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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

tidings

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pastor's letter from pastor jane

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with prayer and reflection on our failings that we enter the Lenten Season, beginning with ASH WEDNESDAY on March 6. This service will be enhanced by the gentle, soothing guitar music of Paul Nye. Services will be held each Wednesday, from March 6 to April 10, at 11:00 AM, followed by a lunch served by the Women of Hope. A second service each Wednesday will be held at 6:30 following soup and sandwiches served by Hope Lutheran Youth. The theme for study and discussion each Wednesday is "Jesus as the Good Shepherd" from John 10. Most specifically we will study how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, deliberately lays down His life for the sheep. We are His sheep. How great is His love for us to go through the pain and misery of the cross.

Please pray for our youth, especially the 5th graders as they partake of their first communion:

*Madison Bailie Allison Carlin Miley Hove Ethan Larson Koltyn Larson Lexi Mahlen Micah Malmanger
Carlie Munter Aiden Pederson Myla Quam Peyton Radtke Jakob Rudie Jake Wickham*

and our 9th grade confirmands as they affirm the promises made for them in baptism:

Zoey Christen Aireal Gensburger Tegan Larson Ryan Levin Noah Mahlen Joshua Manecke Amaya Murphy Avery Sannes

FIFTH GRADERS will have class on Wednesdays, April 3 & 10, from 3:30-5:15. Remember to be prepared to take off shoes and socks for the foot washing on April 3. This is in compliance with Jesus command to wash each other's feet. April 10th we will bake unleavened bread, the bread of haste, for the fifth graders first communion on April 17, where the 5th graders will first receive communion and then serve their invited guests (parents, sponsors, teachers, friends, or family.) Any unbaptized fifth graders, please make arrangements with Pastor Jane as soon as possible by calling the church 218-435-6765 or her cell 218-820-2017. You must believe AND be baptized to commune.

NINTH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be confirmed on Sunday April 7, at the 9:30 service. Take-home **exams and sermon notes** are all due on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Any last-minute questions or concerns may be addressed in Friday School discussion. Friday, April 5, will be the last day of 9th grade Friday School. Exams may be turned in early if you are ready, **but not late!** Red confirmation robes will be chosen for fit and labeled. Confirmation photographs and rehearsal will be held Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 PM after Lenten services.

Thank you to Steve Sovick, our maintenance supervisor, who kept sidewalks, steps, and walkways safely shoveled and/or swept during these cold snowy days. What would we do without you?!

Due to weather **choir practice** and the **Bible Study on Hosea** were a wash throughout February.

It is with joy and celebration that we host our students from the Free Lutheran Bible School, **Jennifer and Julia Albright**, who will assist in leading worship on March 10 and a youth event in conjunction with Calvary Free Lutheran on Saturday, March 9. Please come to worship and be uplifted by their music and testimonies.


Please keep Sam Manecke and Jackie Winter in your prayers as they prepare for their life together by attending premarital counseling sessions "Prepare and Enrich". **Nuptials are planned** for July 20, 2019.

Please pray for our newly appointed **Call Committee and the Pastor** to be called to serve Hope Lutheran church of Fosston.

Let us thank God we live in a country where we are free to worship Him. May we take this time to think about all that God has done and continues to do in our lives. As it is written in the narratives of Joseph, we are truly blessed to be a blessing to others (Genesis 50:15-20.) May God reveal this to us.

In His Service, Pastor Jane

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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MARCH SERVANTS

GROUP 1

Chairpersons: Ilene Sistad / Gloria Osmonson

Servers: Karyn Bolme	Marge Bolme	Jeff Carlin & Jackie Arnold
David & Jenifer Dahl	Richard & Keni Evje	Michael & Gina Gensburger
Judy Halvorson	Chris & Tricia Hove	Ken & Roxann Hove
Pete & Jennifer Howard	Mary Beth Jallen	Tammi Jalowiec
Marian Jenkins	Wayne Larson	Janet Olson
Tom & Marcy Sedler	Dan & Renae Sistad	Sandy Sultvedt
Chad & Holly Thorssen	Mike & Tracy Ware	Jerry & Joyce White

ALTAR GUILD: Keri Mireault / Alisa Halvorson

USHERS: Ellsworth Danielson	Evan Fonder	Brian Larson
Mark Malmanger	Lee Rudie	Mark Winkler

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

March 3	Tom Kleinwachter	Ryan Levin / Kyla Pederson
March 10	Terry Halvorson	Noah Mahlen / Tucker Quam
March 17	David Skunes	Joshua Manecke / Lauren Sekely
March 24	Rod Olson	Amaya Murphy / Zach Theis
March 31	Sid Fjerstad	Avery Sannes / Anthony Carlin

Family / Youth / Education

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anthony Carlin Brayden Halland David Larson Jacob Malmanger
Joshua Manecke Karis Peterson Alexis Striker Zach Theis Tia Wickham

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.



2019 Wednesday's Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers

March 6 thru April 10, 2019

Dear Parents & Youth:

The Hope Youth (grades 7-12) will be serving soup & sandwiches on Wednesdays before the Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6, 2019. Members from the Family, Youth and Education committee will be the supervisors of each group assigned during the Lenten season. Please remember that the soup you bring is at least 4 quarts or more. Following is a listing showing which night you are scheduled to work and in bold letters is the date and the name of the committee family who will be supervising the event.

Each supervisor for the evening will be responsible for contacting each youth family in helping with preparation and clean up and what kind of soup or chili you are planning on bringing.

The family supervising will make sure that all fixings for the sandwiches, beverages and crackers will be at the church. Please be at the church by 5:15 pm with your soup ready to be served and a happy smile. This is a fun fellowship with our Hope church members. Serving will start at 5:30 pm and continues until 6:30. Then clean-up will start and when this is done, you can join the service at that time. This is a free will offering and the proceeds will go to the youth group to help plan events throughout the year. Lenten services start at 6:30 pm.

If you cannot serve on your scheduled night, please find your own replacement and then let your supervisor know of the switch.

In Christ, Hope Family Youth & Education Committee

MARCH 6: MICHELLE & WAYNE OLSON

Mike & Tracy Ware	Levi & Kelsey Perrine
Holly Thorssen	Flynn Bailey & Crystal Munter
BJ & Tammi Jalowiec	Dan & Carrie Carlin
Matt & Naomi Hagen	
Alexis Bailie, Pacy Perrine, Macie Hanson, Tony Carlin, Rebeka Ware, Nikolai Jalowiec, Alex Hagen, Emma Olson	

MARCH 13: CHANTEL & MATT WICKHAM

Jeff Carlin/Jackie Arnold	Shayne & Brandi Munter
Erika Beckett	Brian & Melinda Larson
Heather Webb	Nathan & Jesse Pederson
Terry & Alisa Halvorson	
Tia Wickham, Kelsey Carlin, Owen, Wyatt, Axel & Kaitlin Munter, Alexis Striker, Faith & David Larson, Adam Halvorson, Kyla Pederson, Christian, Izik, Austin & Melina Schmidt, Tegan Larson & Gabe Berry	

MARCH 20: CAREY & TERESA SANNES

Chris & Tricia Hove	Kristen Perry
Sean Peterson	Eric & Melissa Murphy
Michael & Gina Gensburger	Scott & Willow Christen
Bruce & Kristina Klicker	
Madison & McKayla Hove, Zoey Christen, Karis & Karly Peterson, Amaya Murphy, Sydney Walk, Alec & Aireal Gensburger, Grace & Brandon Klicker, Avery & Lukas Sannes	

MARCH 27: KURT & BONNIE ALBRIGHT; KATE MOORE

Mark & Julie Malmanger	Mike & Bridget Kroening
Bennett & Gloria Osmonson	Travis & Emily Quam
Mike & Patti Halland	Sarah Johnson
John & Connie Radtke	
Matthew Radtke, Faith, Tucker & Kyra Quam, Jacob Malmanger, Nicole Olson, Taylor & Hannah Kroening, Brayden Halland, Deon & Vanessa Johnson	

APRIL 3: DARIN & CINDY LARSON 435-1244

Tim & Michelle Manecke	John & Cathy Carlin
Mike & Lori Theis	Johanna Larson
Wayne Larson	Kelly Mandt
Nathan & Rochelle Mahlen	
Joshua Manecke, Callie & Zach Theis, Brekken Mandt, Shaun, Jordan & Piper Larson, Jaime Carlin, Noah & Brynlea Mahlen, Brandon & Breanna Larson	

APRIL 10: LEE & ANGIE RUDIE 701-793-4570

Rhonda & Tim Carlin	Marty & Michelle Levin
Ron & Kim Bodensteiner	Scott & Amy Riveland
Brad & Kristen Norland	Patrick & Lisa Sekely
Brekken, Tanner & Ryan Levin, Ella Carlin, Alex Bodensteiner, Marion Riveland, Kora, Cullen & Aaron Norland, Lauren Sekely	

In Loving Memory

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

A gift was given to the Benevolence Committee in memory of Veryl Bakken.

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of Veryl Bakken, Dewain Brinkman, Lenna (Kringle) Johnson, John (Saeter) Lohn, Don Reiersen, and Jack Rinkenberger.

A gift was given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Jack Rinkenberger.

Gifts were given to the Music Fund in memory of Richard Ramsay.

Come &

Laugh

Comedy Video Presentation
6:30 pm the 3rd Sunday of each month
at Hope Church.

Come and laugh with us on
Sunday, March 17th!

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.

2/13/19 – Hope Council Minutes – by Tracy Ware

Present: Joan Dufault, Greg Mireault, Evan Fonder, Sue Skunes, Pastor Jane Ekholm, Sylvia Munter, Tracy Ware, Michelle Solsten, Wayne & Michelle Olson, Nancy Andree, Angie Rudie, Matt Wickham, Gloria Osmonson, Darin & Cindy Larson, Dan Carlin, Tim Manecke, Nathan Pederson.

Call to order: Meeting Called to order by Joan Dufault, Pres.

Devotions – from Angie. Lunch from Roxanne Hove.

Agenda Review - Motion to approve by Sue; Second by Gloria, Approved Unanimously

Secretary's Report - Motion to approve by Evan; Second by Dan, Approved Unanimously

Review of 2018 Goals & 2019 Goal Setting –

Trustees – Greg reported that last year the goals of cleaning up the trees in the front and planting grass was completed, the sewer was repaired, repairs were completed at the parsonage and the columbarium was completed. For 2019 they want to do a cemetery fundraiser, replace the audio visual equipment, promote electronic giving, complete more parsonage repairs, do an auction/dinner fundraiser, fix the curb and grass and continue to grow Team Hope.

Music & Worship – Sue reported that goals for last year included getting the sound tech position paid, obtaining a blue tooth, include the youth in worship readings and incorporate more special music into the worship services. For 2019 they will continue to include the youth and schedule special music, review the current and future state of the numerous pianos.

Deacons – Michelle reported their goals for 2019 will be to continue to work on communion with the shut-ins and visitation; continue to support Pastor Jane & Sandy with these efforts and possibly add additional help.

F/Y/E – Angie reports last years goals were to find concurrent curriculum for Sunday School, which they are still working on as well as get more involved with the youth activities, events and community involvement. For 2019 they will communicate with the Youth Leaders for planning events, etc. Have the Sunday School classes sing in church once a month and review the Sunday School list for inactive members and reach out to them.

Executive Committee – Tracy reports that the goals for last year included a smooth transition for Paul and Sheryl, increased communication, assist the transition committee as needed, provide Q &A sessions, have committees provide brief reports during church services, and maintain a positive outlook. For 2019 we will continue to maintain our positive outlook, increase communication by re-establishing the brief committee reports during services, form a call Committee and support them as needed, and continue to support the transition committee.

Women of Hope – No report. Request was made that the wedding coordinator position be reestablished.

Benevolence Report – Pastor Jane stated that \$1500 was given last month. They are researching educational/

training opportunities for Alzheimer's/Dementia, etc. We will do a second offering during the service for them.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jane updated us on her youth, visitation/pastoral care and enrichment through bridging and transitioning projects.

President's Report – Joan reported a call committee has been formed, we will review this during New Business.

Brief Committee Reports

Deacons – Michelle reports they have met with Pastor Jane regarding Befriender and the communion list is complete for 3/10.

Family/Youth/Education – Michelle states the Soup & Sandwich schedule for Lent is complete; Macy's have volunteered to be the Youth Director's again, we will review under New Business; Julia Albright and her group will be here the weekend of 3/10; Kate Moore has joined the FYE committee; a 55" TV has been purchased for the youth; and two students will receive \$100 each for their upcoming mission trips.

Music & Worship – Sue stated that readers are secure and choir will resume following the bad weather.

Trustees – Greg reports the accounts look good with a balance of \$26,000 so they will repay the loan from the designated funds of \$9998.98. Expenses were down again last month. They will be working on a job description and a compensation package for the new pastor. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit - by Tim, second by Cindy, Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Transition Team Report – Greg mentioned that the job description is being developed. We will meet with the Call Committee during next month's meeting, March 10th.

New Business:

Call Committee – Joan stated that the Call Committee has been formed. Members include Carrie Carlin, Connie Radtke, Jeremy Mienert, Bennett Osmonson, Wayne Larson, Chuck Lucken, Sue Simonson, and possibly Chris Hove. Motion was made by Tracy and seconded by Nancy, approved unanimously.

Funeral Policy – reviewed.

Next meeting will be held on March 13 at 8:00 - devotions and lunch to be provided by the board of Music & Worship. The 2019 meeting schedule was reviewed. Full council meetings will be held in February, May, September and December.

Youth Director – Alyssa & Mike Macy have volunteered. Motion was made by Michelle O., second by Greg, approved unanimously.

Bev and Dean Lindberg would like to borrow a piano for a month this summer. Motion made to approve by Tim, second by Greg, approved unanimously.

Come & Laugh – Sunday, February 17th.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer, Meeting Adjourned.

The Association Free Lutheran Bible School from Plymouth, MN mixed ensemble team will be performing Sunday, March 10, at Hope at the 9:30 service and at Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston at their 10:30 service. Julia Albright from Hope and Mikah Olson from Calvary are a part of this team.

YOUTH EVENT:

DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 9 at 6:00 pm

WHERE: Calvary Free Lutheran Church-Fosston

WHAT: Outdoor games, supper, hot chocolate, games and sharing by AFLBS team

WITH: Calvary Free youth group & AFLBS mixed ensemble team

WHY: AFLBS (Association Free Lutheran Bible School) Mixed Ensemble team will be here (Julia Albright from Hope & Mikah Olson from Calvary are a part of this team)

BRING: Warm clothes for an outdoor game and a dozen cookies or bars to share

2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Beginning with Ash Wednesday
on March 6th

WORSHIP SERVICES:

11:00 am and 6:30 pm

Wednesdays, March 6-April 10

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Good Friday, April 19

LUNCH:

Served by the Women of Hope each Wednesday at noon following the worship services, March 6-April 10, and Maundy Thursday, April 18.

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS:

Served each Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm, by the Family/Youth/Education Board and Youth Families



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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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

March

BIBLE READINGS

KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

1 Exodus 32	8 Deuteronomy 2	15 Deuteronomy 7	22 Deuteronomy 30	29 Joshua 3
2 Leviticus 16	9 Deuteronomy 3	16 Deuteronomy 8	23 Deuteronomy 32	30 Joshua 4
3 Worship	10 Worship	17 Worship	24 Worship	31 Worship
4 Numbers 13	11 Deuteronomy 4	18 Deuteronomy 27	25 Deuteronomy 34	
5 Numbers 14	12 Deuteronomy 5	19 Deuteronomy 28	26 Joshua 1	
6 Lenten Worship	13 Lenten Worship	20 Lenten Worship	27 Lenten Worship	
7 Deuteronomy 1	14 Deuteronomy 6	21 Deuteronomy 29	28 Joshua 2	

Finding Contentment in Jesus

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the people in Philippi, he wrote, *"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty"* (Philippians 4:11-12 NIV). We are told by Paul that contentment is a state of mind that is not dependent upon external circumstances. True contentment comes from knowing that God is in control and that He will provide for us.

As God's people, we need to be aware that the society in which we live is trying hard to make us discontent. Advertisements suggest that we can't be content without expensive houses, new cars, exotic vacations, big investments, and the latest in clothes. Our culture tries to make us believe that happiness and contentment are within our reach if we acquire just a few more things.

Our contentment should not be based on the size of our incomes or on our net worth. It has nothing to do with the size of our houses or year of our cars. Contentment can't be bought at a department store or travel agency. Real contentment is not related to outward circumstances.

For many, acquiring money can become a preoccupation and an obsession. We can become slaves to wealth. Greed will not allow contentment, because it will always urge us to acquire more. No matter how we try, we cannot be satisfied by worldly things. The love of money can potentially possess a person's life like no other emotion can. Jesus spoke about the futility of greed in Matthew 16:26 when He asked, *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul?"* The things we possess will contribute only to fleeting happiness, not an enduring peace and contentment.

When we place our security in money, pride, self-centeredness, and self-sufficiency take over as we make ourselves god, trusting in ourselves rather than God to provide. We become like the Rich Fool, who gave himself credit for his success and desired even more (Luke 16:13-21). We can push God out of our lives.

Contentment comes from dependence on the Lord. When God is our security, we can be content. The Apostle Paul knew both the secret of contentment and how to receive it. Paul told the Philippians and us, *"I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13). Without Christ, we will never achieve contentment. A relationship with Christ will redirect our focus from transient earthly pleasures to things of eternal significance. Keeping our eyes on *"the prize"* (Philippians 3:14) will bring about gratitude in our hearts for what we have rather than desiring what we don't have.