

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Vacation Bible School begins this week at Hope Lutheran. The theme this year is Rocky Mountain Railway, "God's power pulls us through!"

I'm super excited for VBS this year after missing a year with Covid 19 precautions. I am looking forward to seeing kids I have not seen in a while. Watch our Facebook feeds for pictures and songs from the week.

Each day of the "train" themed VBS has a special message. My favorite is one about Annanias where we learn that God "gives us the power to do hard things."

In the message, Annanias has to step out of his comfort zone and follow the Holy Spirit's command to go to an enemy (Saul) and heal him. Annanias was putting his life and the life of his family and friends on the line following God's commands. But, God gave Annanias the courage and the ability to do what he needed done. Through Annanias' courage and healing, Saul was healed and became the apostle Paul who wrote a large part of our New Testament.

God continues to send his Holy Spirit into the world to call his people to "do hard things." Whether is it a personal call, a call to congregations, or even a call to countries, God always gives us the way and the power to do the things he calls us to. But, it is seldom easy!

This summer, our congregation has been asked to do a "hard" thing. The Florence Parish has asked us to be willing to share our pastor's time and energy. They wish to work together to be able to do the work of God. Florence has been without a pastor for over a year and a half. They have been through a separation from a church partnership, and their pastor leaving the area. They are asking a hard thing from us.

Hope Lutheran has never had a partner in ministry. Saying yes may cause anxiety. There has always been a pride in knowing you have your own minister. Some concessions may have to happen and those are never fun.

Like our Vacation Bible School children, we reach for our God to help us see our way through this hard decision. Last Sunday, we decided to rely on God's plan and his ability to "give us power to do hard things." We decided to work with the Florence Parish in doing the work of God together.

Many of you have told me that, "God always finds a way for Hope Lutheran to make it through." I truly see this partnership with Florence Parish as a way God has sent for Hope Lutheran to continue on into the future.

Will the future always be easy? I'm sure it will not. Will it always be accompanied by our God. Absolutely! So, let's go! Let's depend on God to pull us through and "give us the power to do hard things!"

Pastor Janet Miller

# HOPES HAPPENINGS

## School Kits

The Hope Lutheran Confirmation class will be helping out the ladies this year with our school kits. Even though we no longer have an official WELCA group, the mission of school kits continues. This year, you may give in two ways. You may take the list from this newsletter (see below), (and it will also be in bulletins and a few other places) and with the list go and buy the school supplies. If you do not have the time to buy supplies, you may give money earmarked for the school kits mission and pastor and the confirmation class will shop for you. Our ladies will be leading this project and purchasing needed school materials too.

### **School Kits for Lutheran World Relief Items Needed:**

- 4 (70 Sheet) Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Centimeter/Inches Ruler
- 1 Large Eraser
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Blunt Scissors
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- 5 Unsharpened Pencils  
(wrapped with Rubber Band)
- 5 Ballpoint Pens  
(wrapped with Rubber Band)

## Upcoming events:

**\*Sunday School will begin Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We will be needing teachers and helpers.**

**\*Confirmation parents and students will meet on Wed. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> for our orientation meeting. Parents please be looking for a letter in the mail with details.**

**\*Worship times will change to 11:00pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, July 25 to vote on approving our updated constitution and the contract with Florence Lutheran to share Ps. Janet.

The first item discussed was the constitution. After discussion, the congregation was asked to vote by secret ballot. Motion-Kathy B, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Margie to proceed with the vote. The vote was an unanimous yes to accept the updated constitution.

Next item discussed was the proposal of a letter of appointment for Ps. Janet with Florence Lutheran. Council VP Tim Gapp explained what was included in the contract and answered questions from the congregation. A motion was made by Cal P, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Diane K to proceed with a vote by secret ballot. An unanimous yes to approve the contract with Florence.

Meeting adjourned.

# August

## 2021

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Altar colors-green all month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Hope worship 11:00am Florence	2 Pastor gone	3 Pastor gone	4 Pastor gone	5 Pastor at Companion synod committee 9:00 am-Quilting	6	7
8 9:00am Hope worship 11:00am Florence	9	10 Conference Pastor's picnic/meeting	11 Office 1:00pm- Council 7:00pm	12 visits	13 visits	14
15 9:00am worship Pastor installed at Florence by Bishop	16 First day of school in Summit	17 Worship prep Pastor's Text study	18 Office 1:00pm- 6:00pm	19 Pastor at Conference Dean meeting (zoom) 9:00 am -Quilting	20 Pastor at Synod offices for meetings Newsletter items due	21 Grady Olson Baptism
22 9:00am worship 11:00am Florence	23	24 text study	25 Office 1:00pm- 6:00pm	26 visits	27 Worship planning	28
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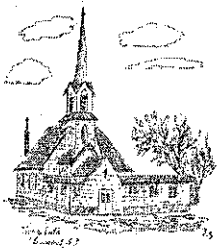
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**Anniversaries and Birthdays (please let me know if there is an error or omission)** ☺

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1-Chad and Becky Steinocker      | 14-David Cardwell                 |
| 1-Shenia Steinocker              | 14-Cash O'Farrell                 |
| 3- Jim Wohlleber                 | 15-Brad Olson                     |
| 4-Austin Quale, Brett Steinocker | 16-Shaelyn Zubke                  |
| 4-Logan Buchele                  | 17-Mark Amdahl                    |
| 4-Presley Jones                  | 17-Brook Pies                     |
| 4-Mike and Jackie Adolph         | 17-Marvin Amdahl                  |
| 5-Chase O'Farrell                | 21-Lori Olson                     |
| 5-Mila Christofferson            | 21-Emmett Whempner                |
| 8- Thomas Frankenhoff            | 21-David and Jennifer Lewandowski |
| 10-Brenda Redlin                 | 22-Andy Smith                     |
| 10-Jennifer Brouwer              | 23- Laura Frankenhoff             |
| 11- Hudson Steinocker            | 25-Cheyenne Crandall              |
| 12-Harper Rauen                  | 27- Joe Johnston                  |
| 13- Mark and Lisa Amdahl         | 27-Tucker Reyelts                 |