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# Tidings of Hope

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

## A note from the Pastor...



### Dear Hope Family and Friends:

They took down the elm tree in front of my next-door neighbour's house a couple weeks back. A 75+ years old tree, mostly gone in an hour, leaving another hole in the canopy sheltering my street.

In the spring and summer, that canopy reminds me of that picture of the Road to Emmaus, with the resurrected Jesus walking and talking with the two disciples.

The workers laugh and joke as the guy with the chainsaw in the cherry picker bucket moves up and down, cutting small sections that can be fed through the wood grinder.

Then the boom arm operator takes over, with giant pinchers and an automated cutter taking bigger sections of the trunk.

He carefully drops them into the back of his truck with ease, hundreds of kilos of growth, headed for the landfill. I'm hoping they'll drop a section of trunk on my needs-to-be-replaced-soon 2001 Toyota Echo, but not today.

The workers drive off to another tree, leaving a 4-metre bare trunk still standing, left for another crew to come take that down and then grind down the stump.

I love trees and hate to see them taken down. I said a little prayer of thanks to God for the life of that elm, and for all it's done for us.

My neighbour's elm died because of a small beetle – the elm bark beetle. And it's not so much the beetle itself, but the fungus that the beetle carries. Those fungus spores are so tiny, what are they gonna hurt?

The beetles get under the bark and the fungus finds a perfect place to spread. This is from Wikipedia: *In an attempt to block the fungus from spreading farther, the tree reacts by plugging its own xylem... As the xylem... delivers water and nutrients to the rest of the plant, these plugs prevent them from travelling up the trunk of the tree, starving the tree of water and nutrients, therefore, eventually killing it.*

Sin is like that. We allow a little thing in – a little lie, a little look at pornography, a little drink, a little stealing, a little self-serving, a little pride, a little boasting – and it can take hold, and we end up not the people God wants us to be, not the people we thought we'd be. Saying yes to a small thing, we aren't told of the destruction that lies ahead.

The Bible says, *"the wages of sin is death"* (Rms 6:23). Stopping there, we'd think, I am a sinner and I have no hope. But the verse continues: *"but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

It is the Lord Jesus who can free us from the tyranny of sin, from its deadly consequences. By his death and resurrection, by his presence with us always, by the ready help he gives when we are tempted, we are set free from sin and its consequences, and can be kept safe when tempted. We lean on and trust Jesus who died on the cross that Good Friday, who on the third day from the grave. He alone is faithful and true, .

**God bless you, Pastor Peter**

## APRIL 2025

### Bible Readings

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|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Acts 12          | 12 Romans 3-4        | 23 1 Corinthians 12-13 |
| 2 Acts 16          | 13 Worship           | 24 1 Corinthians 15-16 |
| 3 1 Corinthians 13 | 14 Romans 5          | 25 Galatians 1-2       |
| 4 Philippians 2    | 15 Romans 8          | 26 Galatians 1-2       |
| 5 Revelation 21-22 | 16 Romans 12         | 27 Worship             |
| 6 Worship          | 17 Romans 15         | 28 Galatians 3-4       |
| 7 Acts 17          | 18 1 Corinthians 1-2 | 29 Galatians 5-6       |
| 8 Acts 18          | 19 1 Corinthians 3-4 | 30 Colossians 1-2      |
| 9 Acts 19          | 20 Worship           |                        |
| 10 Acts 20         | 21 1 Corinthians 5-6 |                        |
| 11 Romans 1        | 22 1 Corinthians 10  |                        |

# April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Noon-Lenten service 5:30 Lenten Soup & Sandwich 6:00 Lenten Service 6:30pm Choir	3 7:30 am Fellowship of Christian Athletes  Bible Study 1:30pm Heritage Room	4 Friday School	5  2 pm Bridal Shower for Jordyn Manecke in Fellowship Hall
6 9:30 am Worship Kids will sing 10:35 Sunday School/coffee hour  1-3 pm K-6 Family	7 Hope Quilters 8:30am	8	9 Noon-Lenten Service 5:30 Lenten Soup & Sandwich 6:00 Lenten Service 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 7:30 pm Executive Council Meeting	10 7:30 am Fellowship of Christian Athletes  Bible Study 1:30pm  12:15-5:30 blood drive	11 Friday School	12 9 am-All Church Cleaning
13 9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>  10:35 Sunday School/coffee hour	14 Hope Quilters 8:30am  10am-Women of Hope meeting	15	16  6:30pm Choir  First Communion - 4th & 5th graders	17 7:30 am- FCA  Noon and 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday (no soup & sandwich)  LSS Meet 10-3	18 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service	19
20 9:30 am Easter Worship with <i>Holy Communion</i>  No Sunday school	21 Hope Quilters 8:30am	22	23   6:30pm Choir	24 7:20-8:10am Fellowship of Christian Athletes  Bible Study 1:30pm Heritage Room	25 Friday School	26
27 9:30 am Worship 10:35 Sunday School/coffee hour	28 Hope Quilters 8:30am	29	30  5-7 pm- Spaghetti Supper			



The following Fourth and Fifth grade students will receive their first communion on Wednesday, April 16th:  
Sage Moore, Lincoln Rendahl, Grant Rendahl, and Marie Williams.

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## Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers

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  
Gary Hartel  
Cole Houska  
Mary Sistad  
Beverlee Ostenaar  
George Benson  
Ruth Schroeder



The family of Drew Wahlstrom

The family of Brad Sistad

The family of Lowell Veum

The family of Jeanie Stout

### Missionaries:

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

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

Thank you for supporting the work of the church.

Attendance (so far) for the month of March was: 241

Average weekly giving in March was: \$ 2,449.

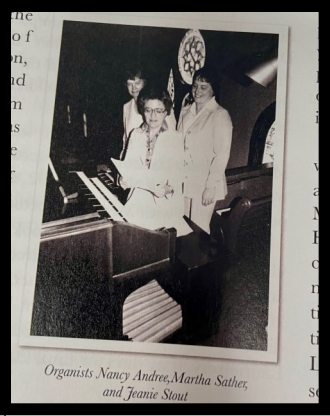
Budget needed for each week in a month is: \$3,768.



# VBS

Mark your calendars!

Plans are underway for Hope's Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 15th through 17th. Help will be needed to decorate for the fun event. If you are available to help decorate on Monday, July 14th, contact Sarah Johnson at 218-766-5615 or the church office at 218-435-6765.



Rest in Peace, Jeanie Stout (1940-2025)  
Faithful Organist and Accompanist!

We recently lost one of our favorite people to cancer—Jeanie Stout. Jeanie has the distinction of serving for the longest period of time as organist at Hope Church—over 60 years! Jeanie and her husband, Terry, moved to Fosston in 1960. They attended Hope and became members in the spring of 1961. Two years later, looking for a place to practice for a friend’s wedding, Jeanie asked Pastor Odden if she could use the organ at Hope. He said yes, but only if she would then play at services – at that time, Nancy Andree was doing all the playing. Jeanie and Nancy then spent almost 20 years dividing up duties on Sundays, as well as playing for choirs, funerals and weddings.

The next person Jeanie shared duties with was Martha Sather, who very ably shared her time and talents for a number of years. About the time Martha decided she needed a break, Mary (Andree) Hanson moved back to the area and stepped in to help out. As Jeanie’s playing time was approaching 50 years, she wanted to retire from a regular schedule. Luckily, fifteen-year old, Noelle Dufault agreed to help out as pianist for services and choir. Jeanie continued to graciously fill-in where needed. When Noelle graduated and moved on to college out of the area, Jeanie once again shared her talents with the congregation.

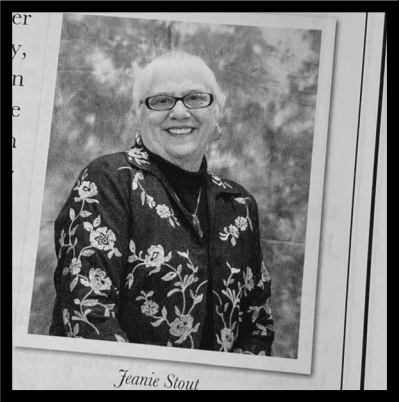
According to Jeanie in 2015, “*There are so many wonderful memories from all these years. Many changes in pastors, choir directors, organs, hymn books, liturgies, weddings and special services. My most un-favorite memory was the time I overslept for the 6 a.m. Easter Sunday Service. I woke up as the bell was ringing and Pastor Thorson was on the phone. I think I played in my bathrobe. I still have a nightmare about it once in a while!*” Jeanie attributes the length of her service to the other wonderful musicians who were here at the same time. We are very thankful for Jeanie! (taken in part from the 2014 Hope Centennial Book).

One of the songs Jeanie chose for her funeral was “His Eye is on the Sparrow”, and the final verse especially seems to sum up her faith:

“Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give way to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw me closer to Him; from care he sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”

Rest in God’s peace, Jeanie! You will be missed here on earth.



**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 kinds are welcome!**

**HOPE QUILTERS**

Women of Hope quilters meet Monday mornings at 8:30am. All are welcome! You may also purchase quilts at \$60 each. There is a beautiful selection to choose from. They make a great gift for all ages.

**Gifts and Memorials**

Undesignated gifts were received in March in memory of Lowell Veum from Jim & Ionne Haugstul and John & Julie Nord; in memory of Jeanie Stout from Craig & Judy Larson, Jim & Ionne Haugstul, John & Julie Nord, and Jon & Renee Rustad; and in memory of Mary Sovick from Jon & Renee Rustad

Gifts were given to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of Brad Sistad from Ilane Rue, and in memory of Lowell Veum from Ilane Rue, Sue Christen and Mark & Nancy Winkler.

Gifts were given to the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** Fund in memory of Drew Wahlstrom from Ken & Roxie Hove; and in memory of Lowell Veum from Eileen Solsten and Berniece Carlin. A donation to the FCA fund was given by Nancy Andree.

Gifts were given to the **Audio/Visual/Radio** fund in memory of Brad Sistad from Ken & Roxie Hove, John & Cathy Carlin, and Carol Wold; and in memory of Lowell Veum from Carol Wold and John & Cathy Carlin; and in memory of Jeanie Stout from Margot Simonson and Arlene Brinkman.

Gifts were given to the **Music Fund** in memory of Jeanie Stout from Eileen Solsten, Jim & Ionne Haugstul, John & Cathy Carlin and Mark & Nancy Winkler; and in memory of Lowell Veum from Ione Tangen and Norma Quam.

Gifts were given to the **Preservation of Property** Fund in memory of Lowell Veum from Joan & Roy Dufaut and Ken & Roxie Hove.

**APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE**

<b>USHER SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>ACOLYTES:</b>
6th Rod Olson	6th Hatty Quam
13th Lee Rudie	13th Hannah Fonder
20th Tom Kleinwachter	16th Kaden Wohlhuter
27th Terry Halvorson	23rd Emilee Rudie

**HOLY COMMUNION:** April 13th: Michelle Solsten, Brad Norland, Ruth Fonder, Kristen Norland.  
April 20th(Easter): Mark Malmanger, Bonnie Albright, Angie Rudie, Joel Rendahl.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Willow Christen and Carrie Carlin

<b>READERS:</b>	<b>COFFEE SREVERS:</b>
6th Tracy Ware	6th Paul & Deb Curfman
13th Brad Norland	13th Brad & Kristen Norland
20th Michelle Solsten	20th EASTER-no coffee hour
27th Nancy Andree	27th Craig & Judy Larson; Amanda & Andrew Wohlhuter

**USHER HELPERS:** Mark Malmanger, Sam Manecke, Tim Manecke, Bryan Mesich, Jeremy Mienert, Kevin Moore

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.



**Hope Lutheran Council Meeting & Retreat Minutes**  
**Sunday, February 9th, 2025 at 11:30 AM**

**Present:** Tom Kleinwachter, Kim Kleinwachter, Jon Rustad, Ken Hove, Jess Carlson, Faith Quam, Ruth Fonder, Kristin Norland, Angie Rudie, Mark Malmanger, Michelle Solsten, Laurie Rustad, Joel Rendahl, Desi Rendahl, Sara Johnson, Pastor Peter, Bonnie Albright

The Council Retreat began with President Tom K. leading the council with a devotion, “Lead with Faith.”

Council meeting procedures and communion protocols were discussed.

Committees were dismissed to meet and discuss goals for 2025.

A delicious lunch was served by Roxie Hove & assisted by Ken. Thank you Hoves! Your cooking is always a treat to enjoy!

**1.0 Call to Order:** President Tom K. called the meeting to order.

**2.0 Devotions:** Michelle S. (Deacons) read a devotion based on Philipians 1:27 and 1 Corinthians 12:18-20 titled “We are Better Together.” We are designed to work together as a time united by the Jesus’s love. We are part of the same team with different roles uniting through teamwork.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Michelle S., seconded by Sarah J. to approve agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

**4.0 Approval of Secretary’s Report:** Motion by Kim K., seconded by Desi R. to approve the secretary’s report as corrected. Approved unanimously.

**5.0 Pastor’s Report:** \*Working on the shut-in list.

\*Attended the joint youth group event with Kingo which went well.

\*Plans to have a new member class/installation early this year.

\*Would like to attend the Canadian Rockies Theological CE

\*States that Rodness Church has asked him to serve 1 Sunday/month for Communion Sunday for them on his way to Winnipeg. Will discuss with Trustees.

\*Pastor presented ideas to explore for 2025:

1. Men’s breakfast

2. Old-fashioned blue-grass music worship service

3. Youth group project to help others

**6.0 President’s Report:** \*Encouraged committees to meet monthly and to read through all the boards and bring questions to the meetings.

**7.0 Brief Committee Reports:**

**7.1 Deacons:** Kim K. reports: \*New member meeting and contact for every current member is being planned.

\*Deacons plan to meet with Pastor Peter one time per month.

\*Working on setting up communion for the homebound.

**7.2 Family/Youth/Education:** Desi R. reports:

\*Sarah J. will be chairperson this year.

\*VBS dates are July 15, 16, 17 (Tuesday-Thursday) with True North Camp theme.

\*Lenten Soup/Sandwich serving calendar is prepared.

\*First Communion with the 4th & 5th graders are coming up.

\*Looking into a bowling event in March.

**7.3 Music & Worship:** Angie R. reports:

\*Kristen N. will be the chairperson this year.

\*Hope to have more special music for Sunday services.

\*Encourage a variety of types of music.

\*Encourage Sunday School children to sing in church.

\*Will look into the choir singing more often.

**7.4 Trustees:** Jon R. reports:

\*The new copier with a new lease will be installed soon.

\*David Halvorson will be doing the snow removal.

\*Chuck Lucken is handling the financials again.

\*The January/February financials will be reviewed at the March meeting.

**8. Old Business:**

\*Call Committee: is meeting this next Wednesday.

\*New member class announced in church.

\*Valentine’s Supper for the widows/widowers will be Monday, February 10, 2025.

**9. New Business:**

\*Laurie R. Reports that a general church cleaning day is going planned for a date in April.

**10. Adjournment:** The Lord’s Prayer was recited to adjourn.

Next EXECUTIVE Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 am with devotions by the Family/Youth/Education Board.

**Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Albright, Secretary**

# All Church Cleaning

Join your church family for Spring Cleaning  
and Fellowship on Saturday, April 12, 2025  
beginning at 9 am., with a  
light lunch to follow.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS,  
ages 15 and up!

Sign up in the fellowship hall or  
call or text Laurie Rustad at  
218-431-0296

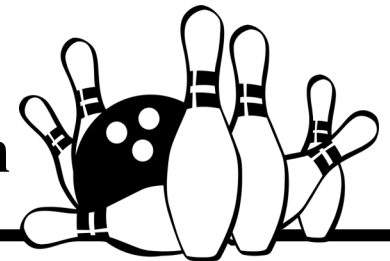


## Family Bowling Event

All Hope and Kingo kids (grades K-6)  
and their families are

invited to the Bagley Bowling Alley for a  
**FREE** family event

Sunday, April 6th from 1-3 pm



### Broadcast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCCQ  
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.  
Our YouTube link to join the service is currently  
being revamped and will return at a later date.  
You can also find us on Facebook at;  
*hopelutheranchurchfosston!*

All youth grades 7-12, are invited Hope Church  
Thursday mornings for breakfast before the start of  
a busy school day.



Contributions are welcome to  
FCA to help buy the groceries  
for each week. FCA continues  
throughout the 2025 school  
year.