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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Hope everyone has been staying healthy and warm, enjoying lots of hot chocolate and coffee this January!

February

BIBLE READINGS

Lectionary Bible Verses

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| Exodus 34: 29-35, | Psalm 16, | Romans 10: 8-13, |
| Psalm 99, | Acts 26: 4-18, | Luke 4: 1-13, |
| 2 Cor. 3: 12 to 4:2, | Mark 6:1-5, | Genesis 15: 1-18, |
| Luke 9: 28-43, | Matthew 13: 10-17, | Psalm 27, |
| saiah 42: 5-9. | Acts 16:11-15, | Philippians 3: 17to 4: 1, |
| Deut. 15: 7-11, | Galatians 2: 15-21, | Luke 13: 31-35, |
| Isaiah 50:4-5, 2 | Joel 2: 1-17, | Isaiah 55:1-9, |
| Cor. 6: 1-13, | Isaiah 58: 1-12, | Psalm 63: 1-8, |
| Deut. 30:15-20, | Psalm 51: 1-17 | 1 Cor. 10: 1-13, |
| Psalm 119: 17-24, | 2 Cor. 5:20 to 6:10, | Luke 13: 1-9. |
| Psalm 139 1-10, | Matthew 6: 1-21, | |
| Psalm 40: 1-8, | Psalm 91, | |
| Psalm 28, | Deut. 26: 1-11, | |

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FEBRUARY 2022

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The consecration of firstborn sons took place in Hebrew culture. All the firstborn children of Israelite women point to and are completed in the birth of the Child from the womb of the Virgin Mary, Jesus the Christ. All other sons were tainted by the sin of their fathers, this Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a woman who had not known a man. This Child was not born with original sin, as we are.

And yet, despite His purity and perfection, Jesus voluntarily lived under the laws and requirements of those who were not pure, who were tainted by sin, with us. As sinful men circumcised His flesh, He was preparing to set apart those who would receive Him with a circumcision, and later a baptism not made by human rituals, but in the heart by the hand of God by Faith. For this reason, we are children of Abraham, not because of bloodlines but through adoption. The prophets Simeon and Anna understood this when they beheld the promised One.

Simeon sang this song: *Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. (Luke 2:29–32)*

These are words that bring peace to our souls. Christ is the light that opened the way for salvation to all people, including us Gentiles. We become reconciled and acceptable to Christ through baptism along with all the promises God gives us. I asked one of my ninth-grade confirmation students why he wants to be baptized. He said, “for the promise of a better life.” Not wanting him to ever feel abandoned by God, we talked about how God does not promise us a ‘rose garden,’ but a path through the thorns of that rose garden. He promises us in **Deuteronomy 31:6** – “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is, that goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you.”

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, let's remember that Jesus submitted to the laws and rituals of His day in order to “fulfill all righteousness” **Matthew 3:13-15**. The key phrase in this passage says that Jesus wanted to be baptized in order to “fulfill all righteousness.” The Greek word for “fulfill” is *pleroo* which means “to fulfill” or “to complete.” It is important to understand the two meanings of this Greek word. First, Jesus was fulfilling the prophecies and Second, He was completing the righteous work of God. Jesus was leading by example. Even today, actions speak to us, louder than words. Jesus was the Word in human form, that is “Incarnate.”

That Word is full of promise so “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is, that goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you.”no matter what!

Peace be with you,
Pastor Jane

February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:30pm Youth group	3 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	4 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade	5
6 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship & Bible study	7 8:30 am Quilting 10am Hope Women	8	9 6:30pm Youth group Something special planned	10 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Befrienders	11 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade	12
13 9:30 am Worship - <i>Holy Communion</i> 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship & Bible study	14 Quilting 8:30 am	15	16 6:30pm Youth group	17 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	18 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade	19
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27 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS/ Fellowship & Bible study	28 Quilting 8:30 am					

To all the youth..... Mark the date because there is a
A surprise is planned for the February 9th youth group.



Hope Family February Birthdays!

1st Patti Halland
 2nd Gloria Osmonson
 Jase Manecke
 3rd Vanessa Johnson
 4th Melissa Murphy
 5th Julie Malmanger
 Roquet Quam
 6th Tristan Mienert
 Nikolai Jalowiec
 Declen Busse
 7th Carol Wold
 9th Earl Steinbrenner
 11th Norma Erickson
 Seth Carlin
 12th Dan Carlin
 13th Keni Evje
 Myla Quam
 14th Rhonda Carlin
 16th Kurt Albright
 Mike Halland

17th Jennifer Dahl
 Payden Ware
 18th Renee Rustad
 Spencer Hoialmen
 Gwendolyn Carlson
 19th Donna Thomas
 Brenner Riveland
 20th Chase Pierce
 22nd Mikayla Borud
 23rd Mary Tronerud
 24th Ruth Goldsmith
 Brayden Olson
 25th Marge Bolme
 26th Jim Goldsmith
 Jake Wickham
 Grant Rendahl
 28th Audrey Siverson
 Brynlea Mahlen

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Drew Wahlstrom
 Ilene & Dennis Sistad
 Brad & Mary Sistad
 Marge & Karen /Bolme
 Hilma Stadstad
 Angie Olson
 Tubby Solsten
 Kate Moore
 Christine Johnson
 Al & Carol Heide
 Dean & Joe Lindberg
 Dean Vikan
 Hazel Trogstad
 Marian Jenkins
 Janet Olson
 Bill Kuzmaul
 Oskie & Mary Hanson
 De'etta Heid
 Herbert Prezler
 Frances Prezler
 Gwen & Michelle Johnson

Donald, Naomi Gwynn, & Shirley
 Craig Larsen
 Greg Gubrud
 Berniece Carlin
 Charles Rose
 Jeanne Rains Eric Murphy
 Mary & Kerry
 Michael, Jeff Olson
 Margaret Rustad
 Lori Fletcher Schroeder
 Bill & Phyllis Malwitz
 Nichole Keeler
 Fritz Frethem

The families of
 Tom Sedler,
 Marian Farnsworth,
 Pastor Gerald White,
 Carol Wold in the loss of brother
 Howard Johnson.

Missionaries
 The Luke Schroeder Family
 in the Philippines.
 Simon Hamer in Estonia,
 The Nellermoes & others
 in China.
 Tom & Eunice Olson
 in the Congo.

1-12-22 Hope Lutheran Church – Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill

Present: Evan Fonder, Tina Averill, Michelle Olson, Wayne Olson, Cyndi Larson, Kim Kleinwachter, Loreen Rodriquez, Travis Quam and Pastor Jane

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

Devotions and lunch: Devotion by Family & Youth Board

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Travis second by Michelle to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimously.

4.0 Benevolence Report – The Benevolence for December was \$2188. Listed on the report are donations to World Mission, Augustana District, National Mission, Local Outreach, Emergency Fund which included the Trail Fire Victims and Balance in School Supplies.

5.0 Approval of Secretary's Report – Motion by Kim second by Wayne to approve Secretary's Report. Approved Unanimously.

6.0 Pastor Report-Items discussed in Pastor Jane's report included thank you to returning members to the Executive committee and all new members; Still nee Vice President; Advent Worship; Friday School picking up; Confirmation classes in person again; Pastor Jane invited Pastor Andrew Virkus to team teach confirmation; Jane on vacation January 15-21; Discussion of coordinating with a church in Gonvick and form a round robin presentation during Lent; Fellowship of Christian Athletes continues to be strong; Sylvia Munter will meet with youth on Wednesdays; Senior Choir begins again January 12; Deaths & Funerals included Marian Farnsworth, Tom Sedler, Pastor Jerry White, Connie Mark; Baptism of Aiden London on January 22; Mew members to be transferred in January 23; 1:30 Bible Study on Thursdays is growing; Pastor Jane's goals to stay healthy, prepare for Lent and keep up with the church members.

7.0 President's Report – Thank you to Family & Youth for all the events in December, and for everyone willingness to bring up ideas and challenges around covid.

Brief Committee Meetings –

8.1 Deacons – Deacons met with Pastor Jane and support with collaboration with other churches ; Deacons starting on the directory deciding on how to pursue it.

8.2 Family/Youth Education – December was really busy but a lot of fun; Sylvia working with youth; now Family & Youth will have the soup and sandwiches for lent.

8.3 Music & Worship – Working on trying to keep readers.

8.4 Trustees – No report given.

8.4.1 Motion by Travis seconded by Kim to approve financials report pending audit. Carried unanimously.

8.5 Women of Hope Report – No report.

9.0 Old Business –

9.1 Vice President position to be filled yet.

9.1.1 Nominations needed.

10. New Business –

10.1 Next Executive Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 7:30 PM. Devotions and lunch by Music & Worship Board

10.2 Other – Annual meeting Sunday January 23 – need 30 voting members

11.0 Closing Prayer -Evan



**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.

We have unclaimed offering boxes. If you are still looking for yours contact the church office.

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



GIFTS & MEMORIALS

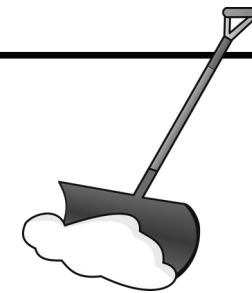
Gifts were given to the TV/Radio Fund in memory of Phyllis Sjulson, Howard Johnson, Jerry White, Marion Farnsworth and Horn dad of Rochelle & Mahlen.

*Thank
You*

Gifts were given to the FCA fund in memory of Tom Sedler.

Gifts were also given to the church in memory of David Andree, Tom Sedler, Pastor Gerald White and Marion Farnsworth.

Do you need help with shoveling or yard work? Daniel is a member of Hope Lutheran living at Lutheran Social Services in Fosston. He is willing and able to help. For a free estimate call 218-435-2857. Staff will be able to transport Daniel where he is needed. Thank you.



FEBRUARY SERVERS

ALTAR GUILD: Keri Mireault

COMMUNION SERVERS: Tracy Ware, Holly Thorssen, Darin & Cyndi Larson

USHERS: Kurt Albright, Theodore Busse, Steven Fjerstad, Matthew Hagen, Gary Munter, Michael Olson, John Radtke & Dennis Sistad

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

February 6	Tom Kleinwachter	Lexi Mahlen & Jake Wickham
February 13	Terry Halvorson	Peyton Radtke & Micah Malmanger
February 20	Rod Olson	Aiden Pedersen & Myla Quam
February 27	Darin Larson	Dawson Bailie & Madison Bailie

SERVING GROUP 2: Chairs: Kurt & Bonnie Albright 435-6865
Janice Haugen 435-2338

Melissa Christen, Sue Christen, Wendel & Jan Hanson, Geri Hove, Mike & Karen Norland, Lee & Angela Rudie, Mark & Jolene Schmitz, Patrick & Lisa Sekely, Gene & Kay Sistad, Julie Sistad and Carol Smeby.

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 *hopelutheran-churchfosston!* (Note: we are still 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.**

Bylaw Changes

During the Annual meeting, held 1/23/22, those present voted in favor of two bylaw changes:

Chapter 5 (Membership) #3d - "Removal from the roll call due to inactivity as defined in the by-law." This line item was deleted because there is no reference in the bylaws explaining what "inactivity" means and there is currently no way to monitor "inactivity" due to services being on the radio/televsion/facebook.

All Job Descriptions (Boards & Committees) were updated to include "Occasionally assist in distributing Communion during worship services.

Due to change #2 the Deacons will be conducting a short "training" session on the process of serving Communion on Sunday February 13th following the 9:30 service. You do not need to be on a Board or Committee to serve. We welcome all who would like to volunteer. Following the training we will put a schedule of servers together for the rest of the year.

Thank you!

Deacons - Dean Vikan, Tracy Ware, Mark Malmanger

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