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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.**

**July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1-Dawn Thuringer  
1-Tom and Dawn Thuringer  
3-Chad Steinocker  
6-Arlene Larson, Earline Holt  
6-Brynlee Amdahl, Ben Graff  
7-Cristina Brandsrud  
7- Jennica Pottebaum  
7-Jake Steinocker  
9-Becky Christofferson  
9-Sheryl Steinocker  
9-Loreen Aker  
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

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## Worship Helpers:

July 7-Ushers/Reader-Seffroods, Coffee-Gloria Brink

July 14-Ushers-NEEDED, Reader-NEEDED, Communion servers-NEEDED, Coffee-Traci Ellingson

July 21-Ushers-NEEDED, Reader-Beth Hills, Coffee-NEEDED

July 28- ALL WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED!!

\*Please be sure to sign up on the sheet if you can help at any service. Call, email or send a message on FB too! Thanks!! ☺

**July Communion Committee:** Karin Quale, Jennica Pottebaum.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Green 7	July 8-9-Directory pictures- starting at 2:00 pm each day.		10	9:00-Welca quilting Pastor at text study	11	12	13
Green 14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
		Pastors Conference at Waubay		9:00 WELCA quilting, lunch at Pastor Janet's cabin with business mtg and Bible study.	Newsletter items due ☺	Larson wedding here at Hope	
Green 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	VBS JULY 22-26 3:00-6:00. COME EARLY FOR SNACK, BRING A SACK LUNCH FOR SUPPER TO BE EATEN AROUND 5:00.						
Green 28 VBS program during Worship	29	30	31				

**WORSHIP TIMES; (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED- 9:00 AM with coffee and fellowship to follow. Worship helpers are needed. Please consider signing up and helping anytime!! Thanks!!**

# HOPES HAPPENINGS

## WELCA NEWS:

The welca will meet on Thursday, July 11 at 9:00 am-12:00 pm for quilting. On Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> we will meet for quilting at 9:00 am. Pastor Janet invites all WELCA ladies to her lake home for lunch that day. We will then continue with our business meeting and Bible study. Devotions: Velma, Cause of the month: Lutheran Outdoors. July is also soap month for Lutheran World Relief. Bath size bars in their wrappers are needed. You may drop them off anytime during the month of July. Also, school supplies will be going on sale soon. Included in this newsletter is a list of items needed for the school kits. Bags will be ready soon but you can start buying items anytime! ☺

### 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)

\*Youth News: Weather permitting, we will have our July youth meeting at Pastor Janet's cabin on Blue Dog Lake near Waubay. Kids can kayak, paddelboat, swim, paddelboard or fish, (possibly tube if the weather permits), and roast hotdogs or marshmallows to make "somoreos". We will have a time of devotion around the campfire and then head home. Meet at the church at 6:00pm. to carpool.

\***VBS**- July 22-26, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. Kids can come early for a snack before we jump into our afternoon with opening songs, stories and pray! We plan to eat supper around 5:00 pm so kids are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. We will end the afternoon by joining together again for a review of what we have learned and a pray to send us on our way. VBS program will be held during Worship on July 28 at 9:00 am. Coffee and goodies to follow!! All kids entering PK-6<sup>th</sup> grade completed are welcome. Older kids are encouraged to volunteer if interested! ☺ Contact our director Nikki Pays or her sidekick, Dawn Wright with any questions!!



### \*A fun surprise for summer- Summit "Rocks":

**Be on the lookout for fun kindness rocks that Pastor Janet and our youth have stashed around Summit. 350 rocks with special messages for our kids (or grown up kids) to find and lift up their day were set all around the community. When you find one, you may take it home and enjoy or hide it again for someone else to find.**

Information update for Hope Lutheran's Anniversary directory

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone  
number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or others living in your household- please indicate which

Name  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here we are at the end of June and working our way into July... and it's still raining! Not that we ever want it to completely stop raining, but it could sure let up for a while. After struggling through that horrible winter, we were looking forward to a summer of heat. However, our waterlogged fields and yards just keep getting hit with more water falling from on high. We have overflowing lakes and around here many parts of fields that can't get planted. We all want to throw our hands into the air and say, "all right, God, enough is enough!"

The words of a song by Casting Crowns captures the feelings we all have in these times of chaos;

*"I was sure by now, God you would have reached down*

*And wiped our tears away,*

*Stepped in and saved the day.*

*But once again, I say amen*

*That it's still raining*

*As the thunder rolls*

*I barely hear your whisper through the rain*

*I'm with you*

*And as your mercy falls*

*I raise my hands and praise*

*The God who gives and takes away*

*And I'll praise you in this storm*

*And I will lift my hands*

*That you are who you are*

*No matter where I am*

*And every tear I've cried*

*You hold in your hand*

*You never left my side*

*And though my heart is torn*

*I will praise you in this storm"*

The rain that won't stop falling is hardly the only reason we worry, stress out or try to get God to change things. Sometimes the chaos around us has to do with financial stresses, relationships that seem to be stretched to their limits, health concerns or even loss of loved ones.

When all the craziness keeps tumbling in, I have a tendency to throw my hands in the air and say, "ahhhhh!" Once I have expressed my all too human frustration, I try hard to listen so I can hear God whispering once again..."it's ok, I got this..."

Whatever it is that brings you to this place, I encourage you to hear the words of God's promises from our Psalms. Psalm 121 reminds us where to turn in the middle of the chaos. Our God, who has "got this" in a way no one else can:

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;  
<sup>4</sup> indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over you—  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.

Our God has truly got our todays and our tomorrows. We are called to lift our prayers of need and hand them all over to him. We are reminded that though it's all out of our control, it's never out of God's control. So, with all of you who live with me in this messy, chaotic world, I take a breath and lift my thoughts and heart in praise...

*"And I'll praise you in this storm  
And I will lift my hands  
That you are who you are  
No matter where I am  
And every tear I've cried  
You hold in your hand  
You never left my side  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm"*

Blessings as we await those warm summer days- Pastor Janet Miller

P.S. If you would like to listen to the song I Will Praise You in The Storm from Casting Crowns check it out on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5bLvVjJ4MA>