

Tidings of Hope

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

pastor's letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a joy to see the sun!!! The warmth tells us, it's spring, transformation time! **Romans 12: 2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds."**

As we approach the day of Pentecost, June 5, I am reminded of Pastor Gerry White who read the story of Pentecost first in Greek and then in Norwegian, to remember the Holy Spirit gave utterance so that Peter's sermon was heard "each in their own language" (Acts 2: 1-13.) Pastor White served Hope Lutheran as our visitation pastor. For his memory we give God thanks.

This year we will be able to hear the text in a **Philippine dialect** similar to what is spoken and translated by our Philippine missionaries, Luke and Ruth Schroeder. Each island has its own dialect, just as we have southern, eastern, western or Scandinavian accents in each part of our country. We will hear the blessing of **the Acts 2: 1-12 Pentecost text** in the Philippine dialect from one of our own, Pat Eggers who was born and raised in the Philippines. Her Philippine dialect is called "tagalog". How interesting for us to have this Philippine connection with one of our own members right here in Fosston.

At the Augustana District Convocation, I met **Pastor Daniel R-26** from Madagascar. His last name is 27 letters long beginning with "R"; no one could pronounce it. So he good-naturedly goes by Daniel R-26. What a faithful man! He serves an AD mission on the St. Paul University campus and invites anyone to attend their 9:30 AM services. I asked Daniel about mission work. He said the mission work in the United States of America is tougher than anyplace in the world, he has ever been. I asked him if he knew why this could be so. He said that American **people are indifferent**; they don't care. I did not want him to believe him, but maybe he is right. Proverbs 30: 8-9 says ⁸Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God".

I thought about this. I guess it is easy to take our religious freedom and **all we enjoy for granted**. It is easy to think we are doing fine and do not need a savior. Easy to think we did it all by ourselves. It is easy to listen to the messages from the world and to get wrapped up in worldly wisdom. It is easy to get wrapped up in a culture of affluence when we feel pretty safe and secure.

Maybe that is why the church flourished when life was hard: during World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II. We humans invite God into our lives when we need Him most and feel the most helpless. When we are doing fine, we tend to forget **from whom our blessing flow**, and instead congratulate ourselves on our own success, not giving God thanks and praise. We can become apathetic about God, and find less meaning in life.

As we prepare to send our graduates into the world, I recall that one of my pastors said. **"If we don't send our students out as missionaries, they come back as mission fields."** At first, I thought that sounded unduly harsh. I think we have all known someone who either lost their faith or deliberately discarded it upon leaving home. Sometimes our prayers are answered and they find their way back. Others that we love, forsake their faith and never find their way back.

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June

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 1: 1-11	Romans 8: 14-27	1 Kings 18:20-39
Psalms 47	John 7: 37-39	Psalms 30
Psalms 93	Genesis 11: 1-9	Galatians 1: 11-24
Ephesians 1: 15-23	Psalms 104: 24-35	Luke 7: 11-17
Luke 24: 44-53	Romans 8: 14-17	1 Kings 17: 8-24
Acts 16: 16-34	Proverbs 8:1-31	Psalms 146
Psalms 97	Psalms 8	2 Sam. 11: 26- 12: 10 -15
Revelation 22: 12-21	Romans 5:1-5	Psalms 32
John 17: 20-26	John 16: 12-15	Galatians 2: 15-21
Exodus 19:1-9	1Kings 8: 22-43	Luke 7: 36-8:3
Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 96: 1-9	1Kings 21: 1-21
Psalms 33: 12-22	Galatians 1: 1-12	Psalms 5: 1-8
Psalms 130	Luke 7: 1-10	Isaiah 65: 1-9

June 2022

SUN	MON	TU	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 1:30 pm Bible Study	3	4 Al Heide graveside service
5 9:30 am Worship	6 10am Hope Women	7	8	9 1:30 pm Bible Study	10	11 Dave Andree graveside service
12 9:30 am Worship— Holy Communion	13	14	15	16 1:30 pm Bible Study	17	18 Tom Sedler graveside service
19 9:30 am Worship	20	21	22	23 1:30 pm Bible Study	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship	27	28	29	30		

Save the Date: VBS will be held July 18th–21st!

Hope Family June Birthdays!

2 nd Dorene Hanson	18 th Austin Schmidt
3 rd Tim Manecke Taylor Carlson	Christian Schmidt Izik Schmidt
4 th Margaret Rustad Jeannie Stout	Melina Schmidt
5 th Micah Malmanger	20 th Sarah Johnson
6 th Sarah Manecke	21 st Jaekub Larson
8 th Tanner Levin	22 nd Abby Olson
9 th Wayne Larson	23 rd Tegan Larson
10 th Ruth Fonder	24 th Darin Larson Jacqueline Manecke
12 th Cindy Larson Blake Munter Katelyn Mesich Lexi Mahlen	Marie Williams
13 th Elise Fonder	25 th Jake Howard
14 th Rod Olson Jared Kennedy Jamie London	26 th Rebeka Ware
15 th Zachary Norland	28 th Hannah Fonder
16 th Richard Venem Brooklyn Walk	30 th Elizabeth Barrineau Heidi Steinbrenner
17 th Deb Pfeifer Hadley Fonder Lorraine Fonder Annabel Sistasd	



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Ashley
Christina Anderson
Elizabeth Barrineau
Karen & Marge Bolme
Stella Burris
Berniece Carlin
Verna Ekeberg
Lori Fletcher- Schroeder
Donald Gwynn & niece,
Shirley
Mary & Kenny Gregson
Greg Gubrud
Oskie & Mary Hanson
Malia Halvorson
Naomi & Gunnard Halvorson
John & Dorene Hanson
D'etta Heid
Carol Heide
Marian Jenkins
Christine Johnson
Gwen & Michelle Johnson
Mike Knutson
Bill Kuzmaul
Craig Larsen
Marion Larson
Phyllis Larson
Dean & Joe Lindberg

Susan Lockwood
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz
Father John Mielkes
Denise Monson
Kate Moore
Richard Miller
Paul Nelson
Angie Olson
Janet Olson
Bennet & Gloria Osmonson
Frances Preszler
Jeanne Rains
Malachi Raines
Trina Rogers
Charles Rose
Margaret Rustad
Ilene & Dennis Sistasd
Hilma Stadstad
Paisley Straub
Brad & Mary Sistasd
Tubby Solsten
Phyllis Sterry
Hazel Trogstad
Christopher Vezner
Dean Vikan
Drew Wahlstrom
Tia Wickham



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The Families of:

Cody Olafsson
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Herbert Preszler
Al Heide
Pastor Gerald White
Wendy Godtland
David Andree
Tom Sedler
Glendine Benson

Missionaries:

Sylvia at Ignite
The Schroeder's in the
Philippines
Simon Hamer in Estonia
The Nellerhoe's and others in
China Service Ventures
Tom & Eunice Olson in the
Congo
The churches in Ukraine
Calvary Lutheran in TRF

Hope Lutheran Church
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022 7:30 pm

Recorded by Tracy Ware

Present: Travis Quam, Dan Carlin, Jane Ekholm, Connie Radtke, Bennett Osmonson, Cyndi Larson, Ron Eggers, Tracy Ware

Call to Order by President Travis Quam

Devotions by Deacon Tracy Ware "Spiritual Spring Cleaning"

Approval of the Agenda by Bennett/Dan

Benevolence Report – Giving continues to LCMC, Augustana District, National Missions, Ukraine and local outreach.

Approval of Secretary's Report – No report at this time.

Pastor's Report – Youth Group made tissue corsages and distributed them on Mother's Day; Seniors will be recognized on May 22; break-outs of Covid are hampering visitations; Interments for winter funerals are being planned; the Funeral Planning Guide is being worked on; the Meatball supper was a success; Choir will have a potluck on May 25; Jane will be gone June 21 and July 2-8 to attend Family Camp at Mt. Caramel, Dan Ostercamp will provide pulpit supply on July 3rd. Ron Eggers provided a summary of the Augustana District Convention that he and Pat attended May 5-7. The national meeting is in October, he and Pat would like to go. He would also like to start a Men's Breakfast this Fall on Saturday mornings.

President's Report – No report

Brief Committee Reports:

Deacons – Pulpit supply for July 3rd is covered; new directory will be started this Fall.

Family/Youth/Education – VBS scheduled and supplies have been ordered.

Music & Worship – Looking at ordering an additional hymnal with more contemporary songs.

They will see if there is a Hymnals Plus accompaniment.

Trustees – Finances are on budget; Loreen has resigned so they are advertising for a replacement administrative assistant; retaining wall estimates should be arriving soon; Approval of the report by Bennett/Cyndi.

Women of Hope – Donated \$1500 towards a new dishwasher; no coffee hour during the summer months; will provide cake for the Graduates on May 22; Scholarships for bible camp are available.

Old Business – none

New Business -

Cyndi and Jane would like to host a Christian Enrichment Day to include a worship service and potluck (Via de Christo, for area participants, called Ultrea).

There continue to be AV sound issues over the radio and a speaker is needed for the Cry Room/Library.

Next Meeting – Wednesday June 8 7:30 pm

Adjourn/Closing Prayer



Do you need help with yard work? Daniel is a member of Hope Lutheran living at Lutheran Social Services in Fosston. He is willing and able to help. For a free estimate call 218-435-2857. Staff will be able to transport Daniel where he is needed. Thank you.

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.



GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the TV/Radio fund by Gunnard & Naomi Halvorson and the parsonage fund by Susan Lohn Lockwood.

A gift was given in memory of Dorothy Haugstul Bjornson by James and Gloria Bjornerud.

Gifts were given to the Preservation of Properties fund in memory of Al Heide; and the Youth fund and the Cemetery fund in memory of Lonny Carlson.

Thank You!

JUNE SERVERS

ALTAR GUILD: Jolene Schmitz & Alissa Halvorson

COMMUNION SERVERS: Matt Wickham, Kathy Carlson, Tracy Ware, Holly Thorssen

USHERS: Ellsworth Danielson, Wendel Hanson, Mike Kroening, Eric Murphy, Brad Norland, Jim Offerdahl, Dean Sistad, Richard Venem, Dean Vikan.

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

June 5	Terry Halvorson	Peyton Radtke & Micah Malmanger
June 12	Sid Fjerstad	Aiden Pederson & Myla Quam
June 19	Darin Larson	Dawson & Madison Bailie
June 26	Rod Olson	Allison Carlin & Will Christen

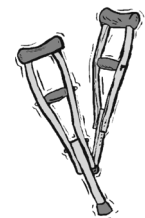
**SERVING GROUP 5: Chairs: Mary Steinbrenner 218-791-8928
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Nola Abele, Pat Bitker, Dan & Carrie Carlin, John & Cathy Carlin, Tim & Rhonda Carlin, Carrie Danielson, Ellsworth & Carol Danielson, Steve Fjerstad, Matt & Naomi Hagen, Ryan Hanlon, Kevin & Mary Hanson, Ron & Melissa Kennedy, Phyllis Larson, Nathan & Rochelle Mahlen, Tim & Michelle Manecke, Laurie McKnight, Bryan & Katelyn Mesich, Rod Olson/Wanda Marshall, Carey & Teresa Sannes, Richard Sistad, Dave & Sue Skunes, Mike & Michelle Solsten, Lowell & Mavis Veum, Les & Patty Viken

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 view or print the bulletin, and then click on the Youtube link to join the service live. You can also find us on Facebook at *hopelutheran-churchfosston!*



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 types of home health equipment are welcome.**

(Pastor's letter—continued)

My own cousin was raised in a fine Christian home, forsook the faith of his fathers and became a college professor in California. He authored several books, and raised his children outside the church. **In his last days**, he was visited by his neighbor, a retired minister who helped him find faith again. At his graveside service, few family members knew of his reawakened faith. His own brother, children, and grandkids were not sure they believed it. Consequently, they were hesitant to attend the Christian burial, unsure that he really wanted it.

When we stray, others (like our children) follow us. We teach more often by example than by words. Faith comes by hearing, if we do not hear, we do not contemplate the Word. **When we hear** the Word, the Holy Spirit does his work on and in us. It is not the pastor, the music, or the church. It is the Holy Spirit that speaks to us and softens our hardened hearts and minds.

Like Spring, allowing the Spirit to renew us is transforming. Paul tells us to be lifelong learners in Romans 12: 2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds." Enjoy this wonderful season of transformation. Let's not be afraid to be transformed!

In His Service,

Pastor Jane

VBS is Coming in July!

Mark your calendars for another fantastic week of Vacation Bible School at Hope! This year's program will be Monumental, Celebrating God's Greatness. At VBS, the kids will discover the vastness of God's love. Studies show that many kids today struggle with feelings of inadequacy, walking through deep valleys and canyons of loneliness. Our VBS is intended to point kids' eyes up, to a loving, powerful God who is bigger than...well, anything!

VBS will run from July 18th-21st, beginning with supper at 5:30pm and ending at 8:30pm.

Contact the church office or Emily Quam (218)280-0964 if you would like to volunteer to help with the fun!



The Women of Hope have decided that the serving groups will not be serving coffee hour following church during the summer. If anyone is interested in serving coffee, a schedule may be made up to do so. Please contact the office if you would be interested in serving coffee during the summer months.



Back row: Noah Mahlen, Ryan Levin, Josh Manecke, Pastor Jane Ekholm
Front row: Deon Johnson, Zoey Christen, Areal Gensburger, Amaya Murphy, Avery Sannes (Not pictured: Tegan Larson and David Larson)



A new dishwasher/sanitizer was installed in the kitchen this past month. A fund has been established to help pay for the machine.

If you would like to donate, send your gift to the church office, or place it in the offering plate and label it: "Dishwasher Fund".

Congratulations, Class of 2022

The seniors from Hope Church received quilts from the Women of Hope at the May 22nd worship service. The Hope quilters create these beautiful items for the graduates to bring with them as they begin their adult life, so they can always feel the love of their church family surrounding them.

Thank you, quilters, for your gift to these young people!



You are cordially invited to
**Prairie Pines
Childcare Center
Open House**

On Thursday, June 2nd

Prairie Pines Childcare
Center
121 Johnson Avenue North
Fosston, MN 56512

7:00p.m.

Please join us as we
celebrate your generous
contribution that has made
opening Prairie Pines
Childcare Center possible!