

# *Pastor's Page*

## *July 2018*

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First of all, I want to say “Thank You.” Thank you for putting your trust and faith in me 12 years ago and extending a call for me to come and serve as your pastor. I was young, unsure of my ability to be a pastor all on my own, and with a 7-month old which meant Pam and I were still growing into these new roles as parents. And from the very first moment, you all welcomed us with open arms.

Your love and support of me as your pastor, has helped me to grow into who I am today. You allowed me to try new things. Sometimes they worked and sometimes they didn't, but I always knew I had your support. You invited me into your homes and into your lives in times of celebration and in times of great sorrow – Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc. Those were always sacred, holy moments that I will cherish for a very long time. Pam and I both were honored that you shared your kids with us, as you brought them to Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. The relationships we have built with the youth of this church have been an incredible blessing and joy to both of us.

Over the past 12 years, things haven't always gone perfectly. We have had some bumps along the way. But even in those moments, we tried our best to stay united as the community of God here in this place – listening for God's call for this congregation.

I thank you also for your incredible welcome to our family. You have loved myself, Pam and especially our girls like family. Hope Lutheran Church will always hold a special place in our hearts, not only because it was my first call and where our children grew up, but even more so because of you, the people of this church.

It reminds of a song we used to sing in Sunday School when I was little called, “We Are The Church.” It was written by Richard K. Avery and Donald S. March. And the words of the first verse go like this:

*The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.*

Which brings me to my second thing I want to say. It is you who make this church. It is you who make this church what it is - a place for worship, education, a beacon of hope and love to the community of Summit and to the world. It is you who create this loving community of faith rooted in God's love. During this time of transition, continue to be that church, knowing that God will always be with you. Continue to love and care for one another – pray for your leadership and the Call Committee as they guide the ministry of this congregation. Continue to be together in worship, to hear God's Word and receive the gifts of Holy Communion and God's forgiveness. Because with or without a pastor, church still happens!

This community of faith has been blessed with a whole history of quality pastors. Each of us has come with our own gifts and talents for ministry. I believe God will raise up another quality pastor to lead this congregation. And that new pastor will have gifts and talents of his or her own that will enrich this community in ways none of us can imagine. I pray you will love and support them in just the same way you did for me and my family.

I again say thank you for the years of ministry and life that we have shared together. Although my relationship with you as pastor is ending, you will always be our friends. May God continue to bless each and every one of you and continue to bless the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church.

# HOPES HAPPENINGS

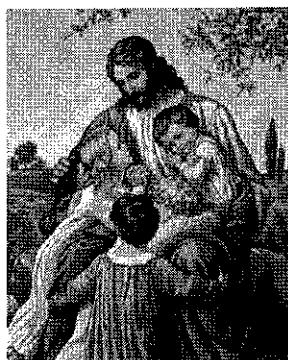
**WELCA NEWS**-WELCA will meet on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for quilting. 1:00 for business meeting and Bible study. Cause of the month: Lutheran Outdoors, Devotions: Velma. A second quilting day is Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. **July is soap month** for Lutheran World Relief. Bath size bars with wrapping still on. No small bars or unwrapped bars. There will be a box in the entry for the soap. Remember to watch for sales on school supplies. They will be starting in July and continuing in August. The list of what we need is printed in the Women's booklet. We will be collecting the school supplies in August and September.

**Call Committee** – The Church Council is beginning the work of forming a Call Committee to work with the South Dakota Synod in finding the next pastor for Hope Lutheran Church. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone interesting in volunteering. The Call Committee will be appointed at a Congregational Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Council will also provide more information about the call process and the time of interim between pastors.

**Save the Date - Celebration of Ministry!** Pastor Justin and his family's last Sunday will be July 8<sup>th</sup>. Following worship, a lunch will be held to celebrate our time together and to wish them farewell! Council will be providing burgers and brats on the grill, please bring a side dish/dessert to share. This will be a community worship so please extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be part of this send-off.

**IMPORTANT DATE**-July 15-A congregational meeting will be held following Worship to discuss the steps needed for calling a new pastor and what the congregation will be doing while we go through the call process. All members are encouraged to come.

**VBS**- Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. Lunch will be available at the school before VBS begins each day. This year's theme is Favorite Stories from Jesus! A VBS program will be held during Worship on July 29<sup>th</sup>.



9:46 PM  
 06/08/18  
 Cash Basis

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Offerings and Expenses**  
 May 2018

	May 18	Apr 18	Jan - May 18
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	4,299.00	10,253.00	33,329.00
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,473.00
<b>Total 41000 · Offerings</b>	<b>4,299.00</b>	<b>10,253.00</b>	<b>35,802.00</b>
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	0.00	10.00	10.00
44000 · Other Income	60.31	231.94	946.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,359.31</b>	<b>10,494.94</b>	<b>36,758.83</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,185.72	7,185.72	35,818.48
66190 · Relief Pastor Salary	0.00	0.00	210.97
66300 · Other Church Payroll			
66310 · Secretary Salary	320.00	320.00	1,600.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
66330 · Organist Salary	0.00	400.00	400.00
<b>Total 66300 · Other Church Payroll</b>	<b>520.00</b>	<b>920.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>7,705.72</b>	<b>8,105.72</b>	<b>39,029.45</b>
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	0.00	369.51	731.17
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	0.00	0.00	0.00
63100 · Worship & Education	0.00	284.12	689.09
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	336.94
62000 · Office Expenses			
62200 · Office Supplies	0.00	26.58	630.13
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	252.07	328.57
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	40.84
62600 · Postage and Delivery	36.76	39.86	197.91
<b>Total 62000 · Office Expenses</b>	<b>36.76</b>	<b>318.51</b>	<b>1,197.45</b>
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,239.91
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	0.00	0.00	2,698.26
67420 · Electricity	149.44	209.56	1,153.25
67430 · Water/Sewer	51.00	51.00	255.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	95.56	92.62	469.99
<b>Total 67400 · Utilities</b>	<b>296.00</b>	<b>353.18</b>	<b>4,576.50</b>
67000 · Church/Building Expenses - Other	0.00	260.30	260.30
<b>Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses</b>	<b>296.00</b>	<b>613.48</b>	<b>6,076.71</b>
61400 · Charitable Contributions			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	1,502.16	1,502.16
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	0.00	1,370.50	1,370.50
61400 · Charitable Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	275.00
<b>Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,872.66</b>	<b>3,147.66</b>
63400 · Interest Expense	0.00	1.56	16.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	3.00	-91.84	994.04
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,041.48</b>	<b>12,473.72</b>	<b>52,218.51</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,682.17</b>	<b>-1,978.78</b>	<b>-15,459.68</b>
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Council Meeting  
June 10, 2018

Members present: Kathy Brink, Tamijo Bronson, Laura Frankenhoff, Kelly Faeth, Stacey Amdahl, Matthew Amdahl, Pastor Justin.

Absent: Mark Amdahl, Billi Whempner, Ben Graff, Thomas Frankenhoff.

Others. Dawn Wright

Opened with prayer

Secretary report read and approved. Treasurer report read. Discussed changes that will need to be made with Pastor leaving. Will look into it more as we go along. Justin's last Sunday will July 8 and his last official day being July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor report-No official acts. Propane leak was discovered and taken care of. Coming up June 24<sup>th</sup>- send off for youth and adults attending Youth Gathering, our youth was also chosen to assist with communion at the gathering. 2 baptisms coming up- Cambri Bronson and Berkeley Graf. Shut ins visitations were done.

Old business

Church parking/signage- Pete will be doing it any day now.

Membership list-tabled until later date-will compile an active/inactive list.

Other- NeSoDak will be here for Fog Fest Worship on July 1. Laura and Dawn will be contact people for them.

New business

Pastoral Transition Time- led by Laura. Discussed all that needs to be done during the transition time and call process. Call committee to be formed.

Congregational meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> to explain the process the church will be going through.

Pastor's last Sunday will be July 8 with a sendoff for him and his family. Sunday school kids to sing?? Public is invited to attend. Meal to follow with a potluck and the church providing the main dish. 9:30 am Worship.

Next meeting-TBA

Closed with Circle prayer and Lord's Prayer

# Vacation Bible School

## July 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 green 10:00 am-Fog Fest Worship in the park-led by NeSoDak	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 green Celebration of Ministry for Pastor Justin-meal to follow	9	10	11	12 9:00 am-WELCA quilting 1:00 pm-Business meeting	13	14
15 green Congregational meeting following Worship	16	17	18	19 9:00 WELCA quilting	20 Newsletter items due	21
22 green	23	24	25	26	27	28
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>VBS-1:00pm-5:00pm. Lunch available at the school before VBS. Open to all kids entering PK (must be potty trained)-6<sup>th</sup> grade (completed). Volunteers are needed!!!! Contact Nikki Pays or Dawn Wright if you can help!!</p> </div>						
29 green VBS PROGRAM	30	31				

Notes

Worship: 9:30 am (unless otherwise noted)

Communion: 8<sup>th</sup> and (22<sup>nd</sup>?)

Communion Committee-Karin Quale, Dianne Nielsen

Servant Team-Bruce and Diane Kneeland

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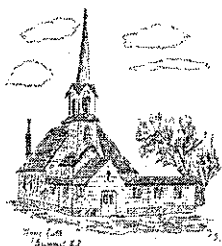
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**July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1-Dawn Thuringer  
1-Tom and Dawn Thuringer  
2-Pam Neugebauer  
3-Chad Steinocker  
6-Arlene Larson  
6-Earline Holt  
6-Brynlee Amdahl  
6-Ben Graff  
7-Cristina Brandsrud  
7- Jennica Pottebaum  
7-Jake Steinocker  
9-Becky Christofferson  
9-Sheryl Steinocker

9-Loreen Aker  
9-Kurt Jensen  
10-Tim Gapp  
12-Josh and Joni Wohlleber  
14-Denny Jensen  
14-Avery Schoonover  
15-Brent and Michelle Urban  
16-Roy Nielsen  
16-Steve and Kaitlyn Christofferson  
18-Lee Wright  
19-Mike Adolph  
19-Donna and Denny Jensen  
19-Lonnie and Val Nelson