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Looking ahead...

Community Thanksgiving at New Journey
on Wednesday, November 24th at 7 p.m.

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Lectionary Bible Verses for November

Isaiah 25: 6-9	1 Kings 17:8-16	Daniel 7: 9-14
Psalms 24	Hebrews 9: 24-28	Psalms 93
Revelations 21:1-6	Mark 12: 38-44	Revelation 1: 4-8
John 11:32-44	Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17	John 18: 33-37
Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Psalms 127	2Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalms 119	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalms 132: 1-18
Hebrews 9:11-14	Psalms 16	Joel 2: 21-27
Mark 12:28-34	Hebrews 10:11-25	Psalms 126
Ruth 1:1-18	Mark 13:1-8	1Timothy 2:1-7
Psalms 146	1Samuel 1: 4-20	Matthew 6: 25-33
	1Samuel 2: 1-10	

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NOVEMBER 2021

Tidings of Hope

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

pastor’s letterfrom pastor jane

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Reformation Day, has become the day we commemorate the posting of the 95 Thesis which summarized the abuses of the church in Martin Luther’s time. Luther proclaimed that the heart of the Gospel is that we are saved by grace through faith, justified and set free. Our confirmation students will be leading us in worship on Reformation Day, October 31 at the 9:30 service. Each has chosen a Bible verse and reflects the faith that has been nurtured here at Hope Lutheran since baptism.

Our ten Confirmands and their chosen Bible verses are:
Alexis Bailie: John 3: 16 “For God so loved the World that He gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have life everlasting.”
Vanessa Johnson: Psalm 37:4-5 Trust in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”
Piper Larson: 2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith and not by sight.”
Breanna Larson: Psalm 23: 1-2 “The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.”
Brynlea Mahlon: If God is all you have, you have all you need. (paraphrased)” John 14: 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?”
Karly Pederson: Psalm 121: 5-6 The LORD watches over you- the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
Chase Pierce: Ezekiel 47:9 Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.
Kyra Quam: Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”
Lukas Sannes: John 3: 16 For God so loves the World that He gave His only begotten Son, (so) that whoever believes in Him, may not perish but may have eternal life.
Tia Wickham: Matthew 7:13”Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.”

We rejoice in this rite when our students affirm the promises made in baptism and we continue to uphold them in prayer as they grow in wisdom and discretion throughout their teenage years into young adulthood.

Our deepest thanks to our deacon Dean Vikan who has given of his great photographic talent by taking pictures of our confirmands and printing the requested copies and poses (please give your photographic orders to Crystal Munter who is assisting Dean with orders.) Our thanks also to Travis Quam for assisting Dean with management and transport of the photographic equipment.

(Continued inside)

november 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8:30 am Quilting 10 am- Women of Hope Board	2	3 3-4:30 Kids Time! 6:00 p.m.-Youth movie event at Fosston Theater	4	5 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade	6
7 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship/ Advent Discussion Group	8 8:30 am Quilting	9	10 3-4:30 pm Kids Time! No Youth Group	11 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's 7 pm - Befrienders	12 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade Confirmation	13
14 9:30 am Worship- Holy Communion 10:30 am S/S/ Advent Discussion Group/Fellowship	15 8:30 am Quilting	16	17 3-4:30 pm Kids Time! No Youth Group 7:30 pm Council	18 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's	19 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade Confirmation Class	20
21 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship / Advent Discussion Group/ Nominating Committee meets	22 8:30 am Quilting	23	24 3-4:30 pm Kids Time! 6:30 pm-- Youth Group 7pm-Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at New Journey	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 No Friday School	27
28 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Hour / Advent Discussion Group <i>No Sunday school</i>	29 8:30 am Quilting	30				

(Pastor's letter, continued from page 1)

As we confirm our students, we celebrate **the heart of our faith**, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news that makes us free of our guilt. As the words of the German hymn **"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"** by Horatio Bonar (1808-1889) says...

Verse 1 "I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lam of God; He bears them all and frees us, from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains. Clean in his blood most precious, 'till not a spot remains."

Verse 2: "I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases; my soul He does redeem. I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares; He from then all releases; He all my sorrows shares."

Verse 3: I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces; I on his breast recline. I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord; Like fragrance on the breezes, His Name abroad is poured."

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to unite the church as the Communion of Saints, in the waters of baptism making us One body, freed in Faith and celebrating at the Lord's Table.

Keeping our student's faith active in the church seems to be **the modern-day challenge**. There are many 'good' excuses, but no reason is good enough not to promote continued spiritual growth, we need to guide them in the heavenward way. They are our future. Let us love people into the kingdom.

In His Service,
Pastor Jane

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Drew Wahlstrom
Paisley Straub
Ilene & Dennis Sistad
Brad & Mary Sistad
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
Heather Scott
Helen Mae Frethem

MISSIONARIES:
Jennifer Albright in 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



10-13-21 Hope Lutheran Church – Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill

Present: Evan Fonder, Tina Averill, Tim Manecke, Dan Carlin, Michelle Olson, Bonnie Albright, Wayne Olson, Tracy Ware, Travis Quam, and Pastor Jane

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Evan Fonder – President at 7:30 PM.

Devotions and lunch: Devotion and lunch by Board of Trustees

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Travis second by Tim to approve agenda as amended changing the meeting to Full Council for next meeting. Approved Unanimously.

4.0 Benevolence Report – The Benevolence was not able to meet. Currently down \$200.

5.0 Approval of Secretary’s Report – Motion by Tracy second by Bonnie to approve Secretary’s Report. Approved Unanimously.

6.0 Pastor Report-Items discussed in Pastor Jane’s report included a list of General Goals: Information regarding a Universalist Pastor; Thank you to Pastor John Ragan for helping with a wedding, a funeral & graveside services while Pastor Jane was recovering from Covid; and Choir Cantata is being held on December 12.

7.0 President’s Report – Thank you to deacon’s filling in – to family and youth for Friday School and Sunday School kicking off – Trustee’s for the auction – challenge to everyone if they knew anyone that could serve and to pass on to nominating committee.

Brief Committee Reports –

8.1 Deacons – Tracy reported on possible transportation for Friday School for the elementary students – churches will work with school on bussing. More details to be worked out before confirming.

8.2 Family/Youth Education – Michelle reported not a lot going on. May have to look for a few more members to help with Palubicki’s receipts. There will be a cake at coffee hour for confirmation students. Working on the Hope Family Christmas.

8.3 Music & Worship – Music and Worship looking for more music for the services.

8.4 Trustees – Tim spoke on the financials – pretty stable – insurance was paid this month along with a printer for Pastor Jane’s office. \$50,000 in the bank account. Janet Olson donated \$15,000 towards retaining wall. Just under \$6000 left on the new windows. Roof leak in the church and parsonage has 2 leaks in the roof.

8.4.1 Motion by Travis seconded by Tracy to approve September Treasurer’s Report pending audit. Approved unanimously.

8.5 Women of Hope Report – Making plans for the meatball take out night.

9.0 Old Business – None

10. New Business –

10.1 Next Full Council Meeting is Wednesday, November 10, 2021 @ 7:30 PM. Devotions by Board of Deacons.

10.2 Other – Discussion about having FCA again on Thursdays before school. Council felt comfortable moving forward with this.

11.0 Closing Prayer by Evan followed by adjournment.

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 *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.

OCTOBER GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the TV/Radio Fund in memory of:

- Lil Bergquist
- Dorothy Mae LePier
- Ann Offerdahl
- Lyle Gutterud
- Pastor Paul Magelssen
- Lois Ball

A gift was given to the Brandsvold Cemetery in memory of Pastor Paul Magelssen.

A gift was given to the Sound System fund in memory of Pastor Paul Magelssen.

Gifts were given to the Grounds/Cement replacement fund in memory of Lyle Gutterud and Ann Offerdahl.

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

Undesignated Gifts were also given in memory of David Paulson, Pastor Paul Magelssen and Lois Ball.

Thank You

NOVEMBER SERVERS

ALTAR GUILD: Jen Dahl and Jolene Schmidt

COMMUNION SERVERS: Wayne & Michelle Olson Travis & Emily Quam

USHERS: Doug Fjerstad, James London, Greg Mireault, Tom Sedler, Daniel Sistad, Mike Theis

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

November 7	Terry Halvorson	Allison Carlin and Lexi Mahlen
November 14	Rod Olson	Jake Wickham and Myla Quam
November 21	Darin Larson	Micah Malmanger and Miley Hove
November 28	Sid Fjerstad	Dawson Bailie and Madison Bailie

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Phyllis Larson Nathan & Rochelle Mahlen Tim & Michelle Manecke Laurie McKnight
Bryan & Katelyn Mesich Rod Olson/Wanda Marshall Carey & Teresa Sannes
Richard Sistad Dave & Sue Skunes Mike & Michelle Solsten Lowell & Mavis Veum
Les & Patty Viken



Thank you to everyone who ordered the takeout Meatballs and Gravy!
The sale was very successful!
Special thanks to all the workers!



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!



Family/Youth/Education



Youth Pumpkin Carving



Piper Larson Miley Hove

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.

Thank you!

The Family and Youth Board would like to thank Craig Larsen for his work in tallying the grocery receipts that were donated by church members. After all the counting was complete, Hope Youth received a check from Palubicki's Family Market in the amount of **\$174.52**. Thanks, Craig!

KIDS TIME!

4th-6th graders are invited to come to Hope Church, 3:00-4:30 pm, every Wednesday when there is school.

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

September Newsletter

What a crazy month September was! Thank you all for your continued prayers and support! God has blessed me tremendously with an amazing system of support. I cannot express enough the impact that this makes. Najlepša Hvala! (The most beautiful thank you!)

I had a group of visitors from America! My parents and sister came to visit at the beginning of September. I loved being able to show them my home for the past year. It was such a blessing to see family and be able to explore beautiful parts of this country.

Also in September we were visited by a professor and his wife that presented a seminar in practical cultural anthropology for interns serving in Europe. I was so encouraged by their stories of missions from their time in Asia.



We started back up with Royal Rangers this month! My sister Julia was able to join in on the meeting. In October my teammates and I are planning American style food and games to share with the youth.

This month the next group of interns arrived in Slovenia. I can't believe it's already been a year since I arrived! We have been training them in different areas of ministry so they are ready when we leave and pass off the baton in December.

I caught the covid bug in September and was down for the count for 10 days. Thankfully I only had mild symptoms and recovered fairly quickly.



Prayers:

- Praise for sweet time with family this month and a swift recovery from covid.
- One of the married couples on our team recently had a baby! Please keep the Orfe family in your prayers as they transition to a family of 3
- Junior interns (pray for the next group of interns as they start language and transition to life overseas).
- Relationships with locals (pray for continued divine connections and God's hand).
- Endurance (Pray that I would have endurance and finish well on internship).

Blessings,
Jennifer

(Jennifer is the daughter of Kurt & Bonnie Albright, serving in the mission field in Slovenia)