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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

tidings

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pastor's letter

from pastor jane

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I am so very honored to be called as the pastor to Hope Lutheran. **Thank you!** Although not everybody was in favor of calling me, I humbly ask for your input and prayerful support.

I welcome your constructive criticism and ideas. As a person who is young in the ministry, I want to improve my ministerial skills and I don't want to disappoint those who have confidence in me. If I am going **to be an effective pastor** for all of you, I need to know what "bugs" you as well as what is helpful. With your help and with God's guidance, I hope together we may continue to build the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church.

Isaiah 64:8 speaks of us as pots worked in **clay by the potter's hand**. If He is using you to melt me (not too hot a fire please) or mold me (gently please) fill me, and use me, then I hope to be workable clay. I will love and serve you to the best of my ability. I hope I will continue to learn from you and grow spiritually with you.

One of **the best things** about small rural congregations, is that personal attention is not only possible, but should be expected from a pastor. You can expect that from me. I will continue to work hard to serve our church. You will always have my ear, my prayers, and my heart, as your pastor.

Please know that I have a **deep love for God** and for each member of this congregation and our ministry together. Please speak to me of what I can improve. May God grant us all grace for the race ahead and for the love of His church as we move forward. Thank you for allowing me to spiritually walk with you, it is truly a joy to be here. May the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be ours now and forever.

In His Service,

Pastor Jane

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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OCTBER SERVANTS

GROUP 1 Group Leaders: **Dennis & Ilene Sistas / Bennett & Gloria Osmonson**

Servers: George & Glendine Benson	Karyn Bolme	Marge Bolme
Jeff Carlin/Jackie Arnold	David & Jenifer Dahl	Richard & Keni Evje
Michael & Gina Gensburger	Judy Halvorson	Chris & Tricia Hove
Ken & Roxann Hove	Alexi Howard	Pete & Jennifer Howard
Mary Beth Jallen	Tammi Jalowiec	Marian Jenkins
Wayne Larson	Janet Olson	Tom & Marcy Sedler
Dan & Renae Sistas	Sandy Sultvedt	Chad & Holly Thorsen
Mike & Tracy Ware	Jerry & Joyce White	

ALTAR GUILD: Gina Gensberger / Marilyn Venem

COMMUNION SERVERS October 13: Tom Sedler / Tracy Ware / Nathan Pederson / Greg Mireault

USHERS: Jim Haugstul / Nathan Mahlen / Mike Norland / David Olson / Duane Olson / Travis Quam

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

October 6 Terry Halvorson	Tony Carlin / Piper Larson
October 13 Rod Olson	Alex Hagen / Brynlea Mahlen
October 20 Sid Fjerstad	McKayla Hove / Karly Peterson
October 27 Tom Kleinwachter	Brandon Larson / Kyra Quam



You have two options on Thursdays
for a **Galatians Bible Study:**

- Meet at 2:00pm in Margaret Rustads kitchen at Prairie Pines Assisted Living
- OR
- 7:00pm in the Heritage Room at Hope Church

**You are all invited to a
Purely Missions Tea
in the Fireside Room
Sunday, October 6,
after the Worship Service
and/or at 7:00pm.**



Come to enjoy a cup of traditional Nepali milk tea and hear Jennifer share more about her mission trip to Nepal and Beauty For Ashes, a freedom ministry in Nepal.

Beauty for Ashes employs human trafficking survivors who create beautiful handmade items. These will be for sale to support trafficking survivors in Nepal and other missions worldwide.

10% of all sales this day will go to the Christine Johnson benefit.

Family / Youth / Education

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast

All youth in 7th-12th grades (*you don't need to be an athlete*) are invited to join us for breakfast and devotions 7:40am-8:10am each Thursday when school is in session. The breakfast is free, although a basket for free-will offering is available.

October Birthdays

Will Christen
Faith Larson
Jordan Larson
Sydney Walk

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.



Kids Time is Starting Up in a New Location Wednesday, October 9th!

All 4th-6th Graders are invited to

Ignite Youth Center

(across Highway 2 from the Civic Center Entrance in the City Hall Building) for fun and snacks on Wednesdays when there is school, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus told the Parable of the Lost Son about a boy who wasn't satisfied with his life at home with his dad. He asked his dad to give him money so he could go off and live the way he wanted. His dad did give his son the money, even though it broke his heart to do it.

The son did go off and have a wonderful time with lots of great friends – that is, until one morning when he woke up to find his money all used up and his “friends” gone. Now the boy had to go to work or starve. The only job he could get was feeding pigs. It didn't take him long to realize life at home with his dad had been a lot better than this. Finally, he decided to go home, tell his dad he was sorry, and start all over. He didn't think he could be a real son anymore; he was going to be happy just being a worker for his dad.

Well, the son was in for a wonderful surprise. When he got close to home, he saw his dad running to meet him. The father hugged him and forgave him even before he could say he was sorry!

That's how it is with Jesus. When we've done something wrong or had a bad attitude, He just waits for us to come back to Him, say we're sorry, and get a new start. He forgives us and calls us His children.

Let's think about it:

1. Ask someone to read the Parable of the Lost Son with you (Luke 15:11-32).
2. What kind of friends did the Lost Son find and then lose?
3. Have you ever been disobedient to your parents? What happened?
4. Why did the father forgive his son? Why does Jesus forgive you?

Let's pray: *Dear Jesus, sometimes I don't agree with my parents or my teachers. I think they're being too tough on me. Help me to be obedient anyway. I know that obeying them is the same as obeying You. Help me to want to do what You want me to do and act the way You want me to act. For Jesus' sake I pray. Amen.*



Ignite

Beginning October 1st,
Ignite Youth Center
 will be open
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
 3:00pm-9:00pm.

All 7th-12th graders are invited to come and enjoy games, foosball, movies, and snacks!



In Loving Memory



SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Audio/Visual Fund in memory of Diane Maruska and Everett Sorenson.

Gifts were given to the Broadcast Fund in memory of the Ruth Davidson, Margaret Kildal, Helen London, Diane Maruska and Mary Roysland.

A gift was given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Diane Maruska.

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of Orland Aspen.

A gift was given to Hope Sunday School in memory of Diane Maruska.

A gift was given to Women of Hope in memory of Diane Maruska.

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.

New Member Orientation

NEW MEMBERS

A meeting will be held **Sunday, October 6th** in the Heritage Room following the worship service for anyone wishing to become a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

If you have questions or concerns about your membership at Hope or about becoming a member, please call or email the church office.

New members will be received Sunday, October 13.

Hope Council Minutes 9/11/19

Recorded by Tracy Ware

Present: Joan Dufault, Greg Mireault, Pastor Jane Ekholm, Tracy Ware, Wayne & Michelle Olson, Nancy Andree, Evan Fonder, Dan Carlin, Nathan Pederson, Tim Manecke, Ilene Sistad, Angie Rudie, Bennett & Gloria Osmonson and Darin & Cindy Larson.

Call to order: Meeting Called to order by Joan Dufault – President

Devotions – “A Thank-You Will Do” from Dan Carlin

Agenda Review - Motion to approve by Evan; Second by Greg, Approved Unanimously

Secretary Reports - Motion to approve by Greg; Second by Dan, Approved Unanimously

Call Committee Report – Bennett reports that Chris declined our offer of call. The Call Committee made a recommendation to the council to offer a pastoral call for a specific term to Pastor Jane. After some discussion a motion was made by Greg that we extend an offer of pastoral call to Pastor Jane. Motion was seconded by Tim, Approved unanimously. The congregation will vote in two weeks.

Benevolence Report – Pastor Jane reports giving to several local benefits this month as well as our regular monthly donations to China Ventures, our missionaries, etc.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Jane has been asked by a couple parents to hold confirmation in the Spring. Council wants to keep it in the Fall due to other things going on in the Spring. New member orientation will take place in October with 10+ members. Bible study on Galatians will begin. Befriender’s met monthly with new classes starting soon. Will need to budget for Leadership Training. Confirmation class starts this week.

President’s Report – The Nominating Committee will need to meet soon in preparation for the Annual Meeting in January.

Brief Committee Reports

Deacons – Wayne reports that pulpit supply will be Travis Quam on 9/29. Communion is covered.

Family/Youth/Education – Michelle reports that Rally Sunday was a success, the youth served 110+ people breakfast. One teacher is still needed for Friday School, 5th Grade.

Music & Worship – Nancy reports that readers are lined up. Choir started to tonight.

Trustees – Greg reports that the finances look good. The gutters and heat tape will be completed this month. Some repairs to the fascia will be done as well. The Auction will be held 9/21/19 with proceeds going to the audio/visual equipment. An estimate was received by Garden Valley for \$33,000 which includes all equipment needed. Cemetery Columbarium pamphlets are done and will be sent out soon; need to continue to raise funds. The cable TV is still not working. Greg has been in several times asking this to be fixed. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report pending audit by Evan, second by Greg, approved unanimously.

Women of Hope – Ilene reports the Quilters Lunch will be 9/23; Meatball supper is coming up with the date yet to be determined; gave Sylvia \$250 for the Ignite Youth.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Dates to Remember -

Next meeting - Wednesday, October 9th at 8:00 pm. Devotions/lunch by the Board of Deacons

Sunday, Sept 15th – 3rd Graders receive bibles; Installation of Teachers

Friday, Sept 20th – Quilters Lunch

Saturday, Sept 21st - Hope Church Auction Sale

Wednesday, September 25th – “See you at the Pole” at Bethel Assembly

October 17-20 - ViaDeCristo in Cloquet. Cyndi said donations have been received. If anyone wants to go, get a hold of her. Transportation will be provided.

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer, Meeting Adjourned.

A member of Hope Church needs our help!

He is living in an LSS home in Fosston which is understaffed, making it impossible for someone to transport him to and from church on Sunday mornings.

He is able to walk with the aid of a walker.

If you are able to help with this need, please call or email Hope Church, or call his case manager at 218-470-8426.

On the Lighter Side

After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery.

I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed... "Lord, it's up to You. If You want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was!

God is so good!"

Polk County Social Services is seeking homes to provide foster care to children in need.

If you'd like more information on child foster care, call Polk County Social Services at 218-470-8483.



Is there room in your family for one more?
Foster a child.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
FINANCIAL SUPPORT



ENJOY THE ONVENIENCE 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

Hope Lutheran Church

Meatball

Supper

508 Foss Avenue North, Fosston

Wednesday, October 23

5:00-7:00 pm

Adults: \$10 12 & under: \$5

Preschool: Free