

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have a saying on the wall of my office. It carries the message, "There is always, always, always something to be thankful for". I keep it there to remind myself that no matter what the situation, gratitude will always make it better. As we round the calendar into the month of November, we are reminded that this is the season of thanksgiving. People across America gather together to remember how blessed they are and celebrate by giving thanks either in prayer or in action. Lists are made up of all the great things we have been given, all the wonderful experiences we have enjoyed this year and all the people we have who love us. We sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," in our churches and raise our prayers of thanks for his abundant gifts.

**"There is always, always, always something to be thankful for."**

When the harvest is good, our health holds steady and our loved ones are safe, it's pretty easy to uphold the spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts. Shouting our praise comes naturally when we are standing on the mountaintop. Who wouldn't want to say "thank you" when the gifts are so obviously abundant and right at hand?

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One thing you can count on is the changeability of life. Whether for good or bad, your situation will always change. We don't get to stay on the mountaintops. We live in a broken world where our favorite toys can break. The people we love can let us down by words or deeds. Jobs can end. The rain never seems to stop. People or pets can get sick. When things in our life begin the slow slide from the top or worse when it seems that the mountain simply drops out from under us, we need to remember that saying;

**"There is always, always, always something to be thankful for."**

This year, my life was gifted with some pretty great experiences. We've had some fun time with all of the family home together. I've put in quality, fun filled, grandma time. I am going to be a grandma 2 more times soon. I am married to the love of my life and we celebrated our 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. I love my job! I daily get to use my gifts, get to help people and serve an awesome group of Christians who support me in my ministry.

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This year, my life was also thrown some curveballs. My parents who always helped us now need more help in life. Farm prices and weather – as a farmer's wife need I say more? It just wouldn't stop raining and the prices kept dropping. Like a lot of farm families, there are economic worries for us. God decided I needed a change in scenery and inspired the congregation of Hope Lutheran to call me as their pastor. We have all had adjustments to make as we settle into our new relationship. People I love have struggled with failed marriages and addiction problems this year. We've had the two sided blessing of taking in a lovely young woman who is going to have a baby any day now and all the added things that come in preparing for that.

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Finding the footprints of God in your tough times can be a challenge. It is so important to open our eyes to the blessings that can be found in every situation. My parents' needs have actually made us stay in contact better. Taking on the new call has given me the opportunity to be closer to my family. The congregation has welcomed Nathalie from Cameroon into our faith family and made her feel at home too. My husband took a second job and has actually enjoyed having more interaction with people and helping them.

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I am finding what warmhearted and wonderful people I serve in Summit. When things come up in the congregation, they step up and take care of it! When I need a little time to tend to one of my parent's surgeries or take Nathalie to the doctor, they understand. People from our congregation have even asked me if we could give Nathalie a baby shower. Watching them reach out to this young woman who has no one in our country but us makes me so proud of them!

Whether you are on your life's mountain top of success or crawling through the darkest valley, an attitude of gratitude can make all the difference. Take the time to look for God's presence in your successes and your challenges. Name them, claim them and share them with praise and thanksgiving.

**"There is always, always, always something to be thankful for."**

Blessings on your mountain tops and your valleys,

Pastor Janet Miller

**Youth group news-** because of a conflict caused by football playoffs and the Halloween community event, we are moving our youth group back a week. Youth group will meet on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Though it will be a few days after Halloween, we are still having our pumpkin carving contest! ALL WREATH ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THEN OCTOBER 30!! Upcoming Events/treat list- November-Zoey, December Christmas party-Jonathan, January-Sledding-Matthew, February-Carson (possibly Alexandria skiing and tubing), March-Thomas, April-Morgan, May-Brady/Damon



Youth bring their gifts for missions of Lutheran World Relief.

**Bible study-** Bible study will meet an extra time on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This way they won't be bothered when they miss one for the youth group's change. No Bible study on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving and stewardship celebration-** Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> we will hold a "thanksgiving for our blessings and stewardship" Sunday. As a celebration of our time and work together, we will have a potluck following worship. The council will serve the potluck. Come and eat with us even if you can't bring anything!!!

**November family fun night is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate the season of thanks by decorating seasonal cookies, making a craft and "I am thankful" notes, and having your choice of a movie or family games...turkey bowling anyone???** We'll have lots of treats and family fun for the community. We are looking for people to help coordinate events for the Family Fun Night board we are putting together. Contact Ps Janet or Mike Schmidt if you would like to help with planning.

There will be no confirmation or other events in the church on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and no office day for everyone to get ready for Thanksgiving the next day.

**Pastor's office schedule-** because pastor doesn't live in town, it can be hard to know when she is in the office. She has Wednesdays as her office day. She gets there by about 9:30am and will be there until about 9:00pm as that day is filled with events. Monday is usually pastor's day off. Tuesdays are for visits, meetings like conference pastor's, etc. and she also tries to check hospitals on those days. The first and third Thursdays are spent with WELCA in morning quilting and the first Thursday has Bible study in the afternoon. The second Thursday of the month is pastor's monthly text study. Pastor usually spends a half day in the office on Fridays but the time depends on when Dawn's scheduled office time happens so they can work together. Saturday is a day that is often taken up with community events or things like weddings, etc. You can ALWAYS contact pastor with your needs at her cell phone 605-237-8005.

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Join us for a Scandinavian Smorgasbord to support the ministry of NeSoDak Bible Camp. November 15, 6:30 pm, November 16, 12:30 pm, November 17, 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and sell quickly. Make sure to reserve your place at the table soon! Please RSVP by calling (605) 947-4440 or emailing [nesodak@losd.org](mailto:nesodak@losd.org)

WELCA news: Welca will meet for quilting on November 7 at 9 am for quilting, 1:00 for business meeting and Bible study. We will also plan next years activities. Devotions:Loreen, Thankoffering Service: Velma and Myla, Bible study: Pastor Janet. A second quilting day will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00-12:00. We would also like to thank all those who helped us with our Lutheran World Relief projects this year. With everyone's help we were able to send 145 quilts, 121 school kits, 36 personal care kits and 163 bars of soap!! A special offering was taken for Project Comfort during Worship too. This netted an amount of \$255! This will be used toward the postage costs to ship the projects around the world. We couldn't have done it without all your help! We have a very caring congregation! Thank you all very much!!

UPCOMING-December 1- Hanging of the Greens service/1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 8- Council meets after Worship, December 22- Sunday school Christmas program to be held during Worship.

11:00 AM  
10/17/19  
Cash Basis

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of September 30, 2019

	<u>Aug 31, 19</u>	<u>Sep 30, 19</u>
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
11102 · New General Fund Checking	5,474.35	5,900.41
11112 · MWBank Reloadable MC -Dawn	150.57	145.62
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	1,505.95	366.14
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	4,858.68	4,858.68
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	1,462.72	1,462.72
12000 · CD's		
12130 · CD 27604	10,474.71	10,474.71
12110 · CD 27566	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Total 12000 · CD's</b>	<u>25,474.71</u>	<u>25,474.71</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>38,926.98</u>	<u>38,208.28</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
12001 · Undeposited Funds	1,019.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,019.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>39,945.98</u>	<u>38,208.28</u>

7:28 AM

10/17/19

Cash Basis

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Offerings and Expenses**  
**September 2019**

	Sep 19	Aug 19	Jan - Sep 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>41000 · Offerings</b>			
41100 · Regular Offerings	9,168.01	6,470.00	61,776.62
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,566.00
<b>Total 41000 · Offerings</b>	9,168.01	6,470.00	64,342.62
<b>42100 · Gifts &amp; Memorials</b>	3,697.05	100.00	4,057.05
<b>44000 · Other Income</b>			
44440 · Special Offerings to Pass On	0.00	0.00	1,740.47
44300 · Special Event Donations	0.00	840.00	912.00
44100 · Interest Earned	0.00	1.45	182.75
44200 · Thrivent	0.00	0.00	2,193.00
44000 · Other Income - Other	0.00	0.00	1,040.75
<b>Total 44000 · Other Income</b>	0.00	841.45	6,068.97
<b>Total Income</b>	12,865.06	7,411.45	74,468.64
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,284.03	7,284.03	53,844.99
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	188.00	0.00	2,640.00
66300 · Other Church Payroll	570.00	550.00	5,590.00
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	8,042.03	7,834.03	62,074.99
<b>60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00	454.72
<b>61800 · Continuing Ed &amp; Conferences</b>	153.52	110.00	625.68
<b>63100 · Worship &amp; Education</b>			
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	659.49	0.00	659.49
63120 · Sunday School Materials	0.00	154.18	215.91
63110 · Worship Materials	208.90	0.00	994.98
<b>Total 63100 · Worship &amp; Education</b>	868.39	154.18	1,870.38
<b>63200 · Fellowship Expenses</b>	681.40	0.00	941.61
<b>62000 · Office Expenses</b>	196.96	11.18	1,753.17
<b>67000 · Church/Building Expenses</b>			
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	600.00	1,000.00	3,400.00
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	3,752.57	0.00	4,216.89
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,175.87
<b>67400 · Utilities</b>			
67410 · Propane/Heat	2.87	282.18	5,153.63
67420 · Electricity	67.49	49.77	1,147.59
67430 · Water/Sewer	57.00	57.00	513.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	95.42	95.42	856.92
<b>Total 67400 · Utilities</b>	222.78	484.37	7,671.14
<b>Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses</b>	4,575.35	1,484.37	16,463.90
<b>61400 · Charitable Contributions</b>			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	0.00	3,191.09
61420 · Good Samaritan Fund	4.25	0.00	113.75
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	0.00	0.00	1,848.64
61470 · Thrivent Share	0.00	0.00	232.00
<b>Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions</b>	4.25	0.00	5,385.48
<b>69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	4.95	9.90	44.55
<b>Total Expense</b>	14,526.85	9,603.66	89,614.48
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-1,661.79	-2,192.21	-15,145.84
<b>Net Income</b>	-1,661.79	-2,192.21	-15,145.84

Hope Council Meeting October 6, 2019

Members present: Billi Whempner, Ben Graf, Bruce Kneeland, Mike Schmidt

Others present: Pastor Janet Miller, Annelies Seffrood (treasurer, acting secretary)

Members absent: Jolene Johnston, Jonathan Johnston, Stacey Amdahl, Matt Amdahl, Kelly Faeth, Beth Hills

There was no secretary's report. The treasurer report was accepted.

Pastor Janet reported that she performed 2 non-member funerals, 1 member baptism, and 1 non-member wedding since the last council meeting. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a success. Three former pastors attended the pie social and Rev. Gary Olson and Rev. Justin Neugebauer participated in the Sunday worship service.

Pastor Janet's weekly schedule is

Monday	OFF
Tuesday	Visitations
Wednesday	In the church office & confirmation class
Thursday	alternating weeks: WELCA & pastors' text study
Friday	In & out of the office
Saturday	OFF
Sunday	Sunday School & worship

### **Old Business**

A committee (Billi, Annelies & Stacey) has been formed to review Hope Lutheran's Constitution and bring it up to date with the ELCA 2016 revisions. Pastor Janet will ask the Synod office for support.

The signup clipboard will continue to be circulated for members to volunteer to usher, read, serve communion and provide fellowship snacks.

### **New Business**

Bruce Kneeland made a motion that Hope Lutheran continue with the GOLD Employee+Spouse health insurance plan for Pastor Janet. Seconded by Ben Graf. The motion passed with all council members voting by group text message.

Fall/Early winter special services

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Sunday with potluck lunch; pledge sheets will be distributed in early November

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent – HS Youth will lead the Hanging of the Greens service

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve worship will be at 5:00 pm (there will be no service on Christmas Day)

Family Fun Event Committee – Mike Schmidt will be the council rep. 3-4 more people are needed to be on the committee to coordinate monthly activities. The October 9<sup>th</sup> hayride will be cancelled due to harvest conflict and bad weather forecast.

The High School Youth Group is selling Christmas greens again this year.

The next council meeting will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after worship.

Food for Confirmation class – we currently have 8 in the class

Sept. 18

Levi Whemmer

Oct. 2

Regan Schmidt

Oct. 16

Brianna Lindholm

Oct. 30

Nolan Thuringer

Nov. 6

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Nov. 13

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Nov. 20

Jaelyn Zubke

Dec. 4

Levi Whemmer

Dec. 11

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Dec. 18

Regan Schmidt

Jan. 15

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Jan. 22

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Jan. 29

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Feb. 5

Brianna Lindholm

Feb. 12

Jaelyn Zubke

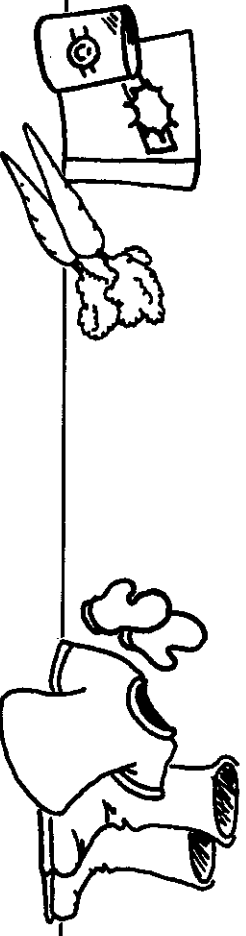
Feb. 19

Nolan Thuringer



What can you do this week to help other people?

Draw a picture of yourself helping someone.



# Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7-12

November 21, 1993  
Matthew 25:31-46

"Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."  
-Matthew 25:34

Who are the "blessed" people?

Use the graph below to find the answer. Example: 3,7 = S

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## **Hope Lutheran Church Calling Tree 2019-2020**

Pastor Janet Miller calls president Billi Whempner 938-4646. The president contacts the A's (who are council members) and they each contact the B's on their list. Unless otherwise indicated, all the area codes are 605. The calling tree will be used in case of worship cancelations this winter. Thank you!

### **A. Bruce & Diane Kneeland**

#### **398-6349/880-2087**

- B. Todd & Kathy Brink 520-2548
- B. Myla Kneeland 398-6156
- B. Scott & Laurie Kneeland 881-3344
- B. Loreen Aker 947-4458
- B. Kris & Tamijo Bronson 881-8182
- B. Michael & Sherry Larson 398-6927/881-6624

### **A. Jolene & Joe Johnston 398-6369**

- B. Robin & Bonnie Moe 398-6401
- B. Savannah Moe 467-6722
- B. Jessica Moe 881-9368
- B. David & Penny Cardwell 949-1825/949-0531
- B. Josh & Joni Wohlleber 520-1306/398-6365
- B. Val Moen 881-4083
- B. Becky & Chris Hinkelman 237-2482
- B. Dale & Gloria Brink 520-3133

### **A. Dawn & Lee Wright 881-4377**

- B. Marge Wright 398-6465
- B. Royce Strasser 398-6518
- B. Fred Strasser 228-0013
- B. Nikki Pays 467-0213
- B. Roger Smith 398-6529
- B. Michael & Jen Bruse 398-6203
- B. Corrie & Karin Quale 398-6201
- B. Arlo & Shelly Anderson 398-6520

### **A. Ben & Brittany Gaf 881-7140**

- B. Pete Eccles 398-6419
- B. Randy & Earline Holt 398-6285/949-1612
- B. Dustin & Sarah Holt 949-2370/949-0822
- B. Lonnie & Val Nelson 884-6413
- B. Jonathon & Nicole Ebsen 690-9227
- B. Kevin & Tina Christofferson 881-7747
- B. Kelly Faeth 467-9283

### **A. Mike & Dawn Schmidt 530-7561**

- B. Derek & Carrie Rauen 695-8301
- B. Steve & Kaitlyn Christofferson 216-8736
- B. Jackie & Mike Adolph 520-5820
- B. Dani Zubke 265-1480
- B. Jen Zubke 265-0601
- B. Calvin & Becky Pies 237-0539
- B. David & Jennifer Lewandowski 398-6371

### **A. Annelies & John Seffrood 949-5658**

- B. Gary & Heather Crandall 237-1851
- B. Traci and Shawn Ellingson 947-4644/695-8446
- B. Harold & Shirley Binde 398-6130
- B. Tim & Laura Frankehoff 880-1499
- B. Cody & Lisa Sumner 947-3406
- B. Tom & Dawn Thuringer 924-6876/947-4011
- B. Lori O'Farrell 520-5569
- B. Chad & Becki Steinocker 520-1876

### **A. Stacy & Corey Amdahl 398-6434**

- B. Michelle & Brent Urban 398-6259/321-1428
- B. Mark & Lisa Amdahl 881-8495
- B. Jim & Donna Arten 949-2924
- B. Harlan & Donna Olson 947-4367/520-4367
- B. Arlene Larson 398-6267
- B. Orvin Bronson 398-6473
- B. Jim & Val Amdahl 398-6451/881-8304
- B. Alan & Sheryl Steinocker 398-6343
- B. Tom & Barb Frankenhoff 398-6225

### **A. Beth & Randy Hills 398-6155**

- B. Tim & Andrea Gapp 398-6215/949-2761
- B. Sandra Christofferson 949-2468
- B. Frank & Brenda Redlin 520-3005
- B. Steve & Kelli Powers 320-774-9075
- B. Sandra Lowery 398-6414
- B. Zach Noffsinger 307-709-4902
- B. Omar & Janice Halverson 398-6137
- B. Merlyn & Bonnie Drake 651-3344

If your family has been omitted from the calling tree and you want it on or you want off the calling tree, please contact the office.



## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am worship	<b>4</b> Pastor's day off	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pastor Office day 4:00 confirmation  7:00 Youth group  (no Bible study this week)	<b>7</b> 9:00 am WELCA quilting  1:00-Bible study	<b>8</b> Pastor ½ day office	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am worship	<b>11</b> Pastor's day off	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor Office Day 4:00pm confirmation 6:30 family fun night	<b>14</b> Pastor's monthly text study	<b>15</b> Pastor ½ day office Newsletter items due	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 worship	<b>18</b> Pastor's day off	<b>19</b> Conference pastors' meeting	<b>20</b> Pastor Office day  4:00pm confirmation 7:00pm Bible study	<b>21</b> 9:00 am quilting	<b>22</b> Pastor ½ day office	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Thankfulness for Stewardship worship followed by potluck (served by the council)	<b>25</b> Pastor's day off	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> No office day for pastor  No events at the church- get ready for Thanksgiving!	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving- give thanks to our God for all he has done!!	<b>29</b> No office day	<b>30</b>

### Worship Helpers:

Nov 3-Ushers-Regan Schmidt, Nolan Thuringer, Reader-Brittany Graff, Coffee-Margie Wright

Nov 10-Ushers-Brianna Lindholm, (need), Reader- Beth Hills, Communion servers-Lori O'Farrell, Jace Wohlleber, Coffee-Donna Arten

Nov 17-Ushers-Regan Schmidt, Brianna Lindholm, Reader-Jackie Adolph, Coffee-Traci Ellingson

Nov 24-Ushers-Cooper and Dash Ebsen, Reader-Anne Seffrood, Communion servers-Jaelyn Zubke, Elsie Seffrood, Coffee-Seffrood

\*Worship is 10:30 am unless otherwise noted. 9:15 am Sunday school, 9:30 Coffee. Communion is on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Communion committee-Rhonda Steinocker, Andrea Gapp

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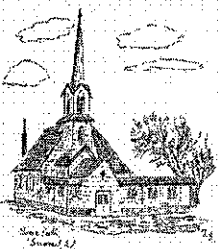
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**November 2019**

**“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.**

**November Birthdays and Anniversaries**

3-Tiffany Edman  
4-Carrie Rauen  
4-Emery Christofferson  
8-Kevin Christofferson, Dawn Carson  
9-Nicolette Kneeland  
9-Jeff and Dawn Carson, Jeff Carson  
11-Skylar Crandall, Paul Larson  
12-Kayla Aman, Jaida Young  
13-Melissa Meidinger, Jeff Schoonover  
14-Laurie and Scott Kneeland  
14-Grey Christofferson  
16-Angie Schoonover

16-London Rauen  
17-Avery Bronson  
18-Steve Christofferson  
19-Kayla Zubke  
21-Dianne Nielsen  
22-Velma Slaathaug  
22-Anne Seffrood, Joni Wohlleber  
27-Jim and Val Amdahl  
27- Heather Crandall  
28-Maddy Hinkleman  
29- Connor Bronson  
30-Dustin Holt