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APRIL 2026 Tidings of Hope

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

April 2026

1 Psalm 142; Ephesians 4-6	12 Proverbs 3; Hebrews 10-11	23 Proverbs 14; Revelations 3-6
2 Psalm 143; Philippians 1-4	13 Proverbs 4; Hebrews 12-13	24 Proverbs 15; Revelations 7-9
3 Psalm 144; Colossians 1-3	14 Proverbs 5; James 1-2	25 Proverbs 16; Rev 10-12
4 Psalm 145; Col. 4; 1 Thess 1-4	15 Proverbs 6; James 3-5	26 Proverbs 17; Rev 13-16
5 Ps. 146; 1 Thess 5; 2 Thess 1-3	16 Proverbs 7; 1 Peter 1-2	27 Proverbs 18; Rev 17-19
6 Psalm 147; 1 Timothy 1-5	17 Proverbs 8; 1 Peter 3-5	28 Proverbs 19; Rev 20-22
7 Psalm 148; 1 Tim 6; 2 Tim 1-3	18 Proverbs 9; 2 Peter 1-3	29 Proverbs 20; Genesis 1-3
8 Psalm 149; 2 Tim 4; Titus 1-3	19 Proverbs 10; 1 John 1-3	30 Proverbs 21; Genesis 4-7
9 Ps 150; Phil 1; Hebrews 1-3	20 Proverbs 11; 1 John 4-5	
10 Proverbs 1; Hebrews 4-7	21 Prov 12; 2 John 1; 3 John 1; Jude 1	
11 Proverbs 2; Hebrews 8-9	22 Proverbs 13; Revelations 1-2	

Dear Hope Family;

It is Holy Week – the week starting with **Palm Sunday** and ending with **Easter**.

Palm Sunday – Jesus enters Jerusalem. God, through the prophet Zechariah, said 500 years before it happened:

In Zechariah 9:9 it says; *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

Maundy Thursday – Jesus, God’s Suffering Servant, washes his disciples’ feet, knowing full well his betrayer was at hand and the others would desert him. He institutes the Lord’s Supper – His last will and testament, where he bequeaths to His followers His body and blood, broken and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins.

From that upper room, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He asks that the cup of God’s wrath and suffering might pass from Him: *“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”* (Matthew 26:39) There, Jesus is betrayed by Judas with a kiss and is arrested. He is taken to Caiaphas, the High Priest that year. Peter, before the rooster crows, denies Him.

Good Friday – That morning, Jesus is bound and taken to Pilate by the Chief Priests and elders of the people is Israel. They wanted Him dead.

Jesus is dragged before Pilate, the Roman Governor, then King Herod, the puppet of Rome, then back to Pilate. Whipped, mocked, spit on, beard pulled out, clothed in royal purple with a crown made from thorns jammed onto his head, Jesus is lead outside the city to be crucified, carrying the instrument of his execution.

He is then crucified – a slave’s punishment – nails through his wrists and feet. His coronation as King of kings is complete, with Pilate’s announcement in three languages – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews

And there on the cross, Jesus took on the sins of the world. Your sins and mine. He is the King who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, righteous and with righteousness for us, a saviour, saving even us. He is the Lamb of God, who takes away of the world. Remember His birth? *“And you shall call Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

He is not setting some kind of example for us. He is not earning something by this, as if he is fulfilling some law with a reward at the end. No. This is suffering, bearing the full weight of the law, and dying. *“For our sake he [that is, God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”* (2 Cor. 5:21) This was the cup Jesus drank to the dregs.

Jesus, God the Son, was dead on the cross, dead when they put him in the tomb, dead until that **Sunday morning**, That first day of the new creation, when God the Father raised him from the dead. Our sins are forgiven; death is Swallowed up in victory. And at our baptism, we are joined to *His* death and to His resurrection. **HALLELUJAH!**

God bless your Holy Week. – Pastor Peter

Gifts and Memorials for APRIL

Gifts were given to the **Cemetery Fund** in Memory of Ilene Sistad from Ilane Rue, and Viola Mjklejord.

Gifts were given to the **FCA Fund** from Berniece Carlin; Jennifer & Pete Howard. Cash was also given Anonymously.

Gifts were given to the **Radio / TV Fund** in Memory of Ilene Sistad from Margot Simonson.

Gifts were given to the **Music Fund** in memory of Ilene Sistad from Keni & Richard Evje.

Gifts were given to the **Preservation of Properties Fund** from Susan K. Lockwood.

Gifts were given to the **Quilters Fund** in Memory of Ilene Sistad from Geraldine Hove; Ken and Roxann Hove.

Gifts were given in Memory of Ilene Sistad from Kim Rue; Berniece Carlin; In Memory of Rosie Cormican from Patricia Bitker; In Honor of Carol Wold from Joyce White.

We are very thankful.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Church

Offering given for March: 3/1- \$6,305; 3/8-\$3,199; 3/15- \$4,247; 3/22- \$2,931
Budget needed for each week is: \$3,951.

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

USHER SCHEDULE:

5th Tom Kleinwachter
12th Terry Halvorson
19th Roy Dufault
26th Rod Olson

ACOLYTES:

5th Hattie Quam
12th Hannah Fonder
19th Kaden Wohlhuter
26th Emilee Rudie

HOLY COMMUNION: April 2nd (Maundy Thurs), 5th, 12th & 19th servers:
Michelle Solsten, Brad Norland, Ruth Fonder, and Kristen Norland.

ALTAR GUILD: Willow Christen and Melissa Christen.

READERS:

5th Michelle Levin
12th Roy Dufault
19th Michelle Levin
26th Sylvia Munter

COFFEE SERVERS:

5th Easter (no coffee)
12th New Member Potluck planned
19th Keni & Richard Evje
26th Mary & Earl Steinbrenner

USHER HELPERS: Chuck Lucken, Nathan Mahlen, Mark Malmanger, Dustin Manecke, Sam Manecke and Tim Manecke.

*Please join us Easter Sunday,
April 5th at 9:30 a.m. service
to celebrate our Risen Savior.
All are Welcomed!*

If you haven't been coming for awhile, we miss you! This is a great time to come HOME to Hope.



*Please Remember the Following
in Your Prayers*



Missionaries:

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

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!*

Nancy Andree
Gene & Kay Sistad
Elizabeth Barrineau
Berniece Carlin
Greg Gubrud
Oskie & Mary Hanson
Joe Lindberg
Liza Nelson
Hazel Trogstad
Dean Vikan
Inez Bakken
Vera Pearson
Donna Thomas
George Benson
Ruth Schroeder
The Families of :
Ilene & Dennis Sistad
Fritz Frethem
Albert Maruska

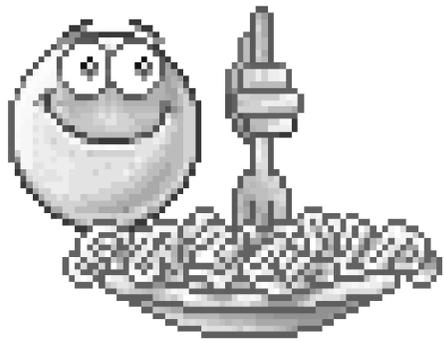
Prayer Chain Information

The Hope church prayer chain is in the process of being updated. People may request prayers for individuals in varying circumstances by calling: the church office (218-435-6765) or informing Pastor Peter. Individuals who are listed on the prayer chain are then contacted to pray for that particular person or event.

All prayer requests are kept confidential by members of the prayer chain. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office with your name and telephone number by April 20. Once we have received all those who wish to participate, a list will be sent to all those who want to be involved. **PRAYER is POWERFUL!**

Hope Church ~ Fosston
SPAGHETTI SUPPER
 April 22nd from 5:00~7:00 pm

Includes a Salad Bar
 and dessert table!
 Take-out orders available.
Freewill Offering
 (Suggested price; Adults~\$15
 8 & under~\$5)



Proceeds for
 Summer
 Bible Camp
 Registration
 fees.



BOWLING FUN!
Sunday, April 19th
From 1pm - 3pm
@ Bagley Bowling Alley

**ALL are invited from our
 Hope/Zion church body of
 ALL ages with the
 Family & Youth Council
 covering the cost!**
**Please plan to join us for an
 afternoon of fun & fellowship!**
(no skill is required)

Linda Aspen has recreated some *BEAUTIFUL* baptismal gowns from vintage wedding dresses! If you would like to receive one, please let us know.

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Choir Director: Charity Salmonson
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Website: hopelutheranfosston.com
 (we're grateful to Mary Hanson who has updated our website...check it out!)

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.

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.

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*NOTE: Please join us on Sun, April 12th as New Member Sunday, and to welcome them in. Special Potluck is planned after service.	*NOTE: Quilting is completed until it resumes in the Fall. Great work this past year ladies!		1 12-4pm- Office open 6:00pm Choir	2 7:30 am FCA 3-7 IGNITE MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 6:00pm	3 NO Fri. School GOOD FRIDAY Service 6:00 pm	4
5 9:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee hour/ NO Sunday School EASTER SUNDAY	6 10 am-Women of Hope Board	7 12-4pm- Office 3-7 IGNITE	8 12-4pm- Office open 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Exec Council Mtg (Music & Worship).	9 7:30 am FCA 1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	10 Friday School	11
12 New Member Sunday! 9:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 Sun School Potluck Dinner (welcome in our New Members)	13	14 12-4pm- Office 3-7 IGNITE	15 12-4pm- Office open	16 7:30 am FCA 10-3 LSS 1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	17 Friday School	18
19 9:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour / Sunday School BOWLING in Bagley ALL invited 1-3pm cost covered!	20 Tidings Deadline	21 12-4pm- Office 3-7 IGNITE	22 12-4pm- Office open *Spaghetti Supper 5-7pm (suggested offering) \$15-Adults \$5- 8 and under	23 7:30 am FCA 1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	24 Friday School Tidings Assembly	25 *Up North Women of Faith Event 10am-4pm (opens @ 9am) \$25 ticket (Includes Lunch & Event)
26 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee hour / Sunday School *Last Sun. School class until Fall	27	28 12-4 pm- Office 3-7 IGNITE	29 12-4pm- Office open	30 7:30 am FCA 1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	(May 1st) *Last Friday School until Fall.	(For more information on "Up North" call: 218-689-0794 701-520-1351 The Venue at Copper Ridge, Newfolden)

Hope Lutheran Church Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

Present: Tom Kleinwachter, John Rustad, Michelle Solsten, Angie Rudie, Ken Hove, Pastor Peter Lurvey, Sarah Johnson, and Wanda Olson.

1. Call to Order: President Tom Kleinwachter called the meeting to order.

2. Devotions: Family/Youth/Education member Sarah Johnson read a devotional about selfless love.

3. Approval of the Agenda: Michelle S. motioned to approve the agenda, with the addition of Benevolence under New Business. Ken H. seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the Secretary's report made by Angie R., with 2 corrections: Kurt Albright was the new member of the Deacons and not Mark Malmanger and correction of the spelling of Laurie Rustad's name in the Nominating Committee section. Motion seconded by Sarah J. Approved unanimously.

5. President's Report: President Tom K. encouraged the boards to meet. He stressed we really need to know what is happening with each group when we have meetings.

6. Pastor's Report:

- I. Pastor mentioned a new family who attended church last Sunday. Please welcome them and their children.
- II. We have had 2 funerals this past month. The Women of Hope are the ones to notify in regard to serving at funerals and weddings.
- III. Pastor and Tom K. are working on a giving sermon.
- IV. We have 2 upcoming weddings in August and October.
- V. The Lenten soup suppers and services are going well, and he thanked Sarah J. for scheduling these meals and servers.
- VI. We set a date for a potluck on April 12th, which will be added to the next Tidings.
- VII. A suggestion of adding 2 televisions to the church on each side of the altar, to display the announcements, the order of the service, readings, and words for the hymns. PowerPoints would be used for this. Questions were who adds the information to this and what would Ryan need to do to add it to the video. John will talk to Ryan about this and get a committee together to see what would be needed to proceed.
- VIII. Pastor is attending a continuing ed event in Canmore, Alberta. Deacons have arranged and will pay for pulpit replacement. Chuck needs to be emailed to cut a check for that person.

7. Brief Committee Reports:

a. Deacons: Chair of the Deacons, Michelle S. met with Pastor Peter tonight (all other Deacons had choir practice and were unable to meet). They discussed visitations, funerals, new people attending church.

b. Family/Youth/Education: Sarah J. gave the report. They have been working on VBS planning and are ready to talk to Chuck about ordering supplies. They have had roughly 20 people attend the Lenten soup suppers, with three families supplying the soups and serving. Tom asked Desi if they want to do a silent auction or rummage sale fundraiser for the youth, as he knows a family with many pictures they would like to donate towards it. The Church also has many items that are no longer being used after the redecorating of some areas, along with a couple of TVs, a VCR, and a plasma TV, that is not a smart TV, that could be added to the fundraiser, and we can ask the parish for other donations too. Sarah will talk to the committee about it.

(Continued 7. Brief Committee Reports:)

c. Music and Worship: Angie R. gave the report. They are working with the Sunday school children for a Palm Sunday parade and singing. They are also working to arrange other singers as well. Choir will sing on Easter Sunday, and possibly on Palm Sunday too. They are still trying to find a song leader. April 12th is the installation of new members.

d. Trustees: John R. gave the report. We had the January report and the February report. John noted the check from Kingo for the endowment fund and the furniture replacement donation in the February report. Thank you cards will be sent to them. John asked if there were any questions. Pastor said a \$200.00 donation was given by Bernice Carlin for the Baptism boxes. Tom asked if a \$100.00 donation was given to the music fund for choir music, as he was told one would be given. That donation was made. Motion to accept both January and February financial reports was made by Ken H. Seconded by Sarah J. Motion approved.

8. Old Business:

- a. New Members: An April 12th potluck for the installation of new members will be added to the Tidings. Tom agreed to speak to Cathy Carlson about it. Pastor wants to give a quilt to each new family. He will speak to the quilters about it.
- b. Benson Family Singers report: Bonnie Albright and Kim K. are scheduling the Benson Family Singers to come to sing at our church and are looking at September on a Sunday. The cost will be about \$1,000 for them. A few families have said they will donate towards that. John R. said the trustees will need a few more details, but they can work out the cost. Tom said we can set out a bucket for free will donations at the door. Pastor said he will ask at his community meeting if other congregations would like to attend and donate also. Michelle S. noted the Valentine's Day dinner for widows/widowers was a big success. They had 8 ladies and 2 men attend. They received 2 thank you cards saying how pampered they felt. The meal was amazing, thanks to Kim Kleinwachter, they had gift bags, and nice decorations.

9. New Business:

- a. Change Council Meetings to Sundays: Tom spoke to a few of the Family/Youth/Education council members about sending calendars to him to see about changing meetings to Sundays after church, but he didn't get any responses. We will table that discussion until next month after we get more input. The next meeting isn't until April and May has graduations and Mother's Day on Sundays. We don't have anything in the summer. It was suggested we consider changing it for the Fall full council meeting in September to a Sunday.
- b. Benevolence: Cathy Carlson went through the donations list and didn't see where we could make cuts to give to the Church, instead of sending outside the community. The discussion within the Benevolence group was that we continue the Church's mission to serve the community with the full 10% off the top. We are still able to pay the Church's bills. If someone has concerns, they are welcome to join the Committee to help decide where the funds will go. Tom reminded everyone that the spaghetti supper is on April 22nd, and sign-up sheets were passed out today after Church.

10. The next Executive Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, at 7:30 pm with devotions by the Music/Worship Committee. Motion was made by Michelle S. to adjourn the meeting and Ken H. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

11. Closing Prayer

Pastor Peter gave a closing prayer, and we all said *the Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted: Wanda Olson, Secretary.