



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

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# tidings

## pastor's letter

from pastor jane

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Thank you** for a wonderful Lent and Easter season. The food was great! I hope the messages you heard were worthy of your time and spiritual preparation. The Confirmation and First Communion experience for our youth was a positive experience for all involved.

**Thank you** to our dedicated organists, Mary Hanson, Jeanie Stout, and Ruth Olson; our Worship Team: Mark & Jacob Malmanger, Alyssa Macy, Patty Viken, and Blake Munter; our Office Manager, Sylvia Munter, and custodian, Steve Sovick. Special thanks to choir director, Charity Salmonson, and accompanist, Jeanie Stout, for their ministry of music, and sound room technician, Ryan Hanlon, for applying his skills to ministry over the air waves. In this era when it really is hard to find help our church is truly blessed by each of these individuals.

Thank you to the members of the Altar Guild, who outdid themselves for Lent, Easter, and First Communion services. A **special thanks to Willow** Christen, who guided the First Communicants on how the elements of communion are prepared.

Looking **toward the future**, the need to be raising up musicians is critical to the future of Hope Lutheran and the ability of the church to continue to provide meaningful worship. Finding faithful youngsters who would be willing to take piano or guitar lessons with the intent of graduating to organ, keyboard, or other instruments to be used in worship. This effort would be worthy of a scholarship fund. This would not only lay the groundwork for our future but incorporate modern upbeat sacred music that would appeal to our younger generations. Martin Luther is credited with taking similar steps, resulting in "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," which has inspired the church for about 500 years!

**I apologize** for not completing my visitation list. Recall my goal of contacting each and every member. I was in the "M"s when the storms and cold hit us the end of January and ran through April. In between the few good travel days we had, I fought flu and didn't think I should share that with you! So I am picking up where I left off. If I see you periodically I may not call, as the purpose of this exercise is to contact those I do not know as well. Please feel free to stop me and suggest a time to meet. And if I get mixed up and call you by the wrong name, please straighten me out! I look forward to getting to know everyone before my contract ends.

Please **continue to pray** for our Call Committee and your future pastor. The decisions they will make are of the utmost importance in the future of our church. Please pray for me, as I consider my next steps as well. May God open our minds to His will.

**Thank you** for the joy of teaching your children. My very first Confirmation class and First Communion class came to fruition this spring. It made for a wild Lenten season, but it was rich and rewarding. I am happy to see the Confirmation students continuing to attend church and I encourage them to attend senior high Sunday School, taught between services by Scott Riveland and Carey Sannes in the "upper room". The senior high Youth Group meets each Wednesday through May at 6:30 PM, coordinated by Youth Directors, Mike and Alyssa Macy.

The **Women of Hope** subsidize a part of the cost of our youth who attend Bible Camp, so please contact Ilene Sistad if your children plan to attend camp this summer and let me know, too, when and which camp they will attend. A special **thank you to Mary Steinbrenner**, who organized 16 students baking unleavened bread for their First Communion.

Thanks to all who made the spaghetti supper such a success.

We have 16 **seniors** graduating from High School. They will be honored, receive handmade quilts and our blessing on Sunday **May 19**. **May 5**, we will honor Sunday School and Friday School teachers, music leaders, and superintendents, as well as our brave and noble youth directors.

In order **to serve you better** in the summer months and with enough interest, we are considering having a mid-week evening worship service that would be on Wednesdays about 6:30 PM. This may be an alternative to our second service on Sunday at 11:15, or in addition to it. If you have an opinion, please speak to Pastor Jane or someone on the council about what would be most helpful to you and your summer schedule.

Thank you, and God Bless you.

In His Service, Pastor Jane

# May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>  3:30 am Kids Time 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Trustee Mtg.	<b>2</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast 11:00 am Women of Hope Board Mtg.	<b>3</b>  	<b>4</b>  4:30 pm Dufault/ Fuglestad Wedding
<b>5</b> TEACHER APPRECIATION 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School/Fellowship 11:15 am Worship	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b>  	<b>8</b>  3:30 am Kids Time 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Council Mtg.	<b>9</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>10</b>  	<b>11</b>  
<b>12</b>  9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship / Holy Communion	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b>  	<b>15</b>  3:30 am Kids Time 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>16</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>17</b>  	<b>18</b>  
<b>19</b>  GRADUATES HONORED 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:15 am Worship	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b>  	<b>22</b>  3:30 am Kids Time 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>23</b>  7:40 am FCA Breakfast	<b>24</b>  	<b>25</b>  
<b>26</b>  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>27</b>  	<b>28</b>  	<b>29</b>  	<b>30</b>  	<b>31</b>  	

## MAY SERVANTS

### GROUP 3

**Chairpersons:** Kathy Carlson / Brad & Kristen Norland

<b>Servers:</b>	Erika Beckett	Ron & Kim Bodensteiner	Donna Campbell
	Gary & Berniece Carlin	Paul Curfman/Deb Pfeifer	Doug & Denise Fjerstad
	Evan & Ruth Fonder	Craig & Judy Larson	Johanna Jirik-Larson
	Chuck & Anita Lucken	Mike Olson	Nathan & Jesse Pederson
	Martha Sather	Jeanie Stout	Matt & Sheila Teiken

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jeanie Stout / Anita Lucken

**USHERS:** Tim Carlin / Jon Dufault / Doug Fjerstad / Tim Manecke / Jeremy Mienert

### **HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:**

<b>May 5</b>	Sid Fjerstad	Aaron & Cullen Norland
<b>May 12</b>	Tom Kleinwachter	Noah Mahlen / Kyla Pederson
<b>May 19</b>	Terry Halvorson	Zoey Christen / Tucker Quam
<b>May 26</b>	David Skunes	Amaya Murphy / Lauren Sekely

# May BIBLE READINGS

## KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

1 2 Samuel 5	9 1 Kings 8	17 1 Kings 19	25 2 Kings 8
2 2 Samuel 7	10 1 Kings 9	18 2 Kings 1	26 Sunday Worship
3 2 Samuel 11	11 1 Kings 10	19 Sunday Worship	27 2 Kings 18
4 2 Samuel 12	12 Sunday Worship	20 2 Kings 2	28 2 Kings 19
5 Sunday Worship	13 1 Kings 11	21 2 Kings 4	29 2 Kings 20
6 1 Kings 1	14 1 Kings 12	22 2 Kings 5	30 2 Kings 25
7 1 Kings 2	15 1 Kings 17	23 2 Kings 6	31 1 Chronicles 17
8 1 Kings 3	16 1 Kings 18	24 2 Kings 7	

## Family / Youth / Education



### birthdays

**Zoey Christen**  
**Brandon Larson**  
**Brekken Mandt**  
**Owen Munter**

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 2019

**Gabriel Berry**  
**Alex Bodensteiner**  
**Ella Carlin**  
**Kelsey Carlin**  
**Augustus Farnworth**  
**Alexander Gensburger**  
**Adam Halvorson**  
**Madison Hove**  
**Shaun Larson**

**Wyatt Munter**  
**Nicole Olson**  
**Karis Peterson**  
**Austin Schmidt**  
**Christian Schmidt**  
**Izik Schmidt**  
**Melina Schmidt**  
**Rebeka Ware**



On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the graduates will be presented with quilts during the 9:30 am worship service and honored during coffee hour.



Sunday school and Friday school teachers, Superintendents, and subs will be honored Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, during the 9:30 am worship service.

You were probably quite young when you figured out that, if you obeyed your parents, you were rewarded – blessed – whereas, if you didn't, there were unpleasant consequences. If you've continued in that habit of fulfilling your parents' wishes and honoring them with your obedience, you find that life at home can be quite harmonious.

Maybe you have friends who've gone down a different path, a path of rebellion and disrespect for and disobedience to their parents. Their home life is tense, even combative. Responsible parents who are accountable to God for how they bring up their children remain firm in their efforts to raise children who submit to their authority and, ultimately, to God's authority over them. Not many blessings are found in these homes where strife and tension reign.

Do you recall that the people of Israel were in the desert for forty years when the whole journey from Egypt to the Promised Land

could have taken just days? Why was that? Because the people were rebellious, disobedient, unwilling to trust God Who knew what was best for them, just as He knows what is best for us today. They rebelled against Moses who had been placed by God in a position of leadership over them, just as too often children rebel against their parents who have been placed over them by God.

God is serious about rebellion and disobedience. He spent 14 verses talking about the blessings that come through obedience and 54 verses talking about curses that come through disobedience in Deuteronomy 28.

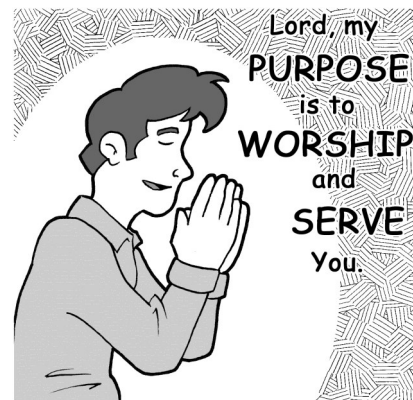
Stewardship is your response to God. Do you respond in humble obedience, or do you fight against His authority? Will you reap blessings or curses?

#### Think about it:

1. It may take awhile to read Deuteronomy 28. Do it anyway. Can you relate any of God's

blessings and curses to your life? Write them down.

2. Do you have a rebellious spirit? Ask God to make you desire to be humble and obedient.



**Let's pray:** Lord, I confess that I am not always willing to submit to the authority of my parents or teachers. Help me to see that this is the same as rebellion against You. Give me grace to back off from what I want and listen to those You have placed in my life to give me direction and guidance. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



### APRIL MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of:

Barb Algaard  
Barb Brinkman  
Dewain Brinkman  
Harry Christen  
Irene Hemphill  
Darrel Kaasa  
Jim Mireault  
Don Reiersen  
Roger Leslie Sorenson

Gifts were given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Barb Algaard.

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of Russell Lee.

A gift was given to the Youth in memory of Jim Mireault.

### Brandsvold Cemetery Records

The entire Brandsvold records book has been scanned and transcribed/translated, and is available through Minnesota Reflections web site (in connection with the Minnesota Digital Library)! The link is: <http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/p16022coll61>  
Spread the word!

### Broadcast/Telecast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ FM and telecast on local channel 7 and Garden Valley channel 31 every Sunday at 9:30 am.

**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.

**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.

### 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. We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.

### 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.

**Polk County Social Services is seeking homes to provide foster care to children in need. If you'd like more information on child foster care, call Polk County Social Services at 218-470-8483.**



## Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 4/10/19 Recorded by Tracy Ware

**Present:** Joan Dufault, Greg Mireault, Pastor Jane Ekholm, Sylvia Munter, Tracy Ware, Michelle Solsten, Wayne & Michelle Olson, Nancy Andree, Angie Rudie, Darin & Cindy Larson, Ilene Sistas, Tom Sedler, Teresa Sannes.

**Call to order:** Meeting Called to order by Joan Dufault – President

**Devotions** – from Greg

**Agenda Review** - Motion to approve by Nancy; Second by Michelle S, Approved Unanimously

**Secretary's Report** - Motion to approve by Greg; Second by Tom, Approved Unanimously

**Women of Hope** – Ilene reports that the spaghetti supper and quilt raffle fund raiser for bible camp will be held on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Quilts for the graduates are completed, Gloria will be sewing on labels. Lenten lunches went well. Maundy Thursday breakfast will be waffles.

**Benevolence Report** – Pastor Jane reports that they continue to support the community.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Jane has been busy with pre-wedding counseling, private counseling, Essentia visits, baptisms and confirmation, etc. She asked for funds to support local mission trips. Guidelines will be developed for the FYE Board for these types of requests. Pastor Jane proposed a mid-week summer service – she will discuss this further with the Music and Worship board. Confirmation will now be moved back to the Fall starting in 2020. She visited Zion with the Music and Worship board to see if there was anything they could repurpose.

**President's Report** – Joan reports that the Call Committee met last Sunday. Bennett was appointed Chair. They hope to post the job opening tomorrow.

### **Brief Committee Reports**

**Deacons** – Michelle S. asked for communion servers for Easter Sunday.

**Family/Youth/Education** – Michelle O. reported that this was the last night for Lenten suppers. VBS is in the works. The TV mount arrived, Carey and Steve will install. Lock-in will be held this Friday night.

**Music & Worship** – Nancy reports that readers are established through April. There will be special music Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

**Trustees** – Greg reports that the finances look about the same. Upcoming projects will include installing new heat tape and gutters due to ice dam damage from the winter. They will also be upgrading the AV equipment to include cameras and a computer. They are estimating the cost to be \$30-40K. They will do fund raisers including an auction this fall.

They received a request for use of the upstairs classrooms for the summer. It was determined that we do not have the right set-up for this.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Michelle S, second by Cindy, Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** None

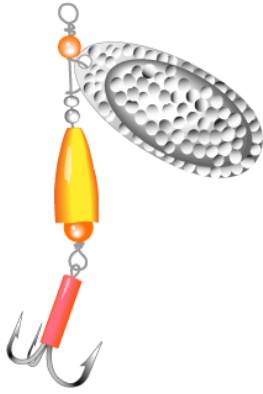
### **New Business:**

Next meeting (Full Council) will be held on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Devotions and lunch by the board of Deacons.

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





## BEWARE OF SNARES

In 1 Timothy 6:9-10, we read some very, very strong words that provide a deterrent to falling prey to a materialistic lifestyle style. We read, *"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."* Paul tells us these money temptations are a "snare." An example of a snare is in fishing. Fishermen use shiny snares that are very attractive to the fish. Once they bite into the snare, they are hooked. Worldly glitter can be attractive to us too. We, like those fish, can be hooked at the first bite. Jesus tells us also in very strong terms that *"the deceitfulness of riches and the desire for other things enter in and choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful"* (Mark 4:19). This is very subtle. This deceit is undetected while we are busy working, accumulating, striving to satisfy our every whim. This leads to debt and stress. It all seems normal; this is the way life is. Everyone else is doing it. It is not like we wake up one day and decide to live this way. It just happens. With God's help we can detect the snares of the world.

### Prayer:

*Father, grant me strength to resist the temptations and snares of this materialistic world. Amen.*



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing and Account Numbers

Donations amounts may be changed or discontinued any time simply by calling the church office.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, or want more information, please call the church office at 218-435-6765, or email [hopezion@gvtel.com](mailto:hopezion@gvtel.com)