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“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) ☺**

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Kathy Brink                   | 18-Mary Arten               |
| 1-Todd and Billi Whempner       | 19-Craig Kneeland           |
| 3-Jess Carson                   | 19-Val Moen                 |
| 3-Karter Nelson                 | 22-Lisa Amdahl              |
| 3-Oriana Adolph                 | 22-Rhonda Steinocker        |
| 4-Frank Redlin                  | 22-Karin and Corrie Quale   |
| 6-Trevor and Roshanna Bourassa  | 23-Kaitlyn Christofferson   |
| 9-Jace Wohlleber                | 24-Bruce and Diane Kneeland |
| 9-Gary and Heather Crandall     | 24-Tom Thuringer            |
| 10-Wylie and Nicole Pays        | 26-Sam Seffrood             |
| 10-Macaffery Young              | 27-Mike and Sherrie Larson  |
| 10-Matthew Amdahl               | 28-Jennifer Lewandowski     |
| 10-Ben and Brittany Graff       | 28-Andrew Amdahl            |
| 11-Eugene and Rhonda Steinocker | 29-Beth and Randy Hills     |
| 11- Hunter Bourassa             | 29-Stetson Sumner           |
| 14-Talon Smith                  | 30-Dani Zubke               |
| 16-Bruce Kneeland               |                             |

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a lot of activity this summer on our small country road. Giant machines are bringing by huge parts. Tons of cement went by in mixer trucks. Yesterday, blades went by. You can probably tell by the list that they are building windmills in our area. Windmills have been somewhat controversial around the community. When wind power was proposed, some people were excited about the progress to clean energy or the payments to the land owners. However, some people were very worried about things like noise pollution, having to put up with a windmill in their back yard, and their environmental impact. Hearings were held. Laws and ordinances were made. Some people were happy with the outcome and some were not.

Whichever side you were on, the windmills are now going up. They will be a permanent sight on our township's horizon. We will all learn how to live with the new normal of their presence.

Our church and community have experienced a similar change this year. The Covid-19 coronavirus began making itself felt back in March when area schools were closed and churches stopped meeting indoors. We had a lonely isolated winter. This spring, things changed again as we started to open up some. June brought "car worship" to our congregation. It was a welcome change to not meeting at all. We had a few glitches but now have the hang of things and people can either roll their windows down, sit outside their cars, or listen on the radio as we worship together. Things don't look the same as they used to, but for now, this is our new normal.

I personally am very concerned about the virus as cases have climbed and even reached our own community. You may not share my concern. Like the two sides of the windmill issue, we will talk our differences out and continue to come to the best answers to our problem.

Your congregational Council and I meet every few weeks and discuss what is happening in our church. Last week, it was decided that we will hold worship at "car church" for the month of September. This decision was based on CDC recommendations, the number of cases among our members and our ability to hold worship outside for now. The vote for this decision was unanimous. We are making our decisions month by month. We hope to have better news on the virus soon but until we do, this is our new normal.

I pray that our God heals our hurting land and soon brings us together again. Until then, I offer you the blessing and instructions I use to end worship each week:

Be safe.

Be smart.

Be kind.

Go in peace and Serve the Lord.

Pastor Janet Miller

# HOPES HAPPENINGS

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8

The South Dakota Synod believes our call as a people of God is to seek justice. We are committed to following this call by making a Justice Table. This Justice Table has three objectives; we will educate, organize, and speak out to and for God's people. Pastor Janet has been asked to be a part of this group and will be serving on the group's Advocacy branch. She is excited to be working for South Dakota Lutherans in our many and diverse voices and needs. Look for more information in coming newsletters.

## **Sunday School online**

We will be loading content for Sunday School on both YouTube channel and Facebook for the first few months. Dawn and Pastor Janet are working on videos with stories, lessons, crafts, and songs for our kids during this time of social distancing. We will take the first couple weeks in September to get it all set up and from there parents will be notified where to look for lessons.

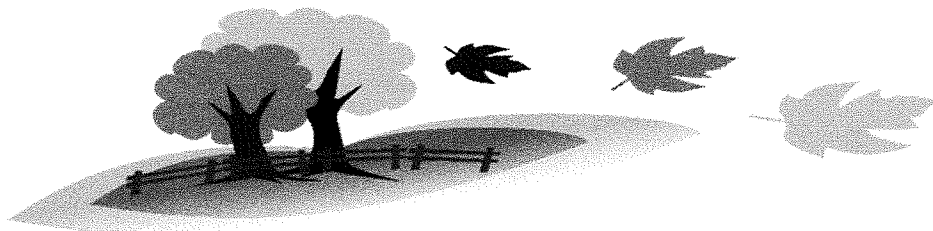
## **Confirmation**

The South Dakota Synod has been working hard to get a Confirmation curriculum online for free. Pastor Janet has taken one class on it and will take her second soon. Following the classes, pastor will work on uploading the lessons we want for our kids and we can hopefully start learning by the end of September. If the Covid 19 problem is solved, we can also use these materials for in person teaching.

## **Fall Theological**

The South Dakota Synod is following CDC guidelines and not meeting in big groups. Therefore, their fall theological for pastors will be held online. Pastor Janet will take this class by Zoom on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Online services will continue on Facebook and will also soon be put on our new YouTube channel called Hope's Children. Our new YouTube channel will be running within the next couple weeks. Car Worship will be held Sunday mornings at 10:30 am through the month of September.



*"Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old, it will not depart from it." – Proverbs 22:6*

Easier said than done these days when all things education seem to be everything they weren't last year at this time. As you read these lines, many school districts and higher education facilities have opened their physical and virtual doors to students and educators. Some walk through these doors fully confident that everything will be just like it was when they left the building. Others are not ready to return to any facility or "normal" activities yet. Wherever you are, please know that we hold you in prayer, and we understand. These times are stretching us all and show us our limits and boundaries.

At a staff meeting one member of the team shared that they had attended a bible study in which they were invited to think of this crisis as a classroom. Therefore what are we learning? And how are we applying what we are learning? Your synod staff learned that we will need to remain flexible in what we offer to people as they look at us to find Christ's word of new life and hope.

Therefore, the synod staff and a team of dedicated rostered and lay leaders have been working hard to create a "Canvas" of online curriculum that aid your congregation's faith formation opportunities (Confirmation and Sunday School).

If you would like to learn more about these resources and how you can use them in your context and connect with others that use them also, feel free to reach out to your synod office and one of our staff members will share with you how we can be partners in forming faith in times that are uncertain, but where Christ remains the same today, as he was yesterday and will be tomorrow.

Grace and peace,  
Bishop Constanze



August 26, 2020  
Zoom Council meeting

Members present: Bruce, Dustin, Mike, Jolene, Beth, Cody,  
Pastor Janet, Jorja  
Absent: Jonathon, Nikki, Jim  
Others: Anne, Dawn

Open with prayer

Secretary report read and approved.

Treasurer report read. Motion Cody, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth to approve

Pastor report: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday car worship, It was suggested to continue with them through September. Motion Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dustin to continue. Will revisit again at the end of September council meeting. Online worship is seeing continued viewers, looking into doing Sunday school online too. Pastor and Dawn will work on that. Pastor has 2 baptism coming up for Hope and one zoom baptism at Florence church. Pastor is participating in mental health training and Justice group for the Synod. Confirmation will be held online as well until the end of the year. Pastor plans to contact the WELCA to see if they would like to meet on zoom and do Bible study as well.

Next meeting-September 23 Zoom at 7:00 pm  
Closed with the Lord's prayer.

5:40 PM

08/26/20

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# Hope Lutheran Church

## Offerings and Expenses

### July 2020

	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jan - Jul 20
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
41000 · Offerings	5,833.00	5,950.00	49,251.30
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	100.00	0.00	1,035.00
44000 · Other Income	0.16	1,000.20	2,486.80
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,933.16</b>	<b>6,950.20</b>	<b>52,773.10</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,328.83	7,363.68	51,510.91
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	0.00	0.00	189.00
66300 · Other Church Payroll	550.00	550.00	3,850.00
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>7,878.83</b>	<b>7,913.68</b>	<b>55,549.91</b>
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	0.00	0.00	68.00
63100 · Worship & Education	0.00	125.16	1,207.81
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
62000 · Office Expenses	15.66	54.13	992.25
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	0.00	600.00	600.00
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	87.80
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	0.00	63.90	411.54
67420 · Electricity	98.41	164.74	1,584.02
67430 · Water/Sewer	62.00	62.00	434.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	92.08	95.08	662.89
<b>Total 67400 · Utilities</b>	<b>252.49</b>	<b>385.72</b>	<b>3,092.45</b>
<b>Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses</b>	<b>252.49</b>	<b>985.72</b>	<b>3,780.25</b>
61400 · Charitable Contributions			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	778.40	1,556.80
61470 · Thrivent Share	0.00	700.00	700.00
<b>Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,478.40</b>	<b>2,256.80</b>
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	9.90	4.95	59.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,156.88</b>	<b>10,562.04</b>	<b>63,914.42</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,223.72</b>	<b>-3,611.84</b>	<b>-11,141.32</b>
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