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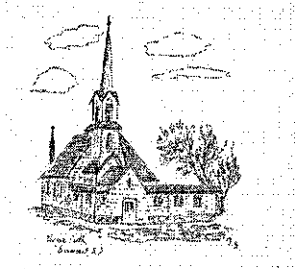
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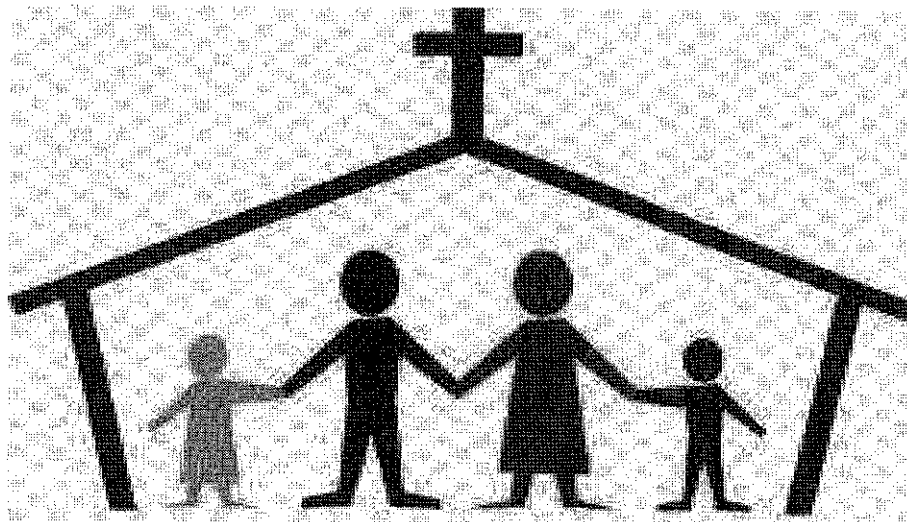
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"When I think I'm going under, part the waters Lord. When I feel the waves around me, calm the sea. When I cry for help, oh hear me Lord and hold out your hand. Touch my heart. Heal the raging storm in me."

These words from a song I often go to for comfort seem really appropriate now. While all still find ourselves in the middle of this storm called the Coronavirus Covid -19 pandemic, we often feel as helpless as a boat tossed in the waves of a stormy sea. When we consider all the unemployment and stock market crashes it has caused, it can cause a raging storm in our hearts. When we miss our families who are staying at home to avoid catching or spreading the virus, loneliness can feel like a wave going over our heads.

I don't know about you, but I don't like the feeling that everything is out of my control. I miss my congregation. I miss my grandkids who live far away and didn't get to come home for Easter. I miss visiting with my parents on Sunday afternoons. I miss hugging people!

In the middle of all this, we are reminded that we have a Savior who calms the winds and smooths the sea. We have our God that is king of the past, present and the future. Our God knows the way through these troubling times. He is constantly reaching for his people to lead, carry and sometimes even drag us through the rough waters we find ourselves in. We may try to reason things out or outwit our problems. When all of our man made answers fall through, God is there with his arms wide open.

People of God, whether you are scared of the virus, angry because the world has been disrupted or confused about who to believe, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** God promises to walk with us, "Through the valley of the shadow of death..." (Psalms 23) and he will not stop until we find our green pastures and still waters. Hang on to those promises. Know that this time of turmoil will end and we will find our footing again.

God guide us through our journeys until we meet again.

Pastor Janet Miller



Thoughts from the Pandemic

When will we be back together? I so wish we knew. As your pastor, I hope you all know how much I miss our gathering each week in worship. Your congregational president, council and I are all monitoring the situation and doing our absolute best. I am broadcasting worships on Facebook live each week and am working on getting us on a You tube channel for those who do not use Facebook. AS one of my fellow pastor's says, "We do this separation now so that when we can get back together, we will all still be here."

Stewardship in these times

If you are wondering how to get your regular offerings to the church, we have several options for you. You may mail them to the church at PO Box 886, Summit, SD 57266. You may mail them to our local MinWest bank with a note to have them deposited for us. You may use ACH (automatic withdrawal like some people do for bills). If you are interested in doing this contact our treasurer, Anne Seffrood. You may also give by Venmo. We are registered there under Hope Lutheran. However you choose to give to your God, we appreciate your gifts! If you are out of work because of the Virus, please know we understand and we know you will help your congregation as soon as you are back on your feet.

Reaching Out in the Pandemic

We have been blessed with several people who have volunteered to help anyone who is having trouble during this pandemic. We have people who will pick up groceries or prescriptions so those who are most at risk can stay home. Please contact Pastor Janet Miller (605 237 8005) if you need help.

Let Your Light Shine

South Dakota is asking for a state wide "Let it shine" evening. The hope is that on the evening of May 1st, SD people from all their towns and homes will come together in heart (Not in actual space!) and light the night. Do you still have your Christmas lights up? Turn them on! Do you have a fire pit to sit by in your back yard? Light it up! Turn on flashlight. Do anything to let the light shine. There will be helicopters, drones and airplanes traveling the state and recording all of our lights to share on a special television segments and Facebook posts. What's the point? The goal is to help remind us of all our individual lights and the way they still combine to make our communities and state while reminding us that we are all working together in love of our neighbor so no lights go out from this Virus that has our society in its grip.

We have received the following from our Bishop Constanze's office to be used during our time of pandemic: Sacraments in a Time of Emergency from the ELCA and our South Dakota Synod

To Ministry Professionals: What follows is a pastoral statement regarding the Lutheran understanding of the administration of the sacraments in a time of emergency. My hope is that this will serve as a guide for pastors and congregations regarding how to deliver the sacraments in this time. Know that you remain in my prayers as you work to deliver pastoral care and soothe the consciences of those entrusted to your care.

CONNECTING HEART TO HEART- This years Sunday school students will be or have received a coloring page and a letter from Pastor Janet. We are asking that you color the page and if you would like, you may also draw a picture and/or include a letter to the recipient. A self-addressed stamped envelope has been included for you. This is a wonderful way to connect our congregation during this time. Letting everyone know that although we aren't able to join together in body, we remain a family in spirit. 🌍

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY-Pastor Janet will offer a Bible study on Zoom. She will do one in the afternoon on Wed.- 2:00pm and another one on Wed. evenings at 7:00 pm. Please email pastor (hlchurch@tnics.com) or text(605-237-8005) her if you want to be a part of it. We will need to send you numbers and a password for each zoom meeting. If you have not used Zoom before, we can talk you through it.

APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April

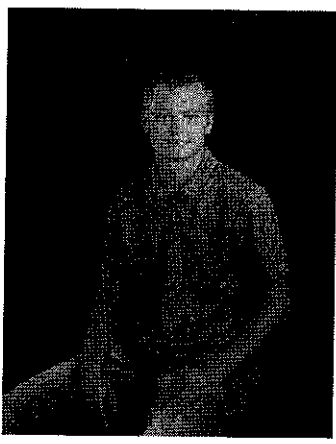
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2-Mollie Wilson
3-Gary Miller
7-Eugene Steinocker
9-Zoey Wohlleber
10-Becky Pies
10-Wayne and Kay Halse
10-Levi Whempner
11-Dawn Wright
12-Jolene Johnston
12-Laurie Kneeland
13-Harlan Olson, William Thuringer
18- Rodger Carlson
22-Jared Storms
22-Cole Bourassa
23-Sarah Holt
25-Kristen Marko
25-Mark Miller
26-Gavin Wright
27-Fred Strasser
27-Quinn Adolph
28-Diane Reyelts
30-Courtney Lewandowski

May

1-Jimmy Amdahl
2-Harold Binde
3- Tim Frankenhoff
4-Mackenzie Schoonover
5-Lynn Amdahl
7-Jim and Donna Arten
8-Beth Hills
8-Jonathon Johnston
9-Royce Strasser
10-McKayla Johnston
11-Dylan Amdahl
12-Jacob Kneeland
14-Cassie Quale
14-Joey Johnston
14-Jeff Amdahl
14-Tina Christofferson
14-Douglas Larson
14-Tate Amdahl
15-Billi Whempner
15-Jacob Gapp
16-Kris Bronson
18-Cal Pies
23-Jessica Moe
24-Landen Nelson
25-Hunter Phillips
27-Frank and Brenda Redlin



HOPE GRADUTE SPOTLIGHTS

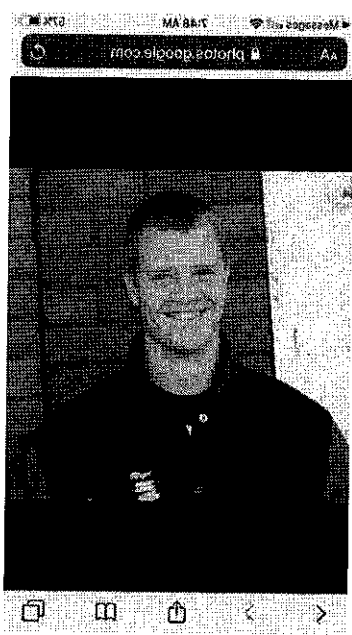


Matthew Amdahl-Summit

Future Plans-Uncecided

Favorite High School Memory-Homecoming weeks

I thank God for- my friends and family



Thomas Frankenhoff-Summit

Future Plans-I joined the Army National Guard my Junior year and will finish my AIT training this summer. I will then join my infantry unit in Yankton for monthly drills. I plan to attend Lake Area College to major in Law Enforcement.

Favorite HS memory-The bond the football team formed as a whole.

Thankful to God for-keeping me safe through all my HS sports.



Kayla Zubke-Summit

Future Plans- attend Northern University and major in Special Education.

Congratulations



Damon Phillips-Summit



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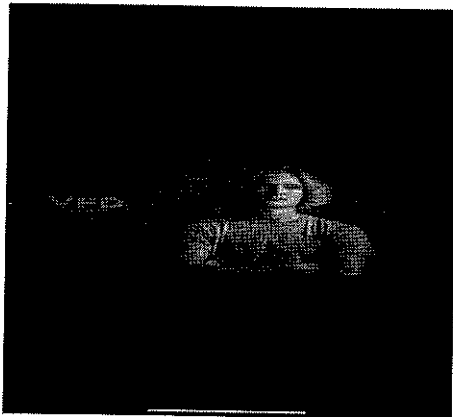


Emmett Whempner-Summit

Future Plans-attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology for Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

My favorite high school memories have to be the days where I would drive home and knew it had been a good day because the entire day was spent laughing and cracking jokes with my friends.

I have to thank God for giving me the opportunity to grow in faith and live my life the way He has wanted me to live. None of us would be anywhere without the love that He has given us and I thank him for that.



Sam Seffrood-Milbank

Future Plans-attending Montana State University for Electrical Engineering

Favorite HS Memory-making it to State Track

I am thankful to God for my dog Al.



Morgan Lewandowski-Summit

Future plans-to attend Lake Area College for Early Childhood Development.

Favorite HS memory-when I would walk down into the Elementary side of the school and get at least five hugs everyday in the lunchroom and all the smiles I bring to the kids.

I Thank God for giving me the strength to finish out my senior year and for giving me the passion to adore kids.

Council -via Zoom meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic
April, 5 2020

Members present: Cody Sumner, Beth Hills, Mike Schmidt, Dustin Holt, Jim Arten, Jolene Johnston, Jonathan Johnston, Jorja Whempner, Bruce Kneeland, Pastor Janet
Others: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright

Opening prayer

Secretary report read and approved

Treasurer report-Anne discussed our budget and broke down the expenses that we have to pay. We are presently unable to have services because of the pandemic and social distancing rules in place. The church continues to have expenses though. It was asked whether we pay our committed monies to the Synod. Motion Beth, 2nd Jolene to send half (\$778.40), of the committed monies and the remaining balance of \$778.40 will be held as a future payable. Motion passed.

Thrivent share to Welca- this was tabled by President Jolene until our June meeting as to decide if we need to give that.

Anne discussed a small business loan the church may be eligible for. In case we need it to cover expenses.

Motion by Bruce, 2nd by Dustin. The treasurer, Annelies Seffrood, is directed to work with MinnWest bank to apply for the Payment Protection Program Loan (PPPL), Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), or any other programs from the SBA. Motion passed unanimously. Beth also asked if she can be notified when offerings are mailed in our brought to the church. Bruce motion, Mike 2nd to approve Treasurer report.

Pastor report: doing online videos and serviced during Lent. Looking into different ways to reach people who may not have social media. Pastor also asked that in the future, she may be looking at buying a new tablet to better do live videos. Janet read a letter brought to the council by a congregation member about Traditions and times we stand during services. Pastor explained why we stand/sit during Worship.

Old business; none

New business: Cemetery Sexton, Margie Wright, has expressed interest in stepping down from her post. It was asked if we could put a call to see if anyone is willing to take over. It was also discussed, that the church has been paying for expenses to upkeep the cemetery and that it should actually come from the cemetery fund. Beth motioned, Dustin 2nd to pay expenses for this year from the cemetery fund. Jorja brought Margie into the meeting too so the council could ask any questions it had. Motion passed. We will also put out a bid for mowing on Facebook, Remind and in the newsletter. Bids are due by May 1. A special meeting will be held to open the bids.

Meeting closed with Lord's prayer.

Next meeting-June 7 following Worship.

Hope Lutheran Church
Offerings and Expenses
January - March 2020

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Offerings				
Regular Offerings	6,319.05	7,954.05	5,187.00	19,460.10
Special Services Offerings	0.00	811.00	1,592.00	2,403.00
Gifts & Memorials	25.00	160.00	0.00	185.00
Special Offerings to Pass On	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Interest Earned	2.03	1.52	1.34	4.89
Thrivent			94.00	94.00
Other Income - Other	0.00	8.66	0.00	8.66
Total Income	6,346.08	9,035.23	6,874.34	22,255.65
Expense				
Pastoral Payroll	7,363.68	7,363.68	7,363.68	22,091.04
Relief Pastor Expenses	189.00	0.00	0.00	189.00
Secretary Salary	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,050.00
Janitor Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00
Continuing Ed & Conferences			68.00	68.00
Confirmation / Adult Ed			305.23	305.23
Worship Materials	370.07	40.76	288.67	699.50
Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing and Reproduction			163.84	163.84
Postage and Delivery	92.53	41.21	240.00	373.74
Repairs and Maintenance	23.41	14.35	50.04	87.80
Electricity	300.20	296.13	254.55	850.88
Water/Sewer	62.00	62.00	62.00	186.00
Telephone & Internet Expenses	95.19	95.19	95.19	285.57
Miscellaneous Expenses	9.90	9.90	9.90	29.70
Total Expense	9,055.98	8,473.22	9,451.10	26,980.30
Net Income	-2,709.90	562.01	-2,576.76	-4,724.65

General Fund

Checking/Savings

Apr 5, 20

11102 · General Fund Checking	\$ 8,278.34
11112 · MWBank MC - Dawn	\$ 158.62
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$ 32.85
12110 · CD 27566	\$ 15,000.00
Total Checking & CDs	\$ 23,469.81

11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$ 5,301.45
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$ 1,256.87