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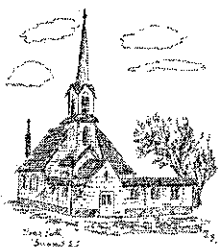
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"It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.

Birthdays/anniversaries

June

1-Orvin Bronson
3-Lee Gapp & Lonnie Nelson
4-Corey and Stacey Amdahl
5-Robin Moe
6-Chris Hinkleman
8-Cathy Bauer&Jacky Bauer
11-Lee and Dawn Wright
13-Traci Ellingson
14-Donna Arten
15-Jackson Wohlleber
15-Harold and Shirley Binde
19-Brittany Graf
25-Adriann Frankenhoff
25-Roman Thuringer

26-Jacob Carson
27-Brianna Lindholm
28-Shirley Binde
29-Jason Cardwell

July

1-Dawn Thuringer
1-Tom and Dawn Thuringer
3-Chad Steinocker
6-Arlene Larson
6-Earline Holt
6-Brynlee Amdahl & Ben Graff
7-Cristina Brandsrud
7-Jake Steinocker
9-Becky Christofferson
9-Sheryl Steinocker & Kurt Jensen
10-Tim Gapp

12-Josh and Joni Wohlleber
14-Denny Jensen &Avery Schoonover
15-Brent and Michelle Urban
16-Roy Nielsen
16-Steve & Kaitlyn Christofferson
18-Lee Wright
19-Mike Adolph
19-Donna and Denny Jensen
19-Lonnie and Val Nelson
23-Michelle Urban
23- Eric and Cali Anderson
27-Adisyn Zubke
27-Lexxi Zubke
28-Kevin and Tina Christofferson

Pastors Page

How are you doing? Right now this could be a really loaded question. How are you doing staying safe and healthy? How are you doing keeping your elders from acting like teenagers and sneaking into situations dangerous to them? How are you doing missing all the spring and early summer traditions around the school, church and community? How are you doing worrying about what's next for your children in this new normal? How are you doing watching all the protests, and sometimes riots and violence rip through our country?

How are you doing?

I once saw a picture of Jesus holding a giant basket. He was walking through a crowd of beaten down people as they handed their burdens into Christ's basket. That image has walked with me the last few months. Life has seemed scary and the burdens just seemed harder to carry. Into every situation I found myself, I could feel my Savior asking, "How are you doing? How can I help? Once he picked up my burdens and I could breathe again, I could feel him pointing me outward toward others holding burdens. "How are they doing? How can you help?"

When Christian's are thrown into situations beyond their control, we are reminded in God's Word exactly where we can go. Psalm 46 says; "God is our refuge and strength. Our very present hope in times of trouble."

One of the reasons I love this psalm is that it doesn't say God is our refuge so nothing will happen. No, it says "though the mountains tremble and the seas foam..." God is still our refuge. It reminds us that even though there are things to fear out there, they are not bigger and more powerful than our God.

How are we doing? Well there are things out there that worry us. But, as people of God we know we can hand them to our Savior. We know that he will carry those worries for us. We know we are called to help lighten the loads of others who can't handle theirs.

How are we doing? We're going to be ok.

Zoom Council-June 7

Present: Beth, Jolene, Bruce, Nikki, Pastor Janet, Dustin, Jim

Absent: Mike, Cody, Jorja, Jonathon

Others: Anne, Dawn

Pastor Janet opened with a prayer

Secretary report read and approved. Bruce motioned, Beth 2nd

Treasurers report-Anne went through with us. Anne asked if council wanted to pay the remainder of the 1st quarter payment to the Synod. Motion Beth, 2nd Jolene to go ahead and pay it. Motion passed.

MinnWest Resolution-a new form needs to be filled out per MinnWest request, as to who has authority to what in the church. As far as signing checks, making deposits and withdrawals, etc. Anne will fill in what needs to be filled in and Dawn will be the official signer on the document when it's complete. A copy will be attached to this month's minutes too when it's done. A campership report was given and it was suggested to give a donation to Lutheran Outdoors this year as no camps are being held due to the pandemic. Motion Dustin, 2nd Jolene to give \$1000 to Lutheran Outdoors. Motion passed. Anne also let the council know of events that LO is hosting this summer. Beth motioned, Bruce 2nd to accept treasurer report. Motion passed.

Pastor report-1 private baptism was held at church per family request. Pastor has been doing a lot of Zoom meetings. She discussed moving forward with services. It was decided to offer parking lot Worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and continue with FB services on Sunday mornings. Pastor also let council know that equipment to hold such services had been purchased with Thrivent funds.

Other:

Anne asked about Thrivent funds we give to WELCA. Motion by Bruce, 2nd Dustin to go ahead with that gift.

Dawn gave a brief report on VBS. As we won't be hosting it in church, she will be putting packets together to mail to the families.

Next meeting: July 14 at 7:00 pm

Closed with the Lord's prayer

Hope Lutheran Church
Offerings and Expenses
 May 2020

	May 20	Apr 20	Jan - May 20
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	4,910.00	10,695.20	35,065.30
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,403.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	4,910.00	10,695.20	37,468.30
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	0.00	750.00	935.00
44000 · Other Income	6.00	1,045.82	1,486.22
Total Income	4,916.00	12,491.02	39,889.52
Expense			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,363.68	7,363.68	36,818.40
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	0.00	0.00	189.00
66300 · Other Church Payroll	550.00	550.00	2,750.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	7,913.68	7,913.68	39,757.40
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	0.00	0.00	68.00
63100 · Worship & Education	77.92	0.00	1,082.65
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
62000 · Office Expenses	333.21	15.66	886.45
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	87.80
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	299.96	47.68	347.64
67420 · Electricity	205.02	264.97	1,320.87
67430 · Water/Sewer	62.00	62.00	310.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	95.08	95.08	475.73
Total 67400 · Utilities	662.06	469.73	2,454.24
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	662.06	469.73	2,542.04
61400 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	778.40	778.40
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	9.90	9.90	49.50
Total Expense	8,996.77	9,187.37	45,164.44
Net Ordinary Income	-4,080.77	3,303.65	-5,274.92
Net Income	-4,080.77	3,303.65	-5,274.92

HOPES HAPPENINGS

***Coming together again!** The council has voted that we will begin having "car church" in our parking lot on Wednesday June 17th at 7:00pm. Sunday morning worships will continue to be online for a while (possibly the summer). We have decided to try our car church Wed. evenings because in June and July evening weather is usually far better than morning. Early evening temps calm down and often the wind even calms.

How will this work? We have ordered a fm transmitter to hear in your cars. We also have purchased (thanks to Thrivent) speakers to use outside. We will also do these services on facebook live for those who want to listen on their phones.

A few special notes: we will allow people to use the bathrooms and will have 1 door, into the church, unlocked for this. However, we recommend you try to not use them as much as you can. This will be the one place of high risk contact as others stand in line and touch surfaces.

You may sit beside your cars but please keep a social distance of 6 feet from your family and those around you.

We ask that everyone keep their children either in their cars or right beside them outdoors. No children should be running around during worship or between cars for safety and for others ability to hear the service.

If you intend to talk with your neighbors, please bring and wear masks for these conversations. We have to care for our neighbor and especially our elders at this time. This is all a work in progress as we learn how to be the church during this continued pandemic. We will review how things are going in July and make changes as they seem appropriate.

***Offerings in a time of pandemic...**

As the community of Hope, we want to tell those of you who were out of work and financially strapped because of it how much we love you. We understand when your offerings can't be what they were when you were steadily employed. We know you will remember your church when things get better.

We remind everyone that the church still has expenses. Your tithes and offerings are still needed. Stewardship is always a call to give to our God the first fruits of our labors.

You may send in your offerings to the church at PO box 886, Summit, SD. You may use automatic withdrawals from the bank. You may use Venmo to make offerings too.

A reminder to those of you who are ordering from Amazon more often. We have an Amazon smile account and if you order through it, we will get a percentage of your order costs for the church.



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

June 2020 Congregation Newsletter Inserts and Resources
Congregations of the South Dakota Synod are invited to use any of the following newsletter inserts for their regular newsletter schedules. These short articles are written by members of the staff and our partners in ministry.

From the Bishop's Desk

Lutheran Social Services in South Dakota (LSS SD) and the South Dakota Synod office have had a longstanding relationship for the sake of ministry to the neighbor. As I began my call as your Bishop, we were faced with flooding across the eastern part of the state, which followed a long winter, wet spring and summer. I reached out to LSS SD to see if we can partner to bring hope and tools to be a caring neighbor to the neighbor in our rural communities. I especially asked about a tool that can be accessed from the comfort of one's home to empower the individual to be confident about reaching out with a message of hope and practical steps to a neighbor that might be hurting. LSS SD went to work and developed such a web-based tool, called Psychological First Aid. This is a web based self guided resource that allows lay people and rostered leaders alike to acquire new skills in times of stress and grief to walk alongside community members with confidence and hope. Please look for detailed instructions on how to access and utilize this tool to the well-being of your community in the coming weeks. Thank you LSS SD for your partnership in ministry and you, ministry site partner, for being a good neighbor. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Journeying with you in Christ,
 Bishop Constanze

Blessings in the midst of chaos
Rev. Jonathan Steiner

Although our world has been rather chaotic lately, there are still so many things to give thanks for. God has blessed us with a life together, with a community to be part of, and with blessings in so many shapes and forms. One of those blessings is that we are stewards, caretakers of God's creation and everything in it. How are you taking care of what God has entrusted to you? How might you share your blessings with your neighbors?

General Ministry Housekeeping
Crystal McCormick

ELCA World Hunger:

More than 820 million people in our world today are undernourished. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are called to respond. Working with our neighbors in the United States and in more than 60 countries around the world, we start by listening and learning about how we can accompany them to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good. From water wells to animal husbandry, microloans to health clinics, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. And they don't stop there. We engage Lutherans in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference. We rely on your gifts. ELCA World Hunger is funded solely by gifts from ELCA members and congregations such as yours. Thank you for making this work possible through learning, action, prayer and giving. Visit <https://elca.org/hunger> for ways to give and get involved.

Subscribe to the Synod News:

A good way to stay informed and updated is to subscribe to the Synod news. This can be done by visiting <https://sdsynod.org/> and inserting your email address into the box at the bottom of the home screen where it says "sign-up for Synod news" and hit the yellow subscribe button. We will keep you informed as postponed events get rescheduled as well as continue to share reliable information and resources regarding COVID-19 and how our ministries are moving forward amidst these times.

Higher Income + Lower Taxes = Generosity

Kathy McHenry, Executive Director
Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota

School might be out for the summer, but this is one equation you'll want to remember. Charitable gift annuities offer a guaranteed fixed income for life, a current tax deduction AND the opportunity to create a legacy with a gift that makes a huge difference in the ministries you care about. Rates depend on age and the number of people receiving income, i.e. couples, parent and child, etc. If you're 75 and single, the current rate is 5.8%, with a significant portion income tax-free. Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (lpgsd.org) is a free service offered to you by the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA and our partners. If you have questions about charitable gift annuities or how to make the most tax-efficient gifts, both now and as a part of a legacy plan, contact **Kathy McHenry at 605.274.5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org**.

Creating Connections

Sawyer Vanden Heuvel

In this physically distanced world, creating connections with one another is important now, more than ever. Throughout this pandemic time, I've realized my need for face-to-face interaction. As someone who is more on the introverted side, I thought I would get along just great working from home, but what I'm finding now is how I long for our connectivity again. Those casual conversations around the office, at church, or gatherings with friends.

I want to invite you to two great opportunities that the ELCA has to offer for youth and young adults.

ABIDE:

All who are 18 - 35 are welcome to be a part of this small group community for 1 hour / week!

Registration will be open until May 27.

Group meetings start June 1. If you miss out on summer registration, stay tuned for more opportunities to connect.

Groups will use published abide videos, and previous participants are welcome to join again or sign up to be small group leaders! Learn more by connecting with the ELCA Young Adults on social media @ELCAYoungAdults.

PASSAGE:

A sister program to ABIDE, PASSAGE will connect graduated high school seniors to young adult small group leaders.

Based on Isaiah 43, PASSAGE will be centered on mutual support and wrestling with faith and life in times of transition.

Registration for graduated seniors opens May 27!

Groups meet June 15 - July 31.

Learn more at elcayouthministry.com/passage/