

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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# MAY 2026

## Tidings of Hope

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# MAY 2026

1 Proverbs 22; Genesis 8-10	12 Genesis 39-41	23 Exodus 22-24
2 Proverbs 23; Genesis 11-13	13 Genesis 42-43	24 Exodus 25-27
3 Proverbs 24; Genesis 14-17	14 Genesis 44-46	25 Exodus 28-29
4 Proverbs 25; Genesis 18-19	15 Genesis 47-49	26 Exodus 30-32
5 Proverbs 26; Genesis 20-23	16 Genesis 50; Exodus 1-3	27 Exodus 33-35
6 Proverbs 27; Genesis 24-25	17 Exodus 4-6	28 Exodus 36-38
7 Proverbs 28; Genesis 26-27	18 Exodus 7-9	29 Exodus 39-40
8 Proverbs 29; Genesis 28-30	19 Exodus 10-12	30 Leviticus 1-4
9 Proverbs 30; Genesis 31-32	20 Exodus 13-14	31 Leviticus 5-7
10 Proverbs 31; Genesis 33-35	21 Exodus 16-18	
11 Genesis 36-38	22 Exodus 19-21	

**Dear Hope Family;**

### Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

It's Easter. We all need a little, not Christmas, but a little Easter. Easter was a few weeks back, I know, but it has passed from memory, and we hardly think of it. But more important than Christmas is the news, "Jesus is Risen!"

Death no longer has the final word. Death is swallowed up, Paul says, swallowed up in victory. The resurrection vindicates all that Jesus said about himself. He is God-come-in-the-flesh, come to save his people from their sins, by suffering, dying, and rising on the third day.

Here's the Apostle Paul writing to the church at Corinth, to a church confused about the resurrection of Jesus, **1 Corinthians 15:3-22**;

*" For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though, it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.*

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. "*

**God bless you these days. Remember Easter – Pastor Peter**

**I have a request for you.** Get a post-it note or scrap of paper and write the names of 3 people you know who you'd like God to grab hold of. Put it on your fridge or bathroom mirror, and pray for them when you see the list, asking God to make himself real in their lives. Can you do that?

The Trustees are going to do a walk around of the church property in May, making a list of things that need to be: *repaired, replaced and cleaned.* They are asking for some input from our church members.

Please send anything that you may see needs to be done on the church property to the Church's email or drop a note off at the office.

(Also ...take a look at some of the projects that have been done this past year!

Thank you to :

Laurie Rustad, Anita & Chuck Lucken

Jackie & Joel Rendahl and Keni Evje, "THE PAINT CREW!"

Hats off to Renee Rustad and Judy Larson for a thorough Kitchen cleaning, along with Jon Rustad and Joel Rendahl for ...you name it! :)



### Gifts and Memorials for May

\*Gifts were given to the **Preservation of Properties Fund** from Susan K. Lockwood and John Nord.

\*Gifts were given to the **FCA Fund** from cash anonymously.

*We are very thankful.*

### Thank you for supporting the work of the Church

Offering given for April: 3/5- \$6,045; 3/12-\$6,099; 3/19- \$3,611

Budget needed for each week is: \$3,951.

### MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

#### USHER SCHEDULE:

3rd Lee Rudie  
10th Tom Kleinwachter  
17th Terry Halvorson  
24th Roy Dufault  
31st Rod Olson

#### ACOLYTES:

3rd Cash Radtke  
10th Hatty Quam  
17th Hannah Fonder  
24th Kaden Wohlhuter  
31st Emilee Rudie

#### HOLY COMMUNION:

May 10th & 17th servers:  
Kurt Albright, Matt Wickham, Jon Rustad, and Faith Quam.

#### ALTAR GUILD:

Anita Lucken and Margot Simonson.

#### READERS:

3rd Sylvia Munter  
10th Evan/Ruth Fonder  
17th Keni Evje  
24th Bonnie Albright  
31st Scott Riveland

#### COFFEE SERVERS:

3rd Tracy Ware  
10th Sylvia Munter  
17th Sylvia Munter and Keni Evje  
24th Sylvia Munter  
31st Roxann Hove

#### USHER HELPERS:

Scott Maruska, Bran Mesich, Jeremy Mienert, Kevin Moore, Dale Munter, Gary Munter, and Shayne Munter.



Please join us  
Sunday, May 17th  
at the 9:30 a.m. service  
& coffee hour to honor our  
**2026 Graduating Seniors**

Madison Bailie	Allison Carlin	Miley Hove
Koltyn Larson	Lexi Mahlen	Micah Malmanger
Carlie Munter	Aiden Pederson	Myla Quam
Peyton Radtke	Jakob Rudie	Jake Wickham



### 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  
Inez Bakken  
Vera Pearson  
Donna Thomas  
George Benson  
Ruth Schroeder  
Jeff Carlin

**The Families of :**  
Ilene & Dennis Sistad  
Fritz Frethem  
Albert Maruska  
Dean Vikan

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

**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 are welcome!**

# Had a little *BOWLING FUN* in Bagley on April 19th!

Thank you to all of you who came out and had a wonderful afternoon!  
Thanks to the Family and Youth Board for organizing and sponsoring this FUN event.



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

## Hope Church Staff

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**Choir Director:** Charity Salmonson  
**Custodian:** Michelle Venem  
**Website:** [hopelutheranfosston.com](http://hopelutheranfosston.com)  
(we're grateful to Mary Hanson who has updated our website & FB page...check it out!)

## 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 **May 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!**

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.

# MAY

It's a great time to  
help your  
local food shelf!  
"Loaves & Fishes"

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*NOTE: NO Sunday School or Friday School until Fall.	<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b> The Benson Family Singers Sat., Sept. 12th @ 7:00 pm at Hope Church	<b>HEY KIDS!</b> Hope is hosting VBS "Tropical Trek" July 21st-23rd! More info to follow!			1	2
3 9:30 am Worship <b>TEACHER APPRECIATION</b> 10:30 Coffee hour	4 10 am- Women Of Hope Board	5 3-7 IGNITE	6 1-5pm- Office open	7 7:30 am FCA 12-4pm- Office 1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	8	9
10 9:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour  <b>HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!</b>	11	12 12-4pm- Office  3-7 IGNITE	13 12-4pm- Office open  6:30 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Exec Council Mtg (Trustees)	14 7:30 am FCA 10-3 LSS 1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship / Holy Communion <b>Blessing of the Graduates</b> 10:30 Coffee hour	18 12-4pm- Office	19 12-4pm- Office  3-7 IGNITE	20  <b>Tidings Deadline</b>	21 7:30 am FCA  1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	22  <b>Fosston Graduation 7:00 pm</b>	23
24 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee hour  31 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee hour	25  <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 12-4 pm- Office  3-7 IGNITE	27 12-4pm- Office open <b>Tidings Assembly?</b>	28 7:30 am FCA  1:30pm Bible Study 3-7 IGNITE	29	30

# Hope Lutheran Church Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

**Present:** Tom Kleinwachter, John Rustad, Michelle Solsten, Ken Hove, Pastor Peter Lurvey, Kristen Norland, and Wanda Olson.

1. **Call to Order:** President Tom Kleinwachter called the meeting to order.
2. **Devotions:** Music/Worship member Kristen Norland read a devotional about Trusting God's Timing.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Michelle S. motioned to approve the agenda, with the addition of the spaghetti supper under Old Business. Ken H. seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of the Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the Secretary's report made by Kristen N., with a correction of 8 to 18 in attendance at the Valentine's Day dinner . Motion seconded by John R. Approved unanimously.
5. **President's Report:** President Tom K. encouraged the boards to meet before the meeting. He stressed we really need to know what is happening with each group when we have meetings. We received a Thank You card from Cheryl Magelssen for the flowers we sent for her father's funeral. Pastor is attending the LCMC meeting in Des Moines, IA. Last year Tom Kleinwachter attended with him, but he is not able to this year, so Pastor is looking for someone to go with him.
6. **Pastor's Report:**
  - I. Pastor had the flu for the past 6 weeks and has just recently resumed visitations. He visited one new person, three people on hospice, at home and in the hospital.
  - II. We will have a baptism April 26th during the 9:30 a.m. service.
  - III. New members installation service of Hope Church is scheduled for April 12th, with a potluck for all after church.
  - IV. Pastor stressed need to speak to and welcome any newcomers attending our church, so they feel welcomed and will come again. In the past, we had a welcoming committee and a suggestion to do that again was made. We also had a Befriender's group in the past, which we could do again, to get to know new members better.
  - V. Pastor reported that from March 11th – April 7th we have had about 11,000 views on our Hope Church web site. Our webpage has been cleaned up and looks very nice, thanks to Mary Hanson.
  - VI. In May, Fosston has the Baccalaureate service and this year Micah Malmanger from Hope Church will share his experience.
  - VII. Purchasing the televisions for each side of the altar was inquired about by the Trustees and John R. will share that information. VIII. The Gideons will speak in church on May 3rd.

## 7. Brief Committee Reports:

- a. **Deacons:** Michelle S. gave the report. They reviewed the members who are in the hospital. Mark M. arranged for a lector, Pastor Mark Richardson, for the service on April 19th.

(continued Brief Committee Reports)

- b. **Family/Youth/Education:** Sarah J. was unable to attend tonight's meeting, and she sent Pastor Peter a brief report to give. They are arranging for bowling for the youth, and the youth will be helping with the Annual Spaghetti Supper.
- c. **Music and Worship:** Kristen N. gave the report. They are trying to get some of the graduates to sing on Senior Sunday. Tom K. suggested maybe the choir could sing that day.
- d. **Trustees:** John R. gave the report. They discussed the purchase of the TVs on each side of the altar, and they formed a committee to investigate it further. They plan to speak to other churches who implement TVs in their services about how they program them and the costs involved. They decided to replace the three furnaces in the church. We can't get parts for these any longer and they have been repaired many times. They will bring the coffee maker to a repairman in Grand Forks on Monday, and we will have it back by the Sunday service. They will add to the bulletin that the church would like input on any repairs people have noticed need to be made in the church. A list has been started and they will prioritize what needs to be done. They are still working on getting the survey of the cemetery done. Motion to accept the March financial report was made by Michelle S. Seconded by Ken H. Motion approved.

## 8. Old Business:

- a. **New Members:** The installation of new members will be this Sunday with a potluck after the service.
- b. **Benson Family Singers:** Proposal was submitted for \$1,000. Fundraisers are being considered. We will have a free will offering at the performance and what is still needed will be covered by the church.
- c. **The youth fundraiser/sale** has not been decided on yet.
- d. **The Spaghetti Supper** is coming together. Sign up sheets are being filled out. The funds will go to the summer camp for the youth, and any additional funds left go to the Women of Hope. They pay for things within the church that are needed.

## 9. New Business:

- a. **Change Council Meetings to Sundays:** Tom did not receive any input from the Family/Youth/Education group, so we will likely not change the meeting times.

10. **The next Full Council meeting** will be Wednesday May 13, 2026, at 7:30 pm with devotions by the Trustees.

11. **Motion** was made by Kristen N. to adjourn the meeting and John R. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

12. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Peter gave a closing prayer about welcoming new members, and we all said the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted: Wanda Olson, Secretary.**