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August 2020

“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.

Birthdays/anniversaries August

1-Chad and Becky Steinocker
1-Shenia Steinocker
3- Jim Wohlleber
4-Austin Quale
4-Brett Steinocker
4-Logan Buchele
4-Presley Jones
5-Chase O'Farrell
5-Mila Christofferson
8- Thomas Frankenhoff
10-Brenda Redlin
10-Jennifer Brouwer
11- Hudson Steinocker
12-Harper Rauen
13- Mark and Lisa Amdahl

14-David Cardwell
14-Cash O'Farrell
15-Brad Olson
16-Shaelyn Zubke
17-Mark Amdahl
17-Brook Pies
17-Marvin Amdahl
21-Lori Olson
21-Emmett Whempner
21-David and Jennifer Lewandowski
22-Andy Smith
23- Laura Frankenhoff
25-Cheyenne Crandall
27- Joe Johnston
27-Tucker Reyelts

HOPES HAPPENINGS

*The church council has decided that we will continue to have our outdoor "Car church" for the month of August. The first few weeks will be on Wed. nights at 7:00pm. Following the start of school, we will have it on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. The Sunday car service begins on August 23rd. We are going month to month with decisions about worship. The council will decide on September worships at the end of August.

Parking Lot Worship schedule:

August 12-7:00 pm

August 19-7:00 pm

August 23-10:30 am

August 30-10:30 am

*Conference pastor's zoom on Tues the 18th, and Kairos Internship Leaders meeting zoom August 19th.

*Anyone interested in being a part of a zoom Bible study this fall should contact Pastor Janet at 237-8005 by text or call or email the church at hlchurch@tnics.com.

*We will continue to have our online worship through August. Worships will be put on facebook on Sunday morning.

* If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Janet or Dawn. We want to make sure you are all listed and we don't miss anyone.

*If you have an Amazon Smiles account, please remember to designate Hope Lutheran. We receive a % with each order you make. ☺

***Opportunity to serve!!**-We are looking for a Sunday School Superintendent. Dawn has decided to step down and focus her faith on teaching. ☺ As of now, we do not have any immediate plans to start in house Sunday school. But I ask that you prayerfully consider the position. The Superintendent is generally in charge of opening, planning, and directing the Christmas program, finding teachers, and choosing curriculum for the year. Pastor and I are also looking into alternative ways to host Sunday school. So, watch for more info!! ☺

MORE HOPES HAPPENINGS

*Whether you listen on Sunday to our Worship service or join us for parking lot Worship , we want to be sure you have the weekly readings in hand. ☺If you aren't already receiving them by email, please PM me with your email address. If you know of someone who doesn't have FB but would like to get them either by email or snail mail, let me know! Thanks! Dawn ☺

Our quilters have been working from home during this time on quilts and need materials. If you can help them out, feel free to leave any in my porch (dawn) or Myla's garage. Thanks!

*After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

We give thanks for your prayers and patience as we have worked through the details with our partners in Minneapolis and across the country. We hope that by postponing the Gathering for a year, individuals and congregations will feel more comfortable and prepared to attend the Gathering in 2022.

For more information about the 2022 Gathering, please visit elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19. We will be updating our website and social media as more details become available.

We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022!
#ELCAYG2022

*It's that time of year again! As you shop for school supplies the WELCA ladies are looking for donations for Lutheran World Relief. Bags with the list attached will be available upon request at the church. Otherwise you are welcome to just drop the supplies off at the church or you may leave them in my porch and I'll bring them to the church.

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)



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

August 2020 Newsletter Inserts

Congregations of the South Dakota Synod are invited to use any of the following newsletter inserts for their regular newsletter schedules. These short articles are written by members of the staff and our partners in ministry.

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear sibling in Christ of the SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! As we relish late summer, we are also reminded in various ways that colder temperatures are on its way. Usually that means we begin to settle in and look forward to fall and winter activities. This year will be different for us. Some of us, like my family, received already communication from the school district that the school year may look different than a year ago. For some this causes anxiety. Uncertainty is challenging. Even though I have never been a Boy Scout, I embrace the concept of always being prepared. It helps me to manage my anxiety, when I feel it coming on. I would like to use this opportunity to share with you how your synod staff prepares for the colder season ahead and how you in your ministry setting can prepare for Fall and Winter.

Realizing that many long to be back to in person worship, especially when temperatures begin to drop and outdoor worship is no longer a viable option, a task force prepared a contactless liturgy for congregational use. You can access the document by following the link at sdsynod.org/covid19 under Worship Resources. Feel free to use it for Fall and Winter worship planning in your ministry setting. Please know that even though it is contactless, my primary recommendation is to not hold in-person worship. However, if your congregation is meeting in person, I continue to recommend wearing masks and maintaining at least 6-foot distance between non-household units. All other recommended and known preventive measures to prevent spreading the virus from one person to another are also recommended to be practiced.

These are trying times for all of us. Let us remember to be kind with each other, to create safe spaces where we respect and honor each other's needs and to model to

the world around us that God's people are able to work together for the sake of community. As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns or if you would like me to join you and your leadership in discernment conversations of what God's up to in your community.

In Christ,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the SD Synod

Focus on Discipleship

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

It can be so easy for us to spend our energy on supporting the church, that we have nothing left over for the mission of the church. As Christians, we are called into discipleship, to follow Christ and invite others into that same journey. But as members or leaders of churches, we get tunnel vision about what is going to happen to "MY church." Have you ever gone through a church meeting, and realized you barely talked about the love of Jesus, or about what God wants us to do? That's what I'm talking about.

We need to constantly remind ourselves and our communities that the church is not ours, it is Christ's. In times of stress, we tend to turn inward, focusing on what WE need to keep going. But the Gospel does not need us, we need the Gospel. The whole point of the church is to tell us and the world that God loves us, no matter what.

I invite you as the South Dakota Synod, and as a congregation based on grace through Christ, to renew our focus on discipleship. Let's make sure we are making decisions out of faith and not fear, that we ground ourselves and our communities in scripture, that we are growing in relationship with God and inviting others to do the same. God is calling us, and thanks be to God that the Holy Spirit sweeps us into action!

"How long, O Lord?"

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

"How long, O Lord?" the Psalmist writes (Psalm 13). Perhaps the psalmist sighs these lyrics, their pain and longing so deep there are no other words. Perhaps they shout the words out of frustration or anger. Or maybe they cry them, cheeks stained with unending tears. "How long, O Lord?"

Lately I have found myself asking that question. Right now, I ask out of a longing to know. "How long, O Lord, will life feel out of whack?"

I want to know when I can visit my loved ones without fear of transmitting illness. I want to know if my five-year-old can go to kindergarten in the Fall. I want to know that my husband and I are making the right decision by putting our kids back in daycare after juggling work and home life for the last 16 weeks. I want to know if kids are safe in their own homes, or if some are going hungry, or when people can safely go back to work. I want to know: How long, O Lord, will we be so politically divided? I want to know how much longer people can hold out emotionally and mentally, as we all wait with expectant hope for a vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19. I want to know ... how long, O Lord?

Some may say this is not a helpful question, but along with the Psalmist, I ask it. I don't expect an exact answer, but I do have a promise from God, that God hears the question and the longing within it. This is a faithful and prayerful question, because we speak it to the One who holds together all things, the One who is our past, present, and future. And we, like the Psalmist, trust in God's steadfast love (verse 5), no matter how long we must wait for what we deem to be new life.

There is a song in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (i.e. the "cranberry" or "red" or "new" hymnal), called "How Long, O God." It is hymn #698. The lyrics were written by Ralph Smith. Ralph served as a professor and dean of the chapel at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. While I attended seminary at Wartburg, I learned of Ralph Smith, of his life and of his tragic death because of a car accident at the age of 44. I cannot sing this hymn without thinking of this man I have never met.

Perhaps in this time where communal singing poses a great danger to those gathered, we can pray our beloved hymns. Maybe it will give us a chance to pay more attention to the words and how they get planted in our hearts and minds. Hymn #698 is a hymn I find worth praying. It is a psalm in and of itself. Verse five both asks the question and proclaims our hope: "How long, O God?" the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own. Though we are lost, alone, afraid, our God will lead us home."

General Housekeeping as ministry goes on – August 2020:

Community Assistance Resources:

The economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have thrust many of our neighbors into the sometimes-confusing world of U.S. public assistance programs. ELCA World Hunger's newest set of one-page guides will help potential applicants in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., get started in applying for benefits they and their families may need:

- Unemployment insurance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Rental and housing resources from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Child care assistance (for most states)

Resources can be downloaded at

<https://blogs.elca.org/worldhunger/covid-assistance/>.

ELCA World Hunger VBS at Home:

Bring your community together safely this summer for VBS! Explore easy adaptations of games, crafts and stories to learn about the Lord's Prayer at home. Join the [ELCA World Hunger VBS Facebook](#) group to learn, share and create modifications with others around the country.

Resources can be downloaded at

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger#VBS>.

Subscribe to the Synod News:

A good way to stay informed and updated is to subscribe to the Synod news. This can be done by visiting <https://sdsynod.org/> and inserting your email address into the box at the bottom of the home screen where it says "sign-up for Synod news" and hit the yellow subscribe button. We will keep you informed as postponed events get rescheduled as well as continue to share reliable information and resources regarding COVID-19, and how our ministries are moving forward amidst these times.

Hope Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2020

Jun 30, 20

ASSETS**Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

11102 · General Fund Checking	\$18,213.38
11112 · MWBank MC -Dawn	\$505.73
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$424.96
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$4,901.45
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$1,145.32
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	\$1,601.92
12110 · CD 27566	\$15,000.00

LIABILITIES & EQUITY**Liabilities**

21101 · PPP-Paycheck Protection Program	-\$14,700.00
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Council Zoom
 July 30, 2020

Members present: Bruce Kneeland, Dustin Holt, Beth Hills, Cody Summner, Jolene Johnston, Pastor Janet Miller

Absent: Jorja Whempner, Nikki Pays, Mike Schmidt, Jim Arten, Jonathon Johnston

Others: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary report read and approved. Motion by Jolene, 2nd by Beth

Treasurer report-budget reviewed. Bruce motion, Dustin 2nd to approve. Anne reviewed the MinneWest Account resolution. Signatures are needed and will be acquired. Motion Beth, 2nd Dustin to accept the MinnWest Resolution.

Pastor report: Online Worship and Parking lot Worship will continue through the month of August. Online Worship has been averaging 300-400 views and Parking Lot Worship 30-40 attendees. Janet has also been assisting as needed with other churches who are without a pastor. The schedule will change for parking lot Worship when school starts. We will revisit again late August as to moving forward. Pastoral Acts- 1 Baptism and 1 Funeral. Motion Bruce, 2nd Dustin to accept report.

Dawn is stepping down as Sunday school Superintendent. We will put an announcement out that we looking for a replacement.

Next meeting- August 26 at 7:00 via Zoom
 Closed with Lord's Prayer.

10:45 AM

07/12/20

Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church Offerings and Expenses

June 2020

	Jun 20	May 20	Jan - Jun 20
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	5,950.00	4,910.00	41,015.30
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,403.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	5,950.00	4,910.00	43,418.30
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	0.00	0.00	935.00
44000 · Other Income	1,000.20	6.22	2,486.64
Total Income	6,950.20	4,916.22	46,839.94
Expense			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,363.68	7,363.68	44,182.08
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	0.00	0.00	189.00
66300 · Other Church Payroll	550.00	550.00	3,300.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	7,913.68	7,913.68	47,671.08
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	0.00	0.00	68.00
63100 · Worship & Education	66.67	77.92	1,149.32
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
62000 · Office Expenses	54.13	333.21	940.58
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	87.80
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	63.90	299.96	411.54
67420 · Electricity	164.74	205.02	1,485.61
67430 · Water/Sewer	62.00	62.00	372.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	95.08	95.08	570.81
Total 67400 · Utilities	385.72	662.06	2,839.96
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	985.72	662.06	3,527.76
61400 · Charitable Contributions			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	778.40	0.00	1,556.80
61470 · Thrivent Share	700.00	0.00	700.00
Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions	1,478.40	0.00	2,256.80
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	9.90	9.90	59.40
Total Expense	10,508.50	8,996.77	55,672.94
Net Ordinary Income	-3,558.30	-4,080.55	-8,833.00
Net Income	-3,558.30	-4,080.55	-8,833.00

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been blessed to live with wonderful gardeners. For most of my life, my mom canned up garden produce for us to have all year long. A couple years ago, my mom started hinting that she was getting tired and someone else should learn the art of canning things. She added to the hint by gifting me with my grandmother's pressure canner.

So, I began the journey into home canning. I thought I had some idea how to do it. After all, I had watched my mother and actually helped with it for years. But it turns out, there are many steps I had missed. Some things have to have boiling water poured in or the jars crack during canning. Some things have to use the pressure cooker and some can be made up with the water bath cooker. Always wipe off the top of your jars before you apply the lids.

One of the most interesting things I had to learn is why we add certain things to the foods we are canning. After all, we can our garden and to avoid processed foods and enjoy the taste. Why would we add strong things like vinegar or salt to our product? If you try to can without those things, your product may look good at first. But it won't stay looking that way on the shelf for long. I discovered that vinegar and salt help to kill bacteria and salt helps to preserve things like canned meat for a much longer shelf life. There's nothing like having a jar blow up in your cupboard to teach you about bacteria growth in cans!

I was thinking as I prepared things for canning this year, how our lives of salvation can be a lot like food preservation. If we want our faith to last and be there through days of sunshine and nights of emotional storms, we need to tend to the little stuff. We need to be careful with what we put into our heads and our hearts. As many things can't be preserved by just water. Our hearts can't be preserved from evil with the watered down bits of Christianity we put into it. What are you reading and watching each day that goes into your head? What are you setting your hearts on, using your time to possess, and using to preserve yourself? In a world where any kind of thought, falsehood and evil are at our fingertips and on our airwaves, what are you allowing into your life?

I've learned the trick to sealing the right things in to make a garden product that lasts. Let's learn how to use the right things in our lives to produce a faith that forever too! Let's put the Word of God into our ears and heads as preservative to our hearts. Let's make sure we only use our tools and our minds to find that which is right and good for us- not those things that lead us to destruction. Let's make sure our faith is packed to last!

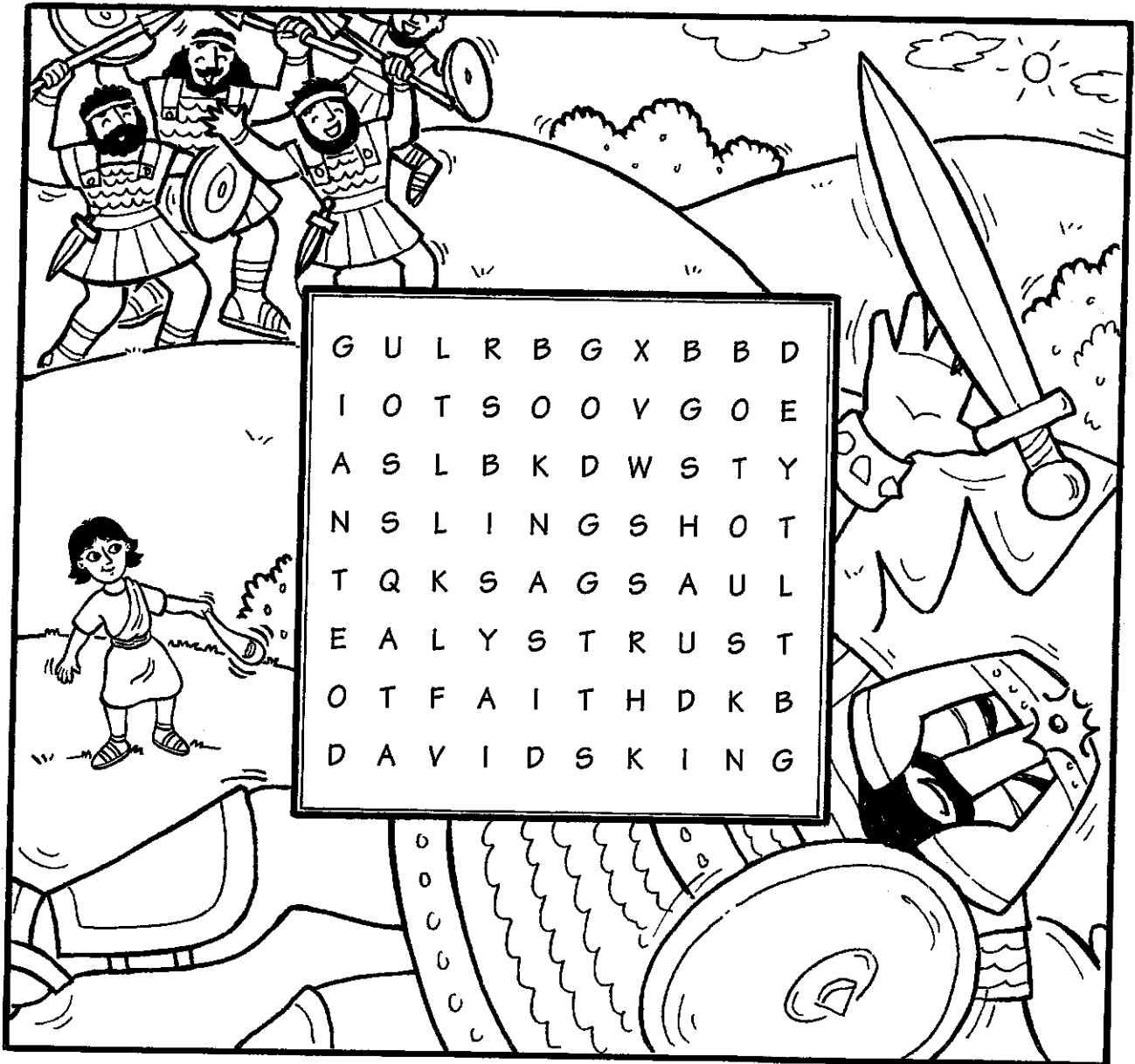
Pastor Janet Miller

Name _____

David and Goliath

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-50 David did not want to use Saul's armor to fight Goliath. He wanted to use weapons that he had learned to use while tending sheep. You can trust the Lord to prepare you for your future—just like He did for David!

Find and circle the words from the word bank. Words can be found across, down, and diagonally.



G	U	L	R	B	G	X	B	B	D
I	O	T	S	O	O	V	G	O	E
A	S	L	B	K	D	W	S	T	Y
N	S	L	I	N	G	S	H	O	T
T	Q	K	S	A	G	S	A	U	L
E	A	L	Y	S	T	R	U	S	T
O	T	F	A	I	T	H	D	K	B
D	A	V	I	D	S	K	I	N	G

Word Bank				
BOY	FAITH	GOD	KING	SLINGSHOT
DAVID	GIANT	GOLIATH	SAUL	TRUST