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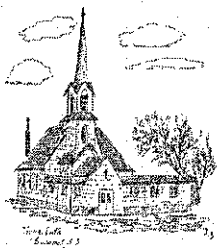
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April 2021

“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) 😊

April

1-Corrie Quale

2-Mollie Wilson

3-Gary Miller

5-Theodore Amdahl

7-Eugene Steinocker

9-Zoey Wohlleber

10-Becky Pies

10-Wayne and Kay Halse

10-Levi Whempner

11-Dawn Wright

12-Jolene Johnston

12-Laurie Kneeland

13-Harlan Olson, William Thuringer

13-James Holt

18- Rodger Carlson

22-Jared Storms

22-Cole Bourassa

23-Sarah Holt

25-Kristen Marko

25-Mark Miller

26-Gavin Wright

27-Fred Strasser

27-Quinn Adolph

28-Diane Reyelts

29-Wyatt Crandall

30-Courtney Lewandowski

30-Berkeley Graf

HOPES HAPPENINGS

Important Information about Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday- this service will be for the first communion families and their guests. Services will be at 7:00pm and will require masks. Recorded music will be used but no congregational singing.

Good Friday- this service is for everyone. Worship begins at 7:00pm and masks are required.

Easter Sunday- we will have 3 options for worship this Easter

- 1- We have worship in our sanctuary at 8:30am. Some important things about this service; masks are required, we will be practicing social distancing in our seating so please respect the roped off pews, we will not be singing during worship and we are restricted to having 60 people in worship inside.
- 2- Online worships will be posted for all 3 days of holy week including Easter. You may find worships on our YouTube channel "Hope's Children" or on Facebook.
- 3- We will offer car worship outside at 10:30am. This service will have singing and more music involved. There is no limit to numbers attending our outside worship.

When will we be back to "Normal"? The council has voted to continue following the CDC guidelines in our worship space. Although things are getting better in our state and our community, we are going to stay vigilant for a few more weeks. We hope to stop our safety protocols when the general population has the options to receive vaccines. New variants of the Covid-19 virus have arrived in our state and we need to make sure our people are safe as we worship our God. This is our best work to love our neighbors as ourselves.

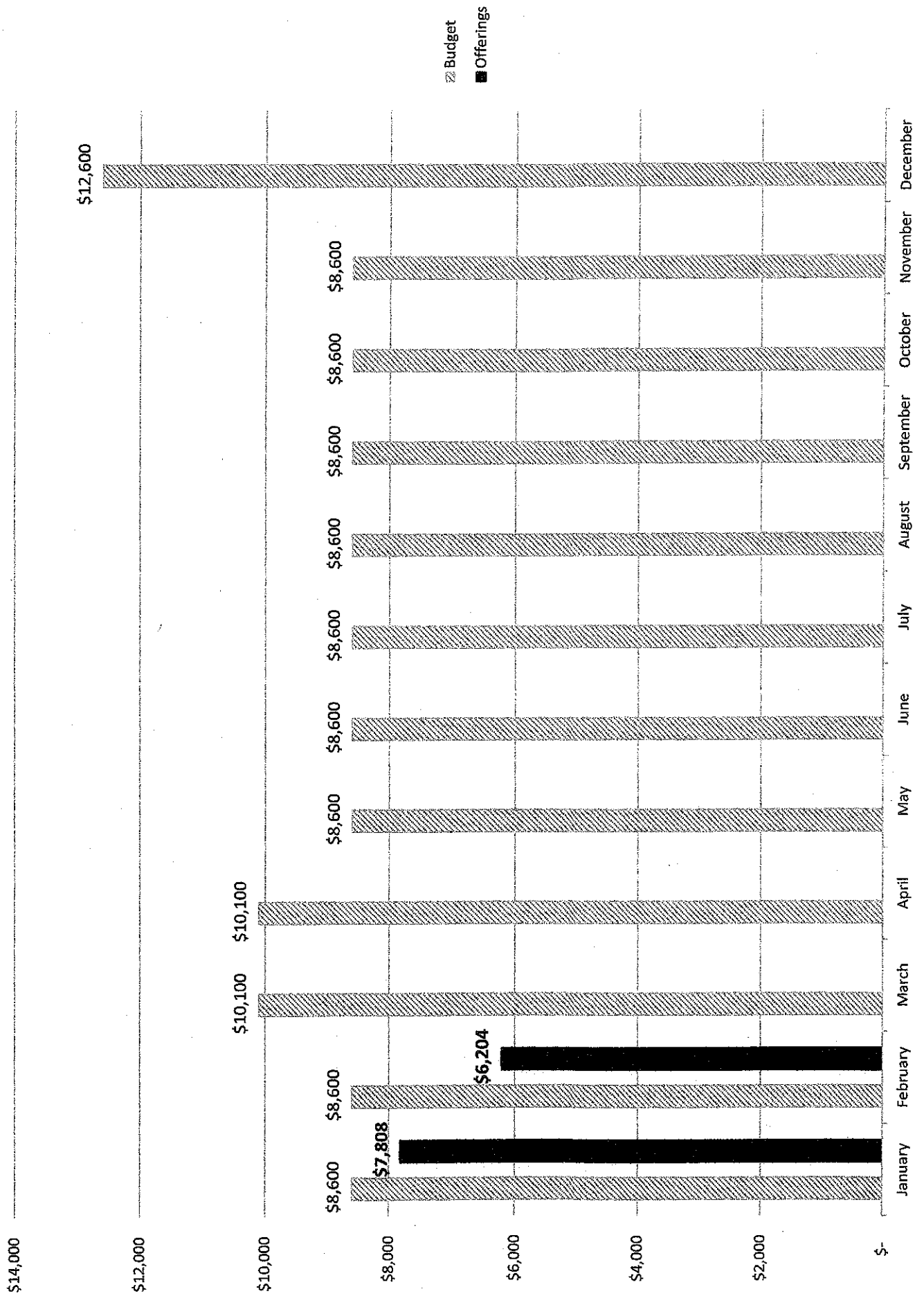
Remember if you are a Thrivent member, you need to re-sign up for your charitable giving through them each year. If you have trouble, the church can find someone to help. We hope you choose to put your congregation on your giving list.

A note and a challenge, some members of our congregation have chosen to tithe or give to the God from their stimulus payments. They challenge you all to do the same! The pandemic year has been very hard on all churches. If you want them to be around when this is all done, you still need to support them now.

Don't forget to check out the Sunday School and worship provided each week on YouTube and Facebook.

Because of an unforeseen family obligation, we won't have class for the 1st communion kids and parents on Wed. Families that are able can come to a makeup class on Thursday at 6:00pm but this is not required. During the class we will talk to the children about experiences with communion and give them a chance to understand how it works and taste the elements before the service. Children can still commune without this last class. Families unable to attend the class will be given packets with activities to do at home after the communion worship.

2021 Monthly Offerings vs Budget



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Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss
 January through February 2021

	Jan 21	Feb 21	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	7,808.10	6,143.75	13,951.85
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	60.00	60.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	7,808.10	6,203.75	14,011.85
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	30.00	1,580.00	1,610.00
44000 · Other Income	0.10	20.08	20.18
Total Income	7,838.20	7,803.83	15,642.03
Expense			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,393.56	7,709.47	15,103.03
66300 · Other Church Payroll	550.00	550.00	1,100.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	7,943.56	8,259.47	16,203.03
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	0.00	70.40	70.40
63300 · Insurance Expense	259.34	259.34	518.68
63100 · Worship & Education	0.00	271.26	271.26
62000 · Office Expenses			
62200 · Office Supplies	0.00	7.45	7.45
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	103.58	59.82	163.40
62600 · Postage and Delivery	91.37	304.52	395.89
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	15.66	15.66	31.32
Total 62000 · Office Expenses	210.61	387.45	598.06
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67400 · Utilities			
67420 · Electricity	155.12	312.91	468.03
67430 · Water/Sewer	62.00	62.00	124.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	92.46	92.46	184.92
Total 67400 · Utilities	309.58	467.37	776.95
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	309.58	467.37	776.95
61400 · Charitable Contributions	10.00	0.00	10.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	4.95	9.90	14.85
Total Expense	8,738.04	9,725.19	18,463.23
Net Ordinary Income	-899.84	-1,921.36	-2,821.20
Net Income	-899.84	-1,921.36	-2,821.20

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03/21/21

Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
 As of February 28, 2021

	Feb 28, 21
11102 · General Fund Checking	2,619.05
11112 · MWBANK MC -Dawn	518.20
11113 · MWBANK MC - Pastor Janet	689.89
12001 · Undeposited Funds	5,580.00
Total Current Assets	9,407.14

Council March 21, 2021

P: Cody, James, Becky, Dustin, Pastor Janet, Jorja, Ellsie, Tim and Sarah

A: Nikki, Kathy

O: Anne, Dawn

Opened with prayers.

Secretary report-motion by Jorja , 2nd by Cody to approve.

Treasurer report-Anne created a graph to show offering vs budget to show if we are meeting goals. Reminder of Thrivent Choice dollars: March 31 is the deadline to designate your money. It needs to be designated each year. Pastoral acts: 2 funerals for non-members at other church's, Baptism coming up, confirmation and youth group back in house, 1st communion classes starting. Council decided Holy Week plan: Maundy Thursday-1st communion families and invited guests only, Good Friday will be open to everyone. Easter Sunday-8:30 am In-house Worship (limited to 60 guests, no singing), 10:30 am-Car Worship (no limit, singing allowed). Pastor will be teaching at the spring Theological Conference by Zoom coming up. No confirmation for the next three weeks. Motion by James, 2nd Cody

Old Business:

Siding- no new report. Dustin is waiting for bids.

Mowing-Brenda and Frank Redlin have volunteered to again mow the church lot. We are taking bids for the cemetery until April 18-when council meets again.

New business:

Synod offered a grant to congregations doing online worship. It will be used for purchasing needed items to continue our ministry.

Had a question about resuming gatherings in the church. It was decided by council to allow gatherings as long as masks are worn and social distancing is observed.

Adorned with the Lord's prayer

Next meeting April 18 following Worship.

A special council meeting was held by Zoom on March 25, to discuss applying for the 2nd round of PPV loans. Members present: Tim, Dustin, Pastor Janet, Ellsie, Sarah, Cody, James and Becky.

Motion was made by Tim and 2nd by Cody to execute the loan by the bank. Council President Dustin Holt will be the signee on the application. Motion passed. We were also notified that the 1st round of PPV's was forgiven, so we won't have to pay it back. Meeting adjourned.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first day of Spring just crept into South Dakota and for a change, it actually looks like spring. Though we often have snow and icy rain still this time of year, today the snow is melted and I can even see the green of grass beginning to come up in the yard. The weather man warned last night that we shouldn't get too used to the nice conditions, as it would be normal to have some snow and cold temps throughout our end of March and beginning of April.

Spring is an interesting time in South Dakota. Some tough winters we long for it to come. As our outdoor world struggles from the grasp of winter, it's not always a pretty time of year. It can be muddy and mucky as the snows melt and the spring rains fall. When the snow banks recede, we see the damage winter has made to our lawns and the world around us. Spring dawns not with abundant beautiful flowers, but with dirty sidewalks and muck encrusted yards.

If you didn't look close, it might be hard to see the promise and hope in Spring. But, we South Dakotans know better. We have learned that underneath the old growth and inside the places that look dead, new life is already starting. We get out our rakes and we open our seed catalogues to plan for our times of planting. We count on winter's grip loosening and the promise that spring brings- the promise of sun and warmth, green things and abundance. We take hope from that first robin sighting or those first green buds popping through.

As we celebrate Easter, we are also reminded of the promise of new life that comes through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Though there are times our lives can be like those hopeless feeling winter days or seem as mired in the muck of past mistakes as a spring mud hole, we are reminded once more of the true promise of Easter.

Like those first days of spring, the promises of Christ can at times seem hard to believe in. Just as winter's grip holds the land in a death like stasis, the problems of this world can keep us paralyzed and in the grip of denial or fear. "I am not good enough!" "I haven't done enough!" "Be afraid!" Sin whispers those words in our ears and shouts them in our faces. Evil tells us, "God doesn't care. How can he care when so much bad has been happening all around?" trying to convince us to turn our eyes from the hope. Jesus Christ defeated the powers of sin and death on the cross, but sin is a sore loser and doesn't like to let us go.

But, hear the word of promise from the book of Romans, *"With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death."* (Romans 8:1-8 the Message translation)

We can walk from the winters of our life with our faces looking to the true light- Jesus Christ. The promises of our new beginnings, new opportunities to live in the warmth of God's love are true. Though it seems as if evil is strong, it has no power to keep us from the warmth and new growth our God has ready for us this spring.

"Present the offer of salvation to his people, the forgiveness of their sins. Through the heartfelt mercies of our God, God's Sunrise will break in upon us, shining on those in the darkness, those sitting in the shadow of death, then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace. "

Welcome to the peace and light of Christ. Welcome to spring, welcome to Easter resurrection, our HOPE has come!

Pastor Janet Miller