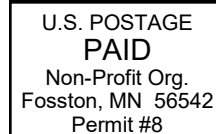


Looking ahead...

Confirmation will be held
Sunday, October 31st



Tidings of Hope

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

pastor's letter from pastor jane

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Let us live so that people will **see that the Good News is not fake news!** As I write this, we are in Havre, Montana for the night on our way to my cousin Francie's funeral. While waiting for a dinner table, we became acquainted with a man from Missoula on a business trip. He was dining alone, so we invited him to join us at our table, an invitation to which 'John' readily agreed. We verbally bantered about the haze in the air from the fires, the best route out of Glacier National Park, our grandkids and his experiences in Bemidji, Cass Lake, Leech Lake and Balm Lake near Solway. We discussed "fake" news and the various forms it has come to us throughout our lives.

Our salads came, I said, we are going to ask a blessing, would you like to join us in the table prayer. "Sure" John said, and Steve offered **the table prayer**.

We continued talking when John said, "**Did you hear** about the teacher in Missoula who had a vision problem?" "No," we replied thinking something awful had happened and it had been in the news. John continued, "It got so bad, the administration had to let her go." "Oh, what happened?" We asked innocently. "Well, she couldn't keep her pupils straight." John replied. We laughed at the joke and at our ability to read something negative into an innocent, and very clean joke. Our **willingness to accept "fake" news** was apparent.

St. Paul tells us that hospitality is a gift to which the saints are "given" (Romans 12:13,) in other words, we, mimic Christ by being friendly and outgoing, it is not fake. Being friendly is part of loving all of God's people and giving them a taste of the kingdom. St. Peter describes using hospitality without begrudging it as a gift of the Holy Spirit, not fake (1 Peter 4:9). **Hospitality is a gift** Christians can actually cultivate to build up the church.

Why are we hesitant to exercise the gift of welcoming hospitality? I can think of several reasons. 1. Is this person safe or trustworthy? 2. Is my house clean enough? 3. What if my cooking isn't good enough? 4. I'm just too tired! All of these 'very good' reasons can also be used as excuses. I confess I have used every single one of them! As we traveled, we stopped at 2 familiar churches, both had literature speaking about dwindling numbers and lack of support. **Jesus built his church** by loving people into the kingdom and giving them a sense of belonging, sometimes by practicing hospitality.

People today still have **the need to be loved and to belong**. That need is filled by establishing relationships, in which there is always risk. Let us not read negative things into the risks without cause, let us assume the positive aspect and pray the Holy Spirit is at work. Like the teacher with bad vision, who couldn't keep her pupils straight, let's not assume that meant she had gone awry with her students. There is always more than one way to take what we hear, let's strive to hear in a positive way.

Yes, Steve or I may get a call from John who may try to sell us insurance, but that is not so bad. We can always say "no" with grace. I pray our dinner together will just be remembered as a moment of hospitality and fellowship. I pray the Spirit was at work. **Let us not live as if** the Good News is fake news, but so love our neighbors as Jesus has loved us, that we see hospitality as a great opportunity. As Jesus repeatedly said, "**Be not afraid**". We are not afraid because we **put on the full armor of God** (Ephesians 6:10-18.) **Let us live** so that people will see that the Good News is not fake news!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jane

september

BIBLE READINGS

Lectionary Bible Verses for September

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|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Psalm 45: 1-9 | 8 Isaiah 50: 4-9 | 15 Psalm 19:7-14 |
| 2 Isaiah 35: 4-7 | 9 Psalm 116: 1-15 | 16 James 5: 13-20 |
| 3 Psalm 149 | 10 James 3:1-12 | 17 Mark 9: 38-50 |
| 4 James 2:1-17 | 11 Mark 8: 27-38 | 18 Psalm 24 |
| 5 Mark 7: 24-37 | 12 Proverbs 1: 20-33 | |
| 6 Proverbs 22:1-23 | 13 Psalm 1 | |
| 7 Psalm 125 | 14 Numbers 11: 4-29 | |

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 10 am-Women of Hope Board 1:30-Bible Study-Rustad's	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship w/Blessing of Backpacks 10:30 am Fellowship/ Discussion Group	6 LABOR DAY Office Closed	7	8 3-5 pm Kids Time! 6:00pm-Confirmation Mtg. Parents & students Grades 7-10 6:30pm-Youth Group 7:30 pm Council	9 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's 7 pm - Befrienders	10 2pm-Service at Cornerstone 2:30-Service at 1st Care Living Center	11
12 RALLY DAY 9:30 am Worship-Holy Communion/installation of teachers/Missionaries Tom & Eunice Olson 10:30 am Sunday School/Youth serving breakfast/Discussion Group	13	14	15 3-5 pm Kids Time! 6:30 pm Youth Group	16 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's	17	18 NOON: Hope Church Auction WOW 2021 Gathering in Dawson, MN
19 9:30 am Worship with Baptism of Gwendolyn Carlson 10:30 am SS Fellowship Hour Discussion Group	20	21	22 3-5 pm Kids Time! 6:30 pm Youth Group	23 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's 7 pm - Befrienders	24 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade Confirmation Class	25
26 9:30 am Worship with 3rd Grade receiving Bibles 10:30 am SS Fellowship Hour Discussion Group	27	28	29 3-5 pm Kids Time! 6:30 pm Youth Group	30 7:40 am FCA Breakfast 1:30 Bible Study-Rustad's	Oct. 1 8:30 am Friday School Grades 1-8 9:30 am 9 th Grade Confirmation Class	Oct. 2

8-11-21 Hope Lutheran Church – Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill

Present: Evan Fonder, Tina Averill, Dan Carlin, Michelle Olson, Bonnie Albright, Wayne Olson, Kim Kleinwachter, and Pastor Jane

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Evan Fonder – President at 7:30 PM.

Devotions and lunch: Devotion and lunch by Family & Youth Education Board

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Dan second by Michelle to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimously.

4.0 Benevolence Report – The Benevolence committee an increased amount to give this month. A few of the items included were to help local needs in the community, social services were among the several places the money went to, in addition to an added missionary ministry.

5.0 Approval of Secretary's Report – Motion by Wayne second by Kim, with the addition of noting there were 48 in attendance at VBS. Approved Unanimously.

6.0 Pastor Report-Thank you to Music & Worship with regard to readings; Asking Youth & Family to consider giving real Bibles to First Communion students; Thank to you Trustees for the printer; and asking Deacons to consider recommendations for nominating committee – These are just a few of the items in the pastor's report.

7.0 President's Report – Evan thanked the Family & Youth Education committee for their work on a fun and successful VBS! Also expressed gratitude for the several fellowship opportunities and work put in on the grounds, vbs, and the upcoming outdoor service that help build on the important relationships within our church family.

Brief Committee Reports

8.1 Deacons – Dan reported on the communion list and suggested having a rally for training the new committee after the first of the year on serving communion. Another suggestion from previous meeting was to change duties and jobs for the deacons which will probably be done at September meeting.

8.2 Family/Youth Education – Michelle reported 48 registered at VBS; Rally Sunday September 12; Looking for teachers for Sunday School and Friday School; Sunday School combining grades K & 1, 2& 3, 4,5, & 6; Palubicki's receipts being taken over by Lisa Sekely; and having Blessing of the Backpacks before school starts.

8.3 Music & Worship – M & W asked for window unit for the upstairs for next year's VBS; Suggested ways to get youth involved in Sunday lesson readin; Tuning piano will be done October or November; Organ technician was here, organ still works but has issues that do not make sense to try & repair. Will continue to gather feedback. Hymnals plus software does give us an organ option, a new organ is \$25,000 plus.

8.4 Trustees – Dan spoke on July financials – everything looks good; Checking account doing well; Suggested ideas of the gift of money received from Wallace Olson estate; Auction scheduled for September 18, 2021. Trustees did not have a quorum so formal approval of financial report was tabled to September council meeting.

8.5 Women of Hope Report – Assisting with lunch for Sunday Service at Cross Lake; Helped with about \$2800 for kids to go to Bible Camp over this summer; working on serving booklet starting Sept, will be serving lunch at Church Auction.

9.0 Old Business – None

10. New Business –

10.1 Next Executive Council Meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2021 @ 7:30 PM. Devotions and Lunch by Music & Worship

10.2 Other – Discussion about having FCA again on Thursdays before school. Council felt comfortable moving forward with this.

11.0 Closing Prayer by Evan followed by adjournment.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Drew Wahlstrom
Paisley Straub
Ilene & Dennis Sistas
Brad & Mary Sistas
Lois Storey
Mike Murray
Karen Bolme
Hilma Stadstad
Angie Olson
Elizabeth Barrineau
Tubby Solsten
Kate Moore
Christine Johnson
Al & Carol Heide
Dean & Joe Lindberg
Dean Vikan
Tom Sedler
Hazel Trogstad
Marian Jenkins
Janet Olson

Bill Kuzmaul
Oskie & Mary Hanson
De'etta Heid
Herbert Pressler
Gwen & Michelle Johnson
Pastor Gerald White
Donald Gwynn & niece
Shirley
Craig Larsen
Greg Gubrud
Berniece Carlin
Jeanne Rose
Jenne Rains
Lori Fletcher Schroeder
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz
Brian Larson
Neil Riveland
Christopher Hove
Rebecca Rud
The family of Judith Hanson

The family of Trandem
Kappedahl
The family of Walter &
Wallace Olson
Pastor Paul Magelssen
David Paulson

MISSIONARIES:

Jennifer Albright in Slovenia
The Schroeder's in the
Phillippines
Simon Hamer in Estonia
The Nellerhoe's et. al. in
China Service Ventures
Tom & Eunice Olson of
Hawley, MN called to
mission work in the
Democratic Republic of
Congo

7-14-21 Hope Lutheran Church – Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Tina Averill

Present: Evan Fonder, Tina Averill, Tim Manecke, Michelle Olson, Bonnie Albright, Tracy Ware, Kim Kleinwachter, and Travis Quam.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Evan Fonder – President at 7:30 PM.

Devotions and lunch: Devotion and lunch by Executive Council

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Travis second by Tim to approve agenda as presented. Approved Unanimously.

4.0 Benevolence Report – Had a total of \$1,680 to give, \$500 of which was given to local needs

5.0 Approval of Secretary’s Report – Motion by Kim second by Tim. Approved Unanimously.

6.0 Pastor Report-In the absence of Pastor Jane and handout was available. Some of the items included were volunteers in the office Thursday and Fridays from 9-11; Thank you to Sylvia, Tim and Chuck Lucken for helping in the office when needed; Thank you to Michelle and the Board of Youth and Family for the organizational work and recruiting teachers for VBS; Thursday Bible Study will be on Luther’s Small Catechism; Thank you to service groups for coffee and goodies after church; Thank you to Keri Mireault and Joan Dufault for their important and active work in the Heritage Room; Concerns about curriculum development; Befrienders will reconvene Thursday July 22 at 6:30 PM; Memorial service for Milo Roux on July 3 with Pastor Craig Wanamaker; Graveside service for Eloise Olson on July 8; and service of commendation for Wally Olson on July 25 at Hope’s cemetery.

7.0 President’s Report – Evan thanked family & youth for their work preparing for VBS, spoke of the great day of fellowship and work completed at the Church work day! Encouraged council to help recruit Sunday and Friday School Teachers.

8.0 Brief Committee Reports–

8.1 Deacons – Tracy reported on helping with pulpit supply to be added to Deacon Job description; Would like to check on having communion servers and reader schedules in the monthly tidings; To have the Deacons train communion servers; and Fall Bible Study.

8.2 Family/Youth Education – Michelle reported 25 registered for Vacation Bible Study; New Curriculum is here that focuses on traditional bible stories and verses, etc - excited to use for this year’s Sunday School Classes.

8.3 Music & Worship – Looking for readers for Sunday service; Organ needs some work and looking for someone to take care of that.

8.4 Trustees – Tim spoke on a pending gift from the estate of Wallace Olson. Financials and bank statements last 3 months were reviewed and approved pending audit. Noted that we continue to be blessed with strong giving, has maintained vs. last year

8.5 Women of Hope Report – Doing suppers for VBS; Working on serving groups to start in fall. August 1 will have cake and coffee after church for Mary & Sylvia for their years of service. Will be helping with Potluck at Cross Lake on Aug 15th.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business –

10.1 Next Executive Council Meeting is Wednesday, August 11, 2021 @ 7:30 PM. Devotions and Lunch by Family & Youth

10.2 Other – August 15 Possible Potluck at Cross Lake after services. / Auction scheduled for Sept. 18th

11.0 Closing Prayer by Evan followed by adjournment.

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Office: Joan Dufault (interim)
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A/V: Ryan Hanlon (612) 910-9436

Musician: Diane Boucher (kingtown@gvtel.com)



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.

Remember to drop off your used devotionals in the hall outside the office for donation to prison ministry!



SEPTEMBER SERVERS

ALTAR GUILD: Michelle Manecke / Margot Simonson

COMMUNION SERVERS: Wayne Olson / Michelle Olson / Evan Fonder / Kim Kleinwachter

USHERS: Darin Larson Marty Levin John Hansen
Chuck Lucken Carey Sannes Joel Rendahl

HEAD USHERS / ACOLYTES:

September 5 Rod Olson Alexis and Dawson Bailie
September 12 Darin Larson Breanna and Ethan Larson
September 19 Sid Fjerstad Piper Larson/Brynlea Mahlen
September 26 Tom Kleinwachter Karly Peterson/Miley Hove

SERVING GROUP 4: Nancy & Dave Andree, Chairs (435-6349)

Sid Fjerstad	Diane Fjerstad	Chris Hagen/Bambi Ness
Tom & Kim Kleinwachter	Brian & Melinda Larson	Darin & Cynthia Larson
Mark & Julie Malmanger	Jeremy & Kristi Mienert	Kevin & Kate Moore
Crystal Munter/Flynn Bailie	Kevin & Kate Moore	Duane Olson
Vicki Olson/Rick Centers	Nina Palubicki	Vera Pearson
Sean Peterson	Joel & Jackie Rendahl	Wes & Susie Roland
Margot Simonson	Marcella Simonson	Mike & Lori Theis

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Hope Lutheran Church Grounds Beautification Auction!

Saturday, September 18th, 2021

beginning at Noon

Come for fun and fellowship as we raise funds to repair/replace the front retaining wall and steps to our church which have held up for 70 years! Any additional funds raised will be used to create a fund for our long-term plan of paving the parking lot.

Our auctioneer for this event will be the always-entertaining Lynda Lohmeier, former FHS English teacher extraordinaire!

We are currently accepting donations for the auction, including gently used furniture, appliances, electronics, collectibles or household items. NO OLD TV'S OR CLOTHING PLEASE!

CONTACT Tim Manecke (218-533-0290), Matt Wickham (218-686-6484), or Dan Carlin (218-358-0298) for pick-up of items, or with any questions.

Family/Youth/Education



During the 9:30 service, teachers will be installed. Following the worship service, students will meet their teacher and find their classroom.

A breakfast will be served for all by the Hope Youth in the fellowship hall following the church service (free will offering).

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KIDS TIME!

4th-6th graders are invited to come to the Ignite Youth Station, 3:00-5:00pm, every Wednesday when there is school.

The Ignite Youth Station is located on the west end of the City Hall Building, across from the Civic Center.

Snacks, games, and movies are provided. Invite a friend - all 4th-6th graders are welcome!

Broadcast Ministry

Our worship service is broadcast on KKCQ FM and telecast on local channel 7 and Garden Valley TV 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 [hopelutheranchurchfosston!](https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranchurchfosston/)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Deon Johnson Ryan Levin
Noah Mahlen Alexis Bailie
Avery Sannes Karly Peterson

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.

Youth Group with Michelle Levin

Come join us for Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning on September 8th.

Make your way all the way up the stairs to the Youth Room for fellowship and fun! First session will be making plans for the school year, so come with ideas!



CONFIRMATION MEETINGS

A meeting is planned for all 7th-10th grade confirmation students and their parents on **Wednesday, September 8th, at 6:00 pm.**

Attendance at these meetings is necessary for a successful confirmation ministry.

Dear Hope Family,

Wow, it's hard to believe that Summer is coming to a close & our Fall season is right around the corner. With that said, I wanted to take a minute to express some words of thanks to God and you, our church family.

First for the time & effort put into a fun, successful VBS. This is such an important ministry for our Church and our community and the kids were an absolute blast.

Second, thanks to the time and effort put into our outdoor work day as there was so much done, and some good fellowship had by many. And that fellowship and our relationships & connection with each other are so very important.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone in our Church family that has given financial gifts over the past year and more. As everyone knows, those financial gifts are what allow our Church to operate, our building & property to be maintained, our cemeteries to be cared for, our technology improved, etc. Giving has stayed right on with last year, and the year prior (pre-covid) despite so many challenges and changes.

With this topic of financial gifts, a special thank you to the late Wallace Olson (The brother of Janet Olson). We have received a substantial gift from his estate that is such a blessing. The trustees are working through the receiving of this gift and the best way to honor his memory. With any substantial financial gift it can create questions and/or ideas, so I would encourage anyone who has questions or feedback to not hesitate to reach out to any of our Trustees.

Again, as we approach the Fall season, I want to reiterate how much we have to be thankful for in spite of all of the challenges and change we have all had to work through.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!"
1 Chronicles 16:34

In Christ,

Evan Fonder, Church Council President



AUGUST MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the A/V Fund in memory of:

- . Helen Matson
- . Bill Krogh
- . Donna Larson

A gift was given to the Window Fund in honor of Fritz and Helen Mae Frethem's anniversary.

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



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.**