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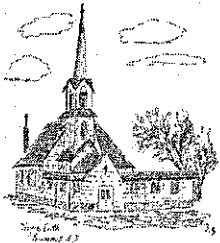
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"It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.

Anniversaries and Birthdays (please let me know if there is an error or omission) ☺

2-Caroll Miller
2-John Seffrood
2-Bonnie Moe
4-Derrick and Carrie Rauen
4-Becky Hinkleman
5-Arlene Hovland
6-Sherrie Larson
6-Addison Bronson
8-Penny Cardwell
8-David Lewandowski
8-Shelly Anderson
9-Allyson Frankenhoff
14-Phoebe Bourassa
15-Jackie Adolph

15-Monica Larson
16-Garrett Amdahl
16-Trevor Bourassa
17-Savannah Moe
18-Grayson Amdahl
19-Gary and Caroll Miller
20-Lori O'Farrell
22-Vincent Pies
23-Addison Jensen
25-Kaci Crandall
29-Leigha Schoonover

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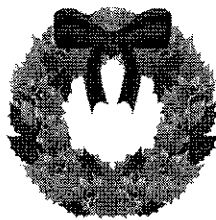
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Florence worship 9:00 Summit S School 10:00 Summit worship 11:00	3 Florence youth 6:00pm	4 Florence Bible Study 2:00pm	5 Florence Confirmation 7:00pm	6 Conference Dean Zoom Rostered minister's zoom 9:00 am-Quilting	7 Pastor at synod meetings in Sioux Falls	8 Newsletter items due
9 Florence Worship 9:00 Summit S School 10:00 Summit worship 11:00	10 Columbus day/ Indigenous People's Day	11 Florence Bible Study 2:00pm	12 Summit Youth 7:00pm	13 Summit Youth 7:00pm	14 Conference Dean Zoom meeting 9:00am-quilting	15 Conference Dean Zoom meeting 9:00am-quilting
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23 Florence worship 9:00 Summit S School 10:00 Summit worship 11:00 Florence Soup Dinner	24 Florence 9:00 Summit S School 10:00 Summit worship 11:00 Reformation Sunday Halloween	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

HOPES HAPPENINGS

Youth Group Wreath Sales

The Youth Group will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Memory Wreaths this year!! 😊 The memory wreaths (Balsam Wreath) are \$22 and are used to decorate the church during the Advent/Christmas Season. When ordering, please include who the wreath is given in memory of and by whom it was given, so that we can recognize them.

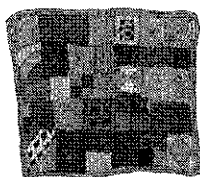
Wreaths and greenery are also available for your personal use. There will be order forms at church and all Youth Group members will have them as well. Orders will need to be in by October 31st. The wreaths will be delivered by Thanksgiving.



***We are having Coffee Fellowship time during Sunday school hour. If you would be willing to donate goodies, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board. We are also looking for ushers and readers to help with Worship. Sign up sheets are also on the bulletin board.** 😊

*Youth group meets on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. Upcoming youth convention and wreath sales will be discussed.

*Hat's off to our amazing quilters!!! This year they made 153 quilts and put together 100 school kits to send to Lutheran World Relief!! Thanks to our generous congregation too for donating the items needed for the school kits.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever had a time when you just sit back and wonder why in the world things are happening to you?

We've had that kind of a day for a week here. First came the 2am call that our 18-month-old grandson, Gabriel, was being rushed by an ambulance to the hospital because he was hardly breathing and they couldn't wake him up.

After an exhausting four-hour trip to his home, I arrive in the twin cities just in time for them to be hit by a tornado. All around their neighborhood, trees were down on roofs and branches scattered. There was a lot of damage, but the worst to us was spending 36 hours without electricity in a house full of sick people.

In the middle of the devastation and people being sick, my daughter started having severe pain. We took her to the emergency room and she was admitted to the hospital with kidney infection. After lots of IV antibiotics and pain meds, they sent her back home.

The baby got home but was still quite sick. His 3 year old brother was also very sick as was his dad.

It was on our 3rd emergency room visit of the week that I began to crack. How could all this just keep getting worse? Why was it happening?

But, even in the middle of it all, God continues to surprise me. A CT scan for kidney stones on my daughter revealed a much worse problem which required major surgery to correct. If the kidney infection had not brought Suzy to the ER, we would not have discovered her emergency before it was too later to fix.

All of the sudden, in the middle of all this madness, there was a blessing beyond belief. It took us getting to this place for it to be found. It took me being here for my grandson so later my daughter was taken care of. It took pain from another place for the real danger to be seen.

How often do life's dark times come out that way? I have over and over heard people who have been in the middle of horrible conditions say, "but we have been so blessed by..." whether it is friends, doctors, or unexpected results the reminder that in the darkness blessing can come is so important.

Why is this happening? Sometimes, we are steered into the darkness so we can come out on the other side better or in a different place. Sometimes the things we learn in the darkness are the things we need. Sometimes, others need to meet us in the darkness to help them find the light. Whatever the cause or the reason, know that your God is always there.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

Blessings on your journey today.

Pastor Janet Miller