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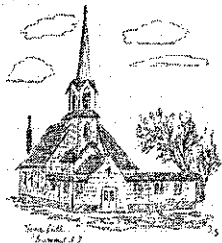
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**May 2021**

“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-Jimmy Amdahl  
2-Harold Binde, Finley Graf  
3- Tim Frankenhoff  
4-Mackenzie Schoonover  
5-Lynn Amdahl  
7-Jim and Donna Arten  
8-Beth Hills  
8-Jonathon Johnston  
9-Royce Strasser  
10-McKayla Johnston  
11-Dylan Amdahl  
12-Jacob Kneeland

14-Cassie Quale  
14-Joey Johnston  
14-Jeff Amdahl  
14-Tina Christofferson  
14-Douglas Larson  
14-Tate Amdahl  
15-Billi Whempner  
15-Jacob Gapp  
16-Kris Bronson  
18-Cal Pies  
23-Jessica Moe

# May 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Masks are recommended but optional on Sundays. Please mask when singing.						1
2 10:30am worship Special Council meeting after worship Piano recital 2:00pm	3	4	5 4:30pm Confirmation	6 Quilting 9:00am-12:00 Rostered women's meeting with Bishop	7	8
9 10:30am worship with confirmation service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:30am worship- Gradation Recognition Council meeting following worship	17	18 Conference Pastor's meeting	19 Baccalaureate service 7:00pm	20 Quilting 9:00am-12:00	21 Newsletters Items due	22 Summit Graduation 2:00pm
23 10:30am worship	24	25	26	27	28 Norma Richardt burial (for family)	29
30 10:30am worship	31 					

Council meeting- April 18, 2021

P: Sarah Smith, Becky Pies, Elise Seffrood, Kathy Brink, Tim Gapp, Jorja Whempner, Dustin Holt, Jim Arten, Ps. Janet.

A: Nikki Pays, Cody Sumner

O: Dawn Wright

Opened with prayer.

Secretary report read and approved. M-Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sarah

Treasurer report-Anne wasn't in attendance, but emailed her reports to us. Council reviewed the reports. M-Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Tim to approve.

Pastor report-8 kids took their 1<sup>st</sup> communion on Maundy Thursday, Confirmation will be held on May 9 this year, pastor has been attending Zoom meetings, internship meeting with Pastor, online Sunday school continues, Worship-it was decided that starting in May we will go to masks optional, but required if singing, social distancing will continue as is. M-Sarah, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Becky to approve Pastors' report.

Old business:

Mowing bids opened. After much discussion, it was decided to award the bid to Joey Johnston. Thank you to everyone for submitting bids. M-Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kathy to accept the bid.

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Discussion was had about the state of the cemetery fence and other items. It was decided the church will have a sign erected to state the rules about flowers and other items placed on graves and when they need to be removed. It was brought up about possibly using Thrivent Choice Dollars to go to the cemetery fund. Will revisit at a later date. Much discussion was held about the fence. Council would like the congregation to voice their thoughts and ideas before the next meeting.

Siding bid was discussed. Dustin reported the individual came and looked at the church and is awaiting his bids.

Other-Graduation recognition will be held during Worship on May 16.

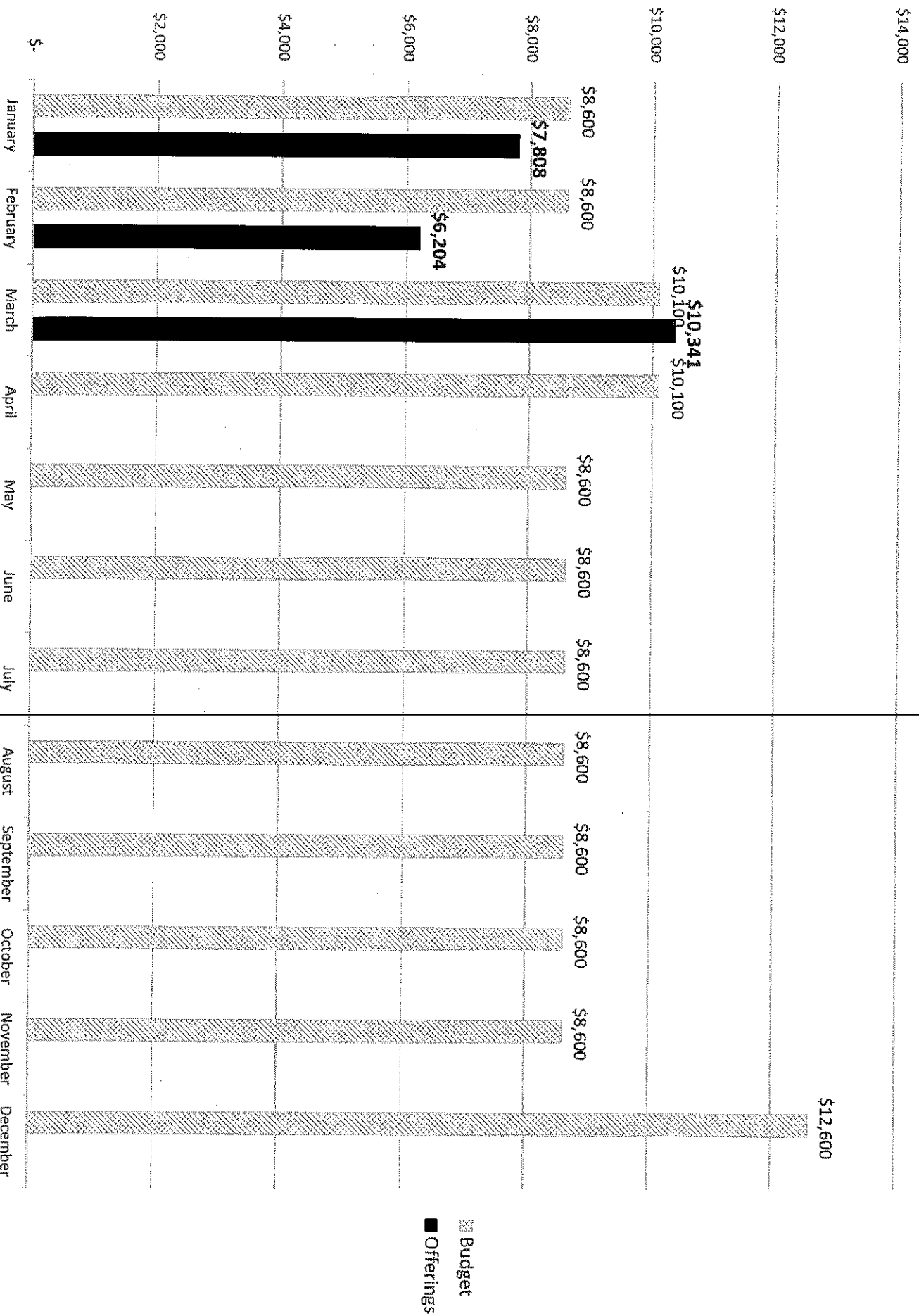
Next meeting-May 16 following Worship.

## Hope Lutheran Church Offerings and Expenses March 2021

	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 21</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>41000 · Offerings</b>			
41100 · Regular Offerings	\$ 9,740.50	\$ 6,143.75	\$ 23,692.35
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$ 600.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 660.00
<b>Total 41000 · Offerings</b>	<u>\$ 10,340.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,203.75</u>	<u>\$ 24,352.35</u>
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$ -	\$ 1,580.00	\$ 1,610.00
<b>44000 · Other Income</b>			
44100 · Interest Earned	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.27
44200 · Thrivent	\$ 49.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 69.00
44000 · Other Income - Other	\$ 1,297.44	\$ -	\$ 1,297.44
<b>Total 44000 · Other Income</b>	<u>\$ 1,346.53</u>	<u>\$ 20.08</u>	<u>\$ 1,366.71</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 11,687.03</u>	<u>\$ 7,803.83</u>	<u>\$ 27,329.06</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll</b>	\$ 7,553.42	\$ 7,709.47	\$ 22,656.45
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,050.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	\$ 8,103.42	\$ 8,259.47	\$ 24,306.45
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	\$ -	\$ 70.40	\$ 70.40
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$ 259.34	\$ 259.34	\$ 778.02
<b>63100 · Worship &amp; Education</b>			
<b>Total 63100 · Worship &amp; Education</b>	\$ 87.59	\$ 271.26	\$ 428.21
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	\$ 89.16	\$ -	\$ 89.16
<b>Total 62000 · Office Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 154.50</u>	<u>\$ 594.39</u>	<u>\$ 959.50</u>
67420 · Electricity	\$ 280.19	\$ 312.91	\$ 748.22
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$ 68.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 192.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$ 92.46	\$ 92.46	\$ 277.38
<b>Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 4.95	\$ 4.95	\$ 19.80
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$ 9,139.61</u>	<u>\$ 9,927.18</u>	<u>\$ 27,879.14</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,547.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,123.35)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (550.08)</u></u>

# 2021 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

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



# HOPES HAPPENINGS

\*The congregational council will have a special meeting following the May 2<sup>nd</sup> worship. This will be a short meeting and we won't have all of our reports, etc. We will have our regular council meeting following worship on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will follow our regular agenda and business.

\*The council has reviewed our Covid 19 response and made some changes to our worships. Beginning in May, Masking will be recommended but not required. We are also having some singing in worship again (not to the levels we used to but there will be some). Members who intend to sing are asked to mask during the songs to keep your germs from traveling around. If you forget your mask we will have some in the narthex. We have some members of our congregation who cannot get their shots yet and we want to continue to be safe and love our neighbors. We will continue to social distance and have the pews set up as they are for the month of May.

\*The council is deciding what to do with the fence around our cemetery and we would like your input. We will be making decisions on it at our May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. It has been suggested that we take the broken fence out and not replace one. We also have some other options on the table.

\*Our council is getting bids on siding the church. It is looking pretty rough with holes in our siding in some spots. Before we begin this project, we will need help from all of you to finance it. Please be looking for more information in bulletins, special mailings and newsletters. We also have a shattered window in the bell tower. Thanks to our brave president, Dustin Holt, for climbing all the way up there and finding out what happened.

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**\*We are looking for someone to be either a VBS or a Sunday School Superintendent for the year 2021- 2022. Please contact Pastor Janet if you are interested.**

\*Our WELCA group is no longer meeting but our quilting group is still very active. They have started quilting in the church again every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9:00am-12:00. They would love more company and help. Women or men and welcome. If you can tie a knot, you can help the quilters. Come help keep this mission alive. We are currently down to 3 quilters and they really need our help!

\*Baccalaureate for Summit will be held at our church on Wed. May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

\*Confirmation will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at our 10:30am worship. Just a reminder this is also Mothers' Day. We have 8 students being confirmed.

**\*We are trying something new on our Sunday School Youtube channel "Hope's Children". Pastor is painting and drawing pictures while we tell the story of the week and they supply some music. Check it out with your kids this week! Worships also continue to be on the Youtube channel and Facebook each week.**

\*We could really use someone to help coordinate the plans, etc for the youth trip to the national convention it will be in Minneapolis on July 24-28, 2022. There will be monthly webinars beginning in May from the Youth Gathering if anyone is interested.

# GRADUATION SPOTLIGHT

\*Our Summit Graduates will be recognized during Worship on May 16. Congratulations to Carson Schmidt, Courtney Lewandowski, and Hudson Steinocker. 🙏



## Carson Schmidt

**Future plans:** I plan to attend SDSU and major in Physical Education.

**Favorite High School memory:** My favorite high school memories are qualifying for the state track meet as a Freshmen, making the Sodak 16 this past year in Basketball, and helping the Grizzlies make the playoffs for the first time my Junior year.

**I am thankful to God for:** the opportunity to have a Senior year, in spite of the coronavirus.



## Courtney Lewandowski

**Future plans:** After I graduate from high school I am planning on going out into the workforce. I want to go into childcare.

**Favorite High School Memory:** My favorite high school memory is when I was able to participate in Special Olympics basketball and bowling.

**I am thankful to God** forgive my amazing friend and family. To go on my life journey for me.



## Hudson Steinocker

**Future plans**—work on the farm.

**Favorite high school memory**—being around my friends.

**Thankful to God for**— I am thankful for my family, friends, and being raised on the farm.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Sundays after Easter have some interesting stories of the disciples and their actions following the crucifixion and resurrection. The women on their way to the tomb, the despondent men on the road to Emmaus, Thomas and the others in locked rooms are all important stories. But, this year I am resonating with the story of the fishermen.

Following Jesus death and some questionable sightings, Simon and his brother Andrew, James, John and several of the other disciples headed back to their homes in Galilee. They had tender hearts having gone through the wringer of Jesus death, their own cowardly actions and the fear of arrest. Sleepless nights and confusion of their future led them to do what most people do when scared and confused...they headed home seeking comfort and normalcy.

Simon Peter was always a man of action. Being helpless and confused didn't sit well. So, he does what he knows- Simon goes fishing. He leads the rest of these former fishermen out into boats hoping if they return to the things they knew normal might return. Blessedly for all of us, Jesus shows up and shakes Peter and the rest out of their "normal" funk.

Like Simon Peter, many of us have been yearning for the familiar. After the year we have lived through, we could be forgiven for wanting to return to our "old normal".

Jesus continues to come to all of us and to shake us out of our plans and our yearning to step backwards into the familiar. As churches continue to wonder what the "post covid" landscape will look like we are reminded again that going back to "normal" isn't always the goal for us. God's plans often include shakeups. God does his best work in the chaos.

In the month of May, some things will begin to look more like "normal" around the church. Other things might still feel uncomfortable and you may be tempted to say, "That's not the way we did it before." We ask you to remember the Savior that showed up at the seaside and changed the plans. This Savior is still showing up in our church and our community. My hope is that He shakes us up into something even better than "normal" to make a church not just a church of yesterday but a church for the future!

Blessings as we navigate this new normal time.

Pastor Janet Miller