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**July 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) ☺**

1-Dawn Thuringer  
1-Tom and Dawn Thuringer  
3-Chad Steinocker  
6-Arlene Larson  
6-Earline Holt  
6-Brynlee Amdahl  
6-Ben Graff  
7-Cristina Brandsrud  
7-Jake Steinocker  
9-Becky Christofferson  
9-Sheryl Steinocker  
9-Kurt Jensen  
10-Tim Gapp  
12-Josh and Joni Wohlleber  
14-Denny Jensen

14-Avery Schoonover  
15-Brent and Michelle Urban  
16-Roy Nielsen  
16-Steve and Kaitlyn Christofferson  
18-Lee Wright  
19-Mike Adolph  
19-Donna and Denny Jensen  
19-Lonnie and Val Nelson  
23-Michelle Urban  
23- Eric and Cali Anderson  
23-Beckham Buchele  
27-Adisyn Zubke  
27-Lexxi Zubke  
28-Kevin and Tina Christofferson  
28-Brett Holt

# July

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Altar-green all month						Tom Frankenhoff burial and reception Online worship work
4 Pastor preaching at NeSoDak 11:00am No worship in Summit	5 Pastor off	6 Pastor off	7 Pastor Off  NO CAR CHURCH	8 QoC zoom meeting with Bishop	9 Visits	10 Amdahl family baptism 11:00am Online worship work
11 Worship 9:00am	12	13 visits	14 Office Day 1:00- 6:00pm 7:30pm Car church	15 Support to Ministries zoom meeting Quilting 9-12:00	16	17 Fogfest Companion synod meeting Online worship work
18 Fogfest worship at the park - 9:30 coffee and cookies Worship 10:30am	19	20 Conference Pastor's meeting	21 Office Day 1:00- 6:00pm	22 visits	23 Newsletter items due	24 Online worship work
25 Worship 9:00am	26 Vacation Bible School 1:00- 4:00pm	27 VBS 1:00-4:00	28 VBS 1:00-4:00pm No car church	29 VBS 1:00-4:00pm Quilting 9-12:00	30 Wedding rehearsal	31 Wedding Knutson/Randell

# PASTOR'S PAGE

CHANGE... for many of us this word brings fear or anxiety or anger or other negative emotions. So many things change in life without our permission. We age, the price of living goes up, people we love move away from us or pass on into eternity, children learn different things that seem less important to us and miss things we think are critical, fashions change, jobs end, music changes...the list is endless. Sometimes we wish we could stop the forever march of change we are on.

Yet, change can be a good thing too. Where there is life, there is change. Nothing alive stays static. Without change, we would be unable to grow.

Change can be both good and bad at the same time. For example, to most of the world, 2020 was a tough year. People cursed and raged about the changes it brought to the world. Yet, in January of that year, my youngest grandson was born. While I can acknowledge and even agreed with a lot of the cursing about the "Covid-19" year of 2019- 2020, I also know it brought Gabriel to our family. The two are drastically different changes.

The church has experienced a lot of change since Spring of 2020. We were banned from meeting in groups bigger than 10 for the spring of the year. We had to figure out how to do worship online. Those first few worships were tough! Though we have gotten better at recording and editing, we sometimes still have mistakes. The worship format and the technology continues to change. By summer, we again changed with the discovery of "car church". We had to learn a new technology and a new way to listen to the Word. The combination Car church and online worships held us until mid-winter. In February, we prepped for reopening inside worship. Again, things changed! We came inside with a mask mandate and pews moved around or blocked off to keep us at the proper "social distance". This changed again to just masks during singing in May. As more people were vaccinated, we felt safer and in June we took down the blocks and reset all our pews. We now have all masking as optional during services.

Churches across American are noticing a marked change in their congregations as they returned to worshipping inside after the Covid-19 break. 35% of the people who attended regularly before 2020 not say they will continue to worship online following the pandemic. The churches in South Dakota and our own in Summit also show this change. It is hard to look out and see so many families missing. But it is also a joy to see them watching and participating with us online. No one knows if this change is good, bad or even permanent. But people of God have to live prepared for the possibility that a permanent shift has been made. Change happens and things rarely go back to the way it was before the change.

We need to remember that change itself is neither good nor bad- simply an opportunity to do things a new way. How can we continue to involve the people who choose to worship from home in our fellowship of believers? What opportunities might our expanded online audience of believers give to Hope Lutheran?

In the midst of all this change, we have been offered another opportunity to do God's work. Did you know each week people from all over the nation and even sometimes other countries are watching our online worship? Did you know some of those who have never and will never enter our doors have contributed financially to our congregation's ministry?

We have also been contacted by a neighbor congregation, Florence Lutheran Parish. The people of Florence Lutheran Parish are looking for a pastor. They have asked if we would like to join in partnership with them or even do a "rent some of the pastor's time" agreement. Following an informational meeting, we elected a group we call the "Florence Parish Contract group". Their mandate is to see how the sharing of Pastor's time might look and make sure our congregation's needs are still met if we go into an agreement of shared ministry. This group has put together a contract they think represents Hope's needs and how much time we are willing to "rent" our pastor. They have met with a group from Florence Parish and discussed the option. Each group is now bringing the contract to their congregation.

Hope Lutheran will have a special congregational meeting on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We will do a small worship and then have the meeting. During this meeting we will vote on the possible pastor sharing with the Florence Parish. We will also be looking at the changes to our constitution that Sunday. We have a group who has been working on bringing the constitution up to current standards for a year and a half and they are ready for us to vote.

Change...though we often fear or resent it, God often uses it to move forward his people. In Isaiah 43:19 God tells his people who have been through so many years of forced changes, *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now, it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

Let's take the time to stop cursing the changes and see what our God could be doing in them.

Pastor Janet Miller

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I was asked what a typical work week was for me. One of the things I best love as a pastor is that you have new things happen all the time and one of the most frustrating things as a pastor is that I have new things happen all the time. This fluctuation depends on the needs of the people I serve. It can be difficult for congregations to see a pastor's work because so much of it isn't done in the office. I wrote down a recent week's work hours as an example.

**Monday-** I worked on mailings and took phone calls for a combined 3 hours (this was supposed to be my day off but I always answer the phone on days off too.)

**Tuesday-** 1 hour on conference pastor's zoom meeting, 1 hour writing an article for the Wilmot paper, 2 hours text study, 2 hours on a zoom meeting for the Quality of Call initiative, 3 hours finishing paperwork for the ending of being an internship supervisor for an intern in our conference- total of 9 hours.

**Wednesday-** morning spent on phone calls and visits- 3 hours, Office time 1-6pm- 5 hours, evening worship services 2 hours- a total of 10 hours.

**Thursday-** Did 1 hour visit, 2 hours of phone calls with people, went to town on church errands for 2 hours- a total of 5 hours.

**Friday-** Text study and emails- 2 hours, Sermon writing 4 hours, video work 2 hours- total of 8 hours.

**Saturday-** 4 hours recording and editing music and worship, 4 hours uploading worship to Facebook and YouTube, 1 hour meeting and worship prep for the next day- total 9 hours.

**Sunday-** 4 hours at church with set up, worship, fellowship and closing up the church. 1 hour spent on calls that evening- total 5 hours.

Total hours for the week- 51

Of the 51 hours I worked that week, only about 11 of them were inside the church building. This is pretty typical. Pastors are salaried so we don't usually keep track of hours like this. A pastor does what needs to be done in a week. Some weeks may have 35 hours while some may have 60. You can't predict who is going to die or have a crisis where

they need their pastor. A pastor is also required to spend time serving the church on the synod level. This is not something new. I have known your last 4 pastors well and all of them have been active in the synod. This a part of our call. I am currently on the Support to Ministries committee which helps match pastors into congregations. They meet 4 times a year. I just finished up as an internship supervisor for a young woman who will be serving a congregation in our conference. I am just starting as a volunteer coordinator to the Quality of Call initiative for the synod and the ELCA. This will help to insure there is a quality place for women pastors in our state. All of these things help the greater church and your congregation. When I am working on them, I am still working for you. If you want to be able to have quality pastors in the future, someone has to be on these committees today. (Most of the meetings are actually done from my home office as the church internet is not very stable for zoom calls. Zoom has replaced traveling for these meetings giving me more time to do other church work for Summit.)

If we rent out some of my time to the Florence Parish, many of the jobs I do will be the same. Text study, sermon writing, online video work, synod work will all be the same so not doubled work. I will add more hours on to visits and Sunday morning worship time.

Anyone needing me is welcome to contact me on my cell phone 605-237-8005. I answer the phone unless I am in a meeting or doing visits. If you call and get my answering message, please leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible. You may also call my home phone at 605-947-4482 but I am less likely to be there to answer. It is ok to try both numbers if your need is important or an emergency. I can also come to your home if it is more comfortable to speak to me there or we could do a zoom meeting as the church has a zoom room account for our use.

I typically try to take either Monday or Friday off. You can still call me if you need me on those days and I will answer but I will not be planning on working on my day off during the week. All plans change as needs come up. That's a part of ministry. I am committed to serving you when your needs happen not when it is convenient for me.

I hope this is helpful and let you know how ministry is happening in our congregation and community.

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# HOPE'S HAPPENINGS

\*A gravesite memorial and burial service will be held for Thomas Walter Frankenhoff on July 3, 2021, at 1:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Summit. Tom passed away on Nov. 3, 2020 in Arizona. Immediately following the service a time of fellowship and sharing of memories will be held at Hope Lutheran Church. The public is invited to the service and will be given an opportunity to share their favorite memories of Tom during the fellowship.

\*VBS will be held July 26-29, 1:00-4:00 pm. All kids entering PK-6<sup>th</sup> grade completed are invited. This year's theme is "Rocky Mountain Railroad-Where God Pulls Us Through". We will have a time the last half hour on Thursday for parents to come and hear music and things we learned. If you would like to volunteer, contact Pastor Janet. Thanks to Elsie Seffrood, Zach Noffsinger, and Morgan Lewandowski too for volunteering to share your gifts!! 😊

Notice of Special Meeting  
of the  
Hope Lutheran Church Congregation

A special meeting of the Hope Lutheran Church Congregation has been called by the Church Council.

The meeting will be held at approximately 9:45 am on Sunday, July 25, 2021. It will follow the 9:00 am worship service at Hope Lutheran Church located at 307 Pine St. in Summit, SD.

There are 2 items on the agenda for a Congregational vote.

1. Approve the new, updated Constitution and Bylaws for Hope Lutheran Church.
  - a. Printed copies of the proposed document are available at the Church. We ask that each family takes only 1 printed copy.
  - b. A digital copy can be downloaded from "Church" tab on the website <http://seesummitsd.com/>
  - c. A copy can also be requested by emailing [hlchurch@tnics.com](mailto:hlchurch@tnics.com)
  - d. In addition to the complete proposed Constitution and Bylaws, a summary document that highlights the key topics and changes is available.
2. Approve a contract with the Florence Parish to appoint Pastor Janet to serve the parish in addition to her Call to Hope Lutheran Church.

Per the Constitution (C10.05) no Proxy or Absentee ballots are permitted. All voting members must attend in person to vote on the 2 ballot topics.

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4<sup>TH</sup> of July- we will not be having our regular Sunday worship on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Pastor Janet will be preaching at NeSoDak Bible camp on Enemy Swim Lake and you are all invited to worship there at 11:00am. We will also have Wed. night worship the Wed. before and we will have our online worships that week.

If you have loved ones or friends who need a visit from the pastor, please let her know. Don't depend on Pastor hearing it from someone else. She would rather hear it 10 times than not hear when she is needed.

We will be doing an email Bible study this summer. Let us know if you would like to be a part of it. Our email is [hlchurch@tnics.com](mailto:hlchurch@tnics.com). Watch for more Bible study opportunities in the fall.

Thanks to Carol McFarland (Pastor Janet's mom) for making and embroidering baptismal cloths for us. They became very hard to get during the pandemic time so we had them hand made by Carol. Anyone else interested in making some can contact pastor Janet.

Pastor Janet will be taking some time off July 5-7<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Wed. worship that week.

Quilting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in July due to the holiday. They will meet July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am – noon.

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### Council meeting-June 23, 2021

P: Tim Gapp, Elsie Seffrood, Becky Pies, James Arten, Dustin Holt, Jorja Whempner, Pastor Janet

A: Kathy Brink, Cody Sumner, Sarah Smith

O: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright

Opened with prayer.

Secretary report: Motion James, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Becky to approve. Motion carried

Treasurer report: M-Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Elsie to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor report: 2 funerals, Synod Assembly, 16 meetings, visits (home and nursing home), Average Worship attendance is way down, with only 11 in house, 13 including Wednesday Worship. The Hope/Florence committees met to discuss contract with Pastor Janet. A congregational meeting will be held on July 25 to vote on contract and the updated church constitution, No July 4<sup>th</sup> Worship, July 3-Tom Frankenhoff's memorial, July 10 baptism, July 18 Fogfest Worship in the park, (coffee at 9:30, worship 10:30), July 31-wedding, SD Synod has asked if we would be willing to hang an orange banner for 215 days in memory of the children found in a mass graveyard in Canada. It was suggested having the VBS kids make a banner. M-Jorja, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Tim to approve pastor report.

New business:

\*The light in Janet's office isn't working. Dustin offered to look into changing the lights to LED.

\*Discussion followed regarding the proposed changes to the church constitution. M-Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Elsie to approve the changes. It will be brought to the congregation on July 25 for final vote.

\* VBS-Janet is asking for help setting up the week before. VBS will be held July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

\*Discussed damage to the steeple window. Dustin will look into it. He also brought the estimates for siding the church. It was decided to table for now.

\*Tim gave a cemetery report about the possibility of acquiring more land to the north.

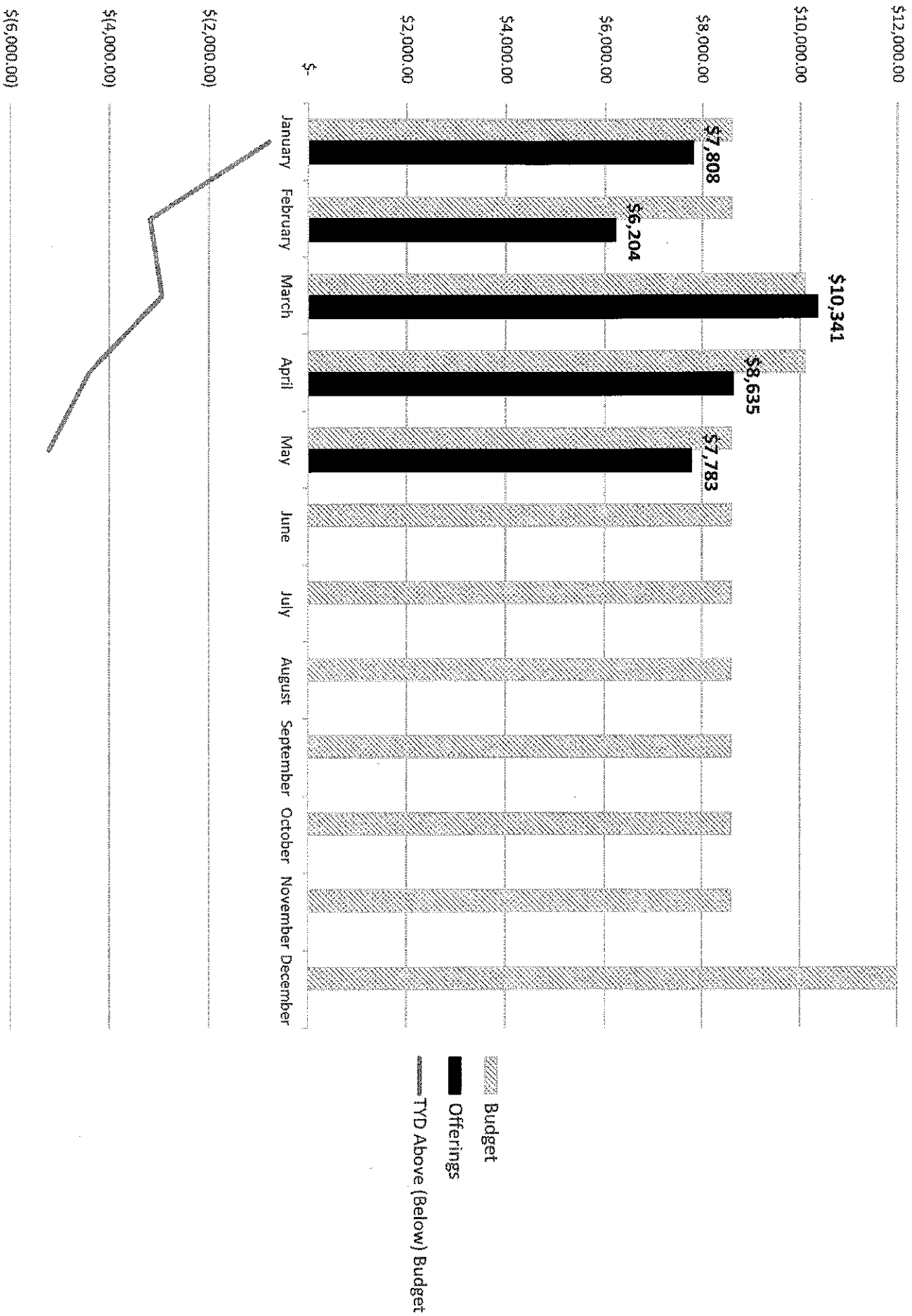
\*Fog fest Worship-July 18 in the park. 9:30 coffee, 10:30 Worship. Janet will get cookies, Dawn will bring the coffee.

Next meeting-August 11 at 7:00 pm.

Closed with Lord's prayer.

# 2021 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income)





1:20 PM

06/22/21

Cash Basis

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Offerings and Expenses**  
**May 2021**

	May 21	Apr 21	Jan - May 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	7,783.00	8,200.52	39,675.87
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	434.00	1,094.00
<b>Total 41000 · Offerings</b>	<b>7,783.00</b>	<b>8,634.52</b>	<b>40,769.87</b>
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	200.00	720.00	2,530.00
44000 · Other Income			
44100 · Interest Earned	49.10	0.21	49.58
44200 · Thrivent	0.00	1,313.00	1,382.00
44000 · Other Income - Other	12.59	0.00	1,310.03
<b>Total 44000 · Other Income</b>	<b>61.69</b>	<b>1,313.21</b>	<b>2,741.61</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,044.69</b>	<b>10,667.73</b>	<b>46,041.48</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,553.42	7,553.42	37,763.29
66300 · Other Church Payroll	550.00	550.00	2,750.00
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>8,103.42</b>	<b>8,103.42</b>	<b>40,513.29</b>
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	300.00	75.00	445.40
63300 · Insurance Expense	518.68	259.34	1,556.04
63100 · Worship & Education			
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	124.89	54.11	268.16
63120 · Sunday School Materials	94.83	0.00	94.83
63110 · Worship Materials	147.65	0.00	631.50
63100 · Worship & Education - Other	79.59	0.00	79.59
<b>Total 63100 · Worship &amp; Education</b>	<b>446.96</b>	<b>54.11</b>	<b>1,074.08</b>
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	18.63	9.05	35.13
62000 · Office Expenses			
62200 · Office Supplies	220.17	0.00	497.66
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	65.52	73.25	320.96
62600 · Postage and Delivery	70.91	40.52	556.82
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	15.66	15.66	78.30
<b>Total 62000 · Office Expenses</b>	<b>372.26</b>	<b>129.43</b>	<b>1,453.74</b>
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67350 · Audio & Video Equipment	1,810.42	0.00	1,810.42
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	295.80	295.80
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	48.91	0.00	48.91
67420 · Electricity	248.86	286.11	1,283.19
67430 · Water/Sewer	68.00	68.00	328.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expen...	92.58	92.58	462.54
<b>Total 67400 · Utilities</b>	<b>458.35</b>	<b>446.69</b>	<b>2,122.64</b>
<b>Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses</b>	<b>2,268.77</b>	<b>742.49</b>	<b>4,228.86</b>
61400 · Charitable Contributions			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	1,895.39	1,905.39
<b>Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,895.39</b>	<b>1,905.39</b>
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	9.90	14.85	44.55
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,038.62</b>	<b>11,283.08</b>	<b>51,256.48</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,993.93</b>	<b>-615.35</b>	<b>-5,215.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,993.93</b>	<b>-615.35</b>	<b>-5,215.00</b>



## Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota

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May 14, 2021

Women of Hope Lutheran  
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Dear Women of Hope Lutheran,

I am writing to you today to inform you of another difficult decision that the Lutherans Outdoors Board of Directors has made recently.

The Lutherans Outdoors Board, after much consideration and deliberation, has determined that Joy Ranch, although a beautiful site with many amenities, does not fit our operational model of seasonal outdoor camping ministries.

As a result, Lutherans Outdoors has entered into a Transfer Agreement with a new 501(c)3 organization in Watertown, subject to contingencies. A Watertown-based organization will be better positioned to operate Joy Ranch into the future and create and deliver the programming that will make it successful. Lutherans Outdoors will now be able to invest its resources into NeSoDak, Outlaw Ranch, and Klein Ranch and ensure successful Christ-centered ministry for future generations.

*"Over the years the market for church camps has continued to change, making it more challenging for Lutherans Outdoors to maintain and operate multiple camp settings. Three of our camps have defined summer seasons, which can be staffed accordingly, with shoulder seasons in spring and fall for church groups and family retreats.*

*Joy Ranch, however, has more investment in infrastructure which requires it to operate year-round in order to be successful. This is significantly different than our model for NeSoDak, Klein, and Outlaw Ranch, making it more difficult to fit into our portfolio of camp offerings. Given our need to be good stewards of limited resources, we believe it best to seek another entity to operate Joy Ranch that can more broadly define its program offerings and make it successful and sustainable into the future."*

**-Lutherans Outdoors Joy Ranch Task Force**

Lutherans Outdoors is proud to have been a partner with Joy Nelson and her generous vision for this beautiful property that increases the quality of life for all who gather. Lutherans Outdoors thanks the thousands of supporters who have participated in the development of Joy Ranch. With these changes, Lutherans Outdoors is confident that Joy Ranch will be successful into the future and will faithfully honor its many supporters.

The net proceeds from the transfer of Joy Ranch will be used by Lutherans Outdoors to further support the ministries of NeSoDak, Klein Ranch and Outlaw Ranch.

I am available to discuss this further if you have questions or comments. Please contact me using the information below.

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