

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was a teenager, I had an old car that I used to get me from place to place. It was nothing fancy. But, I was thrilled to have wheels. One day, I had a mishap with some road construction and it damaged the gears in the car. After that, to drive the car everything was one shift farther over than it used to be and the reverse was gone. The car would drive ok but there was no going backwards. My parents decided the old car wasn't worth the money a new transmission would cost. So, I was left with a car that drove but had no reverse. My parents thought it should just be junked for parts, but they underestimated my tenacity. I wanted a car to drive so I learned to live with what I had.

Living without reverse in your car makes a person see the world differently. You need to always park somewhere you can pull forward out of. Never park somewhere you can get blocked in. Never take a road that might end in a dead end. You learn some fancy forward twists and turns that a simple reverse would make much easier. You learn to always keep looking and finding a way to go forward.

Life can be a lot like that car with no reverse. There are so many times we would like to turn the clocks back to the way things were before. But, we can never go back in time. We must live in the present and step forward. When things are good, we want to just stop right where we are and end or slow the forever forward flow of minutes, hours and days. This is as impossible as keeping sand flow through our fingers. Time goes on.

Many of us have just finished putting away all those Christmas decorations and presents. We are still struggling with the payments for the gifts and the pounds we put on with all the goodies. Yet, here at the end of February Lent begins! How is that possible? Did someone fast forward time?

Whether we are ready for it or not, Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. As we can't stop the forever forward march of time, we at Hope Lutheran will step forward and remember the gifts our Lord Jesus gave us that day. We invite you to join us Ash Wed. and each Wednesday in Lent in worship and praise for the sacrifices of our Lord. Take an hour of your week to rest and be renewed with us. Walk forward with us as we remember Christ's sacrifice. Say no to the backsliding, procrastination and sins we hold on to. Through Christ, we can only go forward...there's no turning back!

Pastor Janet Miller

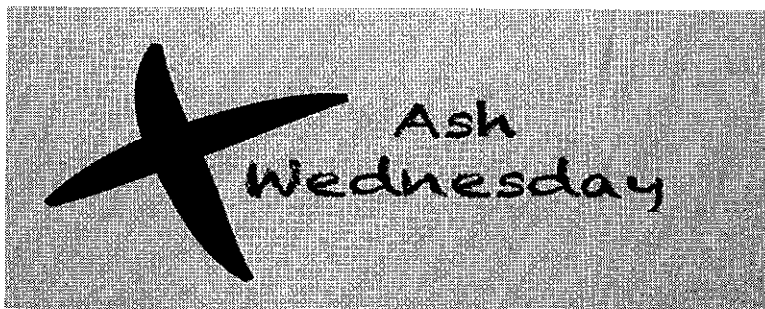
# HOPES HAPPENINGS

\*WELCA news: The WELCA will meet on Thursday, February 6 at 9:00 am for quilting. Lunch Caroll. 1:00 Business meeting and Bible study. Devotions: Myla, Bible study: Ps. Janet. A second quilting day will be on Thursday, February 20 at 9:00 am.

\*Annual Meeting will be held during Worship on February 2. The council will meet after (outgoing council will serve lunch for the council members). Some items to discuss: Ash Wednesday (council serves), electing officers. Thank you to the outgoing council too for your faithful service; Billi Whempner, Stacey Amdahl, Ben Graf, Kelly Faeth and Matthew Amdahl.

**\*NOTE BIBLE STUDY CHANGE!! With Lent beginning, Bible study will be held the first two Wednesdays in February. ☺**

**Also note-NO CONFIRMATION will be held during Lent. The class will be assigned services during our Lenten worships and the students are required to attend services.**



## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Groundhog Day  Annual Meeting during worship Council meets following	3 Pastor's day off	4	5 Office day 4:00-Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	6 9:00-WELCA quilting 1:00-Bible study	7 ½ day office	8
9	10 Pastor's day off	11	12 Office day 4:00-Confirmation 7:00 pm Bible study	13 Pastor's text study	14 Valentine's Day ½ office day	15
16	17 Presidents Day Pastor's day off	18 Conference Pastor's	19 Office day 4:00-Confirmation 6:30 Family Fun Night	20 9:00-WELCA quilting	21 ½ office day NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	22
23	24 Pastor's day off	25	26 Ash Wednesday Office day 6:00 pm-Ash Wed. meal served by council 7:00 pm Ash Wed. services	27	28 ½ office day	29

**Worship Helpers: (Communion Committee: Shirley Binde, Annelies Seffrood)**

Feb 2-Ushers-William Thuringer, Elsie Seffrood, Reader: Anne Seffrood, Coffee-Becky Pies

Feb 9-Ushers: Michelle Urban, Brady Lindholm, Reader: Derrick Rauen,

Communion: **2 helpers needed**, Coffee: Caroll Miller

Feb 16-Ushers: Traci Ellingson, Simon Pies, Reader: Lee Wright, Coffee: Becky Pies

Feb 23-Ushers: Ben and Brittany Graf, Reader: **Needed**, Communion: Jaelyn Zubke, **1 more needed**, Coffee: **Needed**

**Sunday times: Sunday school 9:15 am, 9:30 Coffee, 10:30 Worship (unless noted otherwise)**

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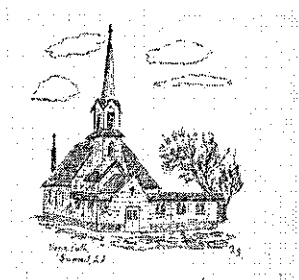
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“It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.

**February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1-Beckham Rauen  
3-Roger Wright  
4-Simon Pies  
8-Dash Ebsen  
10-Dylan Zubke  
11-Corey Amdahl  
11-Gary Crandall  
12-Kevin Kneeland  
12-Jerod Carson  
13-Roger and Vicky Smith  
14-Toni Conners

15-Nicole Ebsen  
16-Jonathan Ebsen  
17-Jaelyn Zubke  
17-Stacey Amdahl  
20-Peyton Bourassa  
22-Amber Anderson  
24-Shawn Ellingson  
25-Donna Olson  
25-Megan Gapp  
28-Nolan Thuringer