



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 paul

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**"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16**

'The Last' has been the common theme for a number of months...

The Last Christmas... Easter... Confirmation... Baccalaureate... And now, The Last Sunday... it is approaching at a rapid rate.

Am I suppose to have great inspiring and encouraging words? Is my last sermon suppose to be the best one? Probably not, but here is my best advice: Talk to Jesus, Walk with Jesus, Be Jesus.

Sheryl and I desire to express a few words of thanks.

WE THANK YOU...

We say **thanks** to you for allowing us to walk with you.

We say **thanks** for blessing our lives.

We say **thanks** for prayers for guidance, direction, health, wisdom and strength.

We say **thanks** for lifting us up in times of struggles and brokenness.

We say **thanks** for your leadership, commitment, your faith.

We say **thanks** for the desire to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE WILL MISS YOU...

In so many ways you have impacted us with the grace and compassion of God. We have had many opportunities to sit in Church, your homes, in hospital rooms and various other places to hear your faith moments, questions and testimonies.

We leave with this story. I was sitting in a hospital room with an elderly Norwegian couple, married over 50 years. The husband was dying of acute Leukemia, and we watched as it quickly overwhelmed him. Upon arrival, I read Scripture and prayed with them. The wife then sat in a chair in the corner of the room. There was a minimum of 10 minutes of silence. She then returned to the bedside of her husband, took both of his hands in hers, brought her face very close to his face and said, **"I will miss you. I will miss you. I will miss you. BUT, I will see you again."** Those words impacted my ministry. I will see you again is a statement of the promise of heaven.

And so, we say to you, **"WE WILL MISS YOU! WE WILL MISS YOU! WE WILL MISS YOU! BUT, WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN!" WE LOVE YOU!**

June/July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	4	5	6 7:00 pm Bible Study	7	1/8	2/9
10 HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	11	12	13 8:00 pm Hope Council	14	15	16 <i>Matthew Ludwig/ Patience Peterson Wedding</i>
17 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CHURCH CELEBRATION 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Potluck Lunch	25 VBS 2018: POLAR BLAST 5:30-8:30 pm, Mon.-Wed., June 25-27 Invite a friend - Everyone is welcome!	26	27	28	29	30
July 1 HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	9	10	11 8:00 pm Hope Council	12	13	14 <i>Nicholas Carlin/ Molly Buehler Wedding</i>
15 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	30	31				

JUNE SERVANTS

GROUP 6 Chairpersons: Earl & Mary Steinbrenner / Mary Tronerud

SERVERS:	Nola Abele	Pat Bitker	Dan & Carrie Carlin
	John & Cathy Carlin	Tim & Rhonda Carlin	Ellsworth & Carol Danielson
	Steve Fjerstad	Matt & Naomi Hagen	Kevin & Mary Hanson
	Ron & Melissa Kennedy	Phyllis Larson	Nathan & Rochelle Mahlen
	Tim & Michelle Manecke	Darlene Maruska	Sean & Laurie McKnight
	Bryan & Katelyn Mesich	Shayne & Brandi Munter	Rod Olson
	Carey & Teresa Sannes	Richard Sistad	Dave & Sue Skunes
	Mike & Michelle Solsten	Lowell & Mavis Veum	Les & Patty Viken

ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Venem

COMMUNION SERVERS JUNE 10: Wayne Olson / Michelle Olson / Tim Manecke / Gloria Osmonson

JUNE USHERS: Al Hanson / Wendel Hanson / Eric Murphy / Brad Norland / Dean Sistad / Dean Vikan

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

June 3	Sid Fjerstad	Macie Hanson / David Larson
June 10	Tom Kleinwachter	Faith Larson / Tegan Larson
June 17	Terry Halvorson	Jordan Larson / Ryan Levin
June 24	David Skunes	Kora Norland / Noah Mahlen

JULY SERVANTS

GROUP 7 Chairperson: Sylvia Munter

SERVERS:	Tina Averill	Roy & Joan Dufault	Judy Dunrud
	Verna Ekeberg	Ruth Goldsmith	Terry & Alisa Halvorson
	John & Dorene Hansen	Al & Carol Heide	Joyce Kringle
	Marty & Michelle Levin	Mike & Alyssa Macy	Donna Moy
	Jim & Ann Offerdahl	David Olson	Wayne & Michelle Olson
	Neal & Kathy Schmidt	Karen Schultz	Matt & Chantel Wickham
	Mark & Nancy Winkler	Carol Wold	

ALTAR GUILD: Alisa Halvorson

COMMUNION SERVERS JULY 1: Michelle Solsten / Bonnie Albright / Greg Mireault / Nancy Andree

JULY USHERS: Scott Christen/Craig Larson/Matt Rendahl/Neil Riveland/Patrick Sekely/Lowell Veum

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

July 1	Rod Olson	Emma Olson / Joshua Manecke
July 8	Sid Fjerstad	Faith Quam / Amaya Murphy
July 15	Tom Kleinwachter	Marian Riveland / Avery Sannes
July 22	Terry Halvorson	Sydney Walk / Zoey Christen
July 29	David Skunes	Jaime Carlin / Aireal Gensburger

Family & Youth News

Birthdays:

June

Tegan Larson Tanner Levin Austin Schmidt
Christian Schmidt Izik Schmidt
Melina Schmidt Rebeka Ware

July☆☆

Gus Farnworth
Alex Hagen
McKayla Hove

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.

Dear Sunday School Student,

Do you like baking with mom or dad or grandparent? One young boy did, but one day his mom thought they should try something different. Instead of baking together, they baked side by side but separately. Each one of them had a bowl into which they stirred all the ingredients they so carefully measured. Before long, the cookies were in the oven. Oh, the delicious smells that came from the kitchen! In just a few minutes, they were done. The boy's cookies, however, didn't look quite like his mom's. Well, one taste of his cookies told them that something was very wrong with them. In fact, they couldn't even swallow the small bites they had taken.



"Let's go over the recipe," the mom suggested to her son. As she read each ingredient, she had her son hold up the measuring spoon or cup he had used. They weren't far down the list when she read, "One teaspoon baking soda," but the boy held up a tablespoon. There was the problem! What a difference one little spoon can make in an entire batch of cookies. They laughed as they threw out the rest of that cookie dough. A good lesson had been learned without too much expense or bother.

Our lives are like that cookie dough. They're

full of many things, many ingredients. Often we'd like our lives to have more "fun" and less "work." You'd like three hours of recess and 20 minutes of math and reading. You'd like to stay up playing instead of going to bed. Instead of going to Sunday School and church, you may like to watch cartoons. Rather than reading your Bible, you're eager to play with your friends.

Then, while you're playing, you demand your own way and say mean things instead of treating them the way Jesus would want you to. These are ingredients that promise to make your life taste pretty awful!

God has given us rules, a recipe, for how to live. These rules are not meant to keep us from having fun, but so that our lives will turn out well, like the mom's cookies.

Let's think about it:

1. Ask someone to read Matthew 6:33 with you. What does this mean to you?
2. Read the entire Fourth Commandment in Exodus 20:12. What does it say will happen if you obey it?

Let's pray: Dear Jesus, I guess without You I would make some not-so-good choices. Help me to remember that by following Your "recipe" I will be happier and please You and others besides. Thank You for forgiving me when I don't. In Your name I pray. Amen.



APRIL MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of Mark Balstad and Lois Leikness.

A gift was given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Aurora, John, Russel, and Joseph Eastlund.

Bundle up!
There's a
POLAR BLAST
coming to Hope Church!!

Join us for a fun
Vacation Bible School
Monday-Wednesday
June 25-27
5:30-8:30 pm

Invite a friend -
Everyone is welcome!

The Family/Youth/Ed Board
is asking people to save plastic
gallon size milk or water jugs for
a VBS project. Just drop them
off at the church.

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.

Hope Church Council Minutes 5/9/2018

Present: Pr. Paul Magelssen,
Sylvia Munter, Joan Dufault,
Evan Fonder, Tracy Ware,
Wayne & Michelle Olson,
Michelle Solsten, Tom Sedler,
Sue Skunes, Greg Mireault,
Angie Rudie, Matt & Chantel
Wickham, and Bonnie
Albright

Call to Order by Vice-President
Evan

Devotions by Sue from the book
"Growing by Heart"

Agenda was approved with an
addition of Real-Life Church.
MMSC Joan/Sue

Secretary's Report of 4/1/18
meeting minutes were
approved with the correction
on 9.a. should be Danny
Carlin not Danny Carlson.
Report of 4/25/18 meeting
minutes were approved with
the addition to #6 "unless
someone else is found".
MMSC Greg/Tom

Benevolence Report – No report

Pastor's Report – No report

Presidents Report – Joan
reported that the Interim
Pastor who they offered the
position to, has accepted.
Jane Ekholm from Walker will
start 8/1/18. The contract is
for one year with a month-to-
month contract after that.

Brief Committee Reports

Women of Hope – No Report
Deacons – Michelle S.
reported that the
Installation for Jane
Ekholm will be 8/5. A new
bible study session will
begin next Wednesday

and will run for 4-6 weeks
using the Serendipity
curriculum, "Becoming a
Caring Community". July's
communion will be held
on 7/1 instead of 7/8.
Pulpit supply for Memorial
weekend, July 22 and 29
is covered. We still need
pulpit supply for 7/8 &
7/15.

Family/Youth/Education –
Michelle O. reported that
VBS has been scheduled
for the week of 6/25 with
the theme of "Polar Blast".
One-gallon milk jugs are
needed. They are also
looking for SS material for
this fall.

Music & Worship – Sue
reported that the choir will
sing two numbers this
Sunday and then will done
for the season except for
the 6/24 Celebration.
Readers for May are
covered.

Trustees –Greg reported that
the Financial reports are
on schedule as budgeted.
The Cemetery Fund looks
inflated due to the
Columbarium donation.
The money that was
borrowed from other
accounts is slowly being
paid back. Approval of the
Treasurer's Report
pending audit – MMSC
Tom/Michelle

Old Business

Columbarium Report – Greg
reported that Dan and Tim
have found a spot and are
beginning work. They will
also be working on a
pricing policy that will help
us maintain the cemetery
for years to come.

Transition Team Report – The

public celebration went
well serving over 350
people. Plans are coming
along for the 6/24
celebration.

Review & Adopt Social Media
Policy – MMSC Greg/Tom
Memorial Policy – Tabled
until this fall

Other - None

New Business

Fellowship of Christian
Athletes (FCA Breakfast) –
Paul & Sheryl have been
spear-heading this weekly
event for 20+ years. Need
someone to take over.
Sylvia will post it in the
bulletin.

Holy Cow Survey Consultation
– 5/10 6:30 pm at the
High School Conference
Room.

Loaves & Fishes Utilities/
Ministerium Dues – Until
now, area churches have
been paying about \$150/
mo. for utilities. That will
change to \$300/mo. rent,
which will include the
utilities. Benevolence
Funds will cover our
share.

Next Council Meeting is
Wednesday, June 13,
2018 at 8:00 pm;
Devotions and Lunch by
Board of Trustees.

Graduates Honored Sunday,
May 20th – 13 graduates
this year.

Real Life Church in
Bloomington – Funds are
no longer needed. We will
discontinue our support.

Other - Sylvia will be gone
June 2-9, Sue will cover.
LCMC Meeting to be held at
Vernes Church on
6/9/18. LCMC sent a letter

God Warns the Wealthy



God loves both the rich and the poor. However, it can be difficult for the rich to love the Lord because they can so easily become absorbed in the things that they possess. Jesus warned that wealth can be highly dangerous. He told how difficult it was for the rich to be saved when He said, ***“How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God”*** (Luke 18:24-25). God doesn’t condemn wealth. The warning is about the attitude that an abundance of money and possessions can cause. Paul wrote, ***“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”*** (1 Timothy 6:10).

Prayer: Good and gracious Heavenly Father, I pray that You will strengthen me so I never place my security in worldly things. Help me to understand that the only important relationship I need is with You. Grant me an attitude of humility and dependence on You. Through Christ I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!



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

June/July

BIBLE READINGS

KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

JUNE	13 Daniel 4	26 Jonah 1	8 Worship	21 Matthew 26
1 Isaiah 61	14 Daniel 5	27 Jonah 2	9 Zechariah 14	22 Worship
2 Jeremiah 18	15 Daniel 6	28 Jonah 3	10 Malachi 3	23 Matthew 27
3 Worship	16 Daniel 9	29 Jonah 4	11 Malachi 4	24 Matthew 28
4 Jeremiah 19	17 Worship	30 Micah 5	12 Matthew 5	25 Mark 6
5 Jeremiah 31	18 Hosea 4	JULY	13 Matthew 6	26 Mark 8
6 Lamentations 3	19 Hosea 14	1 Worship	14 Matthew 7	27 Luke 1
7 Ezekiel 1	20 Joel 2	2 Micah 7	15 Worship	28 Luke 2
8 Ezekiel 37	21 Amos 1	3 Nahum 1	16 Matthew 13	29 Worship
9 Daniel 1	22 Amos 2	4 Habakkuk 3	17 Matthew 17	30 Luke 4
10 Worship	23 Amos 9	5 Zephaniah 3	18 Matthew 21	31 Luke 7
11 Daniel 2	24 Worship	6 Haggai 1	19 Matthew 24	
12 Daniel 3	25 Obadiah	7 Haggai 2	20 Matthew 25	

Join us for POLAR BLAST Vacation Bible School

Monday-Wednesday

June 25-27

5:30-8:30 pm

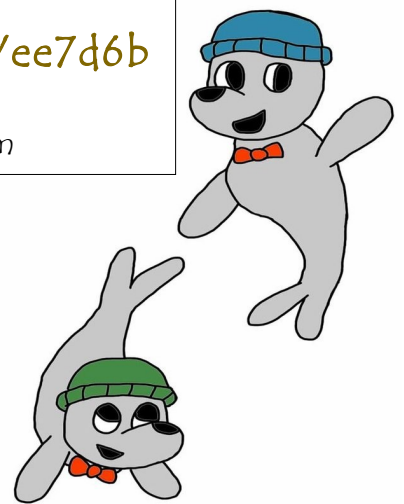
Invite a friend—
Everyone is welcome!

Supper served by Women of
Hope each night!

- Registration & supper at 5:30
- VBS activities from 6:00-8:30
- VBS Program on Wednesday

Plastic gallon
size milk or
water jugs are
needed for a VBS
project.

Please drop them
off at the church by
Saturday, June 23rd.



Register online at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/ee7d6b>

or call or email Hope Church
at 435-6765 or hopezion@gvtel.com