excitement for the fall season beginning again – Sunday School, FCA, Choir. Thankful for the gifts we have been given.

Brief Committee Reports

Deacons: No report.

Family/Youth/Education: Michelle reported that the installation of teachers with breakfast to follow will be held on Rally Sunday, September 12th. At this time Friday School is TBD as there will be no transportation from the school – encourage children to sign up. We will likely be losing our youth director, Michelle Levin, at the beginning of next year. Emily suggested sitting down with youth directors from other churches and collaborate with them on various activities so that ALL youth in the community can have fellowship together.

Music & Worship: Kim reported they have readers through September; otherwise, nothing new to report.

Trustees: Tim reported that financials are looking good. The church received funds from the Wally Olson trust – Tim is working with the family on how they wish to have the money spent. The church also received another significant donation from a member who would like their funds to be used towards the retaining wall. Tim reported that the Trustees have been busy getting ready for the fundraising auction on Saturday, Sept. 18th at Noon in the church parking lot. He encouraged people to drop off items at the church or call if they need anything picked up. Joan has been updating our website as items are donated. He asked if there could be youth available to help set up. Fliers have been made and will be placed around town, in the newspaper and on Fosston’s City Cable.

Motion to approve the July Treasurer’s Report pending audit by Dan, second by Travis, Approved Unanimously.

Motion to approve the August Treasurer’s Report pending audit by Travis, second by Kim, Approved Unanimously.

Women of Hope: Quilting begins on October 11th; meatball takeout on October 20th; serving book in progress; serving lunch at the auction September 18th.

Old Business: None

New Business:

10.1 Next Meeting – Executive Council meeting Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 7:30pm; Devotions and Lunch by the Trustees.

10.2 Other

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer, Meeting Adjourned.

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Custodian: Steve Sovick
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Office: Joan Dufault (interim)
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Cell: 218-230-4176
Email: hopezion268@gmail.com

A/V: Ryan Hanlon (612) 910-9436

Musician: Diane Boucher (kingtown@gvtel.com)

Choir director: Charity Salmonson



Thanks for Your Support!

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.

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



Broadcast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCCQ 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 *hopelutheranchurchfosston!* (Note: we are 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.

SEPTEMBER GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of:

- Eugene Arnold
- Lyle Gutterud
- Trandem Kappedal
- Tony Dorn, Sr.
- Kyle Knutson

Thank You

Gifts were given to the Windows fund in memory of: Lyle Gutterud and Dorothymae LePier.

A gift was given to the Sunday School fund in memory of Neil Riveland.

A gift was given to the Grounds/Cement replacement fund in memory of Dorothymae Lepier and Ann Offerdahl

Gifts were given to the FCA in memory of Pastor Paul Magelssen.

Undesignated Gifts were also given in memory of Neil Riveland, Molly Mathiason, and Dorothymae Lepier; and in honor of Dennis & Ilene Sistad’s 60th wedding anniversary.

OCTOBER SERVERS

ALTAR GUILD: Gina Gensburger/Wanda Marshall

COMMUNION SERVERS: Tracy Ware/Nathan Pederson/Dan Carlin

USHERS: Richard Evje James Haugstul Wayne Larson Michael Norland David Olson
Duane Olson Travis Quam

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

October 3	Terry Halvorson	Kyra Quam and Myla Quam
October 10	Rod Olson	Allison Carlin and Ben Steinbrenner
October 17	Darin Larson	Peyton Radtke and Jake Wickham
October 24	Sid Fjerstad	Will Christen and Aiden Pederson
October 31	Tom Kleinwachter	Dawson Bailie and Alex Johnson

SERVING GROUP 4: Scott & Amy Riveland (431-0212)

Orlan & Eileen Solsten, Chairs (435-6101)

Barb Carlin	Scott & Willow Christen	Ashley Goldsmith	Jim & Rosie Glodsmith
Mike & Patti Halland	Jim & Ionne Haugstul	Sarah Johnson	Peggy Larsen
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz	Greg & Keri Mireault	John & Julie Nord	Norma Quam
Travis & Emily Quam	Jake & Brittnei Radtke	John & Connie Radtke	Sandra Riveland
Jon & Renee Rustad	Leroy & Helen Sander	Richard & Marilyn Venem	Heather Webb

Family/Youth/Education



Youth Group with Michelle Levin

Come join us for Youth Group on Wednesday October 6th, 13th and 27th at 6:30 pm.

Make your way all the way up the stairs to the Youth Room for fellowship and fun!

KIDS TIME!

4th-6th graders are invited to come to the Ignite Youth Station, 3:00-5:00pm, every Wednesday when there is school.

The Ignite Youth Station is located on the west end of the City Hall Building, across from the Civic Center.

Snacks, games, and movies are provided. Invite a friend - all 4th-6th graders are welcome!

A successful auction netted approximately \$10,000 for our Grounds Beautification and Cement Repair/replacement fund! Thank you to all who either donated or purchased items! A special thank you to all who helped make the auction successful: the Trustees, the Women of Hope, Lynda Lohmeier (auctioneer) and everyone else who volunteered their time!

AUCTION SET-UP



Allison Carlin Will Christen

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.

CONFIRMATION REVIEW

The 10th grade confirmation class will meet each Wednesday in October for review at 6:00 pm.

Attendance at these meetings is required for Confirmation.

Contact Pastor Jane with questions.

Third Graders Receive Bibles



Elise Fonder, Jase Manecke and Roquet Quam with their New Adventure Bibles



Hope Lutheran Church
Meatballs and Gravy to Go!
Ready to eat or freeze—take out only!
When: Wednesday, October 20th
Pickup at church from 4-6:30 p.m.

Pre-Order by calling:

Gloria—435-1624

Kathy—435-1814

Sylvia—435-1716

(leave a message if unavailable)

Prices:

1 meatball \$1.50

6 meatballs \$8.00

12 meatballs \$15.00

Reminder: this is take out of meatballs and gravy ONLY—you supply the rest!

A celebration of life was held for Paul Magelssen, Hope's pastor from 1993-2018, at the Fosston Baseball Field on September 29th. He will be missed!



Our choir serenading Hilma Stadstad on her 104th Birthday!

PASTOR PAUL ALL STAR 1948-2021

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

CAREER STATS

- 1 amazing wife
- 3 wonderful daughters
- 7 awesome grandchildren
- 34 years in the big leagues (ministry)
- Mentor
- Coach
- Friend to all
- Influencer
- Great sense of humor
- Loved deeply