

Flashback Pastor Page



Dear Members and Friends of Hope Lutheran:

He gets around. . . in Bethlehem. . . a manger
in Nazareth . . . a carpenter shop
in Jerusalem . . . a cross

He still gets around being where people are today

The child on the straw was called "EMMANUEL" which means "GOD WITH US"!

And so He is with us in love. . .
in our hopes. . .
in our trials. . .
in our weakness. . .
in our joy. . .
in our sorrow. . .
in life. . .
in death. . .
in eternity. . .

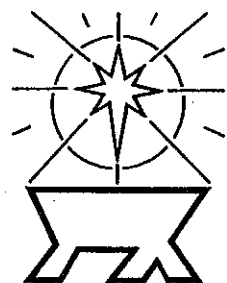
Even straw, wood, and nails remind us that God is with us. . .
in the mundane. . .
and in the magnificent!

The wonder of Christmas is the God who dwelt among us can now dwell within us. That is what we celebrate.

We are beginning the season of Advent. That time that begins the church year and the time of anticipation and preparing for Christmas. Preparations for Christmas include the Advent wreath which is traced back to an old Scandinavian custom celebrating the coming of light after a season of darkness. The church has used it to symbolize the coming of Christ as the light of the world. The circle of evergreen reminds us of the promise of eternal life we have through Jesus Christ.

As the church prepares and waits for the coming of Christmas so too in our own lives we prepare for Christmas. Preparations for Christmas include writing cards, baking, seeing family and friends, shopping, decorating trees, singing of special songs. . . the list could go on and is as diverse as people in the town. Yet each of us do prepare for Christmas in some way.

As you prepare for Christmas this year may you in your preparations encounter the one whose birth we celebrate. May Christ's love and presence fill you to overflowing and bring you a joyous Christmas.



**The Greatest
Gift**

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Joyce

HOPES HAPPENINGS

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School will present "A Traditional Christmas Program" on Sunday, **December 16th (December 23 in case of inclement weather) during worship at 10:30am.** Please come and listen as the kids share the Christmas Story with us!

WELCA News!

WELCA will meet Thursday, December 6 at 12:00 noon for their planned potluck Christmas luncheon. All women of the congregation are invited to join us at the Christmas luncheon. If you are able to come please give Caroll Miller (947-5000) a call so they can plan accordingly. Devotions and Carols: Caroll, Cause of the month is the Beacon center in Watertown. They can use toilet articles, towels, kitchen towels, stocking caps and gloves, sweat suits (lg-XL). Bring unwrapped! Runner club offering will also be taken. Bible study with Pastor Justin. There will be no 2nd quilting day. Quilting will start again on January 3, 2018.

Summer 2019 Bible Camp Registration Open

Registration is now open for Bible Camp next Summer through Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota. More information can be found on their website, www.losd.org. Scholarships are available through Lutherans Outdoors and the church also can provide assistance for any families who need it.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Choice Dollars lets eligible Thrivent Financial for Lutheran benefit members personally help direct a portion of Thrivent's charitable funds to thousands of Lutheran organizations and congregations. Each member must call or log on to their Thrivent Account to direct their Choice Dollars. We encourage all Thrivent members to contact Thrivent and direct their Choice Dollars. We also ask that you please remember Hope Lutheran when you make your designation. Thank You!!

Poinsettias

If you would like to give a Poinsettia to adorn the church, in memory or in honor of someone, bring them to the church any time after December 16th. Without no one at the church during the week, they can't be guaranteed to get watered until I come in on Friday. If you have one to drop off during that week, just contact me or leave it in the porch at my house and I can run it over. **(Not in the house, the cats will eat it and they are poison to them!!)** ☺ Be sure to attach a note stating who it's for and from whom. Also, note if you would like it back after Christmas. ☺



Council Meeting
October 21, 2018

Members present: Kathy Brink, Tamijo Bronson, Laura Frankenhoff, Billi Whempner, Ben Graf.
Absent: Mark Amdahl, Kelly Faeth, Stacey Amdahl, Thomas Frankenhoff, Matthew Amdahl.
Others: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright, Doug and Susie Olawsky (Synod reps)

Doug, Synod rep, was in attendance to visit with us. He was able to answer questions regarding the call process too. He informed us of documents that need to be submitted to the Synod before the end of the year.

Meeting called to order by President Laura. Opened with prayer

Reports reviewed, read and approved by Secretary, Treasurer and President.

Old business-discussed site visit by Susan Marone, our Interim minister Pastor Solveig, sidewalk project and one funeral, Julie Birney.

New business:

Call committee update by Tamijo. 2 applications have been received.

A policy for parental leave and Pastoral sabbatical will be discussed further at next meeting. Discussed the closet behind the piano needs to be insulated. Planning to do some painting and updated to the Pastor's and Secretary's office in the future too.

Servant teams discussed. Tabled to next meeting.

Dawn asked about furnace inspection-will hold off unless necessary, Tim Frankenhoff has volunteered to bug bomb the church for spiders, discussed church appearance.

Stewardship Sunday- November 18 (noisy offering taken too for WELCA)-dinner served following Worship. Dawn will put the service together.

Home visits scheduled by Kathy and Laura.

Billi mention the 50th anniversary of our congregation is next year. Will discuss further at later meeting.

Billi gave an update on confirmation and Laura asked about care packages for our college members. She will ask Dustin more about when to do that.

Holiday plans-December 16 will be the Sunday school program with the 23rd as a weather day. Candlelight service is December 24th at 5:00 pm. Laura will ask Ps Solveig if she will be able to do that service.

A special service will be put together by Dawn in case Ps Solveig is unable to make it due to the weather and a lay person has to step in. Billi took a book of sermons home to review.

Meeting closed with Lord's prayer.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting-Dec 9. Budget meeting.

10:49 AM
 10/18/18
 Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church Offerings and Expenses September 2018

	Sep 18	Aug 18	Jan - Sep 18
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	7,975.00	5,358.10	66,933.79
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,473.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	7,975.00	5,358.10	69,406.79
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	60.00	1,000.00	1,070.00
44000 · Other Income	0.31	1.16	887.67
Total Income	8,035.31	6,359.26	71,364.46
Expense			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	640.72	0.00	47,611.90
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses			
66192 · Relief Pastor Mileage/Housing	527.25	283.40	873.87
66191 · Relief Pastor Salary	525.00	700.00	1,575.00
Total 66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	1,052.25	983.40	2,448.87
66300 · Other Church Payroll			
66310 · Secretary Salary	320.00	320.00	2,880.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	200.00	200.00	1,800.00
66330 · Organist Salary	0.00	0.00	660.00
Total 66300 · Other Church Payroll	520.00	520.00	5,340.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	2,212.97	1,503.40	55,400.77
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	977.51
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	0.00	0.00	0.00
63100 · Worship & Education	109.14	155.84	1,359.06
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	336.94
62000 · Office Expenses	150.80	141.20	1,734.84
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	550.00	1,300.00	3,900.00
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	1,200.00	1,883.59	4,830.91
67400 · Utilities	742.34	188.50	5,910.99
67000 · Church/Building Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	260.30
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	2,492.34	3,372.09	14,902.20
61400 · Charitable Contributions			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	0.00	3,604.60
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	0.00	0.00	1,420.05
61400 · Charitable Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	275.00
Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	0.00	5,299.65
63400 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	16.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	4.95	0.00	1,004.99
Total Expense	4,970.20	5,172.53	81,031.96
Net Ordinary Income	3,065.11	1,186.73	-9,667.50

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

11100 · General Fund Checking Acct
 11112 · PSB Reloadable MC -Dawn
 11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct
 11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct
 12000 · CD's


6,721.11
 302.25
 2,744.92
 1,964.41
 25,303.30

Total Checking/Savings

37,035.99



December 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>December 16 during Worship the Sunday school Christmas program will be held. December 23 is our weather day. (pray we don't need it) ☺ If your child will not be there, PLEASE let Kaitlynn Christofferson or myself know. Thanks!! ☺</p>						1
2 blue 3:00-Piano Recital at Hope	3	4	5 7:00 Parent/Student Confirmation	6 WELCA luncheon at noon	7	8
9 blue Council meets following Worship	10	11	12 4:00 Confirmation	13	14	15
16 blue Sunday school Christmas program during Worship	17	18	19	20	21 Newsletter Items Due	22
23 blue Sunday school-we will be having a Christmas fun day. ☺	24 5:00 pm-Candlelight Service	25 	26	27	28	29
30white No Sunday school-Resumes on January 13	31					

Notes	<p>Worship Times-Sunday school-9:15 am, Coffee-9:30 am, Worship-10:30 am (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>Communion-9th, 23rd, 24th (subject to change)</p> <p>Communion Committee: Lori O'Farrell, Becky Steinocker</p> <p>Servant Team: John and Anne Seffrood</p>
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December 2018

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December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1-Jen Zubke
1-Kris and Tami Jo Bronson
5-Jim Arten
10-Karin Quale
12-Eric Erickson
12-Cooper Ebsen
13-Robbie Young
13-Brandi O'Farrell
16-Randy Hills
16-Todd Brink
17-Jonathan and Nicole Ebsen

19-Nikki Pays
19-Braxton Urban
20-Jorja Whempner
20-Damon Opdahl
21-Andrea Gapp
22-Kiara Cardwell
23-Cade O'Farrell
24-Donn Richter
26-Brady Lindholm
31-Rose Carlson