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AUGUST 2025
Tidings of Hope

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

Dear Hope Family:

We are in the middle of summer – but closer to Labour Day than the last day of school and graduation. I have been your pastor for 18 months and 23 days, and I want to point out something I have noticed that is probably obvious to you. Or maybe it's something that you have not noticed or thought about. Whichever it is for you, I have noticed this: Hope Lutheran Church really does great things for kids.

We just did VBS (Very big stumps? Verified bear sightings? Very best student?) and there were 50 kids from age 3 to 11. 50! That may not match the glory days of 150 attending when some of us were kids, but it was 50 kids we loved on, got messy with, played games with, taught Bible to, and sang songs about Jesus with.

And it was about 700 volunteers - the Youth and Family committee choosing a curriculum and lining up volunteers, weeks and months ahead making decorations (and I am looking at you, Sarah), registering kids, making name tags, serving food, teaching crafts, teaching bible, leading opening and closing, playing games and running around, herding kids from one place to another – like herding cats! - fixing owies, cleaning up, loving on these little ones. And parents hear and see that love and that message through their kids.

And during the school year, Hope feeds breakfast to the sports teams each Thursday morning. Steve buys the food, people get here at 6 in the morning to make pancakes, fling cinnamon on french toast, cook up sausage, set out the plates and silverware and cups of juice and butter and syrup, greet the kids, lead devotions, and clean up, dishes done, tables wiped, and all done by 8:30am.

And Friday School. I had never heard of this in all of my 67 years. Friday school teachers faithfully here, teaching, leading, listening to, and loving on kids, for K to 8th grade.

And all of this on top of regular Sunday School. Wow. Just wow.

This is from the life of Jesus, as recorded in Mark 10:13-15: And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Well done, Hope Lutheran! Keep it up.

God bless you, Pastor Peter

AUGUST 2025		Bible Readings	
3 Genesis 40	11 Genesis 49-50	19 Exodus 10-11	27 Exodus 19-20
4 Genesis 41	12 Exodus 1-2	20 Exodus 12	28 Exodus 32
5 Genesis 42	13 Exodus 3-4	21 Exodus 13	29 Exodus 33
6 Genesis 43	14 Exodus 5-6	22 Exodus 14	30 Worship
7 Genesis 44	15 Exodus 7	23 Worship	31 Exodus 34
8 Genesis 45-46	16 Worship	24 Exodus 15	
9 Worship	17 Exodus 8	25 Exodus 16	
10 Genesis 47-48	18 Exodus 9	26 Exodus 17-18	

Gifts and Memorials for June and July

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Jeanie Stout from Kristi Cool and the Kris Reardon Family

Gifts were given to the Cemetery Fund from John L. Eastlund and Patti L. Enderle.

Gifts were given to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fund in memory of Larry Miller from Berniece Carlin; and in memory of Brock Hemmesch from Sue and Dave Skunes.

Gifts were given to the Preservation of Properties Fund in both June and July from Susan K. Lockwood.

A gift was given to the Youth/Sunday School Fund by Andrea Stordahl.

We are very thankful.

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.

Coffee Servers needed for Sundays in August! The Women of Hope are looking for volunteers to serve coffee hour during the months of July and August. Sign up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall. If you can help out, please sign up downstairs, or contact the church office at 218-435-6765.



AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

USHER SCHEDULE:

3rd Tom Kleinwachter
10th Terry Halvorson
17th Roy Dufault
24th Rod Olson
31st Lee Rudie

ACOLYTES:

3rd Hatty Quam
10th Hannah Fonder
17th Kaden Wohlhuter
24th Emilee Rudie
31st Michael Simonson

HOLY COMMUNION: August 10th & 17th: Kim Kleinwachter, Laurie Rustad, Jessica Carlson, Bonnie Albright

ALTAR GUILD: Anita Lucken and Margot Simonson

READERS:

3rd Tracy Ware
10th Mark Malmanger
17th Kim Kleinwachter
24th Joan Dufault
31st Michelle Levin

COFFEE SERVERS:

Volunteers

USHER HELPERS: Jon Rustad, Carey Sannes, Mark Schmitz, Dan Sistad, Dean Sistad, David Skunes

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Choir: Charity Salmonson



It's Summer!

If you are going to be gone on the weekends this summer, consider joining us for our informal summer worship services which will meet weekly until September at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Regular worship services will still be held on Sundays at 9:30am.

Broadcast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ 96.7FM & telecast on City Cable channel 67 & Garden Valley TV channel 31 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 also find us on Facebook at: hopelutheranchurchfosston!

Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers



Nancy Andree
Gene & Kay Sistad
Elizabeth Barrineau
Berniece Carlin
Greg Gubrud
Oskie & Mary Hanson
Joe Lindberg
Ilene & Dennis Sistad
Hazel Trogstad
Dean Vikan
Inez Bakken
Fritz Frethem
Vera Pearson
Donna Thomas
Beverlee Ostenaar
George Benson
Ruth Schroeder

To keep our prayer list current, please inform the church office of the status of loved ones for continued prayers. Thank you!

Missionaries:

- † The Schroeder's in the Philippines
- † Siimon Haamer and the Ukrainian refugees in Estonia
- † The Neller-moe's and others in China Service Ventures
- † Tom & Eunice Olson in the Congo

Thank you for supporting the work of the church. Average weekly attendance for 5/27-7/13 was 53. Average weekly giving was: \$3,392. Budget needed for each week is: \$3,768.

LCMC 25th Annual Gathering & Convention

In light of our twenty-fifth anniversary, we will be gathering together under the theme "Our Help and Hope". Taking inspiration from 1 Corinthians 3:10-13 and Psalm 127, we will discuss the theological and historical foundations on which LCMC was built, explore how and why some of our leaders are part of LCMC, and cast a vision for the future of the association.

The LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention also offers opportunities for relationship building with other people in the LCMC community, an exhibitor area featuring mission and ministry organizations, and breakout sessions designed to train, equip, and connect our leaders and congregations.

The event takes place **October 5-8** at **Hosanna Church** in Lakeville, MN. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration: Advance registration is required. The deadline to register is September 15. Contact the church office for more information.



love is
BREWING

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring
Julia Albright
Julia will be the bride of David Benson in August.

Friday, August 1 at 10:30 AM
Hope Lutheran Church, Fosston, MN
Kindly RSVP (text or call)
(218) 230-4403

Please share a favorite recipe.
(Cards available from Bonnie or in church entry.)

Registry
Julia is registered at
Nord's Pharmacy & Gifts,
Target, Amazon

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 are welcome!**

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 10:30am-shower for Julia Albright	2
3 9:30 am Worship Hymn Sing Sunday 10:30 Coffee hour	4 10 am-Women of Hope Bd	5	6 6:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	7	8 2pm Matson memorial service	9 12-5pm baby shower in fellowship hall
10 9:30 am Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee hour	11	12	13 6:30pm Worship 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 7:30 pm Executive Council Meeting	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee hour	18	19	20 6:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall Deadline for Tidings Newsletter	21 10-3 LSS	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship 10:30 coffee hour	25	26	27 6:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	28	29	30
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Hope Lutheran Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM

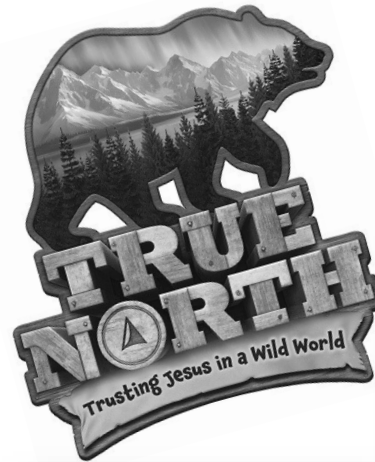
Present: Tom Kleinwachter, Ken Hove, Jon Rustad, Pastor Peter, Michelle Solsten, Brad Norland, Kristen Norland, Sarah Johnson, Bonnie Albright

- 1. Call to Order: President Tom K. called the meeting to order.
 - 2. Devotions: Michelle S.: read a devotion “Your Face Reveals your Heart;” the fruits of the spirit shows on your face.
 - 3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Michelle S., seconded by Sarah J. to approve agenda as written. Ap-
proved unanimously.
 - 4. Approval of Secretary’s Report: Motion by Brad N., seconded by Jon R. to approve the secretary’s report
as written. Approved unanimously.
 - 5. President’s Report: No report
 - 6. Pastor’s Report: Pastor preached at the community Baccalaureate service in May. He also reported 18
visits at homes, care centers and hospitals this month. He is planning on attending the LCMC gathering this
fall. Wednesday night services has begun at 6:30 encouraging those that are absent over the weekend to at-
tend. The use of background checks was discussed.
 - 7. Brief Committee Reports:
 - 7a. Deacons: No report
 - 7b. Family/Youth/Education: Sarah J. reports: VBS planned for July 15-18 “True North”
 - 7c. Music & Worship: Kristen N. reports: *Scripture readers are confirmed through July
 - 7.d Trustees: Jon R. reports: The cemetery board plans to walk through the cemeteries. Requesting a list
of things that can be completed around the church by volunteers. The brick sign needs work to be complet-
ed.
 - 7.d.1. A motion was made to approve the financial report for May pending audit by Sarah. J.; seconded
by Ken Hove. Motion carried.
 - 8. Old Business:
 - 8a. New Member class/installation will be held this fall.
 - 8b. Delegates are needed for the LCMC annual gathering on October 5-8 in Lakeville, MN. Early bird
registration deadline is July 31, with the final registration deadline on Sept. 15.
 - 8c. The congregational vote for calling Pastor Peter as Hope’s full time pastor is set for this coming Sun-
day, June 15 with a minimum requirement of 30 voting members present.
 - 9. New Business: None
 - 10. Next Executive Council meeting: Wed., July 9, 2025 at 7:30 pm
 - 11. Closing Prayer/Adjourn:
The Lord’s Prayer was recited to adjourn.
- Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Albright, Secretary

Special Congregation Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 15, 10:45 am

- 1. Call to Order: President Tom K. called the meeting to order with over 50 voting members present.
- 2. A devotional based on Samual 16 regarding seeking God’s will was read by President Tom.
- 3. A motion was made by Travis Quam to call Pastor Peter Lurvey as Hope Lutheran Church’s full-time
pastor; seconded by Evan Fonder.
A discussion was held regarding the above motion. Ballots were passed out to all present voting mem-
bers for the purpose of voting either “yes”-call Pastor Lurvey as full time pastor or “no” - do not call.
Ballots were gathered and counted by the Executive Council with the result: YES-56; NO-0.
The vote passed unanimously.
- 4. A motion by Dean V. was made to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Travis Q. Motion adjourned.



VBS



Thanks to the Family/Youth//Education Board for all their work in planning and carrying out this FUN event! Thanks especially to Sarah Johnson for her work with all the decorations - it truly felt like the kids were in the True North! Thanks to the ladies who served supper each night, the teachers, and the many helpers for crafts and activities. A BiG thankyou to Ruth Fonder for leading the music and to Pastor Peter for showing the kids how to make **Jesus** their “True North”.